

## **Welcome to the Overstone Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire**

We are asking everyone in the Parish to participate in developing the Neighbourhood Plan for Overstone. This is your chance to have your opinions and ideas included.

### **What is it?**

A Neighbourhood Plan is a way of helping us to influence the planning of our Parish. It is a unique opportunity for you to shape and guide the future plans for Overstone.

Together we can:

- Develop a shared vision for Overstone
- Choose where new homes, shops and other development should be built
- Identify and protect important local green spaces
- Influence what new buildings should look like

### **Who We Are**

Overstone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is working to create a plan for our parish. The Overstone Parish Neighbourhood Plan (The Plan) seeks to guide the growth and development of Overstone Parish over the next 10 years. It will put policies in place by which future planning applications can be determined.

### **Why does Overstone need a Neighbourhood Plan?**

Overstone Parish has for hundreds of years consisted of a small linear village, a church and a rather unusual Hall. The population is set to grow over the next few years from 800 to more than 10,000.

The Plan is about ensuring the type, location, style and size of development meets the needs and aspirations of our community. Having a Neighbourhood Plan provides opportunities for us to ensure future housing and any other development is sustainable for the parish and meets the needs of our area.

Importantly, a Neighbourhood Plan, once approved, has legal force in setting out what development is acceptable to us in our parish.

### **What do we need to do now?**

Please complete this survey and encourage others in your household and your neighbours to do the same. All residents aged 16 and over are invited to complete an individual survey. The more responses we get, the better we will be able to make our Neighbourhood Plan deliver the kind of future the Overstone Parish community wants, needs and deserves.

1. What is your address including postcode in Overstone Parish?

2. What is your age group?

\*16-24

\*25-44

\*45-64

\*65+

3. How many years have you lived in Overstone Parish? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is your employment status?

\*Employed

\*Self-employed

\*Retired

\*Student

\*Part time employment

\*Other (please specify)

5. If you are in employment, do you work within the Parish?

Yes

No

6. What do you like most about living in Overstone Parish? (tick all that apply)

\*Always lived here

\*Close to family/friends

\*Access to major routes

\*Open spaces

\*Lovely countryside

\*Close to place of work

\*Village atmosphere

\*Other (please specify)

7. What could be improved?

8. How would you like Overstone Parish described 15 years from now? (tick up to 5)

\*Accessible

\*Affordable

\*Attractive

\*Friendly

\*Prosperous

\*Safe

\*Traditional

\*Tranquil

\*Vibrant

\*Unchanged

\*Other (please specify)

9. Within the past 5 years, has anyone in your household had to move away or remain living with you due to lack of appropriate housing in Overstone Parish?

Yes

No

**10. If you answered Yes to Question 9, please provide details (please tick all that apply). If No go to Question 11**

- \*No housing available
- \*Too expensive
- \*Too large
- \*Too small
- \*Do not drive & transport is a problem
- \*Lack of sheltered/supported housing
- \*Other (please specify)

**11. What sort of new housing (if any) do you want built within Overstone Parish? (please tick all that apply)**

- \*Starter homes (1-2 beds)
- \*Family homes (2-4 bedrooms)
- \*Single storey
- \*Flat/apartments
- \*Housing for the elderly
- \*Social Housing
- \*Special housing (not elderly)
- \*For rent/shared ownership
- \*None
- \*Other (please specify)

**12. Are there any sites you think suitable for new housing development within Overstone Parish?**

No

Yes (please describe below and state why you think they are suitable)

**13. Are there any areas of land you think should be protected from development?**

No

Yes (please specify below)

**14. If new housing development takes place which of the following would you prefer it to be? (please tick all that apply)**

- \*Traditional styles
- \*Innovative eco-friendly
- \*One-off exceptional design
- \*Large, executive style
- \*Small terraced housing
- \*Small semi-detached housing
- \*Small detached housing
- \*Social housing
- \*Housing for the elderly
- \*Other (please specify)

