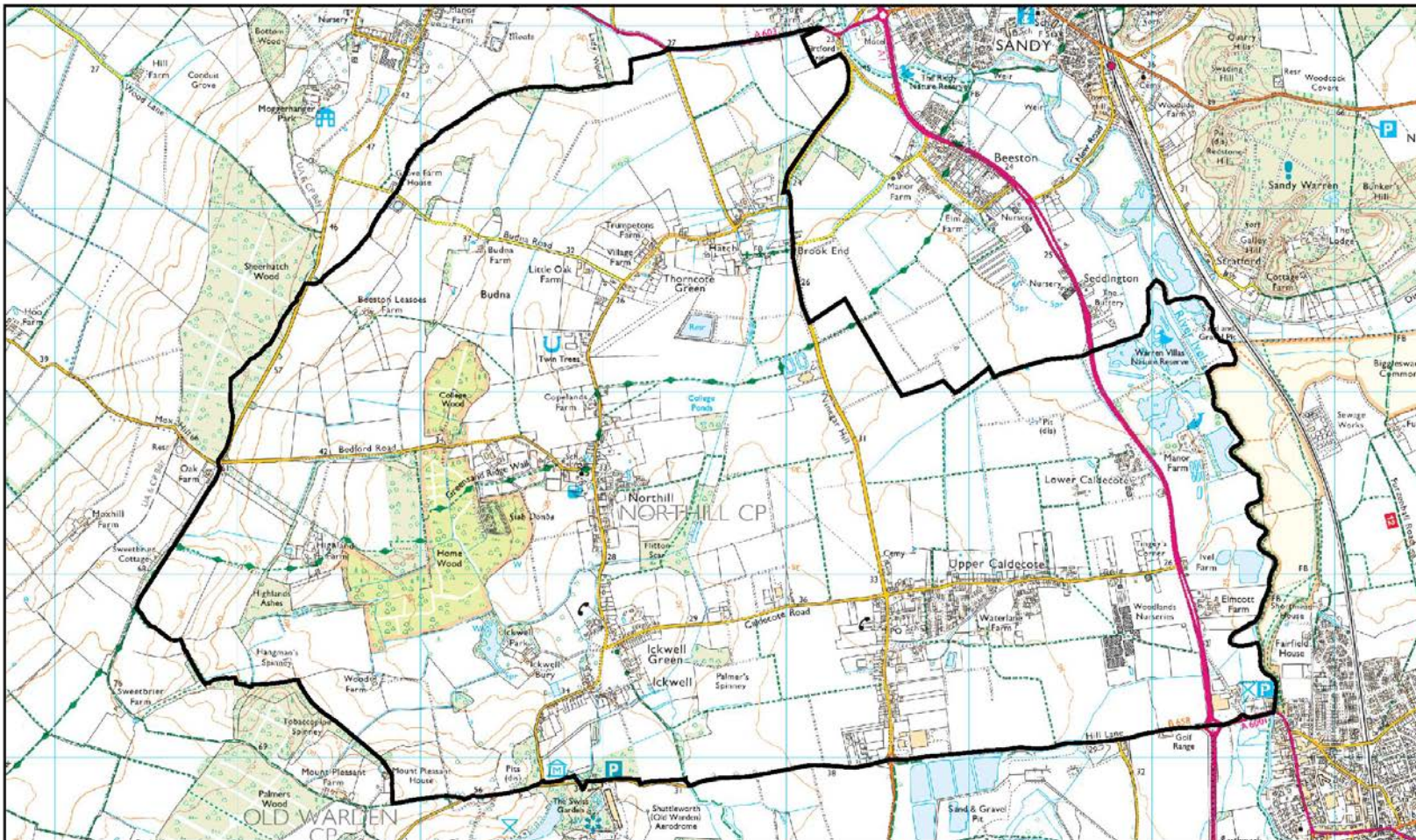


Neighbourhood Planning in **Northhill Parish Villages**





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Northhill Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Please take a few moments to complete this confidential and anonymous questionnaire, based on comments already made by local people and return it in the envelope provided by Monday 14th December 2015. No stamp is required

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a new way for local people to influence the planning and development of the area in which they live and work. Local residents now have a genuine opportunity to shape the future of Northhill Parish until 2031. A Neighbourhood Plan, once approved, is a legal document setting out what development is acceptable and for what reason. Developers and local authority planners must take notice of it when future development is proposed. Without a Neighbourhood Plan we will have little control over any development and receive less community funding from developers.

