

INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire is being delivered to all households and businesses within the Brigstock parish. Further copies are available from the Post Office if further members of your family wish to complete one.

Q Who can complete the questionnaire?

A Any resident ??? of Brigstock Parish can complete a questionnaire

Q I have only been given 1 copy. Can I get more copies?

A Yes you can. Preferably you can complete these on-line (See below), but you can get further copies from the Post Office, 9 Woodyard Close, or 5 Church Street. Each resident should only complete one copy.

Q Where must I return it to?

A Please return your questionnaire to the Post Office, 9 Woodyard Close or 5 Church Street. The Neighbourhood Plan Committee will also arrange for these to be collected if this is required.

Q When must I submit it by?

A This must be returned by 1st March 2016.

Q Why should I complete it on-line?

A The online survey is easy, fast, cheaper, quicker to analyse and more accurate. We would prefer you to use the online survey.

Q How do I find the on-line questionnaire?

A type in www. ?????????????? in your web browser and follow the instructions. When you finish the survey, it will automatically submit to our database.

Q I don't understand the questions or why I am doing this. Who can I talk to?

A You can call either Chris Allen (373059), sally Wilks (373428), Nigel Searle (373672). They will try to help you. Or email Chrisallen043@gmail.com with your query.

If you want more information, check the Parish Council Website,

<http://www.brigstockcouncil.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning.html>

Brigstock Neighbourhood Plan Community Questionnaire

Over the last year Brigstock Parish Council has taken the first steps towards producing a Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan offers the chance for all residents and businesses to have their say on future development within the parish and influence how their neighbourhood evolves. Brigstock faces many challenges and opportunities over the coming years. By working together we can ensure the village develops in a way that meets the needs of everyone.

In September 2015 local people were invited to an open day where they could find out a bit more about the Brigstock Neighbourhood Plan and to give their views on plans for the future. Then, in November 2015, a stakeholders meeting was held for businesses, landowners and organisations with an interest in Brigstock to set out their thoughts.

The feedback from these events and information about the area has helped to prepare this questionnaire which seeks your views on the main issues facing the parish. Everyone is welcome to complete the questionnaire and your answers will help us prepare the draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan.



Please return this questionnaire by 1st March 2016

For more details on completing this form or how to submit it electronically, please see the rear page.

Thank you for participating in our questionnaire. Your feedback is important.

General

In setting out our aims for the Neighbourhood Plan it is vital to consider how the area should be at the end of the 15 year plan period. Our plan needs to be aspirational, but realistic. It also needs to focus on the key issues for local people.

- 1 What are the most important issues for the Neighbourhood Plan? (please tick up to four boxes)
- Protecting the countryside
 - Conserving local heritage
 - Protecting green areas in the village
 - Improving or retaining local services and facilities
 - Local parking problems and traffic congestion
 - Better public transport
 - Meeting local housing needs
 - More local employment opportunities
 - Controlling future development

- 2 Is there anything missing?
- Yes
 - No

3 If yes, what?.....

Countryside Setting

Brigstock parish is in the heart of The Rockingham Forest Character Area as defined by Natural England. National Character Area profiles are guidance documents which can help communities to inform their decision-making about the places that they live in and care for. The information they contain will support the planning of conservation initiatives at a landscape scale, inform the delivery of Nature Improvement Areas and encourage broader partnership working through Local Nature Partnerships. The profiles will also help to inform choices about how land is managed and can change.

- 4 Is Brigstock's place within the Rockingham Forest Character Area important to you?
- Yes
 - No

- 5 The existing village development boundary is controlled by the "Settlement Boundary" as per the attached map. Should we continue to use a Settlement Boundary to protect the countryside around Brigstock and restrict development? The Boundary can be amended to reflect future needs.
- Yes
 - No

About you

Your response will remain confidential and will be combined with many others to learn about overall responses. However, we do need some personal information to make sure our survey is representative of the parish and the Neighbourhood Planning Committee would like to be able to send updates to you.