**15. What worries you most about further development within Overstone Parish?  
(please tick up to 5)**

- \*Loss of Village identity
- \*Impact on significant views
- \*Loss of countryside
- \*Inadequate on-street parking
- \*Increased traffic
- \*Lack of school places
- \*Lack of childcare places
- \*Impact on local medical & care facilities
- \*Unsafe pedestrian routes
- \*Development not reflecting character of the area
- \*Other (please specify)

**16. What features would you like to see in new developments in the Parish (eg. Architectural/layout)**

**17. Should new businesses be encouraged within Overstone Parish?**

- \*Yes
- \*No
- \*Don't mind

**18. What types of new businesses would you find acceptable?**

**19. What types of new businesses would you find unacceptable?**

**20. If you work how do you travel to work? (please tick all that apply)**

- \*Do not travel to work
- \*Use a car
- \*Use a motor cycle
- \*Use a pedal cycle
- \*Walk
- \*Use public transport
- \*Other (please specify)

**21. What changes in the parish would make it easier to get to work?**

- \*Dedicated cycle route
- \*Improved pavements and walkways
- \*Improved bus services
- \*Other (please specify)

**22. How much of a problem are the following traffic issues, where you live?  
(Enter a number from 1 to 5, where 1= Minor problem and 5 = Major Problem)**

Speed

Amount of traffic

Traffic Noise

**23. Considering the parish as a whole, how much of a problem are the following issues? (Enter a number from 1 to 5, where 1= Minor problem and 5 = Major Problem)**

Speed

Amount of traffic

Traffic Noise

**24. What of the following measures do you think might improve road safety? (please tick all that apply and specify locations of road safety improvements and other comments)**

- \* Traffic calming
- \* Pavements
- \* Improved street lighting
- \* Speed indicator devices
- \* Improved road signage
- \* Dedicated cycle routes
- \* Other.

**25. At what locations are you regularly concerned with road safety and what is the problem?**

Locations (please details)

Road safety problems (please give details)

**26. How much of a problem is car parking by others for you?**

\*Not a problem

\*Minor problem

\*Major problem

Please specify locations where parking is a problem and other comments

**27. How much of a problem do you have finding parking for your car?**

\*Not a problem

\*Minor problem

\*Major problem

Please specify where parking is a problem and other comments

**28. How important to you are the following features in the landscape? (mark with a Y those that apply)**

	Very important	Not important	Don't mind
Hedgerows			
Dry Stone walls			
Woodland			
Trees in the landscape			
Water courses			

Comments (please state any particular aspect of the countryside or wildlife that is important to you)

**29. Part of the Neighbourhood Area is known as The Woods, do you use this area and if so, how do you use it and how often?**

- \*I use it once a week or more      \*I use it once a month or more      \*I rarely use it
- \*I never use it      \*I use it a few times a year

What do you use it for?

**30. How often do you (or your children) use the following facilities in Overstone Parish? (mark with a Y those that apply)**

	rarely/never	Few times a year	Regularly
Playing Field			
Church			
Post Office /Shop			
Public Footpaths			
Village Hall			

Other (for eg Overstone School)

Do you have any comments about these or other community facilities?

**31. How satisfied are you with facilities in Overstone Parish?**

- \*Very satisfied      \*Satisfied      \*Not satisfied      \*No opinion

What improvements would you like to see?

**32. Do you support the use of the following energy sources on either a domestic or a larger scale basis in Overstone Parish?**

- \*Solar power      \*Wind Turbines      \*Biomass Schemes      \*Rainwater Harvesting

Comments and if you wish, state whether you have installed any of the above on your property.

**33. How important is broadband access to you?**

\*Very important

\*Not very important

\*Not applicable

**34. For what purpose do you use your internet?**

**Tick all that apply**

\*Domestic

\*Business

\*Working from home

\*Other (please specify)

**35. Is the speed of your Broadband the limiting factor in your internet use?**

\*Yes

\*No

\*Other (please specify)

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Please use the space beneath to raise any other issues important to you.

Thank you for participating in our survey!

Your views are important and will help to format the Overstone Neighbourhood Plan.

**Once completed, please click the button to email**