

# A Neighbourhood Plan for Swinford

**Please complete the following questionnaire on behalf of your household**

The Localism Act of 2011 has given Parish Councils the power to shape what their neighbourhood will look like in the future.

Swinford Parish Council has made the decision to take on these new powers and to prepare what is known as a 'Neighbourhood Plan'. This can include policies to: protect spaces from development; safeguard heritage assets and direct any new housing or business development to meet local needs in terms of type, location and appearance. Other issues such as housing design, community facilities and transport issues can be tackled in the Neighbourhood Plan, which once approved, forms a legally binding document taken into account by Harborough District Council when determining planning applications in the Parish...

The Parish Council will drive this process forward through the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group over the next 12 months, but it needs YOUR involvement to make sure that the Neighbourhood Plan truly reflects the wishes and aspirations of local people.

This questionnaire is an important part of the process.

We want to hear from you about what is good or bad about living in Swinford so that we can understand what needs to change and your aspirations for the village.

This is your chance to really make a difference to the future of Swinford Parish. We hope you will become involved by completing the questionnaire and helping the Parish Council to deliver a Neighbourhood Plan that truly reflects local need.

Although we do not ask for people to put their names of this questionnaire, we realise that some will want to do so. We can reassure everyone that all responses to this survey will be used solely for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Swinford.

Your participation in this questionnaire, together with your individual responses to the questions asked, will be kept confidential and no one will be identifiable in any published results.

If you would like any assistance with completing this questionnaire, please contact Swinford Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on Tel 01788 860757 or e-mail [janthroopspc@hotmail.com](mailto:janthroopspc@hotmail.com).



## Section One – Village Statement

1. Which of the following describe the important characteristics of Swinford? <i>(Please tick)</i>	Not important 1	2	3	4	Highly important 5
Conservation area					
Listed buildings					
Open country reaching close to the centre					
Working farms surrounding village					
Separate from other surrounding villages by fields, countryside					
Protected open space and paddocks					
Access to major road networks, railways & airports					
Locally available employment					
High proportion of individually designed houses					
Any additions/omissions <i>(please write in the space below)</i>					

2. What do you enjoy/love about living in Swinford? <i>(Please tick)</i>	Not important 1	2	3	4	Highly important 5
Village identity/feeling part of a community					
Village activities/community groups					
Quiet village					
Easy access to the country side					
Rural atmosphere					
Local amenities: School, Pub, Play area, Church					
Family nearby					
Attractive traditional character					
Any additions/omissions <i>(please write in the space below)</i>					

## Section Two - Housing

1. What do you think about the current mix of housing in Swinford? <i>(Please tick)</i>	Need a lot more	Need a few more	About right	Too many already
Flats				
Bungalows				
Low cost/ extendable starter homes				
Family housing				
Rented accommodation				
Sheltered housing				
Retirement housing/apartments				
Care home				
Eco friendly housing				
Two-storey houses				
Social housing				
Any additions/omissions <i>(please write in the space below)</i>				

## Section Three - Building

Neighbourhood Plans cannot ordinarily influence the volume of houses proposed for a neighbourhood. However, the production of the Swinford Neighbourhood Plan coincides with the consultation taking place on Harborough District Council's new Local Plan, which includes the proportion of any new development that needs to be absorbed by Swinford.

The Parish Council will respond to this consultation and the views from the community of the extent of any proposed new housing development within Swinford are therefore welcome and will feed into this consultation process.

Given the existing size of the community consisting of 230 households, in your opinion, how many new homes should be built in the Parish in the next 15 years? <i>(please write in the box provided)</i>	
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### 1. In your opinion where would you prefer to see any new development taking place?

On Map 1 sites have been put forward to HDC, by developers or landowners, as being suitable for. These 4 x sites are marked down on the map. Please indicate and/or describe on Map 1 (page 5) the location and the maximum number of houses you think would be suitable there, bearing in mind the implications such would have on the overall village. What are your views about the suitability of these sites?

**MAP 1** (map indicating 4 sites already suggested by HDC for development)

Site name	Not suitable	2	3	4	Highly suitable
Area 1 on map 1					
Area 2 on map 1					
Area 3 on map 1					
Area 4 on map 1					

If you answered 'Not suitable' to any of the locations above, please give reasons why you believe this to be the case in the space below. In addition, please mark on Map 2 (Parish Boundary – page 6) which areas you feel could be more suitable and any areas not suitable on Map 3 (Village Centre – page 7).

