

OUR PEN SELWOOD

Making your voice heard

This is your chance to add
your views to our community
plan

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Welcome to the Pen Selwood Community Plan Questionnaire

What it is all about ...

The questionnaire has been developed from the points you have raised during the consultation meetings held over the last few weeks.

The questionnaire will allow us to discover to what extent these are issues for the community as a whole. It's also your chance to raise any other issues.

What we'd like you to do ...

- Please answer as many of the questions as possible.
- Fill out a form for each person in your household since you may hold different views. Ask if you need any additional forms.
- If a question does not apply to you, just leave it blank.

The questionnaires will be seen by members only of the Steering Group undertaking the analysis and by no one else (except where you specifically give permission.) Comments will not be attributed to individuals.

Please complete the questionnaire by **Wednesday 23rd May** and seal it in the envelope provided. It will be collected from your home sometime before **Wednesday 30th May**. If you are away then, please drop it in to Elizabeth Carter at The Barn, Bleak Street by Wednesday 30th May. You'll receive a Prize draw ticket for each completed questionnaire.

If you have any queries or need help to complete the questionnaire, please contact any of the people below:

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Housing and Development

People are concerned about changing the character of the village through overdevelopment but recognised the need for houses that younger people can afford.

Please use this scale of 1 to 4 to answer the following questions about housing and development. (Please leave blank if you don't know or do not have an opinion on this matter).

1 – I strongly disagree

3 – I agree

2 – I disagree

4 – I strongly agree

1. There should be more of the following types of housing in Pen Selwood:	
Owner occupied family homes	
Shared ownership homes (part owned/ part rented)	
Sheltered housing	
Homes for disabled people	
Rented accommodation	
No housing development	

2. The following types of housing development should be permitted in Pen Selwood:	
Single house	
Single house developments for people with existing links to village	
Small estates (e.g. up to 6 properties)	
Large estates (e.g. over 6 properties)	

3. Other types of development should be permitted in Pen Selwood:	
Light industrial premises	
Small business development	
Leisure development	
Agricultural buildings	
Equestrian facilities	
Large scale alternative energy sources e.g. Wind turbines	

4. Do you have any other views about development in Pen Selwood or comments on the answers above? *(Please continue on a separate sheet if this space is insufficient).*

Heritage and Environment.

People like the unspoiled rural village and the access to the countryside, especially the opportunity to walk and ride. People appreciate the physical assets of the village; in particular they mentioned the church, Pen Pits, the village hall, the community field, Moldram’s Ground. Pen Selwood is also convenient for Stourhead.

Please use a scale of 1 to 4 to answer the following statements about heritage and environment. (Please leave blank if you don’t know or do not have an opinion on this matter).

1 – I strongly disagree

3 – I agree

2 – I disagree

4 – I strongly agree

5. The following are important for me to enjoy living in Pen Selwood:		
Footpaths		
Bridleways and permissive ways for people and horses		
Dark nights (no street lights)		
Peace and quiet (no wind turbines or increase in traffic)		
Moldram’s Ground (nature reserve)		
Hedgerows and flowers		
Clean streets (e.g. no dog mess)		

6. I and my visitors visit the following assets of the village:		
The church		
Village hall		
Community field		
Pen Pits		
Mott and Bailey castles		

7. Would you be prepared to pay more Council Tax in order to maintain any of the above? *(Tick which ones above)* Yes No

8. What would help to preserve and maintain those things in Q. 5 & 6 you think are important? *Please continue on a separate sheet if this space is insufficient.*

Village Services

People like the community spirit, the friendliness and support when required. We can do more to support the vulnerable in the village. People would like a village shop and pub, even if it is on an occasional basis. People appreciate the breadth of community activities – the fete, the horse & dog show, the jazz festival, the bell ringing. People want more social events.

