



Castlethorpe Parish Council

Your chance to have your say on the future of the village

Dear Villager

Please find enclosed a copy of the 2014 Parish Plan and Neighbourhood Plan survey which will help to determine how the village will look in the years to come. It asks the people of Castlethorpe for their opinions on how they wanted to see the village grow and improve in the future. Your views and ideas will be used to help the Parish Council, and Milton Keynes Council, in drawing up Neighbourhood Plan, which is a statutory process and has legal impact on the amount and type of development in the parish, and the Parish Plan which will be written at the same time and gives the Parish Council a blueprint for improvements over the next few years.

One paper copy of the questionnaire is being delivered to every home in the village but you may find it easier and quicker to fill it online. You can find the online survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CASTLETHORPE_PLAN. It would help us to collate all the data as well if as many people as possible used the online version.

We would like to find out the views of *everyone* in your household – adults as well as children – so please let all your family members know and get each person to fill in his or her own survey as soon as possible, or by **Tuesday September 30 at the very latest**.

If you need another paper copy of the survey, you can pick one up from the Village Shop or contact Steve Bradbury (01908 or clerk.castlethorpe@gmail.com) or Geraldine Sweetland (01908 511231 or geraldine.sweetland@hotmail.co.uk) and they'll deliver one. After you've completed your paper survey please leave it in the special box in the Village Shop or contact any parish councillor and they will arrange for it to be collected. Their contact details are in Castlethorpe News.

The last Parish Plan was published in 2008 and has been used by the Parish Council and Milton Keynes Council to give priority to the improvements that the village wanted, including major improvements to the Village Hall, Sports Ground and Play Area, as well as a new parking area in Station Road, traffic calming, lorry movement restrictions and improvements to public transport.

With your help we can make Castlethorpe an even better place to live.

Philip Ayles
Chair, Castlethorpe Parish Council

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INTRODUCTION

Castlethorpe Parish Council, with the support of Milton Keynes Council (MKC), Community Impact Bucks and rCOH Ltd. is developing a Neighbourhood Plan, which will set local policy for planning and development.

Alongside a Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council is updating the 2008 Parish Plan to obtain residents' views on village improvements not related to planning.

The achievements resulting from the previous plan include

- refurbishment of village hall
- new equipment at Fishponds play area
- improvements to the tennis court and all-weather facility
- improvements at Sports Ground including heating in the pavilion (for use as a general meeting room)
- new grass cutting equipment at Sports Ground
- parking scheme in Station Road
- improved highway signage (eg to Sports Ground)
- traffic calming at village entrances
- continuing replacement of modern lamp posts by heritage style in conservation area
- postbox at the village shop
- funding for Youth Club
- rebuilding of drystone wall at church
- village website
and being progressed
- safe crossing from pub to village hall (2014/15)
- superfast broadband (2015).

The Neighbourhood Plan must be consistent with national and Milton Keynes planning policy. It will have to be approved by an independent inspector and will then be put to a referendum of all residents. If approved, it will have legal force and will be a 'material consideration' when planning applications are decided by MKC.

The Parish Plan tells the Parish Council what improvements residents want in the village. It influences MKC on the services it provides. It is also very influential when applying for funding and grants. The 2008 Parish Plan was very successful in this respect.

The first step is to do a survey to ensure the Plans reflect the whole village. We would like to receive responses from everyone in the village. The more replies we receive, the more accurately we can reflect your views in the Neighbourhood and Parish Plans. In 2008, Castlethorpe had a great response and this made a big difference when we applied for grants for improvements.

If you find the questionnaire confusing in any way, need any further information, or need assistance in filling out the form, please telephone the Parish Clerk, Steve Bradbury, on 01908 337928.

All personal information collected from this questionnaire is confidential. In particular, the name and address below is only used to calculate the number of households returning the survey. It will be removed by the Clerk before the form is processed.

Please complete and return the questionnaire by 30th September 2014 at the latest.

