

Dear Resident

At a meeting last year, it was decided by those local residents attending to take up the opportunity of shaping how our village develops and to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. Neighbourhood Plans can't stop development but they can influence it, for example by saying where local people think new homes or businesses should go and what they think is important to preserve about their village. Once approved by local residents, a Neighbourhood Plan is a legal document that the District Council has to take into account when deciding on planning applications.

It is really important that as many residents as possible give their ideas on how they would like to see the village changing in the future and so we hope you will be able to find the time to read this and to complete the questionnaire. We appreciate everyone's busy so we hope the chance to win an iPad mini* for completing the questionnaire might help!

With many thanks

John Millard
Chair of Misterton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

*Completed questionnaires need to be returned at one of the public events or to The Misterton Centre by Saturday 30 April 2016 and will be validated, to make sure the entries are from Misterton residents, then entered in a prize draw. You may also scan the completed questionnaire and e-mail it to theclerk@misterton-notts-pc.gov.uk. All responses will be treated in the strictest confidence; personal data is required for entry into the competition only and will not be shared with third parties. It is essential that you complete all sections of the questionnaire to be entered into the prize draw. If there is not enough space for all you want to say, please continue on a separate sheet.



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Progress so far in developing Misterton's Neighbourhood Plan

Misterton has changed over the past 100 years as the photographs on the front cover show. Development and change are an inevitable part of life. Sustainable development is at the heart of Neighbourhood Planning and this is development that:

- aims to enhance people's lives and their sense of community/ belonging
- enhances and protects the historic buildings and cultural heritage of the village
- gives people the opportunity to live and work in the village/ locality
- protects and enhances the village's environment, its green places and wildlife
- does not waste resources.

Following the public meeting, a Steering Group was formed and has been meeting over the last few months to begin the job of making a Neighbourhood Plan a reality. The Steering Group is a small group of residents and parish councillors, which has developed this questionnaire.

We were keen to take up the opportunity to produce a Neighbourhood Plan that gives the whole village the chance to have a say in the future of where we live and many of us work. We will be holding two open events to give more information about Neighbourhood Plans, where we're up to, and, most importantly, to hear your thoughts on the future of the village.

We are sending a separate questionnaire to businesses in Misterton.

Because of the proximity of some Walkeringham residents to Misterton, we have been advised that the Neighbourhood Plan should include their views as well.

Want more copies of this questionnaire?

We have delivered one copy to each household in Misterton (and the houses we've included in Walkeringham) – it's up to you who fills it in. But if you would like more copies, you can get them:

- at the consultation events on Thursday 22 March
- from The Misterton Centre (ring 891872 if you haven't got time to call in)
- on the website (www.mistertonneighbourhoodplan.co.uk).

These events, for Misterton residents only, are on:

TUESDAY 22 MARCH

12 noon – 2.00pm

Planning over Pie & Peas at the Dovecote Café

Free pie and peas lunch! Members of the Steering Group will be there to hear your views and to answer questions

6.00-8.30pm

Planning over a Pint at the Red Hart

Members of the steering group will be there to hear your views and to answer questions with a free pint afterwards!

If you can't make either of these events, you can call into The Misterton Centre on Tuesdays or Wednesdays (10.00am – 3.00pm) to speak to the Parish Clerk, who is also clerk for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. You can go to the Misterton Neighbourhood Plan website (www.mistertonneighbourhoodplan.co.uk) and Facebook pages. And we will be arranging another public meeting so look out for the date.

There will also be a stand at the Village Gala on Saturday 2 July. Members of the Steering Group will be going to Misterton Primary School, and will be speaking to local secondary schools and other youth groups to ask Misterton's young people to give their views, too.

Other versions

This questionnaire is also available in large print, and in other languages, on request.

Want to join the Steering Group?

We're still in the early stages of producing the Neighbourhood Plan, so if you're interested in joining the Steering Group, please contact Angela Harrison, Parish Clerk, on (01427) 891659 or by e-mail at theclerk@misterton-notts-pc.gov.uk.

WE NEED TO HEAR EVERYONE'S VIEWS - PLEASE FILL IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE!

MISTERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: QUESTIONNAIRE

First Name: _____ Last name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Age: (please circle) under 18 18-24 25-44 45-64 65-84 85+

Gender: (please circle) Female / Male

PRESERVING AND DEVELOPING THE CHARACTER OF THE VILLAGE

There are a total of 25 listed buildings (mainly Grade 2) in Misterton as well as a number of buildings (mainly houses) that have been identified by the Planning Authority as 'non-designated heritage assets' and so are seen as adding to the character of the village.

