



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS
QUESTIONNAIRE. WE VALUE YOUR VIEWS, WHICH WILL HELP TO
SHAPE THE FUTURE OF BROMHAM UNTIL 2032**

**EACH MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS WELCOME TO COMPLETE
THE QUESTIONNAIRE.**

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PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE BY 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

Neighbourhood planning involves communities influencing decisions about their own locality – in particular, how local land and buildings should be used, and where new development should be located.

Neighbourhood Plans must take account of Bedford Borough Council's view of housing and other needs in the period up to 2032, but Bromham residents will determine the content of Bromham's plan.

If Bromham successfully develops a Neighbourhood Plan, Bedford Borough Council would be required to take account of it in planning decisions affecting the village.

Over 250 people attended the launch of Bromham's neighbourhood planning process at the Village Hall on 20 and 21 February 2015 and commented on a range of subjects. Those comments helped shape this questionnaire. Please complete it and help shape Bromham's future.

Part 1 – Housing

Bromham currently has over 2000 homes. Predicted housing growth in South Eastern England means additional housing in Bedford Borough is inevitable, although at present we do not know how much. Bromham cannot be insulated from change – “no development here’ is not a realistic option. But we can influence the location of new development in the village so that we –

- maintain the general character and shape of the village;
- try to meet the needs of local people; and
- minimise the adverse impact on local roads and facilities

Reasons for New Housing

Q.1.1. What importance do you attach to the following reasons for new housing in Bromham in the period upto 2032? Please tick as appropriate.

	Important	Not important	No opinion
To enable young people to remain in the village			
To meet the wider need for more housing			
To enable older people to move to accommodation suitable to their needs			
To enhance village services and facilities			
To add to the social mix of the village			

Types of New Housing

Q.1.2. What types of housing do you think will be most needed in Bromham in the period to 2032?

	Strong need	Moderate need	Low need	No need	No opinion
Starter/affordable homes					
Social housing e.g. shared ownership or rental through a Housing Association)					
Private rented accommodation					
Homes for 'downsizers'					
Family homes					
Luxury – executive homes					
Retirement housing					
Sheltered housing					
Care home					

Purchased or Rented

Q.1.3. If in the previous question you indicated a strong or moderate need for starter, social, retirement, or sheltered housing please tick the appropriate boxes in the table below.

	Purchase	Rent	No preference
Starter/affordable homes			
Social housing			
Retirement housing			
Sheltered housing			

Specific Housing Needs

If you, someone in your family, or someone you know, is experiencing or has experienced difficulty in securing appropriate housing in Bromham, or you may have a need for alternative housing in the future, we would urge you to complete the **Housing Need Survey** which accompanies this questionnaire. All the information gathered in that survey will be dealt with independently and in the strictest confidence.

Style of housing

The character of the village can be influenced by the style of housing and plot size.

Q.1.4. What style of housing do you think is best suited to Bromham?

	Strongly suited	Moderately suited	Not suited	No opinion
Flats/Apartments				
Bungalows				
Terraced houses				
Semi-detached houses				
Detached houses				

Location of Housing Development

Bedford Borough Council asked for sites that landowners would release for housing, commercial or industrial development. Not all of these sites will necessarily be allocated for development. A map of these sites in Bromham is opposite.

At the launch event, concern was expressed about site 48, Bromham Park Estate (which includes Bromham Park and Hall Farm to the East). The plan displayed at the event indicated the boundaries of land owned by the Skinner Family. Current planning proposals are limited principally to a site around the old farmyard off Lower Farm Road. These proposals are part of the owners' ongoing plan to improve and maintain Bromham Park as a privately owned agricultural entity accessible as at present by the local community.

Specific sites attracted objections or support for a range of reasons, including the varying impact of different sites on traffic, green spaces or the character of specific parts of the village.