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1. Surname of person completing this survey

2. Address

3. If applicable please give numbers in the following age groups.

0-4 years

5-11 years

12-17 years

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THE VILLAGE

4. Please outline if you are involved in the following village organisations

	Not involved	Weekly or More	Monthly	More than monthly
Bowls	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Church/Ladies Group/Men's Group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Craft Club	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cricket	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Football	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mini Strikers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nursery/out of school clubs (Wolery)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pre-School Education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Village Show	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Women's Institute	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth Club	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Zumba	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify, e.g. flower arranging group at the church)

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5. Please outline if any members of your household (other than you) are involved in the following village organisations

	Not involved	Weekly or more	Monthly	More than monthly
Bowls	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Church / Ladies Group / Men's Group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Craft Club	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cricket	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Football	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mini Strikers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Youth Club	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Zumba	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify, e.g. flower arranging group at the church)

6. Do you or would you like to participate...

	Participate in	Would like to participate in	Don't participate/ Not interested	Not aware of event
Duck Race	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Friends of Castlethorpe School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open Gardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pub Evenings/ other social events at the Village Hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Carols on the green	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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VILLAGE FACILITIES

7. Do you think ...

	Good	Adequate	Poor	Don't Know
Standard of cycle track/footpaths stiles maintenance is	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The play areas are	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities in the Village Hall are	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities at the Sports Ground are	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities at the church are	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities for youth in the village are	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities for adult recreation in the village are	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities for older people in the village are	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities for the family in the village are	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The allotments are	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The facilities at the village shop are	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are there any additional village facilities, clubs or organisations not listed above, that would you like to see in Castlethorpe? If yes, please specify below

8. Do you think there ought to be a play area on the sports ground adjacent to Lodge Farm Court?

- Yes
- No

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VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS

9. Are there any improvements you would like to see to 'Castlethorpe News'?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please specify .

10. How frequently do you view the village website (www.castlethorpevillage.org.uk)?

- Daily (or more)
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Less than monthly
- Never

11. If you use the village website, what do you use it for?

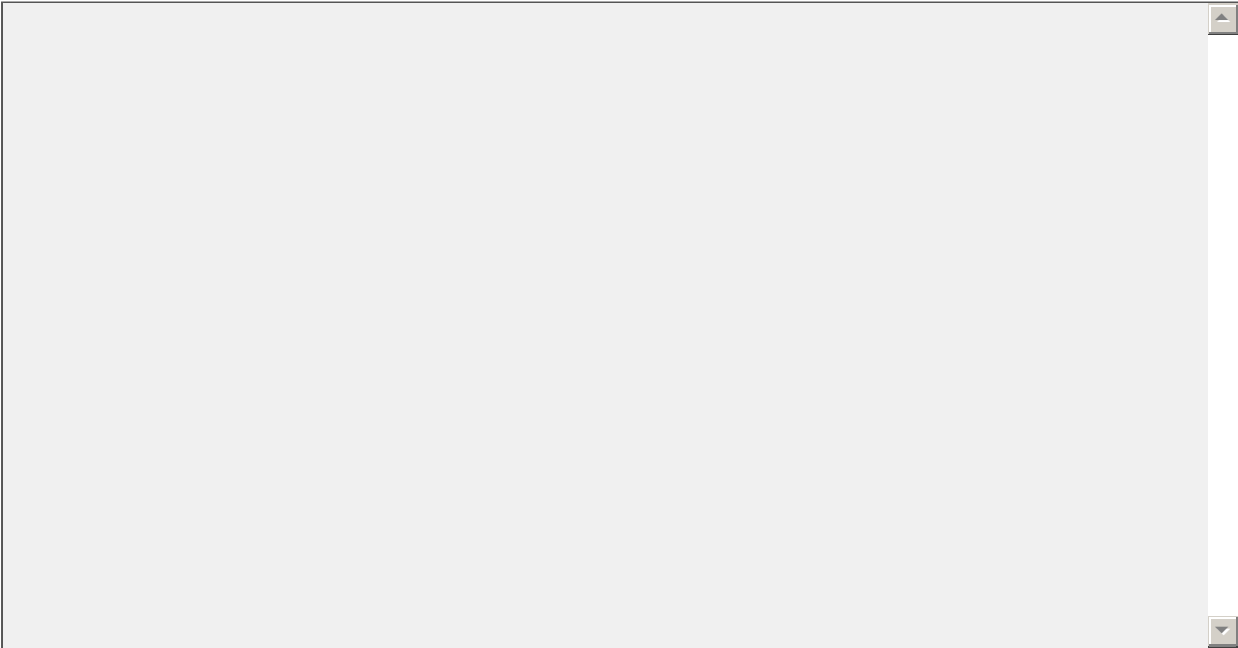
- Activities information
- Village news
- Notices of meetings
- Parish Council Minutes

Other (please specify)

12. If you currently use the website, what improvements would you like to see?

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13. If you don't currently use it, it would help us if you could tell us why not (for example, "not enough information", "no internet access", "not interested")?



