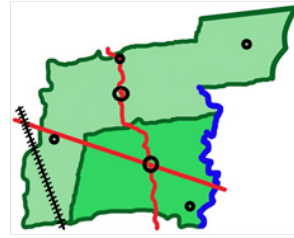


# Sturton and Stow Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire 2019



This is your opportunity to have your say in the future of our parishes. Please try to find ten minutes to fill in this Neighbourhood Plan residents questionnaire.

Whatever your views and ideas, this is your chance to influence our parishes future development.

**Don't miss out!**

## **ABOUT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

### **What is a Neighbourhood Plan?**

Neighbourhood planning is a new way for communities to decide the future of the places they live and work in. Our parishes will be able to:

- Choose where we would like new houses, shops and offices to be built.
- Have our say in what those buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided.

### **What a Neighbourhood Plan CANNOT do?**

Neighbourhood Plans cannot generally advocate less building than has already been decided in the Local Plan, or stop building programmes completely, but can influence where development takes place, how the new buildings will look, how they are laid out and other important features like making sure there are green spaces, play areas and good, safe access.

### **Who should prepare the Neighbourhood Plan?**

In areas where a Parish Council exists, these are the only bodies that can prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. However, these councils will seek to involve all residents, community organisations, businesses and landowners in this process. In our case, the Sturton by Stow and Stow Parish Councils have appointed a "Neighbourhood Plan Group" consisting of Parish Councillors and volunteers, to engage with the communities. We have employed Consultants OpenPlan and Community Lincs, to guide us through the process.

### **Does a Neighbourhood Plan carry any legal weight?**

Once a Neighbourhood Plan is in force following a successful referendum, it carries real legal weight. All decision makers are obliged to consider proposals for developments in our parishes alongside our Neighbourhood Plan.

## **COMPLETING YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE**

If you would prefer to complete your questionnaire online please go to:

**<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Stow-Residents>**

Additional paper copies can be downloaded from the Neighbourhood Plan website:

**<https://www.sturtonandstowplan.co.uk>**

There are drop off boxes for completed hard copy questionnaires available at a number of locations around the villages. These include:

<b>In Sturton:</b>	<b>In Stow:</b>
The Plough	The Cross Keys pub
The Post Office in the Old School Room	St Mary's Church
The Primary School	<b>In Bransby:</b>
The Tillbridge Tastery	In the reception of the Horses' Home
The Village Shop	
The Village Market <b>(on Saturday 2nd February only)</b>	

If you have any problems with either filling in your questionnaire or dropping it off into a collection box, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our **Help Line on 07833 023468** and leave a message stating your name, address, phone number and the assistance required.

### **BUSINESS QUESTIONNAIRE**

We are also asking local businesses to share their views and thoughts on the Neighbourhood Plan. There is a separate online only questionnaire for businesses at:

**<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/StowBusiness>**

### **SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

The final date for submission of both questionnaires is **Monday 4th February 2019**. Please make sure your completed questionnaire has been returned to a collection box or submitted online before this date.

### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

Results and findings from the questionnaires will be published on our website and a feedback event will be held on **Wednesday 13th March 2019, from 4.15pm to 6.45pm at Sturton by Stow Village Hall**.

In addition to the questionnaire, there will be further consultation events to enable you to 'have your say'. Look out for our banners announcing events, or email us at: **[sturtonandstowplan@btinternet.com](mailto:sturtonandstowplan@btinternet.com)** for more information.

### **GET INVOLVED!**

The next step after the questionnaire will be to 'Characterise' your parishes. This will be done by means of a 'Walk-about' in which the various features will be recorded. If you are interested in participating, please contact us by email at **[sturtonandstowplan@btinternet.com](mailto:sturtonandstowplan@btinternet.com)** or contact our **Help Line on 07833 023468** leaving your name stating your contact details (e.g. phone number or email address).

Thank you.



Mel Banham  
Chair of the Sturton and Stow Neighbourhood Plan Group

## Introduction

The parishes of Sturton by Stow and Stow have evolved over the years, shaped by the people who live and work here.

We are seeking your views as a resident on your experience of the area. We will use this information to ensure that what we plan to deliver to the area reflects the feelings and needs of the people.

Please take the time to fill in this questionnaire and return it back to us. The more feedback we get the more accurately we will be able to respond to people's needs.

You can find out more information about the Neighbourhood Plan on a dedicated website at:  
<https://www.sturtonandstowplan.co.uk>

**Closing date for completion of this questionnaire is Monday 4th February 2019.**

1. As this questionnaire covers two parishes including a number of settlements, please indicate where you live:

	Bransby		Stow
	Coates		Sturton by Stow
	Normanby by Stow		Stow Park
	Rural District		Westwoods

## Your Parish

2. How long have you lived in your parish?

	Less than 12 months		11 - 15 years
	1 - 5 years		16 - 20 years
	6 - 10 years		More than 20 years

3. Which of the following attracted you to living in your parish? (Tick all that apply)

	A friendly place to live		Historic setting
	A safe place to live		Rural atmosphere
	Easy access to surrounding countryside		Suitable housing
	Good access to employment		Village activities / community groups
	Good local schools		Village facilities (e.g. shop, village hall, pub, etc.)
	Green spaces		Village feel
	Other (please specify)		

## Local Environment

4. When considering the local environment how important to you are the following?  
(Tick all that apply)

	Very important	Important	Not important	No opinion
Atmospheric pollution				
Flooding				
Noise pollution				
Keeping the character of your parish				
Protecting dykes and ditches				
Protecting green spaces				
Protecting local rural footpaths and views				
Protecting your parish's traditional buildings and other heritage				
Protecting trees, woodlands, hedges and countryside				
Other (please specify)				

5. Have you been affected by localised flooding?

	Yes		No
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If "Yes" state the location:

6. What was the main cause of the flooding?

## Safer Community

7. Do you consider that any of the following are issues within your parish? (Tick all that apply)

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Dog fouling			
Litter			
Noise pollution			
Vandalism/anti-social behaviour			
Other (please specify)			

8. Residents have voiced concerns about the speed of traffic and dangerous junctions. Please identify your 3 main concerns:

1.	
2.	
3.	

