

The 2015 Alcester Community Town Plan and Neighbourhood Development Plan Household Questionnaire



Town Community plan

In 2006 the Town Council, working with the neighboring parishes, circulated a questionnaire to every household in Alcester for residents to respond with what they thought the needs of the town were, it identified the need for more youth facilities and better access to doctors, when it was adopted in 2008 by SDC the results of this survey were used to enable the town to secure funding for a Youth Club and have its doctors surgeries updated into a purpose built new building. Nine years on and its time we repeated the process to make sure the needs of the residents are once again identified.

Neighbourhood Plan

Following the Community engagement events last year the Town Council would now like to know whether residents think the issues identified so far are the right ones, and what people think about the proposed aims and vision for the town. We would also like to find out some further details about specific issues, such as the town centre, new development, the environment, and community facilities in Alcester. This information will be used to prepare policies and proposals which Stratford-on-Avon District Council will use to make planning decisions in Alcester, after the Neighbourhood Plan has been successful in the referendum.

This Questionnaire

We have tried to make the questions as simple as possible so you can tell us what you think and feel.

You will not be identified so there is no need to worry. Please return completed questionnaires by Friday 27th March.

The more forms we get completed and returned the better chance we have of making a real difference.

Thank you

Your Home

1. How many people including children normally live in your household?

2. Please enter the number of people in your household in each age group:

0-4

45-59

5-10

60-64

11-15

65-74

16-17

75-84

18-24

85+

25-44

3. Please state the postcode for your property

4. How long have you lived in the Alcester parish?

Less than one year

1-5 years

6-15

16-25

26-50

51+ years

Whole life

5. Is your home:

Private owned

Owner occupied

Privately rented

Local authority/housing association rented

Shared ownership (part-owned/part-rented)

6. Is any individual in your household or your whole household currently in need of alternative accommodation?

Yes No

7. If your household/individual does need to move, where would they want to move to?

Another dwelling in Alcester

Elsewhere in the district

Outside Alcester but within 10 miles

Over 10 miles away from Alcester

8. Is your household/individual unable to move to a suitable accommodation because?

Lack of suitable stock to buy

Lack of local authority/housing association homes

Lack of private rented accommodation

No suitable sheltered housing

Not able to get a job

Unable to afford the cost of moving

Other financial commitments

Other

Your Children

9. Please enter the number of children in your household who attend the following:

Play group

Nursery school

Primary school

Middle school

Secondary school

Special needs school

Sixth form College

University

Training courses

Other

10. How would you rate the educational provision in Alcester

Excellent Good Satisfactory Poor Unsatisfactory No Opinion

11. Please enter the number of children in your household who have a special educational need

Your Transport

12. Please enter how many roadworthy vehicles are kept by your household?

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cars | <input type="checkbox"/> Lorries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vans | <input type="checkbox"/> Specially adapted vehicles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycles | |

13. If responsible for a vehicle where do you usually park it?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> In a garage at your property | <input type="checkbox"/> Off the road |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A garage elsewhere | <input type="checkbox"/> On the road |

14. If you use the bus, what do you use it for and how often?

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| Often Occasional Never | Often Occasional Never | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> School | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Medical visits | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Work | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Social/leisure | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

15. Do you think there is a speeding traffic problem in the Alcester area?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion |
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16. Would you support the following speed control measures in the Alcester area?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Speed cameras | <input type="checkbox"/> Child at play signs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of the 30mph speed limit | <input type="checkbox"/> More road warning signs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction of a 20mph speed limit | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speed humps/cushions | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ | |

Your Work

17. Are you at present?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> An employee | <input type="checkbox"/> In full time education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed | <input type="checkbox"/> Unwaged housewife/husband |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed (employing other people) | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed (not employing anyone) | <input type="checkbox"/> Permanently sick/disabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In a government training scheme | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ | |

18. Where is your main place of work?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> At home | <input type="checkbox"/> Conurbation (e.g. Birmingham Solihull Coventry) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Within the Alcester area | <input type="checkbox"/> Job is mobile |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in the county | |

