

Newbury's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Steering Group Meeting

A meeting of the **NDP Steering Group** is scheduled for **Wednesday 20/04/2022 at 7:00 pm** and will be held over Zoom.

Members of the public may request to join the meeting by messaging

NDP@Newbury.gov.uk

Newbury's NDP Steering Group:

- A) Newbury Town Council (NTC): Councillors Nigel Foot (Chairperson), Martin Colston, David Marsh, Vaughan Miller (Joint Project Manager), Gary Norman, and Martha Vickers
- B) Members of the public: Ian Blake, John Brownell, Paul Millard, Anthony Pick, Louise Sturgess (Deputy-Chairperson), and Kim Whysall-Hammond (Joint Project Manager)

Other Attendees:

Jeremy Flawn (Bluestone Planning) and Darius Zarazel (NDP Secretary and Democratic Services Officer, Newbury Town Council)

Agenda:

1. **Apologies**
Secretary
2. **Declarations of Interest**
Chairperson
To receive any declarations of interest relating to business to be conducted in this meeting.
3. **Minutes (Appendix 1)**
Chairperson
To approve the minutes of a meeting of the NDP SG held on Tuesday 22/03/2022 (already circulated).
4. **NDP Objectives**
Chairperson
To review the approved NDP Objectives and consider any possible amendments suggested since the last meeting.
5. **Community Consultation (Appendix 2)**
Chairperson
 - 5.1 **To approve** the draft community consultation document(s).
 - 5.2 **To discuss and agree upon** an engagement strategy and timeline.

6. Designs for Newbury's NDP Publicity Materials

Chairperson

To consider designs that can be used for the NDP publicity materials.

7. Forward Work Programme (Appendix 3)

Chairperson

To note and agree any other items to add to the Forward Work Programme.

8. To Fix the Date of the Next Meeting

Chairperson

**Minutes of a meeting of Newbury's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)
Steering Group
Held via Zoom
22/03/2022 at 7:00/19:00**

Present:

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37. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Martin Colston and Gary Norman.

38. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

39. Minutes

Proposed: Kim Whysall-Hammond

Seconded: Anthony Pick

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the NDP Steering Group held on 22/02/2022, be approved.

40. NDP Objectives

The Steering Group considered the notes on the Draft Objectives provided by Bluestone Planning and West Berkshire Council and approved the revised Objectives, laid out in full in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

One consideration that Mr Flawn highlighted is the amount of work that is needed for a large plan, such as a plan with the number of policies found in the draft Objectives approved by this Steering Group. The members should be aware that every policy needs evidence and so each policy will take work.

Also, policies should be different enough from the Local Plan as to justify the NDP, but they can also be aspirational.

The 'Community Aspirations' chapter of the NDP can carry weight and are most likely to be relevant when a developer is looking to engage in positive discussions with the Town Council and community, so they know what their priorities are.

41. Community Consultation

An initial draft community questionnaire, appended to these minutes as Appendix 2, was discussed by the Steering Group.

The Steering Group thanked Kim Whysall-Hammond, Louise Sturgess, and Cllr Vaughan Miller for their work on producing the draft public consultation documents.

Mr Flawn thought the questions in the draft questionnaire were good and would provide lots of data. His main comment was that some questions could be broadened, for example:

- Section 3 transport and access: The questions could be broader to ask people to identify areas of deficiency and areas they want upgraded, areas poorly connected, or additional services desired.
- Section 4 Community Facilities: Are there other community facilities that people want to protect or encourage the provision of? An open-ended question could be useful.
- Section 5 Heritage & Design: 'First homes' are a new type of affordable housing aimed at first time buyers, so they could be included in the groups listed. On question 5, you could open up the question to ask for properties or open areas/local green spaces to be nominated to be put forward as non-designated heritage assets.
- Section 6 Sustainability and Climate Change: It might be worth expanding to mention net zero carbon building, renewable energy generation, and so on. Get peoples opinion about these technologies. On the number of EV charging points, do people want to increase charging points, either by a little or as much as 1 point for 1 car?
- Section 7 Biodiversity & Wildlife: There are already good standards for open blue and green spaces. Do people want to go further than the local plan? The environment act will require 10% biodiversity net gain and so the questionnaire could explore if this is enough or are there sites which can be used to offset this.
- That Section 8 Economy and Enterprise questions are useful and could gather relevant local data and so should be included.

