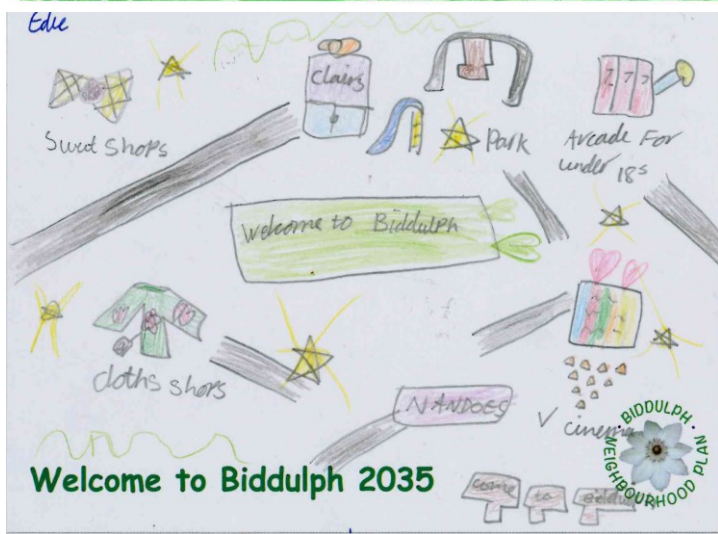




Thank you to Year 4 children from across the First Schools in Biddulph. They shared their visions for what the town will look like when they are 25 years old. The Neighbourhood Plan should take into account what residents want now and also consider developments for the future of the children that live here.



## Neighbourhood Plan Householder Questionnaire

### What is this questionnaire about?

Biddulph Town Council is producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the area to guide the planning and future development of Biddulph up to 2035. The Neighbourhood Plan will enable the local community to have more say in what kind of development is allowed, including protecting key assets and local green spaces.

Neighbourhood Plans introduced by the Localism Act in 2011 are produced by local people for their own areas and are only brought into force after a majority vote by residents in a local referendum. It is therefore very important that local people are able to have a say about what goes into the Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Plans carry weight - they are part of the statutory planning system. This means that Staffordshire Moorlands District Council will have to take the policies and proposals in the Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan into account when it makes decisions on planning applications in the town.

The Town Council is consulting the local community now, before any plans or proposals have been made, so that people can influence what goes into the Neighbourhood Plan. Completing

this Householder Questionnaire will give us the evidence and rationale to help us draft policies and write the plan, which will be the subject of further community consultation at a later stage.

Allow 15 minutes to complete this questionnaire and please return it before  
**Friday 22 December 2017**

## About You

**What age ranges are currently in your household?**

Under 18

30-59

75 plus

18-29

60-74

**Postcode**

**Are you the only person in your household completing this questionnaire?**

Yes

No

**How long have you lived in the town?**

0 to 5 years

11 to 25 years

6 to 10 years

More than 25 years

## Community and Wellbeing

**What are the things that you like about living in the Neighbourhood Plan area?**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable
The rural surroundings						
The people/ community						
Historic character						
Town Centre						
Ease of commute						

Other (please list)

	<b>Please consider the importance of our existing facilities and services to you:</b> <b>1 - Very important</b> <b>2 - Important</b> <b>3 - Neutral</b> <b>4 - Not important</b> <b>5 - Not important at all</b>	<b>Do you think that these services can cope with the number of people that currently use them?</b> <b>1 - They are too busy (I struggle to get an appointment or access this service)</b> <b>2 - They seem to be managing</b> <b>3 - There don't seem to be many people who use this service.</b>
Community Police		
Schools		
GP Surgery		
First responders		
Other healthcare services, e.g. dentist, optician.		
Leisure Centre		
Places of Worship		
Youth Facilities		
Festival events		
Pubs, restaurants, cafes		
Community Halls		

**Do you think that there are any services or facilities that need to be introduced into the town, or existing services not mentioned that need improving?**

**Please list and give your reasons why:**

## Economy

Please tell us how important you think the following are:

