



KIDSGROVE AND SURROUNDING AREAS
(TALKE, BUTT LANE, MOW COP, NEWCHAPEL)
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
QUESTIONNAIRE

Introduction

Filling in this questionnaire is your chance to have a say in the future of Kidsgrove. If possible, we need every adult in the Kidsgrove Parish (which includes Butt Lane, Talke, Kidsgrove, Mow Cop and Newchapel) to complete the questionnaire in order to truly reflect the views of our community.

When our neighbourhood plan is approved it will have legal standing in the planning process until 2030 and beyond. This means that no development can go ahead in Kidsgrove without referring to and complying with the plan.

Please answer all the questions if you can. You can visit the Town Council Website for further information or to complete the questionnaire online.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood plan is drawn up by the community. It sets out a shared vision and policies to shape the future growth and development of the local area. It is used by the Local Planning Authority in deciding planning applications and offers guidance to householders and developers.

What we would like you to do now:

The Neighbourhood plan Steering Group, made up of members of the Town Council and volunteers from within the community, have created a Vision for Kidsgrove and your responses to this questionnaire will help us draft policies for inclusion within the plan. It is very important that you complete and return your questionnaire if you want a say in how Kidsgrove will change and grow over the next 10 years.

Please put a circle around Yes or No on the right of the page or circle an option depending upon the question. You do not have to answer all the questions if you do not want to, but please answer as many as you can as this will help the Steering Group moving forward.

Anyone aged 18 or above and resident in Kidsgrove can complete the survey so more than one response per household will be welcome.

Additional copies of the questionnaire can be downloaded online at: <https://kidsgrovetowncouncil.gov.uk>

You can also obtain additional hardcopies, or return completed forms, at the **Town Council offices** and at **Kidsgrove Library, Talke Library, Newchapel Community Hub, Butt Lane Co-op** and **Castle Stores, Mow Cop**.

How to return your completed questionnaire:

Completed questionnaires can be returned via email to admin@kidsgrovetowncouncil.gov.uk or posted through the Town Council letter box. Alternatively, there are 5 drop off locations around the Parish where you can post your completed questionnaire in a designated box: **Kidsgrove Library, Talke Library, Newchapel Community Hub, Butt Lane Coop** and **Castle Stores Mow Cop**.

The deadline for completed questionnaires to be returned is **5pm on Friday 29th April 2022.**

What will happen after the return of the questionnaires?

The Steering Group will collate and analyse the responses and these will then help to shape policies to be included in the Regulation 14 Plan (first draft). Further consultation will take place at that stage with not only the community but a wide range of other consultees. The Steering Group will then analyse these responses, revise and amend the plan accordingly and then publish a Regulation 15 plan which is then sent to Newcastle under Lyme Council who undertake a further consultation before organising and Examination of the Plan by an independent Planning Inspector. The final stage is a Referendum when the community get the chance to vote and approve the final version of the plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan Area



Section 1

1. Information about you

Postcode:	
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Age group – Please put a tick by the correct one:	
18 to 35	
36 to 55	
56 to 75	
Over 75	

How long in years have you lived in Kidsgrove Parish (Kidsgrove, Butt Lane, Talke, Newchapel and Mow Cop)?	
How long in years have you lived in your current home?	
How many adults (aged 18 and over) live in the household?	
How many children (aged under 18) live in the house?	

2. Draft Vision

The Kidsgrove and surrounding area Neighbourhood Plan should:

Over the next 15 to 20 years Kidsgrove will evolve and develop in a way that respects and reflects the views of its community and takes account of the climate change agenda. Development will be of a high quality, sustainable and matched by the provision of infrastructure and services. Kidsgrove will retain its character and heritage bounded on all sides by countryside. The wide range of community activities and mix of businesses will expand and prosper within attractive surroundings. Current and future generations will enjoy a strong and inclusive sense of community, good access within Kidsgrove area, and a positive sense of wellbeing in a flourishing natural environment. Kidsgrove will be a healthy, happy and fulfilling place to live, which the residents will be proud to call home.

