

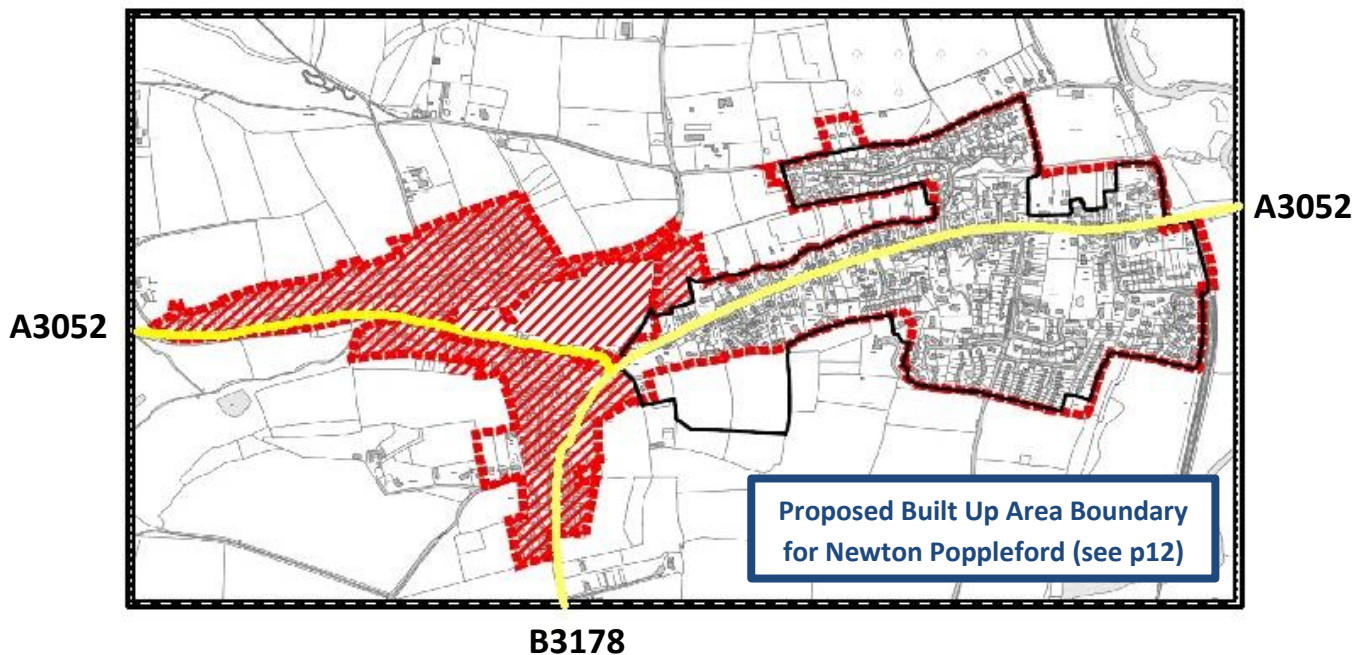
Newton Poppleford & Harpford Neighbourhood Plan

In conjunction with Devon Communities Together



Community Consultation Questionnaire

Autumn 2016



Closing date: Monday 5th December 2016

Please see the back page of this questionnaire for details of how and where to return your completed questionnaire.

Background: the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been collecting the community's views on planning and community issues. We have also consulted with both the Parish Council and Ward Councillor on frequently raised issues. These will be used to create a set of policies, called the Neighbourhood Plan, that will carry legal weight in planning decisions and must be taken into account by EDDC when planning applications are determined.

This questionnaire is looking for your opinion on the work we have done so far, to check that we have correctly interpreted your views and to explore some of the issues in more depth. The Neighbourhood Plan area covers the parish boundary of Newton Poppleford, Harford, Northmostown, Southerton and Venn Ottery and a copy will be delivered to every known household for completion.

