

## Residents' Consultation October 2013

*We Need Your Views to Inform Your Plan*

**Please encourage friends & neighbours to complete this form.**

If the Plan receives a positive vote in a Parish referendum and is approved by an independent examiner, it will allow you and the Parish to take greater control of how the Parish develops until 2026. It will also provide the Parish with funds to develop facilities in the Parish.

**All residents including young residents in Urchfont Parish are urged to complete and return this survey by 31/10/2013.**

Further copies of the form can be accessed and printed at  
**[www.urchfont-pc.gov.uk](http://www.urchfont-pc.gov.uk)**

Full details of the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan to date are also available at **[www.urchfont-pc.gov.uk](http://www.urchfont-pc.gov.uk)**



## Section A: Housing

**A1** A majority of those of you who replied to the first questionnaire and/or attended the Neighbourhood Plan meetings & presentations have said that the provision of a small amount of new housing would be acceptable with a priority for a proportion of affordable housing.

The following objective has been created:

*“Allocate sufficient land for small scale market housing and affordable housing to meet local needs”.*

**Do you agree with this objective?**

Yes

No

**A2** If the Plan allocates land for housing, what scale of individual housing development in the Parish- (in addition to the 19 houses planned for Manor farmyard) should be given priority between now and 2026? (Tick which you feel is most appropriate).

No more than 5 houses

Between 6 and 15 houses

Between 16 and 25 houses

Over 25 houses



**A3** If new homes are to be built what type of homes should be given priority?  
(Please rank from 1-5 with 5 being the most important)

- For Housing Associations to let
- Sheltered homes to buy/or rent
- Open-market housing
- Homes with shared equity
- Retirement homes

**A4** Where would you suggest is the best location for new houses?  
(Tick one-See map)

- Within Wedhampton or the existing development boundary of Urchfont  
(See map at the end of this questionnaire)
- Elsewhere in the Parish?

**A5** Are there any specific locations which you think are suitable for new houses?

## Section B: Transport, Infrastructure, Jobs and the local economy

**B1** A majority of those of you who replied to the first questionnaire and attended the Neighbourhood Plan meetings and presentations have expressed concerns about traffic movement – especially its speed within and adjacent to the villages. Farm traffic and heavy plant has been cited as particularly damaging the Parish’s highways. Additionally, poor broadband connectivity has frequently been raised as an issue and is viewed by some as discouraging local business expansion.

The following objectives have been created:

*improve local infrastructure, including highways.*

**Do you agree with this broad objective?**

Yes

No

### Traffic

**B2** Which of the following aspects of road traffic in Urchfont Parish give you concerns? (Please rank from 1-5 with 5 being the most important)

- Excessive traffic volume
- Excessive traffic speed
- Excessive traffic noise
- Traffic danger to pedestrians
- Tractor traffic

Other, please specify

**B3** In which areas of Urchfont Parish do the traffic problems you specified need the most urgent attention?



**B4** Should the Neighbourhood Plan promote the following? (Please rank from 1-5 with 5 being the most important)

- Provision of better pedestrian and cycle access around the Parish.
- Minimal necessary highway signage and advertising
- A tractor bypass for Urchfont
- Reduction of speed limits in specific areas of the Parish
- Significant improvement to Broadband connectivity



## Businesses in our Parish

A majority of those of you who replied to the first questionnaire and/or attended the Neighbourhood Plan meetings and presentations have supported the retention of existing employment sites and the further development of the Potato Yard complex at Lydeaway.

**B5** Should the Neighbourhood Plan allocate more land to encourage employment?

Yes

No

**B6** Should existing employment sites be protected from changes of use?

Yes

No

**B7** Should the Neighbourhood Plan encourage working from home?

Yes

No

**B8** Is anyone in your family likely to seek employment within the Parish in the next five years?

Yes

No



**B9** What would encourage existing businesses to stay and new businesses to locate in Urchfont Parish? (Please rank from 1-5 with 5 being the most important)

- More purpose – built premises?
- Better Broadband?
- Better mobile phone signal strength?
- Better transport connections?
- Serviced office accommodation?

**B10** The space below is for your comments on transport, infrastructure, jobs and the local economy



## Section C: Protecting our environment

This section covers both our natural environment, including nature and landscapes and our built environment – its heritage and character and the appearance of future development. The majority of those of you who replied to the first questionnaire and attended the Neighbourhood Plan meetings and presentations were strongly in favour of protecting local biodiversity, along with the visual qualities and the rural character of your villages and surrounding countryside.

### Natural environment

**C1** Given the existence of sites in the Parish designated for their international, national and local importance for nature and quality landscape, the following objective has been created:

Do you agree that enhancement of the open countryside, biodiversity and valued Green Spaces is a reasonable objective?

Yes

No

**C2** Whilst there is a policy in Wiltshire's Core Strategy to protect the scenic quality of the AONB, should your Neighbourhood Plan identify attractive views into and out of the villages (e.g. from Urchfont village up to the top of Salisbury Plain)? Should the plan contain a policy for their protection?

Yes

No

**C3** Local communities have the opportunity to protect and designate valued Green Spaces, especially if they have some historical significance, recreational, amenity or wildlife value. Should your Neighbourhood Plan identify such areas?

