

NEWBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN SURVEY

Please help us shape the future of Newbury

We're creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Newbury.

A Neighbourhood Development Plan is a document written by the local community that sets out planning policies for the neighbourhood area. It gives communities the opportunity to influence the priorities for planning in their area and decide where and what type of development should happen.

This survey is an opportunity for you to share your views and help shape the future of Newbury. The results will be used to help guide and finalise the vision and objectives for the Neighbourhood Development Plan, which have been drafted by the NDP Steering Group, a group created to progress the NDP. We'll also be consulting the public at other key stages as the NDP progresses.

A summary of responses will be made public. Personal information will be removed from all published material and original forms destroyed in accordance with GDPR requirements, once data has been collated and anonymised.

If you have any questions, please get in touch at NDP@newbury.gov.uk

The survey closes on 30 November 2022.

Thank you for your time.

SECTION 1: ABOUT NEWBURY

1.1 What do you like about living in Newbury? (Please select all that apply)

Access to major travel routes	
Close to family / friends	
Easy access to countryside	
Parks and other green spaces	
Friendly atmosphere	
The neighbourhood I live in	
Canal and river	
Historic buildings	
Independent shops	
Pubs and restaurants	
Schools and College	
Sports facilities e.g. playing fields, gyms	
Arts and culture, including cinema	
Car parking in town centre	
Public transport to town centre	
Public transport to surrounding towns and villages	
Easy to walk/cycle around	
The Market that takes place on Thursday and Saturday each week (Charter Market)	

1.2 Other likes about Newbury

1.3 What would you like to see improved in Newbury? (Please select all that apply)

Car parking in town centre	
Public transport to town centre	
Public transport to surrounding towns and villages	
Traffic in the town centre	
Variety of shops	
Number of local/independent shops	
Inappropriate development (housing & retail)	
Leisure facilities	
Leisure facilities for young people	
Cultural facilities (theatres, cinemas etc.)	
Play areas for children	
High-quality office space / co-working space	
Walkability/Cyclability of the town	
Green spaces	

1.4 Other areas of improvement for Newbury

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1.5 Do you have any other comments about living in Newbury?

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SECTION 2: TRANSPORT & ACCESS

2.1 Are you interested in transport & access issues in Newbury?

Yes	
No	

2.2 Are there any routes that could be improved (walking, cycling, driving, etc)?

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2.3 Are there any transport and access facilities that could be improved?

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2.4 Are there additional services that would improve travelling in and around Newbury?

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2.5 Do you have any other comments about walking, cycling, driving, or public transport in Newbury?

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SECTION 3: COMMUNITY FACILITIES

3.1 Are you interested in community facilities in Newbury?

Yes	
No	

Thinking about community facilities in Newbury, to what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

3.2 There is a need for more GP surgeries.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

3.3 There is a need for more NHS dentists.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

3.4 Young people need more to do in Newbury town centre and surrounding areas.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

3.5 Newbury needs more skate parks.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

3.6 There is a need for more leisure and cultural facilities in Newbury town centre for people of all ages.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

3.7 The Wharf car park should become an open space for public events.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

3.8 The Market Place should be a main centre of interest and activity in Newbury.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

3.9 Are there community facilities that should be protected (i.e. not demolished or allowed to get into a bad state of repair)?

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3.10 Are there community facilities that people should be encouraged to use more?

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3.11 Do you have any other comments about community facilities in Newbury?

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Thinking about gyms and sporting facilities in Newbury, to what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

3.12 Newbury needs more gyms.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

3.13 Newbury needs more football pitches.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

3.14 Newbury's main football ground needs to be in the town centre.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

3.15 Newbury needs more hockey facilities.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

3.16 Newbury needs more indoor facilities for sports like netball, basketball, badminton, squash, 5-a-side football, snooker, gymnastics etc.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

3.17 Newbury needs more tennis courts.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

3.18 Newbury needs more basketball facilities.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

3.19 Newbury needs more indoor and outdoor bowls facilities.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

3.20 Does Newbury have enough Rugby facilities?

Yes	
No	

3.21 Other Rugby facilities

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3.22 Does Newbury have enough Cricket facilities?

