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Doynton Parish Plan Questionnaire



Doynton Parish Plan Steering Group
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Welcome to the Doynton Parish Plan Questionnaire.

This is *your* copy; please don't bin it! We would really like to hear your views and *you could win a cash prize.*

We would particularly like to have the views of the young people of Doynton – they are its future.

Most of you feel Doynton is a great place to live, but it could be even better. The wide range of subjects covered reflects your interests, expectations, concerns and hopes - there have been nearly 200 suggestions. Of course not every one can be covered in this questionnaire but if we have left anything out then please tell us in Section L.

Obviously it may not be possible to fulfil everybody's wishes immediately, but having the information is essential for future planning. The Parish Plan really does carry weight when trying to persuade South Gloucestershire Council how we would like our Parish to develop. *This questionnaire is the only way that we have to demonstrate community support for particular initiatives, so please take time to fill it in.*

Instructions for completion of the Questionnaire ...

- We would like to have the views of everybody so we would like a questionnaire to be completed by *every person* in the Parish of Doynton, *not just one per household.*
- If you would like to complete a digital version of the questionnaire then please download a copy from www.doyntonvillage.org . You can then print out the completed form and return it as indicated below.
- Please tell the person delivering this copy or let a member of the Steering Group know if you need additional questionnaire forms, a large print version or if you need any assistance in completing the Questionnaire.
- Put X in the box provided or respond as requested. Your answers are supplied anonymously and will not be traceable to any particular household or individual.

What to do with completed Questionnaires ...

- Put each completed questionnaire in the envelope provided and seal it.
- Completed Questionnaires will be collected in person by a member of the Steering Group or volunteer helper.
- Prize Draws for those who complete the Questionnaire – one £50 prize for adults and two £25 prizes for young people under 18. The person collecting the Questionnaires will issue a ticket for each completed Questionnaire. ***The Prize Draw will be held at the Doynton Country Market on Saturday 18th April 2009***
- The deadline date for completion of the Questionnaire is **31st March 2009**

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation and for all the ideas you have put forward

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General Background Questions

Firstly we need to ask a couple of questions so that we can fully analyse the results of the Questionnaire and determine the views of different groups within our community.

Question 1 We would like to know in which area of the Parish you live. Please select the group that contains your post code suffix

5SR, 5SS, 5ST, 5SU, 5SW, 5TF, 5TG,	
5SD, 5SY, 5SZ, 5TD	
5SP, 5SX, 5TA, 5TB, 5TE, 5TH, 5TJ, 5TQ, 5TY, 5RS, 5RT, 5RX, 5RY	

Question 2 What age group do you belong to?

Under 12	
12 - 17	
18 - 30	
31 - 50	
51 - 70	
Over 70	

What is important to you

Question 3 We would like to know which issues are most important to you.

- Please pick your top 5 from the following and rank them in order of importance. Do this by entering 1 = most important, 5 = least important, in the second column.
- We would like you to complete the whole questionnaire but if you do not have time then at the very least please answer the questions relating to your 5 chosen topics in the section of the main questionnaire as shown.

	Rank	If selected then complete
Countryside issues / Litter / Appearance of the Parish		Section A
Housing in the Parish		Section B
Community services / Emergency services / Parish Council		Section C
Refuse / Recycling / Energy saving initiatives		Section D
Crime / Vandalism / Anti-social behaviour		Section E
Traffic / Road safety / Parking		Section F
Keeping people informed / Internet / Mobile phone coverage		Section G
Shopping / Post Office / Café / Bulk oil buying		Section H
Transport / Buses / Dial-a-Ride / Car schemes		Section I
Public spaces / Outdoor leisure / Sports / Allotments		Section J
Indoor leisure / Village hall / Church / Pub / Youth venue		Section K

SECTION A Countryside issues / Litter / Appearance of the Parish

Question 4 In your opinion how important are the following in ensuring that the character of the Parish is preserved? (Select your top 5 in order of importance with 1 being the most important and 5 being the least important)

Open spaces (parks and public spaces)	
Trees and hedgerows	
Woods and copses	
Country lanes	
Footpaths and bridle ways	
Floodplain of River Boyd	
Rivers and ponds	
Wildlife and natural habitats	
Conservation area protection	
Initiatives to remove overhead cabling	
Plans for the eventual re-use of Wick quarry	
Other – please specify	

Question 5 Should a nature conservation group be established to keep an eye on the above?

