

SWYNNERTON PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

Neighbourhood Plans provide a great opportunity for you to have more influence in how the place in which you live, work, learn and play will change over time. Your local knowledge and your sense of what needs to be protected and what needs to change can really make a difference. A vitally important part of the Neighbourhood Planning process is local consultation, starting with this survey. Once the survey results have been analysed, a draft Plan and policies will be written and published for your comment. The proposed Neighbourhood Plan will then be submitted to the Borough Council for independent examination. This will be followed by a referendum which must achieve majority support before the Plan can be adopted. When adopted, our Neighbourhood Plan gains legal status and sits alongside the Borough Council's Local Plan. Our Neighbourhood Plan will then be taken into account when the Borough Council decides on Planning Applications in our area. Of note, the successful completion and adoption of our Plan will allow some of the money received from future developers to be spent directly in our Parish. Please also note that funding for publications relating to the development of Neighbourhood Plans comes from Central Government not Swynnerton Parish Council precept or Stafford Borough Council.

Please do take the time to complete and return this questionnaire – it will be **YOUR** Neighbourhood Plan.

1. In which village do you live or which is your closest village?
Swynnerton () Yarnfield () Tittensor () Hanchurch/Trentham ()

2. How do you rate the general quality of the environment in your village?
Excellent Good Average Poor Very Poor

If less than average, please tell us why.

3. What is the best thing about where you live?

4. What is the worst thing about where you live?

5. If you could change one thing about your village what would it be?

Buildings and Housing

Government has recently introduced powers to provide protection to buildings or local facilities which can be identified as having 'Community Value'. This is intended to cover things which are not already protected by other laws such as Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas.

6. Are there any important buildings or facilities in Swynnerton Parish which you think should be considered for protection?

YES/NO

If so, please identify it/them.

As we mentioned before, one of the main features of our Neighbourhood Plan is to manage the housing developments within our area so we would like to ask you the following questions.

7. Please tick which you think best describes the current provision of housing in Swynnerton Parish.

Excellent () Good () Average () Poor () Inadequate ()

8. If new homes are to be built, what type of houses should be given priority?

Housing Association to rent () To be sold on the open market ()
Sheltered homes to buy or let () Homes with shared equity ()

9. The new Stafford Borough Council Local Plan indicates that Swynnerton Parish may have to take a share of new build housing in the next 17 years. If new homes are to be built, how many should be permitted in our parish over this period?

No more than 100 () No more than 200 ()
No more than 300 () No more than 400 ()
Unlimited number () No opinion ()

10. In your view, what sizes and types of dwellings should the plan prioritise?

1 bedroom houses	()	2 bedroom houses	()
3 bedroom houses	()	4 bedroom houses	()
Larger houses	()	1 bedroom bungalows	()
2 bedroom bungalows	()	3 bedroom bungalows	()
Apartment blocks	()	Social housing for rent	()

11. Can you identify areas of land within or around your village where you consider a development of more than 10 houses would be acceptable? If so, please provide sufficient information in the box below to allow the area to be identified on a map.

If you wish to make any comments or other proposals for housing within Swynnerton Parish Council area, please use the space below.

Employment

12. What do you think of the job opportunities in your Parish area?
Excellent Good Average Poor Inadequate
13. Would you like to see more local employment opportunities? YES/NO
14. If yes, do you think more land in the parish should be identified for business development?
YES/NO
15. If you work, how far from home do you travel?
Up to 1mile () 1-3 miles () 3-7 miles () More than 7 miles ()
16. If you work, how do you travel to work? (Please tick **all** that apply)
Car () Bus () On foot () Motorbike () Bicycle () Mobility scooter ()
Other, please specify

Transport

17. How do you rate the parking facilities in your village area?
Excellent Good Average Poor Inadequate
18. Do you think the principal roads throughout the parish area are adequate to sustain future development without suitable improvement? YES/NO
19. Do you use public transport to get to shops/sports facilities, doctors etc.? YES/NO
20. If better public transport is needed, tell us how you think it should be improved.

Community Facilities and Recreation

21. Which facilities in the parish area do you or your family use?
Post Office () Shops ()
Village Hall () Schools ()
Pubs () Outdoor Sports ()
Health/Fitness Clubs () Playgrounds ()
Public Footpaths () Public open spaces ()
Mobile Library ()
22. Do you think there is adequate public open space in your village? YES/NO
23. Do you think there is adequate provision of children’s play areas? YES/NO
24. Do you think the current sports facilities are adequate and within easy reach? YES/NO
25. If no, what additional facilities would you like to see provided and where?

