



Have your say on LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

The Neighbourhood Plan will be used to influence where new homes and developments may be built, what they look like, infrastructure provided and how green spaces are used in your area

Please complete this survey to have your say.

If possible complete within two weeks and return to the **Northumberland Arms, Devonshire Arms, Hare and Hounds, Dutsons at Marple Bridge or Compstall Post Office.**

Phone 07850 494 583 for assistance. On-line version at <https://mmmc.org.uk/the-survey>

Who can participate?

Anyone living or working in Mellor, Marple Bridge, Mill Brow and Compstall.

It can be completed by:

- one member on behalf of the household
- individual household members aged over 16
- some children aged 16 and under will receive a short survey through their school

The survey is also available:

- to complete on-line at <https://mmmc.org.uk/the-survey>
- to down-load from www.mmmc.org.uk/the-big-community-survey

Further information about the Neighbourhood Plan, its scope and the laws which govern the process can be found in the appendix at the end of this Survey and on the MMMC website:

<https://mmmc.org.uk/mmmc-faqs>.

Your Location

We ask this question as the four settlements in the MMMC Neighbourhood Plan area may differ in their current problems and ideas for land-use in the future.

L1. Please record which settlement you live in by ticking one box:

Mellor ☐ Marple Bridge ☐ Mill Brow ☐ Compstall ☐

L2. What is your postcode?

L3. Overall, how long have you/your household lived in the area?

Please tick one box

Under 1 ☐ 1-5 ☐ 6-10 ☐ 11-20 ☐ 21-30 ☐ Over 30 ☐ Don't know/
year years years years years years can't remember

L4. What attracted you to live in this area?

(tick up to six issues you consider most relevant)

Born locally / family ties ☐	House selection ☐
Employment ☐	Inherited family home ☐
Rural location / environment ☐	Quality of local schools ☐
Village community ☐	Proximity to Manchester city centre ☐
Convenient location ☐	Recreational or other facilities ☐
Transport links ☐	Other (please specify) ☐
To be near family / friends ☐	

Accommodation and Housing:

H1 What is your current household accommodation? *Please tick one box*

Detached / semi-detached (4+ beds)	☐	Flat with 2+ bedrooms	☐
Detached / semi-detached (1-3 beds)	☐	1-bed flat / bed-sit ('Granny flat')	☐
Large terraced (3+ beds)	☐	Room in shared house	☐
Terraced (1-2 beds)	☐	Sheltered housing / care home	☐
Bungalow	☐	Other (please specify)	☐
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H2. Thinking about the future accommodation needs of your household, will any members need to move within the MMMC area now or over the next 20 years?

This may be to a larger, smaller, new or different property. Please tick all that apply.

Yes, within the next 5 years	☐	Maybe, but not sure when	☐
Yes, within the next 10 years	☐	No	☐
Yes, within the next 20 years	☐	Don't know	☐

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If YES or MAYBE:

H3. What are the likely future housing requirements of your household? *If these are for separate household members (such as elderly or young adults), then choose more than one type of property.*

Detached / semi-detached (4+ beds)	☐	1-bed flat / bed-sit ('Granny flat')	☐
Detached / semi-detached (1-3 beds)	☐	Room in shared house	☐
Large terraced (3+ beds)	☐	Sheltered housing / care home	☐
Terraced (1-2 beds)	☐	Extension to current property	☐
Bungalow	☐	Retirement apartment	☐
Flat with 2+ bedroom	☐	Other (please specify)	☐
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H4: What would be your most likely method of ownership of any future accommodation?

Please tick one box for each person moving

Purchase (with or without mortgage)	☐	Affordable housing	☐
Privately rented	☐	Inherited family home	☐
Rented social housing	☐	Other (please specify)	☐
Shared ownership (part mortgage/part rent)	☐	----- ☐	

H5: Please write any comments about why you may need to move and your household's future housing needs in this area.

