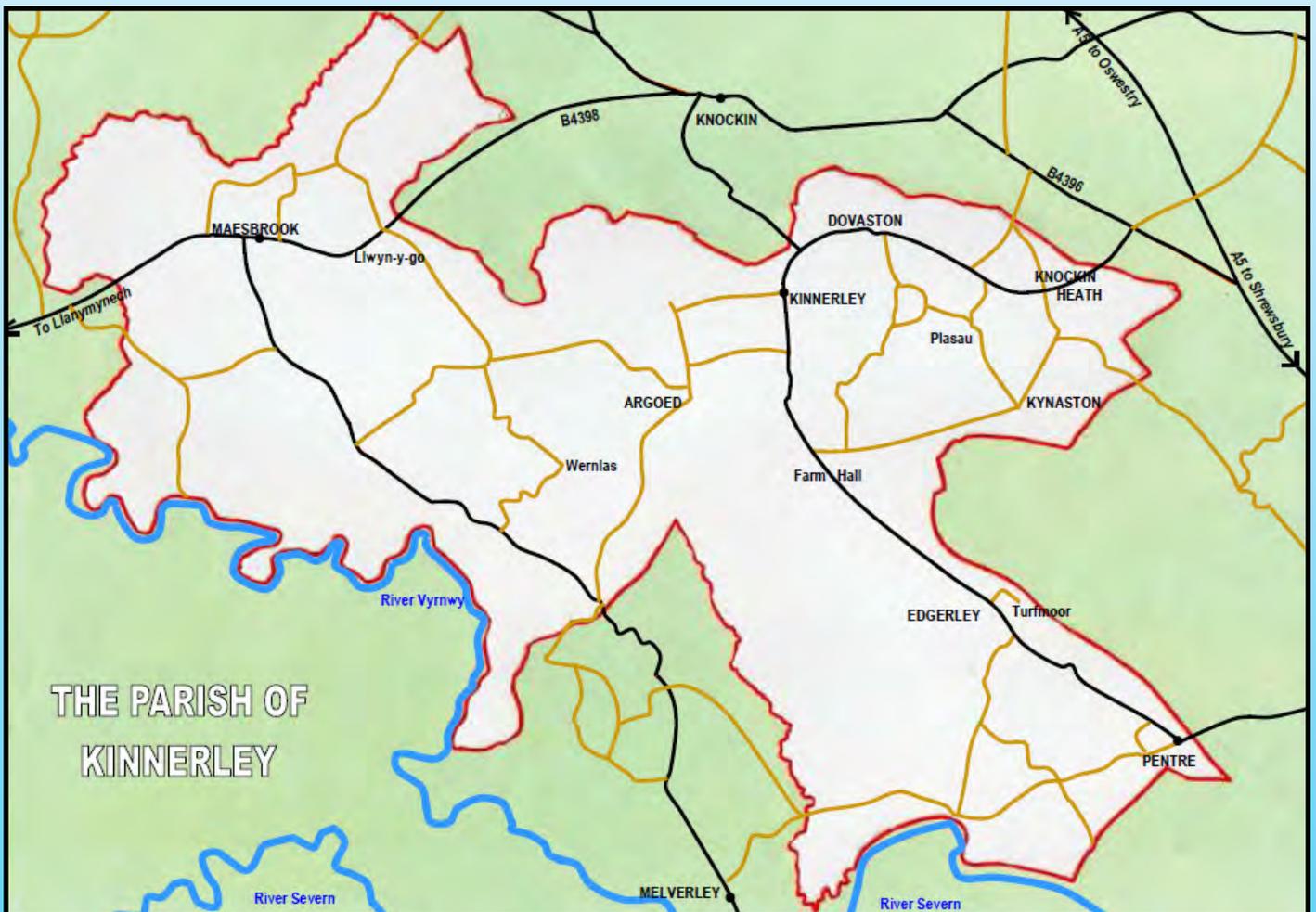


# KINNERLEY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



Questionnaire for Residents  
May 2012

# THE KINNERLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2012

## BY THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE COMMUNITY

### **The Kinnerley Parish Neighbourhood Plan is REALLY IMPORTANT.**

- This is how we can make clear what local people's priorities are.
- It will be the document that guides the Parish Council's work.
- Its priorities will carry real weight in the statutory planning process.

