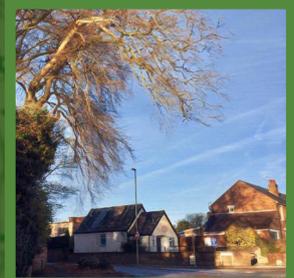
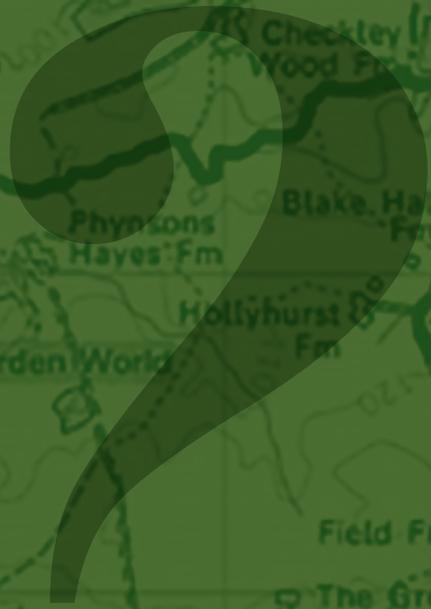


# Woore Neighbourhood Plan

Please complete and return by  
**June 25th 2017**



# The BIG Questionnaire

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Please help us by answering this questionnaire...

## The Big Questionnaire

– we need your views to help influence the future of our parish. The area covered by the Woore Neighbourhood Plan is the Parish of Woore, which includes Pipe Gate, Irelands Cross, Gravenhunger, Dorrington, Bearstone and part of Onneley.

Completed questionnaires will be collected on the **25th June 2017** by a Neighbourhood Plan volunteer unless you are advised of a different date. Alternatively, there is a box in the Woore Country Store.

The Big Questionnaire has been prepared by the Neighbourhood Plan Project Team. This group is comprised of volunteers from the Parish.

The team will be using the results of the questionnaire, along with other work, to produce the Woore Neighbourhood Plan.

We have sent one questionnaire to each household. If you would like more questionnaires, please contact us at:

**[info@woorenpt.org.uk](mailto:info@woorenpt.org.uk)**

or download from the Neighbourhood Plan web page at

**[www.woorenpt.org.uk](http://www.woorenpt.org.uk)** or

**[www.wooreparishcouncil.org](http://www.wooreparishcouncil.org)**

# What is a neighbourhood plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan has legal status for planning purposes and guides future development. It will allow the Parish to help direct the extent, location and design of future development. It is Community Led – we, the community, research it, write it and vote to accept it. Shropshire Council will use the Neighbourhood Plan, along with their Local Plan, to determine planning applications for Woore Parish. The policies must focus on land use issues which would need to be decided by a planning application – this means that issues such as speeding, highways, bus timetables and litter cannot be covered.

**The Neighbourhood Plan will cover the period up to 2036**

## Background Information

### Growth of the Parish of Woore

Year	No. of households	% increase	Source
1981	<b>335</b>	-	Census
1991	<b>392</b>	17%	Census
2001	<b>408</b>	4%	Census
2011	<b>462</b>	13%	Census
2016	<b>563</b>	22%	Shropshire Council data
01.2017	<b>572</b>	2%	Shropshire Council data

### Population (over 18)

2011: **903** Source: 2011 Census

2016: **1043** Source: registered voters on electoral register

*This represents growth of nearly **16%** in the last 5 years*

### Population (under 18)

2011: **166** Based on census data

2016: **>200** (estimated figure, proportionate to known growth of adult population)

*This represents growth of at least **21%** in the last 5 years*

### Planning Applications Approved but not yet Built for Woore Parish (at Feb 2017)

- 1 Dwelling Farcross London Road Woore
- 10 Dwellings Land West of London Road Irelands Cross
- 21 Dwellings Land Adjacent to the Grove London Road Woore
- 1 Dwelling Land South of Elmhurst Farm London Road Irelands Cross
- 2 Dwellings Land Adjacent Warren Heights London Road Woore
- 5 Dwellings Land to South of Audlem Road Woore
- 10 Dwellings Storage Land at Station Yard Pipe Gate

**Total number of dwellings = 50**

### What have we done so far?

- Issued and analysed an initial short questionnaire, which each household received in November 2016
- Drawn up a draft vision for Woore
- Developed draft objectives for achieving this vision.
- Held a drop-in at the Victory Hall to highlight what people said in the short questionnaire Thank you to everyone who filled in the questionnaire or came to the drop-in afternoon

### We now want to ask you for your views. We will then:

- Analyse the information and create a draft Neighbourhood Plan
- Ask you for comments on the draft plan
- Submit it to Shropshire Council and an independent examiner for approval
- Carry out a referendum of Woore Parish residents to confirm support for our Neighbourhood Plan

Please reply to each statement in the following sections by ticking one of the alternatives, or when requested all that apply. Please add any comments at the end of the questionnaire if you wish to expand your answers.

