

# Earls Colne Neighbourhood Plan - Questionnaire

**Fill out a questionnaire and you will be entered into a prize draw (prizes for each age group). Details of how to return your form are shown overleaf.**

**What's it all about?**

We would like to have a Neighbourhood Plan for Earls Colne so that we can have more say on future house building and what needs to be done so that local facilities such as the school, parking, shops, children's play areas and the doctor's surgery can cope with more and more people living in the village.

**What would we like you to do?**

As a first step we would like to ask you a few basic questions so we can get an idea of how people feel about some of the areas the plan will cover. We are after the views of individuals so if there are two, three or more people living in your home they can each complete a questionnaire. (Further copies are available from the Parish Council Office in York Road or you can download the form at [www.earlscolne.org](http://www.earlscolne.org))

**About You**

**\*Name**

**\*Phone Number:**

*\*Only required if you would like to be entered in the prize draw*

Q1 Which age group are you in?

Under 18	18 to 39	40 to 59	60 to 74	75+

Q2 Gender?

Male	Female

Q3 Which of these best describes your employment situation

I am a student	I am not currently working	I am a homemaker	I work from home	I work in the village	I commute to another place for work	I am retired

**What do you think of Earls Colne?**

Q4 What do you like most about living here?

Q5 Is there anything you really don't like about the village?

Q6 Which (if any) of the following do you use?  
Please circle the most appropriate answer

- Recreation Club
- Millennium Green
- Colne Valley Golf Club
- The Essex Golf & Country Club
- Earls Colne Public Library
- Local Pubs & Restaurants
- Social Clubs

Regularly	Sometimes	Never

P.T.O.

Any other Local Places you use (please specify)

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Q7 Does the village provide good leisure facilities for your age group?

Yes	No
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Q8 If you have answered "No" to Question 7. what improvements or additions would you like to see?

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Q9 Do you think the current range of shops in the village is adequate?

Yes	No	No View
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Q10 If you answered "No" to Question 9. what one type of shop would you most like to see in the village?

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Q11 Do you think the library is a valuable local facility that should be kept?

Yes	No	No View
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**Infrastructure**

Q12 Do you use the local bus services?  
Please circle the most appropriate answer

Regularly	Sometimes	Never
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Q13 If you answered "Never" to Question 12 how do you normally travel around the local area? (e.g. car, bike, motor cycle)

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Q14 If you use a bike to get around the village, would you like to see any improvements for cyclists?

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**New houses in the village**

What are your views on the following statements?

- Q15 We should encourage further new housing developments in Earls Colne
- Q16 The main focus should be on building affordable family homes for first time buyers
- Q17 Preparing a Neighbourhood Plan is important so that we can try to make sure local services are improved to cope with more people in the village

Strongly agree	Agree	No view	Disagree	Strongly disagree

**Other Comments**

Q18 Anything else you think we should know about your views?

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**How do I return my completed questionnaire?**

Just drop it in at the Parish Council Office in York Road or pop it in one of the special collection boxes in Fork 'Andles, Co-op, Library or church. To help us to stick to our programme for the project we would like them back by 18th May at the latest.

**What happens after this?**

We will be asking your opinion on specific parts of the plan as we develop it and, when it's finished, you will get a chance to vote on the plan with a special referendum. Look at the Village notice boards or website for regular updates on how we're doing with the plan