Yes	
No	

3.23 Other Cricket facilities

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3.24 Are there any other sports you would like to play or see better provision of in Newbury or have any further comments about sports facilities in Newbury?

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SECTION 4: HERITAGE & DESIGN

4.1 Are you interested in heritage & design issues in Newbury?

Yes	
No	

4.2 What type of homes (if any) should be built in **Newbury's Town Centre** in the future? Please select your top 3

Detached	
Semi-detached	
Terraced	
Bungalow	
Flats / maisonettes	
First homes (a new type of affordable housing aimed at first time buyers)	
Self-build	
Affordable housing (normally a property provided at least 20% below market value or where the rent is set in accordance with the Government)	
Socially rented (provided by Local Councils or housing associations)	
Shared ownership (part ownership part rent)	
Retirement properties / housing for the elderly	
No further housing is needed	

4.3 What type of homes (if any) should be built in **Newbury's suburbs** in the future? Please select your top 3

Detached	
Semi-detached	
Terraced	
Bungalow	
Flats / maisonettes	
First homes (a new type of affordable housing aimed at first time buyers)	
Self-build	
Affordable housing (normally a property provided at least 20% below market value or where the rent is set in accordance with the Government)	
Socially rented (provided by Local Councils or housing associations)	
Shared ownership (part ownership part rent)	
Retirement properties / housing for the elderly	
No further housing is needed	

4.4 Thinking about the design of new housing in Newbury, which of the following would you prefer it to be? Please select all that apply

One-off exceptional design	
Innovative, eco-friendly design	
Traditional building style	
Contemporary design	

4.5 Other

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Thinking about development in Newbury, to what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

4.6 New development should be in keeping with the scale and height of the surrounding buildings.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

4.7 New development should use good, contemporary design and be in keeping with the character and materials of surrounding buildings.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

4.8 New development should meet the highest sustainability standards.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

4.9 New development should aim to measurably improve the environment and biodiversity.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

4.10 Maintenance of open space / play areas within new housing developments should be the responsibility of the local authority rather than private companies.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Thinking about the heritage of Newbury, to what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

4.11 Historic buildings should be identified and preserved.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

4.12 Historic buildings should be used in a variety of ways so that people can enjoy them.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

4.13 New buildings in the town centre should use design, materials and detailing in keeping with Newbury's heritage.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

4.14 Are there any views within, into, or out of Newbury that should be protected and preserved?

4.15 Are there any open green spaces in Newbury that should be protected and preserved?

4.16 Are there any properties, open areas, or green spaces in Newbury that can be identified for their Heritage value and need to be protected?

4.17 Are there buildings or sites in Newbury that, in your opinion, are a detriment to the town?

4.18 Do you have any other comments about heritage and design in Newbury?

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SECTION 5: SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE

5.1 Are you interested in sustainability & climate change issues in Newbury?

Yes	
No	

Thinking about buildings in Newbury, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

5.2 Vacant buildings should be re-used and re-fitted wherever possible, to minimise new building and demolition.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

5.3 Developers should seek to deliver the best standards of development possible, with additional measure like broadband, EV charging facilities etc.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

5.4 Buildings should be highly insulated where possible.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

5.5 Renewable energy from sunlight, wind, rain etc. should be used to power new buildings and developments where possible.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

5.6 All new buildings and developments should be Zero Net Energy (ZNE). A ZNE building is one where the amount of energy it uses each year is the same as the amount of renewable energy it creates.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

5.7 Do you think more charging points for electric cars should be provided for on-street parking and in new developments?

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

5.8 If yes, how many charging points per property in a new development should there be?

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5.9 Do you agree that the parking spaces next to EV charging points should be reserved for electric vehicles?

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

5.10 Are you concerned about the air quality in the location where you live?

Yes	
No	
No view	

5.11 Have you or any property you own or occupy in Newbury been affected by flooding?

Yes	
No	

5.12 If yes, what kind of flooding? Please select all that apply

Canal/River	
Drains/sewage	
Surface water	

5.13 Do you think the current flood risk management is sufficient in Newbury?

Yes	
No	
No view	

Flooding advice can be found on the West Berkshire Council website here:

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/flooding>

5.14 Would you be interested in becoming a Flood Warden or joining a Flood Forum, to help hold the Flood Risk Management Authorities to account?