Free text

For the following questions please consider your general opinion regarding housing in the MMMC area.
(Existing plans for development in the MMMC area are summarised in the Appendix)

H6a: If new homes are to be built in the MMMC area, what type of property should be given priority?
(please number your top 3 priorities first, 1 being the most important).

H6b: For each of your three choices, please tick one box for the type of ownership you consider preferable

Type of housing	H6a: Priority (1-3)	H6b: Type of ownership		
		Open market	'Affordable' or Shared equity	Social housing or to let
Family homes (3 or more beds)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Small homes (1 or 2 beds)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bungalows	☐	☐	☐	☐
Flats / multiple occupancy	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sheltered / care home housing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Homes suitable for retirement living	☐	☐	☐	☐
Key worker homes	☐	☐	☐	☐
Environmentally efficient / zero carbon	☐	☐	☐	☐
Self-build	☐			
Other (please specify)	☐	☐	☐	☐

H7: Please indicate how important, if at all, you consider each of the following when planning permission is considered.

Please tick one box for each row	Very important	Fairly Important	Not very important	Not at all important	Don't know/ no opinion
In keeping with the character of the area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adequate spacing between buildings	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Employment of local materials	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Permeable driveways/front gardens	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Planting trees and hedges	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pedestrian / cycle access to local facilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
High levels of energy conservation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sustainable drainage system	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

H8: Please write any other comments or thoughts you have about future housing in this area.

Free text

Environment / green spaces

E1: Please write below any particular structures, places or landmarks in the MMMC area which you consider 'special' and should be protected, and why.

This could be a building, a view, a particular place or structure, or something / somewhere which impacts you emotionally or you feel is important to the character of our area.

Where and what are these?

Why do you consider it/them 'special'?

E2: Do you know any land or green area that could be put to better use? Yes ☐ No ☐

This might be for planting native trees, hedges, or wild-flowers, a community orchard, generating local energy, growing local food, a play area, buildings (homes, businesses, amenities, etc), etc

Where is this area?

How could this area be better used?

E3: If available, would you be interested in an allotment ? Yes ☐ No ☐ Already have one ☐

E4: Please write any other comments you have on the local environment / green spaces.

Free text

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Other than the existing built up areas, the whole of the MMMC area is designated as Green Belt. This means new building is generally limited to a demonstrable need for agriculture or forestry. Limited extensions to, and replacements of, existing buildings may also be possible in some circumstances

E5: When considering the local environment, how important to you are each of the following?

<i>Please tick one box for each row</i>	Very important	Fairly Important	Not very important	Not at all important	Don't know/ no opinion
Retaining the 'Green Belt'	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Protecting traditional buildings / local heritage	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Protecting trees, woodland and hedges	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Protecting the footpath and bridleway network	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Improving ground-water drainage	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Protecting wildlife habitat	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Protecting the character of the area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Retaining local parks and green spaces	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Community, Health and Leisure

The MMMC area is criss-crossed with 132 public footpaths and 16 bridleways.

C1: How often, if at all, do you/your household use any of these footpaths or bridleways for walking, cycling or horse riding?

Please tick one box Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Less often ☐ Never ☐

C2: To what extent are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the existing footpath and bridleway network in our area? Please tick one box

Very satisfied ☐ Fairly satisfied ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied ☐ Fairly dissatisfied ☐ Very dissatisfied ☐ Don't know ☐

C3: What improvements, if any, would you like to see made to the footpath and bridleway network?

Free text

C4: How could the Neighbourhood Plan encourage more walking and cycling?

Free text

Most parks and playing fields in our area are well used. We would like to understand how they are used by local residents.

C5: How often, if at all, do you or your family visit these local parks, sports fields and play areas?

Please tick one box for each row

		1-6 times a week	Once or more a month	A few times per year	Less often or never
Parks:	Brabyns Park	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Etherow Country Park	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Roman Lakes	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Ludworth Park	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Rollins Wood	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Mellor Memorial Park	☐	☐	☐	☐
Recreation grounds:	Compstall Cricket club	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Mellor rec	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Mill Brow rec	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Mellor Sports Club	☐	☐	☐	☐
Play areas:	Cote Green	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Catterwood	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other local outdoor area (please specify)		☐	☐	☐	☐

C6: What activity do you or your household do at the park and recreation grounds?

