



# ORCOP PARISH

## NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN RESIDENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE

January 2020

### YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT PLEASE HAVE YOUR SAY!

Dear Resident,

We are pleased to advise you that we are making good progress with the **Orcop Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan [NDP]** which will apply to the area shown on the attached map [designated as the **Neighbourhood area** in 2013]. We have reached a point at which we need to ask for your views.

The knowledge and contribution of the residents are essential to make a viable Plan reflecting the realistic visions and objectives of the Parish. Please complete the enclosed **Questionnaire** to give your views on the way forward up to 2031.

Questions can be answered by a ✓ in the box, but we welcome any additional comments on a number of subjects important to Orcop Parish, in the spaces provided.

Your identity will not be revealed from your completed Questionnaire.

Residents will have the opportunity to approve the final document by a vote in a Parish referendum, anticipated within 2 years. This may seem a long time, but the formal procedures laid down by the government are complex and have to be followed if the NDP is to take effect.

If you need extra copies of the Questionnaire for other members of your household [aged 16 and over], you can download and print from the Orcop Parish website <http://orcopparishcouncil.org>.

For assistance in completing any of the questions, for a large print version, additional forms, or if you have any queries, please contact Mark Hearne, Clerk to Orcop Parish Council, Rosemary Cottage, Madley, Hereford HR2 9LS. [clerk@orcopparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@orcopparishcouncil.org). Tel. 01981 251887

Please post completed Questionnaires in the *Freepost* envelope provided by **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

Many thanks for your time and help which will be a valuable contribution to the future of our Parish.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Serle, Cllr  
Chair, Orcop NDP Steering Group

#### Steering Group Members

Cllr. Margaret Serle, Chair  
Cllr. Peter Garratt, Deputy Chair  
Cllr. Ben Thomas, Chair Orcop Parish Council  
Cllr. Barry Shaw

Graham Bowen  
Margaret Bowen  
Mick Murphy  
Dot Shaw

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Why a Neighbourhood Development Plan?

- ❖ The NDP will give the community an opportunity to voice opinions and contribute to local policies within the Parish.
- ❖ The NDP will make provision for rural housing to meet Herefordshire Council's growth targets from 2011-2031 [this is 26 dwellings for Orcop Parish].
- ❖ Other items of importance to the area will also be included, such as environmental issues.

## Are there any Guidelines for the Plan?

- ❖ The Plan must conform to the relevant strategic policies in the Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy 2011-2031 [currently under review].

[https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/1788/core\\_strategy\\_sections\\_combined.pdf](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/1788/core_strategy_sections_combined.pdf)

- ❖ The NDP is a legal document which adds local detail to the Core Strategy. It will give our community a say in decisions by Herefordshire Council regarding future planning applications in our Parish.

## Who are the Steering Group?

- ❖ The Steering Group is made up of Parish Councillors and local residents, with guidance and advice from a Planning Consultant [funded by a government grant]. However, the Parish Council has overall responsibility for the Plan and authorising decisions made.

## Where can I find out what Progress is made?

- ❖ The Steering Group will hold public meetings in the Parish Hall and welcomes residents to come along and participate. Dates will be posted on the Parish website, noticeboards and in the Parish News. There are also updates at the Parish Council meetings and on the website where there is an NDP section: <http://orcopparishcouncil.org>
- ❖ Presentation events will be arranged to publicise progress, and gain information and suggestions from the community and Parish organisations.

## Who has Access to my Answers?

- ❖ The Questionnaire replies are for the sole use of drawing up the NDP. They will be independently analysed by our Planning Consultant, David Nicholson. The results will be published on the Orcop Parish website without any identification of individual responses; <http://orcopparishcouncil.org>

