



Swinford Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

The key issues to Swinford residents



What is a Neighbourhood Plan

- ⦿ Part of the Government's localism agenda
- ⦿ Simplification of a remote and complex planning system
- ⦿ An opportunity for local people to directly shape and influence planning policy on matters that affect them. Involves drafting planning policies that become part of the decision making process
- ⦿ The Neighbourhood Plan can't be used to block all development, but it can include policies to say where new development should take place and what type of housing is needed



Timelines & progress so far


<p>Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⦿ Community meeting ✓ ⦿ PC agrees to undertake a NP ✓ ⦿ NP area designation submitted ✓ ⦿ Designation approved by HDC ✓ ⦿ Yourlocale appointed as consultants ✓ ⦿ Funding bids approved ✓ ⦿ Advisory Committee formed ✓ ⦿ NP programme agreed ✓ ⦿ Questionnaire ✓ ⦿ Open Event ✓ 	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⦿ Theme Groups – Start in May 2016 ⦿ Draft policies – July/August 2016* ⦿ Further open event – September 2016* ⦿ Pre-submission consultation – Oct/Nov* ⦿ Submit NP to Harb DC - Dec 2016* ⦿ Independent Examination – Feb 2017* ⦿ Referendum – April 2017* ⦿ PLAN MADE! – May 2017*
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*Timings approximate



Swinford NP Questionnaire

- ⦿ Village Statement
- ⦿ Housing
- ⦿ Environment
- ⦿ Village Facilities
- ⦿ Education
- ⦿ Transport
- ⦿ Key Issues to you
- ⦿ Demographics



1. Swinford Village Statement

Part 1 Characteristics of Swinford important to you

Top 3 most important characteristics to you

- ⦿ Separate from other surrounding villages by fields, countryside
- ⦿ Open country reaching close to the centre
- ⦿ Protected open space and paddocks

"Heritage sites need to be protected"

"Crucially Swinford is a charismatic English village. I hope it stays that way!"

"Keeping the village pub and church open."



1. Swinford Village Statement

Part 2 Things you enjoy/love about Swinford

Top 3 most important characteristics to you

- ⦿ Quiet village
- ⦿ Rural atmosphere
- ⦿ Local amenities: school, pub, play area, church

"Friendly caring community"

"Small quiet village"

"Pub is key"

2. Swinford's Housing

Part 1 What you think about Swinford's current housing?

What do you think about current mix of housing?

Response	Count	Percentage
Just fine	14	41%
Too many houses	1	3%
Not enough housing	10	29%
Too many flats/apartments	1	3%
Not enough flats/apartments	1	3%
Too many three storey dwellings	1	3%
Not enough three storey dwellings	1	3%
Too many houses with gardens	1	3%
Not enough houses with gardens	1	3%
Too many houses with no gardens	1	3%
Not enough houses with no gardens	1	3%
Other	1	3%

The majority of residents feel the current housing mix is about right

"Needs mix to allow younger people to afford to live here"

"Happy for more housing as long as parking and services (trans/school etc) is sorted too. There isn't the access to outside retirement/sheltered/rented needs a regular bus service for these."

"What we do not need in Swinford is a large sprawling densely housed estate of new housing. This will obliterate the character of the village."

3. Swinford's Buildings

Part 1 Where you would prefer to see development in Swinford?

Area 2 was flagged as least suitable

Of the selection available Area 3 was deemed suitable

3. Swinford's Buildings

How many houses should be built in the next 15 years?

Section 3

How many new Homes in the Parish in the next 15 years?

Response	Percentage
No Response	71%
No Homes built	11%
1 to 10 Homes	9%
11 to 20 Homes	19%
21 to 30 homes	72%
31 to 40 Homes	4%
41 to 50 Homes	7%
51+ Homes	6%

3. Swinford's Buildings

Part 2 What type of development you would prefer in your village?

Top 3 most important type of developments to you

- ☉ Housing with off street parking
- ☉ No desire for one large estate
- ☉ Housing with fully adopted utilities (sewers/roads)

3. Swinford's Buildings

Part 3 What type of housing you felt best suits our village?

Top 3 most important types of housing to you

- ☉ No desire to see flats/apartments /masionettes
- ☉ No desire to see three storey dwellings
- ☉ Housing with gardens

"Too many cars parked on footpaths"

"All housing should be in keeping with the style of the village"

"What the village needs is affordable so that local young people who want to stay and work here can."

4. Swinford Environment

Part 1 Are there any areas within Swinford that need protecting?

As only 11% of residents commented on this question, the group have decided to offer again the opportunity for residents to indicate any area they would like to see protected from development.

On the large map provided please indicate any areas deemed as requiring protection.

