



## **NORTH WEALD BASSETT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**YOUR VOICE. YOUR PLAN. OUR FUTURE.**

**Remember we asked for your  
views? Are they still the same?**

**North Weald Village, Thornwood and  
Hastingwood Residents**

# **It's time to update us!**

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Many of you will recall in 2019 you told us how you felt about the village in which you live, setting out what was important to you and your concerns.

It's been some time, so we want to check you still feel the same. Please complete this short questionnaire, so your priorities can be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Our Neighbourhood Plan will give **local residents** the power to influence the development and growth of our area, setting policies which will help both protect and improve the three individual villages that make up the Parish.

## Our Vision

***"The settlements within North Weald Bassett parish will continue to be unique in nature, having their own personal identity, being great places to live with easy access to enjoy the open countryside.***

***Future development will integrate into each settlements unique character and housing design, with improved sustainable transport links to neighbouring villages and towns and enhancing each areas individual sense of community."***



# THE QUESTIONNAIRE

We've summarised what you told us, and want to know if you still feel the same.

## What you said you liked about the village in which you live

It's friendly

Ruralness & countryside

Village feel

Peace & quiet

Shops & pubs

Do you still feel the same?

Yes

No

Comments:

## What you said you didn't like about the village in which you live

### Traffic

The most frequently occurring response. Over 51% of you raised concerns over the increase in volume of traffic, speed of vehicles, lack of traffic calming measures, and how new development will exacerbate these problems.

### Crime & anti-social behaviour

19% of you are unhappy about the lack of police presence, anti-social behaviour (particularly young people riding bikes in the road and on common land), and an increase in crime locally.

### Public transport

15% of residents are unhappy about the lack of public transport, the frequency of buses, and no train link to Epping train station.

### Shops & pubs

14% of you commented on the lack of choice of local shops and pubs, and having no ATM facilities.

Other issues identified include concerns about new development and housing, lack of medical facilities, nothing for the young to do, and the loss of the countryside.

Do you still feel the same?

Yes

No

Comments:



## What the under 16s thought

**40%** of the under 16s who responded like the open and green spaces in their village, having space to play and walk/cycle. They also like having parks and playgrounds (although the playgrounds could be bigger and better!)

**25%** mentioned they would like to see more sporting activities, suggesting a swimming pool, skate park, gym, football facilities, and sports/leisure centre.

Concerns over being able to safely cross the road and the speed of the traffic were also frequently mentioned, as well as better public transport links.

**Do you still feel the same?**

Yes

No

Comments (specifically for those under 16 to respond):

## The biggest transport problems experienced by residents



**Do you still feel the same?**

Yes

No

Comments:

## Update us on how many cars your household has

0

1

2

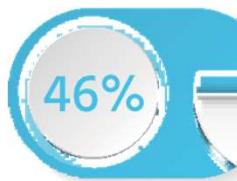
3 or more



## The new transport methods you said you would like to see



**Links to Epping via the Epping Ongar Railway**  
(67% of those who responded)



**More frequent and improved bus services**  
(46% of those who responded)



**Cycling paths from North Weald or Thornwood into Epping**  
(43% of those who responded)



**Accessible travel for the less able**  
(28% of those who responded)

Do you still feel the same?

Yes

No

Comments:

## Your biggest worries about new development



**Increase in crime & antisocial behaviour**  
81%

**Impact on healthcare facilities**  
80%

**Loss of community village feel**  
78%

**Loss of open accessible countryside**  
78%

Other concerns include lack of parking in the village, insufficient leisure facilities, and loss of green spaces between existing houses.

Many people are concerned that with a large increase in housing development, there will be an even greater pressure on existing services, especially healthcare/medical services.

about new development

Do you still feel the same?

Yes

No

Comments:



## The important things to consider when designing new homes

Sufficient off road parking outside each home

Impact on crime and anti-social behaviour

Homes should be set back from roads

Respecting the character of the area

Landscaping to soften the borders between old and new development

Access to open green space

Do you still feel the same?

Yes

No

Comments:

## Tell us which of these leisure facilities you use: (Please tick all that apply)

Nearby Swimming Pool

Local Clubs (Scouts, Fitness, Karate, Dance, etc)

Golf, Fishing, Bowls, Football, Cricket

North Weald Airfield

Open / Green Spaces

North Weald Library

Nearby Sport Centre

Local Village Hall

Comments:



## This is how you felt about North Weald Airfield



North Weald Airfield is a valued Community Asset

The Grade II listed Control Tower should be retained and used for local community or public use

The continued use and enhancement of North Weald Airfield for aviation, flying and all related activities will be supported. Recreational aviation will be encouraged

New commercial buildings must not be of a size that detrimentally affects the current or future aviation operation of the airfield

Proposals for new employment uses on the Airfield should be designed to ensure HGV access is from Rayley Lane / Merlin Way to the north eastern side of the Airfield

Do you still feel the same?