Please tick all that apply

Dog walking	☐	Play with children	☐
Football or lacrosse	☐	Volunteer work	☐
Running or jogging	☐	Not applicable	☐
Other sport	☐	Other (please specify)	☐
Walking	☐	-----	

C7: What improvements would you like to the local parks, recreation grounds and play areas?

Free text

C8: In normal non-Covid times, how often, if at all, do you or your household use the following Community Centres? *Please tick one box for each centre*

Community Centre	1-6 times a week	Once or more a month	A few times per year	Less often or never
Ludworth WI	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mellor Parish Centre	☐	☐	☐	☐
Compstall Parish Hall	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other (name):	☐	☐	☐	☐

C9: Which groups, if any, do you feel are short of local Social or Community support, activities or facilities? *Please tick all that apply*

Pre-school parents and children	☐	Care home residents	☐
Primary school children	☐	Retired residents	☐
Teenagers / young adults	☐	Residents with any form of disability	☐
Non-working adults	☐	None / no opinion	☐
Working families	☐	Other (specify)	☐

C10: Please write below your ideas about how and where health, social and community service facilities could be improved in the future.

Free text

C11: In the box below, please write what you like **most** about living in this area.

Free text

C12: What do you like **less** about living in the MMMC area and would like to see improved?

Free text

Public Services and Infrastructure

P1: Which, if any, of the following do you think the Neighbourhood Plan should aim to encourage?
(tick up to six issues you consider most important)

Improved Broadband service ☐	Cycle lanes / cycle paths ☐
Improved phone signals ☐	Electric charging points ☐
Road safety measures ☐	More / improved public toilets ☐
Facilities for young people ☐	Bus shelters with seating ☐
Improved public transport ☐	Public footpath signage ☐
More benches ☐	Allotments ☐
Improved recycling facilities ☐	Improved land drainage ☐
More litter and dog poo bins ☐	Don't know ☐
Improved parking facilities ☐	Other (please specify) ☐

P2: Sustainable Development is defined as 'meeting the needs of the present while considering the future generations'. With two large rivers and several fast-running streams, historically our area has used water to generate power.

Should our area have policies to improve sustainable living? Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

P3: Which, if any, of the following ways of producing local renewable energy should the Plan encourage?

<i>Please tick one box for each row</i>	Small scale / domestic	Larger scale for many houses	Both larger & small scale	Neither / no opinion
Water powered turbines	☐	☐	☐	☐
Solar power / PV panels	☐	☐	☐	☐
Wind turbines	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fuel from waste material / farm slurry	☐	☐	☐	☐
Using land for fuel production (wood, biomass)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Geothermal* / ground source heat pumps	☐	☐	☐	☐

* extracting heat energy from below ground

P4: Please provide your thoughts about this so account is taken of them in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Free text

P5: Thinking about the shops and other facilities in the MMMC area, how often do you, or a member of your household, typically use the following amenities? *Please consider normal non-Covid times and tick one box on each row*

	1-6 times a week	Once or more a month	A few times per year	Less often or never
Shops selling food (incl butcher, bakers)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cafe, restaurant or pub	☐	☐	☐	☐
Post Office / newsagents	☐	☐	☐	☐
Take-away / off licence	☐	☐	☐	☐
Care related facility (barbers, chemists, etc)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Place of worship	☐	☐	☐	☐
Specialist business (garage, etc)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other local business	☐	☐	☐	☐
Recycling facilities	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bus service	☐	☐	☐	☐

P6: What other local shop and/or facilities, if any, do you and your household use?

Free text

P7: To help in forming the Neighbourhood Plan it is helpful to know what you like about living in this area and should be retained, and aspects of living here that you think could be improved.

