

QUESTIONSNAIRE



YOUR COMMUNITY: YOUR FUTURE

We are planning for the future of our Group Parish for perhaps the next 20 years. Please help us.

What matters to you most about what we have already?

What aspects of our community need our support and protection?

Change is inevitable; how can we best manage this change in the future?

First of all, please read the enclosed "Letter from the Parish Chairman".

In planning for the future of our Group Parish, this questionnaire plays a vital role. So we are asking every resident of 16 and over to answer the questions and, if possible, to have the form ready for collection by Friday 23rd May. If you get stuck on a question, we suggest you put a mark in the margin and carry on with the next question. When you have more time available, have another look through the questions you have missed out.

You will see the main questionnaire is completely anonymous and no responses can or will be traced back to the person who wrote them, so please do not sign it! The first 5 questions are included so we can be sure that all parts of the Parish, all age groups and so on are fairly represented. The completed questionnaires from one household should be folded, placed in the larger envelope supplied and sealed up ready to hand over to the Distributor covering your area.

Most of the questions are answered by simply using ticks. But there are 13 occasions offering you the opportunity to add your own comments. In addition a map of the Group Parish is enclosed to help answer Questions 22,23,25,26 and this should be folded and handed back inside your questionnaire.

As mentioned in the Chairman's Letter, all the completed questionnaires go straight to Mr Chris Gooding on 2nd June. He is our professional external consultant at Data Orchard CIC (a 'Community Interest' company based in Hereford) who will write the Report summarising the responses in the questionnaires.

On the back of the Chairman's Letter we have explained briefly how the questionnaires will be used. Also the main stages still to be completed before every resident can vote on the final draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

If you have any questions or problems with the Questionnaire, please ask either your local Distributor or the Parish Clerk (T: 01885 400696) or the Parish Chairman (T: 01568 760152) or one of the undersigned.

Local Distributor:

Peter Lefroy-Owen (T: 01568 760580)

Hugh Fowler-Wright (T: 01568 760615)

Group Parish Web Site: www.hfandsp.org.uk

ANONYMITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

This questionnaire is designed to help to ensure that your views remain anonymous.

PRIVACY NOTICE

The information that you supply will be processed by Data Orchard CIC, who are independently analysing the results of this survey on behalf of Humber, Ford & Stoke Prior Group Parish Council, who, for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998, are the Data Controller. Any information you provide will be treated as strictly confidential and will only be used for the purposes of developing the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Humber, Ford & Stoke Prior Group Parish. Your information will not be shared with any other parties, but please note that any comments you make may appear anonymously in the published results.

If you have any queries about the survey, or need assistance completing the questionnaire, please contact the Parish Clerk, Parish Chairman, Peter Lefroy-Owen or Hugh Fowler-Wright as above. If you require any further information or advice about the Data Protection Act, please contact the Data Protection Officer, Herefordshire Council, Plough Lane, PO Box 4, Hereford, HR4 0LE. Email dataprotection@herefordshire.gov.uk.

SECTION ONE

Your Background

1 YOUR GENDER Male Female

2 AGE GROUP 16-18 19-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 75-84 85+

3 HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING IN OUR GROUP PARISH?

Under 1 year 1-2 yrs 3-5 yrs 6-10 yrs 11-20 yrs 21+ yrs All my life

4 THE HOUSE YOU LIVE IN IS: (Please tick one box) Owned by you
 Mortgaged
 Privately rented
 Housing Association rental
 Provided by your employer

If other please specify:

5 YOUR MAIN WORK IS BASED: At home unpaid
(Please tick one box) At home looking for work
 At home retired
 At home
 Working within 5 miles of home
 Working 5-20 miles from home
 Working over 20 miles from home

SECTION TWO

Our Local Community

6 WHICH PART OF THE GROUP PARISH DO YOU LIVE CLOSEST TO? (Please tick one box)

Stoke Prior Humber Close Ford Marston
 Wickton Humber Risbury Fairmile/Steen's Bridge

7 HOW DO YOU RATE THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF LIVING IN OUR GROUP PARISH? (Please tick one box)

	Not at all important	Important	Highly important
Rural atmosphere			
The quietness of the area			
Feeling part of the community			
Joining in community activities			
Knowing your neighbours			
Low crime rate			

What do you like or value most about living in the Group Parish?

8 HOW OFTEN DO YOU READ THE PARISH PUMP? Never Occasionally Regularly

9 HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE WORK OF THE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL?

Poor Below average Average Good Excellent

10 DO YOU HAVE/USE A COMPUTER? (Please tick) Yes No

If 'Yes' do you have a broadband connection? (Please tick) Yes No

11 HAVE YOU VIEWED THE PARISH WEBSITE

www.hfandsp.org.uk for 'Humber, Ford & Stoke Prior GPC'?

Yes No

If 'Yes' do you have any suggestions for its improvement?

12 OUR GROUP PARISH HAS FEW FACILITIES BUT, SUCH AS THEY ARE, HOW IMPORTANT ARE THEY TO YOU? (Please tick one box per row.)

