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The civil parish of St Ippolyts

Neighbourhood Plan Household Questionnaire 2016

**Please fill in this questionnaire by Wednesday 20 April
and return in the reply paid envelope.**

**Your views will help shape the Neighbourhood Plan
for our community.**

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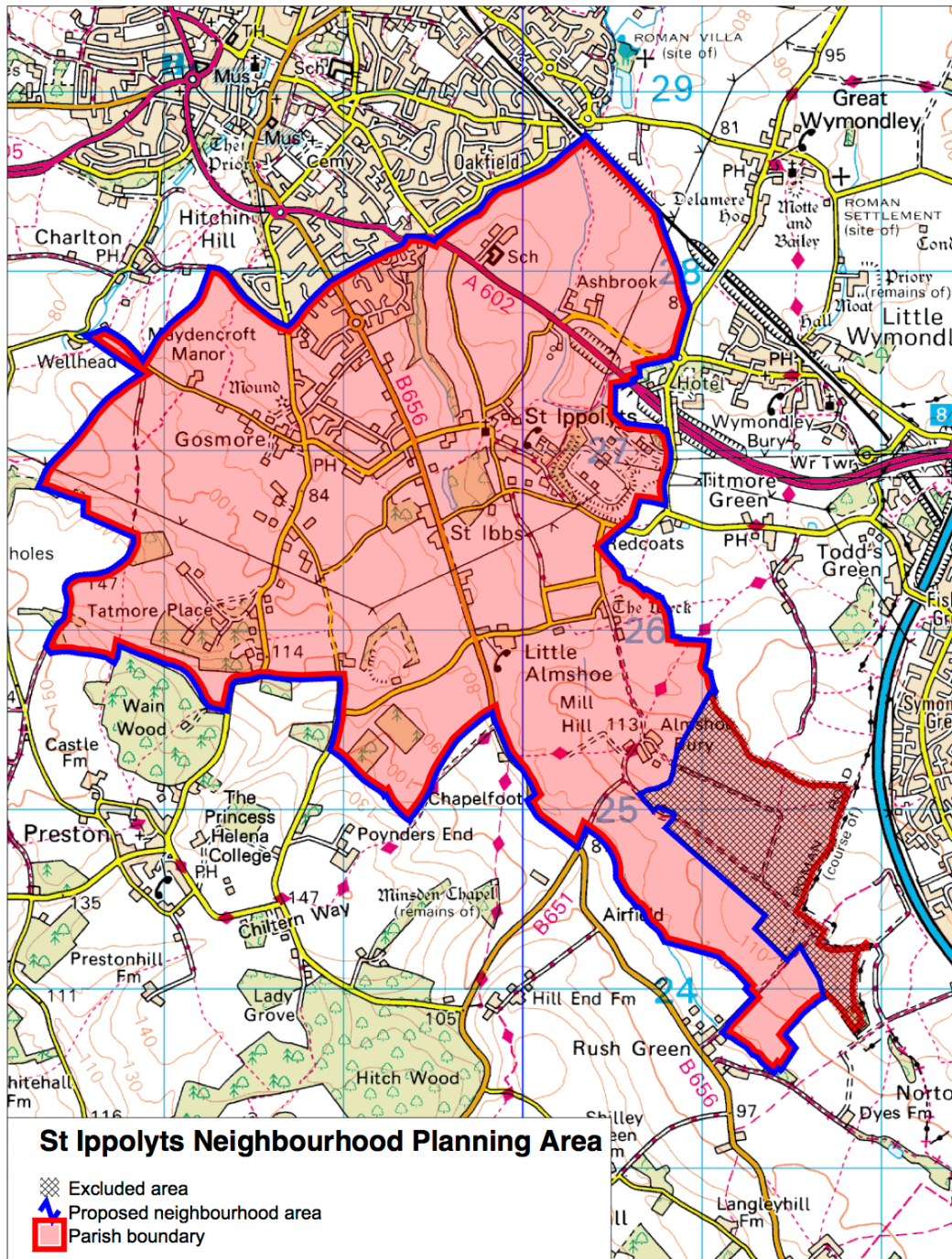
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St Ippolyts Designated Neighbourhood Planning Area

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The Parish Council website - www.stippolyts-parishcouncil.org.uk

Letter from Pamela Skeggs, Chairman of St Ippolyts Parish Council

March 2016

Dear Residents

Help shape the future of our community

We all live in St Ippolyts with its lovely countryside with parkland, some fine buildings, a good mix of housing, local activities, amenities and facilities including good commuter links. Many people have referred to community and sense of place so we want to ensure that where possible everything that makes it special is retained.

