

DUNTON BASSETT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE

NOVEMBER 2019

INTRODUCTION

In 2011, the Localism Act was passed giving local communities the power to shape the future development of their neighbourhood. Under this Act we now have a say in the design, appearance and location of all new development in our area and can develop policies to protect green spaces as well as heritage assets, community facilities, parking and business. ***Once approved, it forms a legally binding document used by the Harborough District Council when determining planning applications.***

Everyone SHOULD have a say. Why?

The Neighbourhood Plan cannot promote fewer houses than required by Harborough District Council. The target for Dunton Bassett is for 40+ new homes up to the year 2031, so the question is do you want a say in deciding how many and where in the parish they should be located or do you want to leave the decision to others? This target may be achieved by a single site or a number of smaller sites. The preferred site(s) will be proposed for allocation as part of a comprehensive site selection process based on a wide range of factors including site capacity. At the moment there is a planning appeal to build 40 homes to the North of Coopers Lane. If the appeal is lost, the village will be able to decide where these homes are built. If the appeal is won, the plan may allocate reserve sites to be used if the District Council decide to increase the target number of homes to be built.

Please DO get involved now.

This questionnaire is important to help understand community opinion as a whole. It helps provide the basis for the Draft Plan. This is one of a number of engagement activities where the views of the community will be sought. The findings will be taken into account in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan alongside information gathered from a range of other sources. We ask you to put your name on each questionnaire but if you prefer it can remain anonymous.

Each adult in your house is asked to individually complete a questionnaire.

- Further copies can be requested from clerk@duntonbassettparishcouncil.org.uk
- Or you can complete the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DuntonBassett>

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR SURVEY BY 14 DECEMBER 2019.

It will then be collected by a member of the Neighbourhood Planning team.

Dunton Bassett Parish Council (DBPC) takes your privacy seriously and will only use your personal information to contact you directly in order to discuss the questionnaire. We will only collect your email address if you ask us to do so via the comment box. Your name and email address is the only information we will keep and we will only contact you via this address. We will not pass your personal data to any other individual or organisation and undertake to keep your details safe and secure. We will not give any information out to any individual or organisation.

You can change your mind at any time by emailing clerk@duntonbassettparishcouncil.org.uk instructing us to remove your details from our database. Dunton Bassett Parish Council will then permanently delete your details from our database. Should you have any questions concerning this or any other issue relating to the DBPC, please contact the clerk at the address above.

OUR VISION

To enhance the community life, vibrancy and rural character of Dunton Bassett, to protect its open spaces, views, natural environment and historical heritage; to promote physical wellbeing and quality of life for all residents with outdoor recreational spaces and accessible greenspaces, landscapes and footpaths. To support both current and future residents and businesses with appropriate, sustainable, eco-friendly and low carbon development. To achieve this vision we will:

- Ensure that development takes place in the most sustainable locations
- Encourage the right types of development that meets local needs
- Protect important community facilities that are special to the local community
- Promote good design
- Facilitate appropriate employment opportunities
- Enable the community to have good access to the surrounding countryside and green spaces
- Safeguard open spaces that are important to the community and/or wildlife
- Improve pedestrian and cycle connections within the Plan area and the surrounding areas

ENVIRONMENT

Q1 Please rate the importance of the following <i>1 being not at all important, 5 being very important</i>	1	2	3	4	5
Open green spaces within the village					
Uninterrupted views surrounding the village					
Mature trees in and around the village					
Protection of ancient fields, hedgerows, woods etc.					
Protection of local wildlife					
Working farms and agriculture					
Encouragement of renewable energy projects					
Solar Panels					
Solar Farms					
Wind Farms					
Household rainwater recycling					
Provision of a village green					
Eliminating dog fouling					

Q2 Please answer each of the following	Yes	No
Would you like to see a conservation area in the village?		
Do you consider flooding to be a problem?		

