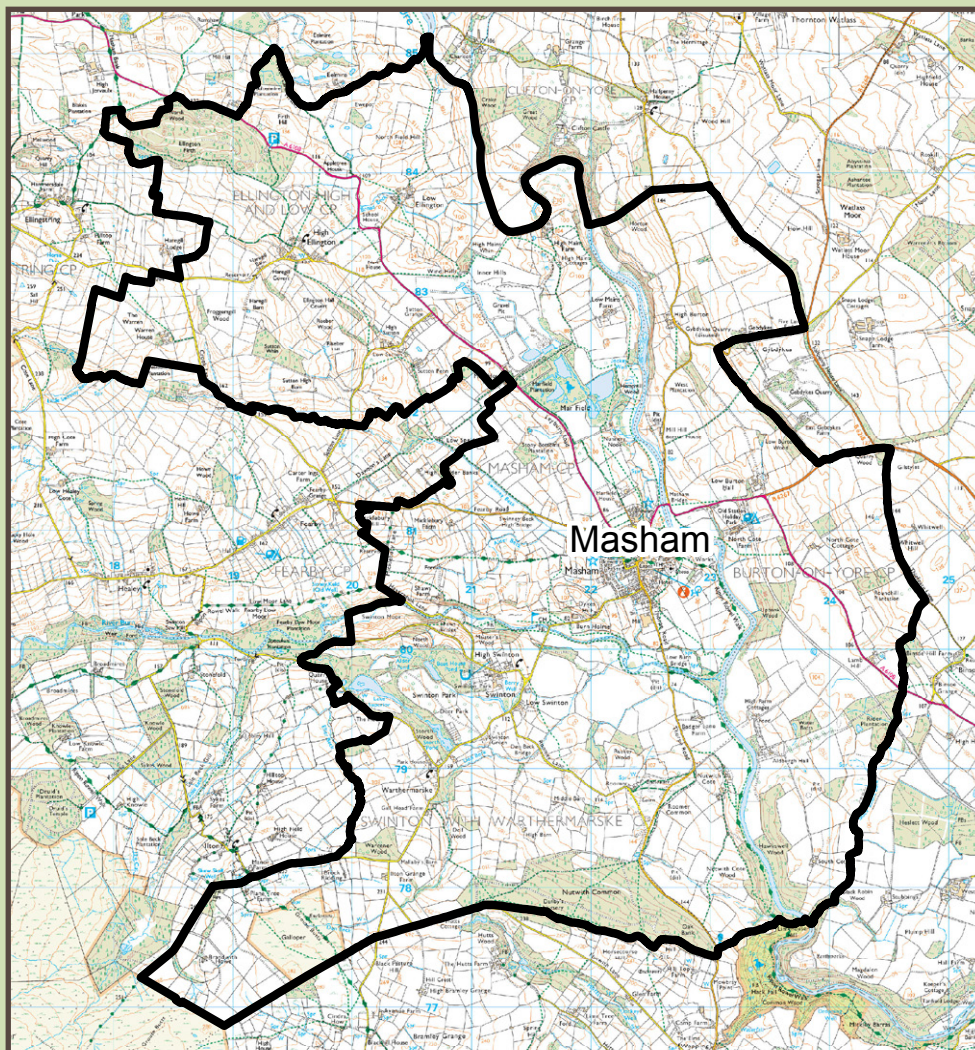


Masham

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Public Consultation Questionnaire



MAP SHOWING THE AREA COVERED BY THE MASHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The views and information you provide in this document will help to shape the future of Masham and the surrounding Parish area. Please take this opportunity to let us know what you feel is important, so that we can make the Masham area an even better place in which to live and work.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

At present, decisions on planning applications are made by the Planning Authority (currently Harrogate Borough Council to be replaced by North Yorkshire Council in April 2023) based on policies contained within their Local Plan, together with the Government's planning policy, which is known as the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The Parish Council is asked to provide a consultative opinion on individual applications but at present its views do not have to be followed.

However, once the Masham Neighbourhood Plan is in place (target date 2025), applications in this area will have to comply with the policies which it contains, alongside those in the Harrogate Local Plan and the NPPF, and this will enable us, the local community, to have more influence over any development which takes place in the future.

Why are we asking you to complete this questionnaire?

The policies within the finished Plan must reflect what the community wants, so it is vital that we consult as much as possible. By 'community' we mean those who live, work or operate, or have a specific interest, in the Plan Area. To make sure we capture a wide range of views we will also be carrying out separate 'Stakeholder' consultations with local employers, organisations and community groups so that their views are also taken into account.