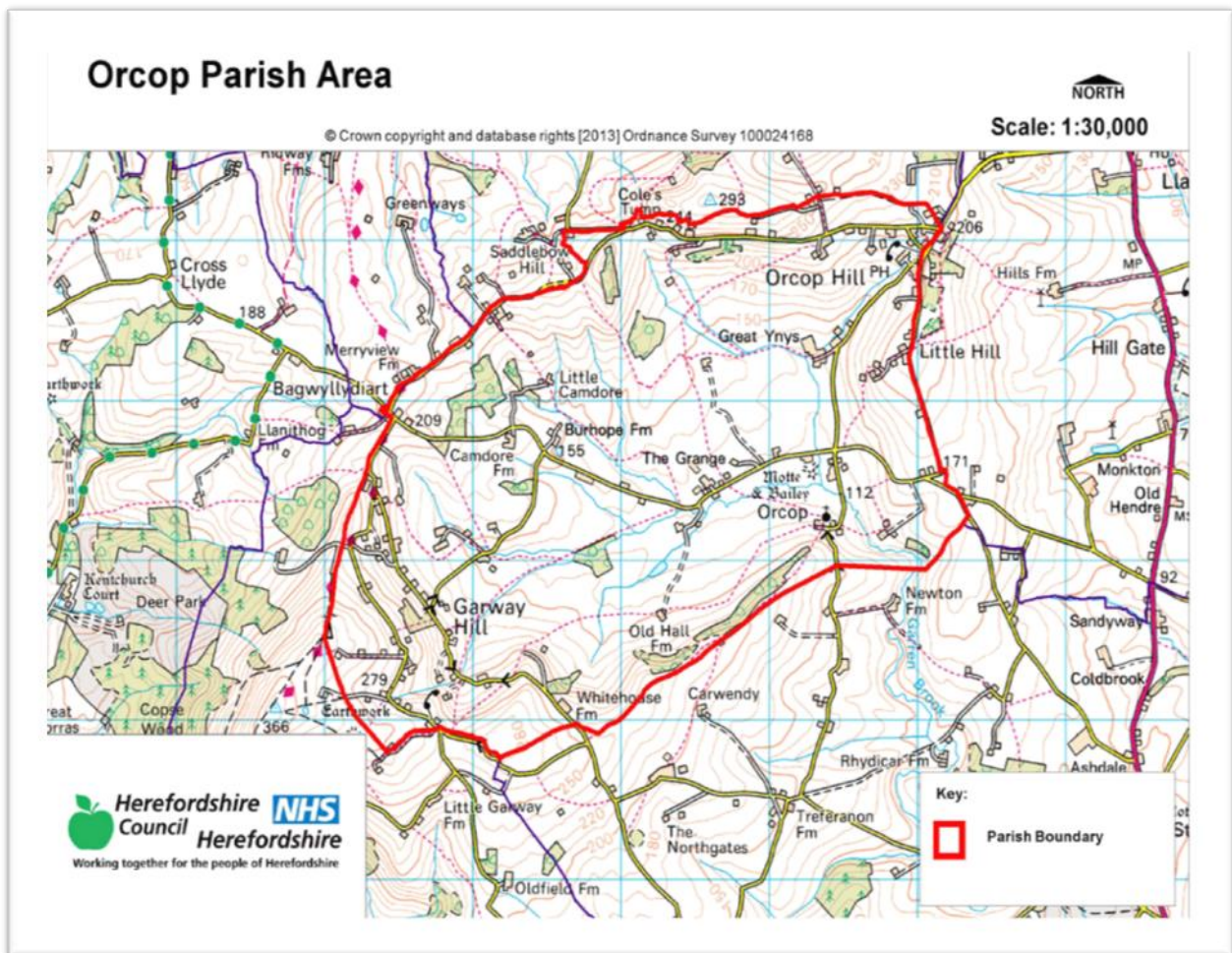


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## LIVING IN ORCOP PARISH

**Q 1 From the list below what are the top 5 things you value most about living in the Parish?**

<b><u>Please tick up to 5 boxes only:</u></b>	✓
My Home	
Living in a quiet rural area	
Environment	
Conserving a rural landscape	
Views of the countryside	
Feeling part of a rural community	
Village activities and community groups	
Low crime rate	
Local Employment	
Well maintained roads	
Public transport	
Other, please specify:	

## HOUSING

Herefordshire Council's planning guidelines seek to direct most new housing to Orcop Hill and Orcop, so as to avoid building isolated dwellings in the open countryside to protect farmland and the wider landscape. Please answer the following questions with this in mind.

**Q 2 Are there any specific locations you think are suitable for new homes in the Parish? If so, where and why?**

*Please specify:*

**Q 3 Are there any specific locations where you think houses should not be built in the Parish? If so, where and why?**

*Please specify:*

**Q 4 What size of homes would you prefer to be built?**

<i>Please tick one box per row</i>	Yes	No
Affordable Homes/ Starter Homes [1-2 beds]		
Family Homes [2-3 beds]		
Larger Family Homes [4+ beds]		
Other, please specify:		

**Q 5 What type of new housing should be built?**

<i>Please tick one box per row:</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Privately owned houses		
Privately rented houses		
Rented/Shared ownership houses [Housing Association]		
Supported/sheltered homes for the elderly or disabled		
Self-build		
Houses with workshop/annex [live/work]		
Conversion of existing property [redundant farm buildings, barns]		
Other, please specify:		

**Q 6 What style of new housing should be built?**

<i>Please tick one box per row:</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Building designs that respects the built form, location, and scale of existing properties		
Use of traditional local building materials		
Traditional local building style [cottages, barns converted]		
Modern styles		
Bungalows		
Eco friendly/ high level of energy efficiency		
Other, please specify:		

**Q 7 Do you have any other comments on building developments and housing need?**

*Please specify:*

## TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT AND ACCESS

The Plan deals mainly with the use and development of land. However, it can also be used to inform and influence other local aspects of the environment such as transport and roads.

### Q 8 How important to you are improvements to the following?

<i>Please tick one box per row, where <u>1 is not important</u> and <u>4 is very important</u>:</i>	1	2	3	4
Road safety				
Pedestrian safety				
Cyclist safety				
Reduction in traffic speed				
Road repairs and maintenance				
Maintenance of hedges, ditches/drains and verges				
Lane passing places				
Signage on roads and paths				
Maintenance of footpaths and bridleways				
Bus service				

### Q 9 Do you have any other comments on traffic, transport and access?

*Please specify:*

## JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

There is an opportunity to include policies in the Plan to guide new economic development in and around the Parish.

