



OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
**Stapleford and Great Shelford**  
We can shape the place where we live

Dear Resident,

Stapleford and Great Shelford villages are working together to produce our 'neighbourhood plan'. Neighbourhood plans are written by and based on the views of the local community – the people who know and love the area. Our plan will set out legally binding planning policies for our area and sit alongside local plans when District Council Planning Officers consider applications. It is our opportunity to shape the place where we live over the next 15-20 years.

A steering group of parish councillors and residents is compiling the neighbourhood plan on behalf of the community, and it is essential that we engage with as many people who live and work here as possible.

*Please tell us what is important to you about our villages*

To start the whole process, we need to find out in broad terms what our community's planning priorities are. You can help us by filling in this short questionnaire, so we can focus the neighbourhood plan on the things which matter most to you. Everyone who lives and/or works in Stapleford or Great Shelford is eligible to respond.

If you'd prefer to fill in the survey online, please visit [www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan/](http://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan/) and follow the link, or scan this QR code:



Many thanks in advance for your input.

*Jenny Flynn*

Vice-Chair, Stapleford Parish Council and Chair of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

## A little bit about you

These questions help us to understand whether we are communicating with a good cross-section of the community. Data will be stored and managed in accordance with all current legislation and your personal data will not be used for any other purpose than work on the neighbourhood plan and information our Parish Councils' understanding of priorities.

### 1. How old are you?

Under 18 years	
18-25 years	
26-35 years	
36-45 years	
46-55 years	

56-65 years	
66-75 years	
Over 75 years	
Prefer not to say	

### 2. Where do you live?

Leave blank if you prefer not to say.

Street name	
Postcode	

3. Please leave us your contact details if you would like to receive occasional updates on neighbourhood plan progress and events, and/or would be happy to be contacted to discuss anything in more detail at a later stage.

Name	
Address	
Email address	

## Thinking about the place where you live/work

These questions will help us to focus the neighbourhood plan on the things which matter most to you.

### 4. Where do you live and work?

	Live (Yes/No)	I sometimes work from home (Yes/No)	I work for a company/ organisation based in the villages (Yes/No)
Stapleford			
Great Shelford			

5. How long have you lived in either Stapleford or Great Shelford, or both?

Please tick ONE answer.

0-2 years	
3-5 years	
6-10 years	
11-15 years	
16-20 years	
>20 years	
I work in Stapleford/Great Shelford, I don't live here	

6. What do you like most about living here?

Please tick the THREE reasons which most closely match why you like living here.

Close to family or friends	
Close to Cambridge's amenities	
Proximity or ease of travel to your/partner's work	
Access to local shops	
Size and type of available housing	
Sense of community	
Village character	
Rural setting and views	
Close to schools	
I do not like living here	
Other (please specify)	

7. Village identity in 2022: How do you usually describe where you live (either Stapleford or Great Shelford) to other people?

Please tick ONE option.

A village on its own	
Part of a group of S Cambs villages (e.g. Stapleford & Gt Shelford, Gt & Lt Shelford, Stapleford & Sawston)	
Part of Greater Cambridge	
Don't know/no opinion	

8. Village identity in 2040: How do you think you will describe where you live (either Stapleford or Great Shelford) to other people by 2040?

Please tick ONE option.

A village on its own	
Part of a group of S Cambs villages (e.g. Stapleford & Gt Shelford, Gt & Lt Shelford, Stapleford & Sawston)	
Part of Greater Cambridge	
Don't know/no opinion	

## Housing needs – what and where?

These next questions ask you to think about housing needs in Stapleford and Great Shelford.

9. The draft new local plan proposes an additional 100 homes in or around our villages. *In addition to this*, over the next 15-20 years do you think more homes will be needed?

Please tick ONE option.

Yes	
No	
I don't know/no opinion	

10. If you believe that more homes will be needed, which types of housing do you think will mainly be required over the next 15-20 years?

Please tick the THREE types of housing which you think are most needed.

Starter homes (1-2 beds)	
Small/medium-sized family homes (2-4 beds)	
Larger family homes (5 or more beds)	
Bungalows	
Retirement/sheltered accommodation	
Affordable/low cost accommodation to rent or buy	
Don't know/no opinion	
Other (please specify)	

11. Where would you prefer to see new housing built in our villages?

Please RANK your answers, where 1 is the most favourable option and 3 the least favourable.