The topics we are asking you about are based on those raised during the 'Initial Ideas' gathering process in December 2022, but you do have the opportunity to tell us about anything else that you would like to, at the end of the questionnaire.

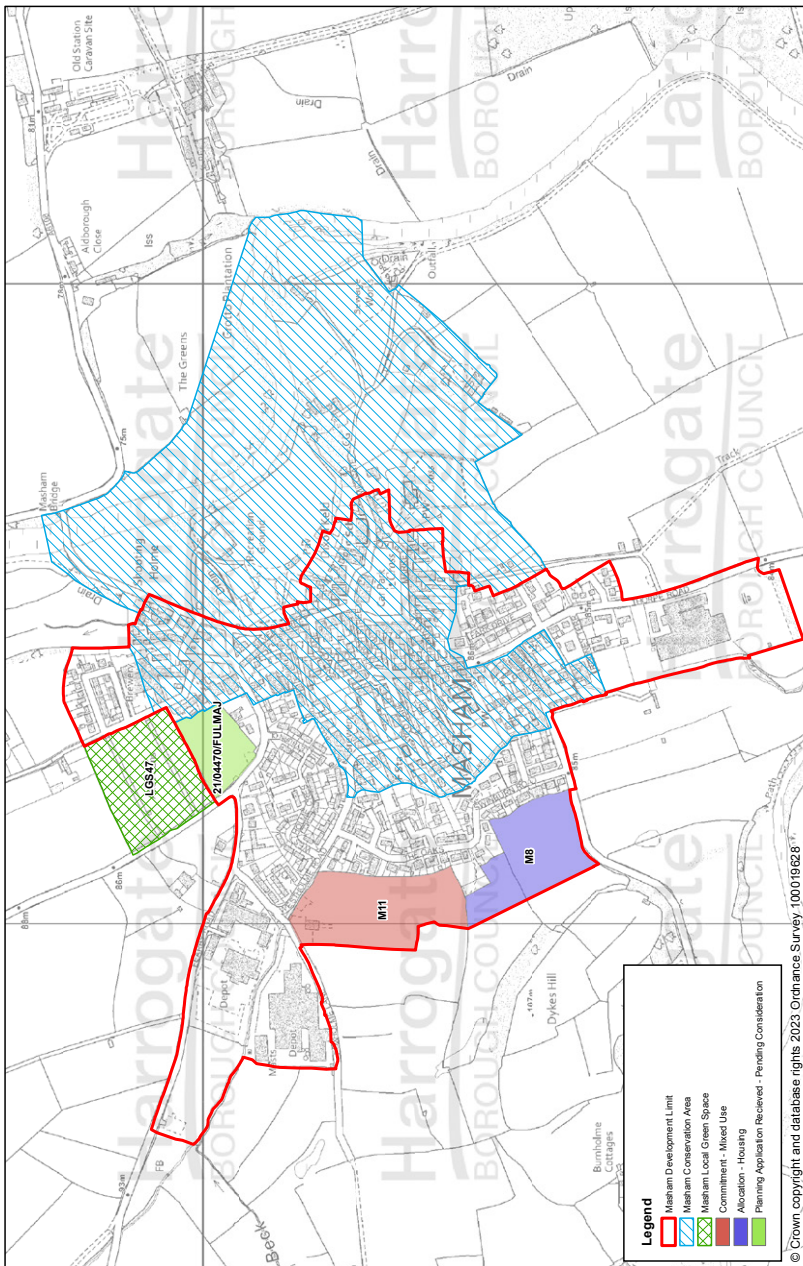
Who should complete this questionnaire?

- It should be completed by all local residents aged 16 or over, and by anyone who lives elsewhere but who works or operates, or has a specific interest, in the Plan Area.
- It should be completed anonymously.
- You can answer as many or as few of the questions as you wish.

We would encourage you to complete this form on-line using the link on the Masham Parish Council website (www.mashamparishcouncil.com), or direct via <https://form.jotform.com/mashamneighbourhoodplan/pcq> or using links which are available on local Facebook pages such as Masham Community or Masham Buzz.

Otherwise please complete this printed form and return it to Masham Community Office before the end of March. If you require additional copies of the printed form for others living in your household, they are available for collection from the Community Office or alternatively email mashamneighbourhoodplan@btinternet.com and we will deliver them to you. We are also happy to collect your completed forms if you are unable to return them yourself – contact us on the above email or telephone 01765 689390.

