

Our plan – Our future

# **Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan**

# **Residents Survey**

# **April 2012**

We hope that all residents aged 14 and over in Much Wenlock Parish will complete the survey by Monday 30th April 2012.

Please enter your

postcode: 721 (100.0%)

(use capital letters)

Your reference: 720 (100.0%)

You will need your postcode and the reference provided on the paper copy to complete the survey online.

This information is needed for validation purposes and will not be used to identify respondents.

Please return this booklet to your local Neighbourhood Plan Volunteer, whether you have filled in the form or completed the survey online.

Please tell us how you have completed the survey

446 (61.9%) On this form

275 (38.1%) Online



An explanatory leaflet should have been handed to you with this survey form. If you have not received it please tell your Neighbourhood Plan Volunteer, who will provide one.

## **Providing houses**

# A1 Should the Neighbourhood Plan allocate land for affordable housing to meet local needs?

587 (84.3%) Yes 109 (15.7%) No

A2 Should the Neighbourhood Plan allocate land for houses for sale on the open market?

355 (52.7%) Yes 319 (47.3%) No

If the Plan allocates land for housing, what scale of individual housing development schemes in <u>Much Wenlock Town</u> should be given priority between now and 2026? (Tick all that could apply).

297 (44.5%) with no more than 10 houses 137 (20.5%) of between 26 and 50 houses

251 (37.6%) of between 11 and 25 houses 61 (9.1%) of over 50 houses

A4 If new homes are to be built what type of homes should be given priority? (Tick those that you think are most important)

345 (51.6%) For Housing Associations to let 252 (37.7%) To be sold at market prices

332 (49.7%) Sheltered homes to buy/or rent 224 (33.5%) Homes with shared equity

A5 If new homes are to be built, how many should be permitted by 2026? (Tick one)

395 (59.0%) No more than 50

132 (19.7%) No more than 100

86 (12.9%) No more than 200

34 (5.1%) No more than 300

6 (0.9%) No more than 400

16 (2.4%) No more than 500

A6 If new homes are to be built, where would you suggest is the best location? (Tick one)

292 (45.8%) Within the existing development boundary of Much Wenlock? (See map, which will open in a separate window)

345 (54.2%) On the edge of the town or elsewhere in the parish?

A7 Are there any locations which you think are suitable for new houses?

366 (100.0%)

A8 Are there any locations where houses should not be built?



## Jobs and the local economy

| B1 | What kinds of employment should | l the Plan encourage? (Tick an | y that you would support) |
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Tourism, leisure and crafts

505 (73.7%) Transport, storage and distribution

86 (12.6%)

261 (38.1%) Community services

286 (41.8%)

Offices

216 (31.5%) Social Enterprises

187 (27.3%)

Pubs, restaurants and cafes

301 (43.9%) Financial and professional services

219 (32.0%)

Shops- retail

400 (58.4%) Light industrial and manufacturing

332 (48.5%)

Other, please give details

64 (100.0%)

B2 Should the Neighbourhood Plan allocate more land to encourage employment?

446 (67.2%) Yes 218 (32.8%) No

B3 Which types of site should be allocated for employment use? (Tick any)

499 (73.9%) Former quarries 425 (63.0%) Brownfield land (developed) 523 (77.5%) Existing buildings 47 (7.0%) Greenfield land (undeveloped)

B4 Where should employment land be located? (Tick any)

491 (76.6%) In or around Much Wenlock Town 299 (46.6%) Elsewhere in the parish

B5 Should existing employment sites be protected from changes of use?

368 (56.4%) Yes 284 (43.6%) No

B6 Should the Neighbourhood Plan include policies which encourage working from home?

585 (89.9%) Yes 66 (10.1%) No

B7 Is anyone in your family likely to seek local employment in the next 5 years?

222 (32.6%) Yes 458 (67.4%) No

B8 What would encourage new businesses to locate in Much Wenlock Parish? (Tick any)

300 (54.5%) More purpose-built premises? 407 (74.0%) Better Broadband Other, please specify 138 (100.0%)

B9 The space below is for your comments on jobs and the local economy 206 (100.0%)

## **Protecting our environment**

# Do you think that any future development in Much Wenlock should be in keeping with the town's character and landscape setting?