North Hertfordshire District Council (NHDC) has an emerging Local Plan that includes housing development and will be consulting on this during the summer. Having a Neighbourhood Plan is a way of setting out the key issues that are needed and gives us the opportunity to influence the design and layout of development in our Parish, what the proposed homes will look like, the styles, types and tenure plus associated infrastructure including parking, green space etc.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group set up at the Annual Parish Meeting on 13 April 2015 is involved in a process which will lead to having a Neighbourhood Plan for St Ippolyts, but this can only be achieved if you participate in this process. We would like **everyone** to have their say.

This questionnaire is the next important stage in the programme of public consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan and reflects the inputs and suggestions you have given us through short questionnaires organised by the Parish Council and gathered from awareness sessions arranged by the Steering Group last summer. If there are issues you feel strongly about which are not included, there is space at the end of the questionnaire to mention these.

If you need help to complete the questionnaire for any reason, have queries about it or the wider Neighbourhood Plan process; please contact Susan Mears, Clerk to the Parish Council at clerk@stippolyts-parishcouncil.org.uk or 01462 421409.

The results of this questionnaire will determine the underpinning principles and overall direction of our Neighbourhood Plan so it is very important that you and your family take this opportunity to make your views known by completing the questionnaire and returning it in the reply paid envelope provided by Wednesday 20 April.

We would like to thank you in anticipation for taking the time to become part of this process and for your support.

Yours sincerely
Pamela Skeggs
Chairman of St Ippolyts Parish Council
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Introduction

Please fill in this questionnaire by Wednesday 20 April and have your say. Your views will help shape the Neighbourhood Plan for our community.

What is the Neighbourhood Plan?

- Gives the local community the power to develop a vision and shape development and growth within their neighbourhood (Localism Act, 2011).
- A Neighbourhood Plan has to be in general conformity with North Hertfordshire District Council's (NHDC) Local Plan and cannot be used to prevent development.
- The Neighbourhood Plan will cover the same period as the NHDC Local Plan (from now until 2031).
- Following consultation, an examination and a successful referendum a Neighbourhood Plan will become part of the statutory Local Development Plan. This means that any planning application submitted in the designated Neighbourhood Plan area will need to be consistent with the Neighbourhood Plan once it is approved.
- The Neighbourhood Plan allows the Parish to set its own planning policies.
- It will allow us to reflect and respond to the unique characteristics and planning context of the neighbourhood area.

Robust evidence is needed for the Neighbourhood Plan, as it is a legally binding document. We urge every household in our community to fill in this questionnaire so we can demonstrate that we are representing the views of everyone in our community.

What is the Local Plan?

NHDC's Local Plan will set targets for new homes, employment and retail development, and identify areas of land where these developments should be built. It will also consider what infrastructure is needed to support development. The Local Plan's policies will be used for making decisions on planning applications.

NHDC's Preferred Options 2014 referred to a housing target for 14,200 dwellings, representing 12,100 in North Hertfordshire and up to 2,100 dwellings towards the unmet need for housing from Luton. In the event of an unmet need from Stevenage arising during the plan period land west of the A1(M) maybe used for up to 3,100 dwellings in North Hertfordshire but these are not counted as part of the 14,200 target. However following the increase in the Objectively Assessed Need this is now 16,500 new homes in the District by March 2031

What is this questionnaire for?

This questionnaire is to gather evidence from everyone in our community. Every household in our community has been delivered a questionnaire and reply paid envelope. Our community is the civil parish of St Ippolyts, which includes St Ippolyts, Gosmore, Ashbrook, Little Almshoe and St Ibbs. The evidence from this questionnaire, along with other evidence, will inform the St Ippolyts Parish Neighbourhood Plan. If you know a household that has not received a questionnaire, please let us know so that we can ensure everyone has the opportunity to take part.

