



# Neighbourhood Plan

## Summary of Activity So Far

Since October 2015 everyone in the Parish of North Newnton has had the chance to give their views and opinions about what they believe is important for our community. We have gathered this info in the following ways:

- Parish Questionnaire – October 2015
- Community consultation (Hilcott Village Hall) – May 2017
- Community consultation (Woodbridge Inn Pub) – July 2017

The total number of people attending the community events was 45, and 77 people responded to the Parish Council questionnaire. The information gathered is being used to shape the Neighbourhood Plan for our Parish.

The results in full are detailed under ‘Community Engagement’ on our Parish website [nnpc.org.uk](http://nnpc.org.uk) and the conclusions are below.

### CONCLUSIONS:

- We care very much about our natural environment and open views.
- North Newnton is more open to new building than the other villages, however in general there is some support for balanced development.
- We are very disturbed by traffic, in terms of speed and pedestrian safety.
- We have a good community spirit and would like it to be even better.

The first step is to use this information to create our Vision and Objectives, which is a critical part of the Neighbourhood Plan. Everything we do going forward will stem from this.

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## THE VISION

1.1 - The vision of the residents of North Newnton Parish is of a Parish which will continue to thrive, meeting the changing needs of the community whilst preserving the distinctive character, landscape, and setting which has evolved over centuries.

1.2 - The North Newnton Neighbourhood Plan derives from the wishes of the people who live in the Parish and will be in accord with the Wiltshire Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.

1.3 - North Newnton is an area which has been inhabited for thousands of years and the community is keen to preserve its history and heritage. It is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the community cares deeply about and wishes to retain its rural nature and clear open views, on which its primary economic activities of agriculture and leisure depend. The community acknowledges the probability that the number of elderly residents will increase and seeks to plan for that whilst attracting and retaining other age groups.

## OBJECTIVES

1.4 To preserve and enhance the distinctive heritage of the Parish, evidenced by its prehistoric site, ancient burial places, church and other buildings and Hilcott's status as a conservation area

1.5 To protect its green spaces, open views and natural rural landscape, set as it is within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and ensure that public rights of way are open and accessible

1.6 To permit limited balanced development where traffic can be slowed and made safe and without burdening the narrow, historic lanes in some parts of the Parish.

1.7 To provide high speed broadband to the entire Parish.

1.8 To protect and enhance biodiversity.

## COMMUNITY ASPIRATIONS

You will notice that some important elements of feedback – around traffic and road safety - from the community events and the Parish questionnaire have not been included in the Vision and Objectives. These wished-for changes cannot be part of the actual Neighbourhood Plan, the contents of which are dictated by the Localism Act of 2011. However, we can create some Community Aspirations which can be linked to our plan. We have set this out on the next page:

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## COMMUNITY ASPIRATIONS (continued)

Not part of the actual Neighbourhood Plan but will be in an Appendix to it

Worry about traffic and road safety were the community's overriding concerns. Most respondents wanted slowed traffic, making the roads safer for pedestrians, cyclists and horses and a pavement along Rushall Road.

The Parish Council is aware of these concerns and is working hard through the Community Area Transport Group to get changes made. The Steering Group intends to add an Appendix which will be in the same document, but not strictly part of the Neighbourhood Plan, to highlight these views and encourage action.

The same approach will be taken with the widely supported request for increased community events. Please do contact one of the Steering Group members if something you care about deeply hasn't been included in the Vision and Objectives. He or she will be able to explain why.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The Steering Committee will take your comments and amend the Vision and Objectives accordingly & in line with legislation, to use in our Neighbourhood Plan.

All Neighbourhood Plan documents (once approved) will be posted on our Parish website [nnp.org.uk](http://nnp.org.uk); please follow the link to Neighbourhood Plan resources. You will find the Code of Conduct, Terms of Reference and full Community Engagement feedback report there for starters.

If you would like to be contacted by email in future, please let us have your email address.

Finally, over the coming months there will be further invites to community events in order to continue our work towards completion of our Neighbourhood Plan; we will of course keep you updated.

Thank you so much for your time and input so far.

*Mike Bohan, Penny Bond, Leslie Bond, Maggie Draper, Peter Dunn, Tim Gent, Mac Maclean, Vicky Marshall, Rafal Radecki, Fenella Rouse, Carolyn Whistler, Patrick Wilson.*

**North Newnton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

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## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Please use the slip at the bottom of this sheet to give feedback on the Vision and Objectives and then either post your comments to Clerk to the Council, Hilcott Village Hall, Hilcott, SN9 6LE (or pop in the Parish Council post box at the hall) or email your comments by **30<sup>th</sup> September** to [northnewntonpc@gmail.com](mailto:northnewntonpc@gmail.com) Parish group email.

## YOUR FEEDBACK:

### ***DRAFT VISION AND OBJECTIVES STATEMENT:***

***To protect, support, maintain and enhance the areas of North Newnton, Hilcott & Bottlesford for the benefit of residents now and in the future***

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My comments and feedback on the draft Vision and Objectives statement are

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- I agree with the approach being taken by the Steering Group*  
*[please tick if in agreement]*
- The Vision and Objectives reflect my views*  
*[please tick if in agreement]*

*I do not agree with the approach being taken by the Steering Group and would prefer that instead it*

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Your name:

Your house address:

Your email address, if you wish to receive future communications by email: