

BROOMFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

WELCOME TO THE RESIDENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE

Your chance to say what you like about living in Broomfield – and what you'd like to change.

Please see inside!

Please answer as many questions as you wish and return it by
MONDAY 24th April



It's Your Village, Have Your Say
ON BROOMFIELD'S FUTURE



What's a neighbourhood plan?

It's a way for a village or community to plan its future development over the next 20 years (up to 2036). It's mainly about planning – for instance, where new houses, shops or offices should be built, of what type, what they should look like and what infrastructure is needed.

Why do a neighbourhood plan in Broomfield?

Chelmsford City Council is currently planning where new development should go across the whole of the area and this is likely to include some in Broomfield. A neighbourhood plan can't stop development, but it gives local people more say. This is our chance to work with the City Council to make sure we have a say in how our village develops, rather than leaving it entirely to developers and the planners.

Can I get help filling in the questionnaire?

We can't tell you what you should say, but if you need help in reading or understanding it, please let the Steering Group know, by e-mail broomfieldnp@btinternet.com or via the Parish Office on 01245 441660.

Do I have to answer every question?

No. If there are any questions you don't want to complete, just leave those blank.

What if the people in my house have different views?

We have distributed a questionnaire to every household, but if you prefer to fill in a form as separate individuals, you can get an extra form(s) - e-mail broomfieldnp@btinternet.com or ask the Parish Office on 01245 441660. You can also complete it on-line at www.broomfieldessex.co.uk/np

How do I return the questionnaire?

Please return it direct to IDA, the independent data analysis company who will process all the returns for us, using the freepost envelope. If you'd like to save us some postage, you can hand in the sealed envelope to the Parish Office – they will not be opened, just sent in one package to IDA at the end.

Will my views count?

Yes – all the responses will be carefully analysed and used to help develop the plan. The plan will be guided by national planning rules and must be broadly in line with Chelmsford's Local Plan. It also has to be viable – so an Olympic size swimming pool in Broomfield is unlikely, even if everyone wants one! But, as far as possible, the local community decides what should be in the plan – so this is your chance to have a say.

Where can I get more information?

Please see our website: www.broomfieldessex.co.uk/np. It also has links to Chelmsford's Local Plan, the Government's website and other useful sites.

Do I have to give my name and address?

No, just your postcode, unless you choose to give us more information. This consultation is conducted in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Responses will be analysed on an anonymous basis and no individual responses will be passed on to other organisations. It will not be possible to identify anyone's individual responses in the analysis.

What happens next?

Once responses have been analysed and considered, we will start to draft the neighbourhood plan. There will be more consultation as the plan develops and then the final version will be examined by an independent inspector, before being put to a local referendum. Please see our website www.broomfieldessex.co.uk/np for the latest timetable.

We are grateful to My Community, the organisation that has given us a grant to cover the entire cost of this questionnaire.

You can fill in this questionnaire either as a household or as individuals.
 If you need another questionnaire for another person, please let us know at broomfieldnp@btinternet.com or phone 01245 441660.
 Or you can fill it in online at: www.broomfieldessex.co.uk/np
 If you fill it in as a household, you will need to jointly agree how to answer most of the questions from question 4 onwards.

ABOUT YOU

This information is helpful so we can be sure we've got a good cross-section of age, gender and different parts of the Parish.

1. What is your postcode?

CM1

2. How many people are filling in this questionnaire – please indicate in the box below, showing their age group and gender

AGE	16-17	18-24	25-44	45-59	60-74	74-84	85+	Total
MALE(S)								
FEMALE(S)								

3. How long have you lived in Broomfield?

	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	3-5 years	6-10 years	10-20 years	More than 20 years
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

LIVING IN BROOMFIELD

4. Would you like to stay in Broomfield if your own circumstances permit?

Yes	No

5. What do you like and dislike about living in Broomfield?



	Like a lot	Like	Dislike	Dislike a lot	No opinion
Living in a village					
Closeness to Chelmsford and its facilities					
Closeness to open countryside					
Separate 'feeling' and identity from Chelmsford					
Community spirit / neighbourliness					
Closeness to Stansted Airport					
Closeness to motorway network					
Closeness to London					
Old buildings and / or sense of heritage					
Friends and neighbours					

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	Like a lot	Like	Dislike	Dislike a lot	No opinion
Level of traffic					
The buses					
Shops and other services					
Local schools and pre-schools					
Level of law and order					
Amount of affordable housing					
Employment opportunities					

Other (please specify)

GETTING AROUND BROOMFIELD

The level of traffic is the main thing people dislike about Broomfield, according to earlier surveys. We're asking these questions because we want to see if it's possible to encourage people to walk, cycle or take the bus more, rather than using the car. Also, to see if anything can be done to limit the impact of traffic.

6. What are your normal methods of travel (tick all that apply): ☒

a) To work?

Walk: ☐ Cycle: ☐ Bus: ☐ Car: ☐ Train: ☐

b) To Chelmsford?

Walk: ☐ Cycle: ☐ Bus: ☐ Car: ☐

c) Other local social/leisure trips?

Walk: ☐ Cycle: ☐ Bus: ☐ Car: ☐

7. Would you consider making more use of buses, cycling or walking? (Please circle in box below)
If so, what would encourage you to do so?

Buses: Yes/No
Cycling: Yes/No
Walking: Yes/No

8. If you don't have paid work or regular voluntary work outside your home, please go straight to Question 13

How far do you travel to work

Less than 2 miles: ☐ 3 – 5 miles: ☐ 6 – 10 miles: ☐ More than 10 miles: ☐ ☒

9. Do you work from home?

Regularly: ☐ Occasionally: ☐ Never/Hardly ever: ☐

10. If you work in Broomfield all or most of the time, which of these best describes your paid work:

Medical or care services: ☐ Education or Childcare: ☐ Hospitality: ☐
 Retail: ☐ Agriculture: ☐ Beauty: ☐ Other ☐

11. Do you think that the level of traffic going through Broomfield is:

Satisfactory: ☐ Mostly satisfactory but too heavy at peak times: ☐ Too heavy most of the time: ☐

12. Do you support any of the following measures to reduce the impact of traffic going through the village:



	Strongly support	Support	Object	Strongly Object	No opinion
Village entry treatment near Main Road/Hospital Approach junction (gateway and markings to indicate entry to village)					
Vehicle-activated speed warning signs					
Traffic islands/pedestrian refuges (if so please say where):					
More pedestrian lights/crossings (if so please say where):					
Speed camera(s) (if so please say where):					
Signpost hospital traffic along the A130 Essex Regiment Way					
New access road into the northern side of Broomfield Hospital site from Blasford Hill					

Other:

13. Do you support any of the following to reduce traffic speed in small/residential roads?



	Strongly support	Support	Object	Strongly Object	No opinion
20 mph speed limits					
Road humps (kerb to kerb humps)					
Speed cushions (small humps at intervals across the road)					
Chicanes (as in Patching Hall Lane)					

Other:

THE COUNTRYSIDE

The village of Broomfield is almost surrounded by countryside, mainly farmland. We want to know how important this is to you and which parts you most want to protect.

14. How important is it to you that Broomfield is surrounded by countryside?

Very Important	Important	Not very important	Not at all important	No opinion

15. If so, which aspects of the countryside do you value? ☒

	Very important	Important	Not very important	Not all all important	No opinion
Tranquility					
Opportunity for recreation (e.g. walking, jogging)					
Openness					
Natural break between Broomfield and other settlements					
Wildlife					
Views					

Other (please specify)

16. Do you use footpaths around the village? (Please circle) Often / Occasionally / Never

17. The Parish map opposite is divided into 9 areas of countryside marked A to I. (The existing built-up areas are shaded grey; areas already approved for development or under construction are shaded red). Please tick any areas containing countryside that you would particularly like to protect from development:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I