Within the existing settled area (e.g. via back garden development, undeveloped plots or change of use from commercial to housing)	
Brownfield sites (i.e. previously developed land not currently in use)	
Greenbelt or greenfield land	
Don't know/no opinion	

12. How important is it to you that all new developments should be designed to be as carbon neutral as possible (e.g. built from sustainable materials, well insulated, powered by renewable energy, waste water recycling)?

Please tick ONE option.

Extremely important	
Somewhat important	
Not important at all	
Don't know/no opinion	

13. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements relating to green spaces (natural, agricultural and man-made) in and around our villages?

Please CIRCLE your response to each statement.

Access to nature is important to my wellbeing	Agree   Neutral   Disagree
We need easier and wider access to nature within and around our villages	Agree   Neutral   Disagree
We need more public green spaces within our villages for nature, leisure and wellbeing	Agree   Neutral   Disagree
Visual links with the landscape from within and outside the villages are important and should be protected	Agree   Neutral   Disagree
Conditions to protect and enhance wildlife must be included with new development proposals before they are granted full planning permission	Agree   Neutral   Disagree
We should create new wildlife corridors to link up habitats within and around our villages	Agree   Neutral   Disagree

14. Thinking about the greenbelt land which surrounds our villages, which of these statements do you support most?

Please tick ONE option.

Greenbelt land around our villages should not be built on	
Greenbelt development should only be permitted in very special circumstances (e.g. it would meet a very specific unmet housing, commerce or transport need in our villages)	
I do not mind greenbelt land around our villages being developed for housing	
I do not mind greenbelt land around our villages being developed for multiple different purposes (e.g. housing, commerce, transport)	
Don't know/no opinion	

### 15. Do you have any concerns about environmental issues facing Stapleford and Great Shelford?

Please CIRCLE your response to each issue.

Lack of water	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Flooding	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Water and air pollution	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Lack of tree cover	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Carbon emissions	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Loss of biodiversity	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Amount of land managed for nature	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Environmentally friendly farming	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Other (please specify)			

### Getting around the local area

What types of transport are most important to you for local journeys?

### 16. Thinking about your most common journey every week (e.g. school run, commute to work, travel to shops), what is your primary mode of transport?

Please tick ONE option.

Walk	
Cycle	
Private car/motorbike	
Bus	
Train	
Taxi	
I am home-bound	
Other (please specify)	

### 17. What determines that primary mode of transport?

Please tick ONE option.

Cost	
Travel distance	
Travel time	
Convenience	
Disability	
Safety	
Inadequate public transport	
Inadequate cycling/walking routes	
Environmental considerations	
Multiple destinations in one journey (e.g. school drop-off and then onto work)	
Habit	
Other (please specify)	

### Our local economy

We also need your views on how neighbourhood planning could best support our local shops and businesses.

### 18. What might encourage you to use our villages' shops and other businesses more?

Please tick the THREE most important reasons to you.

Wider range of shops and services	
Improved cycling/walking routes	
Scooter/bike hire	
Less traffic congestion	
Pedestrianised areas	
More short stay car parking spaces	
More cycle parking	
Improved access for people with disabilities	
Access to banking facilities/cash point	
A more visually attractive street scene	
Shared work spaces/hot desking facilities	
Don't know/no opinion	
Other (please specify)	

## Fast forward: Stapleford and Great Shelford in 2040

What do you want our communities of Stapleford and Great Shelford to be like in 15-20 years?

19. When you think about the next 15-20 years, is there anything that worries you about living in Stapleford and Great Shelford?

Please CIRCLE your response to each issue.

Erosion of surrounding greenbelt	Worried	Not worried	Don't know/no opinion
Incorporation of the villages into an expanding Greater Cambridge	Worried	Not worried	Don't know/no opinion
Impact of increased development on the environment	Worried	Not worried	Don't know/no opinion
Increased traffic congestion	Worried	Not worried	Don't know/no opinion
Parking pressures	Worried	Not worried	Don't know/no opinion
Inadequate public transport system	Worried	Not worried	Don't know/no opinion
Loss of village character	Worried	Not worried	Don't know/no opinion
Loss of community spirit/feeling lonely	Worried	Not worried	Don't know/no opinion
Pressure on local services, e.g. shops, healthcare and education	Worried	Not worried	Don't know/no opinion
Affordability of/access to suitable housing	Worried	Not worried	Don't know/no opinion
Lack of local employment opportunities	Worried	Not worried	Don't know/no opinion
Other (please specify)			

20. There will be many more opportunities to share your views, but is there anything else you'd like to tell us now as we are at the start of this process, which has not been covered in the questions above?

*Thank you for your time – your input is very much appreciated!*