9. How important are the following to you?

	Very important	Important	Not important	No opinion
Footpaths and cycle-ways to adjacent parishes				
Good footpath signs				
Keeping footpaths and pavements well maintained				
Keeping roads well maintained				
Less parking on pavements and grass verges				
More cycle paths				
More off road parking				
Traffic calming				

## Housing

10. In the Central Lincolnshire Plan 2016-2036, the advised housing growth in the parish of Sturton by Stow is 15% (97 houses), in Stow this is 10% (17 houses).

Our Plan cannot request less housing growth than this. If you feel more housing could be accommodated, how many would you be happy with?

	No more		7 - 14 units
	1 - 6 units		15+ units

11. Where would you prefer to see future development within your parish? (Tick all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Brownfield (land previously developed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greenfield (land previously undeveloped)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Infill developments	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conversion of existing buildings

12. In your opinion what type of housing would you like to see included in any new development?

\*This is housing for local people whose needs cannot be met on the open market. Usually provided by a housing association or local authority, it includes homes for rent or shared ownership.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree strongly	Disagree	Don't know
Affordable homes*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homes for rent (for anyone)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homes for sale on the open market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shared ownership (part mortgage/part rent)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheltered accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)					

13. What style of housing would you like to see included in any new housing development?

	High preference	Medium preference	Low preference	No preference
1 bed properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 bed properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 bed properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4+ bed properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flats/apartments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Modern style	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Period/traditional style	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Terraced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single-storey (bungalow)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two-storey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Three-storey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. Do you think any new development should respect the local character, landscape and heritage of the parish?

	Yes		No
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If Yes, what local features are particularly important to you? (e.g. i.e. the churches, old houses, green gaps between houses and the villages).

15. How important are the following considerations in relation to any development?

	Very Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Green spaces				
Protection and enhancement of the existing natural and historic environmental assets				
The integrity and character of the parishes				
Transport infrastructure improvements				
Increased employment opportunities				
New services				
Please specify new services:				

16. Should you wish to remain in your parish, do you consider that you or a member of your family will have a housing need in the next 5 years?

	Yes		No		Don't know
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17. If 'Yes' what would you consider is the main reason for this need?

	Current accommodation is too expensive		Legal reasons (end of relationship, end of tenancy, etc.)
	Current accommodation is too far from work		Need to live closer to a carer or to provide care
	Current accommodation is too large		Need to live closer to family
	Current accommodation is too small		Want to leave parental home/live independently
	Current accommodation is unsuitable for physical needs		

## Community

18. Which community facilities do you use within your parish and how often?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never
Bus service					
Children's centre (i.e. Sure Start)					
Green spaces					
Places of worship					
Play area					
Post Office					
Primary school					
Pub					
Shop					
Village hall					
Youth club					
<b>Other facilities (please specify)</b>					



19. How do you view the need for the following additional or improved community facilities in your parish?

	Very Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Allotments				
Child care/nursery				
Clubs and societies for adults				
Clubs and societies for under 18's				
Community seating/benches				
Community workshops (e.g. crafts, woodwork)				
Facilities for teenagers				
Health care facilities				
Improved play facilities for children				
More open spaces for walking				
More space for parking				
New or improved community meeting spaces				
New or improved community recreation facilities				
Places of worship				
Public house/restaurant				
Secondary schooling				
Shop/tea room				
Other (please specify)				

## Communication

20. How do you currently find out about what is happening in your parish? (Tick all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Facebook page	<input type="checkbox"/>	Village/local organisation websites (e.g. Parish Council, Stow Fun Raisers)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neighbourhood Plan Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	Village notice boards
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parish News booklet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Word of Mouth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Posters and Flyers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not interested
Other (please specify)			

21. Do you think there is a need to improve communication?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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If 'Yes' do you have any ideas?

## Employment

22. Do you consider that your parish needs more employment opportunities?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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23. If 'Yes' what type of employment opportunities should be encouraged? (Tick all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Retail
<input type="checkbox"/>	Incubation units (start-up business units)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social care sector
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leisure and recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Storage and distribution
<input type="checkbox"/>	Light manufacturing/industry		

Are you a local business owner? If you would like to complete the Parish Neighbourhood Plan Business Questionnaire you can do so at:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/StowBusiness>

24. Please make any other comments you have in the space below, remember you will have ample opportunity to share your views at future consultation exercises or by asking to help create the Neighbourhood Plan.

## About you

25. As part of gathering data trends we are interested in the age group you belong to (this question is optional).

<input type="checkbox"/>	18 and under	<input type="checkbox"/>	45 - 59 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	19 - 29 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	60 - 79 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	30 - 44 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	80 years or over

**Thank you for completing this questionnaire.**