

MELTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

“Shaping the future of Melton”

Household QUESTIONNAIRE



Please complete this questionnaire and send it back by the 1st March 2014 in the SAE enclosed and we will enter you into a

£100 prize draw!!!!

If you run a business from home and would like to have a copy of our Business Questionnaire please contact us and we will send you a copy.

We are offering **Free Advertising** to any business that completes one and sends it back.

What this is and why you are being asked to help.....

Hopefully you are aware that a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is being undertaken by residents and the Parish Council, in Melton. This is NOT a repeat of the village plan done a few years ago. **This is primarily about managing new development and housing within our Parish Boundary (see map 1).**

Melton is under lot of pressure to accept new housing developments and whilst we want and need some new housing in the future we also want to be able to have **more control over how much we get, where it goes and what it is.**

This Questionnaire and a Business Questionnaire will be used to gain wider community views.

Do you care about increased traffic volume on our roads caused by new developments?

Do you care about protecting our rural areas and preserving the natural environment?

Do you think we need more affordable houses?

Your collective answers will form the main evidence base for the completed Neighbourhood Plan so it is really important that you fill this in and send it back. The Plan is for YOU and must reflect the wants and needs of the village residents. As far as money allows we will try to achieve the desires expressed by the community for improvements to Melton. The Plan itself will contain **Planning Policies** that encompass your major concerns. You'll then be asked to vote to accept the Plan in a referendum.

Once voted in and accepted the Plan can be used to encourage positive development in the future and fight any negative planning applications.

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Phone number:

Number of people in your house (please tick):

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Other: (How many?)

Number of Adults:

Number of Children (under 18):

Confidentiality

We will retain the personal information that you provide (i.e. name, address) for no longer than two years after the end of the Neighbourhood Plan process, and will only use it for the purposes of communication via the Parish Council, and to enable the analysis and verification of the data provided by you in the survey. It will not be shown in any public document or disclosed to any third party. All general views, opinions and answers will be used publicly but anonymously for the purposes of the Neighbourhood Plan.

MELTON – YOUR VILLAGE

1. Why did you choose to live in Melton? (tick any that apply)

- Rural location
- Quality of urban environment
- Near to Woodbridge
- Near to work
- Near to family
- Availability of housing
- Near to good schools
- Other (please tell us what)

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2. After some consultation with residents in recent months the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has suggested the following as our main objectives. Please tick those you agree with:

- Build and develop positively for our future
- Protect and Preserve our unique rural and historical assets and heritage
- Maintain our identity as a village and our strengths as a community

3. Are there any other objectives you would like to add?

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4. What do you think the threats to Melton are?

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5. What do you think the opportunities for us are?

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TRAFFIC and TRANSPORT

1. Which, if any, roads in Melton do you think have regular traffic problems and why?

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2. Would you like to see more control over traffic speed through Melton? If so where specifically?

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3. Do you think we need any kind of 'by-pass' option and if so where would this go?

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4. What should be done to ensure future development is prevented from making traffic conditions worse?

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5. Is parking an issue on your street? Yes No Don't Know

6. Is it an issue anywhere else in Melton? Yes No Don't Know

If yes, where and what other improvements could you make to car parking in Melton?

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7. Do you use the bus service? Yes No

8. If so, is it sufficient for your needs? Yes No

If not, suggest how you would improve it?

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9. Do you use the rail link from Melton station? Yes No

10. Does the Melton rail service meet your needs? Yes No

If not, what is wrong and how would you improve it?

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11. Do you cycle in Melton? Yes No

12. If so, do you feel safe cycling in Melton? Yes No

If you don't feel safe, why not?

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13. Do you think there should be any cycle lanes? If so, where?

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14. As a pedestrian in Melton do you feel the pavements in Melton are sufficient and safe? Yes No

If not, state where and if possible suggest an improvement?

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15. If you have children in your household, how do they get to school?

Walk Cycle Car Bus Train

16. Do you feel there are safe routes to their school? Yes No

If not, please state where and if possible, suggest an improvement:

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17. Please state any other important transport or traffic concerns in Melton that you have:

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SERVICES

1. Are you satisfied with broadband speeds? Yes No

2. Are you satisfied with your mobile reception? Yes No

If no - what network are you on?.....

3. Did anyone in your household fill in the Young Persons Questionnaire that we sent round in 2013? Yes No

4. If No – do you feel there are enough facilities for young people in Melton?
 Yes No

If not, how could they be provided and what would they be?

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5. Are there enough services for old people? If not, how could they be provided and what would they be?

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6. Are there other specific services that you would like to see provided in the village?

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7. We have the opportunity, as part of the NP, to identify and protect valued assets in this village e.g. pubs, shops, village halls etc. Which do you think these might be in Melton?