The Steering Group thanked Jeremy for his comments.

It was mentioned that a shorter version of this questionnaire might also be produced in an attempt to get more responses from a wider range of people – specifically young people.

Also, some edits were proposed, such as replacing Newbury wards with postcodes, and making the questions more uniform in language.

42. Forward Work Programme

It was agreed that the next meeting would approve a final questionnaire and an engagement strategy and timeline.

The tasks for the next meeting were agreed to be:

- That Louise Sturgess makes any edits, as appropriate, to the draft questionnaire as a result of the NDP Objectives confirmed in these minutes and the proposed questionnaire edits.
- For all members to look at other NDP posters and think about what a Newbury NDP design would look like – the NDP Secretary to ask Bluestone Planning for example material.

43. To fix the date of the next meeting

The next meetings were agreed to be held on 20/04/2022 at 7:00pm/19:00 via Zoom.

There being no other business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 21:12 hrs.

Newbury's NDP (Draft) Objectives

HERITAGE AND DESIGN

Goal:

To preserve the historic, market town character of Newbury, while creating a centre for modern, innovative working and living.

Objectives:

DH1 – To keep the town centre vibrant with a mix of retail, leisure, residential and business.

DH2 – To secure a balanced residential mix of houses and flats, including appropriate affordable and social housing.

DH3 - To encourage the use of design, materials, and detailing sympathetic to the character of Newbury's heritage and support contemporary design rooted in an understanding of its context.

DH4 – To identify and conserve historic buildings of Newbury and adopt a flexible approach to their future use and occupation, thus ensuring their preservation and enjoyment.

DH5 - To preserve and enhance our existing garden suburbs, as defined in the Newbury Town Plan Chapter 5¹, and their context.

DH6 - To preserve and protect important views and open spaces across the town and the suburbs.

SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Goal:

To achieve zero carbon and aim for net carbon gain for Newbury by 2030.

Objectives:

SU1 - To mandate high standards in building practices that promote and aspire to 'Passivhaus'² principles in residential buildings.

SU2 – To promote retrofitting and reuse of existing buildings above redevelopment

¹ The Newbury Town Plan can be accessed from the Newbury Town Council website, here:

<https://newbury.gov.uk/the-council/key-documents/town-plan/>

² 'Passivhaus' principles in the UK typically include accurate design modelling using the Passive House Planning Package (PHPP), very high levels of insulation, extremely high-performance windows with insulated frames airtight building fabric, 'thermal bridge free' construction, and a mechanical ventilation system with highly efficient heat recovery (Passivhaus (2022) 'What is Passivhaus?', Available at:

https://www.passivhaustrust.org.uk/what_is_passivhaus.php#2 Accessed on: 23/03/2022)

and unnecessary demolition - as a sustainable alternative.

SU4 - To increase EV charging points, for both on street parking and for new developments.

SU7 – To encourage the highest sustainability standards for new developments, aiming for carbon neutral or better.

BIODIVERSITY AND WILDLIFE

Goal:

To enhance biodiversity and wildlife in Newbury.

Objectives:

BW1 – To preserve, enhance, and where possible, increase our green spaces.

BW2 - To preserve and enhance our blue spaces (canal and rivers).

BW3 - To facilitate and where possible, create wildlife corridors.

BW4 - To promote the inclusion of public open green and blue spaces in developments.

BW5 – To plan for an increase in biodiversity and wildlife habitat over and above that in the Environment Act 2021 in all future developments.

BW6 – To promote tree planting, community orchards, and community gardens.

TRANSPORT AND ACCESS

Goal:

To reduce car dependence and increase and facilitate active transport. To provide public transport that is attractive to use, affordable and green.

Objectives:

TA1 - To remove all but essential traffic from the town centre.

TA2 – To improve and prioritise the walking and cycling routes and infrastructure into Newbury and throughout the town.

