

Woolpit Neighbourhood Plan



Questionnaire



Have your say about the future of our community

Please complete this questionnaire by 1 September

Introduction and Guide to the Questionnaire

Since May 2016 Woolpit's residents have expressed their views about the future of the village and the community. From the comments we have received the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have identified the themes which people are most concerned about. Thanks to your response, we now have answers to many of the questions we needed to ask about these issues.

However, there are still some unanswered questions within the main areas of concern. We hope that this questionnaire will provide the information we need to produce the Neighbourhood Plan and be confident that it represents the considered view of the community as a whole.

Woolpit's Neighbourhood Plan will help to shape the future of our village. We want our community to thrive and grow at a sustainable pace, supported by good infrastructure, services and amenities, and opportunities for business and employment. At the same time we want to preserve the character of the village with its historic centre and countryside setting. As our Vision Statement says, we want Woolpit to be 'a modern village with a traditional feel where people want to live and work'.

So don't miss this opportunity to have your say. This questionnaire should not take you too long to complete.

Completing the questionnaire

Please encourage all members of your family to complete a separate questionnaire, preferably online, at

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/woolpitnpq/>

You can complete the questionnaire in various ways:

1 If you have access to a computer, the questionnaire can be most easily completed by going to **<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/woolpitnpq/>**

If you do complete it online, you can return this unused paper copy to any of the drop off points listed below in point 2.

2 You can complete this paper copy of the questionnaire. You can give your completed questionnaire to the collector who will call for it at your home, or leave it at any of the following locations in the village:

Elm Tree Gallery (The Old Bakery)
Woolpit Health Centre

Getting help and additional copies of the questionnaire

If you require further paper copies for other members of your family, please contact one of the people listed below.

If you need any help in filling in the questionnaire, please contact one of the following and we will be happy to help you:

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Answering the questions

Please answer each question according to the instructions. If you have any additional comments about a particular topic, please put them in the comments box at the end of each section.

Please complete this questionnaire by 1 September 2017.

Thank you for your time. The more people who complete the questionnaire, the more certain we can be that the views of the community are truly represented. That will be a great help in writing our plan and ensuring that it has widespread acceptance.

Housing



Local residents have highlighted the need for various types of accommodation.

1 What are our housing needs for the future?

	Not needed	A few needed	Some needed	Many needed
1-2 bed flats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1-2 bed houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-bed houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-bed houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-bed houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4+-bed houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not needed	A few needed	Some needed	Many needed
Bungalows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheltered housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nursing homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 What type of home occupation is needed?