For more information about Neighbourhood Plans and NHDC's Local Plan visit:

www.locality.org.uk

www.mycommunityrights.org.uk/neighbourhoodplanning

www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/planning/planning-policy/local-plan-emerging-policy/draft-local-plan-2011-2031

Guide to filling in the questionnaire

Guide to the questionnaire

How has it been decided what to include in this questionnaire?

Previous consultations and surveys with people from our community have been used to inform this questionnaire. An independent market researcher, Becky Lewis, has designed the questionnaire. The questionnaire includes topics relevant to people in our community that can be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. We know that there are other issues, such as litter, that are important to you but these cannot be included in the Neighbourhood Plan and so are not covered here. Some issues included in this questionnaire may not be in the final Neighbourhood Plan.

What do I need to do?

Please fill in a questionnaire for your household. Your household includes everyone who usually lives at your address. If more than one person lives in your household, please try to include everyone's experience and view. For each question there are instructions to let you know whether to put one tick or several. It is your opinions that we are interested in and there are no right or wrong answers.

Once you have filled the questionnaire in, please put it in the reply paid envelope that you received along with the questionnaire and post it by Wednesday 20 April 2016. If you have filled it in after this date, please post the questionnaire anyway and let the Clerk to the Parish Council know you are returning late so that we can ensure as many people as possible have their say.

What happens next?

Sealed envelopes containing the questionnaires will be forwarded to the independent market researcher, Becky Lewis, who will manage the data entry, data processing and analysis of the Household Survey. She will report back aggregated results to us, which we will use to help inform the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Are my answers confidential?

The content of the returned questionnaires will remain confidential and will only be used by our professional market researcher for the purpose of providing data to inform the Neighbourhood Plan. Data will be reported back in aggregated form.

Becky (becky@theinsightfountain.co.uk) is a member and Company Partner of the Market Research Society (MRS) and abides by the MRS Code of Conduct. She is a registered data controller with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO). You can verify her company details (The Insight Fountain) with the MRS's online register at www.mrs.org.uk or by telephone 020 7566 1820.

Prize draw

If you would like to take part in the prize draw to win a £50 Marks & Spencer voucher, then please include your name and contact details when you return your questionnaire. Your details will be detached from your answers and not used for any purpose other than to enter the prize draw. Becky will randomly select one name on Monday 9 May. No cash alternative will be offered.

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1. Living in our community

Our community is the civil parish of St Ippolyts, which includes St Ippolyts, Gosmore, Ashbrook, Little Almshoe and St Ibbs

L1) What does living in our community mean to your household?

What do you like and / or dislike?

You can include anything that you think is important or particularly like or dislike

Please write in your answer

L2) Thinking of all aspects of living in our community, how satisfied or dissatisfied is your household currently?

Please tick one answer

Very satisfied	
Quite satisfied	
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	
Quite dissatisfied	
Very dissatisfied	

L3) How many years has someone from your household lived in our community?

Please tick one answer

Less than 1 year	
1-5 years	
6-10 years	
11-20 years	
21-50 years	
More than 50 years	
Not sure / don't know	

L4) How likely is it that someone from your household will still be living in our community in 10 years time?

Please tick one answer

Very likely	
Quite likely	
Quite unlikely	
Very unlikely	
Not sure / don't know	

L5) Does your household have plans to move within the community between now and 2031?

Please tick one answer

Yes, to a smaller house	
Yes to a similar sized house	
Yes, to a larger house	
No	
Not sure / don't know	

L6) How important is it for our community to have a Neighbourhood Plan from now until 2031?

Please tick one answer

Very important	
Quite important	
Not important	
Not sure / don't know	

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2. Amenities and facilities

A1) How often does someone in your household use, or visit, each of these in our community?

