



A Neighbourhood Plan for Aston Clinton

Shaping our future...

Aston Clinton Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

Dear Respondent

The Aston Clinton Neighbourhood Plan will be written by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to help influence how the parish evolves over the next 15 years. The Plan is about the use and development of land within the parish.

The Neighbourhood Plan relates to the whole parish of Aston Clinton.

The Neighbourhood Plan will set out preferred sites for new development if this is required of the parish in future, what kind of development this should be, and what infrastructure and facilities are needed to make Aston Clinton a better place to live and work.

We encourage you, where possible, to complete this questionnaire on-line by visiting:
www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AstonClintonNP

Where this is not possible, there will be collection points around the parish for you to return this questionnaire to us (details are on the next page).

Either way, please return your questionnaire to us, or complete on-line, by Sunday 10th April.

Neighbourhood Plan Vision: *'To maintain the long established integrity and identity of the village of Aston Clinton within its rural setting and its special historic and architectural character (as exemplified by the Rothschild design) whilst managing change and embracing appropriate development to meet the needs of the community in a way that protects the village setting and surrounding open countryside.'*

There are 10 objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan, which are currently in draft form only, and these are found at the top of each section of this questionnaire.

To inform the policies that will be contained in the Plan, we are gathering opinions from households and businesses in the parish and we hope as many as possible of you will respond. This will ensure that the Plan is based on a proper understanding of the area and of the views, wants and needs of local people and businesses.

At a later stage every resident on the electoral register will be asked to vote on the finished Neighbourhood Plan.

This is a great chance to be involved in the future of Aston Clinton.

Thank you,
The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Supported by Aston Clinton Parish Council

If you have any difficulty in completing the questionnaire, require assistance filling it in or need the questionnaire to be in larger print for example, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01296 631269 or e-mail Info@AstonClintonNeighbourhoodPlan.org

Instructions for Completion

You may remain entirely anonymous if you wish, but you are asked to provide your postcode. However, it would be useful if you could fill in the details about yourself at the end of this questionnaire so that we can see if the people that have responded to this survey are a good cross-section of those living in Aston Clinton. In the final report which informs the Neighbourhood Plan, the views and opinions of all respondents will be taken into account but no individuals will be identified.

We have delivered one questionnaire per household. However we want to encourage as many residents as possible to complete the questionnaire so if members of your household would like a further copy, this can be down loaded from the following website:
www.astonclintonneighbourhoodplan.org

