



# St Nicholas Hurst Neighbourhood Plan Household Questionnaire

September 2019

## OUR VILLAGE, YOUR VIEWS

Have your say. What is important to you about our village? By completing this questionnaire you are helping to progress a Neighbourhood Plan for Hurst that will positively manage future growth in the area in a way that reflects the wishes of the community and takes account of what makes the area special. It could help protect the things in Hurst you value the most.

Neighbourhood Planning Working Group



## St Nicholas Hurst Neighbourhood Plan - Our Village, Your Views

**Questionnaire unique number: xxxxxxxxxxxx**

This questionnaire has been produced by the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group to obtain your views on what is important in the Parish. We are in the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Hurst and this will set out a vision for the next 20 years. Your responses to this questionnaire will be used to inform the drafting of the Neighbourhood Plan, which will take place over the next 12 months.

For more information about the Neighbourhood Plan, and how this links to and feeds into the Wokingham Local Plan and National Policies please go to [www.hurstplan.uk](http://www.hurstplan.uk) or email [surveyathurstplan.co.uk](mailto:surveyathurstplan.co.uk).

The questionnaire draws on the initial findings from a number of community consultation events held over summer of 2018. We have focused on key areas where the Neighbourhood Plan can have real influence.

There are no right or wrong answers to the questions posed, rather we just are keen to understand your experiences of living in Hurst and views for the future.

Please use the attached pre-paid envelope or alternatively, this questionnaire can be completed online at <https://survey.hurstplan.uk/> using the randomly allocated unique code at the top of this questionnaire.

### **Deadline: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Please note the following:

- Questionnaire responses limited to one per household
- All responses will be anonymous

### Next Steps following 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019

- Responses to this questionnaire and the online survey will be collated.
- A consultation event (date tbc) will be held in order to feedback to Hurst.
- The plan will be written using the results of all our consultations and inspected by an examiner.
- Finally, the plan will be shared with the people of Hurst in a referendum before being submitted.
- At this point it will be used to inform the future of Hurst

## Section 1: What do you value most about your village?

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This section asks you to identify the things that you value most in Hurst. We've listed the key features of Hurst that were **identified as most valuable** in the community consultations undertaken to date.

**1.1** Please indicate whether you agree or disagree if the following are important and should be protected

	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Our built heritage (including the conservation area and listed buildings)					
The environment (including local wildlife sites and ancient woodlands)					
Green spaces (including parks, play areas and allotments)					
Local facilities (i.e. schools, shops, public houses, village halls)					
The local community and community spirit					
Its' rural identity					
Open views and vistas					
Street furniture (i.e. benches, bins)					

**Please elaborate on your answers (optional):**

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**1.2** Is there anything else which you feel should be included? If so, what and why?

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## Section 3: Environment and Green Spaces

Our green spaces and environment provide the backdrop to our daily lives. Our village has:

- *Approximately 15 kilometres of footpaths, byways and bridleways of which approximately 6% are bridleways and 12.5% are either byways or roads used as paths.*
- *8 Local Wildlife Sites*
- *23 ancient woodland sites*
- *1 Site of Scientific Special Interest (SSSI)*
- *131 Tree Preservation Orders and 184 Veteran Trees*

### 3.1 Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements about our local environment.

	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Our hedgerows and mature trees need to be protected					
We need to maintain and protect our ponds					
We have plenty of accessible green spaces to walk in and enjoy					
We need more footpaths					
We need more bridleways/byways					
We value the wildlife and biodiversity around the village					
The open views across the fields and woods are important assets					
A dark night sky is important					
We need more play areas					
We need more designated Local Wildlife Sites					
We need to maintain our rivers and lakes					
We value ancient woodland sites					
We need more street furniture such as bins, benches etc					

Is there anything else which you feel should be included? If so, what and why?

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## Our Local Green Spaces

Green space can be a key asset for many communities. A specific kind of land designation called a **'Local Green Space'** can protect these assets as well as create community well-being. Below are examples of reasons you could use to nominate green spaces that are special to the Parish and hold a particular significance:

- *Hold historic significance*
- *Are deemed to be of local beauty*
- *Form part of the character or setting of the townscape*
- *Provide an attractive setting and outlook for surrounding residential properties or have recreational value*
- *Should be in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves.*

See more information about Green Spaces here: <https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/toolkits-and-guidance/making-local-green-space-designations-neighbourhood-plan/>

Currently Hurst has no areas specifically designated as Local Green Space. However, this is our opportunity to nominate areas for the future.

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### **3.2 Are there any areas of land that you would like to be considered or designated as "Local Green Space"?**

Please write your comments below (if possible make reference to how the area or areas you are nominating satisfy the criteria listed in the box above) and/or attach a plan and/or photographs if you consider it appropriate.