41 What is your name? (Optional)

42 What is your address?(Optional)

Postcode(Required)

Email (Optional)

- 43 What type of household do you live in?
- One person household
 - A couple: With dependent children
 - A couple: No dependent children
 - Lone parent household: With dependent children
 - Lone parent household: No dependent children
 - Multi-person household: All full-time students
 - Multi-person household: Other

- 44 What is your age?
- Under 12 years old
 - 12-17 years old
 - 18-24 years old
 - 25-34 years old
 - 35-44 years old
 - 45-54 years old
 - 55-64 years old
 - 65-74 years old
 - 75 years or older

45 Do you have any other comments?

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Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

37 If we allocate more employment land should it be for:

- Yes No Business use
- Yes No Industrial use
- Yes No Storage and distribution
- Yes No Starter units

38 Should the Neighbourhood Plan do more to support rural employment such as tourism, leisure, farming or equestrian?

- Yes
- No

Brigstock Camp (400 metres west of the village on the A6116)

Brigstock Camp was built 1925 and over the years has had many uses. Its most recent use as a lorry park and cattle transport business ended in 1993. In 2007, a medium secure 54-bed hospital on the former Brigstock Camp site was granted planning permission but has yet to be implemented. If a medium secure hospital facility is not implemented, East Northants Council propose that the development of offices on the Brigstock Camp site will be acceptable

39 What uses are appropriate for Brigstock Camp?

- Yes No Business
- Yes No Industrial
- Yes No Storage and distribution
- Yes No Hotel
- Yes No Residential institution e.g. care home
- Yes No Housing
- Yes No Non-residential institution e.g. education
- Yes No Assembly and leisure e.g. indoor and outdoor sports and leisure
- Yes No Renewable energy generation e.g. solar panels
- Yes No Other (please state).....

40 What other uses are appropriate for this site?

Other (please state).....

6 What are the most important views around the village that you consider that need to be protected? Tick all those you wish.

- Views of Brigstock from Dusthill Road
- Views of Brigstock from Grafton Road
- Views of Brigstock from Benefield Road
- Views from Stanion Road towards Dusthill Road
- Views from Bridge Street across the meadow
- Views from Park Walk across to the Manor
- Views from Country Park view point to the village

7 Are there any other views that should be protected?

- Yes
- No

8 If yes, what?.....

9 Which of the following sites within the Parish should be protected or enhanced for their ecological and scenic value. See attached map.

- Harpers Brook
- Fermyn Woods Country Park
- Existing woodland in the Parish

10 Are there any other wildlife areas that need protecting?

- Yes
- No

11 If yes, where?.....

12 It has been suggested that Brigstock Pocket Park between Barnards Way and the Bypass is underused and could be developed for other uses (See map). Please tick those that you consider could be a better use for the site.

- Continue use as a pocket park
- New school site and playing field
- New site for Pre-School building
- New employment site - light industrial
- New employment site - offices
- New social housing (inc shared ownership)
- New private housing development

13 Are there any other uses that should be considered?

- Yes
- No

14 If yes, what?.....

15 Do you support the principle that there could be sites within the Parish for renewable energy generation?

- Yes No Windfarm
- Yes No Solarfarm
- Yes No Biomass Community Heating scheme
- Yes No Other (please state).....

Heritage

Brigstock has been one of the largest village in Rockingham Forest since medieval times. St Andrews Church has Saxon origins and there is evidence if Roman and Anglo-Saxon settlements. We have always valued our heritage. In 2005 the Parish Council produced a Village Design Statement which included the following aims to guide new development.

- Yes No The Meadow
- Yes No The Park off Bridge Street and Park Walk
- Yes No The field off Stanion Road opposite New Town
- Yes No Rectory Paddock allotments
- Yes No Sudborough Road cemetery
- Yes No Benefield Road Allotments
- Yes No Allotment and play area at rear of the cemetery

Ensure that new development is in harmony with the existing village,

18 Are there any other Local Green Spaces that need to be protected?

- Yes
- No

Enhance the sense of place which is evident in the older parts of the village,

Reverse the trend of anonymity that can be found in recent village developments,

19 If yes, where are they?.....

Describe the distinctive style of the village and its surroundings

Show how the character of the village can be identified in terms of landscape setting, settlement pattern and building form,

31 Do you think that some new housing development is needed to help sustain local services and facilities?

- Yes
- No

Draw up design principles based on the distinctive local character.

Promote best practice for future development

32 Are you concerned that existing services and facilities do not have enough capacity to cope with more housing development?