TA3 – To facilitate improved green public transport in town and into town from outlying areas.

TA4 – To strategically plan car parking that reduces the need for car use within the town centre.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Goal:

To create in Newbury an inclusive, cohesive, and resilient community for all ages and backgrounds.

Objectives:

CF1 – To ensure the Town’s facilities cater for diverse communities with particular emphasis on a broad range of facilities for young people, as well as for families, the elderly, and disabled.

CF2 – To promote increased access for NHS healthcare, both medical and dental, within the planning process.

CF3 – To actively encourage leisure and cultural facilities in the town centre.

CF4 - To keep community facilities in Newbury’s suburbs.

CF5 - To promote Newbury as a sporting destination.

CF6 - To promote Newbury’s Market Place and wharf.

ECONOMY AND ENTERPRISE**Goal:**

To facilitate vibrancy, innovation, and resilience in business through the planning system.

Objectives:

EE1 - To restrict permitted development rights thus maintaining office space within the town centre and to promote these spaces for other commercial uses.

EE2 - To encourage the use of co-working spaces across the town.

EE3 – To facilitate the creation of incubator and accelerator hubs and high-quality offices.

EE4 - To promote Newbury as a business destination.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN
INITIAL CONSULTATION – DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE
Version 1

About this document

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The objectives of the survey are to provide the local community with an opportunity to guide and input to the draft Vision and Objectives developed by the Steering Group.

Questions in Section 1 will allow us to collect demographic information. This will enable us to understand if the response is representative of our local community, as well as cross-tabulate the data.

Questions in Section 2 will enable us to sense check our Vision statement.

Questions in Section 3 – 8 contain questions specifically relating to our Objectives and are grouped under these headings.

The survey will be prefaced with an introduction which outlines why we are doing it, what it is for, how the information we collect will be used and when we will provide feedback.

SECTION 1: ABOUT YOU

1. Which part of Newbury Parish do you live in? (Please tick)

North-West Newbury	
North-East Newbury	
Town Centre	
Westfields	
Eastfields	
St Johns	
Pyle Hill	
South & City	
Valley Road	
Wash Common	
I don't live in the Parish of Newbury	
Other (please specify)	
Prefer not to say	

2. How old are you? (Please tick)

0 - 9	
10 – 19	
20 – 29	
30 – 39	
40 - 49	
50 - 59	
60 - 69	
70 - 79	
80+	
Prefer not to say	

3. What is your ethnic group? Please choose one option that best describes your ethnic group or background.

African	
Arab	
Asian / Asian British	
Black or Caribbean	
Mixed / Multiple ethnic groups	
White	
Prefer not to say	

4. How would you describe where you live? (Please tick)

Flat	
Terraced house	
Detached house	
Maisonette	
Bungalow	
Semi-detached house	
Houseboat	
Other (please specify)	
Prefer not to say	

5. How would you describe your living situation? (Please tick)

Live on my own	
Live with a partner/spouse	
Live in a family	
Live with friends/house share	
Other (please specify)	
Prefer not to say	

6. How far away from your home do you work? (Please tick)

Under 1 mile	
1-5 miles	
6-10 miles	
11-20 miles	
20 – 50 miles	
50+ miles	
Work from home	
I'm not working	
Retired	
Prefer not to say	

7. How do you usually travel to work? (Please tick)

Walk	
Cycle	
Bus	
Car	
Train	
Work from home	
I'm not working	
Retired	
Other	
Prefer not to say	

SECTION 2: ABOUT NEWBURY PARISH

1. What do you like about living in Newbury Parish? (Please tick all that apply)

Access to major travel routes	
Close to family / friends	
Easy access to countryside	
Parks and other green spaces	
Friendly atmosphere	
The neighbourhood I live in	
Canal and river	
Independent shops	
Pubs and restaurants	
Schools and College	
Sports facilities e.g. playing fields, gyms	
Arts and culture, including cinema	
Car parking in town centre	
Public transport to town centre	
Public transport to surrounding towns and villages	
Easy to walk/cycle around	

Please provide any other comments below.