**Please take some time to answer this questionnaire.**

### **Reflections**

It's seven years since our Parish Plan was published, and so much has changed since then. Not only has Oswestry Borough Council been replaced by the unitary Shropshire Council, but there have also been major changes to national planning legislation.

These changes present us with new opportunities. Through the Neighbourhood Plan, we can consider our aspirations for our local area; what do we want Kinnerley Parish to be like - for ourselves, our families, our friends and the people who come here to work or visit? How can we make sure that it's a sustainable, thriving community?

### **Why bother to do a Neighbourhood Plan?**

A national pilot for Neighbourhood Planning has enabled us to draw down funding to do a Neighbourhood Plan. Kinnerley Parish is one of five 'Frontrunner' parishes in Shropshire. The guidance from the Government is still in development, so it's something new for all of us.

We are working within the overall approach that Shropshire Council is implementing in relation to planning and localism.

The planning priorities outlined in our Neighbourhood Plan will become a

"material planning consideration". This means that when planning decisions are made by Shropshire Council, they must take into account what has been said in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Also, Shropshire Council is currently consulting on its Site Allocation and Management and Development (SAMDev) process, and the Neighbourhood Plan will enable us to feed into this important consultation.

So this is a unique chance for US to have a say on what WE think is right for OUR parish, so that others take this into account when they are making decisions that affect where we live.

### **What's going to be in the Plan?**

Our Neighbourhood Plan isn't just about planning, it's also looking at lots of other aspects of living in the Parish - the facilities and services here, the local environment, work and employment, and more. We want to know what you like about living here, and what you don't like.

We also want to hear about your ideas for improvements. Have you got a big vision for what could be different? Or have you got a simple but effective suggestion? Please tell us about it, or even better, tell us that you'd like to help make it happen!

## How the Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared

We are following advice from Shropshire Council about what is appropriate for us in Kinnerley Parish. The Parish Council has chosen an 'informal' route that avoids an expensive referendum and inspection costs, and which will allow us to make best use of the funding available – concentrating on consultation with residents and buying in professional skills and support for our team of volunteers.

The Parish Council has delegated the preparation of the Plan to a Steering Group and four topic groups (Environment, Community, Employment and Transport, Planning). Several Parish Councillors are actively involved in these groups. A project manager has been contracted to support the volunteers.

The questionnaire will be the 'backbone' of the information-gathering, but it's not the only way of hearing from residents. Members of the Community Topic Group will be getting out and about at activities in the Parish in May and June, and will also be working with primary and secondary school children to make sure that we hear from them too.

In June, there will be more opportunities for people to discuss planning issues in more detail. We'll feed back the key messages about planning from the questionnaire, and ask you to help work up the planning recommendations to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. It will also be an opportunity for you to talk over any issues or concerns.

Following this, we will produce a Planning Report that must be submitted to Shropshire Council by 20th July, so that it can be included in the Council's SAMDev process.

In September, we will present all the key messages from the questionnaire and consultations back to you at an open meeting. It will also be an opportunity for more detailed discussions about what ideas for improvements should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan itself will be completed in the autumn, and will include the Planning Report.

## How to fill in this questionnaire

- You can fill in one questionnaire combining the views of everyone in your household, or every person in the household aged 16 or over can fill one in individually. (People under 16 will be asked to give their views through different questionnaires to this one).
- There are two main sections to the questionnaire, the first focussing on a variety of aspects of life in the Parish, and the second specifically on planning matters.
- There is also a Planning Annex, which presents information that may help you to respond to the planning questions, and there is the separate Kinnerley Facts booklet for you to keep.

**Please fill in as much as you can, but don't worry if you don't answer every question.** It won't take as long as you think – lots of the questions only ask for tick-box answers!

## Getting help

If you want help or if you would like to discuss any of the issues in more detail, get in touch with the Neighbourhood Plan project manager, Irene Evison (email: [Irene@r4c.org.uk](mailto:Irene@r4c.org.uk) , tel. 01691 830399) or with Kinnerley Parish Clerk, Kate Sanderson (email: [kinnerleypc@btinternet.com](mailto:kinnerleypc@btinternet.com), tel. 01691 831253) and they will arrange for someone to talk to you.