5. Swinford Village Facilities

Part 1 The important facilities of your village

Top 3 most important village facilities to you

- Pub
- School
- Playground area

"Although we haven't been I think the pub is an important part of the village"

"No children but consider school to be a vital part of community"

"More recreational space would be a welcome development. E.g. for football/ other ball games. Space for children to run around. An area to walk dogs when fields are inaccessible due to livestock."

5. Swinford Village Facilities

Part 2 Amenities you regularly use

Top 4 most regularly used village amenities to you

- Pub
- Village Hall
- Playground area
- School

"Just because you do not use it, does not lessen its importance"

"My children now 20 and 23 used the school which was excellent"

"We came to Swinford in part because of the school. Kids now grown"

5. Swinford Village Facilities

Part 3 Amenities you would like to see in the Swinford

Top 2 most important village facilities you would like to see

- Public transport
- Shop

"Residential care home/assisted living desirable if the village has shops etc. and public transport"

"Post office as part of shop"

6. Education in Swinford

Section 1 How well served educational facilities are in Swinford

A high percentage felt the village was well served with local educational facilities

"There are plenty of facilities in Rugby & Lutterworth"

"The secondary schools & adult learning facilities in Lutterworth serve Swinford very well"

"Rugby and Lutterworth are close by"

"Even adult learning changed with more online provision"

7. Transport in Swinford

Section 1 Key changes you would like to see in transport

Top 3 most important changes desired by the community

- Reduce on street parking
- Reduce speeding
- Bus service

"The village is becoming choked by on street parking. This will become more difficult when we are cut off from M1/M6/A14 with large influxes of visiting traffic-see chaos at start and close of school day"

"20 mph zone in centre, one way system - centre loop, parking restrictions to stop road blocking"

"Parking in the village is a big issue on Chapel St and access down the road"

"Road maintenance, potholes & broken edges; Verge cutting on all roads coming through village"

7. Transport in Swinford

Section 2 Number of vehicles in Swinford

Section 3 Off road & on road parking

"No off road parking available"

"Leave space with cars for prams etc."

"We have very limited space for visitors which is the same for our neighbours. It can make accessing our driveway difficult as on occasions there have been 5 or 6 additional cars in the vicinity. As traffic doesn't adhere to the 30mph when entering and exiting the village via Rugby Road it makes it rather dangerous."

8. Key Concerns To You

Your ranking of key issues

Top 3 most important changes desired by the community

- Dog fouling
- Further Wind farm development
- Inconsiderate parking

Vandalism, and anti social behaviour was not consider a serious concern

Trying to take a buggy/child's trike around the village and avoid dog poo is impossible

"The dog fouling is getting ridiculous. I am a dog owner and I am embarrassed by other owners in the village. It's disgusting."

"The combination of dog fouling and poor street lighting can make walking through the village at night a very risky business. It's absolutely disgusting"

9. Swinford Businesses

Section 1 Business in our community

Section 2 Is there any support the village could provide to you and your business?

There are few businesses in Swinford and little appetite for large scale enterprises

Would you welcome new business?

"Broad band and better phone signal reception"

"My home is my registered business address, but there is no traffic / footfall / impact on address."

"Faster broadband"

10. Additional issues to you

Section 10 consistent issues and points raised by residents

"The village needs more facilities for older children/teenagers. i.e. Basketball court, skate ramp, football pitch. A proper village green would also be great"

"If the village were to expand, the amenities need to expand : especially public transport"

"Noise from the motorway can be quite loud. Noise barriers alongside the M1 might improve matters"

"Could the church be decommissioned and turned into a village hall/community centre with a mezzanine floor so an upstairs providing additional rooms/space, then knock down the present village hall and use as a car park. This has happened to a church where I came from. It looks stunning now inside, some upstairs rooms are let to small businesses in the village who do not wish to work from home. Our church cannot be left to rot away due to its central village location"

"We moved here a little over 6 months ago. It was the calmness and quietness that attracted us to the village. For me it is so important to retain this. The size is perfect and I feel a large development would not only impact this but put additional pressure on a fantastic school."

11. Swinford Demographics

Section 1 Resident's employment status

Section 2 Age groups in Swinford

Section 3 Gender in Swinford

Employment Demographics

Gender Demographics

Age Demographics

How you can help

- The next stage is to establish a series of Theme Groups, each looking in detail at one of the issues that will feature in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Are you interested in the future of housing development in the Parish?
- Are you concerned about protecting the Countryside from inappropriate development?
- Do you want to safeguard important buildings locally, or protect community assets for future generations?
- Please join us to make the Neighbourhood Plan truly reflective of local need and aspirations.
- If so – let us have your contact details and join us for up to 4 meetings and help us to develop meaningful planning policies to shape the future of development within the Parish.

Thank you!