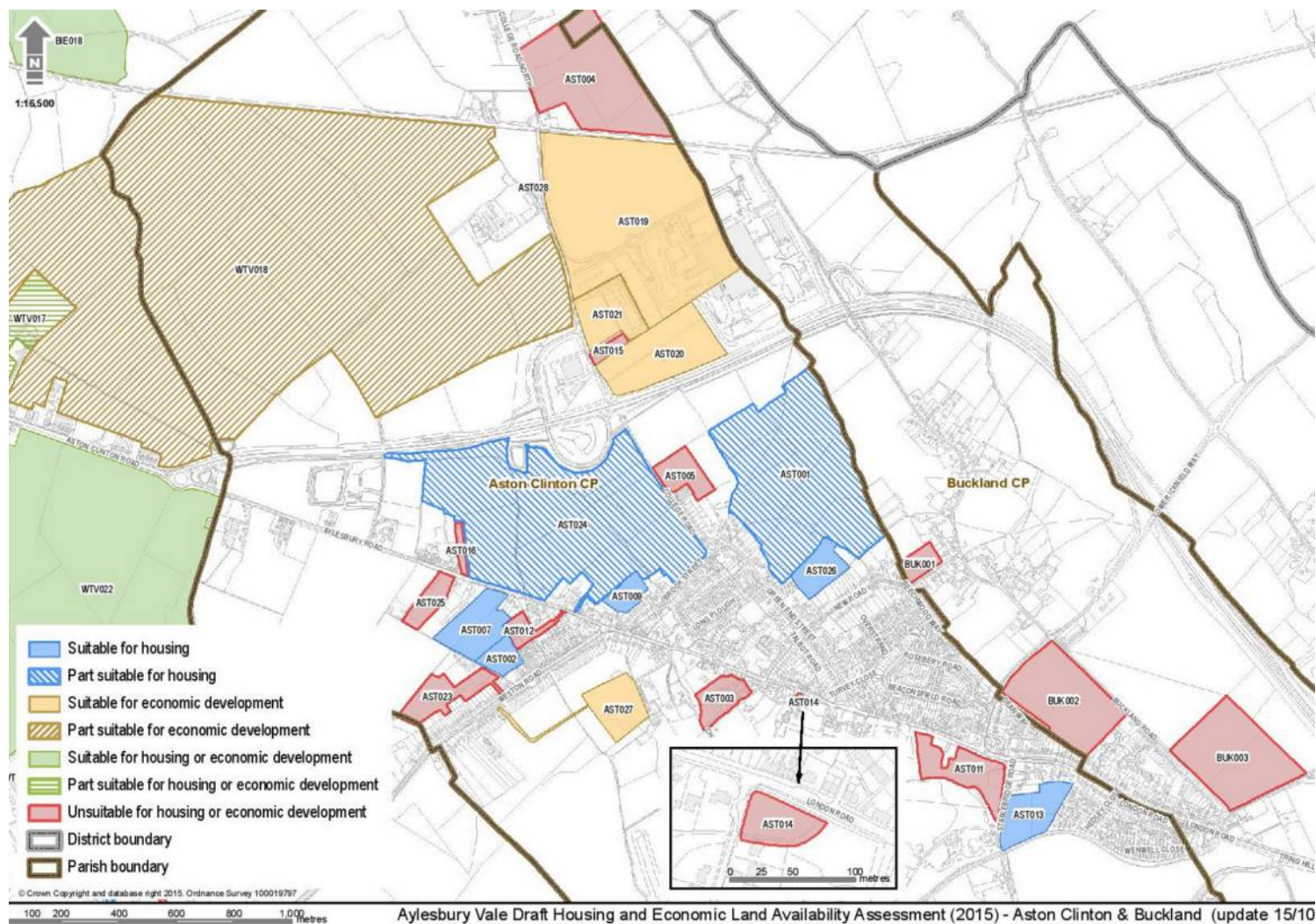
Alternatively, further copies of the questionnaire can also be requested by contacting the Parish Clerk (see above for contact details).

Even though only those on the electoral register will be able to vote in the referendum, the views of under 18's are most welcome.

If you are completing this survey manually, please leave your completed questionnaire at one of the following collection points by Sunday 10th April.

List collection points for completed questionnaires:
Rothschild Arms public house
The Café in the Park
The Post Office
The Oak public house

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The above map shows sites that have come forward to AVDC through their call for sites as part of consultation on the Local Plan and which AVDC consider potential sites for development in Aston Clinton.

If you own land which does not appear on this map and which you wish to be considered as part of identifying site preferences for development or exclusion through this Neighbourhood Plan process, please let the clerk to Aston Clinton Parish Council know by 10th April. Contact details are shown on the front of this questionnaire.

Please also note that by putting a site forward through this Neighbourhood Plan process does not mean that it will necessarily be included in this plan. All sites identified on this map, along with any new sites that may come forward through this process, will be subject to testing for sustainability and suitability for development. The Parish Council will be relying on the sustainability methodology used by AVDC which will be available to view on AVDC's website.

Objective 1: To identify local housing need and preferred sites for future development

NB. This question is subject to there being a future requirement through the Vale of Aylesbury Plan for Aston Clinton to take a share of housing development.