14. Do you use the 'Castlethorpe Village' Facebook group?

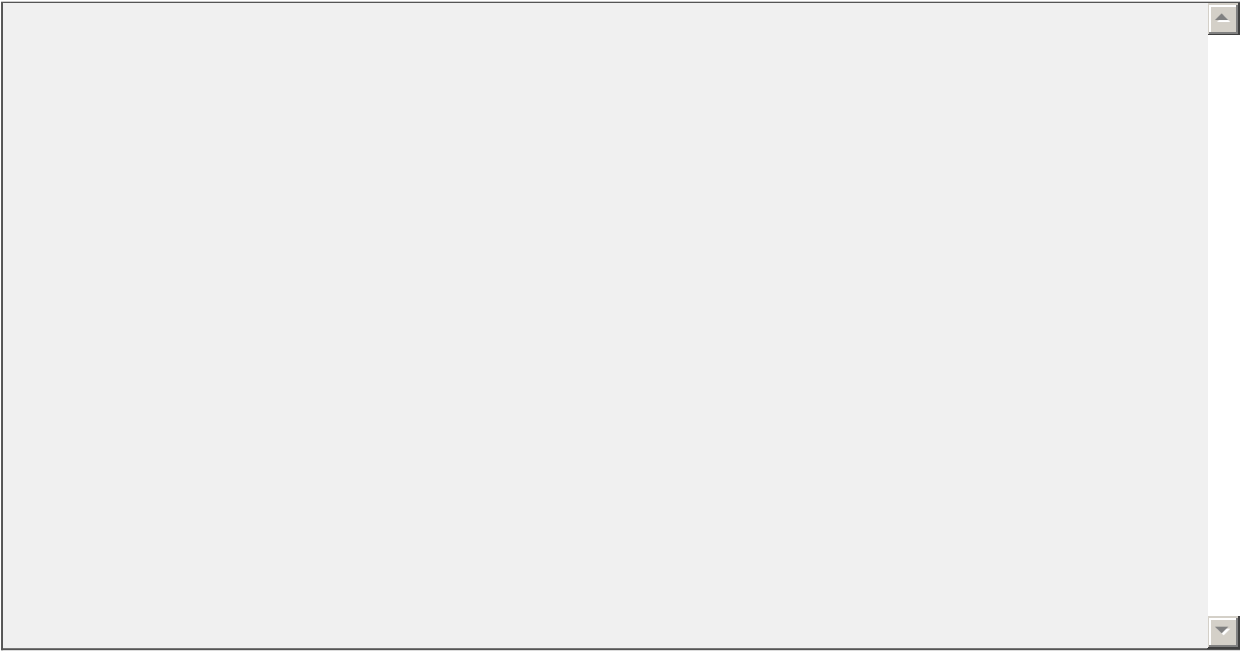
- Yes
- No
- Wasn't aware of the group

COMMUNITY

15. Do you work from home

- Yes
- No

16. What facilities could the village provide to support more local business?



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TRANSPORT

There is currently a bus about every 60 minutes during the day to City Centre and Northampton.

17. Are the following Health Services easy for you to access

	Yes- by car	Yes- By public transport	No	Don't know/ Don't use
Hospital (emergency)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hospital (routine)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Out of hours doctor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pharmacy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dentist	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
GP Medical Centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. Is your GP's practice (tick all that apply):

- Easy to access by car
- Easy to access by public transport
- Close to where I live
- Close to where I work

Other (please specify)

19. Do you currently use public transport for any of the following uses?

	Yes- Regularly (more than three trips per week)	Yes- infrequently	Do not use	Don't use
Commuting to work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Travelling to school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leisure use i.e. theatre or social activity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shopping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

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20. If you do not currently use public transport, what would make you use it?

