



Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Questionnaire

We have news for you this month about the Questionnaire. It will be distributed to all residents of the three parishes of the Neighbourhood Area (Chorlton, Maer & Aston, Whitmore) in mid-August for completion by mid-September. All residents aged 16 and over will be asked to fill in a questionnaire, which will be available for completion either online or on paper, according to individuals' preference. Local opinion, as expressed through the Questionnaire, is an important part of the Neighbourhood Plan process and we are hoping for a very high response rate. Extra meetings have been scheduled for the Steering Group during the next few months to design the Questionnaire. We will be applying for a grant to pay for the Questionnaire.

Your opinions matter!

The Questionnaire will ask for your opinions on a range of issues that will affect the Neighbourhood Area during the coming 15 years. There will be questions about:

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| life in our three parishes | the types, location and amount of |
| community services | new housing development |
| open spaces and recreation | your own future housing needs |
| the countryside and environment | employment |
| our local heritage | traffic and transport |
| the use of Green Belt land | the future of the Neighbourhood |
| uses for vacant buildings | Area. |

You will have your own opinions – some of them strongly held – on all of the questions that we ask. Your opinions matter, because local opinion, as expressed through the results of the Questionnaire, will play an important part in shaping the development of the Neighbourhood Area over the next 15 years.

So often we hear complaints that “nobody listens”.

Now, at last, someone wants to hear you, so be ready in late August/early September with your pen or keyboard to answer the Questionnaire!

You can get in touch with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group via the Contact form on the website at www.cmaw-neighbourhoodplan.org.uk.