## About you

We have a number of questions to clarify that we have a broad response from the questionnaire from throughout the community.

**1. Are you:**

U18  18-24  25-44  45-59  60-74  75+

**2. Are you:**

Male  Female

**3. Postcode**

**4. How many people live in your household in each of these age groups?**

U18  18-24  25-44  45-59  60-74  75+

**5. Are you the only person completing the questionnaire for your household?**

Yes  No

**6. How many years have you resided in the Parish?**

0-5  6-10  11-20  21-30  31+

### The Draft Vision for Woore Neighbourhood Plan

*'The Parish of Woore will continue to be a vibrant, thriving community with improved facilities and amenities for all its residents and visitors. New development of an appropriate scale will have provided a mix of housing to reflect local needs, along with necessary improvements to local infrastructure. Developments will be sensitively located and designed to ensure that the cherished natural environment and rural character of the parish is maintained'*

We drafted this vision from the responses that we received from the initial short questionnaire, which was made publically available at the drop-in session on the 27th February 2017.

**7. Do you agree with the draft vision?**

Yes  No

**8. Can you think of anything that should be changed in the draft vision?**

Yes  No  *If you answered yes, what changes would you like to see?*

# Draft Objectives

We drafted the following objectives from responses that we received from the initial short questionnaire which we made publically available at the drop-in session on the 27th February 2017 **Do you agree with these objectives?**

**Objective 1** To ensure that any new housing developments be relatively small, unobtrusive and reflect local needs

9. Yes  No

**Objective 2** To maintain the rural character of the Parish of Woore respecting the sensitive gaps between settlements

10. Yes  No

**Objective 3** To support a thriving village centre and enhance the rural economy

11. Yes  No

**Objective 4** To improve the local infrastructure

12. Yes  No

**Objective 5** To protect and enhance community services and amenities

13. Yes  No

**Objective 6** To protect and enhance the natural environment

14. Yes  No

If you have answered No to any of the objectives, what would you like to see changed?

We will be drafting policies to help achieve the objectives. It is likely that the policies will cover issues such as housing, design, open spaces and local facilities.

# Housing

Woore Parish has seen a large amount of new housing, with over a hundred additional houses built since 2010. In addition, planning permission has been granted for fifty additional properties which at the end of February 2017 hadn't been built.

The Shropshire Local Plan has defined Woore, Irelands Cross and Pipe Gate as a Community Hub, and suggests that from 2015 to 2026 there will be limited potential for development of approximately fifteen dwellings more than half of which have already been allocated since the beginning of 2016.

The Shropshire Local Plan stipulates that this will be achieved through limited infilling, conversions and small groups of houses which may be acceptable on suitable sites within the villages, avoiding ribbon development along the A51.

Any development must respect the sensitive gap between Woore, Irelands Cross and Pipe Gate to prevent coalescence of the settlements.

The Shropshire Local Plan is currently being reviewed to extend to 2036, which will include an approximate number of dwellings for Woore Parish in addition to the fifteen above.

**15. If Shropshire Council increase the housing target for Woore Parish after 2026, I would prefer any future housing developments up to 2036 to be:** *(please tick one)*

- A number of very small developments (1 or 2 houses)
- Small developments (fewer than 10 houses)
- Medium developments (10-20 houses)
- Large developments (over 20 houses)

**16. What type of dwelling(s) do you think should be developed?** *(please tick as many boxes as you like)*

	1-2 Beds	3-4 Beds	5+ Beds	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bungalow	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Flats/ Apartment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Detached	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-detached	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Terraced	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable*	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<i>*Housing to be built to meet the needs of those having a local connection to the Parish</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Sheltered**	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<i>**Accommodation for the elderly</i>

**17. What is the maximum number of storeys that should be permitted in any new development?** *(please tick one)*

- One storey
- Two storey
- Three storey

**18. The priority for new development in the Parish should be (please tick as many as you want)**

- Infill development (*the development of 1 or 2 properties within any gaps in a built up frontage*)
- Re-use of brownfield (*former commercial/ industrial land*)
- Conversions of existing buildings (*change of use of existing building or demolition and replacement on existing footprint*)
- Greenfield sites (*land not previously built on*)