685 (97.6%) Yes 17 (2.4%) No

C2 Should the Neighbourhood Plan aim to protect and enhance the quality of the built environment by promoting the following? (Tick those that you consider important)

613 (87.7%) Design that respects the scale of the existing townscape

295 (42.2%) Minimum standards for living space in dwellings

541 (77.4%) Use of traditional local building materials

474 (67.8%) High levels of energy conservation in new buildings

489 (70.0%) The green space and gardens within the settlements

370 (52.9%) Better pedestrian and cycle access to the town centre

360 (51.5%) Signage, advertising and street furniture that respects the locality

509 (72.8%) Traditional styles and scale of shop fronts

Other, please specify 71 (100.0%)

C3 Should the Neighbourhood Plan aim to promote the following: (Tick those that you consider important).

353 (50.8%) Increased provision of green space

597 (85.9%) Enhanced protection of historic and natural features

328 (47.2%) Enhanced protection of the landscapes of disused quarries

462 (66.5%) Positive management of the varied local wildlife

545 (78.4%) Improved flood prevention measures

Other, please specify 50 (100.0%)

C4 Are there any buildings, places, or views which you believe are important to protect? Please give details in the space below.

The space below is provided to allow you to make your own comments on protecting the environment including, for example, flood prevention.

## Improving community services

# D1 Which of the following do you think that the Neighbourhood Plan should aim to improve? (Tick any that you consider important)

| Allotments                 | 239 (33.7%) Public transport                    | 410 (57.8%) |
|----------------------------|---|-------------|
| Broadband service          | 419 (59.1%) Road safety measures                | 286 (40.3%) |
| Vehicle parking facilities | 477 (67.3%) Public toilet facilities            | 440 (62.1%) |
| Public footpaths           | 265 (37.4%) Leisure and recreational facilities | 217 (30.6%) |
| Access for disabled people | 292 (41.2%) Facilities for young people         | 404 (57.0%) |
| Public library             | 272 (38.4%)                                     |             |

#### D2 If improved public toilet facilities are needed tell us where. (Tick all that apply)

182 (32.0%) High Street 368 (64.8%) Gaskell Field

360 (63.4%) Car parking areas 103 (18.1%) Cemetery/new allotments

Other, please specify 78 (100.0%)

# D3 If improved public transport is needed tell us how it should be improved. (Tick those that apply)

265 (50.6%) More convenient services to Shrewsbury 224 (42.7%) More convenient services to Bridgnorth

415 (79.2%) More convenient services to Telford246 (46.9%) Cheaper fares

212 (40.5%) Greater reliability of services

Please give details 122 (100.0%)

# D4 If vehicle parking facilities need improving tell us how and where this could be best achieved.

320 (100.0%)

D5 If you think that better leisure and recreational facilities (for example green spaces, sports and play areas etc) are needed, please tell us how and where this could be achieved.

| D6 | If facilities for young people need improving say how and where this could be |
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|    | achieved.   |

194 (100.0%)

D7 The space below is for you to make any other comments on improving community services.

## Creating a sustainable community

Which of the following ways of producing local renewable energy should the Plan encourage? (Tick those that you would support)

113 (19.6%) Domestic wind turbines powering a 234 (40.6%) Using land for local wood for fuel single home production (e.g. wood, biomass)

138 (23.9%) Commercial wind turbines powering 31 (40.0%) Photovoltaic solar 'farms' to generate many homes electricity

289 (50.1%) Hydropower from local streams 344 (59.6%) Use of farm slurry to generate energy

E2 Which of the following aspects of road traffic in Much Wenlock Parish give you concern?

(Tick those that do)

338 (57.1%) Excessive traffic volume 422 (71.3%) Excessive traffic speed

151 (25.5%) Excessive traffic noise 357 (60.3%) Traffic danger to pedestrians

Other, please 145 (100.0%)

specify

In which areas of Much Wenlock do the traffic problems you specified above need the most urgent attention?

