



# Marden Parish Council

**\* THIS IS A SECOND REQUEST AND YOUR VIEWS ARE NEEDED \***

## Production of a Marden Neighbourhood Development Plan



"Do you care about the future of Marden? Many people have seen the furore in the Hereford Times over the grant of planning consent for 150 houses at Kingstone. All communities are open to this at the moment as there is not a countywide plan in force that deals with the demand for housing and other land use over the coming years.

While the County Council is well on the way to producing a plan which will go to public enquiry this year, planning legislation now means that if Marden doesn't have a plan of its own, then as a parish we will have much less say than we might have otherwise have in planning applications.

Therefore, if people are concerned about the way that Marden may develop over the next 15 to 20 years, then you really need to fill in this questionnaire. If you don't care, then fine, chuck it in the bin! Out of the 52 replies we received

from our last request, there isn't really enough feedback to give an indication of interest to start developing a plan, the cost of which for the Parish Council, and therefore probably to the parishioners in the end, will be well into five figures. This is your chance. Fill in the questionnaire and drop it into 6 Brook Orchard or to the box at the Post Office and Shop by 15th March. If you don't bother, then it is unlikely the Parish Council will spend the time, effort and money on a Neighbourhood Plan for Marden and we will have to rely on whatever the County

Plan says about land use and we will have little say on the siting of housing, employment areas, recreational facilities and so on.

The Parish Council think this is important but if you don't, then of course that it is your decision.

Yours sincerely,

*Michael Parkes  
Vice-Chairman – Parish Council*



# Questionnaire on Topics for Marden Neighbourhood Plan:

Whilst some detail is included under some headings, this is only for illustration and to guide your thinking. The actual detail will be developed once the community has agreed the Topics.

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## 1. Housing Growth – *what, where, how much, how quickly?*

Issues and concerns may include:

- Large scale development
- Small scale and in-fill development
- “Affordable” or Social housing
- Housing densities
- Housing for Older/Younger/Disabled People
- Housing on Farms
- Energy efficiency

Should we include **Housing Growth** as a topic in the Marden Plan?

Circle how important you think this topic is?      Critical / Very important / Less important

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## 2. Jobs and the Local Economy – *what, where, how much, how quickly?*

Issues and concerns may include:

- Agricultural uses
- Business, manufacturing, engineering
- Retail
- Leisure & catering
- Working from home
- Local workplaces
- Tourism
- Preventing adverse impacts

Should we include **Jobs & Economy** as a topic in the Marden Plan?

Circle how important you think this topic is?      Critical / Very important / Less important

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## 3. Protecting our Environment

Issues and concerns may include:

- Green spaces & wildlife
- Opportunities for active leisure
- Flood risk
- Landscape & Views
- Historic features, listed building and sites

Should we include **Environment** as a topic in the Marden Plan?

Circle how important you think this topic is?      Critical / Very important / Less important



## 4. Improving Community Facilities & Services

– *what, where, how much, how quickly?*

Issues and concerns may include:

- Open spaces, including sports/leisure
- Medical and related services, e.g. doctors, dentists, pharmacy, clinic
- Herefordshire Council services

Should we include **Community Facilities** as a topic in the Marden Plan?

Circle how important you think this topic is?    Critical / Very important / Less important

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## 5. Improving Infrastructure

Issues and concerns may include:

- Roads, footpaths
- Public transport
- High Speed Broadband

Should we include **Infrastructure** as a topic in the Marden Plan?

Circle how important you think this topic is?    Critical / Very important / Less important

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## 6. Sustaining our Community & Well-being

Issues and concerns may include:

- Shaping development to secure the long-term future for our Parish and to support community wellbeing
- Retail & businesses, pubs, sports hall etc

Should we include **Sustainability & Wellbeing** as a topic in the Marden Plan?

Circle how important you think this topic is?    Critical / Very important / Less important

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## 7. Different guidance for different Geographical Areas?

Marden Parish has a mix of geography and existing development and use.

Do you think that the Marden Plan should attempt to give **different guidance for different areas of the Parish?**

Circle how important you think this topic is?    Critical / Very important / Less important