Please put one tick on each line indicating how often it is used or visited

	At least once a month	1-11 times a year	Less than once a year	Never used
Primary school, <i>Ashbrook Lane</i>				
Church, <i>Ashbrook Lane</i>				
Parish Hall <i>off Waterdell Lane</i>				
Shop, <i>St Ippolyts Stores, Waterdell Lane</i>				
Bus and bus shelters				
Pubs 'The Bird in Hand' and 'The Bull', <i>High Street, Gosmore</i>				
Football Pavilion, <i>Recreation Ground off Orchard Close</i>				
Dell Field <i>between East View and Stevenage Road, St Ippolyts village</i>				
Recreation ground <i>between Mill Road, Orchard Close, Townsend Place and Waterdell Lane</i>				
Play equipment, <i>at Dell Field, Gosmore Village Green and Recreation ground</i>				
Gosmore Village Green <i>between High Street and Maydencroft Lane</i>				
St Ippolyts Village Green <i>opposite the Church and adjacent to Primary school</i>				
Seats <i>on London Road / Broadmeadow ride, land adjacent to the sub-station in Sycamore Close, Gosmore Village Green, Brookend Lane, St Ippolyts Village Green and Dell Field</i>				
Football Clubs <i>that meet in the Football Pavilion</i>				
Bowls Club <i>meets at Bowling Rink</i>				
Table Tennis <i>meets in Parish Hall</i>				
Footpaths and bridleways				

A2) Do you think these facilities in our community should be improved or left as they are?

Please put one tick on each line

	Left as it is	Improved	Not sure / don't know
Primary school			
Church			
Parish Hall			
Shop			
Bus shelters			
Pubs			
Football Pavilion			
Recreation ground			
Play equipment			
Seats			
Footpaths and bridleways			

A3) Would your household like to see any of these in our community?

Please put one tick on each line

	Definitely	Maybe	No
Allotments			
Big kids playground			
Multi use games area			
Sports centre for multiuse			
Gym			
Skate park			
Tennis courts			
Community events			
Fish and Chip van			
GP Facilities			
Visiting doctor / nurse			
Post office			
School walking bus			
Tea room			
Youth facilities			
Other amenities or facilities would like to see (<i>please write in</i>)			

3. Housing and development

There are about 2,000 people currently living in our community in around 800 houses. In the last 8 years, 6 houses have been built.

North Herts District Council (NHDC) has included in the 'Local Plan 2011-2031 Preferred Options Consultation Paper December 2014' that 163 new homes are needed in our community and identified three sites for potential development. In 2015, a fourth site has been put forward for consideration.

Proposed sites for new houses:

- HT2 Land north of Pound Farm, London Road, St Ippolyts, estimate 67 dwellings
- SI1 Land south of Waterdell Lane, St Ippolyts, estimate 72 dwellings
- SI2 Land south of Stevenage Road, St Ippolyts, estimate 24 dwellings
- 347 Land East of London Road, St Ippolyts, estimate 37 dwellings

A map of these sites is shown on the back page of this questionnaire. You can detach it so that you can look at the sites as you answer questions in this section.

More details of NHDC Preferred Options 2014 and these sites can be found: <http://www.north-herts.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan-emerging-policy/draft-local-plan-2011-2031/local-plan-preferred>

Alternative sites might come up within our community between now and 2031 so we would also like you to think about these:

* **Infill** refers to a site representing a gap in an otherwise built up frontage, which does not represent the consolidation of an isolated group of buildings

* **Windfall** refers to sites, which unexpectedly become available for housing development during the period of the Local Plan

D1) Which sites in our community, if any, do you support development on?

Please tick one answer for each site (one tick per column)

	HT2	SI1	SI2	347	Infill	Windfall
Completely support						
Partially support						
Against						
No opinion						

D2) Which of these, if any, do you think are a problem at each site?

Please tick all that apply for each site and leave blank if not considered a problem (each site has its own column). Infill and windfall sites are currently hypothetical so please answer the best you can to reflect your views on future development within our community.

	HT2	SI1	SI2	347	Infill	Windfall
Vehicular access to / from						
Pedestrian access						
Proposed number of houses						
Potential car parking						
Effect on existing infrastructure						
Other (<i>please write in</i>)						

D3) What type of housing would you like to see on these sites?

Please tick all that apply for each site (each site has its own column). Infill and windfall sites are currently hypothetical so please answer the best you can to reflect your views on future development within our community.