### Q 10 What types of employment should be encouraged in the Parish?

<i>Please tick one box per row:</i>	Yes	No
Arable and livestock farming		
Intensive farming e.g. poly-tunnels, livestock units		
Forestry and related activities		
Livery and stabling		
Producing Food and Drink		
Tourism, Leisure, Arts and Crafts		
Hospitality and Catering		
Small business		
Light Industry		
Other, please specify:		

### Q 11 How should the Plan support employment and the local economy?

<i>Please mark with a tick all that apply:</i>	✓
Protect existing employment sites from changes of use	
Support appropriate conversion of rural buildings for employment purposes	
Support the appropriate extension of existing businesses	
Encourage home-working	
Other, please specify:	



## Q 12 Do you have any other comments on jobs and the local economy?

*Please specify:*

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Neighbourhood Development Plan can include policies to protect community facilities, services and amenities.

## Q 13 How important do you think the following facilities are [*or would be\**] in meeting the current and future needs of the local community?

<i>Please tick one box per row, where <u>1 is not important</u> and <u>4 is very important</u>:</i>	1	2	3	4
St John the Baptist Church, Orcop				
Baptist Chapel, Orcop Hill				
Methodist Chapel, Garway Hill				
The Fountain Inn				
Orcop Parish Hall				
Footpaths / Public Rights of Way				
Bridleways				
Local Bus Service				
Broadband				
Mobile Phone coverage				
Public parking space				
Community support schemes				
<i>*Sport and recreation area</i>				
<i>*Children's play area</i>				
<i>*Picnic areas; benches</i>				
<i>*Neighbourhood Watch Scheme</i>				

**Q 14 Are there any other community facilities, services and amenities you would like to see provided if possible?**

*Please specify:*

**PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT**

Protection of the distinctive local environment is a particular concern. The Plan can include policies to protect open land from development and recognise areas at risk of flooding and pollution.

**Q 15 How important is the protection of our local heritage and the natural environment?**

<i>Please tick one box per row, where <u>1 is not important</u> and <u>4 is very important</u>:</i>	1	2	3	4
Historic buildings and archaeological sites				
Green spaces				
Ancient hedgerows and woodland				
Rural landscape				
Copywell [village green]				
Dark skies				
Wildlife habitats and species; bio diversity				
Ynys/Garren Brook and other watercourses				
Public views and vistas, please specify which ones:				

**Q 16 Are you aware of locations where development may be constrained by any of the following?**

<i>Please tick all that apply:</i>	Yes	Locations [specify locations as accurately as you can]
Foul drainage		
Surface water drainage		
River or stream over-flow causing flooding		
Field run-off causing flooding and or pollution		
Road run-off [drains or ditches unable to cope] causing flooding		
Water supply		
Electricity supply		
Telephone / broadband connection		
Mobile phone connection		
Road access		
Environmental concerns		
Other, please specify:		

**Q17 Which of the following ways of producing renewable energy would you support in Orcop Parish?**

<i>Please tick only one box per row:</i>	Yes	No
Solar Power [Domestic]		
Solar Power [Commercial]		
Farm Biomass units [Commercial]		
Farm Anaerobic Digesters [Commercial]		
Biomass units [Domestic]		
Ground Source Heat Pumps [Domestic]		
Wind Turbines [Domestic]		
Other, please specify:		

**Q 18 Do you have any other comments on protecting our local environment and heritage?**

*Please specify:*

**Q 19 HAVE WE ADDRESSED YOUR CONCERNS?**

We have tried to include the main issues in this Questionnaire. However, if there is anything you feel we have missed and you wish to highlight please tell us below. Remember, our Neighbourhood Development Plan will be in place until 2031 and we want to make sure everything is covered.

**HAVE YOUR SAY:**

## INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

This will help us to understand the views of different groups within our Parish and to see how representative the results are of the community as a whole.

### Q 20 How many occupants live in your household by age group?

**Please answer this question only once per household by inserting the total number of residents within each age band:**

0 - 4 years	
5 - 11 years	
12 – 18 years	
19 – 25 years	
26 – 65 years	
65 + years	

### Q 21 Where within Orcop Parish do you live?

<b><i>Please tick one box only:</i></b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Orcop [near St John the Baptist Church]	
Orcop Hill	
Little Hill	
Garway Hill	
Saddlebow / Bagwyllydiart	
Elsewhere in Orcop	

### Q 22 How many years have you lived in Orcop Parish?

<b><i>Please tick one box only:</i></b>			
Years: 0 – 5	6 – 10	11 – 20	21 +

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE & CONTRIBUTING  
TO THE FUTURE OF ORCOP PARISH**

**PLEASE RETURN IN THE ENCLOSED PRE-PAID ENVELOPE by: 27 January 2020**