

Completing the evidence base

In the last issue of the newsletter the Parish profile reports commissioned from Community Action Suffolk were mentioned. These are now available to download. Go to

www.woolpit.org/WNP/reports.html

We also intend to commission a Landscape Sensitivity Study. This is an analysis of the impacts development would have on different areas of land around the village. The specification has already been prepared, and it will go out to tender as soon as a grant can be obtained to fund the study.

Launching the Questionnaire

The community Questionnaire is the last brick in the evidence base. We have applied for a grant to cover printing costs and an online version. Plans for the launch event on 20 May are well advanced.

Although it won't be possible to distribute the Questionnaire at the launch event, the questions will be on display. Our team of helpers will be available to discuss the questionnaire and answer questions.

We also hope to display photographs of key views around the parish. These have been taken by a professional photographer, and we invite your comments. What views do you most value in Woolpit? Which ones should be protected?

The Questionnaire booklet will be distributed to every household, and for those who find it more convenient, there will be an online version. If members of a household prefer to complete the questionnaire individually, extra paper copies can be requested; or, once again, individuals can respond separately online.

A new 'critical friend'

Mid Suffolk District Council have appointed a new 'critical friend', Ian Poole, to advise and assist the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. He has already attended two meetings; his contributions have been invaluable, particularly in the more technical areas.



QUESTIONNAIRE LAUNCH

**Saturday 20 May, in the Village Hall
11 am - 3 pm**

Please pop in if you can

Housing proposals and planning applications

A concern has been raised that the Neighbourhood Plan should not be involved in sending out information about housing developments in Woolpit. It was felt by some that continuing to do so might compromise impartiality.

In order to meet this concern, while ensuring that the community is kept up to date with the latest information about housing proposals, a new group has been formed: the Woolpit Village Conservation Group. It will maintain its own mailing list, and have its own webpages on the village website.

The Neighbourhood Plan will therefore provide no further updates about planning proposals and applications, in this newsletter, on its webpages, or by email.