# ABOUT YOU

- i. Do the responses given combine the views of everyone in the household or has the questionnaire been completed individually? *Please circle the relevant one.*

A combined view for the household                      or                      Individually

*[If a combined view, please go to Qii. If individual, please go to Qiii.]*

- ii. If a combined household view, please tell us a bit about each of the people who have contributed. *Please use one row for each person whose views are included in your response, and tick the relevant columns for gender and age.*

	Male	Female	16-17	18-24	25 – 35	36-49	50-59	60-64	65-75	76+
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
7										
8										

- iii. If the response is individual, please tell us a bit about you.

Male	Female	16-17	18-24	25 – 35	36-49	50-59	60-64	65-75	76+

We haven't forgotten the children and young people but we're asking them to take part in different ways. Members of the Neighbourhood Plan group are working with the primary school children and talking to older children on the school bus, using an adapted questionnaire.

- iv. Which part of Kinnerley Parish do you live in? *Please circle the relevant one. If you're not in one of the named villages or hamlets, please choose the one closest to you.*

Kinnerley                      Dovaston                      Edgerley

Maesbrook                      Knockin Heath                      Pentre

- v. What is your postcode?

# LIVING IN KINNERLEY PARISH – THE BIG PICTURE!

1. What do you like **most** about living in Kinnerley Parish?  
Please tick all those that apply.

The sense of community	<input type="checkbox"/>
The facilities and services available here	<input type="checkbox"/>
The facilities and services available within reasonable driving distance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easy access to the countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>
Places to play or relax	<input type="checkbox"/>
The local environment, e.g. landscape, views	<input type="checkbox"/>
The community activities, e.g. clubs and societies, events	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good location for getting to work	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being in a working agricultural landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>
A good retirement area	<input type="checkbox"/>
A relaxed place to live	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other. Please give details.	

2. What do you like **least** about living in Kinnerley Parish?  
Please tick all those that apply.

Not enough or not the right kind of facilities or services available in the community	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difficulty in travelling elsewhere without a car	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difficulty in getting to medical centre or hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poor mobile phone network	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount of light pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inadequate broadband	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volume and nature of traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speeding traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking at school start and finish times	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road safety for pedestrians	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poor bus routing and timetable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other. Please give details.	

# COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

3. Does your household have access to the internet?

Yes	No

If yes, is it broadband or dial-up?

Broadband	Dial-up only

4. Which of the existing facilities and services in Kinnerley Parish do you or any members of your household use and how often?

Facility/Service	Several times a week	About once a week	About once a month	About once a year	Never	Used to, but not now
Kinnerley shop						
Kinnerley school						
Kinnerley Parish Hall						
Dovaston Church Hall						
Maesbrook Village Hall						
BMX track in Kinnerley						
Children's play area in Kinnerley						
Small children's play area in Kinnerley						
Local churches and chapels						
Peel's Plantation						
Football pitch						
Policing						
Bus service						
Playgroups						
Community clubs and societies						

Facility/Service	Several times a week	About once a week	About once a month	About once a year	Never	Used to, but not now
Tennis court						
Pubs						
Household recycling service						
Other. Please give details.						

5. If you ticked the 'Used to, but not now' column for any of the facilities or services, please tell us why you stopped using them.

6. To what extent are you satisfied with the local facilities and services that are available in Kinnerley Parish? *Please tick the box that applies to you.*

They meet all of my needs	They meet most of my needs	They meet some of my needs	They don't meet my needs at all

7. Are there any improvements to services and facilities in the Parish that you would you like to see? *(Please bear in mind that we have a difficult balance to strike in the Neighbourhood Plan between being aspirational and at the same time identifying achievable ideas).*

# OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

## Flooding

At certain times of the year, there can be extensive flooding in different parts of the Parish. We would like to know how you are affected, and any ideas you may have for coping with it that we might be able to put in place for ourselves.

8. Have you or your property been affected by flooding?

Yes	No

[If you have answered No, please go to Question 13.]

9. If yes, in what way?

Damage to buildings	
Damage to agricultural buildings, equipment, loss of stock etc.	
Damage to garden	
Prevented travel to work	
Prevented travel to school	
Inconvenience to travel to work or school	
Inconvenience to work/business operations	
Had to park car on non-flooded road away from home	
Increased the cost of home insurance	
Made it difficult/not possible to sell the property	
Caused us stress	
Other. Please give details.	

10. On a scale of 1 – 5, how would you rate the effect of flooding on your life? Where 1 is 'not a problem at all' and 5 is 'an extreme problem'.