Yes	No
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Please put a circle around Yes if you agree with this vision or around No if you disagree. If you disagree, can you briefly tell us why and how you feel it should be amended in the box below:

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Section 2: Our Objectives are:

Please put a circle around Yes if you agree with each of these objectives or around No if you disagree.

Climate Change

The Neighbourhood Plan will take a proactive approach to mitigating and adapting to climate change, considering the long-term implications of:

Flood risk	Yes	No
Water supply	Yes	No
Biodiversity and landscapes	Yes	No
The risk of overheating from rising temperatures	Yes	No
Energy efficient housing	Yes	No
Decentralised, renewable	Yes	No
Low carbon energy sources	Yes	No
Widespread installation of electric vehicle charging points.	Yes	No

Kidsgrove Town Centre and other local centres in the plan area.

To promote a range of retail opportunities and a variety of trades and services in these centres to ensure their long-term viability, prosperity and improve public transport links to meet the needs of residents, visitors and local workers.	Yes	No
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Community and Education Infrastructure

To ensure that people of all ages and abilities within Kidsgrove and its wider catchment have excellent access to, and timely provision of, quality services and facilities, schools, community facilities and public meeting places.	Yes	No
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Sport and Leisure and Healthy Living

To achieve infrastructure supportive of the health needs of residents and Kidsgrove's wider catchment, by securing an expansion of medical and social services and by promoting healthy living and general well-being through careful design.	Yes	No
To ensure provision of accessible sports and leisure facilities for all ages and abilities so that a range of activities to improve individual health and well-being can be encouraged.	Yes	No

Environment

To ensure that Kidsgrove's green and open spaces and landscape setting are protected, retained and enhanced by preserving views and vistas, safeguarding against pollution, and flooding and protecting the areas wildlife and biodiversity.	Yes	No
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Heritage

To retain and preserve Kidsgrove's distinctive historic character by conserving the areas many heritage assets and ensuring that any new development makes a positive contribution to the existing historic environment, including contemporary, energy efficient designs.	Yes	No
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Housing

To provide a mix of housing that meets identified local housing needs, including houses to rent, starter homes, discount market sales housing, and other affordable routes to home ownership, delivered in locations where it is needed reflecting the strategy in the emerging Local Plan, and to ensure that it is sustainable and well-designed.	Yes	No
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Future Prosperity and Employment

To ensure the long-term viability and prosperity of Kidsgrove by extending the range and diversity of services and occupations, through supporting existing employment areas and identifying new and varied opportunities, including mixed-use, as well as encouraging home working and local knowledge-based industries.	Yes	No
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Traffic, Transport and Infrastructure

To promote safe, healthy and sustainable travel for all, in and around the Kidsgrove area, including public transport linking residential, employment and community facilities by reducing congestion and traffic pollution, and making the area more pedestrian and cycle friendly, encouraging sustainable transport modes.	Yes	No
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Section 3

More detailed questions on what you think about the Kidsgrove area and in particular, the area in which you live:

1. Climate Change

What does climate change mean to you?

How important is climate change to you? (Please circle one)

Very important
Important
Not relevant

Do you think all new housing should include energy saving measures?

Yes No

Should all organisations within the Kidsgrove area be more sustainable?

Yes No

If yes, please tell us which organisations you are thinking of and how you feel they could be more sustainable.

Do you think that electric car charging points should be provided in all new developments?

Yes No

2. Kidsgrove Town Centre

What do you like about the Town Centre?

What do you dislike about the Town Centre?

How often do you visit Kidsgrove Town Centre? Once or twice a week or more often? (Please circle one)

Rarely
Once a week
Twice a week
More than twice a week.

What is the main purpose for visiting the town centre?