Yes No

Question 6 Would you want to be involved in such a group?

Yes No

Question 7 Is fly-tipping a problem in the Parish?

Yes No

Question 8 Is litter a problem in the Parish?

Yes No

Question 9 Would you like to see the village enhanced with flowers / planters / pots?

Yes No

Question 10 Would you be willing to participate in a working group to walk the Parish, collect litter and beautify the village?

Yes No

Question 11 Do you consider that the street lighting in Doynton is
(X more than one box if you wish)

Sufficient	
Insufficient	
Too bright	
Not in an appropriate style	

Please give any suggestions to improve the situation

SECTION B Housing in the Parish

Question 12 At present the parish of Doynton has about 140 houses, do you think this should increase over the next 10 years?

Increase by more than 15 houses	
Increase by 10 – 15 houses	
Increase by 5 – 10 houses	
Stay about the same	

Question 13 If you think that the number of houses in Doynton should increase then what type of additional housing should be developed? (*Enter 1 to 5 in order of importance with 1 being the most important*)

Private	
Change of use of existing buildings / facilities	
Shared ownership / starter homes	
Social housing	
Sheltered housing	
Retirement homes	
Nursing homes	
Other - please specify ...	

Question 14 Please give any comments on why you think more houses are needed in the Parish, or any concerns that you may have regarding further house building.

SECTION C Community services / Emergency services / Parish Council

Question 15 Are you satisfied with the health services available to residents of the Parish?

Yes No

Please provide suggestions to improve the situation ...

Question 16 Are the disabled facilities in Doynton user friendly?

Yes No

Please provide suggestions to improve the situation

Question 17 Have you had cause to call any of the emergency services (police / fire / ambulance) to an incident in Doynton ?

Yes No

If yes, please state whether your experience was satisfactory ...

Question 18 Have you ever been flooded by external water?

Yes No

Question 19 If yes, then ...

How many times

When was the last time

Question 20 Have you ever had blocked drains or problems with the mains sewerage system?

Yes No

If yes, then when and where?

Question 21 How would you rate the work of the Parish Council in carrying out its role as your representative and link to South Gloucestershire Council ?

Very good	<input type="checkbox"/>
Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unsatisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide suggestions to improve the situation ...

SECTION D Refuse / Recycling / Energy saving initiatives

Question 22 Are the current recycling and waste collections provided by S Gloucestershire Council adequate? (*X more than one box if you wish*)

Yes	
No – not frequent enough	
No – more recycling options required	

Question 23 Would you like communal recycling bins (textiles / plastics etc) to be located in the village?

Yes No

If yes, where should they be located?

Question 24 Should there be an “Eco-Friendly Group” with the objective of making Doynton carbon-neutral and to encourage energy efficiency?

Yes No

Question 25 If yes, then would you be willing to participate in such a group?

Yes No

Question 26 Do you have any ideas to promote energy efficiency in the Parish?

Please specify ...

SECTION E Crime / Vandalism / Anti-social behaviour

Question 27 Have you been a victim of crime in the Parish in the last 5 years?

Yes No

If yes, then what type of crime and when and where did it take place?

Question 28 Have you seen any acts of vandalism, or the effects of vandalism in the Parish?

Yes No

If yes, then what type of crime and when and where did it take place?

Question 29 Have you suffered from anti-social behaviour in the Parish?

Yes No

Question 30 Do you consider that the Parish is adequately policed?

Yes No

If not, please provide suggestions to improve the situation ...

Question 31 Do you feel that there is a need for a Neighbourhood Watch scheme to be set up in the Parish?

Yes No

Question 32 If yes, would you be willing to participate in such a scheme?