2. What do you dislike about living in Newbury Parish? (Please tick all that apply)

Car parking in town centre	
Public transport to town centre	
Public transport to surrounding towns and villages	
Traffic	
Lack of variety of shops	
Lack of local/independent shops	
Inappropriate development (housing & retail)	
Lack of leisure facilities	
Lack of leisure facilities for young people	
Lack of cultural facilities (theatres, cinemas etc.)	
Not enough play areas for children	
Lack of high-quality office space / co-working space	
Difficult to walk/cycle around	

Please provide any other comments below.

SECTION 3: TRANSPORT & ACCESS

1. Thinking about transport and traffic in and around Newbury Parish, to what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Northbrook Street and the Marketplace should be fully pedestrianised.					
Walking routes in and around Newbury should be improved and made a priority.					
Cycling routes in and around Newbury should be improved and made a priority.					
Bus routes and timings should be improved and made a priority.					
People should easily be able to come into Newbury town centre without having to drive.					
Access to the town centre for cars should be improved and made a priority.					
Parking in and around the town centre should be improved and made a priority.					
I would use a 'Park and Stride' (park and walk) facility if it was available.					

Please provide any other comments below.

SECTION 4: COMMUNITY FACILITIES

1. Thinking about community facilities in Newbury Parish, to what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
There is a need for more GP surgeries.					
There is a need for more NHS dentists.					
Young people need more to do in Newbury town centre.					
Young people need more to do in Newbury's suburbs.					
Newbury needs more skate parks					
There is a need for more leisure and cultural facilities in Newbury town centre for people of all ages.					
The Wharf car park should become an open space for public events.					
The Market Place should be a main centre of interest and activity in Newbury.					

Please provide any other comments below.

2. Thinking about Gyms and Sporting facilities in Newbury Parish, to what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Newbury is well served for Gyms					
Newbury needs more football pitches					
Newbury's primary Football Ground should remain in Faraday Road					
Newbury's primary football ground is better placed at the rugby ground in Monks Lane					
Newbury's senior men's and ladies football teams should be able to aspire to reach their potential and not be limited by the size of the ground					
Newbury needs more facilities for Hockey					
Newbury has sufficient indoor facilities for sports like Netball, Basketball, Badminton, Squash, 5 a side football, Snooker, Gymnastics, etc					
Newbury has sufficient Tennis facilities					
Newbury has sufficient indoor and outdoor Bowls facilities					
Newbury Rugby Club's facilities are sufficient to support the town's rugby needs					
Newbury and Falkland Cricket Club's facilities are sufficient to support the town's cricket needs					

Please provide any other comments below.

SECTION 5: HERITAGE & DESIGN

1. What sort of housing (if any) do you want to see built in **Newbury town centre**? (Please tick all that apply)

Detached	
Semi-detached	
Terraced	
Bungalow	
Flats / maisonettes	
Self-build	
Affordable housing	
Retirement properties / housing for the elderly	
No further housing is needed	

2. What sort of housing (if any) do you want to see built in the **areas surrounding Newbury town centre** (Please tick all that apply)

Detached	
Semi-detached	
Terraced	
Bungalow	
Flats / maisonettes	
Self-build	
Affordable housing	
Retirement properties / housing for the elderly	
No further housing is needed	

3. Thinking about the design of new housing in Newbury Parish, which of the following would you prefer it to be? (Please tick all that apply)

One-off exceptional design	
Innovative, eco-friendly design	
Traditional building style	
Other (please specify)	

4. Thinking about development in Newbury Parish, to what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Development should be in keeping with the scale and height of the surrounding buildings.					
Development should be in keeping with the character of surrounding buildings.					
Development should be in keeping with the design of surrounding buildings.					
Development should be in keeping with the materials of surrounding buildings.					
Development using good, contemporary design that is in keeping with existing buildings should be supported.					
Development should meet the highest sustainability standards.					
Development should aim to measurably improve the environment and biodiversity (net gain?).					
Development should aim to be carbon neutral. (explanation of what this means?)					
Maintenance of outside common areas in new housing developments should be the responsibility of West Berkshire Council.					

5. Thinking about the heritage of Newbury Parish, to what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Historic buildings should be identified and preserved.					
Historic buildings should be used in a variety of ways so that people can enjoy them.					
New buildings should use design, materials and detailing in keeping with Newbury's heritage.					
Important views should be protected and preserved.					
Open green spaces should be protected and preserved.					

Please provide any other comments below.

6. Do you think new business should be encouraged in Newbury Parish? (Please tick)

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

7. What type of business would you find acceptable?

8. What type of business would you find unacceptable?

9.Thinking about the retail and leisure facilities in Newbury town centre, please complete the following sentences:

In Newbury town centre we need **more**.....

a)
b)
c)

In Newbury town centre we need **less**.....

a)
b)
c)

SECTION 6: SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE

1. Thinking about buildings in Newbury Parish, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Vacant buildings should be re-used and re-fitted wherever possible, to help avoid new building and demolition.					
Major refurbishments of existing buildings should go above and beyond current minimum building standards.					
Buildings should be highly insulated and reduce heat loss as much as possible.					

2. Do you think the number of charging points for electric cars should be increased in the area where you live? (Please tick)

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

3. Do you think more trees should be planted across Newbury Parish, to help provide protection from the sun?

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

SECTION 7: BIODIVERSITY & WILDLIFE

1. Thinking about biodiversity* and wildlife in Newbury Parish, how important would you say the following are to you? (Please tick all)

	Very important	Fairly important	Not important
Tree planting			
Community orchards			
Community / public gardens			
Parks			
Commons			
Kennet & Avon canal			
River Lambourn			
Creating wildlife corridors			
Increasing wildlife habitats (e.g. growing wildflowers, putting up bird boxes etc.)			

**Biodiversity describes the whole range of the different varieties of living things and systems on earth e.g. animal species, plant species*

2. How do you think we can increase biodiversity and wildlife in Newbury Parish?

3. Do you think there is a need for more allotments in Newbury Parish? (Please tick)

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

If yes, where should they be located? Please describe fully.

4. Do you think new developments should include public, open green and blue (water) spaces?

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

5. Do you think new developments should plan to increase biodiversity?

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

SECTION 8: ECONOMY & ENTERPRISE

1. Thinking about facilities for remote working and start-ups/small businesses in Newbury Parish, to what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I use a co-working space now.					
I would use a co-working space if one was available in my local area.					
I would use a co-working space for my small / start-up business now.					
I would use a co-working space for my small / start-up business in the future.					
There is a need for co-working spaces in the town centre.					
There is a need for co-working spaces in Newbury's suburbs.					
There is a need for high quality office space in Newbury Parish.					
The conversion of office space into housing should be restricted in Newbury town centre.					
The conversion of office space into housing should be restricted in Newbury's suburbs.					

**Co-working is an arrangement in which people from different companies / people who are self-employed / working from home share an office space*

Please provide any other comments below.

2. Do you think that Newbury Parish is seen as a great place to be for businesses?

Yes	
No	

3. How important do you think it is for Newbury Parish to be seen as a great place to be for businesses? (Please tick)

Very important	
Fairly important	
Not important	

4. What improvements do you think should be made for Newbury Parish to be seen as a great place to be for businesses?



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If you prefer, you can enter your postcode here **[will postcodes be more useful when it comes to reviewing responses?]**.

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Schools and College	
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Arts and culture, including cinema	
Car parking in town centre	
Public transport to town centre	
Public transport to surrounding towns and villages	
Easy to walk/cycle around	

2. What do you dislike about living in Newbury Parish? (Please select all that apply)

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Public transport to town centre	
Public transport to surrounding towns and villages	
Traffic	
Lack of variety of shops	
Lack of local/independent shops	
Inappropriate development (housing & retail)	
Lack of leisure facilities	
Lack of leisure facilities for young people	
Lack of cultural facilities (theatres, cinemas etc.)	
Not enough play areas for children	
Lack of high-quality office space / co-working space	
Difficult to walk/cycle around	

3. Do you have any other comments about living in Newbury Parish?

SECTION 3: TRANSPORT & ACCESS

1. Thinking about transport and access in and around Newbury Parish, are there any areas that should be better connected to each other?