1a. How important do you feel new housing development is in the parish to each of the following? Please enter a tick in each row:

	Very important	Quite important	Not important	No particular opinion
To meet general housing need in the parish				
To enable local young people to remain living in the parish				
To enable older people within the parish to move into more suitable accommodation				
To support local businesses and community groups and facilities				
To help pay for local infrastructure such as roads and other services and facilities *				
To enhance village culture and social mix				
Is there any other reason why you feel it important to accept new housing in the parish? Please specify:				

*With every new house built, the developer is required to make a contribution towards the local infrastructure required to support new housing.

1b. With respect to future housing development in the parish, how concerned would you be about each of the following? Please enter a tick in each row:

	Concerns me a lot	Concerns me a little	Does not concern me	No particular opinion
Impact on the rural nature of the parish, such as the countryside and open spaces				
Impact on the environment (flooding, drainage, sewerage etc.)				
Impact on views of the entrances and exits to and from the parish				
Increased parking needs				
Access problems due to increased traffic and congestion				
Adequate infrastructure (community and services – libraries, roads, water etc)				
Pressure on school places				
Do you have any other concerns? Please specify:				

1c. Have you or any member of your family (even if they don't live with you now) recently had a problem finding suitable living accommodation in the parish?

Yes, currently		Please go to Q1d
Yes, in the last year or so		Please go to Q1d
No, but I anticipate this being a problem within the next few years		Please go to Q1d
No		Please go to Q1e

1d. What is the exact nature of the problem? Please tick all that apply:

Lack of homes to <i>buy</i> at a price I/they could afford	
Lack of homes to <i>rent</i> at a price I/they could afford	
Lack of homes big enough	
Lack of homes small enough	
Lack of homes suitable for specialist personal needs (e.g. limited mobility)	
If for any other reason, please specify:	
Prefer not to answer	

1e. Looking at the map at the start of this section, please give your views about the potential sites for more housing in the parish by ticking one box in each row.

For more information regarding each site along with a larger version of the map, please visit: www.astonclintonneighbourhoodplan.org/planning-sites or 'your cafe in the park' at Aston Clinton Park.

Ref no/Site description	Strongly Agree	Agree	No particular opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
AST001 / Land Behind Green End Street					
AST002 / Land at Stratford Close					
AST003 / Land at Park Farm					
AST004 / Land at College Road North					
AST007 / Land between 26 & 34 Aylesbury Road					
AST023 / Land northeast of 108 - 148 Weston Road					
AST024 / Land north of Aylesbury Rd - south of A41					
WTV018 / Woodlands					

1f. In considering sites to accommodate more housing in the parish, other than development on individual plots, which of the following do you feel are appropriate? Please enter a tick in each row:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No particular opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
On 'brownfield' sites (land which has been previously built on)					
On 'greenfield' sites (land that has never been built on before)					
On 'greenfield' sites only if there are no 'brownfield' sites available					

1g. Is there anything else regarding location that you feel is important when it comes to new housing development in the parish? Please specify below.

Objective 2: To influence design, type, tenure and scale of new housing

2a. What type of new housing should be built in the parish over the next 15 years? Please tick **up to 4 types of housing** by order of priority. Please enter a tick in each of 4 rows. *Please note that 1 = highest priority, and 4 = lowest priority*

Type of housing	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4
Bungalows				
Small starter homes/ homes for older people (1-2 bedroom)				
Small family homes (2-3 bedrooms)				
Large family homes (4+ bedrooms)				
Homes for people with specific housing needs e.g. for those with disabilities, or sheltered complexes for older people				
Homes with designated office or workshop space (live/work units)				
Apartments				
Other (please specify)				

2b. What type of tenure is needed for new housing in the parish? Please tick all that apply and add a comment if you wish:

Housing Tenure	Tick	Comments
Homes for sale on the open market		
Private rented homes		
Affordable homes for sale (e.g. shared ownership or part buy, part rent)		
Affordable rented homes (e.g. through a housing association)		
No particular opinion		

Definition of Affordable Housing:

"Affordable housing means social rented and intermediate housing provided to specific eligible households whose needs are not met by the market.