1    2    3    4    5    *Please circle as appropriate.*

11. On a scale of 1 – 5, how prepared do you feel in relation to flooding? Where 1 is 'extremely well prepared' and 5 is 'not prepared at all'.

1    2    3    4    5    *Please circle as appropriate.*

12. What are the factors which help you to be prepared for flooding?

Detailed knowledge about how your property tends to be affected when there is flooding	
Guidance information from agencies on how to be prepared	
Warning information of pending flooding events	
A household plan of activities needed to be done in the event of a flooding incident	
A network of others to provide support in the event of a flooding incident	
The opportunity for safe off-road parking	
Other. Please give details.	

As a community, there may be things we can do within our community to help people cope with the threat of flooding or with flooding when it happens.

13. What ideas do you have?

## Biodiversity

We live in an area with a rich variety of fauna and flora (biodiversity). We would like to know more about your priorities for local biodiversity.

14. What aspects of our natural environment do you value most highly? Please tick the three things that are most important to you.

Hedgerows	
Trees and woodland	
Roadside verges	
Watercourses (streams, rivers etc.)	
Wetland	
Unimproved grassland, meadow etc.	
Wildlife	
The locally rich combination of all of these	
Other. Please give details.	

15. Would you like to know more about the natural environment in Kinnerley Parish?

Yes	No

16. If yes, what sorts of information/learning would you make the most use of?

Leaflet e.g. history, local walks	
Annotated map, showing features of interest	
Guided walk	
Information on a website	
Evening or weekend talk	
By getting involved in practical management/conservation activities	
Other. Please give details.	

## Local footpaths and countryside access

Getting out and about in the countryside, and into the areas between the villages and hamlets in the Parish, is an important part of living in Kinnerley Parish. We would like to know more about how much you use local footpaths, what for and what improvements you would most like to see.

17. What are the main reasons that you use local footpaths, bridleways etc.?  
Please tick all that apply.

Walking the dog	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking for pleasure or exercise (no dog!)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cycling	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horse riding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Running/jogging	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking specifically to get to somewhere else in the Parish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other. Please give details.	

18. Which of the following suggestions for improvements to footpaths are most important for you? Please rank all of these, where 1 is the most important and 7 (or 8 if you add another) is the least important.

Keeping the routes open and in good condition to use	<input type="checkbox"/>
Well marked routes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having local circular routes	<input type="checkbox"/>
A safe pedestrian link between Kinnerley and Dovaston	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nominating 'quiet lanes' for horse riding and cycling	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having more information available about local routes, e.g. on the Web	<input type="checkbox"/>
Making some paths all-ability access, e.g. replacing stiles with gates	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other. Please give details.	

## Sustainable living

19. What key issues do you think are most important for encouraging sustainable living in our Parish? E.g. domestic renewable energy, recycling, domestic insulation.

# LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

The statistics suggest that a noticeably higher than average proportion of people in Kinnerley Parish work from home. Also, we know there are a number of businesses based here. We would like to understand more about this – what sorts of things make it possible to work successfully from home or run a business here? Are there things that are making it harder?

20. If you are working, how far do you commute, on average?

I don't commute	Less than 10 miles	10 - 20 miles	More than 20 miles

21. Do you run a business or farm in Kinnerley Parish, or work from home or are you thinking about starting to?

	Currently running a business or farm, or working from home	Thinking about starting to run a business or farm, or work from home
No		
Occasionally		
Part-time		
Full-time		

[Please answer Questions 22 – 24 if you run a farm or other business in the Parish, work from home or are thinking of starting to. If not, please go straight to Question 25.]

22. If you do work from home, on what basis is this?

Home-based employee	
Self-employed, working on your own	
Running a business, employing other people	
Running a farm	
Frequent, regular voluntary work	

23. What is the nature of your home working/local business?

24. What factors are important to you, in terms of making it possible to work from home or run a farm or other business in Kinnerley Parish? And how well are your business/home working needs met? *For each row, please tick the first column to tell us if this factor is important, and then also one of the other three columns to tell us if there is a problem or not.*

<b>Factor</b>	<b>Important to me (please tick if relevant)</b>	<b>This is well provided for, I don't have any problems</b>	<b>Sometimes there are problems</b>	<b>This is a real difficulty for me/my business</b>
Broadband				
Mobile phone network				
3G mobile data network				
Available workspace - office				
Available workspace - light industrial				
Available workspace - heavier industrial				
Availability of appropriately qualified /skilled staff				
Road network				
Availability and frequency of public transport				
Ability to raise business finance e.g. loans, grants				
Suitable training facilities				
Other. Please give details.				