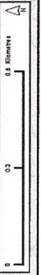
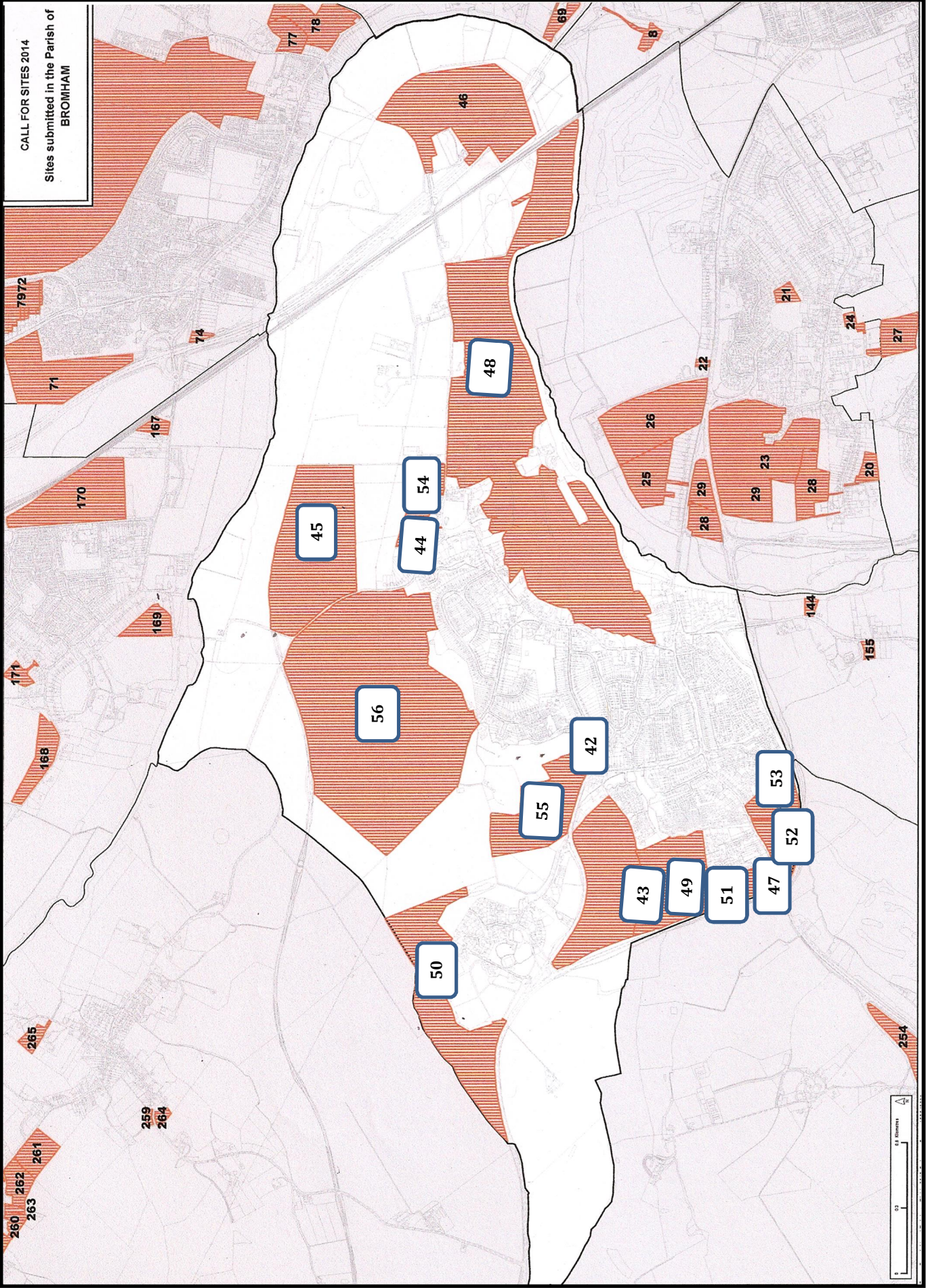
Q.1.5. If there is new housing in Bromham, which sites do you think would provide the best locations?

