

OTFORD PARISH PLAN MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE

THE OTFORD PARISH PLAN will set out a vision of how Otford needs to develop over the next 10-15 years and how we envisage this work might be carried out. The aim is, with the support of the Parish Council, to turn the Plan into reality so that the whole community receives the benefits.

The Plan will be prepared by groups of ordinary residents from every part of Otford working together. So it will be designed entirely by the community, **not** by Otford Parish Council or Sevenoaks District Council. It is totally non-political.

But once accepted by Sevenoaks District Council, the Otford Parish Plan will have to be taken into account when Sevenoaks produces its own 15-year District Plan, called the *Local Development Framework (LDF)*. So it really should make a difference.

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE is a crucial part of preparing our Parish Plan. It is being delivered to every household in Otford. It gives everyone a chance to say what is needed to improve things in our parish. **PLEASE: say what you want, so that things can get done.**

Here is what to do:

- **complete the questionnaire(s)** over the next few days;
- ask **younger members** of your household, aged 9-18, to complete the separate Young Person's Questionnaire;
- ask **older members** aged 65+ to complete the Older Person's Questionnaire;
- see page 12 for **collection arrangements**.

You can fill in the questionnaire(s) as a household or family group; or you can do so individually. You can get more copies of all the questionnaires from the Parish Council Office, Yvonne's Store (Telston Lane), or the Otford Dry Cleaners (Bubblestone Parade), or download them from www.otford.info/parishplan. For large-print versions, please contact the Parish Council Office, tel. 01959 524808, email parishcouncil@otford.net

Now please turn the page and tell us about your household.

The Otford Parish Plan Committee

Please complete the general section below as it will be very helpful in any future planning. It will show us how the community is changing and help us to identify general needs and trends.

*We do **NOT** want to know your name (unless you give it for the Draw – see page 12) or your address, and you will **NOT** be giving away any personal information.*

How many people are living in your household? (please circle)						
1	2	3	4	5	6	more
What ages are they? <i>Indicate how many in each age group: so if there are 2 children in the age group 7-9, you should circle 0-10 and write 2 under it.</i>						
0-10	11-18	19-25	26-45	46-64	65+	

How many years have you lived in Otford? (please circle)				
1-5	6-10	11-20	20+	

How many vehicles does the household own or use from home? (please circle)			
Cars:- None, 1 2 3 4	M/Cycles:- None, 1 2 3	Vans:- None, 1 2	
Where do you normally park them? (please circle)			
On your property	In the road	Elsewhere	

How many members of your household (please circle and give number)			
- have a mobility problem	- are visually impaired	- have some other disability	- are Blue Badge holders

Now enjoy completing the questionnaire. The various questions and subjects are not in any particular order.

1. A SAFE COMMUNITY

A: This section is about feeling safe in Otford. People may have concerns, even in a village as peaceful as ours. (Road safety is dealt with on the next page.)

Are the following important to you?			
<i>Tick the box that best fits your feeling</i>			
	Important	Not important	No opinion
a. Feeling safe at home			
b. Feeling safe outside at night			
c. Vandalism			
d. Groups of youths			
e. Graffiti			
f. Litter			
g. Anti-social behaviour			
h. Dog fouling			
j. Community spirit			

Is enough being done about it?		
Yes	No	Don't know

Are there other matters which should be raised about safety in our community? If so, write your comments in the box on page 11 (with section number and letters, e.g. 1Ae for graffiti).

B: This section is about using the village roads, especially when walking along them. Your replies could provide evidence for improvements.

<p style="text-align: center;">Are the following important to you?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tick the box that best fits your feeling</i></p>				<p style="text-align: center;">Is enough being done about it?</p>		
	Important	Not important	No opinion	Yes	No	Don't know
a. The speed of vehicles on Pilgrims Way West						
b. The speed of vehicles on Shoreham/Station Roads						
c. The speed of vehicles on Pilgrims Way East						
d. The speed of vehicles on Sevenoaks/Otford Road						
e. Wide vehicles in the High Street						
f. Uneven pavements						
g. Persistent parking by non-residents in residential roads.						
h. Cars used for school drop-offs						
j. Supporting government plans to reduce speeds (e.g. 20 m.p.h. in residential roads)						

Are there other matters which should be raised about safety on Otford's roads? If so, write your comments in the box on page 11 (with section number and letters, e.g. 1Bf for pavements).

2. A CARING COMMUNITY

This section is about living in a supportive community. Are we doing enough to help others?

