

Yateley, Darby Green & Frogmore Neighbourhood Plan



Resident Survey

Introduction

The YDF Neighbourhood Plan will sit under the Local Plan of Hart Council and will provide planning guidance on how Yateley, Darby Green and Frogmore should evolve over the next 15 years. We realise that since our last survey, we are all much more aware of climate change and its likely consequences for both our and succeeding generations. The draft Plan therefore considers how our physical infrastructure interacts with its natural surroundings and the environment and how planning should be guided by the need to preserve biodiversity, sustain ecosystems and undertake local actions to limit the impact of and adapt to a changing climate.



The Plan will comprise a set of policy guidelines which cover protecting the environment, enhancing the infrastructure, improving housing provision, reducing the impact of transport and promoting leisure facilities. An Annex provides the background, rationale and raison d'être. The initial draft of these documents can be accessed on our website <https://ydf-np.org.uk> while copies of these documents can be consulted in the Yateley Library.

As part of the consultation process, the Steering Group has prepared this questionnaire to obtain your inputs to our draft plan. We hope that you be willing to complete this questionnaire only filling in those questions that you wish to answer.

The consultation will be launched on **Saturday 29th February** at Yateley School. The schools have run climate change poster competitions and the results will be on display at Yateley School on **29th February** and at the Darby Green Community Centre on **14th March**, 11am to 3pm on both days, where there will also be a chance to meet members of the Steering Group.

From your responses to this questionnaire, a second draft will be prepared and uploaded to our website for any further comment. Our intention will then be to submit this revised draft to Hart Council for their consideration and then to submit the Plan to an independent examiner for their comment and approval. The Plan with any amendments will then be subject to a referendum within the Parish.

Resident survey: Please send your completed survey to Yateley Town Council, Council Offices, Reading Road, Yateley, GU46 7RP by **17th April 2020**. You can also scan your survey and email it to office@yateley-tc.gov.uk

If you wish to complete this survey online visit the Survey Monkey link below:
www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/C39FKFJ

About you

Please tick your age range:

- Under 18
- 18 – 24
- 25 – 44
- 45 – 64
- 65 years or over

Do you:

- Live in Yateley
- Live in Darby Green
- Live in Frogmore
- Visit for leisure, work, shopping or school
- Visit family and friends in the area
- Other (please state).....

Protecting the environment

Limiting climate change

Our ever increasing use of fossil fuels is primarily responsible for the increasing concentration of greenhouse gas gases which congregate in the upper atmosphere and induce global warming. To limit the average global temperature rise to 1.5°C much of the remaining fossil fuel reserves will have to be left in the ground. Any Neighbourhood Plan has therefore to initiate and support local actions *by thinking globally but act locally* in order to limit irreversible changes in climate.

CC1 *Have you observed any changes in the climate? Yes No. If Yes, what have you observed?*

CC2 *Do you agree that actions to limit climate change are required at a local level? Yes No*

Promoting biodiversity and encouraging green planting

Life on earth has evolved over hundreds of millions of years with the evolution of myriad of species which has led to the life forms that exist today. The natural diversity within and between species have created biological resources which feed and clothe us and provide housing, medicine and spiritual nourishment. By creating new habitats in the form of trees, hedgerows and wild flower meadows, it will be possible to reverse the decline in biodiversity.

BI1 *Have you noticed any decline in species such as bees and butterflies? Yes No. If Yes, what have you observed?*

BI2 *Can you identify areas where native trees, hedgerows or wild flower areas can be planted? Yes No. If so, where?*

BI3 *Would you be willing to join and/or support a community green action group to undertake actions to improve biodiversity and preserve ecosystems? Yes No*

Enhancing the infrastructure

Minimising the likelihood of flooding

In developing the built area of YDF, streams running south to north have been covered in or diverted into culverts whose capacity is not known. Flooding has already been encountered in various parts of Yateley and is likely to increase due to increase in extreme weather events.

FL1 *Do you agree that development should be prohibited within any area that the Environment Agency predicts to be at high risk of flooding? Yes No*

FL2 *Are you aware of any areas of local flooding? Yes No. If so, please indicate.*

Maintaining strategic gaps between settlements

Strategic gaps, such as that between Yateley and Eversley, are essential for preventing the coalescence of settlements and for reducing the incidence of flooding through ability to soak up flood waters during periods of excessive rainfall. They also provide areas for green planting and for leisure and recreational activities.

SG1 *Do you agree that all strategic gaps between settlements be maintained as green areas with no further development or infilling allowed? Yes No*

SG2 *Can you suggest how these areas be used to benefit the environment and biodiversity?*

SG3 *Is it important to you that Yateley Common is preserved for future generations? Yes No*

SG4 *If Blackbushe Airport was to close, do you agree that this land should revert to being common land? Yes No*

Enhancing digital infrastructure

The primary benefits of good telecommunications, apart from maintaining contact, is to facilitate the ability to work from home, reduce the need for travelling to work and to support businesses and schools.

