

# Godalming & Farncombe Neighbourhood Plan – Residents' Questionnaire



## Have your say on the future of our community

Godalming Town Council is leading on the production of a Neighbourhood Plan to set out how Godalming & Farncombe will develop in the future. This survey is your chance to have a say in what will be included in the Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan can cover all sorts of issues and Working Groups have been set up to explore: Housing, Environment, Economy, Transport, Heritage and Design, and Community Infrastructure. It's an important document that will ultimately be used to assess future planning applications bearing in mind needs and aspirations local to our community.

Right now we want to capture your views on a variety of issues that might be covered by the Plan to understand what matters to you. We therefore encourage you to fill in this survey with as much detail as possible.

Paper surveys can be returned in the reply paid envelope enclosed. If you would like an additional paper copy of the survey drop into the Town Council's offices on Bridge Street Godalming (*opposite Waitrose*). You can also find the survey online at [www.godalming-tc.gov.uk](http://www.godalming-tc.gov.uk).

**Each member of your household over the age of 14 years** is welcome to fill in one of these survey forms as we would like the views of different age groups.

## The deadline for completing and returning the survey is: 16 October 2015.

For more information about the Godalming & Farncombe Neighbourhood Plan, please visit: [www.godalming-tc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan](http://www.godalming-tc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan) or



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## Housing

Waverley Borough Council suggests that space needs to be found for around 8,500 more homes across the whole borough between 2014 and 2031. Current options suggest that Godalming & Farncombe would need to find sites for about 1,050 of these (*sites for 950 homes are already allocated but not all yet delivered*). Our Neighbourhood Plan cannot comment on the numbers but can influence the detail of any new housing provided, including those that have been allocated but not yet delivered.

**If new homes are to be built in the local area which of the following do you think should be prioritised?** (*tick all boxes that apply*)

	1-bed	2-bed	3-bed	4-bed or larger
A social rented flat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A social rented house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A privately-owned flat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A privately-owned house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A privately rented flat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A privately rented house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A property with some form of care facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shared Ownership property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Godalming is very constrained for development space given its geography - hills, floodplain and greenbelt. We may need around 6 acres of more housing in the next 20 years. Are there any locations that you think are suitable for new housing?**

**Are there any locations that you think are unsuitable for new housing?**

**How important do you think the following aspects of design in new housing are?** (please tick a choice for each design aspect)

Design Aspect	Not important	Quite important	Very important
Sufficient off-street parking (eg two car spaces for properties with more than one bedroom)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Off-street waste and recycling storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Highly energy efficient and sustainable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Predominantly 'traditional' design, in-keeping with existing character	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Predominantly 'modern' design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Varied design within each development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Where appropriate, planting of small trees/shrubs to enhance the street scene and environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please give brief details below)			

## The Environment

**The Neighbourhood Plan can help to deliver environmental improvements in the area.** (please tick your top three priorities)

	Tick your top 3 priorities
More parks/outside recreation areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
More outside sport areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Better information and access to countryside in green belt	<input type="checkbox"/>
High quality walking/cycling routes into the town	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planting more trees and habitats to help wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allocating further land for community use, for example allotments, community orchards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protecting particular views across the open countryside (please specify in comments section below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please provide detail)	

## The Local Economy

**How do you usually undertake your main grocery shopping?** (please tick one)

Car <input type="checkbox"/>	On foot <input type="checkbox"/>	Bike <input type="checkbox"/>	Public transport <input type="checkbox"/>	Online <input type="checkbox"/>
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**What would encourage you to spend more time and shop in the local centre?** (tick all that apply)

A better range of shops <input type="checkbox"/>	A more pleasant street scene/town centre environment <input type="checkbox"/>	More car parking space <input type="checkbox"/>	More evening activities <input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)			

Godalming High Street, for example, could be a place for casual meetings, pavement cafes and so on. But with vehicles parked and driving along it, even at low speeds, that doesn't really happen except on Saturdays.

**Should we have more days/times when Godalming High Street excludes cars?** Yes  No

If there are other roads locally that would be better as “destinations” rather than through routes, please detail them here:

How could the design of new Retail/Commercial properties improve the Godalming/Farncombe area? (please tick a choice for each design idea)

Design Ideas	Not important	Quite important	Very important
Shop and other business frontages which fit in with or enhance surroundings particularly in conservation areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Off-street waste and recycling storage for businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No plastic and neon signage in conservation areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Where possible, greater use of pavements for street cafes, etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please give brief details)			

## Community Facilities

We have an opportunity to identify local buildings and areas of land that we feel are of particular importance and that we would like to safeguard for the future. (please list any here that you would like us to explore through the Neighbourhood Plan and why you feel they are important)

Do you think that there are sufficient schools locally?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Nursery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Primary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secondary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Further education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you find it easy to access the following local health needs locally?

Doctor: Yes  No  Dentist: Yes  No  Pharmacy: Yes  No  (If you have ticked No, please say why):

How do you rate the community facilities for the following in Godalming/Farncombe?

	Poor	Adequate	Good	Don't know
Young children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teenagers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Young couples	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Those with disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Older people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Are there any community facilities that you feel are lacking in the area?**

## Transport

**How often do you use a bus locally?** (please tick one)

More than once a week <input type="checkbox"/>	Once a week <input type="checkbox"/>	Once or twice a month <input type="checkbox"/>	Rarely <input type="checkbox"/>	Never <input type="checkbox"/>
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**If you use buses less than once a week, and thinking about likely increases in car ownership and potential congestion in Godalming and Farncombe, what might persuade you to use buses more often?** (please tick all that apply)

More frequent services <input type="checkbox"/>	Inclusion of routes I need to go but which are not currently served <input type="checkbox"/>	Cheaper fares <input type="checkbox"/>	Nothing would persuade me to use a bus <input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)			

**What would encourage you to walk or cycle more in the local area?** (please tick all that apply)

More dedicated paths <input type="checkbox"/>	Better maintained paths <input type="checkbox"/>	More cycling facilities around the area <input type="checkbox"/>	Reduced car speed limits <input type="checkbox"/>	Nothing <input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)				

**Some people believe that the roads in the area have generally become more dangerous for cyclists, walkers and unsupervised children. Do you agree with this?** Yes  No

**If yes, how could the roads in Godalming and Farncombe be made safer for cyclists, walkers and unsupervised children?**

**What would be your top transport priority?**

## About you

This section of the survey is optional but information provided will help us to know if we have received responses from a cross-section of the community. All data supplied will be treated as confidential and will be anonymised and aggregated before being published in a summary form.

**Which age bracket do you fall into:**

Under 18 <input type="checkbox"/>	19 to 29 <input type="checkbox"/>	30 to 39 <input type="checkbox"/>	40 to 49 <input type="checkbox"/>	50 to 59 <input type="checkbox"/>	60 to 69 <input type="checkbox"/>	70 or over <input type="checkbox"/>
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**Are you:** Female  Male

**Do you want to get involved in the plan – please provide your contact details:**

Please provide any final comments on a separate sheet

Thank you for filling in the questionnaire