**19. Do you have any suggested locations for further dwellings?**

- Yes     No    *If you answered yes, please state the location*

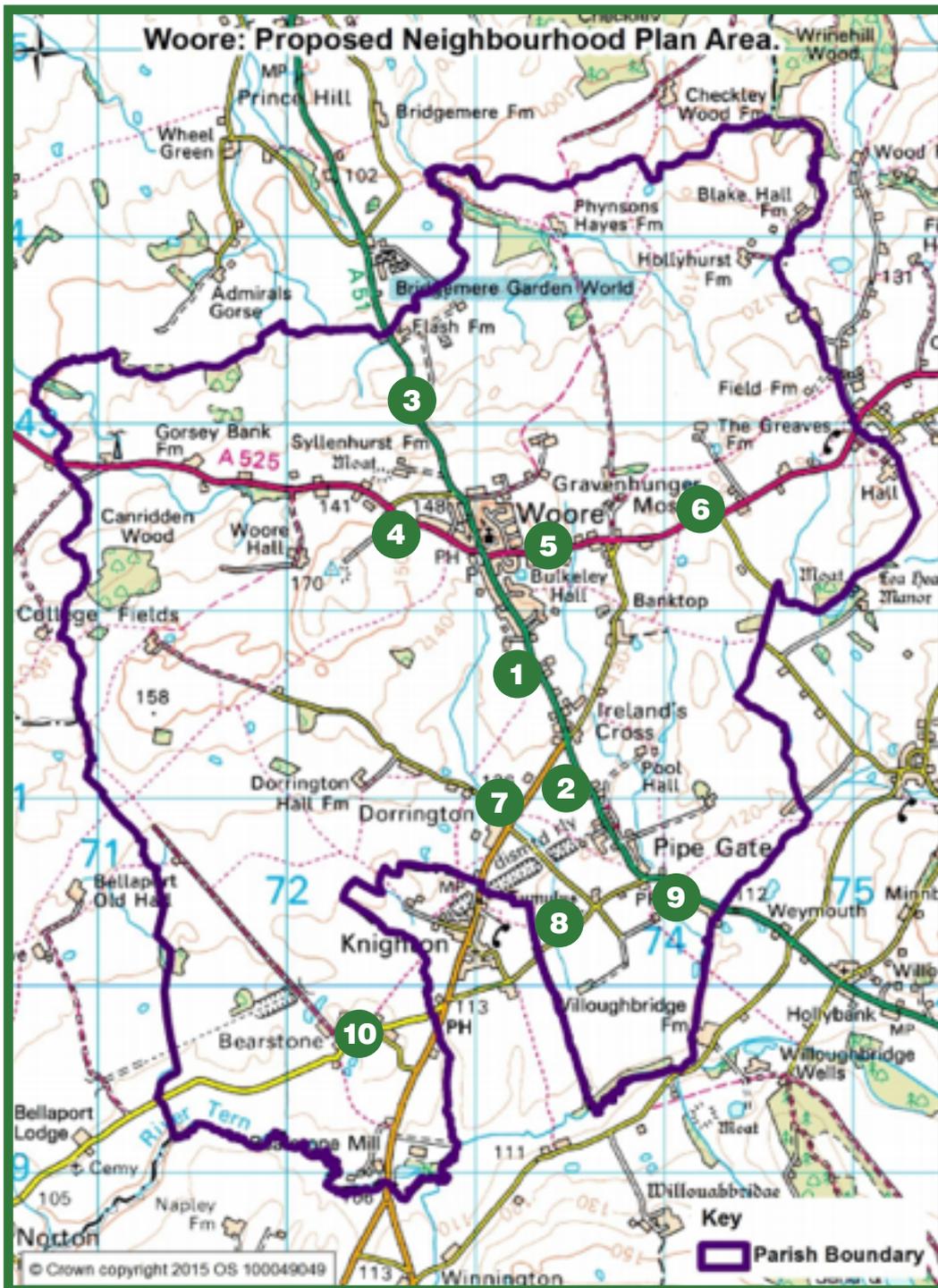
## Sensitive gaps

**20. The Shropshire Local Plan states that any development must respect the sensitive gaps between Woore, Irelands Cross and Pipe Gate to prevent coalescence of the settlements. The Neighbourhood Plan will give us the opportunity to clarify what we consider to be the sensitive gaps. Please tick as many of the below areas that you think are 'sensitive gaps' and therefore should be protected under the Neighbourhood Plan. **These locations are show on the map overleaf.****