18. If you could only choose up to 3 of these areas to protect, which would they be?

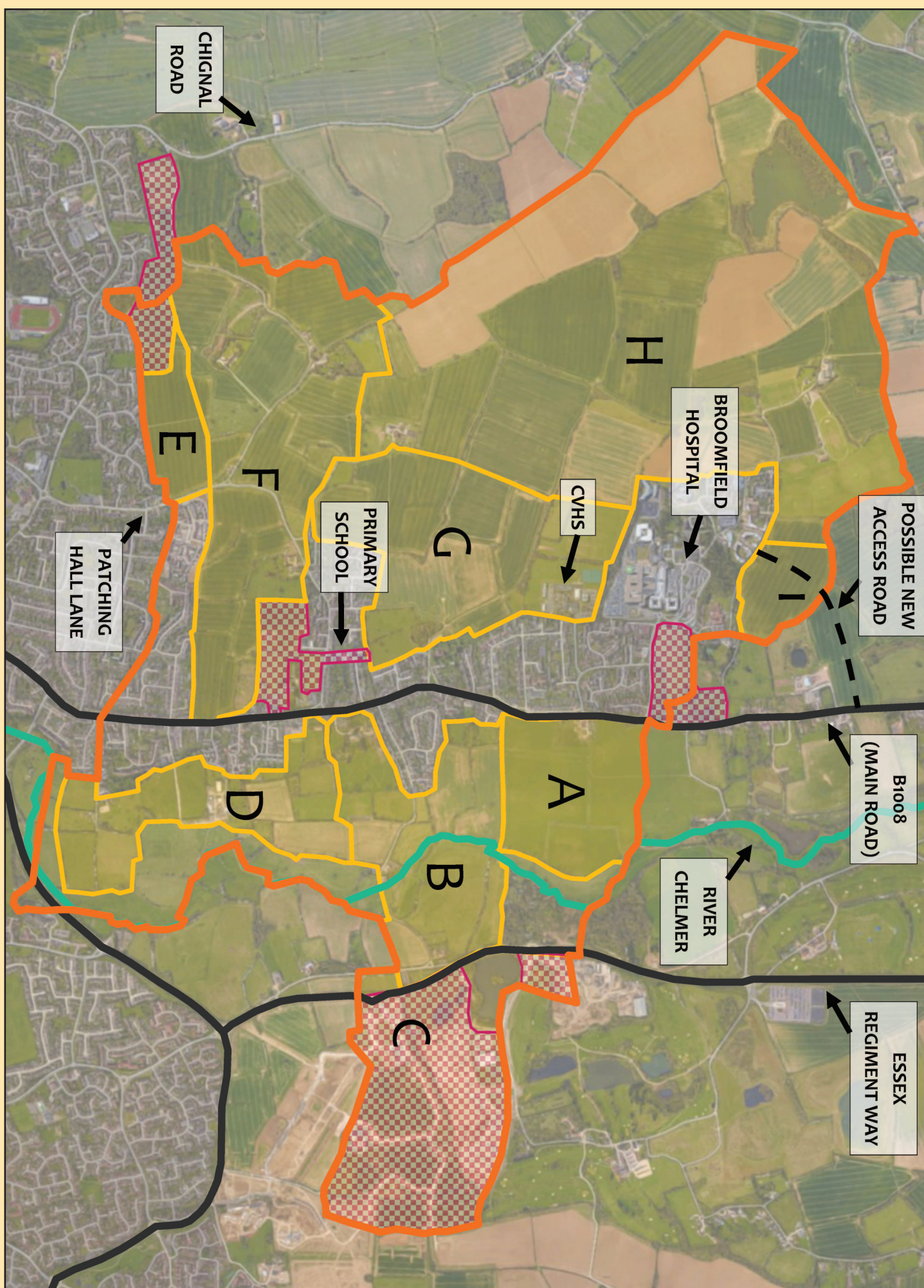
1st

2nd

3rd

19. Are there any specific pieces of land you would like to see designated as green space, to prevent them from being developed? Please describe them here, mark them on the map and briefly say why you value them:

20. Are there any views you would particularly like to protect? If so, please draw an arrow on the map to show them.



VILLAGE DESIGN

These questions are to help us find out what you like and dislike about the design of new homes and buildings and how the built up areas of Broomfield could be improved.

21. Which built-up part of Broomfield do you like most (excluding countryside)?

22. Which buildings do like the most and why?

23. Are there any built-up parts of Broomfield that you don't like (excluding countryside)?

24. How important are Broomfield's historic buildings to you (e.g. the Angel, Butlers, Broomfield Hall, St. Mary's Church, Woollards)?

Very Important	Important	Not very important	Not at all important	No opinion
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

25. Broomfield has one Conservation Area (where new building or extensions have to be very carefully planned), at Church Green. Should there be more – if so where?

26. Where do you think the centre or 'heart' of Broomfield lies?

27. Which of the following would make the village of Broomfield look and feel more attractive. Please put a number by any you support to show your priority – 1 for the highest priority and 5 for the lowest.

	1-5
Plant more trees and flowers	<input type="text"/>
Provide more seats in public places	<input type="text"/>
Provide more bins	<input type="text"/>
Keep green spaces mown and tidy	<input type="text"/>
Allow some green spaces to become more wild.	<input type="text"/>

28. Can you suggest any more ideas that you think would make Broomfield look and feel more attractive?

29. New developments often have to include public art – for instance, the carved Saxon warrior figure in the Saxon Gate development off Patching Hall Lane? What type of public art would you like to see in new developments (if any):

In questions 30-36, please tick the statement you agree with the most:



30. New buildings should always fit in with surrounding buildings

☐

or

New buildings should fit in with surrounding buildings, provided the surrounding buildings look attractive

☐

or

It's good to have a mixture of building styles next to each other.

