

**Ashton Parish Council:
Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire**

Dear Ashton Residents,

The Localism Act of November 2011 sets out a 'series of measures with the potential to achieve a substantial and lasting shift in power away from central government and towards local people'. Included in these measures is reform to make the planning system more democratic and more effective, and reform to ensure that decisions about housing are taken locally. Instead of local 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. The Act introduces a new right for communities to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan.

The message from South Northamptonshire Council is that it would be in the best interests of the Parish, in terms of Planning and Development, to have a 'Local Plan' leading to a 'Neighbourhood Plan'. It would give parishioners an opportunity to have their say. It would set out what Parishioners want for their village in the future, how they would like it to develop and how they could protect it from over development.

Following advice from South Northamptonshire Council, Ashton Parish Council have decided to develop a Local Plan leading to a Neighbourhood Plan. A key stage in this process is to consult with the community of Ashton Parish. It is essential to obtain your views and this will be done through your answers to the following questionnaire.

The aim of the questionnaire is to provide the Neighbourhood Plan Co-Ordinating Committee with as much accurate and relevant information as possible about Ashton and its residents and to obtain their views and opinions on how the village should develop over the next ten - fifteen years. The information from the questionnaire will be included in the Local Village Plan and onwards to the Neighbourhood Plan and presented to South Northamptonshire Council.

Your views are very important, so please complete the questionnaire as soon as you can. The Questionnaire will be collected in the 1st week of June.

All information gained will remain anonymous. The completed questionnaire will be thoroughly analysed in a professional manner and the results will be presented to the community at a later date.

Thank you for taking the time to do this for our village and for our future.

Please tick (✓) boxes as appropriate.

ABOUT YOUR HOUSEHOLD – please complete only once per household

1. How many people including children live in your household?

2. What type of housing ownership are you? Please tick one.

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Rented from a Housing Association/RSL | <input type="checkbox"/> | Private Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Shared Ownership/Joint Equity | <input type="checkbox"/> | Private Rented | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Living with friends/family | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

3 If you have children who attend school or college, please write in the box provided which schools or colleges they attend.

ABOUT YOU – please complete for as many individuals as required

4. Are you? Please enter number in each box for total in your household

Female Male

5. What is your age group? Please enter number in each box for total in your household

1-10	<input type="checkbox"/>	11-15	<input type="checkbox"/>	16-17	<input type="checkbox"/>	18-24	<input type="checkbox"/>
25-44	<input type="checkbox"/>	45-59	<input type="checkbox"/>	60-64	<input type="checkbox"/>	65-74	<input type="checkbox"/>
75-84	<input type="checkbox"/>	85+	<input type="checkbox"/>				

6. How long have you lived in Ashton? Please enter number in each box for total in your household.

0-5 years 6-10 years 11-15 years 16-20 years 21+ years

7. Do you run a business from home? Please tick one.

Yes No

8. Is anyone registered disabled? Please enter number in each box for total in your household

Adult over 18 Child under 18

HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT (Main House Holder)

9. What kind of housing do you think Ashton needs? Please tick all that apply.

Starter homes Large family homes

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Small family homes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Executive homes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Homes for single people | <input type="checkbox"/> | Homes for people with disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Homes for the elderly | <input type="checkbox"/> | Homes for Local People | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Homes with designated office space | <input type="checkbox"/> | None, the village is big enough | <input type="checkbox"/> |

10. If housing is permitted in Ashton, what type of housing development do you think would be acceptable over the next 20 years? Please tick all that apply.

Single dwellings

- Fewer than 4 dwellings
- Carefully designed groups up to 10
- Conversion of redundant farm buildings
- Conversion of other redundant buildings
- Self-build properties
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11. If new housing were to be permitted, should it be? Please tick any that apply.

Infill only

- Within the village confines only
- The fields at the edges of the village
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12. What are your concerns with regards future development? Please tick all that apply.

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| Existing services wouldn't cope | <input type="checkbox"/> | Existing roads | |
| wouldn't cope | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Impact on Village character | <input type="checkbox"/> | Concerns over design | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> | Environmental concerns | <input type="checkbox"/> |

13. Do you know anyone who has had to leave the parish in the last 5 years through lack of available housing to buy or rent? Please tick one.

- Yes No

14. Would you favour a scheme of affordable homes for rent or shared ownership for people in the parish? Please tick one.

- Yes No

TRANSPORT

15. Which means of transport do you use?(For all within your household) Please tick all that apply.

- Car Motorcycle Bicycle Bus Walking

16. If traffic problems occur what do you think is the main cause of problems in Ashton? Please tick all that apply.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Lack of off road parking | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lorry traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Traffic speed | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Need for more public transport | <input type="checkbox"/> | New Housing at Raode | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Volume of Traffic | |

17. If you use the bus service, how often do you use it? Please enter number in each box for total in your household

- Daily Weekly Monthly Rarely Never

What do you use it for? Please tick all that apply.

