WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

A **Neighbourhood Plan** is a community-led planning document that allows local people to shape the development and growth of their area. It establishes policies for the use of land, where new homes or businesses go and what new buildings should look like.

Scope: It can designate protected green spaces, outline infrastructure priorities, and encourage high-quality local design.

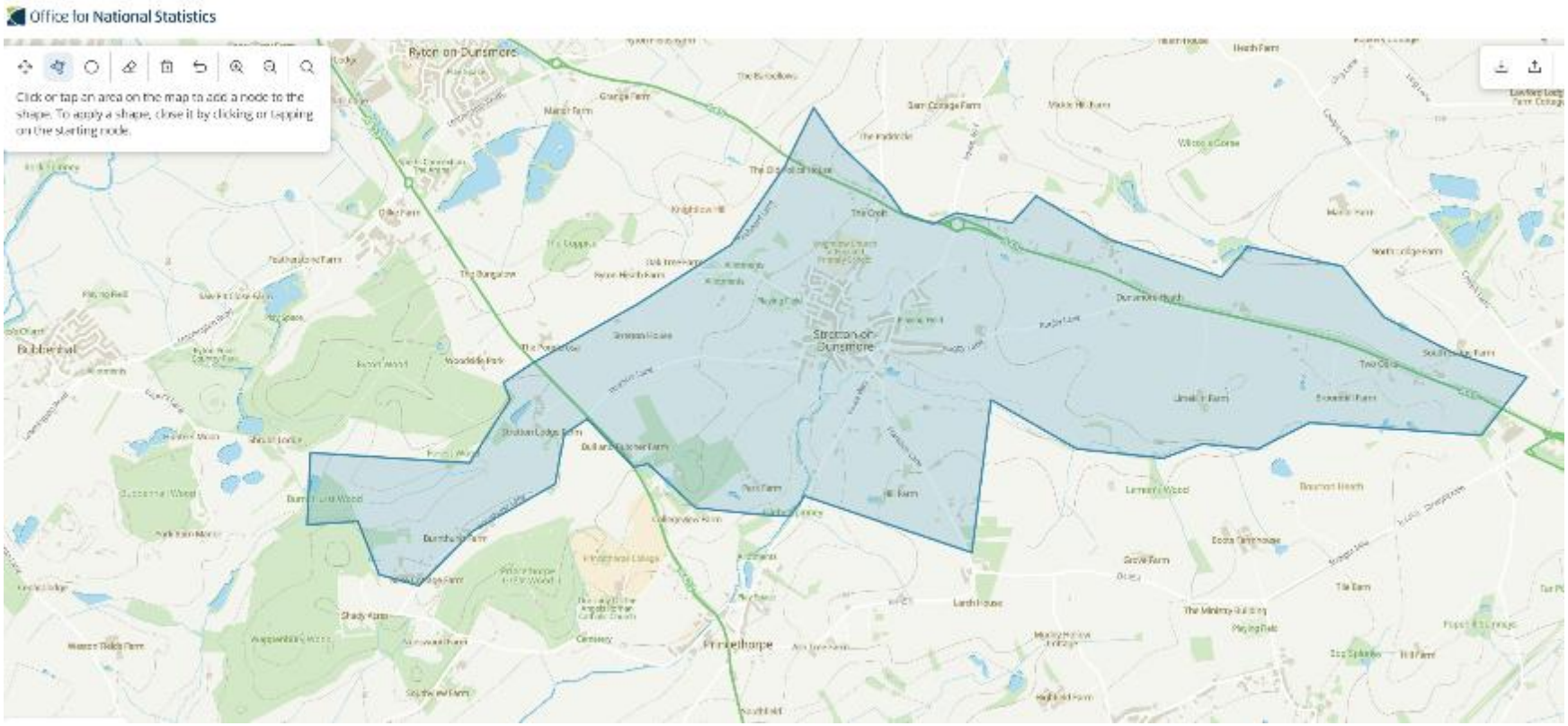
What It **Can & Cannot Do**

CAN: Choose where new development goes, influence the design of buildings, and specify local infrastructure priorities.

CANNOT: Block or prevent development that is already deemed necessary in the broader Local Plan, nor propose less growth than the local authority's targets.

General

VILLAGE MAP



Our village covers an area 14km long by 2-4 km wide – an area of around 40 km2.