2. Are there any routes that could be improved?



3. Are there any facilities that could be improved?



4. Are there additional services that would improve travelling in and around Newbury Parish?



5. Do you have any other comments about transport and access in Newbury Parish?



SECTION 4: COMMUNITY FACILITIES

1. Thinking about community facilities in Newbury Parish, to what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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Young people need more to do in Newbury town centre.					
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Newbury needs more skate parks.					
There is a need for more leisure and cultural facilities in Newbury town centre for people of all ages.					
The Wharf car park should become an open space for public events.					
The Market Place should be a main centre of interest and activity in Newbury.					

2. Are there community facilities that should be protected (i.e. not demolished or allowed to get into a bad state of repair)?

3. Are there community facilities that people should be encouraged to use more?

4. Do you have any other comments about community facilities in Newbury Parish?

5. Thinking about gyms and sporting facilities in Newbury Parish, to what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Newbury has enough gyms.					
Newbury needs more football pitches.					
Faraday Road is the best place for Newbury's main football ground.					
The rugby ground in Monks Lane is the best place for Newbury's main football ground.					
The size of the football ground should enable all teams to reach their potential, including senior men and ladies.					
Newbury needs more hockey facilities.					
Newbury has enough indoor facilities for sports like netball, basketball, badminton, squash, 5-a-side football, snooker, gymnastics etc.					
Newbury has enough tennis courts.					
Newbury has enough indoor and outdoor bowls facilities.					
Newbury Rugby Club facilities support the town's rugby needs.					
Newbury and Falkland Cricket Club facilities are support the town's cricket needs.					

6. Are there any other sports you would like to play?

7. Are there any other sports facilities you think we need in Newbury Parish?

8. Do you have any other comments about sports facilities in Newbury Parish?

SECTION 5: HERITAGE & DESIGN

1. What sort of housing (if any) do you want to see built in **Newbury town centre**? (Please select all that apply)

Detached	
Semi-detached	
Terraced	
Bungalow	
First homes (a new type of affordable housing aimed at first time buyers)	
Flats / maisonettes	
Self-build	
Affordable housing	
Retirement properties / housing for the elderly	
No further housing is needed	

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Retirement properties / housing for the elderly	
No further housing is needed	

3. Thinking about the design of new housing in Newbury Parish, which of the following would you prefer it to be? (Please select all that apply)

One-off exceptional design	
Innovative, eco-friendly design	
Traditional building style	
Other (please specify)	

4. Thinking about development in Newbury Parish, to what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Development should be in keeping with the scale and height of the surrounding buildings.					
Development should be in keeping with the character of surrounding buildings.					
Development should be in keeping with the design of surrounding buildings.					
Development should be in keeping with the materials of surrounding buildings.					
Development using good, contemporary design that is in keeping with existing buildings should be supported.					
Development should meet the highest sustainability standards.					
Development should aim to measurably improve the environment and biodiversity.					
Development should aim to not add any carbon dioxide to the atmosphere.					
Maintenance of outside common areas in new housing developments should be the responsibility of West Berkshire Council.					

5. Thinking about the heritage of Newbury Parish, to what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Historic buildings should be identified and preserved.					
Historic buildings should be used in a variety of ways so that people can enjoy them.					
New buildings in the town centre should use design, materials and detailing in keeping with Newbury's heritage.					
New buildings in the town centre can be modern but in need to blend in with Heritage buildings.					
Important views should be protected and preserved.					

Open green spaces should be protected and preserved.					
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6. Are there any properties, open areas, or green spaces in Newbury Parish that you would like to be non-designated heritage assets*?

