

Chickerell Town Council

Chickerell Town Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

We ALL have the chance to influence future development and YOUR opinion counts - so we would be grateful if you would complete this Questionnaire and return it by 30th November 2017.

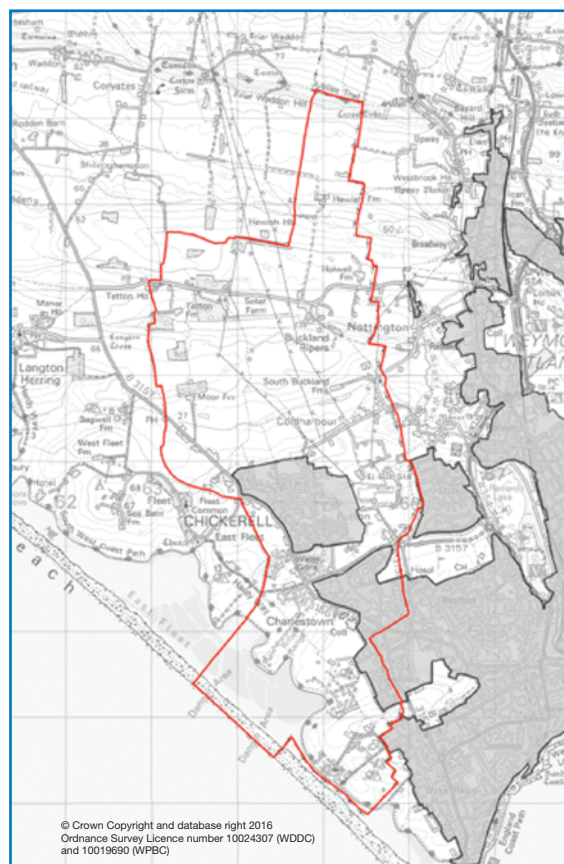
PRIZE DRAW One completed questionnaire per household member can be eligible for the prize draw, to have a chance of winning **£50 first prize** or **£25 second prize**. Please see page 11.

Draw will take place on Thursday 7th December 2017.

If you need help to complete this questionnaire for any reason, we may be able to assist you or, if you need this questionnaire in another format such as electronically or large print, please contact our Town Council Offices at Putton Lane, Chickerell DT3 4AJ. Telephone **01305 767458** or email townclerk@chickerell-tc.gov.uk.

Dear Chickerell Resident

Your Town Council is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the whole Parish. The following map shows the extent of Chickerell Parish designated as a neighbourhood area in 2016. The whole of the area will be covered by the neighbourhood plan therefore issues in the rural areas and more urban area will be taken into account. This questionnaire will help us to determine the policies that will be included in our plan which in turn will shape the future development of our area. We believe it is very important that residents take the opportunity to make their views known and separate responses are welcomed from all members of your household.



Defined
Development
Boundary

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is a new way for local people to influence the planning and development of the area in which they live and work. Ours is planned to last to 2036 and should:

- Identify and protect important local green spaces or other treasured assets
- Identify shortcomings in infrastructure
- Determine where new homes and other developments might be built
- Influence the type of development

Our Plan will have to comply with the Local Planning Authority's (currently West Dorset District Council) Local Plan which in turn has to conform with National Planning Policies. Nonetheless a NP offers residents and the Council more say and control over what development takes place.

Once approved, the NP and its policies have legal force in setting out what and where development is acceptable in our Parish. Local Authority and Central Government planners will be required to determine planning applications taking full account of the approved policies in our NP.

This questionnaire will also help us to identify the facilities and services that need to be in place to meet the demands of our community.

What to do next

Please complete the questionnaire as fully and thoughtfully as you can and return it to us **by 30th November** using the prepaid envelope. If there are additional members of your household who would like to complete the questionnaire separately, please encourage them to do so. Further copies are available from Town Council Offices, Willowbed Hall, Chickerell Community Library, Wessex Pharmacy (Lanehouse Rocks Road), Doctor's Surgery (Lower Way), Dental Practice (Chickerell Road), Chickerell Primary Academy and Turks Head Inn or alternatively go to the Town Council website (www.chickerelltowncouncil.co.uk) to download a printable PDF.

Please encourage younger residents to take part since their opinions are just as important.

