

BULCOTE - NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - SURVEY

Dear Bulcote Residents

We are writing to you about the future of Bulcote Parish. The Parish Council is considering the need to develop a Neighbourhood Plan which after consultation with the village and a referendum could be submitted to Newark and Sherwood Council for adoption into their planning policy. The Plan could last for 15 years.

The preparation of a valid Plan will take time and effort. The first stage is to seek some initial thoughts by survey and get volunteers from the community to be involved in a working group. We are especially interested in finding volunteers with experience in managing a simple website. However, we would like to stress that this process should be led by the community not by the Parish Council alone and having volunteers is essential irrespective of their skills.

The objective of the Plan is to establish what is acceptable and unacceptable change within the Parish based on collected evidence and opinions from the residents. For a good example of a developing Neighbourhood Plan you can view the documents from our friends in Burton Joyce which are available online (<http://www.bjneighbourhoodplan.org.uk/>).

Neighbourhood planning policy cannot impact on current planning applications that have been submitted or have been approved before the Plan is “made” i.e. when it is incorporated as part of the planning policy for the District. This may mean that, depending on the planning applications currently being prepared and considered for Bulcote Fam and Burton Joyce Garage (which is in our Parish), that these are agreed before the Neighbourhood Plan can influence them.

Please fill in the attached questionnaire and return by 28 February to any of the addresses given. You should fill out one questionnaire per residence. Please give your contact details if you would like to attend the first working group meeting where we will examine the results of the questionnaire and discuss next actions.

Sincerely,

Bulcote Parish Council
5 February 2018

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Q1	Village Character - What do you like about living in Bulcote (tick one on every row)?				
	1 Not important	2	3 Neutral	4	5 Very important
Always lived here					
Close to Burton Joyce					
Close to family					
Close to friends					
Close to work					
Community spirit					
Easy access to countryside					
Good local schools					
Public transport links					
Rural atmosphere					
Size of Bulcote					
Views					
Village activities					

Q2	Village Character - What is important to the future of Bulcote (tick one on every row)?				
	1 Not important	2	3 Neutral	4	5 Very important
Enhance safe pedestrian routes					
Improve community facilities					
Protecting the Conservation area					
Manage the impact of new housing on village character					
Retain and enhance community spirit					
Retain and enhance its rural character					
Retain safe traffic flow					
Retain the Green Belt					

Q3	Housing availability - has anyone previously in your household chosen to move away from Bulcote due to the lack of suitable housing (please circle)?	Yes
		No

Q4	Housing availability - does anyone living with you need suitable local housing (please circle)?	Yes
		No

Q5	If the answer to Q3 or Q4 is Yes is this because (please circle):				
	Housing too large	Housing is too small	Lack of sheltered housing	No housing available	Too expensive

Q6	Future development - types of acceptable future development in Bulcote (tick one on every row)				
	1 Last Choice	2	3 Neutral	4	5 First Choice
Infill between existing properties (1 or 2 units)					
Medium scale developments (6 to 15 units)					
Reuse of Bulcote Farm Buildings					
Reuse of Burton Joyce garage site (this is within Bulcote Parish)					
Small scale developments (< 5 units)					
There should be no development in Bulcote					
Use of greenfield sites					

Q7	Future housing type - preferred types of housing development (tick one on every row)				
	1 Last Choice	2	3 Neutral	4	5 First Choice
2 bed homes suitable for starters / downsizers					
Affordable homes					
Bungalows					
Care homes					
Family homes 2 or 3 bed					
Family homes 4 or 5 bed					
Flats / apartments					
Housing association homes					
Sheltered housing					

Q8	Commerical opportunities - types of business in Bulcote you could find acceptable (tick one on every row)				
	1 Last Choice	2	3 Neutral	4	5 First Choice
A village shop					
Café or tea room					
Pub					
Restaurant					
Small scale industry including small offices					

Q9	Transport issues that concern you (tick one on every row)				
	1 Not important	2	3 Neutral	4	5 Very important
Air quality					
Lack of suitable pedestrian paths					
Leaving the village at the junctions of the A612					
No bus through the village					
Number of HGV and farm vehicles					
Parking on pavements					
Safety at the level crossing					
Speed of traffic in the village					
State of roads					
Traffic volumes at peak times					

Q10	Transport - choices					
How many vehicles in your household (circle)	0	1	2	3	4	5+
What are your principle forms of transport (circle)	Car	Walk	Motor cycle	Bus	Cycle	Train
If the bus passed through the village would you be more likley to use it?	Yes			No		

Q11	Transport - what is most likley to encourage you to use public transport? (tick one on every row)				
	1 Not important	2	3 Neutral	4	5 Very important
A shelter at bus stop					
Bus stop within Bulcote					
Improved frequency					
Improved route choice					
Overall convenience					
Reduced cost					

Q12	Community facilities you use - in Bulcote (B) and Burton Joyce (BJ) (tick one on every row)				Choose one only that you would like to see in Bulcote
	Once a week	Once a month	A few times a years	Never	
Café (BJ)					
Church (B and BJ)					
Dentist (BJ)					
Doctors (BJ)					
Library (BJ)					
Pharmacy (BJ)					
Post Office (BJ)					
Pubs (BJ)					
Shops (BJ)					
Social Club events (B)					
Sports and recreation grounds (BJ)					

Q13	Details of your household					Prefer not to say (only indicate number in household)
	Gender	Age				
		<18	19 to 30	31 to 60	61+	
Householder 1	Male / Female					
Householder 2	Male / Female					
Householder 3	Male / Female					
Householder 4	Male / Female					
Householder 5	Male / Female					
Householder 6	Male / Female					

Q14	Please circle up to FIVE descriptions from the list below to describe Bulcote: Aspiring, Beautiful, Connected, Conserved, Dated, Dead, Family-friendly, Happy, Historic, Independent, Isolated, Lively, Old-fashioned, Perfect, Preserved, Quiet, Rural, Safe, Shabby, Sleepy, Social, Threatened, Tired, Ugly, Unique, Unsafe.
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Q15	If you would like to add additional information or offer a response other for any question than the choices given please give details here:

Q16	If you would like to attend the first working group meeting to discuss a neighbourhood plan please give your name, phone and email address (if you have one) below:
Name:	
Telephone number:	
Email address (if you have one):	

Please put your completed survey in an old envelope and post into the letter box of either:

WALNUT HOUSE, OLD MAIN ROAD (near the telephone box) or
23 THE SPINNEY or
11 THE LEAS

BEFORE FEBRUARY 28th 2018