### 2. If additional housing were to be built, what would you prefer? *(Please tick)*

	Not important 1	2	3	4	Highly important 5
One large estate					
A number of smaller sites					
Individual released plots (single plot development)					
Building within existing gardens					
Housing with adequate off street parking					
Housing with fully adopted utilities (sewers/roads)					

### 3. What style of housing do you feel would best suit the village? *(Please tick)*

	Not important 1	2	3	4	Highly important 5
Detached					
Semi-detached					
Terraced					
Single storey					
Two-storey					
Three-storey					
Flats/apartments/maisonettes					
Gardens					

Any additions/omissions *(please write in the space below)*



## Section Four – Environment

**1. Are there any areas in the Swinford Parish which you think are important to be protected as a green space?**

The definition of a local green space is “where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves; where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquility or richness of its wildlife; and where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land”.

**Please indicate on the Map 2 & Map 3 which areas and any comments as to why you think this area should be preserved.**

## Section Five – Village Facilities

1. How important to you, individually or as a family, are the following village facilities? (Please tick)	Not important 1	2	3	4	Highly important 5
Suitability of the facilities to the size of the parish					
School					
Church					
Village Hall					
Playground area					
Pub					
Sports field					
Any additions/omissions (please write in the space below)					

2. Which of the following amenities do you use? (Please tick)	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Everyday
School					
Church					
Village Hall					
Playground area					
Pub					
Sports field					
Any additions/omissions (please write in the space below)					

3. Bearing in mind the implications of potential new buildings, parking, traffic etc., which shops, services and amenities would you like or not like to see in the village? (Please write in the spaces below)	Not Like	Like
Public Transport		
Convenience Shop		
Doctors		
Pharmacy		
Take Away/Restaurant		
Residential Care Home/Assisted Living		
Nursery		
Any additions/omissions (please write in the space below)		

## Section Six – Education

1. How well do you think the village is served with educational facilities? <i>(Please tick)</i>	Well Served	Poorly Served
Pre-school		
Primary school		
Secondary School		
Adult learning		
Any additions/omissions <i>(please write in the space below)</i>		

## Section Seven – Transport

1. In your opinion are any changes needed with regards to the following transport issues? <i>(Please tick)</i>	No change needed 1	2	3	4	Change needed 5
Speed of vehicles through Swinford					
Bus services					
Parking facilities in Swinford					
Roadside/Pavement parking in the village					
Road maintenance in village					
Cycle paths					
Footpaths					
Traffic calming measure – humps/chicanes					
HGV traffic					
Disability access, dropped pavements etc.					
Roadside grass cutting					
Traffic management on Stanford Hall event days					
Any additions/omissions <i>(please write in the space below)</i>					

2. How many vehicles are in your household? <i>(Please write in the box)</i>	
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3. How many are parked within the property's boundary <i>(Please write in the box)</i>	
Any additions/omissions <i>(please write in the space below)</i>	

## Section Eight – Your concerns

1. To what extent do any of the following cause you direct concern within the village? (Please tick)	Not concerned 1	2	3	4	Very concerned 5
Burglary					
Vandalism					
Car crime					
Anti-social behaviour					
Litter					
Fly tipping					
Dog fouling					
Noise pollution					
Air pollution					
Urban sprawl					
Policing					
Further wind farm development					
Inconsiderate parking/parking on the footpath					
Any additions/omissions (please write in the space below)					

## Section Nine – Businesses

1. Do you operate a business from the village? <i>If so, what is it?</i> (please write in the space below)
2. Is there any support the village could provide to you and your business? (please write in the space below)
3. Would you welcome new businesses? (please write yes or no)

## Section Ten – Additional Information

Would you like to add anything else? (please write in the space below)
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## Section Eleven – Demographics (optional)

1. Please indicate the number of each group in your household? (please write number/s in the relevant boxes)			
Working	Student	Unemployed	Retired

2. Please indicate the number of each age group in your household? (please write the number in the relevant box/s)						
Under 20	20 – 29	30 – 39	40 – 49	50 – 59	60 – 69	70+

3. What is the gender in your household? (please write number/s in the relevant boxes)	
Male	Female

This questionnaire will be collected from your household **week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

*On behalf of Swinford Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group thank you for your support.*



## Contacts

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