

## Sedlescombe Neighbourhood Plan Residents Survey (Housing Developments)

### Confidential Survey

Sedlescombe is in the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan which will determine where larger developments (6 or more houses in a group) will be sited in the future. To ensure everybody in the community has the opportunity to give their opinion we are asking all residents **18 and over** to participate in this survey. This is your opportunity to give your opinion about what sort of development should happen in Sedlescombe.

To best determine what new facilities we might need in Sedlescombe, where new housing should go and what is the best type of new housing, we need to understand how everyone uses the village and its facilities and some information about everyone's current housing and work. **None of this information will be kept or used for any other purpose** so I would appreciate your help in allowing us to get an overall picture of the current state of Sedlescombe. There is space on the back for any comments you want to add that are not covered in the survey

If you need more questionnaires for your household please contact Pauline Raymond (Parish Clerk) on 870508, or email [sedlescombe@freezone.co.uk](mailto:sedlescombe@freezone.co.uk)

Everyone who participates also has the opportunity **to win** one of three Blackbrooks vouchers for £30, £20, £10. Closing date for the survey is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Questionnaires can be put in the box in the village shop to help save the parish money or posted (free post). Thank you in advance for your help which is very much appreciated.

Jonathan Vine-Hall, Chairman Sedlescombe Parish Council

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#### A. SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE FACILITIES

##### 1. How often do you use the following?

	Regularly 1	Occasionally 2	Never 3
Brickwall Hotel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Queens Head	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blackbrooks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bridge Garage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hairdressers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Village shop/post office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

##### 2. How often do you use each of the following means to go to the village centre (for the shop/ hotel/ doctor etc.)?

	Usually 1	Sometimes 2	Never 3
Bicycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public bus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community bus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taxi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On foot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

##### 3. When travelling outside the village how often do you use each of these forms of transport?

	Regularly 1	Occasionally 2	Never 3
Car	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taxi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

##### 4. If the bus service was more frequent would you use it more often?

- Definitely  1  
Possibly  2  
No  3

##### 5. How many groups or clubs in the parish do you belong to?

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##### 6. How often do you use any of these village facilities?

	Regularly 1	Occasionally 2	Never 3
The Village Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Library in hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Red Barn Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Village churches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public footpaths around the village (either for walking or just getting around)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### B. HOUSING

##### 7. How long have you lived in Sedlescombe?

- Less than a year  1  
1-3 years  2  
4-6 years  3  
7-10 years  4  
11-20 years  5  
Over 20 years  6

##### 8. What type of property do you currently live in?

- Flat  1  
Bungalow  2  
Terraced house  3  
Semi-detached house  4  
Detached house  5

##### 9. Is your property:

- Owned outright  1  
Being bought on a mortgage  2  
Rented privately  3  
Rented from housing association  4

##### 10. How many bedrooms do you have?

*WRITE IN PLEASE* .....

##### 11. Is the style of your property modern or traditional?

- Modern  1  
Traditional  2

##### 12. Do you have plans to move from your current home in the short or long term?

- Yes (answer Q13 - 15)  1  
No (skip to Q16)  2

##### 13. When do you plan to move/what circumstances would prompt you to move?

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##### 14. If you do move would it be within Sedlescombe or further afield?

- Within Sedlescombe parish  1  
Further afield  2  
Don't know  3

15. What type of property do you think you will move to next?

- Flat  1
- Bungalow  2
- Terraced house  3
- Semi-detached house  4
- Detached house  5
- Socially run retirement housing  6
- Private retirement home  7
- Care/nursing home  8

ALL TO ANSWER FROM HERE

16. Do you have any children who currently live at home but would like to move to their own home in Sedlescombe?

- Yes  1 No  2

17. Do you have any children who have moved away from Sedlescombe and would like to move back?

- Yes  1 No  2

If yes at either Q16/Q17 please answer Q18-23  
If no at both Q16 and Q17 please skip to Q24

