



# Feniton Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

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Name .....

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Please circle age group:

Under 25, 25-45, 46-60,

61-70, 71 -85, over 85

M / F

## About the Neighbourhood Plan

We aim to make Feniton an even better place to be, now and for future generations. The Neighbourhood Plan will cover a 15 year time period with **the possibility of** a review every 5 years. It allows our community to exert more control over where development takes place, to influence the type and quality of that development and to ensure that the change it brings meets local objectives and needs. The alternative to adopting our own Neighbourhood Plan is to live with continued inappropriate development pressure: to be forced into a reactive approach responding to each planning application as it is made. A Neighbourhood Plan shows that Feniton is taking the initiative and demonstrates to developers that we care enough about our village to take an interest in how it is shaped. Some of the issues raised during the initial public consultation exercises will not be able to be addressed through the planning system. The Parish Council will seek ways to address the **opinions** of residents identified through this questionnaire.

- Neighbourhood planning will allow us to determine our future, to say where we think new houses and related facilities should go – and what they should look like.
- Instead of people being told what to do, the Government thinks that local communities should have genuine opportunities to influence the future of the places where they live. This was stressed in the recent Government paper “Towards a one nation economy”.
- Working with the support of our local authority – East Devon District Council – our Neighbourhood Plan will need to be in line with district and national planning policy.
- Local people will – through a local referendum – be able to vote on the Neighbourhood Plan and, if approved by a majority, it will be brought into force by the local authority.
- **Once in force, planning applications for development in the parish must take account of the Neighbourhood Plan and developers will have to consider the community’s view on any development proposal made.** This will give all residents of Feniton a chance to comment.

## What Feniton should be like in the next 15 years?

Arising from public consultation, the following were identified as issues of importance in the future of Feniton:

- A sustainable, thriving and prosperous community that supports a high quality of life for all its residents.
- A distinctive and flourishing settlement that exhibits a distinctive vitality and dynamism.
- Safe from flood risk, adaptable to climate change and with reduced carbon dependence.

- An area with a high quality natural environment and protected important wildlife interests.
- A community with a robust Built Up Area Boundary – i.e. a line around the village outside which development should not take place – to preserve and protect the green and rural setting of both ‘New’ and ‘Old’ Feniton.
- A place where change must be for the long-term benefit of the whole community.

## What you should do now

- In this questionnaire, we have set out the key issues under seven headings, as identified by a range of local information which has been collected through concerns raised at Parish Council meetings, concerns raised at the Public Inquiry in 2014 and concerns identified at the many public consultation events held over the last nine months.
- Alongside each set of issues, we have drawn up statements for you to consider and we would like you to respond by circling the numbers between 1 and 5. Number 5 means that you **agree strongly** with our statements and number 1 means that you **disagree strongly**. When you have done this, please put the whole questionnaire back in the envelope and drop it off to the Spar shop or Post Office before the deadline of **30<sup>th</sup> November**.
- If you want to add your own comment on the statements, please use the back of the relevant sheet. Your opinions are vital in forming the document which will become Feniton’s **Neighbourhood Plan**.
- There will be a prize draw into which each questionnaire will be entered, with a **cash prize of £100**. You will need to put your contact details in the comment box to enter the draw and we would also like to know what age you are and whether you are male or female, to help us with our analysis. You do not have to provide these details - you can still return the completed questionnaire, but will not be entered into the prize draw.
- If you would like further information, or help in filling in the questionnaire, or if you need someone to collect your questionnaire, please contact Trevor Ives on 850455 or email [fenitonneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:fenitonneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com)

## Feniton EDUCATION

Feniton has one of the best primary schools in the district. It was acknowledged by all the individuals who contributed to the information gathering events that the education provided by the school enhanced pupils' personal development and lead to their potential being realised.

The respondents also raised the problem of overcrowding as the school cannot currently accommodate more children. There is concern that siblings, including those as young as five, risk being ferried to schools outside the community as there are not sufficient places for the children of the village. Any new housing developments will place even greater pressure on the school. In addition, there is also anxiety that the older children will not be accommodated at the King's School as it is over-subscribed.

