



The Neighbourhood Plan

Have your say about Creaton and its future...

THE LOCALISM ACT OF 2011 has given local residents the power to shape the future of their village and the wider Parish area.

Under the Act we can have a say in housing design, appearance and location, but it's not just about housing. It can include policies to protect green spaces and heritage assets. Community facilities, parking, and transport can all be covered under this Plan. Perhaps more crucially for Creaton we can have a say about what business facilities and opportunities we can create to attract and retain small businesses in the village.

Once this Neighbourhood Plan is approved, it will be used and referenced by West Northants Council (WNC), in particular, when determining planning applications for the Parish.

Everyone should have their say. Why?

We know we are going to have to take some development to meet district and national needs and we should ask ourselves "Do we want to be involved in deciding how many and where, and in carefully designing the future needs of this parish? Or are we going to allow others to do this for us?"

So please get involved now and have your say. Help shape the future of Creaton.

This questionnaire is an important part of the process. It should take 20-30 minutes to complete. It will be used to understand the Community opinion as a whole. This then provides the basis for the Draft Plan to be written, as a reflection of the consensus views of all the residents of our Parish.

We ask you to put your name on each questionnaire to identify you as a parishioner or a business. If you prefer you can remain anonymous. We can reassure everyone that all responses to this survey will be used solely for the purposes of preparing this Neighbourhood Plan. Your participation in this questionnaire, together with your individual responses will be kept confidential and no one will be identifiable in any published results.

Each adult in your house can complete a questionnaire. Further copies can be obtained from Cllr Chris Reading, Lilac Cottage, High Street, Creaton. Completed questionnaires should be returned to the Village Shop.

If you would like to complete this online please go to

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/creaton>

SECTION I - OUR VILLAGE & COMMUNITY

① How long have you lived in Creaton?

☐ 0-5 years, ☐ 6-10 years, ☐ 11-15 years, ☐ 16-20 years, ☐ 20 years plus.

② Why did you choose to live here? Please tick all that apply.

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|---|---|
| ☐ Size of village | ☐ Village character (<i>it's buildings and history</i>) |
| ☐ Facilities - school, pub, shop - <i>please circle</i> | ☐ Transport links |
| ☐ Proximity to larger towns | ☐ Green spaces |
| ☐ Rural location and access to countryside | ☐ A quiet environment |
| ☐ Village Community/Identity - <i>for example - Creaton in Bloom, Creaton Singers, Village Shop, Pre-School</i> | |
| ☐ Anything else? | |

③ What do you like best about Creaton? Please tick all that apply

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|---|---|
| ☐ Size of village | ☐ Village character - (<i>it's buildings and history</i>) |
| ☐ Listed buildings (there are 7) | ☐ Individually designed houses |
| ☐ Green spaces/views | ☐ Easy access to beautiful rural countryside |
| ☐ Facilities (<i>Churches, Shop, Indian restaurant, playing fields, village hall</i>) | |
| ☐ Village community – <i>events & social interactions</i> | ☐ Proximity to local towns |
| ☐ Anything else? | |

④ What would you like to see in Creaton? What is missing in your view?

SECTION 2 - ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE

- ① *As well as the 7 buildings with listed status (10 and 12, the Green, Church of St Michael, Creaton Memorial Cross, Morningside Cottage, The Dial House, The Manor House, The Orchard Manor) Creaton Parish includes buildings not formally protected but of historical interest and significance. Please indicate any other buildings or structures in the Parish you think should be considered as historically significant for protection in the planning system.*

- ② *How important are the following to you? (Please rate 1-5 - 1 being not important/ 5 being very important).*

- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ History of Creaton
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Churches and their upkeep
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Protection of Listed buildings
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Open green spaces within the village
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Protection of significant trees and hedgerows
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Protection of wildlife and habitat
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Protection of country rights of way
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Undeveloped or wild areas
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Footpaths
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Public areas - eg The Green, Playing Fields, Village Shop
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Uninterrupted rural views surrounding the village
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Local employment
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Working farms and agriculture
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ General upkeep of the village

- ③ *The Creaton Village Design Statement adopted by WNC in 2004, identifies spaces and views within the Parish as being important. Spaces such as the Green, Little Creaton, the Playing Fields, Creaton Village School Grounds, the Churchyard and the Orchards. Please indicate which of these areas you think should NOT be protected and why. Are there any other spaces or views that you think should be protected?*

④ How important are the following potential initiatives for Creton?

(Please rate 1-5 - 1 being not important/ 5 being very important).

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ All new development to use renewable energy solutions? *eg solar panels, heat pumps etc*

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Maintaining public transport services

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Implementation of electric charging facilities

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Investigating ways to reduce reliance on gas

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Protection of wild areas, including verges and hedgerows

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Planting of trees

Are there any other “green” initiatives you would like to see in the Parish?

SECTION 3 - HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT

West Northants Council does not require Creton to have any more housing at the moment. However, small numbers of well-designed and sensitively located housing (eg bungalows for older people or homes for young families) could help meet a local need and help sustain village facilities. With this in mind, the following questions will help reflect the thoughts of our community regarding the nature of any new housing.