18. Which, if any, of these reasons are stopping your child(ren) from moving to their own home/back to Sedlescombe?

- Cost of buying a home  1
- Cost of renting a home  2
- Availability of homes  3
- Size of homes  4
- Lack of suitable employment  5
- Other (write in):  6

19. Would any of these children be eligible for social housing?

- Yes  1  
No  2  
Don't know  3

20. Please tell us what type of housing your child(ren) would be likely to need in Sedlescombe?

- Flat  1
- Bungalow  2
- Cottage  3
- Terraced house  4
- Semi-detached house  5
- Detached house  6

21. And how many bedrooms are they likely to need?

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22. If they were buying a property, what type of price bracket would they be looking for?

- Under £100,000  1
- £100,000 - £150,000  2
- £150,000 - £200,000  3
- Over £200,000  4
- Don't know  5

23. Do you think your child(ren) would be interested in a shared ownership scheme? This is a property which would be part owned by them and part owned by a housing association.

- Definitely  1 No  3  
Possibly  2 Don't know  4

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS FROM HERE

C. DEVELOPING/IMPROVING SEDLESCOMBE

24. Which if any of these roads suffer from serious traffic congestion problems?

- Brede Lane  1
- The Street  2
- The Green  3
- None  4
- Other (write in):  5

25. What are Sedlescombe's main problems in your view?

Please tick your top 3 concerns:

- Traffic in Brede Lane/The Street  1
- Speed of cars through village  2
- Anti-social behaviour  3
- Lack of pavements  4
- Lack of street lighting  5
- Parking in Brede Lane  6
- Parking on The Street  7
- Parking outside the shop  8
- Other (please write in)  9

26a. If funds were available, which of the following improvements would you like to see? TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

- Creation of new parking bays in Brede Lane near school/doctor  1
- Creation of parking bays at East View Terrace  2
- Putting in pavements between Stream Lane and Hurst Lane  3
- Putting in pavements between the village and the A21  4
- Improvements to the public footpath leading from The Green to the School via the allotments  5
- Improvements to the public footpath from East View Terrace to the School  6
- Improvements to the playground or sport facilities  7

26b. What type of improvements to the playground/sport facilities would you like?

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26c. Are there any other improvements to the village you would like to see implemented?

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27. What is your current working status?

- Working full time  1
- Working part time  2
- Homemaker/ not working  3
- Retired  4
- In full time education  5
- Unemployed  6

28. If you work either full or part time please tell us where you work?

- From home  1
- In the village  2
- Outside the village but in the parish  3
- Elsewhere in East Sussex  4
- Any other area  5

29. If you work outside the parish, please tell us how far do you travel to work?

WRITE IN PLEASE ..... miles

30. What type of employment opportunities would you like to see in the village? TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

- Light industrial  1
- Office/commercial  2
- Work from home units (i.e. workspaces attached to new homes)  3
- None  4

Please write in any comments

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31. In which of these areas would you like to see any new industrial units/offices sited?

- |  | Yes                      | No                       |
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|  | 1                        | 2                        |
| In the village itself  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sedlescombe Sawmill  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In old farm buildings  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Directly attached to the edge of the village                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Marley Lane Industrial Estates   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On Greenfield sites (i.e. sites that have not previously been developed) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please write in any comments

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32. A number of landowners have put up sites for possible development. Our role as the parish council is to assess which of these are most suitable, so we need your input to help us prioritise the criteria on which sites are selected. How important are each of the following criteria when it comes to choosing which sites to develop?

