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In October 2014, following a meeting about housing, attended by over 200 people, it was agreed that the Parish council would draft a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan sets out policies for housing and use of land from now until 2028.

- It is a legal document which increases local influence
- If adopted, it becomes an important consideration for all planning applications
- It has to support planning policies including the South Derbyshire local plan

Since October 2014, volunteers have been working with the Parish council to gather the views of people in Melbourne and Kings Newton. We have held 2 further drop-in consultation sessions and have consulted with a wide variety of stakeholders.

From the feedback captured at the drop-in sessions, and from interviews and surveys, we have produced a number of draft policies and we now seek your views on those policies. These policies are set out in Section 1 of the Questionnaire.

We have also identified a number of things the community would like to see, and these are set out in Section 2 of the Questionnaire (Community Aspirations). They are outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, but are very important to people.

Can you please spend a few minutes to give us your views on the draft policies. A copy of the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan, including all the supporting information we have gathered, is available on the Parish Council website and at the library.

You can complete this questionnaire on line at:
www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/melbournendp1

If you complete this paper questionnaire you can leave it in the box at
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For more paper copies you can contact Jane Carroll by telephone on 863269, or via email at janedunstercarroll@gmail.com

Everyone in Melbourne and Kings Newton over the age of 16 is welcome to complete the questionnaire.

Questionnaires should be completed by the **end of March 2017**.

The information will be kept secure.

Section 1: Vision and Policies on Housing and Land Use

Please tick one box only, and write any comments in the Comments box.

Our Vision for Melbourne and Kings Newton

Our vision for the Neighbourhood Development Plan is for a vibrant, sustainable and caring community. We want to keep the heritage, attractive landscape and rural nature of our villages. We want any housing development to be small and to fit the needs of local people, and at a pace that our drains, sewers, roads, parking, schools and the medical centre can cope with. We want to keep the open space between Melbourne and Kings Newton and to protect agricultural land. We want facilities to encourage sports, physical fitness, entertainment and clubs and societies, and to promote village life.

Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree	
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Comments

Housing

The SDDC Local Plan Part 1 says that there will be 'no strategic development in the Parish.' Between 2011 and April 2015, a total of 130 homes were built in the Parish and up to the end of December 2016, a further 185 homes have been granted planning permission. The Local Plan Part 2 says that our share of the additional housing needed up to 2028 will be just the 46 houses on Station Road which have already been given planning permission.

Housing Policy 1

Development will be infill only, within the settlement boundaries of the villages, which means that no new homes should be built in the fields around Melbourne and Kings Newton. Preference will be given to the development of 'brownfield sites', i.e. sites which have previously been built on.

Agree		Neither agree nor Disagree		Disagree	
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Comments

Housing Policy 2

Maintain the separation between Melbourne and Kings Newton, which means no further development should take place in the open space around Jawbone Lane.

Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree	
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Comments

Housing Policy 3

All housing development within the settlement area should have 3 bedrooms or fewer, which means that any new 'infill' would be for new starter homes and downsizing rather than for executive homes.

Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree	
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Comments

Open Spaces/Environment

The Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan identifies 21 areas of 'Green Space' which should be kept as open spaces and not developed for housing. These Green Spaces are set out in a table and shown on a map in the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Open Space Policy 1

Open spaces within the Parish should be maintained (e.g. Lothian Gardens, Brown's Field, Robinsons Hill, Jawbone Lane etc.).

Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree	
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Comments

Open Space Policy 2

Public rights of way, (footpaths and bridleways) and greenways should continue to be protected, maintained and enhanced in order to encourage the health and well being of the population.

Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree	
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Comments

Open Space Policy 3

Proposals that protect and enhance biodiversity will be supported. This means that wildlife should be encouraged by keeping open spaces, hedgerows and trees. Tree planting on verges should be encouraged.

Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree	
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Comments

Open Space Policy 4

The preservation of Grade 1, 2 and 3a agricultural land will be supported which means that any development which would result in agricultural land being lost for ever will not be supported.

Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree	
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Comments

Heritage and Conservation

Heritage and Conservation Policy 1

Preserve the Historical and cultural heritage assets of the Parish and the existing conservation areas. This means that development will not be supported if it has a damaging impact on the conservation areas, or on the views to and from those areas. Developments should use building materials which blend in with the existing architecture of the villages

Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree	
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Comments

Section 2: Community Aspirations

Community Aspirations are outside the scope and influence of a Neighbourhood Development Plan, but during the consultation it became clear that the issues covered in this section are very important to individuals and community groups in Melbourne and Kings Newton.

Evidence in this section could be used to update the Parish Plan

Work and Leisure Facilities

A number of consultation exercises, questionnaires and meetings with the business community, community groups and individuals identified that if there was money available from SDDC or any other source, people would like it to be spent on items from the list below.

Please rank the items from 1 to 7 where 1 is your most preferred item and 7 is your least preferred. Add any items you think have been missed

Facility	Rank
Indoor sports and fitness facilities	
Maintaining and improving play areas	
Senior Citizens' centre/Community care	
Performance facilities	
Mobile phone coverage	
High speed broadband	
Proposals to improve parking	

Comments (including any items you think have been missed)

Infrastructure

In the consultation, a number of concerns were raised about the infrastructure, and the fact that it had not kept pace with the housing developments that had already taken place.

People said there was a need for:

- Proposals to reduce traffic congestion
- Improved public transport
- Improved provision for parking
- Improved drainage and sewerage in the parish to reduce the risk of flooding

- Assurance that all children in the Parish would have the opportunity to attend Melbourne Infants and Junior Schools
- Assurance that all children in the parish would have the opportunity to attend the same secondary school with the high educational standards they have been used to
- Assurance that the Melbourne Health Centre will continue to provide the fullest range of services required by all ages in the community, so that patients do not have to travel to the Chellaston surgery

If you would like to add anything to the concerns above, please write in the Comments box below

Comments

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire. Your views are valued.

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Section 3: About you

There is no need to complete this section if you do not wish to.

Where do you live?

Melbourne	Kings Newton

Gender

Male	Female

Age range

16-17	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	84+