Yes

No

Comments:

## Do you agree / disagree with the following statements

	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Public parking is an issue in North Weald	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of pavements is an issue in Hastingwood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thornwood would benefit from the provision of improved community facilities and a hub	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Transport provision should be improved through all three villages in the Parish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

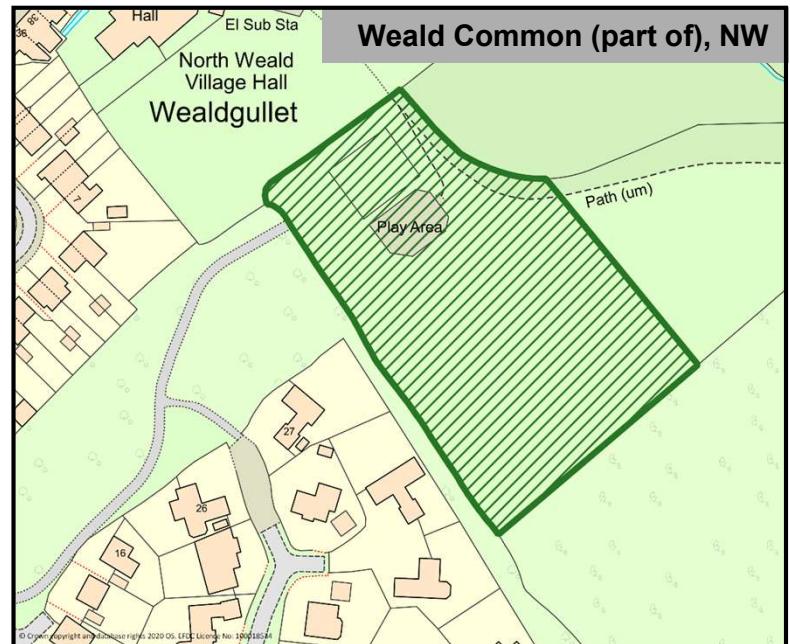


## These are your most valued open green spaces

### Village Greens, Wheelers Farm Gardens, NW



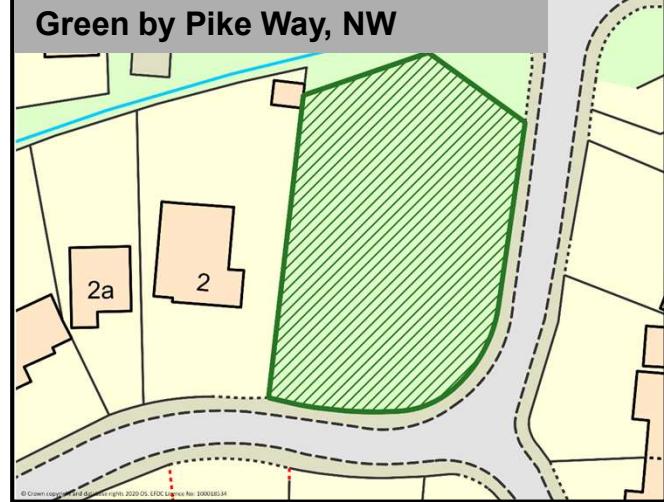
### Weald Common (part of), NW



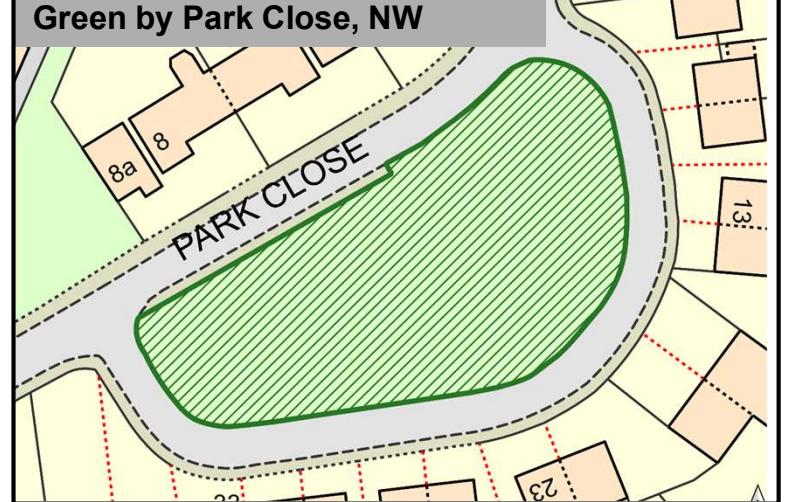
### Green in front of York Road, NW

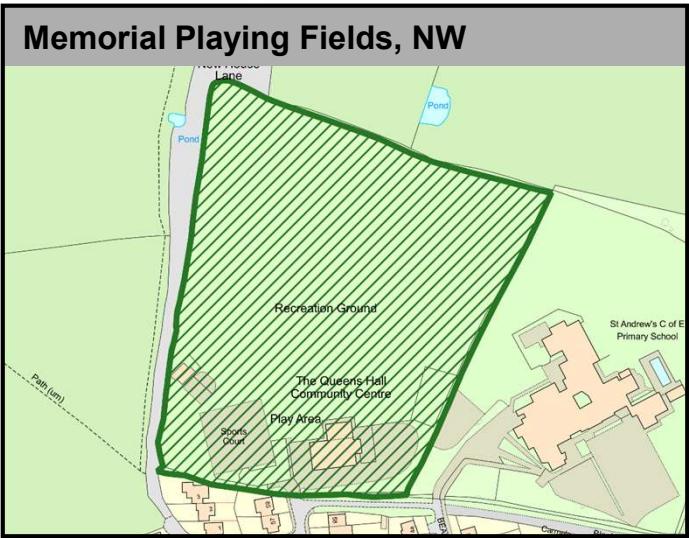
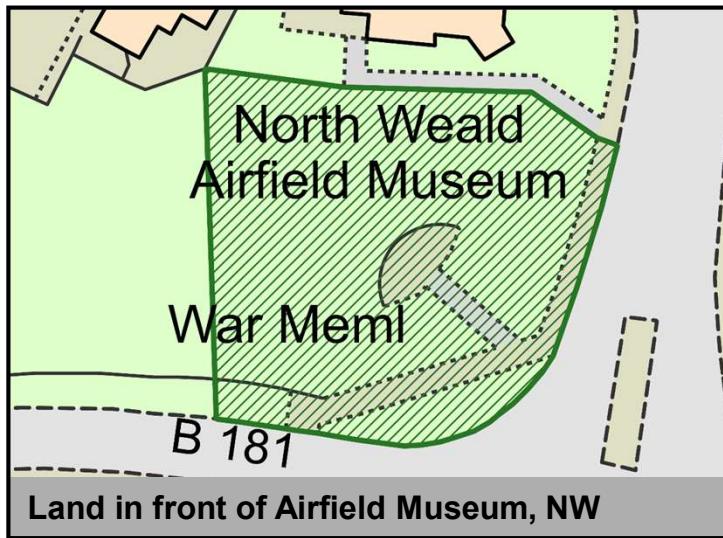


### Green by Pike Way, NW



### Green by Park Close, NW





Some of the other valued green spaces already have a degree of protection, such as Thornwood Common, Church Lane Flood Meadow, North Weald Nature Reserve, Thornwood Nature Reserve, parts of Harlow Common, and as such they have not been included here, but nonetheless remain valued green spaces.

### Are these spaces still important to you, and if so, why?

	Important	Not Important
Village Greens, Wheelers Farm Gardens, NW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weald Common (part of), NW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green in front of York Road, NW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green by Pike Way, NW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green by Park