	Very important 1	Quite important 2	Not very important 3	Don't know/ no opinion 4
The development should have low visibility in the surrounding countryside and avoid spoiling any views	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The development should avoid areas with existing parking & traffic issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The development should back on to as few existing houses as possible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The development should aim to preserve hedgerows and green areas where possible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The development should protect the local countryside for residents and visitors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

33. The sites that have been put up for development fall into three types. Please rank these types of site 1-3 to show in which order you would prefer to see them developed. (Where 1 is the type of site you would prefer to see developed *first* and 3 is the type of site you would prefer to see developed *last*)

	RANK 1-3
Brownfield site (i.e. sites which have previously had some form of building on) which are <i>outside</i> the village boundary	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greenfield sites (i.e. sites which have not previously been developed) which are <i>adjoining the edge</i> of the village/close to village boundaries	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greenfield sites which are <i>outside</i> the village boundary but which can deliver a <i>significant benefit</i> to the community	<input type="checkbox"/>

34. Each development is likely to include a mix of housing types. Please rank the following 7 types of housing 1-7 to show how much you feel they are needed in the village. (Where 1 = the most important housing type needed and 8 is the least needed type of housing.)

	RANK 1-7
Privately owned homes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Socially rented homes* (owned and run by Housing Associations)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part owned Housing Association homes (occupiers own between 25-75% then pay a lower rent)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Houses with work space attached, so residents can work from home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lower cost starter homes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Socially run retirement housing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private retirement homes	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* officially known as Affordable Housing

35. What do you think should be the largest number of houses that any development in Sedlescombe should include on one site? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

6 houses	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	35 houses	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
10 houses	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	50 houses	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
15 houses	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
20 houses	<input type="checkbox"/> 4		

36. Do you feel that new housing developments in the village should be? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Mainly traditional	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Mainly modern	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
A mix of modern & traditional	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Environmentally eco houses, either modern or traditional	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

37. There is a 15 year timescale to the development plans. Assuming more than development, would you rather see these developments:

All implemented as soon as possible	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Staged/spread evenly over 15 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
No opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

38. In your view which of these energy efficiency measures should be built into any new houses?

	Yes 1	No 2
Solar panels for water heating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solar panels for electricity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rainwater collection for use in the home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recycled water for use in the home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ground/air source heating (i.e. using the ground/air's natural heat as a means of heating the home)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

39. If there any other comments about housing developments that you would like to make please write them on the back page.

#### D. ABOUT YOU

And now some information about you and your household to help us analyse your responses and for administration of the prize draw. Please note that this information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

40. Are you: Male  1 Female  2

41. Which age band do you fall into:

18-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	35-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	55-64	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
25-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	45-54	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	65+	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

42. How many adults aged 18 years and older live in your household? WRITE IN PLEASE .....

43. How many children under the age of 18 live in your household? WRITE IN PLEASE .....

Thank you for your support in helping to plan the future of Sedlescombe.

To enter the **FREE PRIZE DRAW** please complete the attached entry coupon.

Questionnaires and entry forms can be put separately in the box at the village store or posted FREE in the envelope provided.

Closing date for the survey is Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of July and the draw will be announced on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July.

PLEASE ADD ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ABOUT HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS :

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**Why fill in this questionnaire?**

The whole of the UK is faced with the need to build more homes. We cannot refuse development so we have two choices.

- 1. Let the district council or the central government tell us where new houses will be built with our community having **little or no control** over how many new houses are built and where they are located.

**Or**

- 2. We decide, as a community, where new housing developments (6 houses or more) are sited and what type of houses are built.

Sedlescombe has chosen the second option so that we as a community can decide where all new developments over the next 15 years are sited. The final plan will be determined by the popular vote of our community. **That decision will become law that the planners and developers will be constrained by.**

To determine what as a community you want and what sort of housing we need it's important to get all the facts from everybody aged 18 and over. Young people will be consulted too but ultimately a full referendum will be held to accept the plan.

We know the questionnaire is a bit long and covers lots of areas. The information we are asking for is **vital** because if the sort of housing you want and the places it is to be situated are different from what the district council thinks then we need a strong case backed up by the facts taken from this survey.

**This is everybody's opportunity to have their say.**

There is one questionnaire for ever resident 18 years and over. If you have not received enough for the adults in your household please contact us (details on the front)

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING**