



Watton Neighbourhood Plan Survey

Watton Town Council is embarking upon a Neighbourhood Plan process and wants to know the views, comments and suggestions of residents on a range of local issues.

Feedback received will be used to steer the preparation of the Watton Neighbourhood Plan that is intended to guide the future development of the Town. The Council will establish a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to help to address and influence some of the issues that the local community are concerned about, including protecting and improving local facilities and infrastructure (like the schools, shops, Open Spaces, pub etc), securing the viability of the community by making sure families can continue to live here, the character of the town, quality of life, and the natural environment. This initial survey asks your views on these issues and what other issues are important to you.

Using the feedback from this event and survey a more detailed Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire will be developed and in the coming months sent to every household for their feedback that will help determine policies and objectives within the plan. We want the views of as many residents as possible across all ages, all ethnicities and backgrounds.

Key facts about Watton: Did you know in the last census of 2011...?

- Watton was home to about 7202 people (3507 males and 3695 females), living in around 3522 households.
- 44.7% of households are owned outright compared to 32.9% for East of England
- percent of population in full-time employment 28.12%
- 11.71% of Watton's residents have achieved level 4 qualifications and above compared to 25.70% in East of England as a whole
- 29.19% of Watton's residents have no qualifications compared to 22.50% in East of England
- 9.6% of population list other EU country as place of birth and 2.7% other UK country than England
- 5.9% of residents declared bad or very bad health compared to Norfolk at 5.6%
- 24.4% list their day to day activities affected by health issues compared to 19.7% for Breckland
- 24.4% of population listed as having no religion with 18 people listed as Jedi Knights
- 15.8% listed as Skilled trades ,15.0% as Process, plant and machine operatives and 8.0% Professional
- The previous Local Plan called for 1305 dwellings over the plan period from 2011 to 2036. Of these dwellings 905 are currently either committed or completed with 400 remaining as of March 31st 2016
- Much of the town centre is part of a Conservation Area
- In 2015 there were 105 town centre businesses with 5 units empty
- Watton population up by approximately 400 from 2001

1. About you

Only if you are happy to, please provide any of the following personal details so that we can make sure that the views of all parts of our community are included. We would be very grateful for any information you are comfortable to provide. All personal information will be treated confidentially and won't be shared beyond the Town Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

1.1. Name								
1.2. Postcode					1.3. Gender			
1.4. Your age (please tick)								
11-16	17-21	22-30	31-40	41-50	51-65	66-75	75+	Prefer not to say
1.5. Are you completing this survey for: (Please tick <u>one</u>)								
Yourself as an individual?			On behalf of your whole household?					
Contact details		email						
		Phone						

2. What makes you happy about living in Watton

	1 (Unhappy)	2	3	4	5 (Very Happy)
Sense of Community					
Watton meets my current needs					
Rural character of the Town					
Availability of public transport					
Range and availability of shops					
Availability of local employment					
Range and availability of local services (pubs/clubs/other facilities)					
Range and availability of health services					
Range and availability of educational facilities					
Type and affordability of housing available					
Availability of good broadband					
Access to green space and surrounding countryside					
Access to play areas					
Facilities that suit my age group					
Facilities that suit others in my family					
Other reasons (Please specify)					
Do you think any of these facilities should be improved or expanded? Please specify how.					

2.1. Existing services and facilities

How important are each of these existing local services and facilities to you, on a scale of 1 to 5?

	1 (Not at all)	2	3	4	5 (Very)
Queens Hall					
Watton Sports Association Centre					
Charlotte Harvey Trust Youth Centre					
Loch Neaton Open Space					
Wayland Academy					
Westfield Infant and Nursery School					
Wayland Junior Academy					
Watton Little Acorns Group					
Happy Feet Nursery					
Tree Tots Nursery Group					
Lovell Gardens Play Area					
Bridle Road Play Area					
Access to Open Space within the town					
Access to surrounding countryside					
Others (Please specify)					
Do you think any of these facilities should be improved or expanded? Please specify how.					

3. What would you like to change about living in Watton?

<u>How would you suggest this is done?</u>

4. In three words or phrases how would you describe Watton to someone who doesn't know the Town?

5. In three words or phrases how would you describe how you want Watton to be in 2037

6. Would you like to shape the future development of the Town through involvement in the Neighbourhood Plan Process? (please ring your answer below)

No

Yes

If Yes, then please make sure to complete your contact details at the start of the survey

What aspects of the future development of the town are you interested

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please return your survey to the Watton Town Council stand

Your responses will be crucial to ensuring that the objectives and policies of Watton's Neighbourhood Plan fully reflects residents' concerns and hopes for the future of our town.

For further information please contact Watton Town Council : clerk@wattontowncouncil.gov.uk or 01953 881 007