	Not important	Fairly unimportant	Fairly important	Highly important
Stoke Prior Primary School				
Public footpaths & bridleways				
Play Area Humber Close				
Parish newsletter "The Pump"				
Part time Post Office (Stoke Prior)				
St. Luke's church Stoke Prior				
St. Mary's church Humber				
St. John of Jerusalem Ford Chapel				
The local bus service				
Ford Chapel Flower Festival				
The Grove (eating, golf and bowling)				
Leominster Golf Club				
A local pub (e.g. The Lamb)				
Community Week				
Risbury / Humber village hall				
Stoke Prior village hall				
Humber Woodland of Remembrance				

If there are other facilities you value or would like (e.g. a nursery or pre-school) please specify and indicate the level of importance:

	Not important	Fairly unimportant	Fairly important	Highly important

At the recent 'Your community your future' events there was strong support to re-locate Stoke Prior village hall at the school; the pub; the church or between The Bury and Belmont.

Do you agree? Yes No

If 'Yes' where would be the best position for it from these suggestions or elsewhere?

13 ROUGHLY HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY FACILITIES?

Please tick one box per row.

	Weekly	Monthly	6 monthly	Yearly	Almost never
Risbury village hall					
Stoke Prior village hall					
A church (Humber, Ford or Stoke Prior)					
Public footpath or bridleways					
A local bus					
Part time Post Office (Stoke Prior)					
The Lamb Inn (when open)					
Public bench seating					

Other - please specify and indicate how often:

	Weekly	Monthly	6 monthly	Yearly	Almost never

SECTION FOUR

Your Concerns

14 IN OUR GROUP PARISH TO WHAT EXTENT DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CAUSE YOU CONCERN?

	No concern at all	A little concern	Moderate concern	Quite a lot of concern
Burglary				
Vandalism (road signs etc)				
Car crime				
Anti social behaviour				
Litter				
Fly tipping				
Dog fouling				
Dog noise				
Horses on the roads				
Mud on the road				
Surface water on road				
Condition of footpaths				
Lack of pavements				
Snow clearance / gritting				
Lack of street lights				
Lack of a shop				

Other - please specify and indicate how often:

	No concern at all	A little concern	Moderate concern	Quite a lot of concern

15 HOW DO YOU RATE THE ELECTRONIC SERVICES?

Please tick one box per row.

	Poor	Adequate	Good
Telephone service			
Broadband speeds			
Mobile phone reception			

SECTION FIVE Our roads, footpaths & transport

16 HOW STRONGLY DO YOU FEEL IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING:

Please tick one box per row.

	Not important	Fairly unimportant	Fairly important	Highly important
The excessive speed of vehicles on our roads				
Parking places				
Road maintenance				
Traffic calming measures				
The number and position of passing places on our roads				
Footpath / bridleway maintenance				
Footpath stiles e.g. replacing with 'Kissing-Gates'				
Signage on our roads and paths				

17 HOW DO YOU RATE THE MAINTENANCE OF THE FOLLOWING IN OUR PARISH?

Please tick one box per row.

	Poor	Average	Good
Hedges			
Road verges			
Ditches			
Drains			

18 ARE YOU AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT THE "LENGTHSMAN" DOES FOR OUR GROUP PARISH?

Yes No

19 WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE PRESENT NUMBER OF HOUSES IN OUR GROUP PARISH?

Too many already About right at present Need a few more Need many more

20 WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE TYPES OF HOUSING WE HAVE ALREADY?

Please tick one box per row.

	Too many already	About right at present	Need a few more	Need many more
Flats/Annexes				
Bungalows				
Two Storey homes				
Affordable (low cost) homes				
Family homes				
Rented accommodation				
Social housing				

21 HOW MANY NEW HOMES DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE BUILT IN OUR GROUP PARISH IN THE NEXT FIFTEEN YEARS?

1 to 10 11 to 20 21 to 30 31 to 40 40 +

NOTE FOR Q 22 TO 26 Please remember the following are only our suggestions. The landowner may have no interest in releasing for development the land you indicate, or the land may be unsuitable for development on other grounds (drainage, access etc). In Herefordshire Council’s emerging “core strategy” there are three designated ‘settlement’ areas for the majority of new housing: Stoke Prior, Risbury and Steen’s Bridge.

22 DO YOU AGREE THAT BUILDING NEW HOMES SHOULD BE CONFINED TO THESE THREE AREAS ?

No Mostly Yes

If ‘Yes’ or ‘Mostly’ please mark on the Map with a ‘H’ where you think new houses might be built within these three possible settlements.

23 If ‘No’ or ‘Mostly’ to the previous question please mark on the Map with a ‘X’ any other places you think new houses might be built.

Do you have any further comments on where houses should be built?

24 IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THERE WILL BE A GROWTH OF ABOUT 15% IN STOKE PRIOR AND 15% IN RISBURY OVER THE NEXT 20 OR SO YEARS: WHAT TYPES OF HOUSING WOULD YOU PREFER TO BE BUILT?