☐

31. Generally I prefer new buildings to have a traditional design

☐

or

Generally I prefer new buildings to look modern

☐

32. If Broomfield has to accommodate more housing:

New housing should make the most efficient use of space (for instance by having an extra storey)

☐

or

New houses should be spread out, with plenty of space in between

☐

33. Generally, new houses and buildings should be limited to:

2 storeys

☐

or

2.5 storeys (i.e. 2 storey houses with rooms in the roof)

☐

or

3 storeys

☐

or

No limit

☐

34. Blocks of apartments are acceptable in the right setting if they are:

Up to 3 storeys

☐

or

Up to 4 storeys

☐

or

Up to 5 storeys

☐

or

6 storeys or more

☐

or

Blocks of apartments are not acceptable at all.

☐

In questions 35 & 36, please tick the statement you agree with the most:

35. Apart from apartments:

All houses should have big gardens (80 sqm or more)

or

Smaller gardens are okay, provided there is communal open space within 2 minutes' walk

or

Small gardens are okay anyway.



36. New houses should generally be built in small cul-de-sacs, with a maximum of around 25 houses in each

or

New houses should generally be built alongside through roads



HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

We're asking these questions because it's likely that Broomfield will have to provide new housing as part of the Chelmsford Local Plan. We want our Neighbourhood Plan to have as much influence as possible, so would like to know your views on what any new housing should be like.

37. If the Chelmsford Local Plan requires Broomfield to accommodate more housing in the future, what types of homes should be built? Please tick all types that should be included.



Executive (i.e. large family) homes



Small family homes



Smaller homes for single people



Retirement homes for the 'active retired' (i.e. older people who don't need any support)



Warden controlled retirement homes



Nursing homes for elderly people



Affordable (i.e. rented or shared equity) starter homes



Apartments



Bungalows



Other (please specify)

38. Which 3 types of homes from this list should have the most priority

1st

2nd

3rd

39. Should we build any of these types of homes anyway, even if the Chelmsford Local Plan doesn't allocate more housing to Broomfield? If so, which types from the list above should be built:

**40. Are you likely to need to re-locate within Broomfield during the next 5 years?
If so, which type of home (from the list above) are you likely to need?**

Yes	No

If you are willing, please briefly explain why:

41. If the Chelmsford Local Plan requires Broomfield to accommodate more housing, what sort of developments would be more acceptable to you? Please number the following list with 1 being the most acceptable and 6 being the least acceptable:

	1-6
Large greenfield site(s) in the countryside	
Medium-sized site(s) (up to 100 dwellings) on the edge of the current settlement	
Small site(s) (up to 50 dwellings) on the edge of the current settlement	
Infilling of small plots/large gardens within the current settlement	
Replace some existing housing with better-designed higher density housing	
Convert/replace some existing commercial/industrial accommodation	

Can you suggest suitable locations for any of the types of development you find acceptable? :

42. If developer funding provides a new facility or new infrastructure for the village, what would you suggest:

LOCAL FACILITIES

Broomfield has a number of general facilities, for instance schools, pubs (one currently closed), churches and shops.

43. Do you think the current facilities are sufficient?

Yes	No

If not, please list overleaf the additional facilities you would use if they were available, in order of priority:

1st
2nd
3rd
4th

44. If you belong to any clubs/organisations in Broomfield, would they benefit from having better accomodation? If so, please give details

45. Current plans for Broomfield propose an expanded primary school (2 forms of entry) and a network of cycle paths away from main roads, but these have yet to be achieved. Should we continue to work towards getting them?

Expanded Primary School:

Yes	No

Off road cycle paths:

Yes	No

ANY OTHER COMMENTS

46. Please use the space below to add any other comments.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

PLEASE RESPOND TO CHELMSFORD'S LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION AS WELL!

This neighbourhood plan questionnaire is separate to consultation on Chelmsford City Council's new Local Plan, although that includes proposals for Broomfield.

Please go to www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planningpolicyconsult to find out more.

Broomfield Neighbourhood Plan Group and Chelmsford City Council will be working closely together to develop the Neighbourhood Plan and the new Local Plan alongside each other.

However, some important Local Plan issues are outside the remit of a neighbourhood plan, so please make sure you respond direct to the City Council's consultation as well.

