



Great Bowden's Neighbourhood Plan

Our Neighbourhood
Our Future

Questionnaire for 11-18 Year Olds

We need your help!

Great Bowden is in the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan. When it is finally created and approved it will be a legally-binding document which will influence decisions on future housing development, community facilities, transport, traffic and the protection of important spaces and buildings.

The basic process involves consulting the community and then, using the information gathered, preparing a Draft Plan. After that there will be a referendum in which all residents on the electoral roll (which means over 18) will have the right to vote on whether the Draft Plan should be adopted. The Plan covers the whole parish of Great Bowden, not just the village.

The consultation process began with an Open Event at the Village Hall on May 6th/7th 2016. 127 people attended the event and expressed their views on the future of the village.

A Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group is responsible for putting together the Plan on behalf of the Parish Council. We have sent out a survey to all of those eligible to vote in the referendum, but we are also keen to hear the views of young people so that our report can be as representative of possible of the whole community.

Complete it on-line @

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GreatFuture

We hope that you will take a few minutes to help us. The best way to do it is online at
Thank you for participating!

1. Some Basics About You (please mark the appropriate box)

Your Age		Years	
How long have you lived in Great Bowden?		Years	
Gender	Male ☐	Female ☐	Prefer not to say ☐
Did you attend school in Great Bowden		Yes ☐	No ☐

2. Although Great Bowden is a rural village, it is unusually close to Market Harborough where people can also access a range of facilities for study, work and leisure. In the rest of the questionnaire we will be asking you about the future of Great Bowden specifically as a parish and what you think it needs to look like in the future.

From the Open Event in May, people suggested that the items in the table below were potentially important in sustaining the feel of Great Bowden as a village. Do you agree? Can you please mark the appropriate box.

	This is very important for Great Bowden	Nice to have, but not critical	This is of relatively low importance
Separate from Market Harborough	☐	☐	☐
Feels like a rural village	☐	☐	☐
Has pubs and shops	☐	☐	☐
Has a community feel	☐	☐	☐
Has green spaces	☐	☐	☐
Has play areas for children	☐	☐	☐
Has a range of types of housing	☐	☐	☐
Has a strong sense of heritage	☐	☐	☐
Access to countryside for leisure	☐	☐	☐
Has its own Post Office	☐	☐	☐
The recreation ground for leisure/sport	☐	☐	☐
Church	☐	☐	☐
Church Hall	☐	☐	☐
Village Hall	☐	☐	☐
Community Pavilion	☐	☐	☐
Offers employment possibilities (including self-employment)	☐	☐	☐
Has local clubs and societies for all ages	☐	☐	☐

Is there something else you would have added, which describes something positive about Great Bowden as a place to live?

3. For someone of your age what are the best things about living in Great Bowden (maximum of 3)?

4. And what are the worst (maximum 3)?

5. We are interested in knowing who uses the facilities which are on offer in Great Bowden. Which of the list do you use personally? (We mean you yourself rather than your family members). Please tick all that apply.

☐	Weltons - Shop & café	☐	Bowden Stores – Grocers & General Store
☐	Weltons - Post Office / Cash Point	☐	Recreation Ground
☐	Community Pavilion	☐	Public Footpaths & Fields
☐	Church Hall	☐	Tennis Club Courts
☐	Village Hall	☐	Sustrans Cycle Route along Welham Lane
☐	St Peter & St Pauls Church	☐	Bridle Ways
☐	Bus Route 44	☐	Playground
☐	Bus Route 33	☐	Mobile Library

6. Do you attend any regular clubs or activities (including sport) in Great Bowden?	Yes ☐			No ☐	
If Yes, how many different clubs or activities?	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5+ ☐

7. Finally if one thing could be introduced in Great Bowden to make life for a young person like yourself more enjoyable what would it be?

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete our survey.