



Covering Note

The purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan is to allow residents to identify the kind of parish that we want Dorstone to be over the next 18 years. To help us in this process we have developed a “draft Vision Statement” which is shown on p2 of this Questionnaire. Any comments on this statement would be much appreciated.

This is our opportunity to influence the way the Parish changes to meet the needs of the current and future community. Our Approach to preparing this Questionnaire and the Neighbourhood Plan is set out in Appendix A at the end of the Questionnaire.

You should have been given sufficient questionnaires to allow completion by each adult member aged 16 and over, and a Youth Questionnaire for those young people aged 10-15. If not, please contact any member of the Steering Group for additional questionnaires – their names and phone numbers are at the end of Appendix A.

This stage is a vital part of developing the Neighbourhood Plan and we hope you will find the time to complete the questionnaire and to offer your views on the wide range of topics raised by Parishioners.

The completed questionnaire should be sealed in the envelope provided, and will be collected by the person who delivered it within the next two weeks. Envelopes will be opened in the presence of an independent adjudicator.

Completed questionnaires will be entered into a free prize draw to win **£100 first prize** and **£50 second prize** and **£25 third prize**. If you wish to enter the draw, please fill in the form at the end of the Questionnaire. The draw will take place at a **Parish Open Meeting in December or early January 2014** when we present the results of the Questionnaire.

Your help and support in completing the Questionnaire is much appreciated.

Dorstone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Anonymity and Confidentiality

This questionnaire is designed to ensure that your views remain anonymous. The final page containing contact details for those who have offered to help or enter the prize draw will be detached prior to analysis and retained temporarily in confidence for follow-up.

Privacy Notice

The information that you supply will be processed by the Data Orchard Research Team, who are independently analysing the results of this survey on behalf of Dorstone Parish Council, who, for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998, are the Data Controller. The information you supply may also be shared with independent researchers employed directly by the Parish Council to undertake additional analysis of the results. Any information you provide will be treated as **strictly confidential** and will only be used for the purposes of developing the Neighbourhood Plan and any developments arising therefrom. Your information will not be shared with any other parties, but please note that any comments you make may appear anonymously in the published results. **If you have any queries about the survey, or need assistance completing the questionnaire, please contact member of the Steering Group** listed in Appendix A. If you require any further information or advice about the Data Protection Act, please contact the Data Protection Officer, Herefordshire Council, Plough Lane, PO Box 4, Hereford, HR4 0LE
email dataprotection@herefordshire.gov.uk.

Neighbourhood Planning – Vision Statement

To enhance, retain and protect the essential features that Dorstone currently provides – namely:-

- An attractive place to live that caters for the needs of all age groups from young to old
- A vibrant community that looks after its members whilst being welcoming to new residents and visitors
- A location which promotes and encourages successful farming and small businesses, an environment where young members of the community can seek employment and remain in the parish
- A sustainable environment preserving the natural landscape and wildlife and providing a peaceful and enjoyable way of life
- A small community that recognises that modest changes and limited growth can help the aspirations and the way of life of all those living in it

Comments on the above would be welcome.



Adult Questionnaire (16 years and over)
One questionnaire per adult

Housing

Question 1. What kind of housing will Dorstone need in the next fifteen years?

(Tick all that apply)

- None
- Starter homes (2 bedrooms)
- Family homes (3 or more bedrooms)
- Executive homes (4 or more bedrooms)
- Adapted/easy access homes: e.g. bungalows
- Flats/apartments
- (various sizes, incl. Houses turned into flats)
- Supported housing/retirement homes
- Living/working properties
- (small scale enterprise located within or adjacent to the home)
- Homes for local people/ people with local connections.

Question 2. What types of new housing should there be in Dorstone Parish?

(Tick one box per row)

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Privately owned homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Privately rented housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low cost housing for outright sale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing Association rented for local people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shared ownership for local people*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>[*Shared ownership = part owned by Housing Association and part by Occupier.]</i>			

Question 3. If new homes are to be built, they should be:

(Tick one box per row)

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Small infill developments within the Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beyond the existing Conservation area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developments of up to 3 homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developments of 3-5 homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developments of 6-15 homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green field development of individual houses in open countryside.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional building within an existing site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other			

Question 4. How important do you think it is for any new building development to match the existing styles of surrounding buildings?

