



IT'S HERE! The Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

The future of West Bergholt will be influenced by a Neighbourhood Plan and it is important that you complete this questionnaire and shape the future development of the village and wider parish area. The Neighbourhood Plan will influence the level, type and location of building development as well as identify future projects for the area. Please ensure you have your say on our future.

**Our village and parish life in our hands
Don't miss this opportunity to have your say
Please, fill this out now.**

Please complete the questionnaire as an individual. An interactive online version of this questionnaire is available at <http://www.westbergholt.net/neighbourhood plan/>. If you have internet access, use of the on-line survey is encouraged as this enables analysis of responses to be collated efficiently and quickly.

Additional paper copies are available from: the Post Office or <http://www.westbergholt.net/neighbourhood plan/>.

Please place completed paper questionnaires in the boxes at Ash's, The Co-op (Post Office area) and Doctors' Surgery

Returned questionnaires are eligible for entry into a prize draw with a chance to win a hamper, courtesy of the Co-op.

WEST BERGHOLT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

QUESTIONNAIRE

For all questions please tick the box which most accurately indicates your view. If you do not wish to answer any particular question please leave it blank.

Do not fill in - coding only

Section A Social and Community

*West Bergholt and the wider parish area (*see below) has a great number of clubs and societies which cater for a wide range of interests. There is also a good community spirit in the village which encourages residents to volunteer to support clubs and promote activities.*

A(1) I participate in a club, society or other village group activity on a regular basis

Yes No In which activities do you participate?.....

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		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A(2)	Greater publicity is required on the range of activities and how to participate					
A(3)	There is a need to enhance the provision for, and involvement of, young people in the village					

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A2

A3

Section B Environment

We have a pleasant and varied environment both in the village and wider parish.

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
B(1)	The existing public open spaces and important landscape and wildlife areas should be protected					
B(2)	There is a need for more public open space within the village and/or wider parish area					
B(3)	We should maintain the identity of the parish (and not become a suburb of Colchester)					

B1

B2

B3

(* a map showing the parish boundary and village envelope is available on www.westbergholt.net. Look under the Neighbourhood Plan tab.

Section C

Community Safety

Fortunately West Bergholt village and the wider parish area is a community where crime rates are low and accidents on the highway infrequent. Nevertheless the perceptions of some residents lead to concerns about their safety in their homes and on the streets.

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
C(1)	I generally feel safe from crime or anti-social behaviour in the village					
C(2)	I am concerned about the potential for traffic related accidents in the village					
C(3)	Neighbourhood Watch schemes need to be reintroduced					

C1
C2
C3

Section D

Community Amenities & Commerce

West Bergholt and the wider parish area has a limited but well used range of retail and public amenities and employment opportunities. It may be useful to have a controlled extension of local retail and commercial entities to boost local employment and reduce the need to travel.

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
D(1)	I would be interested in seeing more retail amenities introduced					
D(2)	We need a community café in the village where residents can meet and socialise					
D(3)	We should encourage a controlled expansion of commercial areas with a specific aim of supporting local businesses and offering local employment					
D(4)	We are fortunate to be located in a rural area with associated industries. I would use a regular farmers' market					
D(5)	It is time to consider a new or expanded village hall with modern facilities					

Do not fill in - coding only

D1
D2
D3
D4
D5

Section E

Sports and Recreation

West Bergholt and the wider parish area offers a variety of sport and recreational activities. However there are always opportunities to improve and modernise the facilities that are available and to enable more informal use to be made by the community.

E(1) I am a regular user of the playing fields or tennis courts or childrens' play areas

Yes No Which facilities do you use?.....

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
E(2)	I would be interested in having more opportunities to participate in outdoor sports on an informal or formal basis					
E(3)	We have adequate facilities and opportunities to participate in indoor and outdoor sports and these are well located in the village					
E(4)	There is limited provision of recreational facilities specifically for teenagers					

E(5) I would like to see the following sport/recreational facility introduced either for the general public or specifically for younger people

Section F

Communications

In a vibrant village and parish such as ours, it is important for the views, news, achievements and aspirations of residents to be heard and shared. We have a website, notice boards, Village Bulletin and Newsletter but should we be doing more?

