

## **Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire for Weston & Basford Parish – July 2015**

To analyse this questionnaire we need to know which part of the Parish you reside in. **Please circle.**

**Basford   Englesea Brook   Gorsty   Stowford   Weston   Wychwood Village   Wychwood Park**

Please record by age group the number of people in your dwelling.

**Under 11      12-17      18-35      36-55      56-75      76-89      Over90**

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### **Our Draft Vision**

We want the seven settlements which make up the parish of Weston & Basford to retain and develop their own character and to continue to thrive as vibrant communities. We want them to evolve, grow and prosper in a sustainable way, and provide an outstanding quality of life for current and future residents of this parish.

**Please circle EITHER Yes or No to indicate your choice.**

Do you agree with our **Draft Vision** for the Neighbourhood Plan area.

**Yes / No**

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### **Residential development in the seven settlements.**

***Aim 1:** to provide any additional housing to cater for local needs of a scale and character to fit in with the existing settlements.*

**To achieve this we propose:**

**1a:** to phase development over the life time of the Local Plan up to 2030.

**Yes / No**

**1b:** to support new development in keeping with the character of the seven settlements, either within the existing, or carefully extended settlement boundaries.

**Yes / No**

**1c:** the provision of affordable social housing to accommodate local needs

**Yes / No**

**1d:** the provision of sheltered housing to accommodate local needs.

**Yes / No**

**1e:** the overall level and type of housing should take into account current and potential development in neighbouring villages outside the parish.

**Yes / No**

**Aim 2:** *to identify potential sites for new development.*

**To achieve this we propose:**

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| <b>2a:</b> infilling a small gap in an otherwise built up frontage.  | <b>Yes / No</b> |
| <b>2b:</b> refurbishment, or replacement of empty or dilapidated properties.   | <b>Yes / No</b> |
| <b>2c:</b> that priority is given to brownfield sites to meet the Parish's local housing needs.                          | <b>Yes / No</b> |
| <b>2d:</b> that consideration is given to greenfield sites for a single dwelling, or up to 5 dwellings at a single site. | <b>Yes / No</b> |

**Aim 3:** *to encourage a thriving and prosperous community that delivers a high quality of life for all its residents.*

**To achieve this we propose:**

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| <b>3a:</b> new homes for the elderly and/or disabled will be supported where appropriate. | <b>Yes / No</b> |
| <b>3b:</b> new starter homes for single people and young families.                        | <b>Yes / No</b> |
| <b>3c:</b> to encourage the extension or rebuilding of existing homes.                    | <b>Yes / No</b> |

### **Maintaining the character of the seven settlements.**

**Aim 4:** *to maintain the physical separation and character of each of the existing communities within the Parish of Weston & Basford.*

**To achieve this we propose:**

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| <b>4a:</b> that important open spaces which have a recreation, amenity, sport, or conservation value, or provide open vistas, will be protected from new development.     | <b>Yes / No</b> |
| <b>4b:</b> that new housing should be dispersed in small groups avoiding any encroachment on important open spaces.   | <b>Yes / No</b> |
| <b>4c:</b> all new development should reflect the character of the settlements, particularly building scale, traditional building materials, design and density.          | <b>Yes / No</b> |
| <b>4d:</b> any new development should safeguard existing significant trees, hedgerows and walls and incorporate new tree and hedgerow planting as well as boundary walls. | <b>Yes / No</b> |
| <b>4e:</b> to prepare a design statement for each community within the parish.  | <b>Yes / No</b> |

## **Protecting the natural environment.**

**Aim 5:** *to maintain and improve for future generations the high quality natural environment.*

### **To achieve this we propose:**

- 5a:** to maintain, enhance and protect important local sites and wildlife habitats. **Yes / No**
- 5b:** to protect important historic sites in the settlements from development. **Yes / No**
- 5c:** to review, enhance and create additional conservation areas in the settlements. **Yes / No**
- 5d:** to promote the maintenance and use of public footpaths in the Parish and beyond. **Yes / No**

## **A strong local community.**

**Aim 6:** *to encourage a thriving and prosperous community that delivers a high quality of life for all its residents.*

### **To achieve this we propose:**

- 6a:** to support the retention and development of local services and community facilities. **Yes / No**
- 6b:** that any new development must assess the likely impact on local facilities, and demonstrate how this would be addressed. **Yes / No**
- 6c:** that developers should demonstrate how their proposals will support the communities. **Yes / No**
- 6d:** that the loss of community facilities will be resisted unless it can be demonstrated that reasonable efforts have been made to secure their continued use. **Yes / No**
- 6e:** that the promotion of safer routes to school will be encouraged. **Yes / No**
- 6f:** Gorsty Hill Golf Course and Countryside Park are the largest open space facilities within the Parish. On the golf course would you like to see:
- 6f1:** Existing golf course reopened? **Yes / No**
- 6f2:** Additional houses built? **Yes / No**
- 6f3:** Cycle paths? **Yes / No**
- 6f4:** Bridle ways? **Yes / No**
- 6f5:** Community shopping facility? **Yes / No**
- 6f6:** Any other facility? Please specify.