Very Important Fairly Important Not important No opinion

Question 5. Which of the following building materials would look best in the parish?

(Tick one box per row) Yes No No Opinion

Stone

Brick

Rendered

Use of wood cladding

Rendered with stone edging

Clay/Concrete roofing tiles

Slate roofing tiles

Wooden window frames.

UPVC window frames

Aluminium window frames

Other building features which are important:

Settlement Boundary

Question 6. Should the Neighbourhood Development Plan include a Settlement Boundary (around the Village area), outside which new housing would not be allowed?

Yes No No opinion

See explanatory note in Appendix B on Settlement Boundaries at the end of the Questionnaire

Renewable Energy

Question 7. Are you in favour of the following developments to harness energy from natural sources in Dorstone Parish if undertaken by private individuals or commercial companies.

(Tick one box per row)

	Private Individuals		Commercial		No Opinion
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
The power of the sun e.g. solar panels or photo voltaic panel array	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Wind power e.g. wind turbines	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Water power e.g. hydropower	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Capturing natural heat in the ground e.g. Ground Source Heat Pumps	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Burning wood pellets e.g. Biomass plants	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Gas captured from our waste products e.g. anaerobic digesters	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Question 8. Would you support or invest in the following COMMUNITY PROJECTS if they are organised by the parish?

(Tick one box per row)

	Support	Invest	Don't support	No opinion
Solar Panels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Large Scale Photo Voltaic Array	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single Wind Turbines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multiple Wind Turbines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hydropower schemes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ground Source Heat Pumps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Air Source Heat Pumps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Biomass Plants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anaerobic Digesters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tourism

Question 9. Should the Neighbourhood Plan include the provision and development of Tourism facilities?

Yes No No Opinion

Question 10. With regard to tourism would you like to see better/more provision of any of the following?

(Tick all that apply)

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Holiday short term lets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holiday Homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B&B accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Camp Sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Better signed footpaths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encouraging greater use of Dorstone Front Room by Tourists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Better In-Village Tourist Information e.g on Village Notice Boards, Printed Guides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tourist information on Dorstone Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any other suggestions			

Question 11. Would you like to see the development of cycle paths up and down the Golden Valley?

Yes No No opinion

Infrastructure – Mobile Phone

Question 12. Do you use a mobile phone?

Yes No

if yes please answer the following

a) How would you rate your current reception when you are at home or within Dorstone Parish or immediate vicinity?

	Home	Within Dorstone	Nearby
Good - full signal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OK - enough signal to make a call	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bad - no signal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Would you support a community scheme to improve the mobile phone reception in the Dorstone Parish?

Yes No Don't know

Small Businesses, Farming & Employment

Question 13. Should the Neighbourhood Plan identify potential sites for employment use?

Yes No No Opinion

Question 14. Should the Neighbourhood Plan encourage the establishment of:

(tick one box per row) Yes No No Opinion

Small businesses

Workshops

New living accommodation incorporating work units

Farm Diversification (e.g. cheese making, farm shops rural crafts, campsite, etc).

Tourism

Other

Conservation/Heritage/ Landscape

Question 15. Are there any buildings/sites which you believe are important to protect?

Church

Pandy Inn as a Pub

Village Hall

Shop/DFR

Playing fields

Others

Question 16. How important do you consider that the preservation of views, open spaces, particular landscapes or flora & fauna should be taken into account in considering future planning applications?

Important Not important No opinion
Particular views *(please specify)*

Our open spaces

Our best scenery *(please specify)*

Local wild plants and wildlife

Question 17. Do you support the idea of the Golden Valley being designated as part of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty?

(See Appendix C at end of questionnaire on implications of this status)

Yes No No Opinion

Environment

Question 18. Has your property, land, or access to your property, been affected by flooding because of:-

	Yes	No	Don't know
River/stream overflow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field run-off	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road run-off	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blocked drains or ditches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question 19. If yes what was damaged or affected?

