

CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROJECT

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What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Just to re-cap, Neighbourhood Plans were introduced by the government in the Localism Act 2011 and aim to give residents more say in the future use of land and buildings in their area. For example, amongst other things, our plan can say where new homes, shops or offices might be built, identify local social, economic and environmental issues, how important green spaces might be protected and what sort of community services are seen as priority needs for the parish.

We are now half-way through the project, and we would like to have more engagement through the village community groups this year wherever possible, if you wish to take part in this for your village please get in touch with your community representative shown below. Alternatively, if you would like updates via e-mail please let your village representative know or contact info@vision4chesil.org

If you would like more information on the project, or help with completing surveys, please contact your village representative; their contact details are shown at the end of this newsletter. Regular updates on progress with the project and other useful information on neighbourhood planning is also available on our website: www.vision4chesil.org.

The Chesil Bank Parish Council has also agreed that when the Internet Café in Portesham Village Hall is open, they will provide free help and support for completing surveys if required, on the 2nd and 4th Thursday, 10-12pm.

We plan to carry out four major surveys and the second one, to gather information on employment patterns is now underway is enclosed with this newsletter. This is aimed at individual experiences of employment and voluntary work etc across the parish and is intended to get a clearer view of how people are currently employed, and what challenges they and others face in finding suitable employment in the area.

In parallel with this, we're also undertaking a survey amongst the businesses in the parish to get their views on the sustainability of their business and the benefits of being located in the area. There will also be a small number of face-to-face interviews with a representative sample of some of them, to get direct feedback on their views on the prospects of the local economy and their plans for the future.

The surveys will give everyone an opportunity to contribute to the future development of the Parish and we would like to encourage all members of the community over the age of 16 to complete a survey so that we get responses that represent a broad cross-section of the community.

To encourage a good response to each of the major surveys, we are offering the opportunity for one completed survey per household to enter a prize draw. As an inducement to complete the employment survey online there is a prize of £50 and for completed paper surveys a prize of £25.

If you wish to take part in the prize draw, more details on this are in the enclosed survey. The winners of the prize draw for the first survey are shown on our website. The draw for our second survey will take place at the CB Parish Council Meeting on April 6th under the "Democratic Forum" agenda item.

The Parish Council is registered under the Data Protection Act to undertake surveys and we would like to reassure participants that their information will be held securely and anonymised for use in developing the Neighbourhood Plan.

The first survey results have now been analysed and a summary of the key features of this are shown overleaf. This covers the response rate, age profile of participants, and housing profiles across all four villages including views on housing needs.

There is a more detailed version of this available on our website www.vision4chesil.org. and we would appreciate any comments you may have on the initial results from this first survey via our general enquiries e-mail address or your community representative, and their contact information is shown below.

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