Thank you for taking the time to help us create Chickerell's Neighbourhood Plan.
The Chickerell Neighbourhood Planning Team

CHICKERELL DISTINCTIVENESS

Chickerell Town comprises a number of different areas including Lanehouse (part), Cobham Drive area, Charlestown, Buckland Ripers as well as the original Village. There are a number of heritage assets in Chickerell, the main asset being the Conservation Area which represents the historic core. There are six listed buildings of which the Parish Church is Grade II and nine unlisted buildings of character and group value. In Chickerell Village, in particular, one can find a traditional range of building materials.

With Chickerell being adjacent to Weymouth arguably improvements to our infrastructure are taking longer to achieve than many residents would like, and we still await some improvements. Despite having a larger population than other Towns in West Dorset (e.g. Lyme Regis and Beaminster which are their own Post Towns) some Chickerell addresses still include "Weymouth" causing confusion.

Q1. What part of Chickerell do you live in?

- Village
- Charlestown
- Cobham Drive area
- Lanehouse/Littlesea
- Buckland Ripers

What do you believe to be the strengths of that area and why?

CHICKERELL HOUSING REQUIREMENT TO 2036

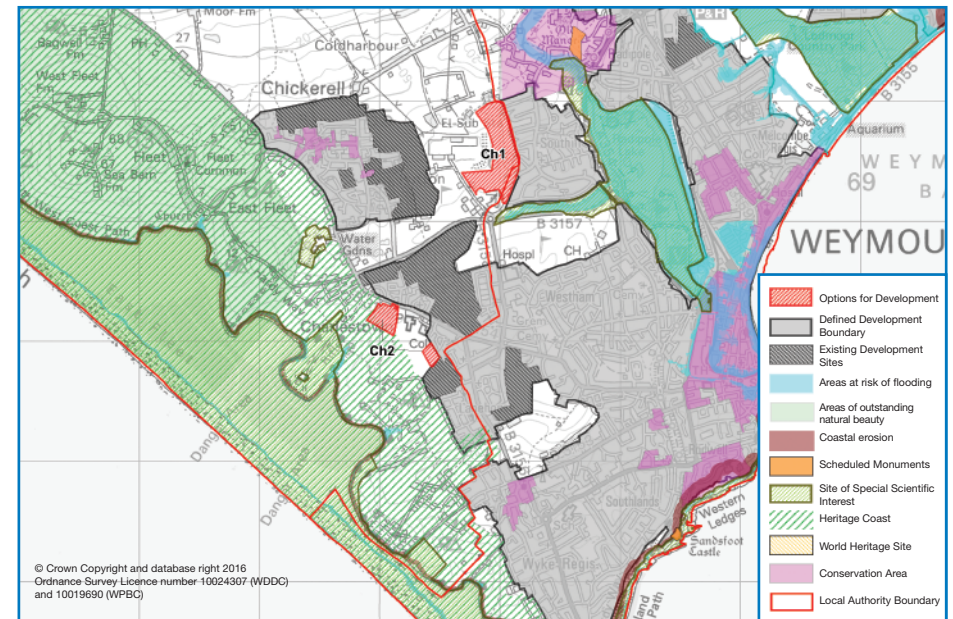
Chickerell has grown significantly in recent years and the 2006 West Dorset Local Plan allocated sites for a further 320 dwellings which are still under construction. The 2015 West Dorset/Weymouth Local Plan (Policy Chic 2) allocated a further 850 dwellings (yet to be commenced) to satisfy the need until at least 2031. Planning Permission has also been granted to a number of sites not allocated in the 2015 Local Plan (classified as windfall sites).

These allocations result in Chickerell experiencing one of the largest percentage growth in housing of any Town in Dorset but to date there have been limited infrastructure improvements. In total about 1400 new homes allocated or approved since 2011 represents a 55% increase. West Dorset are currently consulting on housing allocations for 2031 to 2036.

Q2. In the last decade at least a total of 1440 homes have been allocated or approved for Chickerell as a contribution to the Local Planning Authority's assessment of need to 2031. Given the increase in housing still planned for Chickerell, do you think:

- b) improvements to the road network, public transport, schools and other infrastructure is keeping pace to meet the population needs?** Yes No
- b) that further housing sites in addition to that already planned should be identified for the 5 year period 2031 to 2036?** Yes No

The 2017 Review of the West Dorset/Weymouth Local Plan identifies two additional (CH1 & CH2) housing sites (see map below).