Intermediate housing includes intermediate rented, discounted sale, shared equity and shared ownership housing.

Affordable housing is needed to meet both general needs as well as those for people with special needs and those that require support housing".

2c. If you think there should be affordable housing, for sale or to rent, who should this be for? Please tick all that apply and add a comment if you wish:

	Yes	No	Comments
Affordable homes specifically for local people/ with a connection to Aston Clinton			
Affordable homes for anyone who needs this type of housing			

2d. Thinking about any new housing that might be built in the parish over the next 15 years, how important to you is each of the following? Please enter a tick in each row:

	Very important	Quite important	Not important	No strong opinion
Houses fit in visually with existing streetscapes within the parish				
Houses that are energy efficient and have low environmental impact				
Houses that are designed to be lower cost to purchase or rent				
Houses have gardens				
Houses have off street parking				
Houses that are designed to be innovative and non-traditional				

2e. Which of the following represents the most appropriate scale of future development in the parish? Please tick **up to 3 priorities** by order of preference. Please enter a tick in each of 3 rows.

Scale of future development	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Conversion of redundant or empty or derelict buildings			
Development on individual plots, including within gardens of existing houses			
Small sites (less than 10 homes)			
Larger sites (more than 10 homes)			

2f. Is there anything else regarding design that you feel is important when it comes to new housing development in the parish? Please specify below.

Objective 3: To protect green spaces and important views to the countryside to help maintain the rural character of the parish.

3a. Please tell us of any green spaces, and countryside views, that you would wish to see protected from any form of development.

A display of photographs of many of the parish's green spaces, and views to the countryside, with descriptions, is available to view in the hallway of the 'your café in the park' at Aston Clinton Park to assist you in answering this question. These photographs, with descriptions, are also available to view on the Neighbourhood Plan website: www.astonclintonneighbourhoodplan.org/village-views

Please feel free to add any views you want to be protected.

Please specify below:

3b. Thinking about your surrounding rural environment and public green spaces within the parish, which of the following would you like to see more of over the next 15 years? Please tick all that apply:

Landscaping of public areas (e.g. bulbs, hedges, trees)	
Planting of more trees generally	
Recreating wildlife meadows and corridors	
Picnic areas	
Allotments	
Other. Please specify.	

3c. Are you concerned about the possible encroachment of development from Aylesbury into the parish? Please tick one box:

	Concerns me a lot	Concerns me a little	Does not concern me	No particular opinion
Coalescence with Aylesbury from future development				

Objective 4: To maintain and improve access to public open space and the countryside through a well-maintained network of footpaths, cycle and bridleways.

4a. Presently do you have any *difficulties* accessing public open spaces and the countryside using the current network of footpaths, cycle and bridleways? Please tick as appropriate:

Yes	
No	

If yes, please specify here what your difficulty is and where you experience difficulties:

Objective 5: To renew and improve the facilities at Aston Clinton Park

5a. How often do you and/ or members of your family use the facilities at Aston Clinton Park? Please enter a tick in each row:

Main facilities	More than once a week	More than once a month	Occasionally	Rarely/ Never
Fitness Trail				
Tennis Club				
Bowls Club				
Football Club				
Children's Play Area				
All Weather Pitch				
M.U.G.A.				
Skate Park				
Outdoor Picnic Areas				
Walking				
The Cafe				

5b. Do you feel Aston Clinton Park should be improved (*or expanded/ access increased*) to reflect growth in population as a result of housing development in the parish? If so, please say how you would like to see it improved.

Please specify.....

5c. How important do you consider it to protect Aston Clinton Park from future development of any sort? Please tick one box:

	Very important	Quite important	Not important	No strong opinion
Protecting Recreation Ground from future development				

Objective 6: To work with the Highways Authority to improve road safety and ease traffic congestion in the parish. Also to introduce new separated cycle ways in and around the parish to improve connection to community facilities and the countryside.