	Would make me use it	Might make me use it	Wouldn't make me use it
More frequent services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cleaner vehicles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More destinations (specify in the next question)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Earlier/ later services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cheaper fares	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

21. Are there any other things that would encourage you to use public transport?

22. Would you cycle to work if the route was improved?

- Yes
- No

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HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

23. Thinking about the services currently provided, how would you rate the following services:

	Good	Adequate	Poor
Refuse collection services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Standard of repair- Pavements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Standard of repairs- Roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Verge grass cutting/ weed control	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
General cleanliness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

24. Castlethorpe is a member of the Rural West Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG). From an earlier survey, residents identified Speeding, Parking and Dog Fouling as the three top concerns. These 'Priorities' are now up for review. Can you identify the 3 issues you would like to see the NAG work towards addressing in order of priority. These can be the existing ones, new ones, or a combination of both.

Priority 1

Priority 2

Priority 3

25. Do you think there is a problem with dog mess in the village?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please outline where it is a particular problem

26. Are there any additional dog bins required?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please tell us where we need any more dog bins.

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27. Is additional parking needed within the village?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please tell us where.

28. Are there any areas within the village that require parking restrictions by use of yellow line marking?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please tell us where.

29. Would you support the widening of the junction at Yardley Road / A508?

(For your information, all the preparatory work for the improvement has been done by the parish council. The only element awaiting approval rests with Northants County Council.)

- Yes
- No

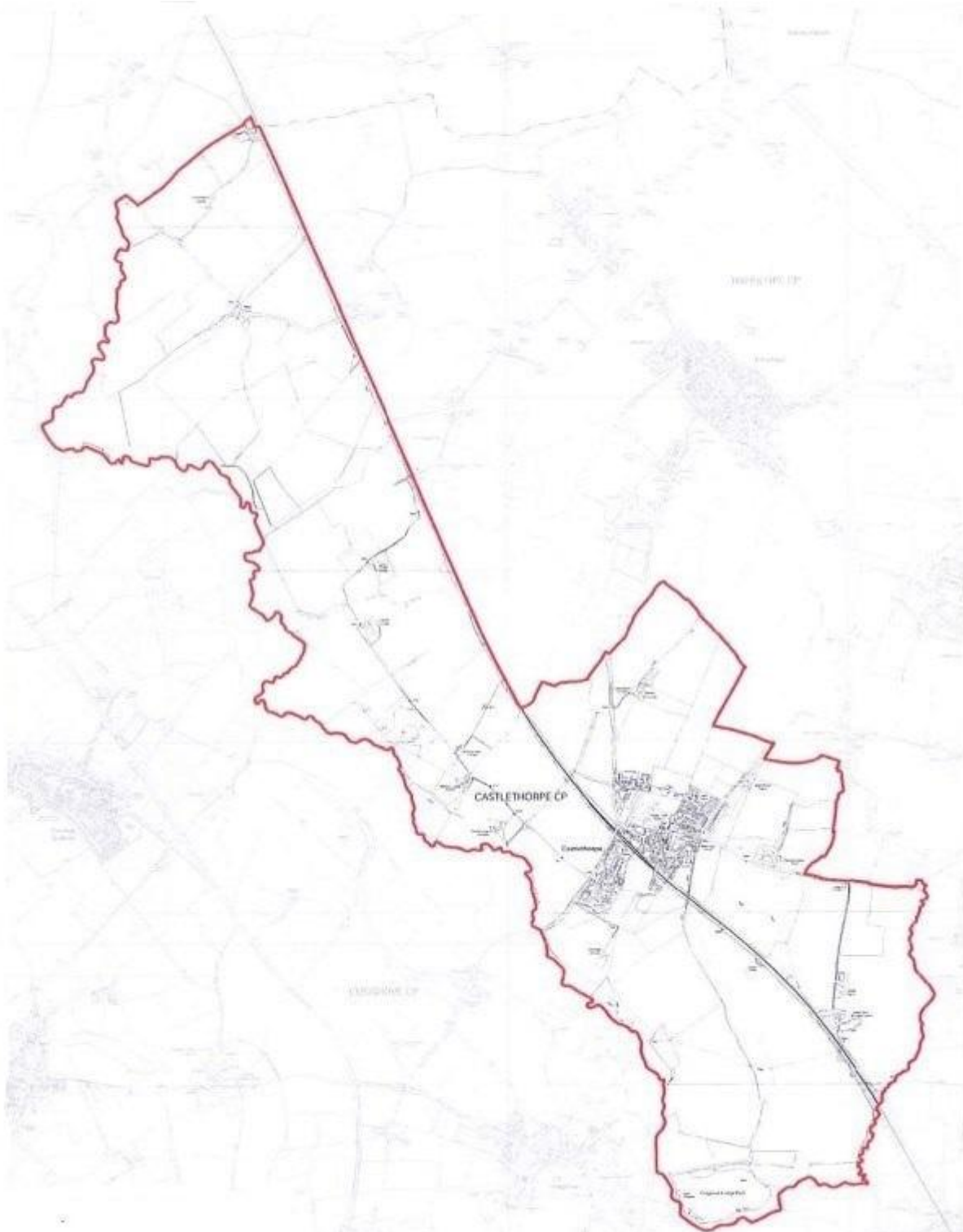
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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