	HT2	SI1	SI2	347	Infill	Windfall
Bungalows						
Terraced housing						
Semi-detached housing						
Detached housing						
3 storey buildings						
Flats in a block						
No preference						
Don't know						
Other (<i>please write in</i>)						

D4) Do you think new homes on these sites should have gardens or not?

Please tick one answer for each site (one tick per column). Infill and windfall sites are currently hypothetical so please answer the best you can to reflect your views on future development within our community.

	HT2	SI1	SI2	347	Infill	Windfall
All have own gardens						
All have gardens although a mix of own and communal						
Some should have gardens						
None should have gardens						
No preference / don't know						

D5) Do you think new homes on these sites should be built to look the same or in a variety of styles?

Please tick one answer for each site (one tick per column). Infill and windfall sites are currently hypothetical so please answer the best you can to reflect your views on future development within our community.

	HT2	SI1	SI2	347	Infill	Windfall
To look the same						
In a similar style						
In a variety of styles						
No preference						
Don't know						

D6) What size homes do you think should be built in our community between now and 2031?

You can tick as many answers as you would like

One bedroom	
Two bedroom	
Three bedroom	
Four bedroom	
Five bedroom	
Six or more bedrooms	
No preference	
Don't know	

D7) Which of the following do you think should be built in our community between now and 2031?

You can tick as many answers as you would like

Residential care	
Sheltered accommodation with a warden	
Self-build and / or custom built	
Environmentally friendly housing	
Zero carbon housing	
Community owned housing for local people	
Social rented / affordable rented housing (e.g. managed by Housing Associations)	
Shared ownership (e.g. provided through Housing Associations)	
Rented privately on open market	
Owner occupied - bought outright or with a mortgage on open market	
No preference / don't know	
Other (<i>please write in your suggestion</i>)	

D8) Do you think homes built in our community between now and 2031 should be:

You can tick as many answers as you would like

Suitable for downsizing	
Suitable for first time buyers	
For local people	
Suitable for the elderly	
Suitable for families	
No preference / don't know	
Other (<i>please write in your suggestion</i>)	

D9) Additional housing may require additional primary school places. Do you think this should be met by:

Please tick one answer

Expanding St Ippolyts Primary School intake	
New primary school provision in our community	
Places being made available in nearby schools (eg in Hitchin)	
Not sure / don't know	

D10) Do you think the roads in our community are adequate for the amount of traffic they would carry if 163 new homes (or more) are built between now and 2031?

Please tick one answer

Yes	
No	
Not sure / don't know	

D11) Do you think future development in our community should have off-road parking?

Please tick one answer

Yes, only off-road parking	
Some off-road parking but ability to also park on road	
No, no need for off-road parking	
Not sure / don't know	

D12) What do you think the speed limit should be leading to / from, and within new developments in our community?

Please tick one answer per column

	To / from	within
40mph		
30mph		
20mph		
10mph		
Not sure / don't know		

D13) If money was available to invest in our community as a result of new development, what would your priorities for investment be?

You can tick as many answers as you would like

Pre-school	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leisure facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Primary School	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pubs and dining	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church	<input type="checkbox"/>	Facilities for young people	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shop / Post office	<input type="checkbox"/>	Facilities for older people	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parish hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bus services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports pavilion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bus shelters	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi use sports centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sewerage / drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playgrounds / play equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gas supply	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allotments	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speed control / traffic calming	<input type="checkbox"/>
Footpaths	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cycle paths	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bridleways	<input type="checkbox"/>	Off-road parking	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintaining and improving hedgerows and green spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining and improving roads	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health facilities (e.g. doctor, nurses, dentist)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Communications such as internet and telecoms	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	Business opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (<i>please write in</i>)			

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4. Countryside, environment and heritage

C1) How important is it to your household to minimise the impact of development on each of these within our community?

Please tick one answer per row

	Very important	Quite important	Not important	Not sure / don't know
Trees				
Woodland				
Hedges				
Streams and ponds				
Footpaths and bridleways				
Open spaces				
Wildlife				
Listed / historical buildings				
Nature conservation areas, countryside areas, conservation areas				
Archaeological areas				

C2) Which of these green spaces within the community does your household use or look at?

