

# Church Minshull

Neighbourhood Development Plan



## QUESTIONNAIRE

JULY 2016



*Dear Parishioner*

Filling in this questionnaire is your chance to have your say on any future development in the Parish of Church Minshull. We need every adult in the Parish to complete the questionnaire in order to truly reflect the views of our community. In the referendum, which will follow in due course, more than 50% of voters must support the Neighbourhood Development Plan for it to be agreed by Cheshire East Council. It will then become The Plan, which will guide the Parish's future development.

When our Neighbourhood Development Plan has been approved it will have a legal standing in the planning process until 2030. This means that any proposed development within Church Minshull's Parish must refer to, and comply with, the Plan. It will influence the type, size and character of the properties that are built.

In the questionnaire we ask you to say whether you agree or disagree with the aims and objectives that we have suggested. There is a space after each section for you to add your own suggestions and make helpful comments.

We have delivered one questionnaire per property, but we would encourage all adults to complete their own. Further copies can be obtained by –

- 1) Downloading them from the Neighbourhood Plan's website pages at: [www.villagearena.org](http://www.villagearena.org)
- 2) Phone: ..... Give us a call or please leave a message with your name and address and we will deliver further copies to you.

A member of the Neighbourhood Development Plan's Steering Group will collect your completed questionnaires during week commencing

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Thank You.

*NDP Steering Group*

# What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan?

A Neighbourhood Development Plan is drawn up by a community and sets out a shared vision and policies to shape future growth and development of the local area. The plan will be used by the Local Authority in deciding planning applications, alongside Cheshire East Council's own Local Plan.

At present Cheshire East Council does not have a Local Plan, high-lighting the importance of a Neighbourhood Development Plan in guiding the planning process with regards to acceptable development in our community. A Neighbourhood Development Plan for Church Minshull's Parish will help to shape the area's future up until 2030.

## What Has Been Done So Far?

In 2014 Church Minshull's Vision Group published a Community Led Plan, which expressed the views of the community on how they would like to see the future of the parish. The findings were the result of a questionnaire, community events and activities. The details of this previous plan and outcomes can be found at:

<http://www.villagearena.org/information/community-vision/community-led-plan-group.html>

At the November 2015 Parish Council meeting, details of a speculative plan to build 40 new houses on land opposite Weaver View were shared. All members of the attending community expressed grave concern that any developer could initiate such a development proposal without reference to the community's needs or preferred options, as regards proportionate and environmentally sustained housing. As a result it was decided that, in order to protect the Parish from any further inappropriate development proposals, a Neighbourhood Development Plan would be undertaken.

In January 2016 Church Minshull's Parish Council appointed a Steering Group, made up of a number of local residents and Parish Councillors, to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

A leaflet was delivered to every household inviting all residents to a public meeting on January 12th in the village hall. Speakers at the meeting set out the process and timetable for the Plan's production.

See Church Minshull's website at [www.villagearena.org](http://www.villagearena.org).

The Plan's "Designated Area" has been set by the Parish Council as being the Church Minshull Parish boundary and this has been accepted formally by Cheshire East Council following a six-week public consultation.



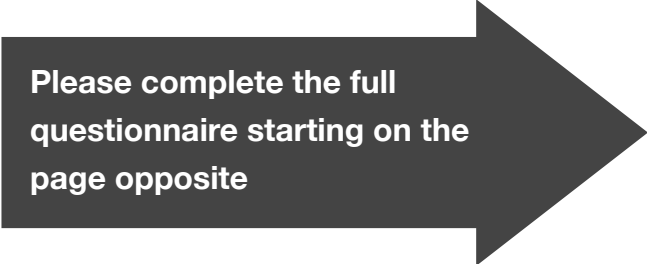
## What We Would Like You To Do Now

On the following pages the Steering Group have developed a draft Vision for housing and land use within Church Minshull's Parish. Your responses to the questionnaire will help us draft Policies for inclusion in the final Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Please try to answer all of the questions, as this will help the Steering Group's work in creating the Neighbourhood Development Plan. There is space at the end of each section should you wish to add any comments. It is very important that you complete the questionnaire if you want a say in how Church Minshull's Parish will grow and change over the period of the Cheshire East Local Plan, which runs until 2030.

## What Will Happen After The Return Of The Questionnaires?

- The Steering Group will collate, record and analyse everyone's responses.
- These responses will help the Steering Group to draft Policies for the Plan.
- You will have an opportunity to comment upon drafts of the Neighbourhood Development Plan at public meetings.
- The Draft Plan will be submitted to statutory consultees, local people and businesses for a formal six-week consultation.
- The Steering Group will analyse the consultation responses and make any appropriate revisions to the Plan.
- The proposed Plan will then be submitted for an independent review and Cheshire East Council and the Steering Group will jointly appoint an independent examiner.
- Subject to the Plan passing independent examination, the community will then be able to vote on the Plan in a local referendum. It must be approved by a majority of those voting for the Plan to come into force. The Plan must be taken into account when deciding planning applications in Church Minshull's parish.