Yes No

SECTION F Traffic / Road safety / Parking

The consultations raised a number of concerns relating to the roads of the Parish and associated safety issues. Improvements will not happen without there being a consensus that action needs to be taken.

Question 33 Is speeding traffic in the Parish of Doynton a problem?

Yes No

Question 34 If yes, where does it mainly occur? (*X more than one box if you wish*)

Bury Lane	
Church Road	
High Street	
Dyrham Lane	
Toghill (A420)	
Horsepool Lane	
Other – please specify	

Question 35 When is the speeding problem worst? (*X more than one box if you wish*)

Morning	
Afternoon	
Evening	
Late night	
Anytime	

Question 36 If speeding is a problem in the parish then please give your suggestions to remedy this ...

Question 37 Would you support a reduction in the current speed limit of 60 mph on the A420 at Tog Hill?

Yes No

Question 38 Do you consider that safety could be improved at the Pool Farm junction on the A420?

Yes No

Please provide suggestions to improve the situation ...

Question 39 As a pedestrian, cyclist or horse rider, do you feel safe on the roads of the parish?

Yes No

If not then please provide suggestions to improve the situation ...

Question 40 Is there enough parking in the village?

Sufficient all the time	
Sufficient at most times	
Insufficient	

If it is insufficient, then does the problem lie with any of the following ?

Pub visitors	
Playing field users	
Church users	
Village Hall users	
Visiting ramblers	
Visitors to residents	
Commercial / delivery vehicles	
Other - please specify ...	

If you believe that more parking is required the please suggest where it should be put.

SECTION G Keeping people informed / Internet / Mobile phone coverage

Question 41 How do you hear about what is going on in the Parish? *(Enter in order of importance with 1 being the most important and 3 being the least important)*

Parish Magazine	
Notice Boards	
Word of mouth	
Other – please specify	

Question 42 How could communications be improved in the Parish? *(Select your top 5 in order of importance with 1 being the most important and 5 being the least important)*

Doynton Village Website	
Local Facebook Group	
More comprehensive Parish Magazine	
Meetings for 18 and under	
Competitions	
Ideas Post Box	
Letters Page	
Village Blog	
Youth Newsletter	
More notice boards	
Welcome pack to new residents	
Other (Please Specify)	

Question 43 Do you use broadband internet services in the Parish?

Yes No

Question 44 Is the broadband service adequate?

Yes No

Question 45 Have you experienced problems with mobile phone coverage in the village?

Yes No

Comments and suggestions on improving the digital connectivity of Doynton

SECTION H Shopping / Post Office / Café / Bulk oil buying

During the consultations it was clear that many people would like to see an improvement in the shopping facilities. We hope that the following questions will provide sufficient information to encourage potential operators to assess whether new developments would be viable.

Question 46 There is a Post Office in the Village Hall that opens for 2 hours every Thursday morning, do you use this facility?

Yes No

If not, then what changes would make you use this facility ...

Question 47 If a shop was to be set up in Doynton how often would you use it?

Daily	
Several times a week	
Once a week	
Occasionally	
Never	

Question 48 Would you be interested in helping to run such a shop?

Yes No

Question 49 If a part time café was to be set up in the village would you use it?

Regularly	
Occasionally	
Never	

Question 50 Would you be interested in helping to run such a café ?

Yes No

Question 51 Would you like a gas supply to your home and are you prepared to contribute to its installation?

Yes No

Question 52 Would you be interested in participating in a bulk buying scheme for oil?

Yes No

Question 53 If yes, would you be willing to help organise such a scheme?

Yes No

SECTION I Transport / Buses / Dial-a-Ride / Car schemes

These questions are aimed at determining whether the residents of Doynton feel isolated from the greater community because of its transport connections.

Question 54 Do you regularly use the local bus service?

Yes No

Question 55 If not what are the reasons for you not using it?

Too infrequent	
Does not go to the right places	
Does not operate at the right times	
Unreliable	
Too expensive	
Other – please specify	

Any comments ...