It includes rural properties, farms and businesses and homes in the village itself

Our neighbours include Wolston to the north, Ryton to the north west and Princethorpe, Frankton and Bourton/ Draycote to the south

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ABOUT OUR VILLAGE

We are a 'Tier 1 village' as a result of having a primary school, store, GP surgery, Pub, and Bus service

THE 2021 CENSUS

1. **1,224 people live in Stretton on Dunsmore** in 503 separate homes
2. **Our population is older than average** less 19–44-year-olds and more over 60's
3. We have **1% more women than men**
4. **95% of us were born in the UK** compared to 83% for England as a whole
5. **26% of us live alone** while 21% of us have 4 or more people at home
6. **Our unemployment rate is low at 1.3%** compared to 4% England average.
7. **85% of us say we are in good or very good health** and 14% are disabled under the Equality Act – 8% of us provide unpaid care

LOCAL HOUSING

1. **Our homes are less energy efficient than the England average** - 26% (EPC A-C) compared to 49% that meet that standard
2. 99% are homes and bungalows with only 1% flats (England 22% flats)
3. **Our homes are larger than average** with 77% having 3+ bedrooms – **55% of us have 2 or more spare bedrooms,** above average

LOCAL BUSINESS

Although we are a rural village, we have shops, garages, farms, a pub, tradespeople, childcare, animal care, health and personal care businesses here – 43% of us work mainly from home too

General

OUR SURVEY SAID

TODAY: LIKES AND (DISLIKES)

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Development & Land use			Total	Rank
D1	DEV	Quiet/ peaceful setting	15	2
D2	DEV	Village feel	37	1
D3	DEV	Safety/ low crime rate	9	3
D4	DEV	Quaintness/ Idylic	2	4
D5	DEV	Supportive/ strong PC	1	5
D6	DEV	History	1	5
D7	DEV	Place to bring up family	1	5
D8	DEV	Lack of affordable	(1)	8
D9	DEV	Loss of green belt	(1)	8
D10	DEV	House prices	(2)	10
D11	DEV	Lack of bungalow/ pensioner	(2)	10
D12	DEV	Number/Style of new homes	(7)	12

Green spaces/ environment			Total	Rank
G1	GRN	Green spaces/ parks	19	1
G2	GRN	Green belt/ countryside around	12	2
G3	GRN	Village Green and centre/ brook	5	3
G4	GRN	Cleanliness of village	4	4
G5	GRN	Preservation of wildlife habitats/ trees	4	4
G6	GRN	Walking options	2	6
G7	GRN	Dog mess	(2)	7
G8	GRN	Mowing/ upkeep	(2)	7
G10	GRN	Flytipping/ rubbish	(8)	9
G9	GRN	Drains/ flooding/ sewage issues	(12)	10
G11	GRN			

Transport			Total	Rank
T1	GRN	Low levels of through traffic	2	1
T2	GRN	Pretty lanes	1	2
T4	GRN	People using lanes as shortcut	(1)	3
T5	GRN	Getting onto A45 and A423	(1)	3
T6	GRN	Lack of traffic calming/ cameras	(1)	3
T8	GRN	Speeding (Fosse/ A45)	(2)	6
T7	GRN	HGVs on unsuitable roads	(3)	7
T9	GRN	Poor passing places/ verges on lanes	(4)	8
T10	GRN	Too much traffic	(4)	8
T11	GRN	Poor bus transport (southam leam)	(9)	10
T13	GRN	Parking in centre of village	(11)	11
T3	GRN	Parking on pavements	(13)	12
T12	GRN	Speeding (village centre)	(13)	12

Facilities/ Activities/ Local Businesses			Total	Rank
G1	GRN	Community spirit/ events	31	1
G3	GRN	Keeping the PO/ convenience store	15	2
G2	GRN	Keeping the pub	12	3
G4	GRN	Doctors surgery	8	4
G5	GRN	We have broad range of facilities	8	4
G9	GRN	Church	5	6
G6	GRN	Other villagers	3	7
G8	GRN	Village hall	3	7
G7	GRN	School	2	9
G10	GRN	Book swap	1	10
G11	GRN	Lack of coffe shop	(2)	11
G12	GRN			
G13	GRN			
G14	GRN			
G15	GRN			

THE FUTURE: LIKE TO SEE OR NOT SEE

Development & Land use			Total	Rank
D1	DEV	Keeping the village feel	7	1
D2	DEV	More social/ affordable housing	7	1
D3	DEV	Right level of attractive development	4	4
D4	DEV	More bungalows/ housing for older people	5	3
D5	DEV	Loss of identity from surrounding villages	(1)	5
D6	DEV	Farmland used for industry/warehouses	(4)	5
D7	DEV	More large/ executive homes	(3)	5
D8	DEV	Loss of green belt	(5)	7
D9	DEV	More development of any kind	(10)	7
D10	DEV	Too many homes without infrastructure	(32)	8
D11	DEV			
D12	DEV			

Green spaces/ environment			Total	Rank
G1	GRN	Protection of green spaces/ green belt	10	1
G2	GRN	Less flooding	6	2
G3	GRN	Less dog poo/ designated dog field	5	3
G7	GRN	Security cameras to stop fly tipping	4	4
G4	GRN	More spaces for wildlife/ rewilding	3	5
G6	GRN	Better footpaths, curbs and walking routes	3	5
G5	GRN	Better drains, sewers and pump	2	7
G8	GRN	Less formal planting of flower beds	1	8
G9	GRN	More rubbish bins	1	8
G10	GRN	Village owned green energy generation	1	8
G11	GRN	Maintenance of parks, green & brook	1	8

