

Neighbourhood Development Plan Survey

**PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN BY
SUNDAY 25TH MARCH 2018**

Dear Compton resident,

Your Parish Council is putting together a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Compton parish. The results of this survey will determine the underpinning principles and overall direction of our plan and so it is very important that you, your family and your neighbours take this opportunity to make your views known.



What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan?

A Neighbourhood Development Plan is a new way for local people to influence the planning and development of the area in which they live and work. It lasts for 15 years and should:

- Develop a shared vision for the plan area.
- Choose where new homes, shops, offices and other development should be built.
- Influence how much housing should be built, and of what type.
- Identify and protect important local green spaces or other treasured assets.

Once approved, our plan will have legal force in setting out what development is acceptable in our parish and for what reasons. Developers and West Berkshire planners will have to take notice of it. Without a Neighbourhood Development Plan, we will have little control over any development that takes place and will receive less community funds from those developments.

Once finalised and approved, the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) will be put to those on the electoral roll in a village referendum and, if carried, will be legally enforceable going forward – so your participation by completing this questionnaire offers you a real chance to influence the future.

We can influence development, not stop it altogether

Our Neighbourhood Development Plan must comply with West Berkshire's Core Strategy and Local Plan and the government's wider policy of sustainable development. This means that it is inevitable that some new housing will have to be built in Compton in the future as we are a 'Service Village'. Having a Neighbourhood Development Plan in place will help us ensure that this housing is suitable for the parish and meets the needs of our area. It will also help us to identify the facilities and services that need to be in place to meet the demands that any new housing will make upon our community.

What to do next

Please complete the survey as fully and thoughtfully as you can and return it to us **BY SUNDAY 25TH MARCH 2018** to the Wilkins Centre post box, the Village Store or The Swan. If you are unable to return it to these points, please contact us to arrange collection.

We would appreciate it if all the members of your household could complete the survey so if there are additional members who could complete the survey separately, please encourage them to do so. They can either collect a **hard copy from the Village Store** or go to the Neighbourhood Development Plan website (www.comptonndp.org.uk) to **download a printable PDF**, or **fill in the survey online** at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/L7F9PQ8. We would particularly encourage younger people to take part as often their views are not heard as loudly as perhaps they should be. We would very much like you to complete the whole survey. However, in the unlikely event that you do not have time to complete the whole survey, please return what you have completed.

How to get help or further information

If you need help to complete or return the survey for any reason, please contact the Parish Clerk. If you have questions about the survey or wider Neighbourhood Development Plan process, one of the Neighbourhood Development Plan team would be pleased to talk to you.

Contact the Parish Clerk on 07585 047057 or via our website: www.comptonndp.org.uk

**Thank you for taking the time to help us create
Compton's Neighbourhood Plan.**

David Aldis

Chairman, Compton Parish Council

www.comptonndp.org.uk

Online Survey: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/L7F9PQ8



PART 1: ABOUT YOU

Please provide us with the following information about you*. This will help us to understand the pattern of response.

Required Information

Postcode:

Age (Please circle): under 16 / 17-24 / 25-40 / 41-64 / 65+

Sex (Please circle): Male / female

How long have you lived in Compton? Years

If you work, where is your place of work? (Please circle)

At home / Within the parish / Outside of the parish

If you work outside of Compton, where do you work?

Optional Information

If you would like to provide any additional information to help us keep you informed about the Neighbourhood Plan as it progresses, please do so below:

House name or number:

Name:

Telephone number:

Email address:

☐ If you would like a member of the team to contact you regarding your particular interests please indicate here.

***All information you provide will be held securely and in accordance with the Data Protection Act.**

PART 2: A VISION FOR COMPTON

West Berkshire Council (WBC) has a Core Strategy that means further development will be coming to Compton. The Neighbourhood Plan gives us the opportunity to manage that development in line with the needs, priorities and aspirations of the people who live here.

This section will seek to understand how Compton's residents see the parish as it is now, and develop a vision for the parish which will help to set out what the key objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan should be.