Please tick one box per row.

	Disapprove	Unsure	Approve	Strongly approve
Flats/Annexes				
Bungalows				
Two Storey homes				
Affordable (low cost) homes				
Family homes				
Rented accommodation				
Social housing				
Prioritising the needs of local people				
Self-build				
Conversion of redundant farm buildings				

25 TO PROTECT THE RURAL NATURE OF OUR COMMUNITY, ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC GREEN SPACES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS THAT SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR BUILDING? Please tick box(es)

- Stoke Prior
 Humber Close
 Ford
 Marston
 Wickton
 Humber
 Risbury
 Fairmile/Steen's Bridge

Please indicate as accurately as possible the location of the areas you think should be protected with an 'O' on the map.

Any further comments on possible protected land areas:

26 SHOULD THE GROUP PARISH CONSIDER ALLOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SMALL ESTATE TO BE BUILT OF SAY 5 TO 10 HOUSES?

- Yes
 No

If 'Yes' what would be the ideal number of houses in a small estate ?

If 'Yes' please mark on the Map with an 'E' where you think one or more small estates might be built.

Any further comments on estates:

27 APART FROM HOUSING, WHAT OTHER LAND USES WOULD YOU SUPPORT?

Please tick one box per row.

	Strongly oppose	Moderately oppose	Moderately support	Strongly support
Bed & breakfast				
Holiday lets				
Camping / caravanning				
Traditional farming				
Intensive farming				
Traditional horticulture				
Intensive horticulture (e.g. polytunnels)				
Orchards				
Woodland / forestry				
Light manufacturing				
Offices				
Light workshops				
Livery / stabling				
Sport / recreation				
Youth Club				
Picnic places				

Other - please specify and indicate your level of support or opposition:

	Strongly oppose	Moderately oppose	Moderately support	Strongly support

SECTION SEVEN Our Businesses

28 WHAT AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED OR DISCOURAGED IN OUR GROUP PARISH?

Please tick one box per row.

	Discourage	No Strong Feeling	Encourage
Tourism (B&B, Camping etc)			
Livery/stabling			
Craft working			
Storage and distribution			
Offices and small businesses			
Agricultural related			
Food & Drink			
Community services e.g. a foot clinic			

Other - please state:

	Discourage	No Strong Feeling	Encourage

29 DO YOU THINK MORE LAND SHOULD BE ALLOCATED FOR SMALL BUSINESS USE?

Disapprove No strong feelings Approve

30 DO YOU RUN A BUSINESS FROM A SITE WITHIN OUR GROUP PARISH?

Yes (go to Q 31) No (go to Q 35)

31 WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS (INCLUDING FARMING)?

32 NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES (INCLUDING OWNERS)

Full-time Part-time Temporary

33 DO YOU THINK YOUR BUSINESS WILL BECOME MORE PROFITABLE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS?

Unlikely Don't know Likely

34 DO YOU THINK THERE ARE WAYS RESIDENTS AND/OR THE PARISH COUNCIL COULD HELP YOU EXPAND YOUR BUSINESS (E.G. USE OF THE WEB SITE) ?

SECTION EIGHT

Our Environment

35 HOW HIGHLY DO YOU RATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING IN OUR GROUP PARISH?

Please tick one box per row.

	Not important	Important	Highly important
Hedges for wildlife			
Roads and plant verges			
Views of the countryside			
Trees			

36 HAS YOUR PROPERTY, INCLUDING LAND OR ACCESS, BEEN AFFECTED RECENTLY BY FLOODING BECAUSE OF:

Please tick one box per row.

	No	Slightly	Yes
Stream over flow			
Field run off			
Road run off			
Defective drains or ditches			
Recent development nearby			
Change of use of neighbouring land			

37 IF 'YES' WHAT WAS DAMAGED OR AFFECTED?

Please tick one box per row.

	No	Slightly	Yes, a lot
Access to property			
House fabric			
Garage, sheds or outhouses			
Possessions or equipment			
Your home based business			
Land			

38 IN REGARDS TO 'GREEN' (SUSTAINABLE) ENERGY, DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING WITHIN THE GROUP PARISH:

Please tick one box per row.

	No	In some circumstances	Yes
Wind Turbines			
Solar power			
Ground/air source heat			
Biomass units			

39 IF THE OPPORTUNITY AROSE, HOW FAR WOULD YOU SUPPORT AN INITIATIVE BY THE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL TO BE INVOLVED IN GREEN ENERGY ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY?

Please tick one box per row.

	No	In some circumstances	Yes
Wind Turbines			
Solar power			
Ground/air source heat			
Biomass units			

40 DO YOU HAVE ANY SUBJECTS OR ISSUES YOU FEEL THE NDP SHOULD TACKLE THAT ARE NOT ADDRESSED ABOVE? PLEASE INDICATE HERE IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS YOU WISH.