

West Wittering NDP SURVEY 2020

Please complete this survey to help us amend our Neighbourhood Plan and shape the future of West Wittering Parish

It is very important that this Parish has a Neighbourhood Plan which once made becomes part of planning policy which is used to influence future development and protect our precious green spaces and built assets. The Neighbourhood Plan has to belong to the community which it serves and therefore it is vital that the policies it contains reflect the views and needs of the community of West Wittering.

It is most important that the residents of the Parish have participated in providing information to help shape the policies. Please would you take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it as soon as possible. It is anonymous and the information will only be used to assist with the compilation of policies regarding housing requirements in the village and the green space between the west and the east parts of the village.

Please respond to ensure that your opinions are taken into account before this important planning policy document is finalised

Please complete this survey and return it in the enclosed pre-paid envelope to Action in rural Sussex no later than January 22nd 2021

THANK YOU from all Steering Group Members working on your behalf of West Wittering NP

Nicolette Pike : Chairman of West Wittering NP Steering Group

(For more information and to follow progress in the NP production, visit [address](#)

Housing in West Wittering

1. How long have you or your household lived in the Parish? (please tick only one)

0 - 5 years		6 - 10 years		11 - 20 years		20+ years	
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2. What type of property do you currently live in?

Detached		Semi-detached	
Terraced		End of terrace	
Cottage		Bungalow	
Flat			

3. Is this your sole / principal residence or second home?

Sole / principal residence		Second Home	
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4. What is the current tenure of the household? (Please tick one box only)

Own it with a mortgage		Rent it privately	
Own it with no mortgage		Rent it from a Housing Association	
Live in tied accommodation		Rent it from a Local Authority	
Other			

5. Which type of household are you? (Please tick one box only)

A single adult (18+)		An adult couple	
A Single parent		A single older person (over 65)	
An older couple (over 65)		A family with 1 child	
A family with 2 children		A family with 3 children	
A family with 4+children		A family with two adults	
A family with 3 adults		A family with 4 adults	

6. Which 'If someone in your household wishes to move into their own accommodation in the parish, what type of tenure could they afford?

Open market purchase		Market rent	
Discounted sales purchase		Affordable rent (80% of market rent)	
Shared ownership purchase		Social rent (50% of market rent)	

7. What is your/their reason for considering a move?

It is too big – want a smaller home		It is too small – want a bigger home	
It is too expensive		Need to live independently	
Need to be closer to family to give/receive support		Someone in my household has a health or mobility problem	
Want a cheaper home		Want to change tenure	
Want an adapted home			
Other (please specify):			

8. What type of accommodation would meet your/their needs

House		Sheltered accommodation	
Bungalow		Retirement accommodation	
Flat/ maisonette/ apartment		Other	

9. Are you interested in purchasing a home or part of its value? You may tick * more than one box.

Shared ownership – enables you to buy a share in a property up to a maximum of 80% and pay rent on the remaining share - housing association	
Shared equity – similar to shared ownership. However, whilst the developer/housing association holds the remaining share, you pay either no rent or a nominal amount.	
Rent to buy – enables you to rent for a set period before converting to shared-ownership.	
Open market housing - Purchase without discount	
Discounted Market Sale – homes sold at a minimum discount of 30% below market value. The homes must remain at a discount for future occupants.	
Self-build/custom build -	
Co-Housing – a group of homes with communal facilities, usually occupants own their own homes but may be rented. The cohousing project, which is a registered cooperative or community benefit society, retains ownership of the freehold.	
Live work unit	
I'm not interested in purchasing a home or part of its value	

10. How do you feel about the increased number of homes being used as AirBnB

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Second Homes

11. 22% of homes in West Wittering are second homes. How has the level of second homes within the parish impacted on you as an individual and the community as a whole?

Difficulty getting on the property ladder due to second homes demand pushing prices up	
Family members forced out of parish to look for cheaper properties	
Key workers moving away due to lack of affordable homes	
Small local business owners moving away to look for cheaper properties hence affecting local economy	
Some streets / roads feeling less occupied due to owners not being around for longer periods	
Permanent Loss or closure of local services	
Temporary closure of facilities out of season	
Resentment within the community / tension between permanent residents and second homers	
Unoccupied homes detrimentally affecting the character of the community	
Other, please specify	

Green Gaps

12. On a scale of 1-5 (1 being not important and 5 being very important), How important is it that the green gap between the two settlements of West Wittering is retained?

1 (Not important)	2	3	4	5 (Very important)

13. Do you think this area is under threat?

Yes		No	
If yes, from what?			

14. How would the loss of this gap impact on You as an individual and the community as a whole

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