Yes	
No	

5.15 Do you have any other comments about flooding in or around Newbury?

5.16 Do you have any other comments about sustainability and climate change in Newbury?

SECTION 6: BIODIVERSITY & WILDLIFE

6.1 Are you interested in biodiversity & wildlife issues in Newbury?

Yes	
No	

Thinking about biodiversity* and wildlife in Newbury, how important are the following to you? (Please answer all)

**Biodiversity describes the whole range of the different varieties of living things and systems on earth e.g. animal species, plant species*

6.2 Tree planting, especially to help provide protection from the sun

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

6.3 Community orchards

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

6.4 Community/public gardens

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

6.5 Parks

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

6.6 Commons

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

6.7 Kennet & Avon canal

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

6.8 River Lambourn

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

6.9 Creating wildlife corridors (including Hedgehog Highways)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

6.10 Increasing wildlife habitats (e.g. growing wild flowers, putting up bird boxes etc)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

6.11 How do you think we can increase biodiversity and wildlife in Newbury?

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6.12 The Environment Act states that any new developments should have a 10% biodiversity net gain. This means that the natural environment should be left in a better state than it was before, by at least 10%. Do you think we should aim for more than 10%?

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

6.13 Do you think new developments should include public, open green and blue (water) spaces?

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

6.14 Do you think there should be more allotments in Newbury?

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

6.15 If yes, where do you think they should be located

6.16 Do you have any other comments about biodiversity and wildlife in Newbury?

SECTION 7: ECONOMY & ENTERPRISE

7.1 Are you interested in economy & enterprise issues in Newbury?

Yes	
No	

7.2 Do you think the Market that takes place on Thursday and Saturday each week (Charter Market) is important to Newbury?

Very important	
Fairly important	
Not important	

7.3 Do you think that the conversion of office space into housing should be restricted in Newbury?

Yes	
No	

7.4 Do you use a co-working space in Newbury? Note: Co-working is an arrangement in which people from different companies or people who are self-employed or working from home, share an office space

Yes	
No	

7.5 Would you use a co-working space if they were available in your local area?

Yes	
No	

7.6 Any other comments on co-working spaces?

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7.7 Do you think new business should be encouraged in Newbury?

Yes	
No	
Don't mind	

7.8 What type of businesses would you find acceptable and unacceptable?

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7.9 Do you think that Newbury is seen as an attractive place for businesses?

Yes	
No	
Don't know	

7.10 How could we encourage businesses into Newbury?

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7.11 Do you have any other comments about the economy or business in Newbury?

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SECTION 8: ABOUT YOU

8.1 What is your postcode?

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8.2 How old are you?

0 - 9	
10 – 19	
20 – 29	
30 – 39	
40 - 49	
50 - 59	
60 - 69	
70 - 79	
80+	
Prefer not to say	

8.3 What is your ethnic group? (Please select one option that best describes your ethnic group or background)

White	
Black	
Asian	
Other	
Prefer not to say	

8.4 How would you describe where you live?

Flat	
Terraced house	
Detached house	
Maisonette	
Bungalow	
Semi-detached house	
Houseboat	
Other (please specify)	
Prefer not to say	

8.5 Other place of residence

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8.6 How would you describe your living situation?

Live on my own	
Live with a partner/spouse	
Live in a family	
Live with friends/house share	
Other (please specify)	
Prefer not to say	

8.7 Other living situation

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8.8 How far away from your home do you work or study?

Under 1 mile	
1-3 miles	
3-5 miles	
5-10 miles	
10-20 miles	
20+ miles	
Work from home	
I'm not working	
Retired	
Prefer not to say	

8.9 How do you usually travel to work or study?

Walk	
Cycle	
Bus	
Car	
Train	
Work from home	
I'm not working	
Retired	
Other	
Prefer not to say	