19. If you are actively seeking work, are there any barriers that are preventing you from taking up employment, training or study opportunities?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of alternative care for adult dependent | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't have the right type of experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of child care locally | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability or ill health of some kind |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of child care locally | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of information/advice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of access to transport | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above. |

20. What is, or would be, your main means of transport to work, training or study?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Car/van | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbike/scooter/moped |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public bus | <input type="checkbox"/> Train |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private bus | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taxi | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |

Your Health and Wellbeing

21. How user friendly are the pavements in your area, especially for disabled, pushchairs or wheelchairs?

- Excellent Good Satisfactory Poor Unsatisfactory No Opinion

22. In relation to local footpaths and bridleways, can you answer the following:

Yes No No opinion

- Do you know where the local footpaths/bridleways are?
 Can you use them without difficulty?
 Are they well signposted?
 Would you be willing to help maintain them?

23. Do you, or a member of your household, have a health problem/disability which affects your daily living?

- Yes No

24. Do you have and difficulty in getting the following?

Often Occasional Never

Often Occasional Never

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Chiropodist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Optician |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemist | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Dentist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ | | | |

25. If you have used any of the following services which cover the Alcester area during the last year, how do you rate the service?

Good Reasonable Poor

Good Reasonable Poor

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Chiropody |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Community nurse | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Loan of medical equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Health visitor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Meals on wheels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Home help | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Counselling services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulance | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Physiotherapy services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Maternity care | | | |

26. Which if any, of the following crimes and anti-social behaviour concern you in the Alcester area?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Theft | <input type="checkbox"/> Drunkenness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mugging | <input type="checkbox"/> Not concerned |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ | |

27. Is there anywhere in Alcester that you feel unsafe?

- Yes – location _____
 No
 No opinion

28. What are your opinions on the standard of the following services in the Alcester area?

Good Reasonable Poor

Good Reasonable Poor

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Police | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital |

29. If you usually shop in Alcester, is it because? (tick all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The local shops give you good value | <input type="checkbox"/> Saves transport cost |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You like to support local shops | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't have transport to go elsewhere |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You like the social contact | <input type="checkbox"/> In need of last minute items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saves time | |

Your Key Issues

30. From what local people said when consulted on the Neighbourhood Plan we have produced the following list of the key issues which Alcester faces:

- a) The retail offer and services in Alcester town centre should be improved and diversified.
- b) Parking facilities in the town centre are insufficient at peak times.
- c) There is a need to provide more affordable housing for local people in Alcester.
- d) There is a need for more family homes for local people in Alcester.
- e) New housing development must be accompanied by corresponding improvements to infrastructure
- f) New development must not increase the risk of flooding.
- g) Medical services in the town should be improved.
- h) Community facilities in the town should be improved.
- i) Primary school facilities need to be improved.
- j) Open space facilities should be improved.
- k) Provision should be made for employment growth.
- l) There is a need to protect the town's green belt and landscape setting.
- m) Alcester's built heritage is a valuable asset that should be preserved and promoted.

Do you agree that these are the main issues which need to be addressed in the town?

- Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

If there are any other issues that the Neighbourhood Plan should deal with, please say what they are. If you disagree with any of the above, please say which one(s).

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Our Proposed Aims of the Neighbourhood Plan

31. From the above issues the following proposed aims were produced for the Neighbourhood Plan. Do you agree that these should be the main aims for the Neighbourhood Plan?

Town Centre

SA1: To improve and diversify the range of shopping and other services offered in Alcester Town Centre in order to increase its attractiveness to the local community and to visitors.

SA2: To improve the provision and effectiveness of ancillary facilities required to support the town centre, including car parking and visitor facilities.

- Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

New development

SA3: To accommodate new housing to satisfy strategic local policy and to meet local housing need, including sufficient affordable housing and family housing.

SA4: To accommodate new employment development to satisfy strategic local policy and provide an extended range of employment opportunities for local people.

SA5: To ensure that all significant new developments make an appropriate contribution towards the necessary improvements to local infrastructure, such as highways, education, green space, community and other necessary facilities.

- Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

Environment

SA6: To ensure that new development achieves high quality design, and complements and respects the local historic built environment wherever appropriate.

SA7: To preserve and enhance the local historic built environment as a significant cultural and educational resource and an important visitor attraction.