Section 1 HOUSING



Under the Harrogate District Local Plan 2014-2035 the town of Masham is designated as a 'Local Service Centre' and any significant new housing is expected to be located in Masham itself, rather than anywhere else in the Neighbourhood Plan Area. Proposed 'major' developments referred to in the Local Plan are:

Land North of Swinton Road, Masham (M8) This site was allocated under the Local Plan and a Planning Application was subsequently made in September 2022. The application, which will deliver 48 properties (including 19 'affordable' homes) is still being considered. Ref 22/03438/FULMAJ.

Land at Westholme Road, Masham (M11) Outline Planning Consent had already been granted before the Local Plan was adopted and a Full Planning Application was then made in April 2021 for 48 properties (including 14 'affordable' homes) Ref 21/01414/REMAJ which was approved. Work commenced in Spring 2022.

Applications for further housing elsewhere can still be made even if not referred to in the Local Plan, an example of which is:

Site Of Masham Auction Mart, Leyburn Road, Masham A Full Planning Application was made in October 2021. The application for 20 properties (including 6 'affordable' homes) is still being considered. Ref 21/04470/FULMAJ.

The Local Plan does however incorporate Development Limits within Masham (see map above) and it is expected that any new housing would be inside these Limits.

In accordance with the settlement hierarchy in the Local Plan, the remaining areas in the Neighbourhood Plan Area are seen as part of the wider countryside and as such only specific types of small scale development would be considered such as the 'conversion of rural buildings', 'replacement dwellings in the countryside', 'rural workers dwellings' and 'rural exception sites'.

Once in place, our Neighbourhood Plan will be able to influence what kind of housing should be built on future developments and how it should be designed. If the community felt that there should be more housing than that already allocated, and a site was available, the Plan could help bring this forward.

Q1. Do you feel that more housing of the following types might be needed between now and 2035, in addition to the housing developments already allocated?

(tick any that you consider appropriate)

Open market (privately owned) homes to own/rent

Affordable Housing Association homes to part own

Affordable Housing Association homes to rent

No additional housing required

Q2. If you have been trying to move into or within the Plan Area during the last two years, why have you been unable to find suitable housing?

(tick any that apply)

Not applicable – not been looking

Not applicable – have found somewhere

Available housing too expensive

Available housing too large

Available housing too small

Lack of sheltered/supported housing, such as elderly persons accommodation

Housing available but inadequate local transport to place of employment

Are you on the HBC or Housing Association Waiting List?

Yes

No

Other – please specify

Q3. Do you think there is a shortage of any particular size/type of housing?

(tick any you consider appropriate)

1 bed houses

2-3 bed houses

4+ bed houses

1 bed apartments

2-3 bed apartments

Bungalows

Supported sheltered housing

Residential care units

Other (please specify)

Q4. The Development Limits for Masham are shown in red on the map above. Do you think these limits should be extended to accommodate further development and if so where? (tick any you consider appropriate)

Not extended

Along Fearby Road

Along Grewelthorpe Road

Behind Gun Bank properties

Along Swinton Road

Along Leyburn Road

Other (please specify)

Q5. What size of developments do you think would be most appropriate within the area in the future? (tick any you consider appropriate)

Individual infill houses only

Up to 5 properties

6-20 properties

21-50 properties

Developments with over 50 properties

Q6. If there were opportunities for Self-build properties would this be of interest?

Yes

No

Q7. Which do you feel are the most important design criteria for new housing? (tick any you consider appropriate)

More generous provision of on-site parking

Limits on building height/storeys to match surrounding buildings

Green space provision within the development

Provision of landscaping/trees

Use of local materials

Climate sustainable design and materials

Contemporary design and construction

Traditional design and construction

Other (please specify)

Q8. Should the conversion of existing commercial premises to residential use be encouraged?

Yes

No

Q9. Should the conversion of redundant buildings such as barns for housing or commercial use be encouraged?

Yes

No

Q9. Do you feel that measures should be introduced to discourage any further increase in

Q10 **Holiday lets?**

Yes

No

Second homes?

Yes

No

Section 2 ENVIRONMENT/LANDSCAPE

Some environmental and landscape protection is already provided under the National Planning Policy Framework and under the Local Plan, and certain sections of our Plan Area are also situated within the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) which provides additional protection to those areas.

However, the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan is an opportunity to consider further protection and to gather ideas about initiatives to tackle climate change.


Q11. Do you feel that additional protection measures should be included, and if so which are the priorities?

No further protection needed 

Protecting watercourses and ponds from pollution 


Preserving existing woodland, trees and hedgerows and promoting further planting 

Any areas in particular?

Sustainable drainage systems e.g. permeable landscaping/surfaces and other flood prevention measures. 

Where in particular?

Measures to reduce light pollution of the surrounding area. 

Areas which you feel could form Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (Local Wildlife Sites). 