Please tick one answer per row

	Use	Look at	Neither
Dell Field, <i>access from East View and Stevenage Road</i>			
Gosmore Village Green, <i>access from High Street and Maydencroft Lane</i>			
St Ippolyts Village Green, <i>opposite the Church and adjacent to Primary school</i>			
Recreation Ground, <i>between Mill Road, Orchard Close, Townsend Place and Waterdell Lane</i>			
Broadmeadow Estate - land adjacent to sub-station			
Broadmeadow Estate - Sycamore Close			
Broadmeadow Estate - Rowan Grove			
Other (<i>please write in</i>)			

5. Transport, highways and utilities

T1) How many cars and vans does your household currently have?

Please circle one number

0 1 2 3 4 5+

T2) How many of your households cars and vans are usually parked on the road and how many off the road?

Please circle one number per line

On the road: 0 1 2 3 4 5+

Off the road: 0 1 2 3 4 5+

T3) How many caravans, horse boxes, trailers or other vehicles that are not cars or vans does your household currently have?

Please circle one number

0 1 2 3 4 5+

T4) How many of your households caravans, horse boxes, trailers or other vehicles that are not cars or vans are usually parked on the road and how many off the road?

Please circle one number per line

On the road: 0 1 2 3 4 5+

Off the road: 0 1 2 3 4 5+

T5) Are the roads in our community adequate for the amount of traffic they currently carry?

Please tick one answer

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not sure / don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please go to T6

Please answer T5b

T5b) Please could you tell us more about why the roads are inadequate

Please write in your answer

T6) How much of a problem do you think each of these currently are in our community?

Please tick one answer per row

	Big problem	A little bit of a problem	Not a problem	Not sure / don't know
Access to / from community				
Road congestion within community				
Road maintenance				
Pedestrian access				
Pavement maintenance				
Speeding				
Parking on roads				
Verge maintenance				

T7) Do you think cycle routes should be introduced to our community?

Please tick one answer

Yes	
No	
Not sure / don't know	

T8) Which of these best describes the supply of gas to your home:

Please tick one answer

Supplied to house	
Not supplied and would like it	
Not supplied and don't want it	
Not sure / don't know	

T9) Which of these best describes mains drainage from your home:

Please tick one answer

Supplied from house	
Not supplied and would like it	
Not supplied and don't want it	
Not sure / don't know	

T10) Which of these best describes fibre optic broadband to your home:

Please tick one answer

Supplied to house	
Not supplied and would like it	
Not supplied and don't want it	
Not sure / don't know	

T11) Which of these best describes mobile telephone signal at your home:

Please tick one answer

Excellent	
Good	
Poor	
Not sure / don't know	

T12) Would you be in favour, or against, wind turbines or solar farms in our community between now and 2031?

Please tick one answer for each (one tick per column)

	Wind turbines	Solar farms
Completely support		
Partially support		
Against		
No opinion		

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6. Your household

H1) Please write in your postcode. This is so we can be sure that people from across our community have had the opportunity to have their say:

SG4 _ _ _

H2) How many people live in your household?

Please circle one number

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10+

H3) Please tick each person's age band

Please tick one answer for each person (one tick per column)

If there are more than 6 people please use the margin

Person:	1	2	3	4	5	6
Age:						
0-5						
6-10						
11-15						
16-20						
21-30						
31-40						
41-50						
51-60						
61-70						
71-80						
81-90						
91+						

H4) Please tick each person's gender

Please tick one answer for each person (one tick per column)

Person:	1	2	3	4	5	6
Female						
Male						

H5) Please indicate each person's employment status*Please tick one answer for each person (one tick per column)*

Person:	1	2	3	4	5	6
Full-time employment						
Part-time employment						
Self-employed						
Student (including school, college and university)						
Retired						
Not working (including carer, long term sick or disabled unable to work, unwaged housewife or househusband)						

H6) How many bedrooms does your home have?*Please circle one number*

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10+

H7) Does your household own or rent your home?*Please tick one answer*

Owns outright or owns with a mortgage or loan	
Part owns and part rents (shared ownership)	
Rents from housing association / registered Social Landlord / charitable trust	
Rent from a private landlord or letting agency or a relative	
Care home (eg Sloe Hill or Gosmore Care Home)	
Other	

Finally, any other comments you would like to make about the Neighbourhood Plan, new development in our community or any of the issues covered in this questionnaire?