6a. Presently what forms of transport do you typically use on public roads within the parish? Please tick all that apply:

Type of Transport	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
Car/ Van			
Motorcycle			
Public transport			
Bicycle			
Walking			
Mobility scooter/ wheelchair			
Other (Please specify here):			

6b. Are you concerned about any of the following when travelling in and around the parish? Tick all that apply:

	Tick	Please say where and when this is
Speed of traffic		
Volume of traffic		
School run traffic		
Narrowness/ lack of pavements		
Obstructions to visibility on roads and pavements		
Lack of safe places to cross the road		
Large vans and lorries passing through the village		
Location of bus stops		
Visibility at road junctions		
Inadequate supply of off-road parking		
Lack of cycle ways		
Do you have any other safety concerns when travelling around the parish?		

6c. If you use public transport, please tell us if you would like to see improved links between bus and train services and, if so, between which train station and at what time of the day. Please tick all that apply:

Approximate time of day	Bus link to Tring train station	Bus link to Wendover train station	Bus link to Stoke Mandeville train station
6am-9am			
9am-12pm			
12pm-3pm			
3pm-6pm			
6pm-9pm			
9pm-12pm			

6d. For families with children in school education, please tell us if you experience any difficulties with transport to and from the schools.

School	Description of transport difficulty
John Colet School	
Tring School	
Grammar & Aylesbury High School	
Henry Floyd School	
The Mandeville School	
The Grange School, Aylesbury	
Aston Clinton School	
Weston Turville C of E Primary School	
John Hampden (infants) School	
Wendover C of E Primary School	
Broughton School	
Bedgrove Schools	
Stoke Mandeville Combined School	
Halton Community Combined School	
Other school not listed	

Objective 7: To ensure sufficient capacity for children living in Aston Clinton to access primary and junior education within the parish.

7a. If you have children of primary and junior school age, have you experienced difficulties securing a place at Aston Clinton School?

Yes	
No	

7b. If you answered 'yes' to the above, please tell us what the problem has been.

7c. Regardless of whether or not you have children of primary school age (4-11 yrs), do you think it is important that there should always be adequate provision of school places within the parish to accommodate children living in Aston Clinton?

	Tick	Please add a comment if you wish
Yes		
No		

Objective 8: To support the development of existing locally-based businesses, including retail, to ensure that the parish is as economically sustainable as possible when taking into account any new development.

8a. Do you currently own your own business/ businesses?
Please tick as appropriate:

Yes		No	
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If 'no', please go to question 8d.

8b. If 'yes' to question 8a, from where do you operate your business/ businesses?
Please tick all that apply:

	Business 1	Business 2	Business 3
From home			
From other premises within the parish			
From other premises outside of the parish			

8c. Thinking about how you would like your business/businesses to develop over the next 15 years, is there anything that could be provided in the parish which would help you? Please tick all that apply:

	Business 1	Business 2	Business 3
Improved transport links with other places			
More suitable business premises available to <i>rent</i> within the parish			
More suitable business premises available to <i>buy</i> within the parish			
Access to office facilities within the parish (e.g. an I.T. environment, meeting and desk space)			
The latest broadband technology			
Other. Please specify:			

8d. Would you like to start your own business in the parish over the next few years?

Yes		No	
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If 'no', then you have finished this section of the questionnaire.

8e. If you answered 'yes' to question 8d, which of the following would help you? Please tick all that apply:

	Business 1	Business 2	Business 3
Improved transport links with other places			
More suitable business premises available to <i>rent</i> within the parish			
More suitable business premises available to <i>buy</i> within the parish			
Access to office facilities within the parish (e.g. an I.T. environment, meeting and desk space)			
The latest broadband technology			
Other. Please specify:			

8f. If you need new premises within the parish to operate or expand your existing business, or start a new business, what sort of premises are you looking for? Please tick all that apply:

	Business 1	Business 2	Business 3	New Business
Office				
Workshop				
Storage units				
Studio				
Shop/retail space				
Other. Please specify:				

8g. If you are looking for new business premises in the parish, would you prefer to share such premises with other businesses? Please tick as appropriate:

	Existing Business(es)	New Business
Would like to share premises with other business holders		
Would prefer to have sole use of premises		

8h. If you are looking for new business premises in the parish, please estimate the size of premises you would require? (in square metres).