**Please complete the full  
questionnaire starting on the  
page opposite**



## A INFORMATION ABOUT YOU:

To be able to check on how representative this survey is of the community, we would be grateful if you could provide some information about yourself.

Please provide your property's Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

How old are you? (Please circle the relevant grouping)

Under 18

18-35

36-55

56-75

Over 75

## B DRAFT VISION:

Please put a circle around **YES** if you agree with this statement below or around **NO** if you disagree

We want Church Minshull to thrive as a vibrant and distinctive Parish and to evolve and grow in a sustainable way. We want the Parish to continue to provide an outstanding quality of life for current and future residents.

**YES NO**

Your Comments:

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## C DRAFT AIMS:

We will do this by:

- 1 Encouraging a thriving and prosperous community
- 2 Maintaining the rural character of Church Minshull
- 3 Supporting proportionate and environmentally sustainable housing development to meet local needs
- 4 Endorsing Policies that have a positive effect on the environment
- 5 Maintaining and improving the high quality natural environment

Any comments you may have about these:

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## D OUR OBJECTIVES:

Please put a circle around **YES** if you agree with the objectives below or around **NO** if you disagree.

1	To deliver a housing growth strategy tailored to the needs and context of Church Minshul	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
2	To encourage sensitive development, which protects and enriches the landscape and built setting of the Parish	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
3	To sustain and improve the excellent local facilities for existing and new residents	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
4	To strengthen and support economic activity in the Parish	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
5	To prioritise local character in every element of change and growth	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
6	To protect green spaces, the landscape and support nature conservation	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
7	To protect local heritage and conservation of the built environment	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
8	To involve local people in the process of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>

Your Comments:

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## E HOUSING DEVELOPMENT:

Please put a circle around **YES** if you agree with the statement or around **NO** if you disagree. Please do the same for the proposals that follow.

<b>Aim:</b> To provide housing which is in keeping with existing properties as local need arises	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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### Our Proposals:

1	New housing should be in keeping with the existing character of the Parish and must not result in the loss of important open vistas	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
2	All new housing shall be constructed to meet Building For Life 12, the industry standard for the design of new housing developments, issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
3	Sites for development in the Parish will be limited to:		
	a) Infill up to 2 dwellings to fill a small gap in an otherwise built up frontage	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	b) Small rural sites to provide up to 6 homes	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	c) Brownfield (i.e. previously built on) sites within the Parish to meet Church Minshull's local housing needs	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
4	Priority should be given to brownfield sites over greenfield sites for new residential development	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
5	Where appropriate all new housing developments should include a mix of size, design and type of building	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
6	Any rebuilt, or extended, property should seek to retain or enhance the existing character of the original building.	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>

Your Comments:

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## F HOUSING NEED:

The type and size of housing needed by current residents will be determined from the evidence gathered from the following preferences. (Please circle all that apply).

1 If I were to move within the Parish, I would want my next tenure of house to be:

a) Purchased freehold	b) Purchased leasehold	c) Privately rented
d) Socially Rented (e.g. Housing Assoc'n or local authority)	e) Shared ownership	f) Sheltered Accommodation
g) Room in shared House/Flat	h) No move envisaged within the Parish	

2 If I were to move house, it would be because I need a:

a) Larger home	b) Smaller home	c) Level or physically adapted home
d) Cheaper home	e) Other - please specify _____	

3 The type of property for my next move in the Parish of Church Minshull would be:

a) 1 Bedroom house	b) 2 Bedroom house	c) 3 Bedroom house
e) 4+ Bedroom house	f) Bungalow	g) Park home
h) Flat		

4 Affordable housing should be built to meet the needs of those having a local connection to the Parish

Strongly agree    Agree    No opinion    Disagree    Strongly disagree

Your Comments:

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## G CHARACTER OF CHURCH MINSHULL:

Please put a circle around **YES** if you agree with this statement or around **NO** if you disagree

**Aim:** To maintain the rural character of Church Minshull **YES NO**

### Our Proposals:

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| 1 | Important open spaces in the Parish that have conservation value or provide vistas will be protected from new development. New housing should be dispersed in small groups avoiding any visual encroachment on open spaces. | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
| 2 | All new development should reflect the character of the Parish, particularly building scale, traditional building materials, design and density.  | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
| 3 | All new development should safeguard existing significant trees, hedgerows and walls and incorporate new tree and hedgerow planting as well as boundary walls.  | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
| 4 | All new development will have regard to the Conservation Area within the village  | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
| 5 | Protect undeveloped or green gaps between Church Minshull's village centre and other settlements  | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |

Your Comments:

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## H COUNTRYSIDE AND ENVIRONMENT:

Please put a circle around **YES** if you agree with this statement or around **NO** if you disagree

**Aim:** To maintain and improve the high quality natural environment. **YES NO**

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| 1 | Maintain, enhance and protect from development important local vistas.   | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
| 2 | Protect and review the Conservation Areas within the village.  | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
| 3 | Maintain and promote public footpaths and walking routes in the Parish.  | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
| 4 | Any new developments should incorporate footpaths and cycle ways to link up parts of the Parish with the centre of the village | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |

Your Comments:

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## I STRONG LOCAL COMMUNITY:

Please put a circle around **YES** if you agree with this statement or around **NO** if you disagree

**Aim:** To encourage a thriving and prosperous community that delivers a high quality of life for all its residents and supports a distinctive and a flourishing local economy

**YES NO**

### Our Proposals:

1	Support the retention and development of local businesses and community facilities	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
2	New development must assess any likely negative impact on local facilities and demonstrate how this would be positively addressed	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
3	Developers should demonstrate how their proposals will support the Parish's community	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
4	The loss of community facilities will be resisted unless it can be demonstrated that strenuous efforts have been made to secure their continued use	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
5	The promotion of safer routes within the Parish will be encouraged	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
6	Planning obligations will be used to address the likely impact of proposed developments on existing public services and community facilities	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
7	Proposals for new business activity within the Parish, both from home and stand alone, to provide local employment will be encouraged.	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
8	Encourage future development that will enhance or at least, not be detrimental to tourism within the Parish	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
9	I work or study		
	a) Within the Parish    b) Within 5 miles    c) Within 10 miles    d) Within 20 miles		
	e) Within 50 miles    f) More than 50 miles    g) Not applicable		
10	When I go to work or study, I: (please circle all that apply):		
	a) Work from home    b) Walk    c) Cycle    d) Travel by car		
	e) Travel by bus    f) Travel by train    g) Not applicable		
	h) Other - please specify		

Your Comments:



Later this summer we will be commissioning a Land Survey that will contribute to the evidence required to justify the Neighbourhood Development Plan policies that will form the legal document.

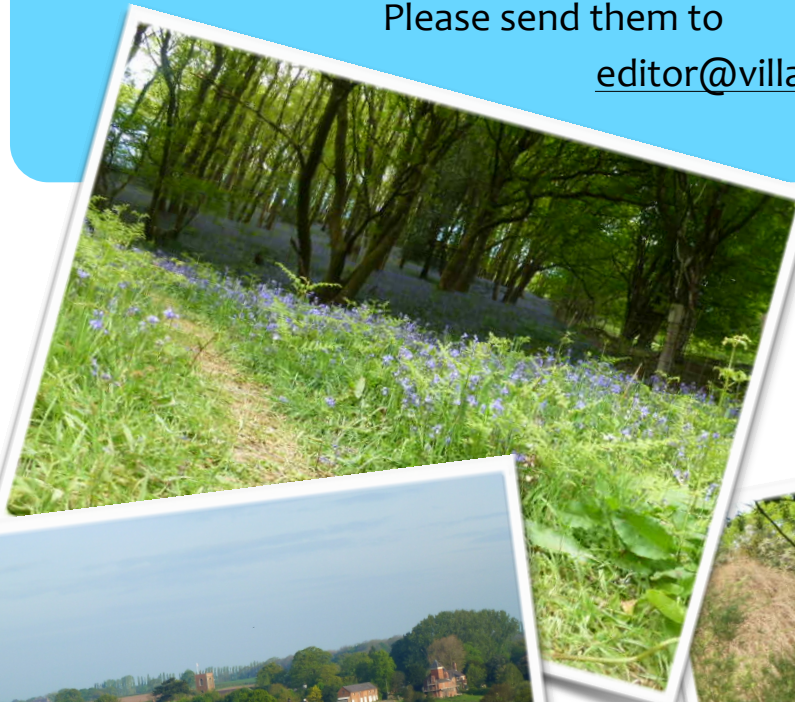


To do this we need help in understanding or knowing about the best views or 'vistas' that best represent the characteristics of our parish.

**Can you help by sending in some snaps of your favourite or most valued views?**

Please send them to

[editor@villagearena.org](mailto:editor@villagearena.org)





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