(Tick all that apply)

Fabric of house	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garage or outhouse	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garden/Vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carpets	<input type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to property	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	

Community Facilities

Question 20. How satisfied are you with your Parish as a place to live?

Very satisfied Fairly satisfied Fairly dissatisfied Very dissatisfied

Question 21. How often do you use the community facilities in Dorstone?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	Never
Village Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Playing Field	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Church	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Dorstone Front Room	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Pandy Inn	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Mobile Post Office	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Public Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Question 22. The Parish Council currently donates £500 each year to a selected Organisation(s) serving the Community who make a bid each year for the money. We would value your views on this policy.

(Tick one or more of the following)

- a) I agree with the current policy.
- b) I do not think there should be a donation policy.
- c) I think the amount should be divided equally each year between the Church, Village Hall, Playing Field & Dorstone Front Room.
- d) I think the amount donated should be increased to £1000 to help the Village Organisations even if this involves some increase in the Parish Precept (part of the Council Tax).

Other, please specify?

Other Comments

Question 23. Have you any other comments and/or ideas which are relevant to the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan or improving the quality of life of all residents in Dorstone?

Some Questions about you.

The information you give will assist us in understanding how views may differ between groups in our parish. It will be used for no other purpose and will remain **confidential**.

Question 24. Please tick which of the following describes you.

- a) Male Female
- b) 16-24 25-44
45-59 60-74 75 plus

Question 25. How would you describe yourself?

- Employed full time Retired
- Employed part time In full time or part time education
- Self-employed Unemployed and available for work
- Semi retired Looking after home or family
- Long-term sick/disabled Other

Question 26. Is this your main residence?

- Yes No

Question 27. Do you run your own business?

- Yes from this property
- Yes from within the parish
- Yes outside the parish
- No, don't run my own business

Question 28. How long have you lived in Dorstone Parish?

- Less than 2 years 2-5 years 6-10 years
11-25 years 26 -50 years over 50 years

Question 29. Does your household own or rent this property?

- Privately rented Owned by you
- Provided as part of your employment Shared Ownership
- Rented from a Housing Association Other

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire – if you have any queries please ring any member of the Steering Group or the member of the Group that delivered your Questionnaire to your home. See phone numbers in Appendix A

Appendix A – Neighbourhood Plan – Our Approach

Neighbourhood Planning is a very significant change that has been introduced by the Government to allow communities a greater say in the future planning decisions that affect their Parish. Dorstone Parish Council decided to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and formed a Steering Group to undertake this work for the Parish, membership of which is listed below.

Over the past four months, the Dorstone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been talking to as many Parishioners as possible to determine the issues which people see as important. We have used this information to prepare this questionnaire.

Parishioners have flagged up to us many issues which are of great concern. However in an attempt to keep the overall length of the questionnaire reasonable we have **not** included any questions in relation to three important areas. These are:-

1. **The quality of Broadband service** - there have been recent previous surveys on the quality of broadband and there are active moves to improve broadband service to the Golden Valley in the next two years.
2. **Future housing needs** – again there have been recent surveys identifying future housing needs which we can use without having to ask further questions.
3. **The future of the Conservation Area** – neighbourhood planning does not change in anyway the rules or boundaries of conservation areas and therefore there is no point in asking questions about a policy area that we cannot change.

At the same time, we have taken the opportunity to ask a few questions about community issues/facilities, the response to which will be very helpful to the Parish Council and other Village organisations in helping their future work.

Your opinions are vitally important, and the greater the response we get to the questionnaire the more validity, and hopefully support, the final plan will have.