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### **3.3. If so, why?**

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## Leisure and Community

Hurst is a thriving community, with many clubs and outdoor pursuits within its locality. Approximately 85% of Dinton Pastures Country Park is situated within the Parish and in turn, this connects to Hurst's network of footpaths, byways, bridleways and green lanes. Hurst plays an important role in outdoor leisure pursuits not only for the residents of Hurst, but also into Wokingham Borough and beyond.

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### 3.4 How often do you visit the following? (tick as appropriate)

	Dinton Pastures	School Road Play Park	Martineau Green Play Area	Davis Street Recreation Park
Daily				
A few times a week				
A few times a month				
Occasionally				
Hardly ever				
Never				

## Section 4: Local Community Assets and Facilities

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An asset of community value is a building or piece of land which the community considers to be of **particular value to the local community**. Each community is free to decide for itself what it values. These might be:

- *a building or land itself (e.g. historic or iconic local building)*
- *the activities or service which are delivered from a space or building*
- *the future potential of a site – what it could become.*

This is a new legal right, designed to give communities the opportunity to control the assets and facilities that matter to them. If an asset is listed, and comes up for sale, community groups could be given a total of six months to put together a bid to buy it.

Hurst already has assets which are: Martineau Green, land at Church Hill, allotments in Tape Lane, Recreation Grounds at School Road & Davis Street, Townsend Pond and Dunt Lane Field.

Nomination of Local Community Assets can also be nominated by groups outside the Neighbourhood Planning process.

**4.1 Are there any Local Community Assets you would like considered to be nominated? If so, please say where and why.**

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## Section 5: Your views on local transport

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This section asks for your opinions on transport and transport options in our village.

### 5.1 What is your main method of transport for each of the activities below?

	Car	Motor-cycle	Taxi	Bus	Train	Bicycle	Walking	Other
Work								
Leisure								
Accessing local services								
Accessing local businesses								
Grocery Shopping								
Education								
School travel								
Social events								
Shopping other								

**5.2 During the consultations undertaken so far, respondents shared their concerns and wishes regarding transport within the Parish. We've listed the most common of these below. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements.**

	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
We need more public transport					
We need to improve safety for walkers and cyclists					
Measures to improve speeding management are required					
We are concerned over the increasing volume of traffic					
Concern over accessibility such as pavements, disability access					
Public transport doesn't run to a timetable that suits					

**5.3 Do you have any other local transport concerns that you would like to mention? If so, what and why?**

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## Section 6: Your housing needs and your views on housing in our village

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Housing and development were a key topic raised during the community consultations we have undertaken. This section asks for your opinions on the future of housing development in our village. We also would like to understand your housing needs.

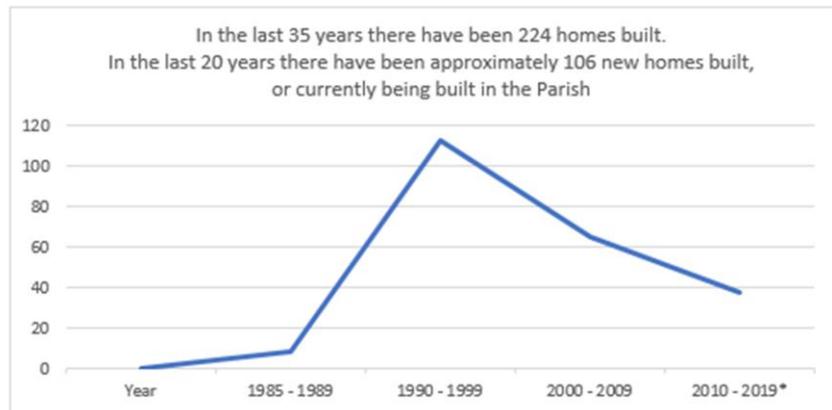
In the 2019 Electoral Roll Hurst has 876 homes. Housing and development were a key topic raised during the community consultations we have undertaken. This section asks for your opinions on the future of housing development in our village. We also would like to understand your housing needs.

In the 2011 Census there were 2059 residents. You can see all the information about Hurst from the Census website <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/localarea?compare=1170211997>

Year	Recent Development in Hurst
1985 - 1989	8
1990 - 1999	113
2000 - 2009	65
2010 - 2019*	38
	<b>Total 224</b>

\*Dwellings included in 2019 have permission and are yet to be completed as at June 2019:

- 11 Social Houses (net gain 5)
- 3 Almshouses (net gain 3)
- 16 Valley Nursery (net gain 16)



These housing numbers are net gain dwellings. For example, if a barn is converted in to 2 dwellings then that would be a net gain of 2. If a house is replaced by apartments, eg Bonhomie Court in 2002 was 22 apartments, this would be a net gain of 21.