We recognise that not all members of the household will hold the same views so if you would like additional copies of the survey please contact:

Devon Communities Together on 01392 248919

If you need help or assistance to complete this form (e.g. larger print, or someone to read the questions) or additional copies please contact:

Val Ranger (01395 568460) or Gill Cameron Webb (01395 568928)

A Neighbourhood Plan is concerned with planning, building and development in the parish but we have taken the opportunity to ask some further questions which can inform the parish council in decision making and planning for a wide range of issues that affect the community.

For example if there were a suggestion that the community needs a youth club:

If it was identified that a building was needed to house the youth club, this could be identified in the Neighbourhood Plan as something to work towards in identifying a suitable site and building and deciding how to achieve this.

If the community already has a building in which the youth club could meet, this would not be identified as a 'need' within the Neighbourhood Plan. It would be a community issue - finding people to run the group etc.

Housing Needs Survey:

This is a really important part of the document to help us plan for future housing needs within the village.

Within the main questionnaire there are some general questions on housing which we hope everyone will complete to help us plan for future housing need in the parish.

There are some additional questions for the following residents, which are not covered in the general questionnaire, to help us determine if we need more housing for particular groups of people:

Residents aged over 55 – Please Complete Part 2

If you are over 55 years of age please complete this regardless of your circumstances.

Those in need of Affordable Housing (see definition on page 9) – Please complete Part 3

Each person requiring housing should complete this, so more copies of this survey are available from:

- **Devon Communities Together on 01392 248919**

Due to the confidential information asked in Part 3, we ask that you post Part 3 directly to Devon Communities Together for analysis. We have provided a Freepost, pre-addressed envelope for this.

Glossary of terms:

Below are definitions of some of the terms used within this questionnaire. Any question that uses one of these terms will be indicated with an asterisk (*).

Built Up Area Boundary: The area in a village in which development will normally be permitted.

Exception sites: Exception sites providing mixed affordable and open market housing schemes for up to or around 15 dwellings may be allowed in villages and outside of Built Up Area Boundaries (BUAB). There must be a proven local need demonstrated through an up to date robust housing need survey and affordable housing must account for at least 66% of all the houses built.

Asset of Community Value: This gives the community first refusal to purchase, should the asset be placed in the market. This allows valued amenities (e.g. pubs, shops etc) to be retained within the community and not lost.

Open Space: An area of green space that is considered of value to a community. This designation protects the space from development or change of use, and can be registered through Local Plans or Neighbourhood Plans.

Section 1: Demographic Information

Q1.1 How many people of the following ages live in your household?

0-5 years	<input type="text"/>	6-10 years	<input type="text"/>	11-18 years	<input type="text"/>
19-25 years	<input type="text"/>	26-39 years	<input type="text"/>	40-55 years	<input type="text"/>
56-64 years	<input type="text"/>	65-79 years	<input type="text"/>	80+ years	<input type="text"/>

Q1.2 How many members of your household fall into each of the following education/employment categories?

Full time employed	<input type="text"/>	Primary education	<input type="text"/>
Part time employed	<input type="text"/>	Secondary education	<input type="text"/>
Self-employed	<input type="text"/>	Apprenticeship	<input type="text"/>
Unemployed	<input type="text"/>	Further Education	<input type="text"/>
Stay at home parent	<input type="text"/>	Higher Education	<input type="text"/>
Retired	<input type="text"/>	Unable to work	<input type="text"/>

Q1.3 Where do you live?

Newton Poppleford	<input type="text"/>	Venn Ottery	<input type="text"/>
Harpford	<input type="text"/>	Southerton	<input type="text"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>		

Section 2: Housing theme

We have drawn the following conclusions from the comments received from the public so far on the subject of housing.

- Sheltered housing is needed
- Truly affordable housing is needed, particularly for local people based on proven need
- Smaller homes are preferred to large executive homes
- Large estates should be discouraged
- Brownfield (previously developed) and infill (gaps between existing development) sites should be prioritised
- Newton Poppleford should be kept as a village in an agricultural rural setting
- Dog walking areas, recreation areas and playing fields should be retained
- The issues that cause most concern and have a major impact on existing residents to householders in new developments are ridge height, flooding, impact of additional traffic and destruction of the AONB

Q2.1 Do you broadly agree with these conclusions?