- 1. Between Woore and Irelands Cross
- 2. Between Irelands Cross and Pipe Gate
- 3. Between Woore and Bridgemere Nurseries
- 4. Between Woore Manor and Candle Lane, south of Audlem Road
- 5. Between Woore and Gravenhunger
- 6. Between Gravenhunger and Onneley
- 7. Between Irelands Cross and Knighton
- 8. Between Pipe Gate (Chetwode Arms) and Knighton
- 9. Between Pipe Gate and Staffordshire border on the A51
- 10. Around Bearstone

Are there any other sensitive gaps not listed above? If so, please state.

## Sensitive gaps : Map



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# Neighbourhood plans

## 21. Neighbourhood Plans can have design policies. Do you agree with the following statements?

a. Housing on sites larger than 3 units should be of uniform design

Yes  No  No opinion

b. Housing should be built in keeping with nearby/ local properties

Yes  No  No opinion

c. All new housing should have its own individual garden

Yes  No  No opinion

Do you have any other suggestions of how new dwellings can be well designed and built?

Yes  No  *If you answered yes, what suggestions do you have?*

## 22. There is no National or County guidance for off street parking facilities on new builds, given that Woore Parish is mainly a commuter Parish, our proposed policy is:

**1 Bedroom dwelling**      **Minimum of 1 parking space**

**2-3 Bedroom dwelling**      **Minimum 2 parking spaces**

**4+ Bedroom dwelling**      **Minimum 3 parking spaces**

**Is this:**

Too little

Too much

Just right

No opinion

*If you answered Too little or Too much, what do you suggest?*

# Local Facilities

**23. How often do you use these local facilities?**

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	Never
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Victory Hall	<input type="radio"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Cricket Ground	<input type="radio"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Outside Adult workout area at rear of Victory Hall	<input type="radio"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Play area at St Leonards Way	<input type="radio"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Tennis club	<input type="radio"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Village Green (on Audlem Road)	<input type="radio"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Bowling Green	<input type="radio"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Playing area at Beech Avenue (off Audlem Road)*	<input type="radio"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> i. Playing area at Phoenix Rise (Pipe Gate)*	<input type="radio"/>				

\* Estate residents use only

**24. Are there any facilities in the Parish that you think need improving?**

Yes  No  *If you answered yes, what suggestions do you have?*

**25. If the opportunity arose, what new leisure facilities would you like to see in the Parish?**

- a. Multi-purpose sports pitch
- b. Playing Field
- c. Skate Park
- d. Basketball/ netball court
- e. Community Garden

*If you have other suggestions, please list them here:*

# The countryside and green spaces

Neighbourhood Plans can designate areas as 'Local Green Space' which gives them added protection against inappropriate development. To be designated as a local green space, the green space must be in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves; demonstrably special to the local community holding a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and should be local in character and not an extensive tract of land.

**26. With the above in mind, can you think of any green spaces that you would like to see designated as a Local Green Space?**

Yes     No    *If you answered yes, which green space is it?*

**27. Do you use the public footpaths and rights of way in the Parish?**

Yes frequently     Yes occasionally     Hardly ever     Never

*If you answered never, why don't you use them?*

# Rural economy

**28. Do you run a business, or work in Woore?**

Yes     No    *If yes, what type of work are you involved in?*

**29. Please tick any of the following that would improve your experience of working in the Parish of Woore, or would support the growth of your business or service.**

- a. Improved mobile reception
- b. Faster broadband
- c. Dedicated space for networking and development

*If you have any other suggestions for services to improve your business, please state them here:*

## And finally...

30. Finally, do you have any comments or is there anything land use based that you would like to see covered in the Neighbourhood Plan that you think we may have missed?

If there is, please let us know in the box below:

**Thank you very much indeed for filling in this questionnaire.**

There are three options to return your questionnaire:

1. Collection by a volunteer on the **25th June**, unless otherwise indicated
2. Leave in the plastic bag at the front of your house for collection on the **25th June**, unless otherwise indicated
3. Deliver into Woore Country Store by **25th June**

If you would like to get involved in any way at all with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, please leave your contact details below, or email us at the email address below.

[info@woorenpt.org.uk](mailto:info@woorenpt.org.uk)