506 (100.0%)

If you consider that traffic in Much Wenlock is a problem what would you suggest the Plan should do to improve the situation?

400 (100.0%)

E5 How could the Neighbourhood Plan encourage more walking or cycling?

Should the Plan aim to allocate land to encourage growing of local food? 517 (86.3%) Yes 82 (13.7%) No

Can you help us by telling us what a Sustainable Community means to you? Please add any comments you have on creating a sustainable community.

296 (100.0%)

## Housing - identifying needs

This section should only be completed if there are, or will soon be, people in need of additional housing within your present household. This section is not about opinion (people's wishes) but to clarify the level of need. It is important that this section is completed only once in each household.

#### Has anyone in your household already completed this section on housing needs?

324 (45.0%) Yes (go straight to Section G) 396 (55.0%) No (go to question F1)

#### F1 Which best describes the property you are living in (Tick one)

230 (70.1%) Owner occupied 15 (4.6%) Rented from Housing Association 47 (14.3%) Private rented 1 (0.3%) Shared equity (part rent, part

35 (10.7%) Rented from Shropshire Council purchase)

#### F2 What is the size of the property? (Tick one)

21 (6.5%) One bedroom 121 (37.2%) Three bedrooms 40 (12.3%) Five or more bedrooms

57 (17.5%) Two bedrooms 86 (26.5%) Four bedrooms

# F3 Are there any adults or couple(s) living in the property needing their own home in Much Wenlock parish which they are currently unable to obtain?

34 (10.7%) Yes 283 (89.3%) No (if 'no' please go to question F4)

If 'yes', how many people? 22 (100.0%)

#### Are they currently registered with Shropshire Homepoint?

14 (41.2%) Yes 2 (5.9%) Don't know

18 (52.9%) No

#### What size of property would they need? Tick one.

7 (21.9%) One bedroom 6 (18.8%) Three bedrooms 0 (0.0%) Five or more bedrooms

17 (53.1%) Two bedrooms 2 (6.3%) Four bedrooms

#### What type of home are they ideally seeking? Tick one

6 (18.8%) Owner occupied 8 (25.0%) Rented from Housing Association

0 (0.0%) Private rented 4 (12.5%) Shared equity (part rent, part

14 (43.8%) Rented from Shropshire Council purchase)

# Is there anyone in the house, who is not currently in need of their own home but is likely to want one in Much Wenlock parish in the next five years? (e.g. a teenager who may leave home)

63 (21.1%) Yes
236 (78.9%) No (if 'no' please go to the next section)

If 'yes' how many people are in this situation? 44 (100.0%)

#### What size of property would they ideally need? (Tick one)

21 (33.3%) One bedroom 12 (19.0%) Three bedrooms 0 (0.0%) Five or more bedrooms

30 (47.6%) Two bedrooms 0 (0.0%) Four bedrooms

### What type of home are they likely to be seeking? (Tick one)

25 (41.0%) One to buy and own 9 (14.8%) Rented from a Housing Association 10 (16.4%) Privately rented 4 (6.6%) Shared equity home (part rented, part 13 (21.3%) Rented from the Council purchased)

# And finally...

In order to demonstrate that public consultation is representative of our community, would you please provide some information about yourself.

G1 Are you...? (Tick one)

391 (55.3%) Female

316 (44.7%) Male

G2 How old are you? (Tick one)

13 (1.8%) 14-18

15 (2.1%) 19-25

22 (3.1%) 26-35

75 (10.5%) 36-45

91 (12.8%) 46-55

196 (27.6%) 56-65

178 (25.0%) 66-75

98 (13.8%) 76-85

23 (3.2%) Over 85

Please use the space below if you have any further comments about anything that has not been covered in the survey.

Click on SUBMIT when you have completed the survey.

Once your responses have been submitted, you will be sent to the

Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan website. At this point you can log off.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Responses to this survey are anonymous and all individual data and information collected using this survey will be treated confidentially and will not be passed to any third parties.

#### How to contact us

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You can get help to access the Neighbourhood Plan web page at Much Wenlock Library and Broadplace at Much Wenlock Fire Station.

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