



**Finchampstead Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan
Vision and Objectives Consultation Questionnaire
October 2019**

OUR DRAFT VISION FOR FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH

In 2035 families living in the distinct communities that make up Finchampstead Parish will be able to enjoy the benefits of life in a pleasant, well-serviced semi-rural environment.

They will live in vibrant and thriving neighbourhoods with a good range of housing, shops, schools and community services. They, and the many visitors who come from outside the Parish, will continue to be able to enjoy excellent leisure and recreational activities offered by our local countryside. We will have ensured that new development complements and protects the identity of our distinct neighbourhoods and protects our countryside assets and the essential semi-rural quality of life in the Parish.

Our vision is to embrace the need for change and to meet the expanding needs of a growing population whilst protecting those important things that have attracted generations of people to choose Finchampstead as a place to live and raise their families.

Q1: Do you agree with this Vision?

YES

NO

If no, why?

Objective A: Distinct settlements in a countryside setting

We will ensure that the identity of the distinct settlements that make up Finchampstead Parish will be protected so residents will be able to continue to enjoy life in a pleasant, well-serviced semi-rural environment.

Q2: Do you agree with Objective A?

YES

NO

If no, why?

Potential Planning Policy areas: Finchampstead Neighbourhood Plan could...

1. Identify critical 'gap' green spaces which separate distinct settlements and protect these gaps to prevent communities becoming merged together.
2. Identify distinct settlements.



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Q3: When asked 'where do you live', how do you answer?

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|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Finchampstead | <input type="checkbox"/> | Finchampstead Village | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wokingham | <input type="checkbox"/> | California Cross | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Crowthorne | <input type="checkbox"/> | Barkham | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Arborfield | <input type="checkbox"/> | Somewhere else..... | |

Q4: Which of the following are most important in making Finchampstead an attractive place to live? (Choose up to 3).

1. Proximity of green spaces and countryside
2. Quality of housing
3. Transport links
4. Access to shops / town centres
5. Quality of local schools
6. Leisure and recreational facilities
7. Work opportunities
8. Community identity and cohesion
9. Safety and security
10. Other, please specify.....

Q5: In your opinion what is the single most important thing that needs to be better to improve the quality of life in Finchampstead?

There has recently been positive information regarding the Planning Inspector's refusal to allow building development in the Sand Martins green space. Wokingham Borough Council define the function of such a gap as 'to provide for the physical and visual separation of settlements and to prevent the coalescence of settlements.' It is this sort of gap that our Neighbourhood Plan could identify and help to preserve.

Q6: Are there other key local green spaces between communities or settlement areas which you would wish to preserve?

YES
NO

If yes, please describe / identify these areas.

Objective B: Appropriate housing development in appropriate locations

Housing development to meet the needs of a growing population will be accommodated in appropriate locations which do not encroach on the overall vision of a semi-rural environment with green spaces between distinct settlements.

Finchampstead will offer an attractive home for all age groups, but we recognise that housing for retired people, young families and first-time buyers may need to be prioritised so as to maintain a vibrant community of both younger and older residents.

Q7: Do you agree with Objective B?

YES If no, why?
NO

Potential Planning Policy areas: Finchampstead Neighbourhood Plan could...

1. Have a policy to support small scale infilling and back land development within existing residential housing areas.
2. Prioritise higher density housing.
3. Identify areas for potential development which are consistent with our vision and objectives.
4. Have a policy on the type of houses that would be consistent with the character of our semi-rural environment.

Q8: In terms of priority, whose housing needs should we be seeking to promote in the Neighbourhood Plan?

- 1. Young Families/ starter homes
- 2. Established Families
- 3. Single people
- 4. Retired people
- 5. Elderly care
- 6. Social housing

Q9: Are there any locations that you think would be suitable for new houses?

- 1. Brownfield sites (previously developed land)
- 2. Infilling (amongst existing houses)
- 3. Greenfield sites adjacent to existing development
- 4. Other.....

Q10: Would you support low-rise (up to three storeys) housing to meet the need for affordable housing in the parish in appropriate locations?

- YES
- NO

Objective C: Promoting the use of green spaces and network of footpaths.