No	Site	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
42	Grange Lane			
43	South of Northampton Road			
44	North of Lower Farm Road 1			
45	Molliver's Field, Oakley Road			
46	Bedford North Station			
47	Adjacent to 64 Stagsden Road			
48	Bromham Park & Lower Farm Road (South)			
49	Northampton Road 1			
50	Northampton Road 2			
51	Stagsden Road North			
52	Stagsden Road South 1			
53	Stagsden Road South 2			
54	Lower Farm Road North 2			
55	Grange Lane/ Northampton Road			
56	Molliver's Lane/Oakley Road			

To view individual 'Call for Sites' information on Bedford Borough Council's website go to:
<http://edrms.bedford.gov.uk/OpenDocument.aspx?id=Fy85uYaYynw%2bEZNup89nBq%3d%3d&name=Bromham%20CP%20submitted%20sites.pdf>

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Sites submitted in the Parish of
BROMHAM



Consequences of new development

Q.1.6. How concerned are you about the consequences of new housing development set out below? Please tick as appropriate.

	Very	Quite	Neutral	Not very	Not at all
Environmental impact (flooding, drainage, air quality etc)					
Access and safety problems associated with additional traffic					
Construction traffic					
Adequacy of existing facilities and services					
Pressure on school places					
Loss of village identity – swallowed by Bedford or merged with other villages					

Part 2 - Getting About

New housing development will inevitably increase traffic in the village. At the launch event we received comments about speeding, parking, bus services and the safety of cyclists and pedestrians. There was general concern about speeding in the village, but a number of speeding hot spots emerged.

Comments were also received about parking on verges and pavements, with school times creating particular problems. The need for more frequent bus services was also raised, particularly for morning and evening services to and from Bedford, and for the X5 to stop in Bromham.

For new housing developments, there were concerns at the launch event that development of some sites would mean substantial additional traffic on the main village through-roads whatever the vehicle's destination or starting point.

Now we would like your views.

Q.2.1. Are you currently concerned about any of the following? Please tick the appropriate box in relation to each issue.

Issue	Yes	No
Speeding in the village generally		
Speeding in specific areas. If so, list your top two sites of concern here (street/road name only) – 1 2		
Should there be average speed cameras or other speed controls in worst affected areas		

Issue	Yes	No
Parking on verges and pavements		
Cyclist safety		
Pedestrian safety		

Q.2.2. Would you use buses more if -

	Yes	No
(a) services were more frequent?		
(b) services ran earlier and later to and from Bedford?		
(c) the X5 service stopped in or near Bromham?		
(d) there were services to and from different destinations e.g. Kempston or Cranfield? If so, please list your top (two) destination(s).		
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Q.2.3. If Bromham is required to absorb substantial new housing, which of the following would be needed? Tick any that are appropriate.

	Yes	No
Traffic calming measures		
More pedestrian crossings on through roads		
Designated cycles lanes on through roads		
Additional bus services, including early and late services to and from Bedford		

Q.2.4. Comments at the launch event suggested that Bromham's Neighbourhood Plan should seek to ensure that, where possible, new housing development is located where it will have the least negative impact on getting around the village. Do you

	Tick one box
Agree strongly?	
Agree to some extent?	
Disagree?	
Have no view?	

Part 3 - Green Spaces and Environment

Bromham encompasses a number of green spaces that contribute to its rural character. There are also public footpaths and bridleways that provide access to these green spaces and the surrounding countryside.

As the Neighbourhood Plan develops, it will be important to know which green spaces you value most.

Q.3.1. Which green spaces do you value most? Please number the boxes in your order of preference

	Insert number
The river and flood meadows	
Bromham Park	
The green space around Bromham Mill	
Woodland around the Scout and Guide Centres	
Salem Thrift	
Agricultural land	
Land used for equestrian purposes, as in Lower Farm Road	
Bromham Nature Reserve	
The public footpaths and bridleways that connect green spaces to each other and Bromham to other villages.	

Q.3.2. Do you consider that new developments in Bromham should contain some green or open spaces?
Please tick one box.

Yes		No	
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Part 4 - Village Facilities

At the launch, some thought the village's current facilities were sufficient given the proximity of Bedford. Others suggested additional facilities. To create the Neighbourhood Plan it is important to understand the need for facilities, both now and in the future.

Q.4.1. Do you believe the Village Hall is under utilised?

Yes		No	
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If you ticked 'yes', should the village make more use of the Village Hall?

Yes		No	
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Q.4.2. Is the library important to Bromham?

Yes		No	
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If you ticked 'yes', should library's opening hours be extended?

Yes		No	
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Q.4.3 Should there be adult education in the village?