If so, where?

The linking and creation of green areas/corridors to maintain species diversity 

Where in particular?

Protecting landscape value and 'distinctive' views 

Where in particular?

Any other areas where protection is needed?

Q12. Are there any existing areas, such as Parks, Playing Fields etc, which you feel should be given more protection by designating them as 'Local Green Spaces' ? (Note: Masham Allotments are already designated)

Q13. Would you support the following being located here to boost tourism, providing that their impact on landscape, habitat and biodiversity was acceptable?

Small scale campsites, caravan sites, camping pods

Yes

No

Larger areas of tourist accommodation such as caravan/chalet parks

Yes

No

Q14. Would you support renewable energy sources such as the following being located here, providing they are on a proportionate scale and their impact on landscape, habitat and biodiversity was acceptable?

Solar panels

Yes

No

Wind turbines

Yes

No

Hydro schemes

Yes

No

Q15. What additional measures do you feel could be taken locally to help tackle climate change?

Please complete Q16 and Q17 if you are a farmer or operate a rural business or work in the countryside. Otherwise please go to Q18.

Q16. Which planning policies would you like to see revised to enable you to improve your business?

Q17. Are there any other issues you wish to bring to our attention specifically related to your business?

Section 3 BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT

There is a need to ascertain the levels of existing businesses and their future needs and aspirations. To that end, if you are self-employed or run a local business with **ten or fewer employees** could you please answer the following questions? Otherwise please go to Q22. Employers with over ten employees will be consulted under the Stakeholder consultation.

Q18. What is the nature of your business?

How many people do you employ?

Full Time

Part Time

How many, in total, live outside the Plan area?

Q19. Do you currently have business premises here?

Yes

No

Do you spend any time working from home?

Yes

No

Would your business benefit from the availability of more of any of the following in this area (tick any that apply)

Light industrial units

Workshops

Storage units

Office space

Retail premises

Additional office space at home

Approximately how much more floorspace might you require?

m²

Q20. Do you find existing broadband provision adequate for business use?

Yes

No

Q21. Please suggest anything which the Neighbourhood Plan could attempt to deliver to help support your businesses.

Section 4 HERITAGE

Given the historic nature of the Masham area it is important that Heritage aspects be fully considered within the Neighbourhood Plan.

Q22. Are there any historic buildings or features (not already 'Listed') which you feel would benefit from any additional protection the Neighbourhood Plan could provide (Schedule of Listed Buildings available on the Neighbourhood Plan website).

Q23. Would you like to see any local areas (such as individual streets/groups of properties) not already within the Masham Conservation Area (hatched in blue), given additional protection? If so please identify.

Section 5 INFRASTRUCTURE

Q24. What is your experience of the quality of the following Utilities?

	Very Poor	Poor	Good	Very Good
Mains Electricity supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mains Water Supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mains sewerage system – pipework	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mains sewerage system – treatment plant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surface water drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Broadband speeds/reliability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile phone signal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q25. Flooding has proved to be an ongoing problem in parts of Masham. What more needs to be done to prevent this happening in the future?

Q26. Would you support the following traffic and highways measures being introduced?

	Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Support	Strong Support
Further parking restrictions (such as double yellow lines) in Masham	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resident only parking areas in Masham	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More areas covered by Honesty box charges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introduction of fixed parking charges in the Market Square	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic free zones in Masham	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20mph speed limit in centre of Masham	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30mph speed limit between Masham and Swinton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic calming measures (such as chicanes and speed bumps) in Masham	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provision of pedestrian crossing in centre of Masham	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
One-way systems or traffic restrictions on narrow roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HGV Restrictions on appropriate roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved/extended public footpath and bridleways network	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improvements to winter treatment/gritting of roads and pavements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improvements to pavement cleaning and dog waste removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q27. What is your view on the quality of our roads, pavements, and footpaths for safe use by the following specific groups?

	Very Poor	Poor	Good	Very Good
Cyclists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horse riders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobility scooters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pedestrians	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wheelchair/pushchair users etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road/path users at night	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

and what should be done to improve them:

Q28. How frequently do you use existing bus service (including Yorbus)?

Several times a week

Once a week

Once a month

Rarely

Never

Where do you normally travel to?



Q29. Which of the following would encourage you to use public transport more?

(tick any that apply)

Introduction of additional routes/stops

Increased frequency of the regular bus service

Rescheduled service (earlier and later buses)

Lower fares

If none of the above what else would?



Q30. Have you any other comments about traffic and transport e.g., which do you feel are the most dangerous stretches of roads, should speed limits be better enforced by police, how could the work carried out by Highways be improved, etc?