We will promote the use of our green areas and our network of footpaths to provide attractive visitor locations and leisure facilities. We will aim to offer recreational spaces where local people and visitors can enjoy and appreciate the countryside. Specifically, the ‘Crown Jewels’ of the Parish such as Simons Wood, The Ridges, Blackwater Valley, California Country Park and others will continue to be protected for future generations to enjoy.

Q11: Do you agree with Objective C?

- YES
 - NO
- If no, why?



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Potential Planning Policy areas: Finchampstead Neighbourhood Plan could...

1. Designate local green spaces which are highly valued by the local community.
2. Designate locations and attractions of great importance historically, environmentally, socially or culturally.
3. Identify areas or facilities of importance in terms of community amenity such as play areas, allotments, footpaths, etc.

Q12: Using a scale 1 (low) to 6 (high), how important are the following to the quality of life in Finchampstead?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. The Ridges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. California Country Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Simons Wood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Moor Green Lakes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Views/walks around St James Church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Views/walks from Wick Hill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Views/walks Finchampstead War Memorial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are there other places/ green spaces of great value which you would add to this list?
Please specify.

Q13: How frequently do you currently use the following:

	Weekly	Monthly	Sometimes	Never
1. Finch Park/Memorial Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. FBC Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. California Ratepayers Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Waverley Playing Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Other.....				

Objective D: Managing car usage and promoting alternatives

We recognise that Finchampstead will be impacted by current plans for the transport infrastructure, and we will aim, where possible, to confine any traffic growth to the planned/recognised arteries through the Parish. We will aim to reduce car usage locally through better opportunities for other types of travel such as cycle paths and a bike friendly environment, greenways and better public transport where possible.

Q14: Do you agree with Objective D?

YES If no, why?
NO

Potential Planning Policy areas: Finchampstead Neighbourhood Plan could...

1. Identify areas where paths/bridleways/cycle paths/roads need upgrading.
2. Have a policy to ensure that any new development likely to have a significant impact on traffic density is required to provide other travel options.

Q15: How frequently do you use the following:

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never
1. Car/van	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Cycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Bus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Train	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Motorcycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q16: Does Finchampstead need more cycle paths?

YES If yes, where?
NO

Q17: Does Finchampstead need more walking paths?

YES If yes, where?
NO

Q18: Does Finchampstead need more public transport?

YES If yes, where?
NO



Objective E: Planned economic regeneration.

We will welcome and encourage planned economic regeneration including a range of commercial enterprise, light industry, small local retailing and workspace for small modern businesses. This will aim to encourage a growing population of home workers and business start-ups. We will be able to offer more small-scale opportunities for local employment near home.

Q19: Do you agree with Objective E?

YES If no, why?
NO

Potential Planning Policy areas: Finchampstead Neighbourhood Plan could...

1. Support an extension of employment and enterprise in existing locations.
2. Incorporate a policy to support home-working, including fast broadband connectivity.
3. Identify new areas for potential new light industry and commerce.

Q20: Would Finchampstead benefit from offering more local employment opportunities?

YES If no, why?
NO

Q21: If yes, what sort of businesses should we encourage in Finchampstead? (tick boxes you feel would be appropriate)

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Small local retail | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Light industry | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Office-based enterprise | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Small business start-ups | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. High-tech | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Artisan crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Serviced offices for home workers | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Services, e.g. car repair | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Other..... | |

Q22: Where would you like to see such new business located?

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|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Only in existing business estates | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Utilising appropriate unused locations, e.g. barns, brownfield | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Business parks | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Other suggestions | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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Further Comments

Q23: Do you have further comments or feedback about the Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan?

To enable us to analyse the data we get from this survey, and to see what people of different age groups think across different parts of the parish, we request that you input your postcode in the box below and advise us of your age group. This is entirely optional.

Your Postcode:

Age group - Please tick one:

Under 20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	Over 80

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

All responses will be kept confidential and we will not share your information with anyone else in an identifiable way. Aggregated, analysed data will be used to inform the development of the Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan. Your contribution helps us to establish our plan as a significant shaper for the future of our community.