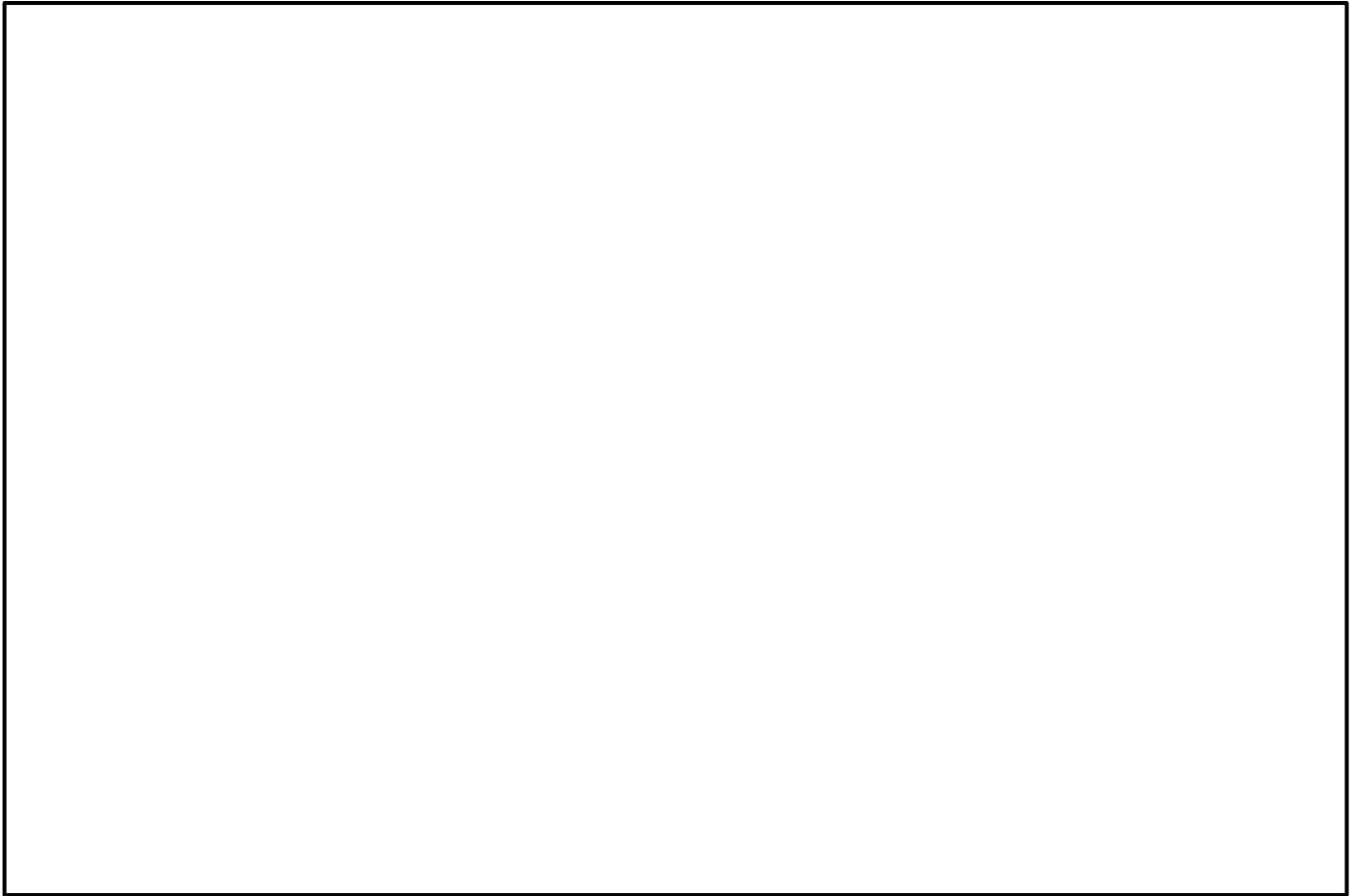
	Not needed	A few needed	Some needed	Many needed
Owner occupied	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social rented	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private rented	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shared ownership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Government policy towards neighbourhood plans is changing.
 In future we may be obliged to assess the suitability for housing development of parcels of land in Woolpit parish.

3 How important do you think are the following considerations?

	Not at all important	Fairly important	Very important	Essential
A high quality, healthy lifestyle for the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A range of community facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve safety on roads, cycle paths and footpaths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adequate access to key services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support for existing businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide for new employment opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protect the landscape setting of the parish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protect the historic heritage of Woolpit, and its village character	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Woolpit should remain a village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protect and enhance the biodiversity of the parish (wildlife and their habitats)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4 Please add any additional comments about housing in the space below:

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Roads, footpaths and cycleways



Traffic congestion in the village centre has been identified as a key concern

5 Do you agree?

- Yes
 No

6 Please state how you feel about the following statements:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Street parking in the village centre should be governed with designated parking spaces and double yellow lines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street parking is critical to the businesses in the village and should not be restricted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HGVs should be banned from the village centre except for deliveries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The existing car park opposite the church should be extended	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The existing car park should be time limited, with charges after a short stay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The speed limit in the village centre should be reduced to 20 mph	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All new housing developments should be built with a minimum of two car parking spaces per house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Safety on Heath Road, particularly by the Health Centre and School, has been raised as a concern.

7 How would you feel about the following suggestions?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
There should be a pedestrian crossing by the Health Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There should be a pedestrian crossing by the School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The speed limit should be reduced to 20 mph in this area at key periods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The speed limit should be reduced to 20 mph all the time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The speed limit should remain the same	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Footpaths and cycleways

8 How would you feel about the following suggestions?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
The footway in Green Road between Mill Lane and Drinkstone Road should be widened and the road reduced in width to single carriageway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dedicated cycle lanes should be created including National Cycle Route 51	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A footway / cycle path between Woolpit and Elmswell should be created	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 Please add any additional comments about traffic, roads, footpaths and cycleways in the space below:

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Community



Many residents have said how important it is for Woolpit to remain a village. We must adapt to the needs of a growing population, and at the same time protect the historic centre.