Supplementary Section **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Whilst not directly relevant to the Neighbourhood Plan please complete this additional section in order to provide your views on Community Services within the area. This information will also be used to guide the Parish Council, the Community Office and other Community Service providers.

A. Do you think that existing levels of Community Policing and Fire/Rescue service coverage in the area are adequate?

Community Police

Yes No

Fire and Rescue Service

Yes No

B. Would you in principle be in favour of the Parish Council charging an additional Precept (via your Council Tax) as most other Councils do, if this were targeted on specific measures to benefit the community?

For example: An additional precept of an average of £2 per property per month would raise an extra £12,500 per year for Masham Parish Council to spend on improvements to the town and surrounding area (such as new equipment for the children's play areas, more attractive planters on the entrances to the town, additional town activities etc)

Yes No

If so how much would you be prepared to pay each month and what would you like to see it spent on?

C. Do you feel there should be more community events such as the Sheep Fair and the Steam Rally? If so, what type of event would you suggest?

D. We are interested in your use of, and views about, facilities and services already available in Masham.

If you are a user of the facilities for school-age and pre-school children, (including Acorns, after-school childcare, playgrounds, sports facilities, clubs, Scouts/Brownies etc), please let us know whether you think the provision is adequate, or how it might be improved:

The following are available in Masham to support the health and wellbeing of the community. Please indicate whether you make use any of these:

Doctors Surgery	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Care provision	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pharmacy	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports Association	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exercise Classes	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Clubs / Groups	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clubs – Hobbies & Interests	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Places of Worship	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Library	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you think these are adequate and what could be improved?

The following are some of the other amenities providing services to the community. Please indicate whether you make use any of these:

Food and grocery shops	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other shops	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post Office Facilities	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hairdressers and barbers	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garage / petrol station	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Masham market	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you think these are adequate and what could be improved?

The following are some of the leisure facilities available to the community. Please indicate whether you make use any of these:

Pubs and breweries	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cafés	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restaurants	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Venue Hire	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town Hall Events	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
B&Bs, Hotels	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you think these are adequate and what could be improved?

E. Do you consider there is adequate provision of facilities, support and activities available for each of the following groups in our community?

Young families	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children under 12	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teenagers	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Older Teenagers / Young People	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Seekers	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults over 65	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elderly people	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

If not, what should be done to improve these?

F. How important to our community are the facilities and activities of Mashamshire Community Office (MCO), listed below?

ACCESS TO INFO / SIGNPOSTING:	Very unimportant	Unimportant	Important	Very important
Face to Face help in the office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help by phone or email	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information & News via email Newsletter & Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information via Visitmasham.com Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information for Visitors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to specialist support (MIND / CAB / Just B etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A base for Masham Parish Council Clerk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SERVICES:				
Masham Community Library Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to PCs, Internet & Digital Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Purchase Tickets for Local Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town Hall Venue Booking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photocopying & Laminating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Books & Jigsaw Clubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis Court Bookings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wheelchair Lending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Wellbeing Social Walking Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mashamshire Directory of Businesses and Community Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing Opportunities for Volunteering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have specific comments on any of the MCO services / activities above?

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Please indicate your age group – tick the appropriate box:

16-19yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	50-59yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	80-89yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>
20-29yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	60-69yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	90yrs and over	<input type="checkbox"/>
30-39yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	70-79yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>
40-49yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>				

2. Your occupation(s) - tick all that apply:

Student	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employed in Neighbourhood Plan Area	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employed outside Neighbourhood Plan Area	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self Employed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working from home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homemaker (stay-at-home parent/carer)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Currently seeking work	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employed full time	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employed part time	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retired	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. If you live in the area indicate where you currently live and how long you have lived in the Neighbourhood Area in total:

Masham Parish	<input type="text"/>	yrs
Swinton and Warthermarske Parish	<input type="text"/>	yrs
High and Low Ellington Parish	<input type="text"/>	yrs
Burton on Yore Parish	<input type="text"/>	yrs

4. If you live elsewhere how many years have you worked or operated here:

Less than 1	<input type="text"/>	6-10	<input type="text"/>	over 20	<input type="text"/>
1-5	<input type="text"/>	11-20	<input type="text"/>		

5. If neither of the above apply, please indicate your connection with the Masham Neighbourhood Plan area:

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

If you wish to make any additional comments please provide them below or complete a separate sheet and attach it to the document when you return it. You can keep up to date on the progress of the Masham Neighbourhood Plan by referring to the Parish Council website www.mashamparishcouncil.com where the Parish Council General Privacy Notice covering the use of data is also available.