The following questions are not intended to set expectations but to gauge the level of demand and supply

9. I'd welcome more opportunities for informal social activity, such as:

<i>please tick all that apply</i>	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Not at all	I'd be willing to help run
Village shop					
Plant & Vegetable exchange					
Coffee morning					
Lunches					
Pub night					
Other social event (name below)					

Please circle the answers that apply to you in the following questions

10. I currently get involved in community activities. **A lot** **A little** **Not**

11. If it is becoming more difficult for you would you appreciate some practical help such as changing light bulbs, fixing loose fittings etc. to help you around the house? **Yes** **No**

12. Are you prepared to offer some help to do these sort of practical tasks if required? **Yes** **No**

13. If you are a carer, could you do with more support **Not a carer** **Yes** **No**

14. If you answered yes to question 13 what type of support would help you? *please tick all that apply*

Sitting service	
Somewhere to go	
Someone to go with	
Someone to talk to	

15. Are you prepared to offer support to a carer? **Yes** **No**

Transport

People like the fact that though it is rural and peaceful Pen Selwood is accessible via A303, Gillingham station, Berry's coaches and the C.A.T. bus (C.A.T.= Community Accessible Transport). A number of topics were raised in the consultations and these are developed below.

Please use a scale of 1 to 4 to answer the following statements about Transport. (Please leave blank if you don't know or do not have an opinion on this matter).

1 – I strongly disagree

3 – I agree

2 – I disagree

4 – I strongly agree

16. The speed of traffic in Pen Selwood is too fast for the roads and conditions.	
17. The state of the roads is adequate for the use they get.	
18. The gritting of roads in winter is adequate	

19. Do you make use of the C.A.T. Bus? *Please tick as it applies to you*

Yes, regularly	
Occasionally	
No	
I don't know enough about it	

20. Do you require help with transport to nearby towns, to rail/ bus links, to doctors, or to shops? *Please circle yes or no as it applies to you* **Yes** **No**

21. Would you be prepared to provide transport for others? *Please circle yes or no as it applies to you* **Yes** **No**

Communication

Please use a scale of 1 to 4 to answer the following statements about communication.
(Please leave blank if you don't know or do not have an opinion on this matter).

1 – I strongly disagree

3 – I agree

2 – I disagree

4 – I strongly agree

22. I am informed about what's going on in the village from the following sources:

Word of mouth	
Quarterly Pen Paper	
Website	
Notice boards	
Emails	
Local papers	

Please circle yes or no to answer these questions

23. I use the internet/ emails regularly **Yes** **No**

24. I am satisfied with my current broadband speed **Yes** **No**

25. If training in the use of Internet and emails were provided **Yes** **No**
would you attend?

26. If a computer providing access to Internet was provided **Yes** **No**
in the Village Hall would you use it?

Other issues

27. Are there any other issues about the future of our village that you would like raised in the plan?

28. What do you like most about the village?

29. What would you most like to change about the village if you could?

About you

Answering these questions will help us analyse the data, but if you prefer leave this section blank. If you are completing this questionnaire as an **individual**, which is the preference of the Steering group, please complete it for yourself.

If, however, you are completing the questionnaire for a **household**, please complete it for each person in the household using a different mark (tick, cross, ☺ or whatever) for each member of the household.

30. Age range	
5 – 15 years	
16 – 24 years	
25 – 44 years	
45 – 64 years	
65 – 74 years	
75 + years	

31. Sex	
Male	
Female	

32. How long have you lived in the parish of Pen Selwood?

More than 50 years	
More than 25 years	
More than 10 years	
More than 5 years	
5 years or less	

33. Are you in paid employment? <i>Tick one</i>	
Full time	
Part time	
Unemployed	
Retired	

34. If you are in paid employment, do you generally work from home or elsewhere? <i>Tick one</i>	
Work at home	
Elsewhere	

If you have offered help in Questions 9, 12 15, or 21 then we'll need your name. If you have concerns about anonymity then please indicate clearly what you are willing to volunteer for on a separate sheet of paper or by email to ourpenselwood@gmail.com

Name: (if volunteering):

Tick which you are volunteering for

Q.9 Social activity	
Q.12 Practical help	
Q.15 Support carer	
Q.21 Transport	

What happens next ...

The questionnaires will be analysed and the preliminary findings explained at a meeting in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 27th June 2012** at 7:30pm and then published. When we present the preliminary findings we will also be asking people to volunteer to join a working group to explore the issues which apply to most people. The task of the working group will be to analyse options and offer recommended actions, and their funding consequences, that the community can take to resolve them. It is expected that the majority of issues will be handled by the community, but will also give a consolidated voice to the planners.

If you know now which group you would like to work with tick here:

Housing & Development	
Heritage and Environment	
Village Services	
Transport	
Communication	

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

Your views are important to ensure we have a concerted voice.

It will enable us to:

- fully inform the Parish Council of the community priorities.
- help planners understand what we consider to be our local needs and distinctiveness.
- bring us together as a community with a vision for the future.