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|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Work | <input type="checkbox"/> | School/College | <input type="checkbox"/> | Shopping | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical visits | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/leisure | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | |

18. What changes to the bus service would improve it or make you use it more? Please tick all that apply.

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| More routes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Improved reliability | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Revised bus stop locations | <input type="checkbox"/> | Better disabled access | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Countywide senior citizen bus pass | <input type="checkbox"/> | Improved frequency | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Countywide student bus pass | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lower cost | <input type="checkbox"/> |

19. In relation to paths and street lights would you like to see any of the following? Please tick all that apply.

- More street lights
- No/less street lights More environmentally sensitive street lights
- Dropped curbs Increased use of white light street lights
- Higher curbs Level pavements

20. In relation to the local public footpaths (open countryside) and bridleways:

- | | Yes | No |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Do you know where they are? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can you use them without difficulty? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are they well sign posted? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you think there should be more? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Would a map help? | | |

SERVICES AND UTILITIES

21. If you have internet, is your current speed adequate for your needs? Please tick one.

Yes No

22. If you have a mobile phone, who is your mobile phone provider? Please tick one.

O2	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Vodafone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tesco	<input type="checkbox"/>	EE	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Three	<input type="checkbox"/>	TalkMobile	<input type="checkbox"/>	Virgin	<input type="checkbox"/>

23. Do you get a good mobile phone signal in your house? Please tick one.

Yes No

24. Which of the following do you use in your home?

Oil	<input type="checkbox"/>	LPG	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bottled gas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mains electricity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mains Gas		Other					

25. Does the play area at the recreation ground meet the needs of children?
Please tick all that apply. Do you think there should be more play equipment?

	Yes	No
Age 0-5 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Age 6-11 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Age 12-16 years		

26. The recreation ground/School playing field is leased to the Parish Council on a peppercorn rent basis. Do you think that the village should invest in improving the play equipment? Please tick one.

Yes No No opinion

27. Do you think there are enough community buildings?

a) Yes No

VILLAGE AMENITIES

28. Which areas of the village and surrounding countryside do you consider of special importance and wish to see preserved? Please tick all that apply.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Recreation/Sports ground | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rugby Field | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Allotments | <input type="checkbox"/> | Stoke Road Green | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Views of surrounding landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> | Millennium Gdns | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jubilee Hedge | | Trees | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | | | |

29. Which of these have affected you in the last 5 years Please tick all that apply.

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|-----------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Burglary | <input type="checkbox"/> | Drugs | <input type="checkbox"/> | Drunkenness | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vandalism | <input type="checkbox"/> | Speeding | <input type="checkbox"/> | Car crime | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Litter | <input type="checkbox"/> | Anti-social behavior | <input type="checkbox"/> | Anti-social driving | <input type="checkbox"/> |

30. Do you think any of the following measures are needed to help prevent crime in Ashton? Please tick one from each option.

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| Better consultation between police and local people. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Better supported neighborhood watch | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More activities for young people | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

31. Would you use the following facilities if they were available to you? Please tick one from each option.

- | | Yes | No |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Newspaper delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Shop with basic provisions | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Post Office | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dry cleaning | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prescriptions drop-off | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Youth Club | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mobile library | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nursery/pre-school | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

VILLAGE EVENTS

32. What sort of village activities would you be interested in? Please tick all that apply.

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|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Coffee mornings | <input type="checkbox"/> | Evening classes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Youth club | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Book club | <input type="checkbox"/> | WI | <input type="checkbox"/> | Exercise classes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Live music | <input type="checkbox"/> | Knights hall events | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

33. Please indicate which of these facilities you would be prepared to help run? Please tick all that apply.

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|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Coffee mornings | <input type="checkbox"/> | Evening classes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Youth club | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Book club | <input type="checkbox"/> | WI | <input type="checkbox"/> | Exercise classes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Live music | <input type="checkbox"/> | Village hall events | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

34. How do you find out about what's going on in the village? Please tick one from each Option.

- | | Yes | No |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Parish notice board | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Flyers through the door | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Word of mouth | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Village email | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| AVN | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

35. Do you use a Ashton website to find out what's going on? Please tick one.

- Yes No

VILLAGE PRIORITIES

36. What are your top three priorities for the village? Please identify these by writing the number 1-3 in the box provided, with 1 being the highest priority.

Priority Number

- More housing
- More affordable housing
- Improved bus service
- Improved roads
- Improved footpaths
- Traffic calming/speed reduction
- More parking
- Improvements to the Recreation ground
- More youth facilities
- More community events
- Improved internet service
- Improved mobile phone coverage

37. Please use the box below to provide any further comments on your views relating to your priorities for the future of Ashton village (continue on separate sheet if required).