Yes		No	
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Q.4.4. Of the following launch event suggestions, which would you, view as an important addition to village life? Please tick all those you consider important.

	Tick
Baker's	
Café (other than at the Mill)	
Gym	
Swimming pool	
Cricket club	
Play areas (young)	
Play areas (teens)	
Independent youth centre	
Butcher	
Greengrocer	
Micro Brewery	
Other, Please specify here:	

Part 5 - Heritage

The village benefits greatly from its heritage sites, and they perform an important role in village life. Many of the launch comments explored the use of the Bromham Park, the Mill, nature reserve and footpaths.

Q.5.1. *Although privately owned and managed, how important is it to you that Bromham Park remains accessible to members of the local community?*

Very important	Quite important	Not important	No opinion

Q.5.2. *Do you think more use should be made of Bromham Mill?*

Yes		No	
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If you ticked yes, which of the following is important? Please tick any issues you consider important for the future of the Mill.

	Tick
More events at the Mill	
Longer opening hours at the café	
Art/craft stalls at the site	
A farm shop	
A delicatessen	
More walks originating at the Mill site	
Advertise the Mill and events more widely	
Other, Write additional items here:	

Q.5.3. *The current demands of traffic on Bromham Bridge are great and the bridge needs to be preserved. Should consideration be given to any of the following? Please tick the option you consider most appropriate.*

	Tick
Restricting traffic on the bridge to one way only.	
Traffic lights	
Prohibiting use by heavy vehicles	
Adding a safer cycle/pedestrian crossing	
None of these	

Part 6 - Young People

Although there are current facilities for children and young people in Bromham, it is important that the Neighbourhood Plan considers their future needs. We received comments at the launch event about other things to consider.

Q.6.1. Some considered the village lacks facilities for older children. Would you like to see any of the following ideas introduced?

	Tick
Independent Youth Club	
Internet café	
Tennis courts	
Skate park	
Cricket club	
Adventure playground	
Tree top activities	
Other, Write additional facility here –	

Part 7 – Employment

As part of possible future development in Bromham, the launch event explored employment possibilities. Some comments suggested the commercial and industrial centres in Bedford and Milton Keynes made new local employment unnecessary. Others suggested that small business/start-up units could be developed.

Q.7.1. Does the proximity of Bedford and Milton Keynes mean that further employment in Bromham is not essential?

Yes		No	
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Q.7.2. Should there be further development at the Mill to create jobs?

Yes		No	
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If you ticked 'yes', which of the following would be important?

	Tick
Art/craft studios to rent	
Art/craft shops	
Farm shop	
Delicatessen	
Restaurant	
Small business/start-up units	
Other, Write other suggestion(s) here:	

Q.7.3. Would small business/start-up units (at the Mill or other locations) benefit the village?

Yes		No	
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Q.7.4. Should consideration be given to introducing more leisure facilities within the Village?

Yes		No	
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Part 8 – About You

We are not seeking your name and address but please provide your postcode in the box below so we can see which part of the village responses are from.

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It would also be helpful if you would provide the details requested below so we can see whether we have a good cross-section of responses

Q.8.1. How would you describe your household?

	Tick
Family with school-age or pre-school age children	
Family with grown-up children living at home	
Couple	
Adult living with other adults	
Adult living alone	

Q.8.2 Which age group are you in?

	Tick
Under 18	
18 – 40	
40-65	
Over 65	

Q.8.3. How long have you lived in Bromham?

	Tick
0-5 years	
6-20 years	
More than 20 years	

Q.8.4. What is your current employment status?

	Tick
Employed or self-employed full time	
Employed or self-employed part-time	
Temporary or seasonal employment	
Unemployed or unable to work	
Looking after home/carer	
Retired	
Student	

BROMHAM'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

- It is your comments that will help shape the future of Bromham.
- No individual will be identified in the report on this questionnaire.
- All residents will have an opportunity to see the results and will be consulted on the issues and options that emerge from it.

For more information and to keep up-to-date of Bromham's Neighbourhood Plan - go to our website:
www.bromhamparish.co.uk/Bromham'sNeighbourhoodPlan
or scan the QR code with your smart phone.



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OR
Return to Bromham Parish Council office in Bromham Village Hall**

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