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
F(1)	Improvements need to be made to promote better usage of the website					
F(2)	Events, activities, businesses and clubs of the village are given sufficient publicity					
F(3)	Residents are given enough opportunity to feed back views on the village					
F(4)	Residents feel involved in decisions that affect life in West Bergholt					

E(1)

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E(3)

E(4)

E(5)

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F4

Section G

Transport & Highways

The village and parish area only has one main road; all other roads are residential or unclassified. Hourly and half hour bus services serves the village.

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
G(1)	Bus services are adequate					
G(2)	Cycling and pedestrian environments are adequate					
G(3)	Road maintenance is adequately carried out in the parish					
G(4)	Within the village many of the roads should have a 20mph speed limit					
G(5)	Certain road junctions require parking restrictions					

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G2

G3

G4

G5

Section H

Housing & Planning

Periodically Colchester Borough Council specifies that a certain number of new dwellings must be provided in our parish area. Reviews take place every 5 to 10 years.

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
H(1)	Residents must be able to influence the quality, pace and location of development					

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H1

H(2). If development is proposed please indicate your preference:

a For type of housing desired (select all those applicable)?

- Starter/low cost homes for first time occupiers/young families
- "Downsizing" housing
- Warden assisted or sheltered housing
- Residential care or nursing home
- Small, mixed group, developments
- Whatever is proposed by the developer

b For the number of dwellings (tick one option only)?

- Restricted to the minimum number possible
- Some additional development of the desired types
- Will accept whatever is proposed

c For the extent of West Bergholt village (tick one option only)?

- Strictly maintain village envelope (see www.westbergholt.net ,Neighbourhood Plan tab)
- Allow limited expansion solely for specific purposes
- Leave extent of expansion to Colchester Council

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H2b

H2b

H2b

H2c

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H2c

Section I Your thoughts

Please raise any issues or suggestions in the space below.

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Section J

ABOUT YOU

Do not fill in - coding only

There is some information about you which would be useful to assist with the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. We ask the questions below to be able to tell whether those who respond are a representative sample of the community, or because people in different age groups have different opinions and needs. None of the information will be made available to third parties, and it will be impossible for individuals to be identified as a result of filling in the questionnaire.

1. Please indicate your gender: Male Female Prefer not to say

J1

2. Which age group do you belong to?

Under 18 18-24 years 25-34 years
35-44 years 45-54 years 55-64 years 65 +

J2

3. If you consider yourself to have a disability under the Equality Act 2010 please select the options that apply to you?

Physical / mobility Sensory Mental Health Learning difficulty
Long-standing illness or health condition

J3

4. How would you describe your ethnic or cultural origin?

White British White Other Asian / Asian British
Black / Black British Mixed background

J4

5. How long have you lived in the village or parish of West Bergholt?

less than 1 year 1 – 5 years 6 – 15 years 16 – 25 years
26 -50 years 51+ years

J5

6. What is your employment status?

Working full time Working part time Self-employed Unemployed
Retired Full time education

J6

7. Your post code or street

J7

8. Which modes of transport does you regularly use on a weekly basis? Please tick all modes used. If you use the train: please indicate how you get to the rail station by underlining the mode of transport used.

Car/van driver car/van passenger train bus cycle walk

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9. Please indicate which destinations you regularly need to get to on a weekly basis. Tick those which apply.

Colchester North Essex/Sudbury Rail Station Hospital
A12 corridor (for onward travel to Ipswich / Suffolk or towards Chelmsford / London)

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Thank You

Thank you for taking time to complete this questionnaire. Your views will help shape and develop a shared vision for your neighbourhood. The views collected will be analysed on an anonymised basis and no individual will be named.

Your completed questionnaire should be placed in the special boxes at the Co-op (Post Office counter), Ash's and the doctors' surgery by no later than 30th June to ensure your views are recorded.

Prize Draw



If you would like to enter our prize draw with a chance to win a Co-op food hamper, please enter your contact details below. These details will be separated from the returned questionnaire upon receipt, to prevent your answers being associated with your name and contact details.

Name

Contact telephone number or email address

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