

## **Charfield Neighbourhood Plan** **Survey**

The Charfield Neighbourhood Plan is an opportunity for local residents and for those who work in the parish to influence what happens in the parish over the next twenty years. Neighbourhood plans will form part of the South Gloucestershire Development Plan and reflect the views of the community. It will need to be in conformity with national and local policies, including the National Planning Policy Framework, the South Gloucestershire Core Strategy, the emerging Policies, Sites and Places Plan and the emerging Joint Spatial Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan builds on the 2013 Village Plan and was one of the actions arising out of the Village Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan has a narrower focus as it only addresses land use or planning matters, but it carries the same weight as any other adopted planning policy document such as the Core Strategy once it has had a successful referendum and has been made (or adopted) by South Gloucestershire Council.

The Neighbourhood Plan will mean that, we, as a community can set out a shared vision including planning policies for the development and use of land within the parish. It will reflect how we see living and working in the community over the next twenty years. This will include the things we want to preserve and how we want to see the future needs of the community provided for.

If new housing is identified for Charfield in the emerging West of England Joint Spatial Plan and/or South Gloucestershire's emerging Policies, Sites and Places Plan then having a Neighbourhood Plan in place will ensure that this housing is suitable for the parish and meets the needs of our area. It will also help to identify the facilities and services that need to be in place to meet the demands that any new housing will make on our community.

You may want to give general answers, for instance "we need better public transport" or make more specific points such as "I need a bus that gets me to Aztec West by 08.30 every work day". But the more details you can provide will give us a better idea of what is needed. Whatever your comment, it will help us develop a plan that reflects the community's needs.

This survey is only one of the stages in the process to gather views and is important because it goes to every household. There will be more chances for you to get involved and influence the content of the Neighbourhood Plan. Other events, meetings and workshops are planned. We will keep you updated via parish notice boards and the dedicated website [www.charfieldneighbourhoodplan.org](http://www.charfieldneighbourhoodplan.org) and you can find us on Facebook. You can send us your comments and suggestions anytime at via our email address: [contact@charfieldneighbourhoodplan.org](mailto:contact@charfieldneighbourhoodplan.org).

The final Neighbourhood Plan will be presented to the parish in 2017 and everyone will be given the opportunity to vote on it.

Anyone who lives in the parish can complete the survey regardless of age. We do need your completed survey back by **NOVEMBER 19TH 2016** so we can progress the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. If you need more space to answer any question, please continue on a blank piece of paper.

### **If you need help completing the survey**

Please contact us at the email address above or ring Yvette on 01454 261043 to book a slot. If you need a larger print version please contact us. If a person in your home needs their own survey please contact us.

### **Survey 'Question Time'**

We will be holding a survey information night at the Memorial Hall on 2nd November 2016 at 7pm to discuss topics included in the survey and to answer your questions about the Neighbourhood Plan process. There will also be a couple of pop-up sessions in the village held before the survey completion date – one on 5th November 2016 outside Costcutters (Steve's Shop) from 9am to 10.30am and one on 7th November outside the Primary School from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

### **Returning the survey**

Once completed, post the form back to us using the freepost envelope enclosed or bring it to one of the events above.

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN THIS IMPORTANT EXERCISE FOR THE FUTURE OF CHARFIELD**