Close, NW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land in front of Airfield Museum, NW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Memorial Playing Fields, NW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tell us why, or let us know if there is another area which is special and needs protecting:



**Please tell us which village you live in:**

North Weald Village     Thornwood     Hastingwood

**Are you completing this questionnaire on behalf of your family?**

Yes - if so, on behalf of how many people? \_\_\_\_\_

No

**Is there anything else you want to tell us?**

Please use this box to tell us about any other local issues that a Neighbourhood Plan may be able to influence. Feel free to continue on a separate sheet if necessary



If you want to be kept informed on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan, please give us your email address

## What's next?



We will review your responses and include them in our evidence base used to create a Draft Neighbourhood Plan.



We hope to publish the Draft Neighbourhood Plan for you to comment on before the summer.

If you want to find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan, visit [www.northweald-pc.gov.uk](http://www.northweald-pc.gov.uk)

**THANK YOU  
FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS  
QUESTIONNAIRE**

**TURN OVER FOR DETAILS OF HOW TO  
RETURN IT**



## Completing your questionnaire:

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Text: Text 07572 507591 saying the questionnaire is 'READY FOR COLLECTION', giving us your address.



Or drop it into the letter box outside the Queens Hall Community Centre, North Weald, or Thornwood Common Parish Hall, Thornwood

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