### Issues you identified:

- Over-crowding of the primary school
- Potential for siblings to be separated through lack of capacity in the primary school
- Condition of the temporary buildings
- Capacity constraints at King's School

### Statements

1. Feniton School provides an excellent education within the village community.
2. Local primary school - aged children should be educated in Feniton and not ferried to other schools unless by parental choice.
3. That King's School is at capacity is an important matter of concern for the parents of young children in Feniton.
4. The over-crowding issue of both schools threatens the future educational and social prospects of the children of Feniton.
5. The condition of the temporary school buildings is a matter of concern.
6. Feniton School should continue to meet all the demand for primary school education in the parish

Please say to what degree you agree with the statement by circling a number between 1 and 5 for each statement; 5 being agree strongly and 1 being disagree strongly:

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## Feniton EMPLOYMENT

When members of the community discuss employment there is an underlying assumption and acceptance that it is necessary to commute in order to find work. There are few local employers, as the only significant businesses are farming related.

Feniton has a very high rate of self-employment at 21%. This figure includes tradesmen who will travel to their customers as well as sole traders who work from home.

Small business units exist at Westleigh Willows and Talewater Works, both on the periphery of the village. There are limited opportunities for increased local employment and while there is no evidence of demand to open up industrial sites, opportunities for increased employment in the vicinity of Feniton remain remote.

90% of the resident working population is in employment, putting the village in the top 20% nationally.

### Issues you identified:

- Problems with respect to commuting, e.g. poor public services usually means relying on cars for transport.
- Low levels of local unemployment.

### Statements

1. With poor public transport, the village is heavily dependent upon residents being able to travel by other means to work.
2. Car share initiatives should be promoted in the village for travel to work.
3. There are sufficient employment opportunities in the area to cater for a growing population.

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## Feniton ENVIRONMENT

Feedback reflected concerns the community has with flooding, together with broader issues that arise from living in the countryside. Being a farming community, residents are aware of the need to protect habitats and control the impact that people have on the working farm environment. As a result, there was a strong feeling that 'green spaces' in and around the village should be protected. Contributors acknowledged that farming history and the events that shaped the village's past were relevant in respect of the future development of the village.

Residents felt that they needed a voice in the future of their village.

### Issues you identified:

- Flooding
- Preservation of Feniton's rural and farming environment
- A need to keep the village's identity and have locally run facilities
- A need to preserve the history that has shaped the village environment of today

### Statements

1. No further development should occur in Feniton until a robust flood prevention scheme is installed and the village is free from the fear of flooding.
2. Feniton should maintain its rural identity.
3. The village should maintain a 'green wedge' between the old and new parts of the village.
4. All future changes in the village should acknowledge our past history and farming culture.
5. All new housing should be within the Built-Up Area Boundary and not extend into the landscape.

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## Feniton FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Our objective is to ensure that, in keeping with the draft Local Plan, a range of new homes will be available between now and 2031 to meet the needs of all sections of the community including:

People who wish to live in family homes.

- First time buyers.
- People who wish to rent.
- Young families with a restricted income who need a larger property.
- Older people and others who wish to downsize.

### Issues you identified:

- Better range of housing (tenure and price)
- Housing that addresses the needs of the community
- Restriction of housing developments
- Any development must be phased over a number of years and accompanied by investment in appropriate infrastructure
- Maintain an appropriate social balance
- Need for sustainable housing development

### Statements

1. Proposals for new market and affordable housing on sites within the Built-up Area Boundary must ensure that the scale, design and type of housing are appropriate.
2. New housing should broaden choice and extend the opportunity to live in the village to a wide range of local people.
3. Fifty per cent of all new housing should be affordable to local people.
4. This plan will cover a 15 year period (2016–2031). In the box on the right, please:

(4i) Circle the number of houses you would support in the first 5 years (2016–2021)