	<b>1 - Very important</b> <b>2 - Important</b> <b>3 - Neutral</b> <b>4 - Not important</b> <b>5 - Not important at all</b>
Variety of shops (chains and independents)	
Pubs, restaurants, cafes	
Monthly market in the High Street	
Weekly fresh food stalls in the High Street	
Improving the look of High Street premises	
Mixed business and residential developments	
Promote home working with high speed broadband	
<b>Please tell us what your download speed is:</b> (Type 'what is my download speed?' into your search engine)	
Off-street parking	
Maintain local centres (e.g. shops and pubs outside the main town centre)	
Establishing a Biddulph Museum	
Having an event space outside the Town Hall	

**Do you think Biddulph Town Centre should be pedestrianised?**

Yes

No

**Thinking about business development and opportunities in the neighbourhood area, do you currently work in the following types of businesses?**

I work from home

A small incubator business unit or small business space

A medium size floor print business unit

Not applicable

Do you think there is a need for spaces like these?

Yes

No

Please provide more information:

## Heritage, Culture and Tourism

Below is a list of key characteristics for Biddulph in terms of Heritage, Culture and / or Tourism. Please tell us how important these are to you:

Characteristic	1 - Very important 2 - Important 3 - Neutral 4 - Not important 5 - Not important at all		
	Heritage	Culture	Tourism
Biddulph in Bloom			
Biddulph Grange Gardens			
Biddulph's Country Parks (The Grange and Knypersley)			
Knypersley Hall and Walled Garden			
Biddulph Old Hall			
Biddulph Parish Church of St Lawrence and the Crusader graves			
The site of Biddulph's Mott & Bailey castle			
Knypersley Cricket Club			
Biddulph Town Hall			
Biddulph's listed buildings and locally listed buildings, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marsh Green Rd, Plague Stone</li> <li>• The Buttercross Parish marker stone (Overton Rd)</li> <li>• The Toll Rd troughs (Congleton Road &amp; Overton Road)</li> <li>• Biddulph's old milestones</li> </ul>			

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The town's old fustian mills			
Preserving the town's industrial heritage			
Biddulph Valley Way (former railway line) cycle and pedestrian route			

**Would you like to see Biddulph Town promoted as, or including, any of the following: (you may select more than one):**

Option a) a Tourist Shopping Village?

Option b) a new shopping centre relocated on the edge of town?

Option c) a Cultural Centre (cinema, theatre, museum, restaurants, etc.)?

Option d) None of the above

Option e) Your answer

## Housing Need and Design

**How important are the following criteria in the design of developments for Biddulph?**

	<b>1 - Very important</b> <b>2 - Important</b> <b>3 - Neutral</b> <b>4 - Not important</b> <b>5 - Not important at all</b>
Designed to fit with existing environment, heritage and the valley nature of area	
Include well designed and integrated on-street parking in new developments	

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Promote development closer to the town centre to maintain the centre vitality and sustainability	
Design safer streets for all users	
Car parking spaces appropriate to size of dwelling	
Developments to include shared open green spaces	
Better designed spaces and homes to include things such as adequate car parking, bin storage etc.	
Wildlife corridors to link isolated and possible endangered areas	
Play/open areas	
Scale and height to be in-keeping with existing surrounding buildings	
Type of house/building should reflect the current housing stock and not appear out of place	
Should not allow above an agreed number of houses to be built per year (i.e. phased development)	
Developments to include pathway and cycleway networks as connecting corridors to schools, shops and town centre	

**How important are the following criteria in the design of houses for Biddulph?**

	<b>1</b> - Very important <b>2</b> - Important <b>3</b> - Neutral <b>4</b> - Not important <b>5</b> - Not important at all
Modern amenities and safety features	
Include dwellings designed for disabled living	
Make affordable housing affordable to buy, to run and to maintain	
Sustainable house with rain water collection tanks for toilets and garden watering	
Refuse bin spaces planned into housing design with collection access accounted for	

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Renewable energy generators part of housing design	
Designs appropriate for the particular area (local), but taking into account the environment and energy requirement	
Energy efficient design(i.e. use of energy efficient materials) as standard	
Access to secure and fast internet supplies	

**Should the Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan support the following options?**

- Restoring and refurbishing current housing and empty homes  Yes  No
- Barn conversions or similar re-use of existing redundant buildings  Yes  No
- Self-building by local people for their own use  Yes  No