<p style="text-align: center;">Are the following important to you?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tick the box that best fits your feeling</i></p>				<p style="text-align: center;">Is enough being done about it?</p>		
	Important	Not important	No opinion	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Having dedicated youth centre(s) where young people can meet and relax						
b. Involving young people in village affairs						
c. Forming a road-by-road support network for the elderly						
d. Establishing if there is a need for special housing for local elderly people						
e. Making better provision for the disabled						
f. Receiving news about community events						
g. Knowing what your Parish Council is doing						
h. Knowing the Parish Council respects your views						
j. Having the churches active in the community						
k. Having a residents association in your road to pass on your concerns						
l. Having a central calendar of village events						
m. Issuing a welcome-pack for new arrivals						

Are there other matters which should be raised about Otford being a caring community? If so, write your comments in the box on page 11 (with section numbers and letters, e.g. 2f for community news).

3. HAVING A GREEN ENVIRONMENT

This section is about keeping the village attractive and green in every sense. How can we reduce our carbon footprint and maintain the natural beauty of our surroundings?

Are the following important to you? <i>Tick the box that best fits your feeling</i>				Is enough being done about it?		
	Important	Not important	No opinion	Yes	No	Don't know
a. We should walk or cycle where possible instead of using cars						
b. More footpaths and cycle routes should be developed and footways improved						
c. The Green Belt should be retained						
d. Public buildings should use renewable energy where practicable						
e. We should keep our own verges, trees and hedges looking neat and tidy						
f. The overall look of the village centre should be improved						
g. Adequate public toilet facilities should be provided						
h. Excessive road signage in the village should be removed						
i. Bubblestone Parade should be made more attractive and safer for pedestrians						
k. The Archbishop's Palace tower should be restored and Palace Field made more attractive, as a heritage site						

Are there other matters which should be raised about having a green environment in Otford? If so, write your comments in the box on page 11 (with section number and letters, e.g. 3c for Green Belt).

4. LIVING IN A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

This section is about making Otford good for a healthy lifestyle. Can we expand opportunities in Otford to keep fit and active?

Are the following important to you? <i>Tick the box that best fits your feeling</i>				Is enough being done about it?		
	Important	Not important	No opinion	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Using the Recreation Ground for a wider range of sporting activities						
b. An all-weather pitch for football/hockey						
c. A dedicated cricket pavilion						
d. An all-weather basketball/netball court						
e. Additional indoor sporting facilities						
f. A cycle-path on the A225 to Sevenoaks						
g. Improving facilities for cyclists and pedestrians						

Are there other matters which should be raised about a healthy local environment? If so, write your comments in the box on page 11 (with section number and letters, e.g. 4a for recreation ground).

5. SUPPORTING A DYNAMIC ECONOMY

This section is about helping Otford's shops and businesses to survive and thrive. Are we doing enough to help?

Are the following important to you?				Is enough being done in support?		
<i>Tick the box that best fits your feeling</i>						
	Important	Not important	No opinion	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Having a village Post Office						
b. Having a village Pharmacy						
c. Having the Library						
d. Having a bank in the village						
e. Shopping from local retailers						
f. Having a directory of local trades-people and businesses						

Are there other matters which should be raised about supporting the local economy? If so, write your comments in the box on page 11 (with section number and letters, e.g. 5c for library).

6. A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY FOR OTFORD

This section is about making sure Otford has all the things it needs to survive and work as a community.

Are the following important to you? <i>Tick the box that best fits your feeling</i>				Is enough being done about it?		
	Important	Not important	No opinion	Yes	No	Don't know
a. A bus service that meets local needs						
b. A range of park-and-ride bus routes						
c. Homes for first-time local buyers or those looking to downsize						
d. More parking space available for the village						
e. Promoting Otford as an attractive place for visitors						

Are there other matters which should be raised about a sustainable economy for Otford? If so, write your comments in the box on page 11 (with section number and letters, e.g. 6d for parking).