Dial a Ride is a charity set up to supply transport to anyone with transport difficulties (including a poor local bus service) regardless of age or ability. They will take groups or individuals to one-off or regular appointments, social visits or shopping trips. They cover everything except hospital appointments. To those holding a valid South Gloucestershire Council bus pass it is free. For others a sliding scale of fees operates starting at £3.50 for local trips.

Question 56 Have you used the Dial a Ride service?

Yes No

Question 57 Are you interested in using the Dial a Ride service?

Yes No

Question 58 Dial a Ride can provide training so that a driver resident in the parish is available for the service to be used in the evenings and at weekends, are you interested in such training?

Yes No

Question 59 Are you interested in using a shared transport scheme for any of the following journeys?

School runs	
Getting to work	
Shopping trips	
Travel to Park and Ride locations	
Travel to railway stations	
Other – please specify	

Question 60 Have you had difficulties in getting to appointments with doctors, dentists, hospitals, etc?

Yes No

Question 61 Would you be prepared to assist with a voluntary car scheme to help with the above if suitable arrangements can be made?

Yes No

SECTION J Public spaces / Outdoor leisure / Sports / Allotments

Question 62 Should extra space in the Parish be allocated to outside sporting and recreation activities?

Yes No

Question 63 What additional outdoor facilities would you use if they were available in the Parish? If you would not use them yourself then which do you consider would be good for the community? *(Enter X in appropriate columns)*

	<i>Will Participate</i>	<i>Good for Community</i>	<i>Will Help Organise</i>
Tennis			
Cricket			
Football			
Basketball / netball			
Improved playground			
Adventure Playground			
Nature Trail			
Mountain bike trail			
Community garden / orchard			
Other activities?			

Question 64 Should the footpaths of the Parish be better marked and maintained?

Yes No

Question 65 Would you use an off-road cycle / equestrian route to Wick if it could be established?

Yes No

Question 66 If more allotments became available would you apply for one?

Yes No

SECTION K Indoor leisure / Village Hall / Church / Pub / Youth venue

Question 67 What additional indoor facilities / activities would you use if they were available in the Parish? If you would not use them yourself then which do you consider would be good for the community? (Enter X in appropriate columns)

	Will Participate	Good for Community	Will Help Organise
Disco			
Youth Club			
Pre-School Group			
Amateur Dramatics Club			
Table Tennis			
Badminton			
Junior Art Club			
Adult education classes			
Dance or other Fitness Classes			
Music classes			
Other (Please Specify)			

Question 68 The Under 18s of the parish have expressed a wish to have somewhere to meet on a casual basis, do you have any suggestions for how this can be achieved?

Question 69 Should the Church building play a larger part in village life

Yes No

If yes, then please give suggestions ...

Question 70 Do you feel that the Church meets the spiritual needs of the community?

Yes No No Opinion

If not, please provide suggestions to improve the situation

Question 71 The Church runs the Summer Fete, Harvest Supper and Christmas Bazaar, do you attend these events?

Yes No

Question 72 Do you have any ideas for other Parish events?

Yes No

If yes, then please give suggestions ...

Question 73 Do you take part in activities in the Village Hall?

Regularly (several times a month)	
Occasionally (several times a year)	
Never	

Question 74 Have you used the Village Hall for a private function?

Yes No

Question 75 A proposal is being considered to enhance the Village Hall. Do you consider that the community would use the Village Hall more if facilities were improved?

Yes No

If yes, what improvements do you think would be most beneficial? *(Select your top 5 in order of importance with 1 being the most important and 5 being the least important)*

More space,	
BBQ area at back,	
Improved entrance,	
Better lighting,	
Improved heating	
Improved parking,	
Patio / access to back garden,	
Separate meeting room	
Other ?	

Question 76 A pub is often considered to be a hub of the village community. Do you visit the Cross House regularly?

Yes No

Please specify what would encourage you to visit more frequently ...

SECTION L Additional comments ...

**Many thanks for completing the
“Doynton Parish Plan Questionnaire”**