SA8: To ensure that the landscape setting of the town and its valuable local green space is protected and enhanced.

SA9: To mitigate the risk of flooding by incorporating appropriate measures within new developments.

Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

Community and recreational facilities

SA10: To improve the quality and range of community facilities in Alcester.

SA11: To improve the quality and range of indoor and outdoor recreational facilities in Alcester.

Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

If there are any other aims that the Neighbourhood Plan should have, please say what they are. Please say if you disagree with any of the above.

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Our Proposed Vision for Alcester

32. The following proposed Vision has been prepared for Alcester:

In 2031 Alcester will be an attractive, thriving town with a valued historic character located in a beautiful rural setting and offering a wide range of high quality housing, good local employment opportunities and excellent community and recreational facilities.

Do you agree that this should be the vision of the Neighbourhood Plan?

Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

If there is anything else that you think the Vision should include please say what it is

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Our Town Centre

33. Alcester has a historic town centre which provides shops and services not only for the local community but also for visitors and tourists. It is important for the future of Alcester that the town centre continues to be attractive, lively and viable.

a) Do you agree that it is important that the businesses and services in the town centre continue to thrive and should be supported in the Neighbourhood Plan?

Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

b) If you think that the town centre lacks any facilities, businesses or services, please say which ones

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c) Do you think the town centre car parking is satisfactory?

- Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

If you disagree, what do you think could be done to improve provision?

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Our New Development

34. Stratford-on-Avon District Council are producing a new Local Plan which proposes a housing allocation of 350 new dwellings for Alcester on land north of Allimore Lane and 11 hectares of employment land at Arden Industrial Estate. Over the plan period (to 2031) there will no doubt be other development in the town as well. It will be important to ensure that as far as possible this development meets local housing and employment needs, and the town can accommodate the proposed level of growth.

a) Do you agree that new housing development in Alcester should include provision for affordable homes and family homes to satisfy local needs?

- Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

b) Do you agree that Alcester has sufficient employment opportunities for local people?

- Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

What sort of businesses or other employment are missing from the town at present?

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c) New development increases demand for and use of local services, such as highways, education and communities facilities, and so should make a contribution towards improving or extending them.

Please state which local facilities and services you think would be put under pressure from new development in Alcester.

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Our Environment

35. The local environment make a vitally important contribution to the quality of life for people living in Alcester. It is also a major attraction for visitors and tourists, and as a result makes a significant contribution to the local economy. The Neighbourhood Plan can play an important part in ensuring that new development adds to the overall quality of the town and does not detract from it, that the historic environment is preserved, that local green space is protected, and that flood risk is mitigated.

a) Do you agree that the quality of design for new development in for Alcester is important?

- Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

b) Do you agree that the historic environment is important for Alcester?

- Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

c) Do you agree that Alcester's green belt and landscape setting are important?

- Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

d) In your view, what are the most important green spaces and natural places in and around Alcester?

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e) In the past Alcester has experienced flooding. In your experience, which parts of the parish of Alcester are most prone to flooding?

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Our Community and recreational facilities

36. Community and recreational facilities were mentioned by many people at the Neighbourhood Plan consultation events and in their written comments. The Neighbourhood Plan can help with the provision of such facilities, but not with the activities that take place in them.

a) Do you agree there are enough community facilities in Alcester at the present time?

Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

If you disagree, please say what new community facilities should be provided or which existing facilities should be improved.

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b) Do you agree there are enough recreational facilities in Alcester at the present time?

Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

If you disagree, please say what new recreational facilities should be provided or which existing facilities should be improved.

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Your chance to win £200!

37. Please enter your Contact details to enter the free prize draw to be in with a chance of winning £200! (Please note this is optional)

Name

Address

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Postcode

Terms and conditions: All entries must be returned by Friday 27th March 2015. All entrants must be aged 18 or over and a resident within the Alcester Parish. There will be one prize of £200 (by cheques). Only one entry per person. The winner will be notified by post. The name of the winner will be available after the draw on request to Chris Wright, Alcester Town Clerk, Globe House, Priory Road, Alcester, B49 5DZ to those enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope. The draw will be made by an independent person by 2nd April 2015. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery. Responsibility cannot be accepted for lost or mislaid entries.