In this section think about how would you like to see Castlethorpe in 10-20 years time, from a Planning and Development perspective.

Note: there are 25 houses in various stages of construction or planning application at present out of a current number of 450 houses in the village.

This map shows the boundary line of the Civil Parish of Castlethorpe. It is this area that has been designated as the Neighbourhood Plan area.



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This map shows the built settlement boundary within the Civil Parish of Castlethorpe.



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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

30. What do you think about building homes. While building houses secures funding for future facilities, it also helps address the need for affordable homes. Affordable homes are defined as social rent, shared ownership and other forms of tenure for eligible households. Affordable homes help young families, 'key workers' (such as nurses, police and teachers) as well as older people to live in the community of their choice. How important do you view this?

- Very Important
- Quite Important
- Quite Unimportant
- Very Unimportant

31. How important is it that 'young people and key workers can afford to live in Castlethorpe?

- Very Important
- Quite Important
- Quite unimportant
- Very unimportant

32. The demand for affordable homes is increasing, while the available stock has declined (falling by 16% from 5.85 million in 1991 to 4.9 million today). Therefore:

- The backlog on waiting lists is growing**
- Short-term need has risen due to recession**
- Long-term need will continue to be very strong**

How do you feel about the following statement: "Castlethorpe will need more homes by 2026"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

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33. If houses are built in Castlethorpe over the next twenty years, which type of housing would you approve or disapprove of? Please tick one box per row

	Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't Know
Smaller Homes (1 - 2 beds)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Larger family homes (3+ beds)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open market homes (on sale to anyone)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordable Homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homes for rent (to anyone)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homes for rent (to people from Castlethorpe)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Retirement/Sheltered homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

34. Thinking about the possible number of new homes (irrespective of their type) in Castlethorpe for the next 20 years, which of these do you think is appropriate for our village?

For guidance there are currently 450 houses in Castlethorpe. Please tick one.

- None
- 1 - 22 (or up to 5% growth)
- 23 - 44 (or 5 - 10% growth)
- 45 - 88 (or 10 - 20% growth)
- 89 - 176 (or 20 - 40% growth)
- Over 177 (or over 40% growth)

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35. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Agree

Disagree

We should preserve our surrounding countryside and landscape

We should avoid developments that spoil the look of the rural setting

Sufficient infrastructure would need to be in place to support any new housing (e.g. school, water supply, recreation, road capacity etc.)

Any new housing should respect the existing style and character of the village

It is not desirable for Castlethorpe to have any new settlement on its boundary

Castlethorpe should minimise light pollution and conserve energy by turning some street lighting off at reasonable times

Fuel costs are predicted to rise, therefore new homes should have access to sufficient land for home growing, helping households manage their food bills.

Do you support renewable energy in the form of wind turbines or solar

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panels?

If you support renewable energy in the form of wind turbines or solar panels, where ought these be located?

36. How would you describe your attitude to commercial development that may provide local employment - for example offices, light industrial units, shops.

	Yes	No
Needed within the settlement to sustain the community/ meet employment needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Needed outside the settlement to sustain the community/meet employment needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No further commercial facilities are required	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

37. If yes, which of the following do you see as appropriate commercial developments for Castlethorpe? Please tick all that apply.