1 How important are the following features of the village to you? (Please circle)

- | | | | |
|--|------|--------|------------|
| • Historic buildings, eg churches, old school, listed/old houses | Very | Fairly | Not at all |
| • Green spaces, eg sports field, Church Meadow | Very | Fairly | Not at all |
| • Community facilities, eg school pool, golf course/driving range, Swallow Court | Very | Fairly | Not at all |
| • Other (please specify) _____ | Very | Fairly | Not at all |

2 Can you tell us about any features you think detract from the village character or need improvement?

3 How often do you use the following village facilities? (Please circle)

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
| • Shops | Regularly | Occasionally | Never |
| • Café | Regularly | Occasionally | Never |
| • Take-aways | Regularly | Occasionally | Never |
| • Post Office | Regularly | Occasionally | Never |
| • Pubs | Regularly | Occasionally | Never |
| • Sports Social Club | Regularly | Occasionally | Never |
| • Bus services | Regularly | Occasionally | Never |
| • Leisure/sports facilities | Regularly | Occasionally | Never |
| • GP Surgery | Regularly | Occasionally | Never |
| • Pharmacy | Regularly | Occasionally | Never |
| • Other (please specify) _____ | Regularly | Occasionally | Never |

4 What, if any, other features or facilities would you like to see in Misterton, eg village hall, heritage centre, more public green spaces, allotments, or anything else?

Do you have any additional comments about the character or facilities of Misterton?

PRESERVING AND IMPROVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF MISTERTON

There are two Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) in the Misterton Neighbourhood Plan area, which are protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981. These are the Chesterfield Canal and the Mother Drain adjacent to the River Idle. In addition, there are 10 Local Wildlife Sites (ie sites of local importance for nature conservation which are not legally protected) in and around Misterton.

5 How important are the following features in and around Misterton to you? (Please circle those that apply)

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------|--------|------------|
| • Chesterfield Canal | Very | Fairly | Not at all |
| • River Idle | Very | Fairly | Not at all |
| • Trent Bank | Very | Fairly | Not at all |
| • Public footpaths | Very | Fairly | Not at all |
| • Bridleways | Very | Fairly | Not at all |
| • Wildlife sites | Very | Fairly | Not at all |
| • Trees and hedgerows | Very | Fairly | Not at all |
| • Other (please specify) _____ | Very | Fairly | Not at all |

6 What, if any, improvements to the natural environment would you like to see?

HOUSING

Did you know? Bassetlaw has to build 450 to 500 new houses each year over the next 15 years to meet housing targets and it is likely that Misterton will be expected to provide some of this housing.

Misterton's population increased by 109 people between 2001 and 2011, to 2140 residents. The population is expected to increase further over the next 15 years. The number of households in 2001 was 839 and in 2011 was 943.

7 How many new homes do you think Misterton will need over the next 15 years?

(Please circle one option)

10-25

25-40

40-55

55-70

70-85

85-100

More (please state how many) _____

(Did you know the old Newell's site in the village previously had agreed permissions for 86 houses? That the land next to the Fire Station is within Walkeringham Parish and had permissions for 45 houses? That both these permissions have now lapsed?)

8 What type of homes do you think the village needs? *(Please circle as many types as you think are needed)*

Semi-detached houses

Terraced houses

Bungalows

Detached houses

Flats

Other: please say what _____

9 How many bedrooms do you think new homes should have? *(Please circle as many options as you think are needed)*

1 2 3 4 5 6 or more

10 Do you think it's important that new-build houses should blend in with the traditional style of houses in the village, ie brick built with pantile or slate roofs? *(Please circle one option)*

Yes

No

Don't mind

11 Where would you like to see new housing development? *(Please circle 1 option on each line)*

- on previously-developed sites which are now unused Yes No Don't know
- on open countryside Yes No Don't know

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES/NEW BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN THE VILLAGE

12 Do you work in Misterton? *(Please circle)* Yes No

13 Do you think there is a need to encourage new businesses/employers into the village? *(Please circle)* Yes No Don't know

14 If yes, (a) what kind of businesses would you like to see?

(b) what kind of businesses would you not like to see?

(c) where do you think new businesses should be located? *(Please circle all you think appropriate)*

In existing business/industrial areas Within the village

Farm buildings/outbuildings Outside/on the edge of the village

On sites previously identified for development

15 Are there any other changes or developments you'd like to see within the Misterton Neighbourhood Plan area?

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. PLEASE ADD MORE COMMENTS ON A SEPARATE SHEET IF YOU WISH.



QUESTIONNAIRE

Have Your Say on Misterton's Future



www.mistertonneighbourhoodplan.co.uk