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Questionnaire







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2016-2028 CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is designed to gather local opinion on important policies relating to Hednesford that form the basis of the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Responses will be collated and taken into consideration before the draft plan is submitted to the District Council.

Your views are important, so please fill out and return this questionnaire before **Wednesday August 31 2016.** If you are completing a printed copy of this questionnaire, details of where to send it are at the end of this document.

This questionnaire relates to policies as set out in full in the draft plan. The draft Neighbourhood Plan is available to download from Hednesford Town Council's website - www.hednesford-tc.gov.uk. Full copies of the plan are also available to view at Pye Green Community Centre and Hednesford Library.



Following the completion of major new shopping developments on Rugeley Road and Victoria Street, it has been identified as important that the original town centre of Market Street should be able to benefit from an increased number of people coming to Hednesford, including rail commuters. The draft Neighbourhood Plan proposes seven policies (TC1 to TC7) to address five key issues relating to:

- Enhancing Market Street to enable it to function as a vibrant and viable centre for local shopping, financial and professional services and leisure activities.
- Developing areas of underused and unattractive land between

 Market Street and Victoria Street, to enhance the town centre and
 improve links between Market Street, the new retail developments,
 the park and Hednesford Hills. This could possibly include tourist
 accommodation to enable the town to function as a gateway to
 Cannock Chase
- Improving the public realm of Market Street, in particular the car park at the rear of the Co-op and the land between the boundary of this car park and the railway station, in order to provide an attractive gateway to the town.
- 4 Providing a larger taxi rank to serve the town and railway station.
- 5 Planning for additional car parking to cater for the growth in commuting by train.



Please refer to the draft Neighbourhood Plan to view the	Should this policy be included in		you rate the		propriate bo e of each po x only.	
full policy	the plan?	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NO OPINION
Providing flexibility to allow a wider variety of alternative uses for buildings in Market Street. See page 16 of the Draft Plan.	YES NO					
Using S106 funding to enhance the vitality and viability of businesses in Market Street. See page 16 of the Draft Plan.	YES NO					
Retaining the historic character of building frontages in Market Street and maintaining this character in any future alterations or renovations. See page 17 of the Draft Plan.	YES NO					
Developing land between Market St, Victoria St and off Cardigan Place to enhance appearance and improve pedestrian/cycle links between these streets and Hednesford Park. See page 17 of the Draft Plan.	YES NO					



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Deliver environmental improvements to land between the southbound station platform and the adjoining car park including provision of additional parking and a taxi rank. See page 19 of the Draft Plan.	YES NO					
Seek to extend the station car park situated between 6 and 30 Anglesey Street. See page 19 of the Draft Plan.	YES NO					
Redevelopment of Cannock Rd/Station Rd (427-433) and Cannock Rd (437-445) and Station Rd (5-9 and 15/17) for residential purposes. See page 19 of the Draft Plan.	YES NO					
Investigate potential for development of a retirement complex on the larger of the two sites, in conjunction with landowners See page 19 of the Draft Plan.	YES NO					



Please use this space to add any further comments about the Hednesford to centre policies:	wn
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The Cannock Chase Local Plan contains policies which protect major open spaces such as Hednesford Hills, Pye Green Valley, Hednesford Park, Anglesey Park and all existing school playing fields from development.

However there are many smaller areas of open space, mostly but not exclusively within housing estates, which are also valued by local communities and that should also be protected and, where possible, enhanced.

These are shown on maps contained in the draft plan and are listed in appendix 6 - pages 44 to 66.