- A = 0 – 10**
- B = 10 - 25**
- C = 25 - 50**
- D = 50 - 100**
- E = 100+**

(4ii) Circle the number of houses you would support in the 10 years after that (2021–2031)

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## Feniton HEALTH AND CARE

According to the Census of 2011, the health of the community shows a distinct split: on average people under 45 enjoy some of the best health in Devon and the UK; above 45 and over 60 there is a significant shift to people's health being below the national and Devon averages. These statistics indicate that for the district in which Feniton is situated, the number of elderly – and the resultant demand on health care – is likely to escalate over the next 15 years. The consultation exercises have revealed that the above trend is compounded by a marked dissatisfaction with accessibility to medical care. This has two aspects: the rise in population has outstripped the ability of the medical centres in Ottery St Mary and Honiton to accommodate the needs of an increasing and ageing population, while the difficulty of accessing these distant surgeries is a major concern.

### Issues you identified:

- The need for a local surgery
- Better access to health provision for elderly and disabled
- The need to be able to exercise in safety, including a safe walking environment
- The need to provide for and encourage the psychological, spiritual and social well-being of the residents

### Statements

1. An investigation should be undertaken into the demand for additional medical facilities locally.
2. Feniton residents should provide a volunteer-run support scheme for the elderly and sick.
3. The village should encourage the provision of more sheltered housing to enable its ageing population to remain in Feniton.
4. The residents of Feniton need a safe walking environment in all parts of the village.
5. The village has sufficient social meeting places and facilities.
6. The village would benefit from the construction of a cycle path to Ottery and Sidmouth.

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## Feniton TRANSPORT

Despite having a station and rail links to Exeter and London, the village of Feniton is woefully served by road links and public transport. During the consultation, a large number of residents expressed concerns relating to the condition of the roads. These concerns focused on the fact that roads were not adequately maintained and their width did not allow the passage of heavy vehicles. It was noted that both the old and the new parts of the village do not have adequate parking and on-street parking can make access difficult. Both elderly residents and those with children expressed the opinion that bus services are inadequate and that under certain circumstances did not exist. Suggestions were put forward for a community-based transport service, but it was recognised that this would require both funding and management. A number of contributors suggested that an integrated transport plan should be devised, including proposals for improvements to traffic flows and address issues affecting public transport.

### Issues you identified

- Improved train service
- Improved bus services to Honiton, Ottery and Exeter
- Car parking and cars parking on the pavements
- Speeding through the village
- A need for traffic calming measures
- Volunteer car service

### Statements

1. Feniton has an inadequate train service for the needs of the community.
2. Parking is a problem in parts of the village.
3. Existing speed limits in the parish should be reviewed.
4. The village needs a local traffic and parking plan to include further road safety measures, particularly in front of the school.
5. The roads providing access to Feniton should be maintained better and more frequently.
6. Feniton has an inadequate bus service for the needs of the community.
7. Feniton needs a safe footpath to join the new village and the old village.

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## Feniton SOCIAL, LEISURE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Current community facilities and activities are important facets of community life. Policies can be introduced to ensure that the current levels of services enjoyed in the village are retained and that, where appropriate, are improved and that new services and facilities can be added in the future. A wide range of sporting facilities are based at the Playing Fields and at the Bowling Club, but facilities for the children and youth need improving. There are no green spaces that offer open air leisure, for activities other than sport.

### Issues you identified:

- Provide better facilities for young people
- Provide a park to offer leisure facilities for all ages
- Maintain and, wherever possible, extend community and social facilities
- Encourage clubs, societies and other recreational facilities
- Support elderly residents in the community
- Ensure noticeboards are accessible and up to date

### Statements

1. The views and needs of young people should be considered and if appropriate, provision made in the neighbourhood plan.
2. Community facilities such as the primary school, church and existing community buildings should be supported and protected.
3. The provision of a large community green space/park ought to be explored.
4. Any development will have an impact on facilities. Any development will need to take into account the infrastructural needs of the community.
5. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in parish affairs.

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Feniton Neighbourhood Plan Area Map