**A non-designated heritage asset is a building, site, place, area, or landscape which has been identified as important by the community and needs to be taken into consideration for planning decisions. These assets are not formally recognised by the law, unlike listed buildings, Conservation Areas and Scheduled Ancient Monuments.*

7. Do you think new business should be encouraged in Newbury Parish?

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

8. What type of business would you find acceptable?

9. What type of business would you find unacceptable?

10. Thinking about retail and leisure facilities in Newbury town centre, what do we need more of?

11. Thinking about retail and leisure facilities in Newbury town centre, what do we need less of?

12. Do you have any other comments about heritage and design in Newbury Parish?

SECTION 6: SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE

1. Thinking about buildings in Newbury Parish, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Vacant buildings should be re-used and re-fitted wherever possible, to help avoid new building and demolition.					
Major refurbishments of existing buildings should go above and beyond current minimum building standards.					
Buildings should be highly insulated and reduce heat loss as much as possible.					
Renewable energy (sunlight, wind, rain etc.) should be used to power new buildings and developments					
All new buildings and developments should be Zero Net Energy (ZNE). <i>A ZNE building is one where the amount of energy it uses each year is the same as the amount of renewable energy it creates.</i>					

2. Do you think more charging points for electric cars should be provided for on-street parking?

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

3. If yes, how many charging points per on-street parking space should there be?

4. Do you think more charging points for electric cars should be provided for new developments?

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

5. If yes, how many charging points per property in a new development should there be?

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6. Do you have any other comments about sustainability and climate change in Newbury Parish?

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SECTION 7: BIODIVERSITY & WILDLIFE

1. Thinking about biodiversity* and wildlife in Newbury Parish, how important are the following to you? (Please answer all)

	Very important	Fairly important	Not important
Tree planting			
Community orchards			
Community / public gardens			
Parks			
Commons			
Kennet & Avon canal			
River Lambourn			
Creating wildlife corridors			
Increasing wildlife habitats (e.g. growing wild flowers, putting up bird boxes etc.)			

**Biodiversity describes the whole range of the different varieties of living things and systems on earth e.g. animal species, plant species*

2. How do you think we can increase biodiversity and wildlife in Newbury Parish?

3. The Environment Act states that any new developments should have a 10% biodiversity net gain. This means that the natural environment should be left in a better state than it was before, by at least 10%. Do you think we should aim for more than 10%?

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

4. Do you think new developments should include public, open green and blue (water) spaces?

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

5. Do you think more trees should be planted across Newbury Parish, to help provide protection from the sun?

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

6. Do you think there should be more allotments in Newbury Parish?

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

If yes, where should they be located? Please describe fully.

7. Do you have any other comments about sustainability and climate change in Newbury Parish?

SECTION 8: ECONOMY & ENTERPRISE

1. Thinking about facilities for remote working and start-ups/small businesses in Newbury Parish, to what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Note: Co-working is an arrangement in which people from different companies / people who are self-employed / working from home share an office space

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I use a co-working space now.					
I would use a co-working space if one was available in my local area.					
I would use a co-working space for my small / start-up business now.					
I would use a co-working space for my small / start-up business in the future.					
There is a need for co-working spaces in the town centre.					
There is a need for co-working spaces in Newbury's suburbs.					
There is a need for high quality office space in Newbury Parish.					
The conversion of office space into housing should be restricted in Newbury town centre.					
The conversion of office space into housing should be restricted in Newbury's suburbs.					

2. Do you think that Newbury Parish is seen as a great place to be for businesses?

Yes	
No	
Don't know	

3. How important do you think it is for Newbury Parish to be seen as a great place to be for businesses? (Please tick)

Very important	
Fairly important	
Not important	

4. What improvements do you think should be made for Newbury Parish to be seen as a great place to be for businesses?

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5. Do you have any other comments about the economy or business in Newbury Parish?

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Newbury's Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group

Forward Work Programme for NDP Steering Group: 20th of April 2022.

Standing Items on each (ordinary meeting) agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interests
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Forward Work Programme
5. To Fix the Date of the Next Meeting

20/04/2022	To consider amendments to the NDP Objectives received since the last meeting.
	To approve the Newbury NDP community questionnaire.
	To approve an engagement strategy and timeline.
	To consider designs for the NDP's publicity materials
TBC	To conduct a consultation with the Newbury Community about the NDP's Vision and Objectives.
	To collate and write up the responses for review.
	To make amendments to the Vision and Objectives, if appropriate.