3. Community and Education Infrastructure

Generally, how satisfied are you with local services and amenities in the area? (Please circle one)

Very satisfied
Satisfied
Not very satisfied

Overall, do you think that over the past two years the area has got better to live in?

Yes No

If Yes, can you please tell us how in your view the area has got better?

Overall, do you think that over the past two years the area has got worse to live in?

Yes

No

If Yes, Can you please tell us how in your view the area has got worse?

Where do you do your main shop, Kidsgrove or elsewhere? (Please circle your choice).

Local shops
Kidsgrove town
centre shops
Supermarket

If you shop outside the plan area please tell us where.

How often do you use your local shop on average? (Please circle one answer)

Never
Once a week
Twice a week
Three times or
more a week

How often do you visit a large supermarket on average? (Please circle one answer)

Never
Once a week
Twice a week
Three times or
more a week

Do you meet or attend events at a local church or community hall? (Please circle one answer)	Never Once a week Twice a week Three times or more a week
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4. Sport, Leisure and Healthy Living

How often do you (or will you) use a local leisure centre? (Please circle one answer)	Never Once a week Twice a week Three times or more a week
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How often do you exercise (cycle, walk, run etc)? (Please circle one answer)	Never Once a week Twice a week Three times or more a week
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Do you think that there is adequate provision for young children and teenagers in the Kidsgrove area?	Yes No
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Do you agree that open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields should be protected?	Yes No
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Do you have problems in making an appointment to see a doctor and/or a dentist?	Yes No
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5. Environment

How often do you use a local park? (Please circle one answer)	Never Once a week Twice a week Three times or more a week
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How often do use public footpaths or cycleways to access and enjoy the surrounding countryside? (Please circle one answer)	Never Once a week Twice a week Three times or more a week
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Are you satisfied with the existing footpath network and signage in the plan area?	Yes No
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Would you like to see more trees planted in the built up areas of the plan area?	Yes No
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Would you like to see existing trees and hedgerows protected?	Yes No
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Should the plan include policies to protect nature and wildlife	Yes No
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Should the plan include policies to protect local views and vistas?	Yes No
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6. Heritage

In the last 12 months which historic sites have you visited in the Kidsgrove area?
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In your view what are the most important heritage sites/buildings in the Kidsgrove area? Please can you list them?

7. Housing

What type of home would be most suitable for you? Please circle your first choice.	House Bungalow Flat
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How many bedrooms do you have in your house? Please give a number.	
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Do you think that new development in the area should include a range of affordable houses such as homes to rent and starter homes?	Yes	No
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Which of the following do you think new housing development should include?		
A range of housing for older people	Yes	No
Opportunities for self-build	Yes	No
Specialist housing adapted to meet individual needs	Yes	No

Should priority be given for new housing on previously developed land?	Yes	No
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8. Future Prosperity and Employment

Do you agree that policies in the neighbourhood plan should support existing employers and encourage new employment opportunities into the plan area?	Yes	No
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Do you work in the plan area? (The plan area is Kidsgrove, Talke, Butt Lane, Newchapel and Mow Cop.)	Yes	No
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If you commute, how far do you live from your place of employment.
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Do you work from home?	Yes	No
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If so, are there any problems working from home?
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9. Traffic, Transport and Infrastructure

How serious is traffic congestion in the area where you live (Please circle one answer)	Very serious Serious Not a problem
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Please identify the particular areas of concern:
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Is it dangerous to cycle on roads in the area where you live?	Very dangerous Dangerous Not a problem
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Do you use public transport (bus, trains or taxis) in your area? (Please circle the most appropriate answer.)	Most days Once a week Hardly ever
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Would you use public transport if it was available in your area?	Yes No
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Are exhaust fumes/ air pollution a problem in your area?	Yes No
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Are you happy with the Broadband speed in your area?	Yes No
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Thank you for completing this questionnaire. If you have any further comments, please attach them to your completed questionnaire. The next step will be for us to prepare a draft Neighbourhood plan and publish the plan for further comments and consultation.