

INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL



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Dear Inkberrow Resident

Inkberrow Parish Neighbourhood Plan Survey

The Parish Council have set up a steering group to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Inkberrow Parish (The Parish being formed of: Inkberrow, Holberrow Green, Knighton, Stockwood and Moreton-under-Hill).

Neighbourhood Plans allow a partnership of communities including businesses, residents and other interested parties to develop policies that, subject to an independent examination and a community referendum, will become part of the local planning framework for land uses in their local area.

This means that areas themselves have more control over development in their locality, with Neighbourhood Planning allowing people to come together to decide how they want their area to develop.

Neighbourhood Development Plans can:

- Set policies in relation to development and the use of land in the designated neighbourhood area
- Identify a collective vision and key local priorities for the sustainable development of the area
- Choose where new homes, shops and offices should be built, and
- have a say on what those new buildings should look like
- Identify areas of particular importance to the community for special protection

However to be adopted by the District Council, Neighbourhood Plans must:

1. Be in general conformity with the development strategy and policies set out within the existing South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) and the National Planning Policy Framework, for more information visit www.swdevelopmentplan.org
2. Undergo an independent examination
3. **Get a minimum of 50% approval from residents in a local referendum**

The purpose of this letter is to advise you what is going on in your area and to invite you to participate in the process of creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Inkberrow Parish, **by completing the enclosed questionnaire**. This is designed to start to capture the feelings of those who live and work in the area.

This survey is important for the future development of Inkberrow Parish. It gives you the opportunity to tell us what you think and what is most important to you. It will provide key information and evidence to help shape the development plan for the Parish.

Your completed questionnaire will be processed by the Stratford-on-Avon District Council (SDC) Consultation & Performance Unit who undertakes this kind of work for parishes as a third party, being impartial and independent. They will be the only people to see the individual completed questionnaires. All views given within the questionnaire will remain anonymous and confidential. We do not collect any information that will personally identify you.

Once SDC have completed compiling and analysing all the responses, they will forward a report to Inkberrow Parish Council. This report will help in the drafting of the Inkberrow Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

All household occupants aged 16 and over are able to complete the questionnaire. Two questionnaires are enclosed together with pre-addressed FREEPOST envelopes. If you need more questionnaires, paper copies are available at Inkberrow Post Office or alternatively, the survey can be completed on line at: www.inkberrow.org.uk/parish or additional paper copies can also be downloaded from that website.

Downloaded (completed) paper questionnaires should be returned to (no stamp required):

Freepost RTJX-GHEE-ZUCS, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Consultation Unit, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HX

If you require a large print version of the questionnaire, please contact Elizabeth Collins on 01386 792896, who will issue one to you.

Please make sure that you complete and post your completed questionnaire by the DEADLINE OF FRIDAY 7TH JUNE 2019.

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability, but should you have any questions or need clarification on any of the issues enclosed, please contact Audrey Steel 01386 792266.

Thank you for taking time to complete the survey. We will be publishing the results as soon as possible, with a Draft Neighbourhood Plan that will eventually, following a full consultation and inspection by an Independent Examiner, go to a Public Referendum across the Parish. If it gets the approval of the majority of those that vote, it will then go to Wychavon District Council. They can adopt it to become part of the South Worcestershire Development Plan, alongside the Core Strategy, that will have legal status and considerable weight in the planning process.

Yours sincerely

Audrey Steel
Chair Inkberrow Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group