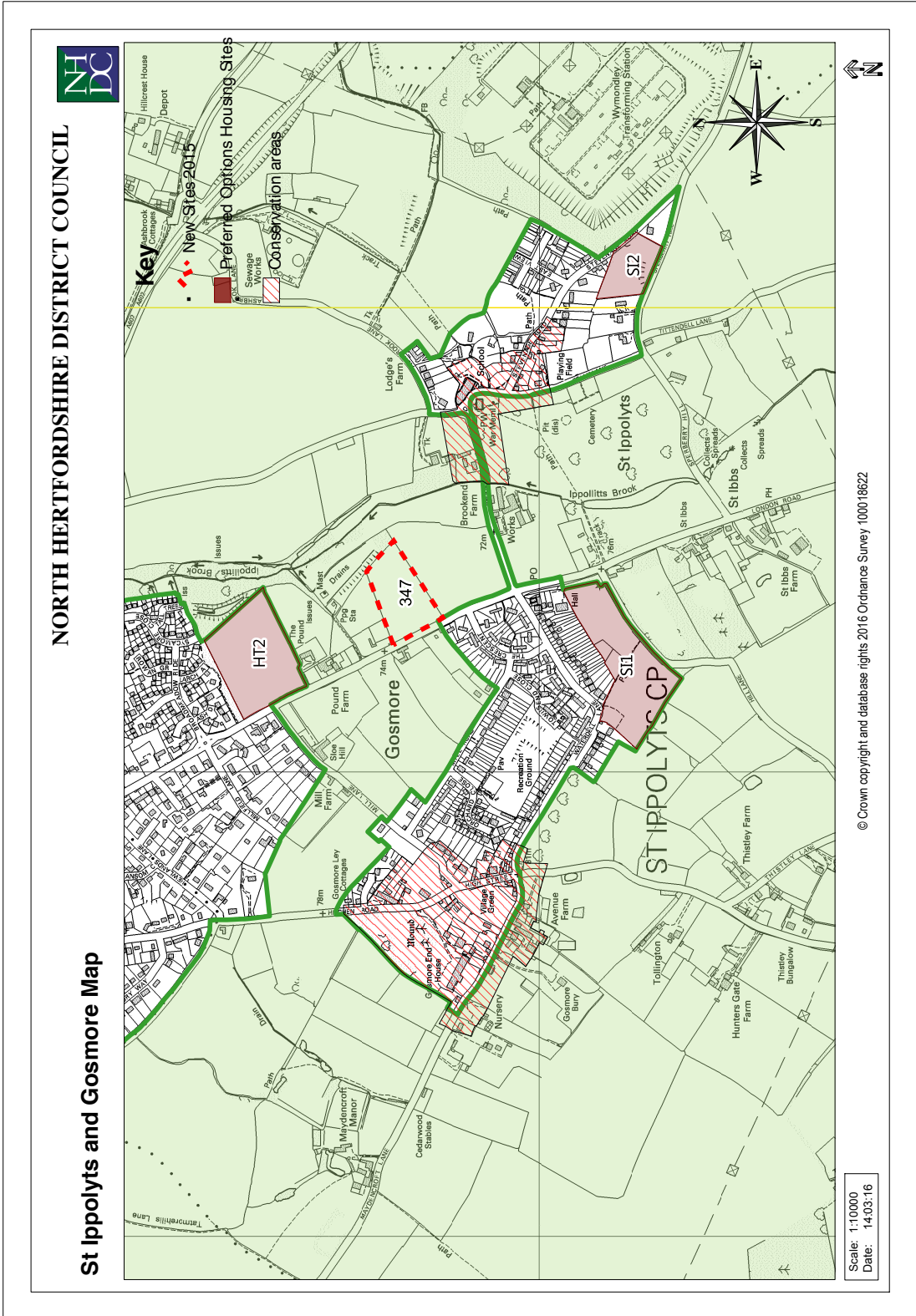
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Name:

Email:

Telephone number:



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