At the request of Northhill Parish Council, the Northhill Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is putting together a Neighbourhood Plan for Northhill Parish which should:

- Develop a shared vision for our parish
- Choose where new homes shops, offices and other development should be built
- Influence how much and what type of housing should be built
- Identify and protect important local green spaces and other treasured assets

How does this affect us?

Our Neighbourhood Plan must comply with Central Bedfordshire's Local Plan and the government's wider policy of sustainable development. Inevitably building development will happen in Northhill Parish. A Neighbourhood Plan will ensure that the development is in keeping with and responsive to our needs. It will also help to identify the services and facilities we have asked for to meet the demands of new developments.

Whether you are young or old, a new resident or long established in the community your views are essential. Our aim is to have one questionnaire completed by every household in the parish. However if there are additional members of your household who could complete the questionnaire separately, we would be very pleased to hear their views.

How to get help or further information

If you need help to complete or return the questionnaire or need a hard copy please phone Phil on 07949077397 or Helen on 01767 627217. Alternatively you may wish to complete an online version available at www.forms.bedford.gov.uk/npnpv

What happens next?

Suggested development sites will be considered at a later date. Landowners, potential developers and businesses will be consulted

Thank you for making the time and effort to help us create a Neighbourhood Plan for Northhill Parish.



Vision Statement

Northhill Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have put together the below draft vision statement trying to incorporate as many ideas expressed in the focus group consultations that were carried out. Please give your views below regarding the statement.

Vision Statement

Northhill Parish strives to be a thriving, safe, rural community that people are happy to live, work and relax in, both now and in the future.

The community values the differing needs of existing and future residents and their opinions in determining what is needed to enable them to benefit from living here.

The community aims to act to protect its heritage, environmental assets and unique character whilst considering opportunities for reasonable growth to meet demonstrated local needs.

Do you agree with draft vision statement? (please tick one box only)

Yes

No

If not, please provide comments including suggestions that you would like to see included in the vision statement below:

Housing

In the focus groups many people felt that a range of housing type is required. Please tell us your views

Q1 How many new homes do you think should be built in the Parish in the next 15 years?
(please tick one box only)

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None (Go to Q9) | <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 homes | <input type="checkbox"/> 21-30 homes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 homes | <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 homes | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 31 homes |

Q2 If housing is needed, where would you like to see the new homes built?
(please tick all that apply)

- Within existing village/hamlet boundaries
- Adjacent to existing village/hamlet boundaries (fringe development)
- Small developments in the surrounding countryside

Q3 If additional housing were to be developed in the Parish, what is acceptable to you?
(please tick all that apply)

- In a single group
- In a number of smaller developments
- Garden in fill developments
- Spread equally across all the settlements of the Parish
- Converting existing buildings
- Extensions/granny flats to existing housing

Q4 What size of housing developments do you think would be most appropriate to meeting the need for housing in the parish? (please tick one box only)

- Individual homes
- Smaller development (fewer than 5 houses)
- Medium developments (5 to 10 houses)
- Large developments (more than 10 houses)

Q5 What type(s) of housing do you think is best suited for this Parish?
(please tick all that apply)

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bungalows | <input type="checkbox"/> Terraced houses | <input type="checkbox"/> Detached houses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flats/apartments | <input type="checkbox"/> Semi detached houses | |

Q6 Which of the following types of housing do you think is needed in the Parish?
(please tick all that apply)

- Starter homes
- Affordable housing e.g shared ownership through a housing association
- Affordable housing e.g rental through a housing association
- Private rented accommodation
- Smaller homes (1-2 bedrooms)
- Family homes
- Purpose built retirement housing
- Sheltered housing
- Care homes
- Luxury-executive homes

Q7 In which villages/hamlets within the parish would you like to see housing developments located? (please tick all that apply)

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northill | <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Caldecote | <input type="checkbox"/> Thorncote Green |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ickwell | <input type="checkbox"/> Budna | <input type="checkbox"/> Brook End |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Caldecote | <input type="checkbox"/> Hatch | <input type="checkbox"/> Bells Brooke
(adjacent to Sainsbury's) |

Q8 Should we encourage developers to build houses that are : (please tick all that apply)

- Better insulated
- Cheaper to maintain
- Have the potential to generate their own electricity

Q9 Are you likely to be looking for different housing? (please tick one box only)

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, not at all | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes within 4-6 years | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes within 11-20 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes within 0-3 years | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes within 7-10 years | |

Q10 Please tell us of any other comments about housing needs in the Parish you may have below:

Business

Businesses form a vital part of the fabric of our community. By providing goods and services and employing people, our businesses ensure that the parish can thrive and prosper.

We need to support people who work from home, those who need to setup or expand small businesses and businesses connected and dependent on agriculture.

The Neighbourhood Plan could identify space for new and growing businesses.

