

Radwinter Village, Essex Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire



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Why have a Neighbourhood Plan?

1. The Neighbourhood Area of Radwinter (corresponding to the Parish) was designated by Uttlesford in 2019 and now **for the very first time you have an opportunity to have a real say** in how our local area should develop.
2. As part of the Uttlesford Local Plan, decisions will be made about future development. **Our Neighbourhood Area will be expected to contribute its 'fair share'** of the housing and other needs identified for the district.
3. The **Neighbourhood Plan will plan for housing, employment, recreation and a range of community uses**. Further policies will deal with the environment, heritage and protection of wildlife areas.
4. What is appropriate for the wider Uttlesford District is not necessarily appropriate for the setting of our rural area, its communities and its economy. It is therefore **very important for us to have a Neighbourhood Plan that sets policies** that are appropriate for our small settlements and their rural context.
5. We need a **Neighbourhood Plan to control the way that development happens** and to ensure that it **respects the character of the Parish**, is beneficial to the community and makes a positive contribution to the local economy. This is essential if our community is to thrive, but these matters will not receive the necessary level of attention in the Local Plan, which will be more strategic in its focus.
6. Our **Plan can set policies** for where new houses are built, for the size of developments and the design of dwellings. This will help **to ensure that houses are built in the places where the community feels they will be most beneficial**. It will enable us to control the appearance of new developments and ensure that they respect and blend in with the rural character of what already exists.
7. A **Neighbourhood Plan will enable us to identify and plan for the facilities and services that are needed** by our growing and changing population. We need to identify our needs in terms of local shops, recreation, sport, leisure, facilities for local businesses, transport, road safety, and our rural environment and heritage.
8. The **Neighbourhood Plan must be approved in a Neighbourhood Referendum**. If it receives approval it will be adopted by the local authority and become part of the Local Plan. **It will have legal standing** and planning officers will have to refer to the Neighbourhood Plan's policies when deciding planning applications.

Why a Questionnaire?

9. The success of the Neighbourhood Plan will depend on the participation of the community. This Questionnaire is the start of the process, with participants helping to identify issues facing the Neighbourhood Area.
10. This questionnaire is designed to elicit your opinions on some of the important issues that must be considered as we plan for the development of our Neighbourhood Area. By identifying needs and planning to meet them we can plan for a healthy, vibrant local community and economy; and we can plan for growth and change that do not conflict with the rural environment and landscape that we all love and that are the reason why so many of us came to live here.

How to complete and return your Questionnaire

11. We hope that every resident aged 18 and over (we are making separate arrangements for those under 18) will complete a Questionnaire. You can complete it either on this paper copy or online at: www.radwinter.net/neighbourhoodplan. Additional paper copies can be obtained from the Post Office if needed.
12. Please complete and return your Questionnaire by **15th May 2020**.
13. When completed, you can post or drop your questionnaire at the **Radwinter Post Office** or email a copy to **radwinter.plan@gmail.com**.

THE QUESTIONS

Please provide answers to the questions provided below as accurately and succinctly as possible.

Question 1:

How old are you?

- 0-9
 - 10-19
 - 20-29
 - 30-39
 - 40-49
 - 50-59
 - 60-69
 - 70-79
 - 80+
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Question 2:

What is your ethnic group? Please choose one option that best describes your ethnic group or background.

- White
 - Mixed / Multiple ethnic groups
 - Asian / Asian British
 - African
 - Caribbean or Black
 - Arab
 - Other ethnic group
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Question 3:

In a short sentence, please describe what Radwinter Village means to you?

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Question 4:

Do you think that the Parish area has improved or got worse over the last three years?

- The area has got better
- The area has got worse
- The area has not changed much
- Don't know

If yes, in what way? If no, in what way?

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Question 5:

Does any member of your household want or need to move out of the property in the next 5 years to relocate within the Parish?

- Yes
- No

Question 6:

If you answered yes; what type of household member(s) will want or need to move out?

- A single adult
- An adult couple
- A family with children
- A single older person
- An older couple
- Other (please specify)

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Question 7:

If the answer above is yes, why is the current property unsuitable for the household member(s) moving?

Please select all that apply.

- Too big
- Too small
- Too expensive
- Too difficult/costly to maintain
- Unsuitable for health / mobility requirements
- Want / need to live independently
- Want / need to move for work reasons
- Want / need to move to be closer to family
- Other reasons (please specify)

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Question 8:

What type of property would be most suitable for the household member(s) planning or needing to move?

- House
- Bungalow
- Flat/apartment
- Sheltered/retirement housing
- Extra care housing
- Other (please specify)

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Question 9:

Looking forward 10 years, what kind of place would you like Radwinter to become?

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Question 10:

What do you think the neighbourhood plan should do to ensure homes are more affordable?

Please tick up to three options only.

Allocate land for more:

- Social rented homes
 - Starter homes
 - Co-housing or co-op schemes
 - Shared equity homes
 - Self-build homes
 - None of the above
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Question 11:

Should the Neighbourhood Plan allocate land for any of the following business use?

- Factory
 - Manufacturing units
 - Shops and retail
 - Food and restaurants
 - Starter units
 - Light industrial units
 - Tourism businesses (hotels, camping etc.)
 - Offices
 - Don't know
 - Other (specify)
 - None of the above
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Question 12:

To what extent do you agree with the statement:

‘The streets and public spaces in the area offer a safe environment?’

- Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
 - Don't know
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Question 13:

Do you think road safety for pedestrians and cyclists is a problem in Radwinter?

- Agree
 - Disagree
 - Don't know
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Question 14:

What should be done to help improve road safety?

Please tell us below:

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Question 15:

To what extent do you think traffic congestion is a problem in Radwinter?

- A serious problem
 - Not a serious problem
 - Not a problem at all
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Question 16:

What should be done to help improve traffic congestion?

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Question 17:

How satisfied are you with the publicly accessible green spaces in the Radwinter area?

- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied

Question 18:

Generally, how satisfied are you with the local services and amenities in your local area?

- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied

Question 19:

In your opinion, for which of the following types of community facility do you think there is the greatest need for in the neighbourhood plan area (please rank your choice from 1-6 in order of priority, 1 being the facility for which there is the greatest need.

- Community centres
- Places of worship
- Sports facilities
- GP surgeries
- Schools
- Open spaces
- Other (please state)

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Question 20:

How important is protecting the environment and enhancing the biodiversity of the Radwinter Neighbourhood Plan Area?

- Urgent
- Very Important
- Important
- Not Important

Please explain your answer and provide any suggestions or initiatives that you are currently involved with or would like to take place in Radwinter:

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Question 21:

Would you like further areas protected for wildlife, biodiversity, the natural landscape or any other environmental (including historical) reason?

- Yes
- No

Please explain your answer and provide any suggestions:

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Question 22:

How important is protecting the Radwinter and North Essex traditional design when building or restoring new homes:

- Very Important
- Important
- Neutral
- Not Important

Please explained your reasons:

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Question 23:

How do you consider the Neighbourhood Plan could help manage the community's impact on climate change?

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Question 24:

Please tell us anything else about Radwinter Parish that you would like the Neighbourhood Plan to consider?

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