- Yes
- No

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16 Which of the following statements do you agree with? Please tick all the statements above that you think should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan:?

33 If yes, what services or facilities are under pressure?

- Yes No It is important to conserve local heritage
- Yes No Most of the new development in Brigstock looks exactly the same as developments elsewhere and could be anywhere in the country.
- Yes No Within Brigstock Conservation Area, new development should make a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness, and reflect the identity of local surroundings and materials
- Yes No Outside Brigstock Conservation Area, the design of new development is less important

- Primary school
- Shops
- Pubs
- Village hall
- GP surgery
- Allotments
- Sports and recreation
- Drainage
- Other (please state).....

Yes No The design of new developments should be bold and innovative,

34 There are concerns that there should be more facilities for young people. What is needed?

- Youth club using an existing building
- Youth Club using a new building
- More play areas
- Better equipped play areas
- A skatepark
- Other (please state).....

Local Green Spaces

We can use the Neighbourhood Plan to identify, for special protection, green areas of particular significance. This local significance could be because of the green area's beauty, historic importance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of its wildlife. By designating land as Local Green Space, we will be able to rule out new development on those spaces other than in very special circumstances. These spaces are already shown in the Local Plan (ARNOT)

17 Do you agree with the designation of the following Local Green Spaces?

Employment

Historically agriculture and forestry provided the bulk of local employment and farming still remains central to village life and economy. The timber merchants remain and have been joined by

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agricultural machinery merchants, and a scaffolding yard. A significant number of people also work from home. However, increasing numbers work outside the village.

- 35 Where do you work? (please tick one box)
- Not in employment (Unemployed, retired, student)
 - Work from home
 - Work elsewhere in Brigstock
 - Corby
 - Kettering
 - Other (please state).....

- 36 Should the Neighbourhood Plan allocate additional areas for employment use?
- Yes
 - No

Transport

There is a regular Monday to Saturday bus service linking Brigstock to Corby, Stanion, Geddington and Kettering (Centrebus 8). The village is also on regional cycle route 74 that links the village to Corby. Most of the roads in the village centre are not well suited to modern traffic. Local people have expressed concerns about road safety, parking and congestion.

- 24 Is the existing bus service adequate?
- Yes
 - No

- 25 If no, what improvements would you like to see?
- Cheaper fares
 - More regular service
 - Sunday service
 - Better located bus stops in the village
 - Bus services to other centres (please name).....

- 26 Do you think there should be more off-road cycle routes?
- Yes
 - No

- 27 If yes, where?
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- 28 How can we reduce parking problems in the village?
- Yes No Encourage more people to travel in and around the village by walking, cycling or mobility scooter
 - Yes No More parking restrictions
 - Yes No Better enforcement of parking restrictions
 - Yes No Better on-site parking provision on new developments with a minimum of 2 parking spaces for each house

Yes No Other (please state).....

Services and Facilities

Brigstock has a good range of services and facilities with a primary school, shops, church, pubs, village hall, allotments, GP surgery and sports & recreation facilities.

- 29 Are there any new or improved services or community facilities you would like to see?
- Yes
 - No

- 30 If yes, what?

Housing

We don't have a free hand over how the plan is prepared. It must have regard to the National Planning Policy Framework and the development plan for the area- the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and the Rural North Oundle and Thrapston Plan. The first Core Spatial Strategy was adopted in 2008 and is currently being reviewed to take account of progress and to plan forward to 2031. Our Neighbourhood Plan will cover the same period i.e. to 2031. The Core Spatial Strategy only expects Brigstock to accommodate small-scale infill development.

- 20 How many new homes should be built in the village in the next 16 years?

- 0 - 25
- 26 - 50
- 51 - 75
- 76 - 100
- More than 100

- 21 If there is to be more housing, which of the following groups should be targeted

- Yes No Older people
- Yes No First-time buyers
- Yes No shared ownership
- Yes No Private Rental
- Yes No Private Ownership
- Yes No Social Rental

- 22 Do you agree that the Neighbourhood Plan should make provision to allow planning permission to be granted for affordable housing on 'Rural Exception Sites', i.e. sites outside the Settlement Boundary that would not normally be released for private market housing?

- Yes
- No

23 Should people with a local connection be given priority in the allocation of affordable housing?

- Yes
- No