# DEVELOPING LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Although there is more working from home than average, many people commute out of the Parish for work.

25. Do you think it is a good idea to try to create more employment opportunities within the Parish?

Yes	No

If no, why not?

26. If yes, what sorts of employment opportunities would it be appropriate to encourage?

	YES	NO
Road haulage, storage, logistics		
Light industry e.g. joinery, smallscale warehousing		
Heavier industry e.g. metal working and fabrication		
Professional services e.g. IT		
Retail services		
Hospitality and tourism services		
Farming and agricultural services		
Other land-based business, e.g. forestry contracting, horticulture. Please give details.		
Other. Please give details.		

We would like to get your views on the principles that would underlie any decision about where potential employment-related new building development could be located, and about other issues we should consider.

27. Which of the following principles do you think are important in deciding where employment-related building development is located? *Please tick the **three** that you think are the most important.*

Businesses causing a significant increase in traffic or increase in traffic of larger vehicles not to be located on minor lanes	
Encouragement of live-work spaces for office-based employment, i.e. combined residential and office space	
Protection of existing employment-related sites from change of use to residential only	
Heavy industry to be located away from residential areas	
Sites for employment-related development other than heavy industry to be within the development boundary of a settlement	
Other. Please give details.	

28. If local employment opportunities were to be increased, do you have any concerns? If so, what?

	No concern	A little bit concerned	Very concerned
Increases in the volume of traffic			
Increases in HGV traffic			
The need for new buildings			
Negative environmental impact			
Other. Please give details.			

# TOURISM

Tourism is an important part of Shropshire’s economy. Shropshire Council’s strategic plans support increased opportunities for tourism, including green tourism, such as making links with natural, cultural and historic assets, opportunities for walking and cycling, and local food, drink and crafts.

29. Do you think it is a good idea to encourage more tourism in Kinnerley Parish?

Yes	No

30. If No, why not?

If we do want to encourage tourism, we need to think about what information is needed, what facilities there need to be, and what services could be offered.

31. What opportunities for developing tourism services do you think are appropriate within Kinnerley Parish? Please tick all those that you think are appropriate.

More local food production and farm shops	<input type="checkbox"/>
More riverside amenities to encourage use of the river	<input type="checkbox"/>
More use of the network of footpaths etc. to encourage walking	<input type="checkbox"/>
More cycling	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encourage visitors to use local facilities and services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exploration of the area’s history e.g. railway, wartime ammunition dumps	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development of fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other. Please give details.	

32. If tourism is to be encouraged, one option is to increase the amount and range of visitor accommodation. Which of the following sorts of development do you think would be appropriate in Kinnerley Parish? *Please tick all those that you think would be appropriate.*

Bed and Breakfast facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small campsites for small numbers of touring caravans and tents	<input type="checkbox"/>
Larger campsites, including static caravans and more on-site facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Static caravans/ chalets near villages or hamlets	<input type="checkbox"/>
Static caravans/chalets in the countryside away from villages or hamlets	<input type="checkbox"/>
No increase in visitor accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other. Please give details.	

33. What sorts of information improvements do you think would be most effective? *Please rank them, where 1 is the most effective and 4 (or 5 if you add to the Other box) is the least effective.*

Tourist information boards at key sites in the villages	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tourist information/tourist information section on the website	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leaflets about Kinnerley Parish for visitors available for distribution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Targeted information leaflets available for distribution, e.g. local walks	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other. Please give details.	

# THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE OF KINNERLEY PARISH

The process of creating this Neighbourhood Plan enables us as a community to think about (and hopefully come to a consensus on) the priorities for our local area. As noted in the Introduction, this includes important planning and strategy documents such as SAMDev (Site Allocation and Management of Development) and Place Plans, but also how future revenue to the Parish is spent, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). We would like to know more about your broad aspirations for where you live, as well as more targeted priorities.