1. What do you value most about living in Compton parish? (List up to 3 things in order of preference – please keep your answers short and to the point)

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2.
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2. What about Compton parish needs to be improved? (List up to 3 things in order of preference – please keep your answers short and to the point)

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3. How would you describe Compton parish? (Please tick up to five)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safe | <input type="checkbox"/> Affluent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attractive | <input type="checkbox"/> Diverse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peaceful | <input type="checkbox"/> Innovative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable | <input type="checkbox"/> Well connected by road |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

4. How would you like to be able to describe Compton parish in 15 years' time? (Please tick up to five)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safe | <input type="checkbox"/> Affluent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attractive | <input type="checkbox"/> Diverse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peaceful | <input type="checkbox"/> Innovative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable | <input type="checkbox"/> Well connected by road |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

What is Sustainable Development?

Sustainable development is the principle of meeting today's needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The Neighbourhood Development Plan will need to demonstrate how sustainable development in the parish will be achieved. For the following questions, consider how Compton's current needs could be met, and how, if development is unsustainable, it could harm the opportunities available for future generations to meet their own needs.

5. What are the greatest benefits that sustainable development could have for Compton parish? (Please tick up to 5 - If you feel any are particularly important, then put a double tick.)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A well balanced community with diversity of ages, incomes, etc | <input type="checkbox"/> A wider range of residential property types and tenures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure and recreation facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved pedestrian and cycling routes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities for young people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools and childcare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Investment in infrastructure, including broadband, sewerage, mobile phone coverage, and public transport | <input type="checkbox"/> Shops and services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improvements in air quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthening village identity and sense of community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increased parking provision | <input type="checkbox"/> Other... |

6. In what ways could development harm Compton parish if not properly managed? (Please tick up to 5 - If you feel any are particularly important, then put a double tick.)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of scenic beauty within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty | <input type="checkbox"/> Overcrowded school and childcare facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Impact on the conservation area | <input type="checkbox"/> Overstretched healthcare facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Impact on listed buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of countryside; Loss of green space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High density development | <input type="checkbox"/> A parish that feels less secure (from crime and antisocial behaviour) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harmful frontage infilling | <input type="checkbox"/> Roads and pedestrian/cycle routes that feel less safe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A weaker village identity and sense of community | <input type="checkbox"/> Overloaded sewerage and drainage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increased traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Other... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increased noise | |

7. What one change could sustainable development bring about that would improve Compton parish for residents and/or businesses?

8. What does Compton parish need in terms of services or facilities, that it does not already have?

PART 3: HOUSING ISSUES

9. Is your home likely to meet your needs for the rest of your life? (Please circle)

Yes / No / Maybe

10. Thinking about your next move within Compton parish, what type of property would best suit your needs? (Please tick one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 bed house | <input type="checkbox"/> Care home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 bed house | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Rental Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 bed house | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Rental Housing for people with a local connection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ bed house | <input type="checkbox"/> Shared Ownership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bungalow | <input type="checkbox"/> Starter Homes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flat | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Build |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know / no opinion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warden assisted retirement housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other... |

Did you know?

As a Service Village, Compton is in West Berkshire Council's third tier of development priority – along with Aldermaston, Bradfield Southend, Chieveley, Cold Ash, Great Shefford, Hermitage, Kintbury and Woolhampton. Villages identified in the District settlement hierarchy as 'Service Villages' will accommodate more limited development: these villages would benefit from small-scale development, appropriate to the character and function of the village, in order to meet local needs, including residential infill or minor development adjacent to the settlement. This pressure to accommodate development is expected to continue adding to the existing stock of 639 homes in Compton (as of December 2017).

West Berkshire Council has allocated the former Institute for Animal Health (IAH) site for a residential-led mixed use development in their Site Allocations DPD with provision for approximately 140 homes with an element of employment floorspace being replaced within the site.

Compton, like the rest of the district and country, has an ageing population and a shortage of young working people. That trend is currently only getting stronger and may become unsustainable if it is not addressed.

A Housing Needs Survey was carried out for Compton parish in 2016. It is recommended the development of a rural exception site to meet the affordable housing needs of local people. A site of 12 homes comprising a mixture of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom properties, including both Shared Ownership and Affordable Rent tenures.