Q3. Option Site CH1. Southill – off Radipole Lane, East of Wessex Stadium

- b) Do you agree Option Site CH1 to be a suitable site for more housing at some point in the future?** Yes No
- b) Development of this site should await completion of the majority of the existing allocated sites.** Yes No

Option Site CH2 is divided into two parts, comprising land (a) at the end of Clare Avenue and (b) to the rear of the Art House Café. N.B. It is possible that Chickerell's Budmouth College facilities might need to be enhanced (additional buildings and/or sports fields), for example, to cater for the increasing Chickerell population. Developing part (a) of CH2 might make it more difficult to achieve such improvements - if so required.

Q4. Do you agree Option site CH2 to be a suitable site for more housing? Yes No

Q5. Development of this site should await completion of the majority of the existing allocated sites. Yes No

INFRASTRUCTURE

Q6. Do you use the following facilities?

Chickerell or Lanehouse Surgery (just outside of parish boundary) Yes No

Chickerell or Lanehouse Chemist (just outside of parish boundary) Yes No

Chickerell or Charlestown Post Office Yes No

Chickerell Library Yes No

Q7. Bearing in mind that a new primary school is planned and allotments recently provided as a direct result of the growth that is taking place in Chickerell, do you believe there are any infrastructure, facility enhancements etc. needed?

Comments

Chickerell Town Council is investigating improving the Willowbed Hall facilities and the provision of a community sports complex.

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES/INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

A site has been identified for a Health Centre but the NHS's Clinical Commissioning Group has yet to fund although funding from new housing could be available.

Q8. Do you support the continued request for the Health Centre? Yes No

HOUSING TYPES

Q9. Are you or people in your household likely to require different housing in the foreseeable future (tick all that apply)?

TYPE OF HOUSING	IN CHICKERELL PARISH	UNLIKELY TO MATTER IF WITHIN OR OUTSIDE OF CHICKERELL	1 OR 2 BED.	3 OR MORE BED. FAMILY HOME	HOUSE W/ ANNEXE (FOR RELATED FAMILY MEMBERS)	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE BELOW)
Additional home (e.g. because of children setting up home)						
Different housing						
None						
Don't know						

Other

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Current WDDC Local Plan policy is that residential developments in excess of 10 properties should provide a minimum of 35% affordable homes. In Chickerell's case 400 affordable homes will result from current allocations. "Affordable" covers housing association etc homes for rent, starter homes, joint ownership properties. Local Plan policy also provides for affordable housing developments at sites beyond the development boundary (classed as exception sites) unless such developments would conflict with other policies.

Q10. If you or a member of your household are likely to need affordable housing to rent, are you already on the West Dorset DC's housing register?

Yes No – applied but they said I didn't qualify

No – haven't applied N/A – no current need for affordable housing

DESIGN

Q11. What aspects would you wish to see encouraged for applications for new development?

- Green feel' to streets and spaces with hedgerows, trees, grass verges, informal greens and gardens.
- Network of streets and shared surface lanes suitable for pedestrian use.
- Dwellings gently stepping up and down sloping streets.
- Cottage style properties, with clusters of cottages positioned around informal greens and drives.
- Mix of materials, including use of local stone within elevations and in walls.
- Feature buildings and frontages marking important corners.

Any other comments, please:

GRANBY, LINK PARK AND LYNCH LANE TRADING ESTATES

Chickerell probably contains one of the largest employment areas in Dorset outside of the Bournemouth /Poole conurbation.

Q12. Do you agree with our Town Council that proposals to enhance Chickerell's employment should normally be supported and existing employment land protected? Yes No

Q13. Does anyone in your house run a business or is looking to start up a business in the near future?

- Yes – runs a business in Chickerell
- Yes – runs a business outside the area
- Yes – is developing plans to start up a business
- No

If YES, do you have any specific requirements for premises or support locally that are not met by the existing provision?