**Infrastructure**

**In terms of local transport infrastructure, what can be done to improve local journeys?**

	1 - Very important 2 - Important 3 - Neutral	4 - Not important 5 - Not important at all
Upgrade the road systems leading to the town centre		
Create more parking spaces within the town centre		
Provide alternatives to car usage		
Create new cycle routes across the town		
Provide secure cycle parking within the town centre		
Upgrade the Biddulph Valley Way - 'National Cycle Route 55', along its length from Stoke to Congleton, to permit year round usage		
Repair pavements and remove obstacles so that they can be used safely by all members of the community		
Upgrade Public Footpaths so that they may be used year round		
Improve Public Footpath access, signage and provide maps to residents		
Provide better public transport links to Congleton railway station		
Provide additional rail services from Congleton station		



We are considering Biddulph's traffic issues in relation to future development, please list any road junctions that you think are heavily congested:

What public transport or modes other than private car do you use? (please tick all that apply)

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
Walk				
Cycle				
Taxi				
Bus				
Train				

Are you aware of any areas that flood in Biddulph? Please tell us where:

Do you use the Biddulph Recycling Centre on Bemersley Road? If yes, how often?

Yes

No

Daily	
Weekly	
Monthly	
Annually	

## Landscape, Open Spaces and Wildlife

Below is a list of different natural features. Please tell us how important these are to you.

	1 - Very important    2 - Important 3 - Neutral              4 - Not important 5 - Not important at all
Our surrounding landscape and views (the Green Belt)	
Our streams, rivers, lakes and ponds	
Our woodlands and large, mature/veteran trees	
The wildlife in our valley	
Our unusual geological features (e.g. rock formations)	

Below is a list of different outdoor places. Please tell us how important these are to you.

	1 - Very important    2 - Important 3 - Neutral              4 - Not important 5 - Not important at all
Our Country Parks (Knypersley Reservoir/Greenway Bank and Biddulph Grange)	
The Biddulph Valley Way	
Playgrounds for Younger Children	
Playgrounds for Older Children	
Our allotment sites	
Our recreational fields and sports fields	
Access to the countryside - our footpath network, bridleways and cycle paths	

Below is a list of issues that the Neighbourhood Plan could focus on to make things better in the future. Please tell us which of these you think our future plan should focus on.

	1 - Very important    2 - Important 3 - Neutral              4 - Not important 5 - Not important at all
<b>Flooding</b> For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ensuring that developers fulfil their obligations with regards to managing</li> </ul>	(continued)

<p>rainwater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• working with local farmers to slow down rainwater entering the watercourses (i.e. natural flood management, planting trees).</li> <li>• planting more trees in the Valley to slow down flood water, improve air quality and provide joined up habitats for valuable species.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Protecting hedgerows and trees</b> For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ensuring that developers fulfil their nature obligations (i.e. do not remove valuable hedgerows, ancient trees, ponds)</li> <li>• identifying green corridors (healthy streams / woodlands) in the Valley and linking them together to allow nature to move safely through the Valley (known as wildlife/ecological corridors).</li> <li>• improving the state of our current, protected sites (e.g. ancient woodland, heathland, geological sites).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Identifying new landscape designations</b> For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• working to protect our Green Belt by surveying, identifying and protecting sites containing valuable habitat/species.</li> <li>• improving the ecological value of the Biddulph Valley Way (better management for wildlife along the edges).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Maintenance and access to country parks</b> For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improving access (non-car) to our valuable sites from where people live.</li> <li>• improving the condition of our current Country Parks (Biddulph Grange and Greenway Bank/Knypersley Reservoir)</li> <li>• promoting our special places to the general public</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Other</b> (please add your ideas)</p>	

Are Local Green Space designations important to you? If so, are there any that you would like to suggest?

Yes

No

Suggestions:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Please return by **Friday 22 December 2017** in the following ways:

1. In the envelope provided; no need for a stamp
2. Drop it into the Town Hall in Biddulph

The questionnaire will also be available online, and accessible through the 'mybiddulph' Facebook page or at [www.mybiddulph.co.uk](http://www.mybiddulph.co.uk)

If you need help to complete this questionnaire, please contact Biddulph Town Council at Biddulph Town Hall, High Street, Biddulph ST8 6AR. Tel: 01782 297845 or email

[biddulph@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:biddulph@staffordshire.gov.uk)

Biddulph Splash Park !!