7. FACING THE FUTURE

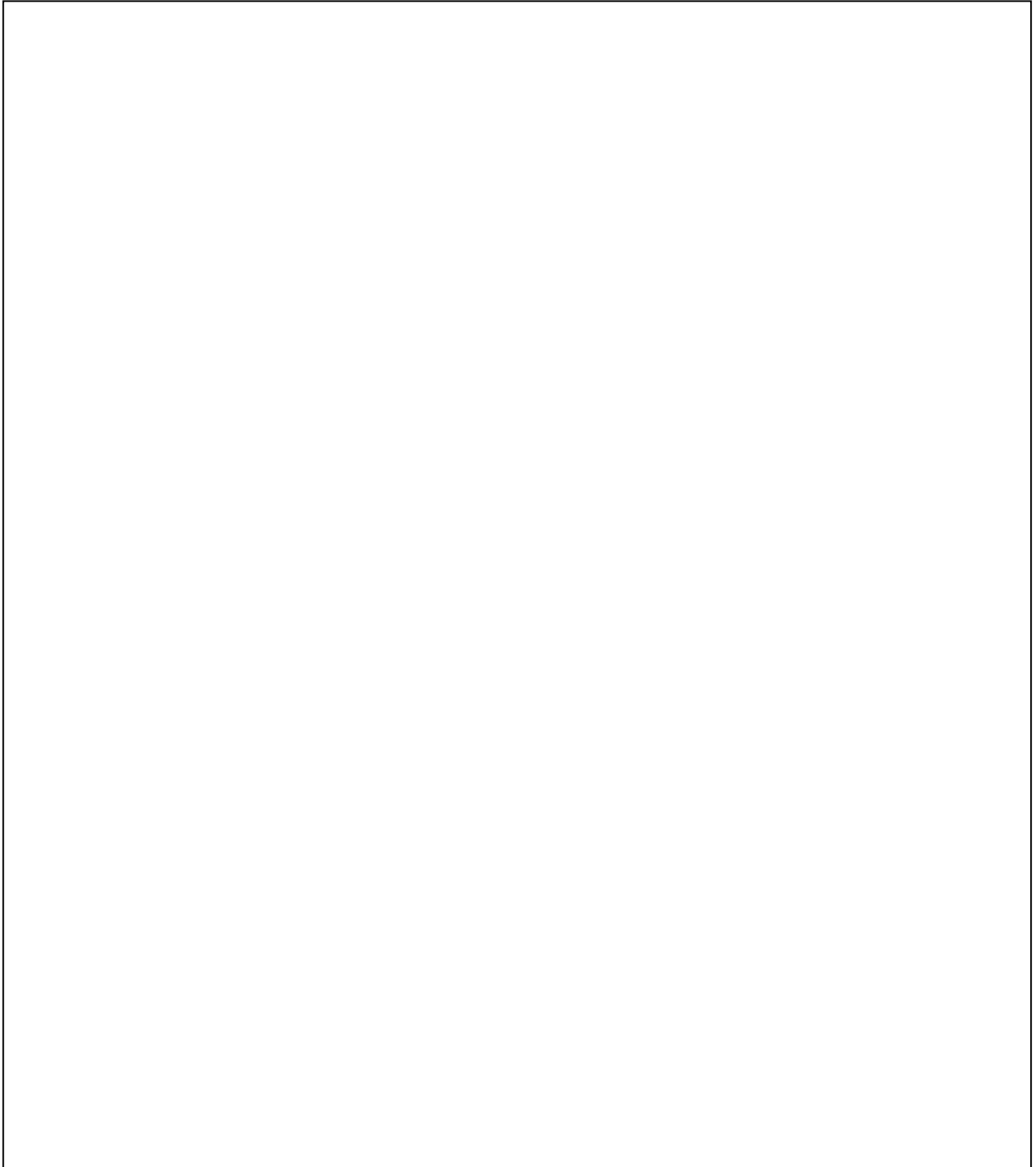
This section is about making sure Otford is well prepared to deal with changes that may face our community.

Are the following important to you? <i>Tick the box that best fits your feeling</i>				Is enough being done about it?		
	Important	Not important	No opinion	Yes	No	Don't know
a. The effects on Rye Lane and the High Street of approx. 500 additional new homes on the West Kent Cold Store site at Dunton Green						
b. The effect of through-traffic from the proposal for approx. 1,100 new homes on the Fort Halstead site						
c. The effect of approx. 15,000 new homes in Dartford, 10 miles to the North on the A225						
d. The Darent Valley being designated an official recreation area for all the communities of the Thames Gateway in the North Kent Medway towns						
e. Dealing with a significant increase in the numbers of visitors to the village						
f. Knowing what to do in the event of a major incident or emergency						

Are there other matters which should be raised about facing the future? If so, write your comments in the box on page 11 (with section number and letters, e.g. 7f for emergency planning).

**Are there any further points that you would like us to consider?
(Please be concise.)**

If you are writing about a particular question or subject, please give the section number and letter reference, e.g. 6b for comments about park-and-ride.

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YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED THE QUESTIONNAIRE

What happens next?

Please have your completed questionnaire(s) ready for collection from your home on:

THURSDAY 18 JUNE **a.m./** **p.m.**

FRIDAY 19 JUNE **a.m./** **p.m.**

One of the Parish Plan Committee will call to collect it. The collector will leave a card if no-one is at home.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Otford Parish Plan Committee

PRIZE DRAW: WIN £100 !

If you would like the chance to win £100, just add your name and telephone number at the bottom of this page (not your address, please).

There will be a free draw of all entries we receive by 30th June.

The winner will be contacted in August 2009



I would like to be entered in the free draw

Name

Telephone Number