① What type of housing are you in now? Please tick.

☐ Flat

☐ Bungalow

☐ House with 1-2 beds

☐ House with 3-4 beds

☐ House with 5 beds or more

☐ Other

② Do you own or rent your property?

☐ Own ☐ Rent

③ Could you adapt your current home to meet your future needs?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Do not know

④ What type of homes do you think we need?

☐ Yes ☐ No ~ Bungalows

☐ Yes ☐ No ~ starter homes eg First Home Scheme

☐ Yes ☐ No ~ Family homes up to 3 beds

☐ Yes ☐ No ~ Large family homes 4 beds +

☐ Yes ☐ No ~ Eco friendly homes

☐ Yes ☐ No ~ Semi Detached

☐ Yes ☐ No ~ Detached

☐ Yes ☐ No ~ Other

⑤ What sort of housing do you think we need? Please tick.

☐ Rented ☐ Shared ownership ☐ Social Housing ☐ Owner occupied

⑥ Do you think Creaton needs any of the following types of housing?

☐ Yes ☐ No ~ Housing for single people

☐ Yes ☐ No ~ Housing for young couples

☐ Yes ☐ No ~ Medium size family houses

☐ Yes ☐ No ~ Housing for elderly/disabled

☐ Yes ☐ No ~ Housing for low income families

⑦ What design features would you like to see in any development?

☐ Rural traditional style and traditional materials

☐ Modern style and modern materials

☐ Rural traditional style and modern materials

☐ Eco friendly/energy efficient

☐ With garden

⑧ If there was to be development in Creaton, would you prefer this to be...

☐ One medium sized estate

☐ A number of smaller sites

☐ Single plot development

☐ Building within existing gardens

⑨ Allocating a small site for residential development could help to protect the Parish against larger unwanted development when WNC cannot meet it's future housing requirements. How would you feel about an initiative like this? Please share your thoughts.

Do you have any further thoughts on housing that you'd like to highlight?

- ⑩ *Thinking beyond Housing now, does Creaton need any new facilities? (eg allotments, gym trail for older people) Please share your thoughts. What new facilities (leisure, community or commercial) would you like to see?*

- ⑪ *How important are the following Community Assets? Tick Important, Not Important*

School ☐ Important ☐ Not Important

Shop ☐ Important ☐ Not Important

Hall ☐ Important ☐ Not Important

Church ☐ Important ☐ Not Important

U.R.C. ☐ Important ☐ Not Important

Playing Field ☐ Important ☐ Not Important

SECTION 4 - BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE

- ① *Do you operate a business from the village?*

☐ Yes ☐ No (If No please go to Question 4).

What is your type of business?

Are you self employed?

Do you work from home?

How many people do you employ?

How do they travel to your business?

Are you constrained in any way currently from further developing your business locally?

- ② *What business services would you like to see offered within the parish?*

☐ Small office space for short term rental

☐ Meeting facilities for rental

☐ Communal workshop areas

☐ Storage facilities

☐ Coffee shop

- ③ *Is there any support the Parish could provide to you and your business?*

④ Would you welcome new businesses to the parish?

☐ Yes ☐ No (If Yes, what type of business might be acceptable?)

⑤ To what extent would you like to see business enterprise grow in Creaton?

What infrastructure in your mind is currently missing in attracting business & enterprise?

SECTION 5 - DEMOGRAPHICS

To ensure we obtain the views of a representative sample of our population, it is important for us to understand the demographic range from which the responses have been collected. This information will also show that we have gained the views of a cross section of the population which is important for the Neighbourhood Plan's ratification.

① How many of each gender live in your household?

☐ M ☐ F ☐ Prefer not to say

② How old are you?

☐ Under 21 ☐ 21-40 ☐ 41-60 ☐ 61-80 ☐ over 80

③ How many school children are currently living in your household?

☐ None ☐ One ☐ Two ☐ Three ☐ Four ☐ Five plus

④ How many people in your household are?

Working ☐ One ☐ Two ☐ Three ☐ Four ☐ Five plus

Student ☐ One ☐ Two ☐ Three ☐ Four ☐ Five plus

Unemployed ☐ One ☐ Two ☐ Three ☐ Four ☐ Five plus

Retired ☐ One ☐ Two ☐ Three ☐ Four ☐ Five plus



THANK YOU!

We really value your feedback and time spent on this.

OPTIONAL CONTACT DETAILS

Name:

Telephone:

Email:

Would you like to be involved in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan? Tick box ☐

**PLEASE COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRE BY
1st MARCH, 2024**

and you could win a **£50** prize to spend at the Village Shop.

All named questionnaires will be entered into a draw and one lucky recipient will receive this prize!

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMUNITY EVENT

We plan to hold an open event, where the findings from this questionnaire will be shared and there will be further opportunity to share your thoughts and help us shape the Neighbourhood Plan. Date TBC .

**The Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee is a sub committee
of Creton Parish Council.**

**Further information and all documentation relating to this Plan can be found on
the Parish Council website. www.creton.org.uk**