	Existing Business(es)	New Business
Size in m ²		

Objective 9: To encourage new businesses, and facilities for community use, through the possible establishment of a new commercial village centre.

9a. Do you feel that the development of a new commercial village centre is important to the future sustainability of Aston Clinton? Please tick one box:

	Very important	Quite important	Not important	No strong opinion
Development of a new commercial village centre				

9b. What sort of business or activity do you think should be encouraged within the Parish over the next 15 years? Please tick all that apply:

Tourism and Leisure	
Office-based business (consultancies etc)	
Retail (shops etc)	
Small scale industrial (manufacturing, skilled artisan etc)	
Agriculture/food production	
Service trades (e.g. plumbers and electricians)	
Pubs, cafes and restaurants	
Other. Please specify.	

Objective 10: To improve the health services and health facilities for the village.

10a. Thinking about healthcare services and facilities generally, how easy is it for you/ other members of your household to travel to each of the following?
Please enter a tick in each row:

Healthcare service/ facility	Very Easy	Quite easy	Difficult	Not applicable
Doctor				
Dentist				
Pharmacy				
Optician				

10b. How easy is it for you, and members of your family, to book an appointment with each of the following? Please enter a tick in each row:

Healthcare service/ facility	Very Easy	Quite easy	Difficult	Not applicable
Doctor				
Dentist				
Pharmacy				
Optician				

10c. If you answered 'difficult' to any of the above, please tell us why this is the case, and at what times of the day or night you experience greatest difficulties.

Healthcare service/ facility	Reason for difficulty accessing service	Time of day or night
Doctor		
Dentist		
Pharmacy		
Optician		

You have now reached the end of this questionnaire.

Please take a little time to complete the information about yourself, on the following 2 pages, in particular giving us your post code which is essential if your responses are to be included in the questionnaire analysis.

Thank you

Demographics

You do not have to give us your name and address. However, we require your post code so we can see from which part of the parish responses are coming from and to ensure that those responding live in, or run a business in, Aston Clinton parish. In the case of businesses, if you do not live in the parish, please provide the postcode of your business.

It would also be useful if you could fill in the following details about yourself so that we can see if the people that have responded to our survey are a good cross section of those living in the parish.

Q1 How would you describe the current make-up of your household?

Male living alone	
Female living alone	
Couple (with no children)	
Family with young children (pre-school or primary school age)	
Family with older children (secondary school age)	
Family with grown up children living at home	
Couple with grown up children living away	

Q2 How old are you?

<18	
18-35	
36-50	
51-65	
Over 65	

Q3 Please provide your full postcode so we can identify which area of the parish you live in.

(This is not optional and must be included if your responses are to be included in the analysis)

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Q4 What is your current employment situation?

Employed or self-employed full time	
Employed or self-employed part time	
Temporary or seasonal employment	
Unemployed/unable to work	
Retired	
Looking after the home/carer	
Student	

Q5 How long have you lived in the parish?

Less than a year	
1-5 years	
6-10 years	
11-25 years	
More than 25 years	

If you would like further information about the Neighbourhood Plan process sent to you electronically when available, such as information about the next stage of consultation, please provide us with your name, address and e-mail contact.

Name	
Address	
Email	

Thank you very much for answering all these questions. The questionnaire consultation responses are to be analysed and reported by an independent person with no association to the parish. At no point will any individual be identified in the consultation feedback report which informs the Neighbourhood Plan.

All residents of the parish will be given the opportunity to see the results of the survey and will be consulted on the subsequent draft options for the Neighbourhood Plan in due course.