ET1 *Do you have good broadband coverage? Yes No. Your Postcode:*

ET2 *Do you have good mobile phone coverage? Yes No. Your Postcode:*

Upgrading infrastructure

To reduce transmission and distribution losses, it is desirable to generate locally as much electricity and heat as possible. Moreover, conversion to renewable energy sources will be necessary as gas is phased out as a heating source. Using the sun's rays, directly or indirectly, it is possible to install renewable energy systems, which can supply heat and/or electricity. Options include solar electric and solar thermal modules which can be roof mounted and use of heat pumps to concentrate the ambient heat present in the air or ground.

UE1 Do you agree with producing renewable electricity and heat locally to limit fossil fuel usage? Yes No

UE2 Does your home have roof mounted solar electric or solar thermal panels? Yes No
If not would you like some relevant information? Yes No

UE3 Do you have an electric vehicle? Yes No
If not do you intend to buy one in the next 5 years? Yes No

Improving housing provision

Promoting good local design

Good design of the built environment helps to create a sense of community identity and belonging. Such design involves the appearance and use of buildings as well as the relationships between different buildings, the built environment, open spaces and how people move between them.

LD1 Are you in favour of promoting good local design to enhance the built environment? Yes No

LD2 What do you think constitutes good local design?

Enhancing the environmental design of buildings

Energy usage by households comprises a major part of our carbon footprint. By reducing our energy usage, we can reduce energy bills and carbon emissions. Cost effective options include restoring thermal efficiency of radiators by checking and appropriately dosing with corrosion inhibitor/descaler whenever a boiler is serviced and reducing heat loss through the building fabric by increasing thermal insulation. Options for using energy more efficiently include installing low energy light bulbs and choosing and operating appropriately energy efficient appliances.

ED1 Should guidelines be introduced to reduce environmental emissions from buildings? Yes No

ED2 Which measures would you wish to consider if relevant information was available? Tick all that apply.
restoring radiator efficiency retrofitting thermal insulation installing low energy lighting
identifying and operating energy efficient appliances

Optimising housing mix including affordable homes

Due to rapid population growth between 1960 and 1980, there is now an increasingly ageing demographic. The lack of 2 bedroom starter homes, flats and bungalows for older people and limited affordable housing to rent means that there is an ongoing need for a wider housing mix.

OH1 Should new development/redevelopment reflect Yateley's current housing need? Yes No

OH2 Rank in order of importance: starter homes bungalows..... flats

OH3 How would you define an affordable home?

Protecting historic buildings

Yateley has a number of historic and listed buildings.

PH1 Do you agree that these should be protected? Yes No

Sympathetic redevelopment of business premises

It is desirable that any redevelopment should reflect the housing needs of the local community.

SR1 Do you agree that any redevelopment should reflect such needs? Yes No

Identifying development sites

In order to accommodate any increase in population, suitable sites will need to be identified which could be developed in future.

DS1 Can you suggest any suitable site which could minimise environmental impact? Yes No. If so, where?

Reducing impact of transport

Reducing impact of traffic

Road traffic not only creates local and global pollution, but also affects the safety and health of pedestrians, cyclists and other road users. To reduce the impact of transit traffic, it would be desirable to consider introducing both a weight and speed limit through Yateley town centre. To reduce the need for local journeys by car, circular bus routes could be introduced to provide public transport to adjacent towns like Fleet, Farnborough and Sandhurst, while a community shuttle bus could be considered for journeys within the Parish.

RT1 Do you agree to a weight limit on the B3272 through Yateley town centre? Yes No

RT2 Do you agree to a 20mph speed limit through Yateley town centre? Yes No

RT3 Would you make use of an affordable community shuttle bus that serves the parish? Yes No

RT4 Would you make more use of buses if they served more destinations and provided more interconnected services with other bus routes and trains? Yes No

Any other comments

Active travel or sustainable mobility

For short journeys, walking, cycling or scooting would reduce pollution and facilitate social interaction. Such non car modes can be classified as active travel. For safety reasons, this requires physical separation from the road space in the form of pavements, cycle lanes and safe points for crossing busy roads. For longer journeys this requires easy interchange with buses and trains.

SM1 Would you undertake fewer car journeys if active travel was prioritised? Yes No

SM2 Can you suggest locations for pavement upgrades, cycle lanes and crossing points?

Adopting car park provision

There is limited car park space in the town centre and one option considered above is a community shuttle bus to reduce car usage. The other option could be to provide more car park space.

CP1 Do you favour more car park space? Yes No. If so, where:

Promoting leisure activities

Supporting leisure, recreational and sport activities

Yateley is already endowed with many of these facilities.

LR1 Do you think that provision of such facilities could be enhanced? Yes No

LR2 If so, can you suggest what other provision can be made?

Provision of allotments and community orchard

As houses are being built with ever smaller gardens, there is an increasing need to set land aside for communal gardening activities such as allotments and a community orchard and to reduce 'food miles'. The provision of allotments at Swan Lake has only reduced the waiting list.

AL1 Would you be interested in an allotment if more land can be set aside? Yes No

AL2 Can you suggest any areas which could be used for allotments or community orchards?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!