Transport			Total	Rank
T2	GRN	Speed cameras/ calming measures	9	1
T4	GRN	20mph in village centre	8	2
T1	GRN	Passing places on narrow lanes and 30 lim	5	3
T3	GRN	More (smaller) buses and destinations	4	4
T5	GRN	Walking/ cycling campaign to lower cars	3	5
T6	GRN	Yellow lines on bus route	2	6
T7	GRN	Burnthurst lane weight and speed limit	1	7
T8	GRN	Street lighting on Brookside	1	7
T9	GRN	Widening of single track lanes to two	(1)	9
T10	GRN	More pressure on local roads from dev	(1)	9
T11	GRN	Traffic concerns ignored as no injuries	(1)	9
T12	GRN			
T13	GRN			

Facilities/ Activities/ Local Businesses			Total	Rank
G1	GRN	Keep all the facilities/ activities we have	4	1
G7	GRN	Tennis/ Padel ball court	4	1
G2	GRN	Activities for youngsters/ young families	3	3
G3	GRN	A café/ coffee shop	3	3
G4	GRN	Bigger village hall/ sports hall with parking	3	3
G5	GRN	Sustainable/ bigger school	3	3
G6	GRN	Bike trail/ larger skate park	2	7
G8	GRN	Chip shop/ mcdonalds	2	7
G9	GRN	Disc golf	1	9
G10	GRN	5 aside football pitch	1	9
G11	GRN	More sports clubs - football/ cricket	1	9
G12	GRN	Losing the church	(1)	12
G13	GRN	Losing the surgery	(2)	13
G14	GRN	Losing the shop	(9)	14
G15	GRN	Losing the pub	(23)	15

Over 100 of you responded to the online survey and the pop up events at the Coffee Stop, Scouts, Toddlers and other groups.

This gives the group a great set of insights into the issues you have today and what you would like to see in the future.

There will be future opportunities to provide feedback on the plan policies as they come together in the next few months.

1) ON DEVELOPMENT YOU SAID:

A. KEEP THE VILLAGE FEEL

B. LIMIT NUMBER OF NEW HOMES

C. ENSURE HOMES ARE AFFORDABLE AND SUITABLE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

D. NO WAREHOUSES/ INDUSTRIAL USE

2) ON TRANSPORT/ ROADS YOU SAID:

A. IMPROVE NARROW LANES AND LIMIT HEAVY AND THROUGH VEHICLES

B. REDUCE SPEEDING – IS 20 PLENTY?

C. SMALLER BUSES TO MORE PLACES

D. IMPROVE PAVEMENTS, FOOTPATHS CROSSINGS AND BIKE OPTIONS

3) ON GREEN SPACES YOU SAID:

A. PROTECT GREEN SPACES AND THE GREEN BELT

B. ADDRESS FLOODING AND SEWAGE

C. IMPROVE PLACES FOR WILDLIFE

D. REDUCE LITTERING AND FLYTIPPING

4) ON FACILITIES/ EVENTS YOU SAID:

A. PROTECT THE PUB, SHOP, SURGERY, VILLAGE HALL AND VILLAGE EVENTS

B. IMPROVE OPTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

C. CAN WE HAVE A CAFÉ?

D. SUPPORT FOR SPORTS FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES AT THE PARKS

4) YOUR FACILITIES IDEAS.....













WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOU?



Help yourself to a strip of stickers and place them on the issues that matter most to you.

You can vote more than once for the same item.

Use the blank spaces and post-it notes to add your own ideas if they aren't covered already.

General

Limit number of of new homes to protect village feel

Supporting local businesses

Protecting green belt and where to build

Protecting conservation area

No warehousing or industrial use changes

Other ideas……

Design/ type of new homes

HGV limit
& passing places
on narrow lanes

Improved
footpaths across
village centre

Address speeding
in village centre

Cycle/ walking
path to Ryton

More frequent
buses to more
locations

Parking
improvements
in village centre

Average speed
cameras – A45
Fosse way, A423

Pedestrian
crossing
on Fosse Way

Plan/ policy to reducing flood/ sewage risk

Village owned green energy Solar/ wind

New spaces for wildlife/ Nature

Improving footpath connectivity/ Walking options

Protecting the brook and village green

Other ideas.....

Protecting the allotments

Protecting
change of use
of pub or shops

Improve sports
facilities at parks

Additional sports/
community hall

Clubs/ activities
for younger people

Celebrating
other cultures
and diversity

Adventure
playground

Support for cafe/
warm space

Other ideas.....