34. If you had a magic wand and could change just one thing for the better in Kinnerley Parish, what would it be?

35. If you only had £1,000, what one thing would you change?

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a new charge from 2012 that will be made on all new housing development (apart from affordable housing and employment-related housing), at a rate of £80 per square metre in Kinnerley Parish. The aim is to raise money for local infrastructure projects. Shropshire Council has committed to ensuring that the majority of funds (90%) that it receives as the CIL Charging Authority will be used in the settlement in which the development has taken place. We don't know how much money will be available within Kinnerley Parish; the amount depends on how much housing is built. As a Parish, we need to identify our infrastructure needs and to decide which of these are a priority for the use of CIL funds. We will be able to do this annually, through the framework of the Place Plan. We can decide to bank funds over a number of years for a large project, or to spend funds on a number of smaller projects. *See p.39 (Planning Annex Section 9) for additional information about CIL.*

36. The table below makes some suggestions for the CIL priorities list. Please tick each one according to how high a priority you think it should be. There is space at the end to add your own ideas.

	Very high priority	Quite high priority	Not really a priority	Definitely not a priority
Improvements to the natural environment e.g. tree planting, hedgerow improvements, more habitat for particular species				
Improving facilities/services for children and young people				
Improving transport options for people without access to cars				
Provision of safe off-road parking for intermittent use by residents affected by flooding				
More automatic speed control measures				
Other. Please give details.				

Making any sort of improvements to Kinnerley Parish will involve all sorts of people and organisations. As residents, we've provided the energy to do the Neighbourhood Plan, and it's the impetus from us that will make things happen in future.

37. If you were to give one hour a month to benefit your village or somewhere in Kinnerley Parish, what would you use the time for? The list below provides some 'starter' ideas, but we've left plenty of space for you to add more.

Idea	I'd be interested in helping with this
Activities for younger people	
Activities for older people	
Giving someone a lift	
Practical environmental/conservation tasks	
Help to set up Neighbourhood Watch	
Help to set up Farm Watch	
Other. Please give details.	

If you are willing to help to turn this idea into reality, please give us your email address or phone number, and someone from the Neighbourhood Plan group will get in touch.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

# PLANNING

**Planning is a really significant element of our Neighbourhood Plan.**

PLEASE give this section of the questionnaire your full attention.

**Remember, the content of the Neighbourhood Plan will carry real weight in the statutory planning process, so it's vital that we are clear about our priorities for the Parish.**

This section of the questionnaire gives you the opportunity to tell us what you think about:

- Whether more housing is needed
- If so, how many houses, what size of houses and where.

## **Filling in this section of the questionnaire**

We have tried to make the questions as straightforward as possible, but there is a lot to cover. Please do your best, but don't feel that you have to answer every question. You may not feel equipped to talk about some parts of the Parish, or you might not have an opinion on something. Just answer what you can.

Also, remember that this is a plan for the whole of the Parish and as a member of the Parish, you may comment on any question, whether it's related to the part of the Parish you live in or elsewhere.

The 'Planning Annex' pages at the end of this document (pages 36-39) provide some explanations and further information. We suggest you have a look over these first before answering the questions.

Please note that the map-based questions at the end of this section do not include an individual map for the Pentre area. This is because it is within the flood zone, so is not recommended for housing development.

## **Getting help with this part of the questionnaire**

If you want help, or if you would like to discuss any of the issues in more detail, get in touch with the Neighbourhood Plan project manager, Irene Evison (email: [irene@r4c.org.uk](mailto:irene@r4c.org.uk) , tel. 01691 830399) or with Kinnerley Parish Clerk, Kate Sanderson (email: [kinnerleypc@btinternet.com](mailto:kinnerleypc@btinternet.com), tel. 01691 831253) and they will arrange for someone to talk to you.

## **Some background thinking**

There are lots of different things to take into account when thinking about development. We need to think about what we can do to make sure that we maintain a sustainable, thriving community in the Parish. The amount and type of housing we have in the Parish affects the age balance of people who live here. At present, we're lucky to have facilities like the shop, the school and the pubs, but if we don't have a critical mass of population, we're at risk of losing them. There is already quite a lot of home-based working and there are a number of businesses based in the Parish – do we want to encourage more of this? With more people working locally, we reduce the risk of becoming a 'dormitory community', but on the other hand, there may be impacts such as noise and traffic that are less welcome.

## Other useful information

You may find it helpful to look back at Kinnerley's Parish Plan, published in 2005, and the 2007 Design Statement and Landscape Character Assessment. If you don't have a copy of either of these, but would like to see one, you can view an electronic copy on the Kinnerley Parish Neighbourhood Plan website [www.kpnp.co.uk](http://www.kpnp.co.uk) or look at the display copies being kept at the Kinnerley shop, Kinnerley Parish Hall and Maesbrook Village Hall.