If yes – please describe need:

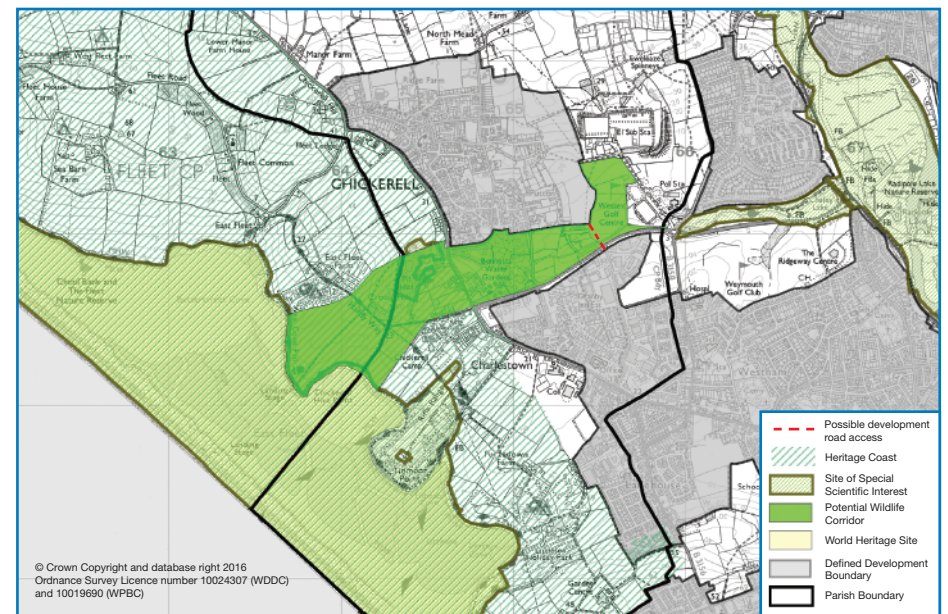
LANDSCAPE AND WILDLIFE

Much of the land South and West of Chickerell Road (the Coast Road, B3157) is not contained within Chickerell's Development Boundary but is within the Heritage Coast, AONB etc. The landscape and wildlife of the Fleet have international protection status (RAMSAR etc).

Q14. Do you agree new buildings on the Heritage Coast side of the Coast Road should be discouraged? Yes No

To-date, Chickerell Town Council has given as much protection as possible to the wildlife corridor alongside the Chickerell Link Road connecting the Fleet via the Crook Hill Nature Reserve, Woodland Trust, Water Lily Farm, Chafeys Lake to the Radipole Nature Reserve and through to the wider countryside. We know development may require road access through part of this corridor as detailed below.

Chickerell's built up areas contain relatively little public and private open space compared with, for example, major cities with numerous parks etc.



Q15. Do you agree that this wildlife corridor and open space should be protected as much as possible? Yes No

Q16. What other green, open spaces or viewpoints are important to you and why?

Q17. Chickerell has limited public and private open spaces within its development boundary and there are few large gardens remaining. Do you value for yourself or our Community? :-

- Hedgerows Yes No
- Space for mature trees Yes No
- Recreational areas (e.g. sports fields and similar facilities) Yes No
- Key walking/access routes Yes No
- Play areas Yes No
- Open spaces, parks and wildlife areas Yes No
- Large open areas Yes No
- Private large Gardens Yes No

DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY

If Planning Authorities can demonstrate a 5 year housing supply, housing outside of Development Boundaries (see map) is not normally permitted. Our NP is able to support this position.

Q18. Do you agree that development should not normally be permitted outside of the Development Boundary? Yes No

AND FINALLY

Q19. Any other comments?

ABOUT YOU

We are asking for this information to help us determine what coverage we have achieved.

Postcode:

What is your household type? (please circle):
 Single Couple Family Other:

Age (please circle):
 Under 16 16-24 25-40 41-65 66+

How long have you lived in Chickerell? (please circle):
 Less than 2 years 2-4 years 5-9 years 10+ years

PRIZE DRAW

To enter the draw to win first prize £50 or second prize £25, please provide your name and telephone number. All information you provide will be held securely and in accordance with the Data Protection Act. If you have any Further comments then please submit on a separate sheet.

Name:

Telephone number:

How to get help or further information

If you need help to complete or return the questionnaire, please contact the Town Council Office on 01305 767458.

If you have any questions about this Questionnaire or the Neighbourhood Plan process please contact the Neighbourhood Plan Team via the Town Council Offices.