### Your housing needs

**6.1 Is any member of your household currently on the housing register (i.e. the waiting list for socially-rented housing)?**

Yes	
No	

If yes, please state how many years.

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**6.2 (a) Does any member of your household want or need to move out of the property?**

Yes, a member of the household currently wants or needs to move out	
No, but a member of the household may want or need to move out in the next 5 years	
No, it is unlikely that any member of the household may want to need to move out in the next 5 years	

**6.2 (b) If you answered yes, or possibly yes in the future; what type of household member(s) will want or need to move out?**

A single adult	
An adult couple	
A family with children	
A single older person	
An older couple (over age 55)	
Other (please specify)	

**6.2 (c) (To be answered only if you answered yes to the previous question). Why is the current property unsuitable for the household member (s) moving?**

Please select all that apply.

Too big	
Too small	
Too expensive	
Too difficult/costly to maintain	
Unsuitable for health/mobility requirements	
Want/need to live independently	
Want/need to move for work reasons	
Want/need to move to be closer to family	
Other reasons (please specify)	

**6.2 (d) What type of property would be most suitable for the household member (s) planning or needing to move?**

Please select up to three options and number in order of preference (e.g. 1 – most preferred option, 2 – second most preferred option etc)

House	
Bungalow	
Flat/apartment	
Sheltered/retirement housing	
Extra care housing	
Other (please specify)	

**6.3 In your opinion, how many new homes should be built in our village in the next 20 years? Tick as appropriate.**

Number of new homes	Tick as appropriate
None	
1-24	
25 – 49	
50 – 74	
75 - 100	
100 and over	

**6.4 Why do you think this?**

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**6.5 Below is a list of housing development types, please tick the types of housing developments that you think are appropriate for our village over the next 20 years?**

Type of housing	Tick as appropriate
Garden infill development	
Infill – small plots of one or two houses	
Small developments (5-9 houses)	
Small/medium developments (10-15 houses)	
Medium developments (16-50 houses)	
Large developments (more than 50 houses)	
Conservation or change of use of existing buildings	
Other (please specify)	

**6.6 What size of housing would you prefer any future development to take? Please tick any that apply.**

Size of housing	Tick as appropriate
1 bed	
2 bed	
3 bed	
4+ bed	

**6.7 What type of housing do you think there should be more of in the parish?**

Type of housing	Tick as appropriate
Social rented homes	
Shared equity homes	
Self-build homes	
Private housing	
Gypsy and Traveller Pitches	
Other (please specify)	

## Section 7: Your views on our local businesses

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### 7.1 How frequently do you use local businesses in our village?

	Daily	More than once a week	Weekly	Monthly	Less than once/month	Never
Village Pubs						
Hurst Post Office						
Hurst General Stores						
Ashridge Garden Centre						
Hurst Bakery						
Other (please specify)						

### 7.2 Do you think the village needs any more of the following businesses?

	Yes	No	No opinion
Offices			
Retail			
Small scale industry / workshops			
Pubs / cafes / restaurants			
Don't know			
Other (please specify)			



## Section 10: About your household

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### 10.1 How would you describe the current make-up of your household?

Living alone	
Couple (with no children)	
Family with young children (pre-school and/or primary school age)	
Family with older children (secondary school and college)	
Family with grown up children living at home	
Family with grown up children living independently	
Other	
Prefer not to say	

### 10.2 How long have you lived in the Parish?

Less than 1 year	
1 to 5 years	
6 to 10 years	
11 to 25 years	
>25 years	

### 10.3 Is this your main home?

Yes	
No	

### 10.4 What type of property do you live in?

Detached house		Semi-detached house		Mobile home	
Terraced House		Bungalow		Apartment	

### 10.5 How many bedrooms does the property you live in have?

1	
2	
3	
4	
5 or more	

**10.6 Does your household own or rent this home?**

Owns (with or without mortgage)	
Privately rents	
Part rent and part mortgage (shared ownership)	
Rents from Council	
Rents from Housing Association or Charity	
Rents from employer, or tied with job with household member	
Other (please specify)	

**10.7 How many children in your household go to:**

St Nicholas Pre-School	
St Nicholas Primary School	
Dolphin School	
Holt School	
Forest School	
Wargrave Piggott	
Emmbrook	
St. Crispins	
Binfield Primary School	
Home Schooled	
Other (please specify)	

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.  
It will help determine the future of St Nicholas Hurst Parish.

