

Houghton Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan



The Houghton Neighbourhood Development Plan will reflect the views of everyone in the village, on the future of the village. We really need your views on a range of issues including:

Traffic

Housing / Development

Community Facilities

Business & General Infrastructure

Environment

Houghton Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan survey.

Background

Houghton village has been designated a conservation area by Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC). The Council states: “A conservation area is defined as ‘An area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance’ Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. The local authority has a duty to ensure that the character or appearance of a conservation area is preserved or enhanced, when considering applications for development.

In 2011 the Government introduced the Localism Act which provides for local communities to have some control over the planning policy of their area through a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Our Neighbourhood Development Plan will be a 25 year plan, which will be reviewed every 5 years, and which will aim to protect and enhance what you like most about your village and community.

Once the Neighbourhood Development Plan has been approved, it will become part of the main Development Plan for Test Valley Borough. This means that it will be used by the Council when reviewing planning applications, and when making decisions.

Currently there are circa 150 houses in the Parish. Since 2000 about 28 new homes have been built, or are planned, in the Parish, 25 of which have occurred in the last 2 years. TVBC are committed to building 10,584 homes before 2029 and with current developments across the Borough, this target is thought to have almost been met.

The survey has been developed with advice from Test Valley Borough Council, from discussions with neighbouring parishes and from topics and comments made by our parishioners either in person, or at the village coffee mornings.

We would like as many people as possible to complete the survey – you are not limited to one per household. In fact it is really important that we collect the views of people of all ages so if you need more survey sheets for everyone in your household, please contact one of us and we will deliver them to you.

If you have any questions about this survey, need help to complete it, need more copies or would like your completed forms collected, please contact any member of the steering group. Contact details can be found at the end of this survey.

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey and helping us to create the Houghton and Bossington Neighbourhood Development Plan. We hope you can see that this Neighbourhood Development Plan is a really important document and one that we need everyone’s help in putting together.

Everyone’s opinion matters and is important.

Please note that all responses are confidential, but in order to ensure we have a good representative coverage of our community, please would you give the following information.

So we can demonstrate that responses come from the breadth of the parish, please enter your full post code

Are you replying on behalf of your whole household?

Yes

If yes, how many are in the household?

No, just me personally

Please confirm your age group. If you are answering for your household enter the number of people in each age group.

Under 16

16-24

25-64

65-80

Over 80

1 Walking, Cycling and safer roads

The village has a 30mph speed limit.

Do you think:

This is about right

It should be 20mph

I don't have an opinion

Between the village and North Houghton the speed limit is 40mph.

Do you think:

This is about right

It should be 30mph

I don't have an opinion

Do you think there is a requirement for traffic calming measures through the village?

Yes No No opinion

If you have mobility problems, what would make it easier for you to get around?

Any other opinions or comments on this topic?

2 Housing

What will be your housing needs over the next 5-10 years?

Smaller home

Larger home

Bungalow / single level

No change

Do you think the Parish should identify land for any of the following – please tick all you think are relevant or important?

Retirement / downsizing

Affordable housing – let by Local Authorities/private registered providers

Discount market homes – capped prices for first time buyers under 35/40 years of age

Private homes for sale or rent on the open market

Self-build

Shared ownership homes – similar to affordable homes but 25%-75% ownership

Sheltered housing homes – for older people with alarm and warden support

Homes suitable for disabled residents

Agricultural / local industry homes – homes built specifically for local business employees

Any other opinions or comments on this topic?

3 Community facilities

Do you feel the maintenance of the public spaces and footpaths is adequate?

Yes No No opinion

Are you in favour of the protection of roadside verges for wildlife and plants?

Yes No No opinion

The Green Spaces identified in the Village Design Statement as an important feature of our Conservation village, are shown on the map in the introduction of this survey. How important do you consider the protection of these spaces to be?

Very important

Fairly important

Not important

No opinion

Do you or your family use the Village Hall?

Yes No

If Yes, what do you use it for? Please tick all that apply.

Private event

Club / association meeting

Sport

Education / training

Village event

Pop-up shopping event

Other: please state

Fitness:

Would you like to see more outdoor exercise facilities installed?