Yes Agree with some elements only
No Undecided/no strong opinion

Is there anything you think we have got wrong or missed?

YOUR OWN HOUSING:

Q2.2 Please tick one of the following. Do you:

Own your own home Live in a shared ownership property

Live with relatives Rent from a private landlord

Live in housing tied to a job

Rent from housing association/local authority

Other (please specify)

Q2.3 If you rent privately, how much rent do you pay per month?

Under £400 £401-£500 £501-£600 £601-£700

£701-£800 £801-£900 £901-£1000 > £1000

YOUR FUTURE PLANS:

Q2.4 Which of these statements best describes your future housing plans?

(please select one of the options below)

I have no plans at the moment to move home

I expect to move home within 5 years

I have thought about moving home but do not expect to do so in the next 5 years

Q2.5 If you intend to move house within the next five years, where do you want to move to? (please select one of the options below)

Remain in Newton Poppleford/Harpford/Northmostown/
Southerton/Venn Ottery

Elsewhere in Newton Poppleford/Harpford/Northmostown/
Southerton/Venn Ottery

Elsewhere in Devon Away from Devon

Q2.6 How many bedrooms does your current home have?

Q2.7 If you intend to move house within the next five years, what size of property will you be seeking compared to your current home? (please select one of the options below)

More bedrooms

Same number of bedrooms

Fewer bedrooms

AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

What do we mean by affordable housing?

SHARED OWNERSHIP- this is where you buy a share of your home (25% to 80% of the home's value) and pay rent on the remaining share. You'll need to take out a mortgage to pay for your share of the home's purchase price. You can now have a household income of up to £80,000 and still be eligible for a shared ownership / equity property.

SHARED EQUITY – this is where you buy a share of your home as above. However, while the developer and/or Government own the remaining share you do not pay rent on it. You'll need to take out a mortgage to pay for your share of the home's purchase price.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR RENT – this is where you pay a less than market rent to a housing association or similar organisation. There are currently a number of different rent regimes where the amount paid for a similar sized home may vary.

DISCOUNT MARKET HOMES - this is where you buy a home at a discount below the open market cost.

STARTER HOMES –this is where developers will be able to offer homes at a minimum 20% discount exclusively to first time buyers, under the age of forty. These can be resold at full market price after 5 years.

SELF-BUILD / CUSTOM BUILD- this is where you are involved in the construction of your home, this can be individually or as a group. The extent of your involvement will be decided by the type of scheme. Self-build normally involves some form of ownership but can also be used to provide rented housing. You must have an affordable housing need to be eligible for an affordable self-build home.

Q2.8 Do you know of anybody who has had to leave the village in the last 5 years due to a lack of affordable housing? (see definition of affordable housing above)

Yes No

Q2.9 Is any member of your household likely to need affordable housing and/or housing adapted for older people in the next five years?

Yes No

If yes, please describe your specific housing adapted needs and also complete Part 2 or Part 3 of the supplementary housing needs questionnaire provided:

Q2.10 If a need for affordable housing is identified, would you support a housing development for local people to meet that need?

Yes No

N.B. Any development would be wholly or predominantly affordable homes (rented or shared ownership). Open market homes would be the minimum required to make the scheme economically viable.

Q2.11 Do you have any suggestions for a suitable site for affordable housing or any other comments regarding housing in the parish?

Community Land Trusts

Community Land Trusts (CLTs) are non-profit, community-based organisations run by volunteers that develop housing and other assets that are owned and controlled by the community and are made available at permanently affordable levels. CLT membership is open to all who live or work in the defined community. The members elect a volunteer board comprised of people living within the community to run the trust on their behalf on a day to day basis.

Q2.12 Would you be interested in becoming a member of a local CLT?