HOUSING

Q3 Do any of the following issues concern you? <i>Please tick all boxes that apply</i>	
Lack of homes to buy at a reasonable/affordable price	
Lack of homes to rent at a price I can afford	
Lack of homes big enough	
Lack of homes small enough	
Lack of homes suited to personal needs, e.g. limited mobility	

Q4 Thinking about new housing development, how concerned are you about any of the following? <i>1 being not at all important, 5 being very important</i>	1	2	3	4	5
Loss of identity as a village					
Loss of countryside					
Increased traffic and congestion					
Pressure on parking needs					
Unsafe pedestrian routes					
Lack of school/childcare places					
Development not in character with the village					
Impact on the environment					
Increase in crime					

Q5 Would you like to see any of the following design features in any new development? <i>Please tick all boxes that apply</i>	
Rural style and traditional materials	
Modern	
Individual architect designed	
Ecological – i.e. zero rated energy consumption, porous standing surfaces, grey water recycling, trees and open spaces	
Adequate off-street parking	
Integrated charger for electric vehicles	

Q6 Do you think there should be affordable/social housing for sale or rent? if so, who should this be for?	Yes	No
Local people with a connection to the village		
Anyone who needs this type of housing		

Q7 Thinking about your current home, what type of house do you currently occupy?			
	Owned	Private Rented	Affordable/Social Housing
House 1-2 bed			
House 3-4 bed			
House 5 bed or more			
Bungalow 1-2 bed			
Bungalow 3 bed or more			
Flat			
Residential care			

Q8 Thinking about your next move, what type of housing would you prefer, if you were to stay in the parish?			
	Owned	Private Rented	Affordable/Social Housing
House 1-2 bed			
House 3-4 bed			
House 5 bed or more			
Bungalow 1-2 bed			
Bungalow 3 bed or more			
Flat			
Residential care			
Warden assisted retirement housing			

Q9 Do you have any other comments on housing development within the parish?

TRANSPORT

Q10 Please rate any concerns you may have about the following <i>1 being not at all important, 5 being very important</i>	1	2	3	4	5
Speed of traffic through the village					
Need for extra traffic calming measures					
On street parking					
Access for emergency vehicles					
Condition of roads in the village					
Public transport					

Q11 Please answer each of the following	Yes	No
Do you use public transport?		
Would you like to see the bus service through the village reinstated?		
Would you like a pedestrian crossing on Coopers Lane opposite the bus stop?		
Would you like the traffic lights on Coopers Lane to be improved with turning priorities?		

How many vehicles are in your household?

How many do you park on the roadside?

Q12 Do you have any other thoughts on traffic/congestion within the village?

FACILITIES & SERVICES

Q13 About village facilities and services:	Yes	No
Would you like to see a community village shop/cafe?		
Would you volunteer to help run a village shop?		
Would you like to see more recreational space?		

Q14 Please rate the importance of the following <i>1 being not at all important, 5 being very important</i>	1	2	3	4	5
Parish activities and community groups					
The village hall					
The church, its upkeep and opening it for community activities					
The war memorial					
The Dunton Bassett Arms					
The mobile library service					
The primary school					
Street lighting					
Fixed seating/benches within village					
The Allotments					
The playground area					
The protection of rights of way/footpaths/bridleways					
The parish website					
The village noticeboards					
The village newsletter					
The flower tubs					
Dog bins					
Rural atmosphere					
Close to countryside and local wildlife					

Q15 Is there any aspect of life in Dunton Bassett you would like to see improved?

EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Q16 In relation to employment, business and the economy:	Yes	No
Do you run a business in the village?		
If so, what is it?		
How many people do you employ?		
Would you support more small businesses within the village?		
Do you support home working?		
Do you support re-use of agricultural buildings/barns?		
Would you like to see tourism developed in the village?		

COMMUNICATIONS

Q17 Considering broadband and mobile coverage? Please rate the following: <i>1 being not at all important, 5 being very important</i>	1	2	3	4	5
How important is fast, reliable broadband in your family?					
How important to you would be the future option of ultra-fast broadband (100MBs+) speeds?					
How important to you is reliable mobile and 4G service within the village?					

Q18 Please answer each of the following	Yes	No
Are you satisfied with the current broadband provision?		
Are you satisfied with the current mobile provision?		

DEMOGRAPHICS

Please complete this section **once only** for your household

How many people in your household are: *Insert number*

	Under 21	21-40	41-60	61-80	80+
<i>Number</i>					

How many school age children are currently living in your household? *Please tick*

None	One	Two	Three	Four	More than 4

How many people in your household are? *Insert number*

	Employed	Self-employed	Unemployed	Student	Retired
<i>Number</i>					

How many years have you lived in Dunton Bassett? *Please tick*

Less than 5	Less than 10	Less than 20	Less than 30	Less than 40	40+

Your contact details: *(optional)*

Name:

Email:

Telephone:

Thank you for completing our questionnaire – final date for completion is 14 December 2019