Please tick one box for each row

	Good things about living here	Aspects which could be improved	No opinion
Access to Medical Provision	☐	☐	☐
Access to public transport	☐	☐	☐
Employment opportunities	☐	☐	☐
Youth facilities	☐	☐	☐
Access to education	☐	☐	☐
Access to social services	☐	☐	☐
Community facilities	☐	☐	☐
Recreational facilities	☐	☐	☐
Entertainment	☐	☐	☐
Shops	☐	☐	☐
Suitable housing	☐	☐	☐
Green spaces / environment	☐	☐	☐
Cost of living	☐	☐	☐
Banking facilities	☐	☐	☐
Other (<i>specify</i>) _____	☐	☐	☐

Getting around

T1: Thinking about the future of your area, how concerned, if at all, are you about the following aspects of road traffic ?

Please tick one box for each row

	Very concerned	Some concern	No concern
The amount of traffic	☐	☐	☐
The speed of traffic	☐	☐	☐
The weight and size of traffic/tractors/HGV	☐	☐	☐
Traffic noise	☐	☐	☐
The amount of on-road parking	☐	☐	☐
Safety for non-vehicle road users	☐	☐	☐
Condition of road-side footpaths / pavements	☐	☐	☐
Safety of road crossings	☐	☐	☐
The adequacy of road signage	☐	☐	☐
Condition of road maintenance	☐	☐	☐
Pollution from traffic	☐	☐	☐
Other (please specify) _____	☐	☐	☐

T2: What do you think could be done to improve future road safety in the MMMC area and where?

Free text

T3: After the pandemic, how often, if at all, do you or your household expect to use public transport?

Please tick one box for each row

	1-6 times a week	Once or more a month	A few times per year	Less often or never
Bus	☐	☐	☐	☐
Train	☐	☐	☐	☐

T4: What would need to be improved for you to use the public transport system more often?

Please write your thoughts below – it could be timing, frequency, routes, fares, comfort, etc.

Free text

To promote a healthy life style and reduce pollution Stockport, like many other Councils, is encouraging active travel. One aspect of this is reducing car use and encouraging safer walking and cycling and the use of public transport.

T5: Thinking about your household's car use what, if anything, would encourage you to use your car less often.

Free text

T6: If available, how likely is it that you or your household would use the follow?

<i>Please tick one box for each row.</i>	Very likely	Fairly likely	Not very likely	Would not use	Don't know/ no opinion
Safe and direct cycle routes to main centre	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Car share	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pool car	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Free / cheap transit buses to transport hubs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Improved walking routes to main centres	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Secure cycle parking	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other (please specify) _____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Jobs and the local economy

A sustainable community requires local jobs, especially for younger people.

J1: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement (*please tick one box*).

The MMMC area needs more employment opportunities.

Strongly agree ☐ Tend to agree ☐ Neither agree nor disagree ☐ Tend to disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know ☐

J2: What type of future employment, if any, should the Neighbourhood plan encourage?
(*tick any you support*)

Small local shops - retail ☐	Plant nursery / local food production ☐
Light manufacturing ☐	Equine services / vets ☐
Pubs, restaurants and cafes ☐	Social Enterprises/ Community Asset Company* ☐
Construction and related ☐	Outdoor pursuits, tourism, leisure and crafts ☐
IT development ☐	Social care / community services ☐
Agricultural and farming ☐	Offices for professional services ☐
Sustainable energy production ☐	None of these ☐
Child care / nurseries ☐	Don't know / no opinion ☐
Apprenticeships and training ☐	Other (<i>please specify</i>) ☐

* see appendix

It is beneficial for our community to support existing local businesses where possible.

J3: Are there local shops or services that don't currently exist that you would use if they were available, especially if these were within walking distance? Yes ☐ No ☐

If NO, go to J4.

If YES, please write what additional shops or businesses you'd like to see and where.