11. Thinking about the needs of others within Compton parish, what types of housing do you think are most needed. (Please tick up to five. If you feel any are particularly important then put a double tick)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 bed house | <input type="checkbox"/> Care home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 bed house | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Rental Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 bed house | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Rental Housing for people with a local connection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ bed house | <input type="checkbox"/> Shared Ownership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bungalow | <input type="checkbox"/> Starter Homes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flat | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Build |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know / no opinion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warden assisted retirement housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other... |

12. In addition to the 140 homes already allocated for the Institute of Animal Health (IAH) site, how many houses do you think could sustainably be built within Compton parish over the next 15 years? (Please tick one)

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|----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 -25 | <input type="checkbox"/> 126-150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 | <input type="checkbox"/> 151-175 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 51-75 | <input type="checkbox"/> 176-200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 76-100 | <input type="checkbox"/> 200+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100-125 | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion / don't know |

13. What scale of individual housing developments should take place in order to meet the needs of the parish? (Please tick all that you would support)

- ☐ Large scale developments (25+ homes)
- ☐ Medium scale developments (10-24 homes)
- ☐ Smaller developments (9 homes or fewer)
- ☐ Single home developments
- ☐ No opinion / Don't know

Previously Developed Land:

“Land which is or was occupied by a permanent structure, including the curtilage of the developed land (although it should not be assumed that the whole of the curtilage should be developed) and any associated fixed surface infrastructure. This excludes: land that is or has been occupied by agricultural or forestry buildings; land that has been developed for minerals extraction or waste disposal by landfill purposes where provision for restoration has been made through development control procedures; land in built-up areas such as private residential gardens, parks, recreation grounds and allotments; and land that was previously-developed but where the remains of the permanent structure or fixed surface structure have blended into the landscape in the process of time.”

14. Thinking about the sustainable development of Compton parish over the next 15 years, where do you think the priority in house building should be in Compton parish? (Please tick all that you would support)

- ☐ Increasing the amount of development of the former IAH site to deliver more than 140 homes envisaged in the Site Allocations DPD
- ☐ A controlled extension of the existing main built up area of Compton
- ☐ Infilling or re-use of brownfield sites in the existing main built up area Compton
- ☐ Use of greenfield sites within the existing main built up area of Compton
- ☐ Use of greenfield sites outside of the existing main built up area of Compton
- ☐ No opinion / don't know
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Call for Sites

If you know of any sites that you think could host sustainable development (for example, for housing or business use), please set it out here. The Neighbourhood Development Plan will look to allocate an appropriate site or sites that should be developed for a specific purpose. In turn, this will help to resist development at inappropriate sites.

15. What do you think the Neighbourhood Plan should do to ensure homes are more affordable? (Prioritise using 1-3 from the following)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Allocate land for more | <input type="checkbox"/> Community housing scheme |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open market homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural exception site with affordable housing for local people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social rented homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Self build homes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Starter homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shared equity homes | |

16. Are there any sites in the parish that you think should be developed for any purpose? What purpose?

17. Are there any sites in the parish that should be protected from development? Why should these specific sites be given protection?

18. Should the Neighbourhood Development Plan seek to allocate land for business use?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

PART 4: TRANSPORT & CONNECTIVITY

19. How often do you travel outside of the parish? (Please tick one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily | <input type="checkbox"/> Not weekly, but more than once a month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A few times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> Less often |

20. What form of transport do you use most often?

21. What forms of transport would you like to use more? What is currently preventing you from using your preferred mode of transport?

22. When travelling between locations within the parish, do you walk? If not, why not? (Please tick one)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, concerns over safety
- ☐ No, distances
- ☐ No, personal reasons (including disability)

23. If you use public transport to travel from Compton, does it take you to your final destination?

PART 5: COMPTON'S ASSETS

24. Please identify any of Compton's assets you would like to be protected: (Please tick one or more)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Institute entrance | <input type="checkbox"/> Community facilities (shop and post office) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Listed buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> Social facilities (pub, sporting facilities, village hall) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Railway bridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Are there other historic or other assets you would like to be protected? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sarsen stones | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Former ancient monument in Aldworth Road | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural features (rivers, fields, trees) | |

Any other comments

25. Is there anything else you would like the Compton Neighbourhood Development Plan to cover?

Compilations

The Parish Council welcomes feedback on Compilations to help them guide future decisions.

26. Do you read Compilations?

- ☐ Yes – every edition
- ☐ Yes – occasional
- ☐ No

27. What format would you like to receive Compilations in?

- ☐ Paper
- ☐ Electronic – online
- ☐ Electronic – by email