As more people settle in Woolpit, our community should welcome them, and help them become part of village society. Otherwise we risk growing more like a town, with separate neighbourhoods. We risk losing our village character.

10 How should we welcome newcomers to Woolpit?

Tick one or more answers.

- Printed welcome pack
 - Annual event in the village
 - Let new arrivals settle in by themselves
 - Other (write your suggestion below)
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11 How important are the following in creating the 'community feel' within our village?

	Not at all important	Fairly important	Very important	Essential
Centrally located community buildings / facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clubs and societies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identifiable / defined village centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greeting people on the street	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meeting neighbours in local shops and places to eat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12 Please add any additional comments about community in the space below:

Facilities and Services

Woolpit is a well-served village. However, public comments show some concern that services and facilities may struggle to keep pace with an increase in the local population.

Health and schooling are matters for the public authorities. Other concerns include play facilities for young children and recreational space for teenagers, as well as future shopping facilities.

Local planning policy requires new housing developments to include play areas for children.

13 How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Existing children's play facilities need to be extended and improved	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Woolpit needs a safe well-equipped space where teenagers can socialise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We need a wider range of outdoor recreational facilities for young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14 What facilities would you suggest for teenagers in Woolpit?

Please comment in the space below.

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Shopping



15 How important to you, individually or as a family, are the following village amenities?

	Not at all important	Fairly important	Very important	Essential
Supermarkets and food shops	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pubs and places to eat and take-away	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dentist and complementary health services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-food shops and services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tradespeople based in Woolpit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16 What other shops and/or services do we need as Woolpit expands?
Please comment in the space below.

Environment



Green spaces and the rural setting are among the most attractive features of our village. Many residents feel that we should safeguard these assets.

Some people are concerned that we are not making the best use of the Lady's Well 'pocket park'.

17 How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
When sites are allocated for housing, the quality of farmland should be an important consideration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Where new housing replaces farmland or green spaces, hedgerows should be preserved or replaced with native species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having woodland and farm land around the settlement is an important part of what makes Woolpit a village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18 The value of Lady's Well as an asset for the village would be enhanced by:

Tick one or more answers.

Providing safe pedestrian access

Signage from the centre of the village

Conservation work to safeguard the site

Developing the site as a recreational amenity

Developing the site as a wildlife habitat

Providing a small parking area

Other (write your suggestion below)

19 Are there any other sites of environmental value in the village that should be considered in the neighbourhood plan?

Please comment in the space below.

Please tell us a bit about yourself

20 How long have you lived in Woolpit?

- 0-9 years
- 10-19 years
- 20 years or more
- I've lived here all my life
- I live elsewhere and come to work in Woolpit

21 How many people are there in your household?

- I live on my own
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4

22 Which of the following statements best describes your living arrangements in Woolpit?

- I live in housing association / council rented property
- I live in a privately rented property
- I live in an owner-occupied property
- Other

23 How old are you?

- Under 16 years old
- 16 – 64 years old
- 65 years old or over

24 Are you:

- Student
- Employed part-time (work less than 30 hours per week)
- Employed full-time (work 30 or more hours per week)
- Self-employed
- Unwaged
- Carer
- Looking for work
- Retired
- Sick / disabled
- Other

25 If you have anything further to add to this section, please comment in the space below.

And finally

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire. You will probably have found that some questions are not especially relevant for you, and some asked in a way you would not have done. No questionnaire is perfect. Indeed, a good questionnaire should raise further questions, but we hope that we have identified the questions which will be most important in helping to devise Woolpit's Neighbourhood Plan.

We have possibly missed some things out. If something is wrong, not clear or beside the point, please let us know. If you need any help in filling in the questionnaire, please contact one of the people listed in the introduction.

Thank you

Woolpit Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
on behalf of Woolpit Parish Council

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