



Planning and Transport Committee

Draft Neighbourhood Plan Household Questionnaire.

1. A major step in working towards producing the Melton Neighbourhood Plan will be the distribution of two questionnaires. The first is aimed at residents and the aim is that it should be delivered to all households within the parish boundary during January. The second is aimed at local businesses and the aim is that it should be delivered to all households within the parish boundary as soon as practicable in the New Year. The cost of printing, distributing and analysing both questionnaires is covered by the council's dedicated Neighbourhood Plan budget.
2. As has been reported to previous meetings of this committee, the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and its sub-groups have worked hard to produce several drafts of the questionnaires. The final draft of the Household Questionnaire is now ready; it aims to obtain as much data to inform the Neighbourhood Plan evidence base as is possible, whilst at the same time not being as detailed and lengthy as to discourage the greatest possible number of people completing it. The draft forms Appendix 1 to this report.
3. Members will be aware that Suffolk Coastal District Council has yet to approve the area designation application (ADA) which we submitted on 11th January 2013. Following the Joint Meeting of representatives of Martlesham and Melton Parish Councils, Woodbridge town Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council, we have been promised a decision 'before Christmas'. The level of detail in the draft questionnaire is not so great that the exclusion of two non-residential plots (Cedar House and part of SCDC's offices) would make any difference.
4. It is **recommended that**
 - a. the contents of this report be noted; and
 - b. subject to any changes agreed by this committee, the draft Neighbourhood Plan Household Questionnaire be approved for distribution.

Cllr. Geof Butterwick
Chairman of Planning & Transport Committee

Cllr. Buffy Barrington
Chairman of Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

11th December 2013

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MELTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Household QUESTIONNAIRE



Please complete this questionnaire and send it back in the SAE enclosed and we will enter you into a

£100 prize draw!!!!

If you run a business from home and would like to have a copy of our Business Questionnaire please contact us and

we will send you a copy. We are offering **Free**

Advertising to any business that completes one and sends it back.

What this is and why you are being asked to help.....

Hopefully by now you are aware that a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is being undertaken by residents and the Parish Council, in Melton. This is NOT a repeat of the village plan done a few years ago. **This is primarily about managing new development and housing.**

Melton has a lot of pressure to accept new housing developments and whilst we want and need some new housing in the future we also want to be able to have **more control over how much we get, where it goes and what it is.**

The working group for the NP has already started gathering information about this village from residents in various ways and now this Questionnaire and a Business Questionnaire will be used to gain wider community views.

Your collective answers will form the main evidence base for the completed NP so it is really important that you fill this in and send it back. The NP is for you and must reflect the wants and needs of the village residents.

The completed NP will contain **Planning Policies** which reflect your major concerns. You will then be asked to vote to accept the NP in a referendum. Once voted in and accepted the NP can then be used to encourage positive development in the future and fight any negative planning applications which do not reflect our main objectives as a community.

Confidentiality

Any personal information you give *i.e.* name, address *etc* will only be used for the purposes of communication via the Parish Council and will not be shown on any public document.

All general views, opinions and answers will be used publically for the purposes of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Phone number:

Number of people in your house (please tick):

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Other **(how many?):**

Number of Adults:

Number of Children (under 18):

A: Melton – Your Village

1. Why did you choose to live in Melton? (please tick any that apply)

- a) Rural location
- b) Quality of urban environment
- c) Near to Woodbridge
- d) Near to work
- e) Near to family
- f) Availability of housing
- g) Near to good schools
- h) Other (please tell us what)

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2. After some consultation with residents in recent months the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has suggested the following as our main objectives:

- a) Build and develop positively for our future
- b) Protect and Preserve our unique rural and historical assets and heritage
- c) Maintain our identity as a village and our strengths as a community

Do you agree with these? All None Some (please say which)

3. Do you feel there should be any others?

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4. What do you think the threats to Melton are?

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5. What do you think the opportunities for us are?

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B: Traffic and Transport

1. Which, if any, roads in Melton do you think have regular traffic problems, and why?

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2. Would you like to see more control over traffic speed through Melton? If so, where specifically?

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3. Do you think we need any kind of 'by-pass' option and if so where would this go?

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4. What should be done to ensure future development is prevented from making traffic conditions worse?

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5. Is parking an issue on your street? Yes No Don't Know

6. Is parking an issue anywhere else in Melton? Yes No Don't Know

If yes, where?

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7. Do you use the bus service? Yes No

8. If so, is it sufficient for your needs? Yes No

If not, suggest how you would improve it?

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9. Do you use the train service from Melton station? Yes No

10. Does the Melton train service meet your needs? Yes No

If not, what is wrong and how would you improve it?

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11. Do you cycle in Melton? Yes No

12. If so, do you feel safe cycling in Melton? Yes No

If you don't feel safe, why not?

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13. Do you think there should be any cycle lanes? If so, where?

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14. As a pedestrian in Melton do you feel the pavements in Melton are sufficient and safe? Yes No

If not, where and how should they be improved?

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15. If you have children in your household, how do they get to school?

Walk Cycle Car Bus Train

16. Do you feel there are safe routes to their school? Yes No

If not, please state where and, if possible, suggest an improvement:

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17. Please state any other important transport or traffic concerns in Melton that you have:

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C: Services

1. Are you satisfied with broadband speeds? Yes No

2. Are you satisfied with your mobile reception? Yes No

 If 'No' - what network are you on?