Yes No No opinion

Are the playground facilities adequate for (your) children?

Yes No No opinion

Should the Parish have a Youth Centre?

Yes No No opinion

Would you like to see adult education classes held in the Parish?

Yes No No opinion

In the table below, please tell us what you think about the facilities or social opportunities where you live by putting a tick in the relevant column. If you think we have left something out, please add it to the bottom of the table. Please tick all that apply

	Sufficient access	Insufficient access	No opinion
Beavers/cubs/scouts/brownies			
Football			
Cricket			
Table tennis			
Computer access/training			

Skateboarding			
Youth club			
Physical fitness training			
Cookery classes			
Music and arts			
Dance			
Creative / cultural activities			
Pre-school nursery			
Medical services / facilities			

Any other opinions or comments on this topic?

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4 Business and general infrastructure

Is there a need for sites within the Parish to be dedicated for business development?

Yes No No opinion

If you have a requirement for a business premises, please describe it here.

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In the table below, please tell us what you think about the infrastructure where you live by putting a tick in the relevant column. If you think we have left something out, please add it to the bottom of the table.

	Good	Acceptable	Poor
Sewerage/drainage			
Water supply			
Electricity			
Mobile phone			
Broadband			
Pavements			
Roads			
Public transport			

If there was money made available for investment in local infrastructure, where do you think it should be spent? Please tick as many as you think apply. .

Sewerage / drainage

Water supply

Electricity

Gas

Mobile phone

Broadband

Pavements

Roads

Allotments

Youth centre

Pre-school / nursery

Tennis courts

Skate park

Recreation ground

Other, please state:

Should the Neighbourhood Plan support land being made available for energy production?

Yes No No opinion

If yes, which options do you favour? Please tick all that apply.

Geothermal solar

Hydroelectric wind

Biomass shale gas (fracking)

Any other opinions or comments on this topic?

What do you *value most* about living in Houghton?

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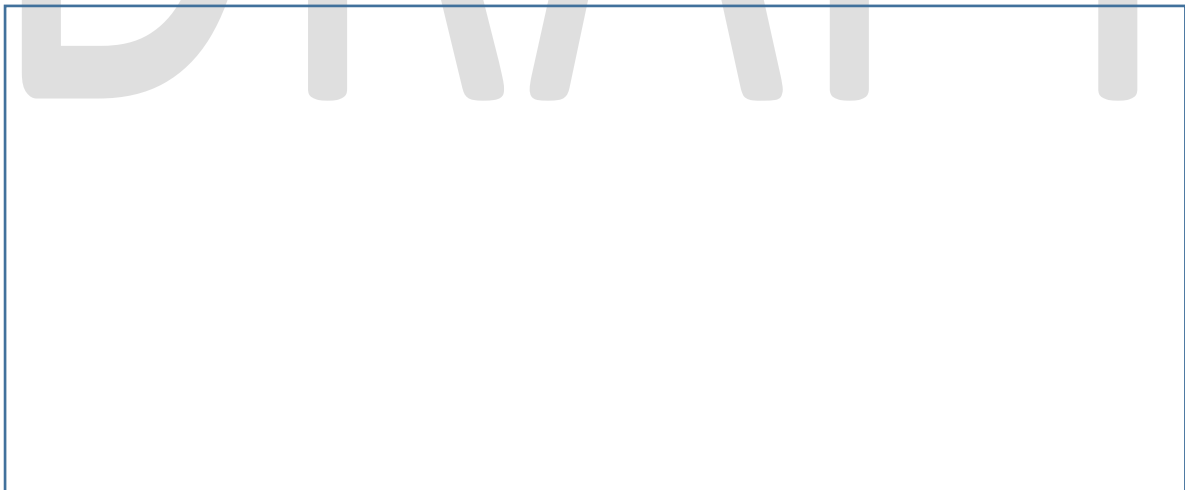
What do you *most dislike* about living in Houghton?

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If there is anything else about the Neighbourhood Development Plan, or any aspect of living in Houghton, that you feel we have not asked you about, please make a note of it here.



Thank you very much for your time. Please hold on to completed survey sheets and one of us will collect them at a time that is convenient to you.

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