### **A strong local economy.**

*Aim 7 : to promote better public services, mobile phone signals and broadband to support a distinctive and flourishing local economy.*

#### **To achieve this we propose:**

**7a:** that new developments should make provision for high speed broadband to serve them. **Yes / No**

**7b:** that planning obligations will be used to address the likely impact of proposed developments on existing public services and community facilities. **Yes / No**

**7c:** that proposals for new business activity within the settlements to provide local employment will be encouraged. **Yes / No**

**7d:** the promotion and delivery of improved mobile phone reception. **Yes / No**

### **Highways Infrastructure.**

*Aim 8: to maintain and enhance, where necessary, the existing road infrastructure in order to improve journey times both within and outside the Parish boundaries, and ensure that both road and pedestrian injuries remain at their current low levels.*

#### **To achieve this we need your response to the following questions:**

**8a:** Do you think our existing road network could support another large development at a single location? **Yes / No**

**8b:** Do you experience, within the Parish, significant travel delays on your journey s to and from home? **Yes / No**

**8c:** If your answer to **8b** above is **Yes** please state where.

**8d:** Should any of the current speed limits be reduced? **Yes/ No**

**8e:** If your answer to **8d** above is **Yes** please advise where.

**8f:** Do you think any additional speed limits are required? **Yes / No**

**8g:** If your answer to **8f** above is **Yes** please advise where.

**8h:** Would you support stricter enforcement of the current speed limits? **Yes / No**

**8i:** To support stronger enforcement of speed limits would you be willing to volunteer to assist the Community Speedwatch Team? **Yes / No**

**8j:** Do you think 'Rat running' is a major issue in this Parish? **Yes / No**

**8k:** If your answer to **8j** above is **Yes** please identify the location.

**8l:** Should Main Road, Weston, from Weston Hall roundabout to the T junction opposite Crewe Hall be designated as a permanent 7.5 tonne weight restriction zone? **Yes / No**

**8m:** Would you support stricter enforcement of the current 7.5 tonne zones? **Yes / No**

**8n:** How far do you travel to work daily (one way): 0: 1-10: 11-20: 21-30: 31+miles **Please circle**

### **Wider Infrastructure - Broadband and other services.**

***Aim 9:** to maintain and enhance the current infrastructure within the Parish so that all residents can use the latest technology.*

**To achieve this we need your response to the following questions:**

**9a:** Does your property have a broadband connection? **Yes / No**

**9b:** If you answered **Yes** to **9a** above are you happy with your broadband speed? **Yes /No**

**9c:** Does your property have access to mains gas? **Yes /No**

**9d:** If you answered **No** to **9c** above, do you want access to mains gas? **Yes / No**

**9e:** Is your property connected to mains sewerage? **Yes /No**

**9f:** If you answered **No** to **9e** above would you prefer access to mains sewerage? **Yes / No**

### **Other questions.**

#### **10. Traffic Management**

For the last 5 years, the Parish Council, supported by Cheshire East Highway and Cheshire Police has followed a 3 pronged policy on managing traffic. This is based on **3 E's**.

**Education** – Speed Watch and Smiley Sid's.

**Engineering** – carriageway changes and road marking and signs.

**Enforcement** – Camera Partnership van, plus an officer with a speed gun.

Fortunately, the Parish has a very good road safety record, and the Police prioritise their resources based on **KISS** numbers – Killed and Seriously Injured.

**10a:** Do you support the continuance of this 3 pronged approach? **Yes / No**

**10b:** Which is your preferred order of priority – please rank 1 to 3.

**Education**  
**Engineering**  
**Enforcement**

### **11. Footpaths**

A number of sign posted footpaths crisscross the Parish.

**11a:** Do you regularly use any of these? **Yes / No**

**11b:** If you answered **Yes** which one do you use?

**11c:** Are any new footpaths required? **Yes / No**

**11d:** If you answered **Yes** please name the location of your 1<sup>st</sup> priority.

**11e:** Would you volunteer to be a part time footpath Warden? **Yes / No**

**11f:** If you answered **Yes** please contact a member of the NP Steering group.

### **12. Finally**

If there is anything that you feel was not covered by the questionnaire and you wish to comment on it, please write in the box below.