Your answers are **confidential** and the anonymised results will be used to guide our Neighbourhood Plan Proposals

Timetable

After completing the questionnaires there are 6 stages left to finish the Neighbourhood Plan, with target dates:-

1. Analysis of the results of the questionnaire and then share these with everyone . – target date for reporting back – end December 2013/early January 2014.
2. Preparing and consulting on the Draft Plan – end March 2014
3. Completing the Final Plan – end May 2014.
4. Submission to Herefordshire Council – end June 2014
5. Independent examination by an Inspector – end August 2014
6. Plan to be put to referendum of all Electors in the Parish – Autumn 2014.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Group has been meeting monthly since its formation in March this year. The Group comprises all members of the Parish Council and 6 other volunteer Parishioners. We have three sub groups:-

1. The Environmental Group is looking at issues such as renewable energy, employment and small business, conservation landscape and heritage.
2. The Housing Group concentrates on housing development, planning and settlement boundaries.
3. The Consultative Group oversees consultation with the Community including the preparation, distribution and analysis of this Questionnaire.

The members of the Steering Group and sub Groups are listed below:-

Colin Thomas	Consultative Group	Chair	550788
Simon Gaze	Environment Group	Vice Chair	550926
Mary Hession	Housing Group		550300
David Phillips	Consultative Group		550484
Tony Usher	Housing Group		550722
Alistair Phillips	Housing Group		550484
Cathy Gethin			550243
Chris Hendy	Parish Clerk		550652

They are joined by a small group of parish volunteers:

Russell Goodwin	Environment Group	550717
Tim Rogers	Environment Group	550748
Sarah Catterall	Consultative Group	550325
Sophie Robinson	Consultative Group	550238
Sue Atkinson		550519
Richard Burt		550613

Appendix B – Settlement Boundaries – Question 6

A settlement boundary is a line that is drawn on a plan around a village, which reflects its built form. The settlement boundary is used as a policy tool reflecting the area where a set of plan policies are to be applied, for example the scale and type of housing and their design. The settlement boundary does not necessarily have to cover the full extent of the village or be limited to its built form. New housing development would generally not be allowed outside the Settlement boundary, subject to certain exceptions laid down in Herefordshire's County Planning policies.

Whilst in the past Herefordshire Council had drawn a settlement boundary around Dorstone Village to coincide with the Conservation area, this was removed a few years ago. The Parish Council has continued to consider that the conservation area should be regarded as the settlement boundary and that applications outside this area should not be allowed, other than in exceptional circumstances as set down in County Planning policy.

With the introduction of Neighbourhood Planning, the Community can decide whether to have a settlement boundary and where its lines should be drawn. If there is support for a settlement boundary, further consultations will take place on its shape and form and possible sites for development within the settlement area.

Appendix C

Areas of Outstanding National Beauty – Main Implications

(See Question 17)

The suggestion that West Herefordshire should be designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is being promoted by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE). If this campaign was successful, the following summarises the implications for Parishes such as Dorstone.

In terms of Planning, a planning application for new development in an AONB should show that it is, so far as possible, in harmony with its surroundings by way of location, design and materials. Planning authorities would still have considerable discretion in judging this and balancing with other factors such as economic and social needs. Only developments that would be unavoidably intrusive, such as large scale industrial or residential development, is likely to be rejected outright.

Inside an AONB, the “permitted development rights” for houses are slightly reduced: the position of extensions and of flues or satellite dishes that can be built without planning permission is more limited, as are the types and position of various outbuildings and structures. (These are similar to existing conservation area rules but would apply throughout the Parish). Cladding would also need planning permission. There is no reduction in permitted development rights for farming and forestry.

AONB status does not add any compulsory constraints on farming and land management..

AONB status carries with it prestige. It is a message to potential visitors that here is an exceptionally attractive area not just to visitors but also incoming businesses to the wider Herefordshire Area.

ADULT PRIZE DRAW

Put your questionnaire, and all the other questionnaires from members of your household, in the envelope provided.

Seal it and hand the envelope to the collector.

Complete the details below if you wish to be entered in the Prize Draw and hand this page to the collector separately.

Name.....

Address.....

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Telephone Number

email address

(in order to receive reports on the progress of the Plan. This will be done via the DFR email circulation list, so if you are already on that list there is no need to complete your email address.)

Terms and conditions governing this draw can be viewed on the Dorstone Community Web site – Neighbourhood Planning Section.