Do you agree or disagree that this policy should be included in the plan? See page 20 of the draft plan. Please tick one box only.		AGREE	DIS	AGREE	
How important do you think this policy is? Please tick one box only.	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NO OPINION
In relation to the maps within this policy - are there any other areas of open space that you think should be protected?		YES		NO	
If YES please state location:					



What improvements would you like to see in these open spaces? Tick as many as you would like to see.	Tree planting YES NO Fencing YES NO Play equipment YES NO
Other (please state):	
i Please use this space to add any furth	er comments about the Open Spaces policy:



A number of buildings have been identified which are considered to be important to the character of Hednesford and which could qualify for inclusion in a list of buildings of local importance. This would not give them the statutory protection of nationally listed buildings such as The Cross Keys and the Anglesey Hotel. However it would mean that any proposals to alter or demolish them would have to take into account the impact on the character of the locality. Proposed policies BE1 and BE2 set out the aims for protecting the buildings and areas identified.

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To ensure the buildings identified are retained, any alterations respect their original character, and any changes of use are compatible with the surroundings and help secure the building for the long term. See page 27 of the Draft Plan.	YES NO					
The area of Greenheath Road, Station Road and High Mount Street should be identified as an area of special local character. See page 27 of the Draft Plan.	YES NO					



Relating to policy BE1, do you agree with the list of buildings chosen? See page 41 of the draft plan.	AGREE DISAGREE
Are there any other buildings you think are worthy of inclusion in the list?	
Are there any buildings you think shouldn't be on the list.	
Relating to policy BE2, the Greenheath Road special character area, do you agree with the boundary of the area chosen?	AGREE DISAGREE
Are there any other buildings you think are worthy of inclusion in the list?	
Are there any buildings you think shouldn't be on the list.	



Please use this space to add any further comments about the Built Environment policies:	
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The Town Council has identified two areas of local need which evidence suggests are not being met in Hednesford - that is for bungalows for the elderly and housing complexes which include social and support facilities for the elderly. So three policies are proposed to help to meet these needs.

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HD1	BUNGALOWS ON MAJOR HOUSING SITES Housing developments on sites of more than 25 units shall include a minimum of 10% bungalows for sale subject to issues relating to viability. See page 30 of the Draft Plan.	YES NO						
HD2	BUNGALOWS ON SMALL HOUSING SITES Priority will be given to building of bungalows on small infill housing sites identified in the SHLAA and on windfall sites including disused garage courts. See page 30 of the Draft Plan.	YES NO						



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RETIREMENT DEVELOPMENTS The construction of an Extra Care or market retirement complex will be supported on land identified in Policy TC7. See page 30 of the Draft Plan.	YES NO					
Do you think that either an Extra Care or market retirement complex should be built on the land at Cannock Road identified in Policy TC7?			YES	NO		
Are there any other specific types of hou think should be built in the area?	ising which you					



Please use this space to add any further comments about the Housing Development policies:	
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In relation to the modern business parks (Keys Park, Hyssop Close/Hemlock Way and Anglesey) the Town Council does not see a need for any policy in the plan. However it is proposed to support redevelopment of the other older industrial areas at Old Hednesford Rd/Chaseside Drive and Rugeley Rd/Station Rd subject to suitable environmental controls and provision of satisfactory off-street parking/servicing arrangements.

Do you agree or disagree that this policy should be included in the plan? See page 32 of the draft plan. Please tick one box only.	AGREE DISAGREE					
How important do you think this policy is?	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NO OPINION	
Please tick one box only.						
Are there any other policies relating to business parks/ industrial estates which you think should be included in the plan?						



Please use this space to add any further comments about the Industrial/Business Parks policy:		

Do you have any further comments on the contents of the draft Neighbourhood Plan for Hednesford?

Optional:

Age	8-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55+
Gender	MALE FEMALE
Employment status	EMPLOYED FULL TIME EMPLOYED PART TIME SELF-EMPLOYED UNEMPLOYED STUDENT RETIRED
Ethnicity	
Registered disabled	YES NO

Completed questionnaires (other than online) can be handed in at Pye Green Community Centre or Hednesford Library, or by post to:

> **Peter Harrison Town Council Manager/Clerk Hednesford Town Council** Pye Green Community Centre, **Bradbury Lane** Hednesford, Staffs, WS12 4EP

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