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THE 'BUILT' ENVIRONMENT

1. Part of Melton lies in a Conservation Area, which helps protect the character of that part of the village. Do you believe this is important?

Yes No

**2. Does the boundary covers the correct area?
(see map 1)**

Yes No

If no, please draw on the map where else it should cover.

3. Are there any specific buildings of great character in Melton that you feel should be protected in the long term? Please mark on either map or list below:

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4. The Parish Council is considering improvements to the green area in the centre of Melton, near the village sign and phone box. Would you like to see this improved?

a) Use it to provide more car parking? Yes No Don't Know

b) Stop people parking there? Yes No Don't Know

c) Something else? Please tell us what? Yes No

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DESIGN CRITERIA

The Neighbourhood Plan could include broad DESIGN guidance covering future developments. It might enable us to make sure new houses built in certain areas looked similar to what was already there OR it could allow for new modern designs where appropriate OR ask developers to make sure a mix of designs is used in larger scale building projects.

1. Is this important? Yes No

If yes, do you have any suggestions as to what such guidance might be?

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2. Would these be specific to certain areas or sites?

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THE 'NATURAL' ENVIRONMENT

1. Would you like to see detailed policies for the village to protect or enhance its landscape, flora, fauna, etc? Yes No

If so, what should it include? (tick any that apply)

- Tree planting
- River bank improvements
- Habitat management
- Woodland management
- Protection of beautiful views
- Other (please tell us what)

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2. Please suggest any views, single trees and/or groups of trees that you would like to see particularly preserved You can mark these on either map provided if you wish.

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3. Are there views of countryside that in your opinion contribute to the character of the village? If so, please list them, or enclose photographs.

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4. Is the River Deben important in terms of your quality of life in Melton?

- Yes No Don't Know

If yes, is there some way we could make more of this major asset?

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5. Is the Playing Field and Melton Woods important in terms of your quality of life in Melton?

- Yes No Don't Know

If yes, is there some way we could make more of this major asset?

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HOUSING and DEVELOPMENT

N.B. Melton will have to play its part in meeting the demand for new housing and employment over the next 15 years. The Neighbourhood Plan is not about saying No to new houses. It is to try and ensure we get the right number and types of new houses in the right places and in the right timescale.

1. What kind of further development should be encouraged in Melton?

- Extensions
- Infill / garden development
- Small residential (i.e. up to 3 bedrooms)
- Large residential (i.e. more than 3 bedrooms)
- Affordable housing (for rent or shared ownership)
- Housing for those with special needs &/or the elderly
- Small business premises (offices or small industry)
- Large business premises (large blocks or large industrial sites)
- Small retail
- Large retail
- Community facilities
- Other

2. Are there any particular types of development that should be restricted?

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3. Please suggest sites that could be developed (list below or mark with an “Y” on map 2):

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Please suggest sites that should NOT be developed (list below or mark with a “N” on map 2):

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4. Which positive planning applications or local developments in the last 5 years reflect your ideas about how Melton should develop in the future and why?

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5. Which planning applications / developments in the last 5 years do you feel DON'T reflect the way Melton should develop in the future and why?

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RECREATION and ACCESS

1. Are there sufficient footpaths and bridleways in the village?

Yes No Don't Know

If not, do you have any suggestions as to possible new routes? Please mark on map 1 (which show the existing footpaths etc) or write down the route below.

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2. Do you feel our footpaths and bridleways are maintained properly?

Yes No Don't Know

If not what are your concerns and where?

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3. Are you satisfied that our main playing fields, play area and tennis courts meet the needs of the village?

Yes No Don't Know

If no would you add any further elements to this public recreation area (or others?) and what other changes would you make?

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4. Are there any other areas or pieces of land that you feel should be protected and specifically used for public recreation, education or conservation?

Yes No Don't Know

If yes please mark on map 2 or write down where:

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5. Would you like to see the Pavilion (in the Playing Fields) re-built?

Yes No Don't Know

If yes what should it be used for?

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OTHER MATTERS

1. Overall how do you see the village developing in 10 and 20 years time?

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2. Are there other issues you would like to see addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan?

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3. How would you like to be kept informed of progress:

- E-mail
- Letter
- Melton Messenger
- Village Notice Boards
- NP website
- Facebook
- No contact please

THANK YOU for taking the time to fill this in.

Please send it back by 1st March 2014 in the stamped addressed envelope provided so that we can enter you into the **Prize Draw**.



MELTON
PARISH COUNCIL



For any questions you have, further information about the Neighbourhood Plan or to be part of Working Group, please contact the Melton Parish Council Office or go to:

www.meltonneighbourhoodplan.co.uk

If you would like to be signed up to Melton E-News and receive e-mails about local events, including updates on the Neighbourhood Plan please go to:

<http://melton-suffolk-pc.gov.uk/MeltonNews.html>

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