- Warehouse and distribution premises
- Light industrial units
- General office/commercial premises
- Business start - up premises
- Specialist sector employment (e.g. Creative & Media / Science / Marketing)

Other (please specify)

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38. Traditionally UK planners have placed employment sites away from homes. However, it has been proven that a mix of both businesses and homes ensures that streets are lively throughout the day. Housebound residents feel less isolated and businesses and homes are less likely to suffer from crime such as vandalism and burglary. If there is employment development in Castlethorpe, which of these would you like to see?

Please tick one box per row. Note small employment buildings employ less than 10 people. Medium ones employ 10 to 50. Large ones employ more than 50.

	Away from anything existing	Mixed with new homes	Alongside existing employment
Small employment buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Medium employment buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Large employment buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

39. Are there any particular areas within the Parish you think are suitable for commercial development?

40. Do you want the 'Carrington Arms' to be retained as a pub/restaurant?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

41. If it cannot be retained, what would you like to see the building used for?

42. If the Carrington Arms were not re-opened as a pub would you support a pub / club at the Sports Ground?

- Yes
- No

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43. Are there any particular areas within the village that you think should be developed for sport or play in addition to the existing Sports Ground, and, play areas at the Fish Ponds and Thrupp Close / Billington End Road?

Yes

No

If yes where?

44. Are there any particular areas within the whole Parish you think need additional planning policy guidance for development (e.g. should be for housing, commercial use, leisure or agriculture)?

Yes

No

If yes where?

45. Are there any particular areas within the Parish you think require traffic calming?

Yes

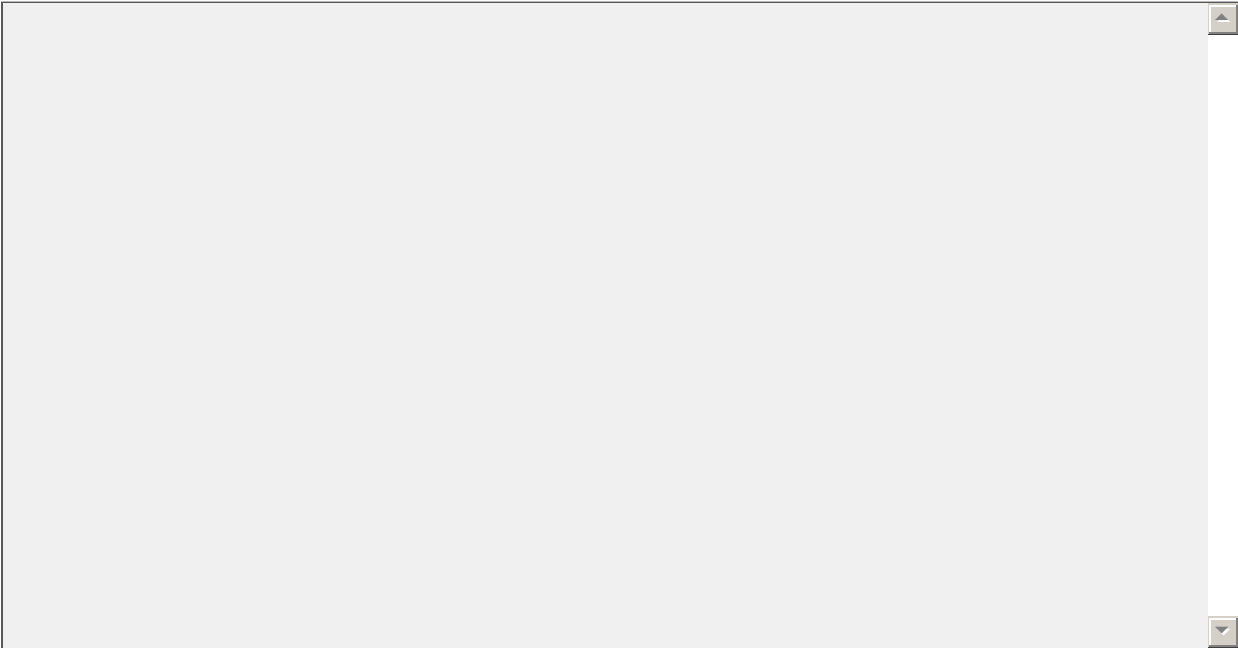
No

If yes where?

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YOUR SPACE FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

46. If there is anything else that you would like to add that hasn't already been covered please outline this below...

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