



ST STEPHEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Your Village | Your Future | Your Say
Your Neighbourhood Plan

“Your chance to have your say on the future”

Last year we announced and began to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. An important step in this process is the Community Survey, which enables residents to comment upon issues fundamental to the Plan.

The Survey begins on the facing page. It provides the opportunity for you to ‘have your say’ on issues that will help determine how our Parish will develop over the coming decades. It’s hoped that every household in the Parish will complete and return the Survey – don’t say you weren’t asked!

Q What’s a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Once it’s completed the Neighbourhood Plan will be incorporated into the St Albans City and District Council Local Plan, meaning that the Parish will have a greater say in how the local area is developed in the future.

Q Why’s it so important?

A Because it will affect the shape of our villages – Bricket Wood, Chiswell Green and Park Street – in the years to come.

Q Is it just about housing development?

A It’s not just about housing. A Neighbourhood Plan also encompasses developing community facilities, protecting green spaces, addressing transport and traffic issues and looking at the needs of local businesses.



Q What’s happened so far?

A A number of meetings have already been held, giving local residents the opportunity to raise issues they feel to be important. Subsequent to these meetings working parties have analysed these comments in detail and incorporated them into the Community Survey.

Q Why’s it so important we complete the Survey?

A The Survey gives residents the opportunity to feed in their views and help confirm that the issues being addressed are in line with their views and, additionally, consolidate everyone’s opinions.

Q Can the younger generation have their say?

A Certainly. In addition, there’s also a separate ‘Youth Survey’ which can be found at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6J2V5F2.

Q There’s more than one person in our household who would like to complete the Survey. How can we do this?

A There are three options:

1. Download a Survey questionnaire from www.ststephenparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/
2. Complete the Survey online at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/StStephenNP
3. Collect a copy of the Survey (during opening hours) from either the Manager’s Office at Greenwood Park Community Centre, Tippendell Lane, Chiswell Green, or the Parish Office, St Stephen Parish Centre, Station Road, Bricket Wood.

Q Where do I send my completed Survey(s)?

A You can drop these off at any of the designated collection points (see list below) or post your completed Survey to St Stephen Parish Council, The Parish Centre, Station Road, Bricket Wood, AL2 3PJ.

Q The Survey’s mostly about ticking boxes. Can I make any additional comments?

A Additional comments are most welcome. Just attach them to the completed Survey – and don’t forget to include your name and contact details.

Q What’s the deadline for returning the Survey?

A Friday 30th September.

Q What happens once all of the Surveys have been received?

A The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the various working parties will review the results of the Survey and incorporate findings into the outline Plan.

Q What happens after that?

A In simple terms, once the Community Survey questionnaires have been received and analysed a draft version of the Plan will be submitted to St Albans City and District Council for comment. When this stage has been reached the Plan will then be subject to review by an external, independent examiner. The final stage in the process will be a Public Referendum – your opportunity to vote on the Plan’s acceptance and adoption into local planning legislation.



See ‘Parish Events’: www.ststephenparishcouncil.gov.uk

Survey collection points

Bricket Wood:

- The Post Office, 107 Oakwood Road
- The Newsagents, 89 Old Watford Road
- The Store, 23 Black Boy Wood

Chiswell Green:

- Midway GP Surgery, 93 Watford Road
- A & Z Convenience Store, 301 Watford Road
- Foodfare Post Office & Convenience Store, 337 Watford Road

Park Street (including How Wood):

- Burston Garden Centre
- JW & Co Estate Agents, How Wood Shops
- Sandra Constable, 3 Birchwood Way
- Graham Smith, 35 Avian Way
- Jon Breen, 40 Park Street Lane
- Suzi Clark, 82 Park Street
- Michelle Hodson, 91 Mayflower Road