Q11 What additional businesses would you like to see in the parish? (please tick all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Offices | <input type="checkbox"/> Starter units |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Factory/manufacturing units | <input type="checkbox"/> Light industrial units |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shops and retail | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism businesses (e.g. bed & breakfasts) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eating places (e.g. cafes, pubs) | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion / don't know |

Q12 Where would you like to see new businesses located? (please tick all that apply)

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expand existing small units | <input type="checkbox"/> On new sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelop unused sites (brownfield sites) | |

Q13 Please tell us of any other comments about business development in the Parish you may have below:

Community facilities

Q14 **Would you use an allotment if it was located in the parish?** (please tick one box only)

- Yes No Maybe Don't know

Q15 **If yes, in which villages/hamlets within the parish would you like to see a new allotment located?** (please tick all that apply)

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northill | <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Caldecote | <input type="checkbox"/> Thorncote Green |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ickwell | <input type="checkbox"/> Budna | <input type="checkbox"/> Brook End |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Caldecote | <input type="checkbox"/> Hatch | <input type="checkbox"/> Bells Brooke
(adjacent to Sainsbury's) |

Q16 **Do you feel that additional play areas are required within the parish?**
(please tick one box only)

- Yes No (**Go to Q18**)

Q17 **If yes, in which villages/hamlets within the parish would you like to see a new play area located?** (please tick all that apply)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northill | <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Caldecote | <input type="checkbox"/> Thorncote Green |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ickwell | <input type="checkbox"/> Budna | <input type="checkbox"/> Brook End |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Caldecote | <input type="checkbox"/> Hatch | <input type="checkbox"/> Bells Brooke
(adjacent to Sainsbury's) |

Q18 **Please tell us below of any improvements to existing play/recreation areas that you would like to see happen (including name of play/recreation area, location and improvement)**

Q19 **Which of the following are important to you for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan?**
(please tick all that apply)

- Preserving green spaces (e.g. village greens)
- Improving the green environment (e.g. planting trees/hedges)
- Maintaining/preserving old buildings
- Improving footpaths to make it safer and easier to get around
- Improving cycle paths to make it safer and easier to get around
- Improving bridle ways
- Improving flooding and drainage/sewage problems

Q20 **Please provide any additional comments, ideas, or observations you have in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan**

Please keep your comments short and to the point.

Community Asset

Communities can ask the council to list certain assets as being of value to the community. If an asset is listed and then comes up for sale, the new right will give communities that want it 6 months to put together a bid to buy it. This gives communities an increased chance to save much loved shops, pubs or other local facilities. Parish councils or local community groups can nominate both privately and publicly owned assets which meet the definition of community value.

Q21 Which of the following do you think we should register as an asset of community value?
(please tick all that apply)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Methodist Church | <input type="checkbox"/> Hatch Common |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Crown Pub, Northill | <input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Church | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Pond, Northill | <input type="checkbox"/> Peter Mouldin Pavillion | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thorncote Green | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing Fields | |

About You

Q22 Please tell us in which village/hamlet within the parish you are responding from?
(please tick all that apply)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northill | <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Caldecote | <input type="checkbox"/> Thorncote Green |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ickwell | <input type="checkbox"/> Budna | <input type="checkbox"/> Brook End |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Caldecote | <input type="checkbox"/> Hatch | <input type="checkbox"/> Bells Brooke
(adjacent to Sainsbury's) |

Q23 How long have you lived in the parish? (please tick one box only)

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 year | <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 25 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 years | |

Q24 How would you describe your household? (please tick one box only)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> One person - 65 and over | <input type="checkbox"/> Lone parent & dependent children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One person - other | <input type="checkbox"/> Lone parent & non dep children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple - no children | <input type="checkbox"/> All aged 65 and over |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple & dependent children | <input type="checkbox"/> All other households |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple & non dependent children | |

Q25 Which age group are you in? (please tick one box only)

- | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Under 18 | 18 - 24 | 25 - 34 | 35 - 44 | 45 - 54 | 55 - 64 | 65 + |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q26 What is your current employment status? (please tick one box only)

- | | | | |
|---|--|---|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Part time employee | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed | <input type="checkbox"/> Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full time employee | <input type="checkbox"/> Full time student | <input type="checkbox"/> Looking after home | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self employed | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired | <input type="checkbox"/> Sick / disabled | |

If you would like to be kept updated on the Neighbourhood Plan and about the parish, please provide us with your email address below:

(please note that your email address will not be used for any other purpose)

Thank you for completing the form, please now return the form by Monday 14th December 2015 using the FREEPOST envelope provided.

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