Free text

A small business centre could provide, for example, low-cost flexible work-spaces, meeting rooms, managed services for local start-ups, small enterprises, apprenticeships, freelancers and home workers.

J4: To what extent would you support or oppose the creation of a small business centre in the MMMC area? *Please tick one box*

Strongly support ☐ Tend to support ☐ Neither support or oppose ☐ Tend to oppose ☐ Strongly oppose ☐ Don't know/ no opinion ☐

Communication and Support

F1: So we can improve our communication please indicate which of the following ways you typically use to find out about what is happening in your local area.

Please tick all that apply

Please specify

Posters & noticeboards ☐

Facebook ☐

Word of mouth ☐

Website ☐

Parish Magazine ☐

Twitter ☐

School newsletter ☐

Other ☐

Local newspaper ☐

None of these ☐

F2: Would you be interested in helping with:

Preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan? Yes ☐ No ☐

Local environmental activities? Yes ☐ No ☐

Community projects to promote sustainable energy use or local production? Yes ☐ No ☐

If YES, so that we can contact you, please email mmmcplan@gmail.com with your name or phone 07850 494 583

About you and your household

H1: How old are you? *Please tick one box*

Under 18 ☐ 18-24 ☐ 25-44 ☐ 45-64 ☐ 65-84 ☐ 85 + ☐ Prefer not to say ☐

H2: Who lives in this household, including yourself?

Please note, we are referring to people who class this as their main home i.e. where they live most of the time. Please enter numbers in the first three boxes, including zero.

Total number of people in the household?

How many people are aged under 18?

How many of these are aged 65+?

Prefer not to say (tick box) ☐

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey

Please return the completed survey to the venue named on the front page or contact us at mmmcplan@gmail.com or on 07850 494 583

Other household members are encouraged to download this survey at www.mmmc.org.uk/the-big-community-survey or to complete the on-line version at <https://mmmc.org.uk/the-survey>

Appendix

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood planning is a new way for local people to influence the planning and development of the area in which they live and work. It will last 20 years and should:

- Identify and protect important local green spaces or treasured assets
- Choose where new homes and any other developments may be built.
- Influence what those buildings should look like and what local infrastructure should be provided.

What a Neighbourhood Plan CANNOT do?

Neighbourhood Plans cannot advocate less building than has already been decided in the Local Plan, or stop building programmes completely, but it can influence where development takes place, how any new buildings will look, how they are laid out and other important features such as making sure there are green places and good safe access.

Who should prepare the Neighbourhood Plan?

A 'team' of interested residents, along with local Councillors form the core. However, this is open to any local residents who are interested in helping. We work in consultation with Stockport Council and call on professional help when needed.

Does a Neighbourhood Plan carry legal weight?

Once a Neighbourhood Plan is in force following a successful referendum, it carries real legal weight. All decision makers are obliged to consider proposals for development in our communities alongside our Neighbourhood Plan.

What happens next?

The results of this survey will be collated and used to represent the best interests of the community as a whole. The responses themselves are anonymous and all individual data and information will be treated confidentially and will not be passed to any third parties.

Results and findings will be published on our website and we hope to hold a feed-back event later in the year, which will be widely advertised. Please check our website for further events and up-dates.

How can I get involved?

Based on the responses to this survey we may require more detailed information on some topics in order to compile the Neighbourhood Plan. If you would like to be involved, please email us on mmmcplan@gmail.com or phone us on 07850 494 583 with your name and contact detail. Any help or contribution to the development of the Neighbourhood Plan is more than welcome.

Q H6: Within the MMMC area there is only one development planned which is in Compstall on the site of the old calico mill. This is likely to involve 32 homes. There is one under way nearby at the former Orlando House comprising seven homes. Other building could continue via developing spare land on existing residential properties. There are no current proposals for greenbelt development and limited opportunities for brownfield development other than Compstall.

Q J2: Community Asset Company: Community ownership ensures that local people have control over the buildings and spaces that have significance to them and that these spaces are used in ways that meet the priorities and needs of the local community.