Yes

No

Built Up Area Boundary (BUAB)*

Please see the map of the proposed Built Up Area Boundary (BUAB)* for Newton Poppleford on the front page of this questionnaire. This boundary includes the land at King Alfred Way, which has outline permission for up to 40 houses. Development will generally not be permitted outside of the BUAB - unless specifically requested by a Neighbourhood Plan (see exception sites*).

Roads A3052 and B3178 are shown in yellow. The District Council's preferred BUAB is indicated by the **bold black line**, with an alternative suggestion also including the land shown **hatched in red**. EDDC recently consulted on these two options and will shortly make their decision known as part of the Villages Development Plan.

2.13 Would you support housing development outside the BUAB to meet an identified need?

Yes No For affordable housing only

Q2.14 What size of house do you think is needed in the Neighbourhood Plan area? (please select a level of need for each size of house listed below)

Size of house	Definitely needed	Undecided/ no strong opinion	Definitely not needed
1 bed			
2 bed			
3 bed			
4 bed			
5+ bed			

Q2.15 Outline planning permission has already been given for 40 houses (16 affordable as defined on page 9) in King Alfred Way. How many additional houses would you like to see built within in the Neighbourhood Plan area between now and 2031? (please select one of the options below)

None 1-10 11-20
 21-50 51-100 100+

Q2.16 Do you think there should be a maximum number of houses permitted per individual site, if permission is granted for further sites? (please select one of the options below)

1-5 6-10 11-15
 16-20 21-50 no maximum

Q2.17 In principle, would you support a change of use from any of the following to residential use within the Neighbourhood Plan area? (please select a level of support for each use listed below)

Change <u>to</u> residential use from:	Would support	Undecided /no strong opinion	Would not support
Shops			
Restaurants & Cafes			
Drinking establishments			
Hot food takeaway			
Light Industrial			
Hotels and B&Bs			
Healthcare services			
Education			
Public hall			

Q2.18 In principle, would you support a change of use from residential to any of the following? (please select a level of support for each use listed below)

Change <u>from</u> residential use to:	Would support	Undecided /no strong opinion	Would not support
Shops			
Offices			
Professional/Financial Services			
Restaurants & Cafes			
Drinking establishments			
Hot food takeaway			
Light Industrial			
Manufacturing			
Storage/Distribution			
Hotels and B&Bs			
Nursing homes			
Entertainment venues			
Creche/nursery			
Healthcare services			
Education			
Public hall			

Please remember to complete the additional Housing Needs Survey once you have completed all sections of this survey

- Part 2** - if you are over the age of 55 whatever your circumstances
- Part 3** - if you are in need of Affordable Housing

Those under the age of 55 and not in need of affordable housing do not need to complete Parts 2 and 3 but continue to Section 3 on Traffic and Transport.

Section 3: Traffic & Transport theme

We have drawn the following conclusions from the comments received from the public so far on the subject of traffic and transport.

- Roads are dangerous (speeding, footways) – retain and maintain existing pedestrian footways and improve where possible
- Improved consideration of pedestrian and cycle safety is essential
- Traffic control through Newton Poppleford and the wider parish is needed
- Accessibility to amenities, particularly for disabled users, should be improved
- Car parking issues should be addressed
- Public transport should be cheaper and serve more destinations
- Links between the parish villages must be maintained
- Road safety around the school should be improved
- Positioning of bus stops should be reviewed
- Road safety around the school in particular must be addressed

NB (your views can be used to support applications for a change to existing structures e.g. pedestrian crossings and bus stops, although we cannot guarantee outcomes of applications)

Q3.1 Do you broadly agree with these conclusions?

Yes Agree with some elements only
No Undecided/no strong opinion

Is there anything you think we have got wrong or missed?

An **air quality monitor** was fitted to a house near the pinch-point/Toll House in Newton Poppleford last November. Samples will be taken over the year and results from this will be analysed from November 2016.

Q3.2 Do you experience any problems with traffic in the following places?

a. *Newton Poppleford*

Yes No

If Yes, please define where:

b. *Harpford*

Yes No

If Yes, please define where:

c. *Venn Ottery*

Yes No

If Yes, please define where:

d. *Southerton*

Yes No

If Yes, please define where:

e. *Other*

Yes No

If Yes, please define where:

Q3.3 Can you identify or describe any other traffic issues?

Please be as specific as you can:

Q3.4 How many cars does your household park in the following locations?

Garage/private driveway On road Public car park

Q3.5 What type of additional road crossings, if any, would you support or object to? (please select a level of support for each option listed below)

Crossing type	Support	Undecided/no strong opinion	Object
Zebra crossing			
Pelican crossing			
Traffic lights			
Bollards in middle of road			
Other (please specify)			

Q3.6 Where, if anywhere, do you think these road crossings should be sited?

Q3.7 Is more car parking required in the parish?

Yes Undecided/no strong opinion No

Q3.8 Where, if anywhere, do you think more parking could be sited?

Q3.9 Do you have any form of mobility issue (e.g. mobility scooter, visually impaired, wheelchair user, prams, pushchairs, etc)?

Yes No

Q3.10 How often do you currently use the public bus service?

Regularly Rarely Never

Q3.11 How do you rate the current public bus service in the parish?

Excellent Adequate Poor

Q3.12 If you have children at Newton Poppleford school (or pre-school), how do you take your children to school?

Q3.13 If you have children at Newton Poppleford school (or pre-school) and they do not walk to school, what would need to change for you to be happy to walk with them/allow them to walk alone?

Section 4: Environment, Sport & Leisure theme

We have drawn the following conclusions from the comments received from the public so far on the subject of traffic and transport.

- Built Up Area Boundary and walking paths should be retained
- Existing amenities should be protected: farms, red bridge at Harpford, sports facilities, pavilion
- Better access to the Village Hall is needed
- More meeting places are needed
- Don't remove hedges and trees, destroy AONB, or build on the flood plain
- Trees and hedgerows are valued and mature trees that provide a canopy in particular should be retained
- Pathways, ditches & community places need to be better maintained
- Dog fouling is a problem in some areas

Q4.1 Do you broadly agree with these conclusions?

Yes Agree with some elements only
No Undecided/no strong opinion

Is there anything you think we have got wrong or missed?

Assets of Community Value - Communities have a right to identify a building or other land that they believe to be of importance to their community's social well-being. The purpose is that, if the asset comes up for sale, then the community will be given an opportunity to purchase the asset before it is on the open market.

Q4.2 Would you like to nominate any building, or land, as an asset of community value*? (see explanation above)

EDDC has designated the following spaces as amenity spaces in our parish,

<u>Amenity space</u>	<u>Category (area in hectares)</u>
Venn Ottery Road Cemetery	Cemetery (0.11)
Venn Ottery Green	Amenity Open Space (0.33)
Turner's Close Play Area	Play Space - Children (0.04)
Turner's Close Park	Parks & Recreation Grounds (0.10)
Chestnut Way Park	Amenity Open Space (0.25)
Burrow Village Green	Amenity Open Space (0.10)
Back Lane Tennis Courts	Outdoor Sport (0.12)
Back Lane Cricket Pitch	Outdoor Sport (0.06)
Back Lane Play Area	Play Space - Children (0.06)
Back Lane Recreation Ground	Outdoor Sport Pitches (2.11)
Badger Close Play Area	Play Space - Children (0.03)
Allotments	Allotments (1.28)
St Luke's Church	Churchyard and Cemetery (0.31)
Harpford Church	Churchyard and Cemetery (0.14)
St Gregory's Church	Churchyard (0.08)
Webbers Meadow	Natural/Semi-Natural Open Space (2.55)
Harpford Common	Natural/Semi-Natural Open Space (96.07)
Harpford Woods	Natural/Semi-Natural Open Space (96.07)
Venn Ottery Common and Hill	Natural/Semi-Natural Open Space (78.53)

Q4.3 Do you believe the designated amenity space areas in our parish, as listed above, are adequate for the community’s needs?