Yes

No



## Community Spaces

(Please rank from 1-5 with 5 being the most important)

- |   |   |                                    |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Village Greens | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing Fields | <input type="checkbox"/> The Baish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers Field  | <input type="checkbox"/> Oakfrith Wood  |                                    |

Are you aware of any other areas of the Parish you feel are worthy of consideration.

## Built environment

**C4** From questionnaire responses and Plan meetings, it is evident that local heritage and street appearances are important to you and you believe that the rural feel of your villages should be retained with well – designed, high quality discreet development.

The following objective has been created:

*Protect and enhance the visual qualities, heritage and character of the villages*

**Do you agree with this objective?**

- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

**C5** In what way should the Neighbourhood Plan protect and enhance the quality of the built environment in the Parish? (Please rank your top 5 from 1-5 with 5 being the most important)

- Seek designs of appropriate scale, layout and form to blend with the existing
- Seek the use of traditional building materials, where appropriate
- Promote high levels of energy conservation in new buildings
- Require realistic parking standards for new development
- Seek improvements to existing parking arrangements
- Seek street lighting and street furniture which respects the locality

Seek green space and adequate garden space, where appropriate

Improve pedestrian and cycle access through the villages

Other, please specify

**C6** To guide future development in the Parish and secure high quality results, it is suggested that a design statement is produced to indicate what our community would find acceptable. Accordingly the following objective has been created:

*Develop a design statement to inform new development, alterations and extensions*

**Do you agree with this objective?**

Yes

No

**C7** On the theme of improving the environment, there are some areas of the Parish which could be enhanced, for example, roadside verges within the villages. The following objective has been created:

*Improve the neglected areas of the villages*

**Do you agree with this objective?**

Yes

No

**C8** The space below is provided to allow you to make your own comments on other areas of the environment which you feel need improvement.



## Section D: Improving community services

The majority of those of you who replied to the first questionnaire and/or attended the Neighbourhood Plan meetings and presentations were strongly protective of existing community facilities and supportive of their future development.

The following objective has been created:

*Protect and enhance community facilities and services*

**Do you agree with this objective?**

Yes

No

**D1** Which of the following facilities do you think could be identified for improvement, expansion or protection in the Neighbourhood Plan? (Please rank your top 5 from 1-5 with 5 being the most important)

- Additional allotments
- Road safety measures
- Vehicle parking
- Public toilets
- Public footpaths and cycle ways
- Access for disabled people
- Facilities for young people
- Public/mobile library
- Space for meetings and facilities

- Shop
- Lamb Inn
- Leisure and sporting facilities

**D2** If improved public transport is needed tell us how it should be improved.  
(Please rank from 1-5 with 5 being the most important)

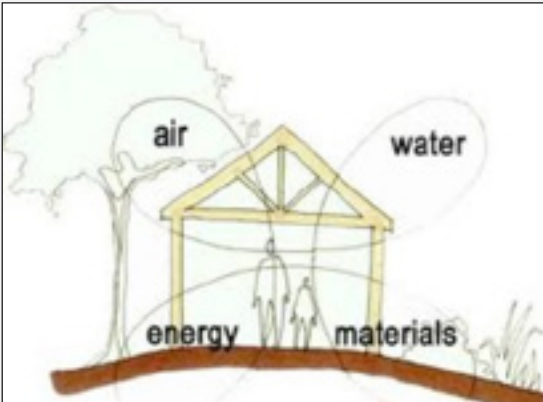
- More convenient services to Devizes
- More convenient services to other local towns
- Cheaper fares
- Greater reliability of services
- Train station North of Lydeaway

**D3** If you feel vehicle parking facilities need improving tell us how and where this could be best achieved.

**D4** If you think that better leisure and recreational facilities (for example green spaces, sports and play areas etc) are needed, please tell us how and where this could be achieved.

**D5** If facilities for young people need improving say how and where this could be achieved.

**D6** The space below is for you to make any other comments on improving community services.



## Section E: Creating a sustainable community

**E1** Which of the following ways of producing local renewable energy should the Neighbourhood Plan encourage? (Tick those which are you would support)

- Demanding high insulation levels in new homes & extensions.
- Using domestic wind turbines powering a single home
- Using land for fuel production (e.g. wood, biomass)
- Solar panel 'farms' to generate electricity
- Use of farm slurry to generate energy
- Installing solar panels in public buildings

**E2** How could the Neighbourhood Plan encourage sustainable methods of transport?

**E3** Should the Neighbourhood Plan aim to allocate land to encourage the growth of local food for public consumption?

Yes

No

**E4** Can you help us by telling us what a Sustainable Community means to you? Please also add any comments you have on creating a Sustainable Community.

## Section F: Vision

*And finally, your Neighbourhood Plan needs to develop from a vision of how you see our Parish in the future. The following statement was proposed at the Parish Council review meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan:*

Urchfont should be a place where.....

- Community spirit is protected and enhanced
- The visual qualities and rural character of the villages and their surrounding countryside is protected
- Local people have access to a home they can afford
- Change is planned in a sustainable way

**Do you agree with this broad vision?**

Yes

No

Do you have any further comments on the Vision?

**Responses:**

We aim to collect forms during the week ending 26th October. If it is not collected, please return it by hand to: The Tiled House, High Street, Urchfont.

Responses to this survey are anonymous and all individual data and information collected using this survey will be treated confidentially and will not be passed to any third parties.

**How to contact us:**

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