3. Did anyone in your household fill in the Young Persons Questionnaire that we sent round in 2013? Yes No

4. If No – do you feel there are enough facilities for young people in Melton?

 Yes No

 If not, how could they be provided and what would they be?

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5. Are there enough services for old people? If not, how could they be provided and what would they be?

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6. Are there other specific services that you would like to see provided in the village?

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7. We have the opportunity, as part of the NP, to identify and protect valued assets in this village *i.e.* pubs, shops, village halls etc. Which do you think these might be in Melton?

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Map1 (conservation area, significant buildings, etc) goes here

D: The BUILT Environment

1. Part of Melton lies in a Conservation Area, which helps protect the character of that part of the village. Do you believe this is important?

Yes No

2. Does the boundary cover the correct area? (see map 1) Yes No

If 'No', please draw on the map where else it should cover.....

3. Are there any specific buildings of great character in Melton that you feel should be protected in the long term? Please mark on map 1 or list below:

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4. The Parish Council is considering improvements to the green area in the centre of Melton, around the village sign. Would you like to see this improved?

a) Use it to provide more car parking? Yes No Don't Know

b) Take action to stop it being used for car parking? Yes No Don't Know

c) Something else? (If 'Yes', please tell us what) Yes No Don't Know

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Design Criteria

1. The Neighbourhood Plan could include broad DESIGN guidance covering future developments. It might enable us to make sure new houses built in certain areas looked similar to what was already there OR it could allow for new modern designs where appropriate OR ask developers to make sure a mix of designs is used in larger scale building projects. Is this important? Yes No

If yes, do you have any suggestions as to what such guidance might be?

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2. Would these be specific to certain areas or sites?

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E: The NATURAL environment

1. Would you like to see detailed policies for the village to protect or enhance its landscape, flora, fauna, etc? Yes No

If so, what should it include? (please tick any that apply, and suggest where)

- a) Tree planting
- b) River bank improvements
- c) Habitat management
- d) Woodland management
- e) Protection of beautiful views
- f) Other (please tell us what)

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2. Please suggest any views, single trees and/or groups of trees that you would like to see particularly preserved.

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3. Are there views of countryside that in your opinion contribute to the character of the village? If so, please list them, or enclose photographs.

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4. Is the River Deben important in terms of your quality of life in Melton?

Yes No Don't Know

If yes, is there some way we could make more of this major asset?

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5. Is the Playing Field and Melton Woods important in terms of your quality of life in Melton? Yes No Don't Know

If yes, is there some way we could make more of this major asset?

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F: Housing and Development

Melton will have to play its part in meeting the demand for new housing and employment over the next 15 years. The Neighbourhood Plan *is not* about saying 'No' to new houses. It is to try to make sure we get the right number and types of new houses in the right places, in the right timescale and with the right services (*i.e.* road, buses, schools, *etc.*).

1. What kind of further development should be encouraged in Melton?

- a) Extensions
- b) Infill / garden development
- c) Small residential (*i.e.* up to 3 bedrooms)
- d) Large residential (*i.e.* more than 3 bedrooms)
- e) Affordable housing (*i.e.* for rent or shared ownership)
- f) Housing for people with special needs &/or elderly
- g) Small business premises (*i.e.* offices or industrial units)
- h) Large business premises (*i.e.* offices or industrial units)
- i) Small retail
- j) Large retail
- k) Community facilities (please tell us what)

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- l) Other (please tell us what)

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2. Should any of these types of development in Melton be restricted?

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3. Please suggest sites that could be developed (list below or mark with a "Y" on map 2:

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Map 2 (planning boundaries & development sites) goes here

4. Please suggest sites that should NOT be developed (list below or mark with an “N” on map 2:

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5. Which planning applications or local developments in the last 5 years reflect your ideas about how Melton should develop in the future, and why?

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6. Which planning applications / developments in the last 5 years do you think show how Melton should NOT develop in future, and why?

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G: Recreation and Access

1. Are there sufficient footpaths and bridleways in the village?

Yes No Don't Know

If not, do you have any suggestions as to possible new routes? (please mark on map provided or write down the route below)

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2. Do you feel our footpaths and bridleways are maintained properly?

Yes No Don't Know

If not what are your concerns and where?

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3. Are you satisfied that our main playing fields, play area and tennis courts meet the needs of the village?

Yes No Don't Know

If no would you add any further elements to this public recreation area (or others?) and what other changes would you make?

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4. Are there any other areas or pieces of land that you feel should be protected and specifically used for public recreation, education or conservation?

Yes No Don't Know

If yes please mark on map provided or write down where:

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5. Would you like to see the Pavilion (in the Playing Fields) re-built?

Yes No Don't Know

If yes what should it be used for?

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H: Other Matters

1. Overall how do you see the village developing in 10 and 20 years time?

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2. Are there other issues you would like to see addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan?

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3. How would you like to be kept informed of progress:

- E-mail
- Letter
- Melton Messenger
- Village Notice Boards
- NP website
- Facebook
- No contact please

THANK YOU for taking the time to fill this in. Please send it back in the envelope provided so that we can enter you into the **Prize Draw for £100**.

For any questions you have, further information about the Neighbourhood Plan or to be part of Working Group, please contact the Melton Parish Council Office or go to:

www.meltonneighbourhoodplan.co.uk