Yes Undecided/no strong opinion No

Please give details if you answered “No” to the question above:

Q4.4 What changes, if any, would you like to see to the existing community spaces? (please tick all that apply and give details where appropriate)

	Build On Site	Change use	Improve access	Sell off	Extend	Internal refurb.	Rebuild
Allotments							
Venn Ottery Green							
Webber’s Meadow							
Church Hall							
Harpford Hall							
NP Village Hall							
Pavilion							
School facilities							
Please specify other site(s)/changes here.							

Q4.5 How important is the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), and its preservation, to you?

Very important Quite important Not important

Q4.6 Do you know of any specific trees, hedgerows, orchards or other natural habitats we should protect within the parish? If so, please write the details in the box below, being as descriptive as possible, explaining where it is and why you think it needs protecting. (e.g. a Tree Preservation Order).

Q4.7 In principle, do you support or object to the use of the following domestic renewable energies within the parish?

Renewable energy	Support	Undecided/no strong opinion	Object
Solar panels			
Wind energy			
Other (please specify)			

Q4.8 Are there sufficient sports facilities in the parish?

Yes Undecided/no strong opinion No

Q4.9 If not, what improvements or additional leisure facilities would you like to see?



Section 5: Health & Wellbeing

We have drawn the following conclusions from the comments received from the public so far on the subject of health and wellbeing.

- Better transport to the Coleridge Surgery in Ottery St Mary is needed
- Newton Poppleford residents should be able to go to the new Health Centre at Stowford (*NB Stowford Health Centre does not currently accept new patients from our parish*)
- A new/improved surgery is needed
- There is a need for nursing provision at the surgery
- Traffic impacts on people's ability to enjoy the amenities in the area
- The village, countryside and sense of community in the parish are valued and recognised as contributing towards good health and well-being
- The AONB should be protected and respected

Q5.1 Do you broadly agree with these conclusions?

Yes Agree with some elements only
No Undecided/no strong opinion

Is there anything you think we have got wrong or missed?

Q5.2 Are the current facilities at the existing Newton Poppleford doctors' surgery sufficient for your purposes?

Yes

Undecided/no strong opinion

No

Q5.3 If not, what improvements do you think are desirable or necessary?

Q5.4 Where would you prefer to go to your GP Surgery if it were possible?

Q5.5 How do you currently get to your GP surgery?

Section 6: Employment & Services

- Require better wifi, mobile phone signals and improved broadband required (top priority by a long way!)
- Need support for small businesses
- Need assistance to find work for unemployed people, including local people and young people. (e.g. manned Help Centre)
- Make more jobs in the village for local people to avoid travel
- Existing shops and businesses are valued , but need more shops and services (e.g. pharmacy, library)
- Need to have wheelchair access to shops, restaurants, services.
- More parking for visitors to use local services and local shops (e.g. laybys)
- Still getting burst water mains even though the water pipes were replaced
- Frustration over lack of co-ordination with repair and maintenance of mains services and highways etc

Q6.1 Do you broadly agree with these conclusions?

Yes Agree with some elements only
No Undecided/no strong opinion

Is there anything you think we have got wrong or missed?

Q6.2 What do you think needs to be done to encourage greater use of existing businesses in the parish?

Q6.3 What additional services/businesses would you like to see in the parish?

Q6.4 Do you run a business from home or within the parish?

Yes No

Q6.5 If you answered yes to question 6.4, is there anything in terms of planning that you think could be done to support or improve your business?

Thank you for completing this part of the survey.

Please leave your survey **ready for collection** from your house by one of our team by

Monday 5th December 2016.

Or drop it off to one of our collection points:

- The Cannon Public House
- Newton Poppleford Post Office
- Tipton St John Post Office

Or pass it to one of the following Newton Poppleford & Harpford parish councillors:

- Val Ranger
- Mark Downen
- David Zirker
- Rosemary Walker
- Hazel Jeffery
- Makala Tillotson
- Jean Clarke