Kinnerley Parish Council aims to have a vibrant parish by encouraging housing and other development which:

- Meets the needs of local people, supports a balanced community and school and enhances the quality of the local environment.
- Supports new and existing leisure and recreational activities in the Parish, in particular for the younger members of the community.

Shropshire Council's Vision for Rural Shropshire is that in rural areas, new development will be of a scale and in locations appropriate to the size, role and function of each settlement. Throughout Shropshire, high priority will be given to the provision of housing to meet the local needs and aspirations of all households, including the elderly. The Shropshire Council Core Strategy states that it will focus investment in the rural areas into villages and hamlets defined locally as Community Hubs and Community Clusters and will not allow development outside these settlements. It will ensure that all development is of a scale and design that is sympathetic to the character of the settlement and its environs. They have agreed that this plan will directly inform these choices and future decisions.

# OUR COMMUNITY IN THE FUTURE

38. Thinking about what sort of community you want Kinnerley Parish to be, what do you think the planning objectives for future housing in the Parish should be? *Please tick one box per row. The Planning Annex's Sections 1 and 2 on pages 36 and 37 provide background information about the Parish and Kinnerley School.*

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
A bigger community, to help local services and facilities flourish					
A more balanced community, so that there are people of all ages					
More housing suitable for families with young children					
More housing suitable for retired/older people					
Housing to help keep local people in the Parish					
Housing increases at a scale and location to match the capacity of the road network					
Other. Please give details.					

## PROTECTING SPECIAL PLACES

39. Are there any particular buildings, views or other places that you think are especially important to protect?

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40. How important is it to you that we protect our existing public open green spaces?

	Very important	Quite important	Not very important	Not important at all	Don't know
Playing field behind Kinnerley Village Hall					
Halston Field, Kinnerley					
Kinnerley Village Green					
Peel's Plantation, Kinnerley					
The greenspace opposite the Black Horse, Maesbrook					
Pentre and Edgerley Millennium Garden					
The Old Quarry, Knockin Heath/Dovaston					
The pond, Kynaston					

41. Do you think that we need more spaces like these ones?

Yes	No

If yes, where?

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## HOUSING NEED

We need to look at this from two perspectives: what people’s opinions are about what housing is needed, and, what the particular needs are of individuals or families currently living in the parish.

42. Do you think that we will need more houses in Kinnerley Parish in the next 15 years?

Yes	No

[If No, please go to Question 45.]

43. If you do think more housing is needed, roughly how many houses?

- *Pentre is not included in the list because it is within the flood zone, so is not recommended for housing development.*
- *Remember, we’re planning up until 2026!*
- *Currently, there are nearly 500 houses in the Parish. In 2001, there were 934 people living here. The most recent census data isn’t yet available, but indications are that the Parish’s population has increased, primarily due to people moving in to the area. You may also find it helpful to look at the information in Section 6 of the Planning Annex, p.38, about numbers of houses built in recent years.*

	1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 15	16 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 - 120
Kinnerley							
Maesbrook							
Dovaston							
Knockin Heath							
Edgerley							

It’s not just about how many houses, but also what size they might be. This is important because it makes a difference to who may be able to live in them, e.g. families with children, older people.

44. Which house sizes do you think we need more of in Kinnerley Parish in the next 15 years? *Please tick all relevant boxes.*

1-2 bedroom	3 bedroom	4-5 bedroom

45. We would also like to know about your own situation in relation to housing. Do/did

you or any member of your family hope to buy, rent or build a house in Kinnerley Parish but are/were unable to find a suitable property or site?

	Yes	No
In the past 10 years		
At present		
Will be trying within the next 10 years		

## DESIGN

We put a lot of work into the Village Design Statement and Landscape Character Assessment, which was adopted by Kinnerley Parish Council and the former Oswestry Borough Council. Now that we are working within a new planning structure, we need to reconsider. Please refer to Planning Annex Section 3, p.37 for more information about the Village Design Statement.

46. Do you think that the Village Design Statement and Landscape Character Assessment should form part of our Neighbourhood Plan to be used by Shropshire Council?

Yes	No

# THE LOCATION OF NEW HOUSING

Really importantly, we need to think about where any new houses should go.

## Potential location of new housing in the villages and hamlets

Firstly, we would like to know whether you think that housing development should potentially be permitted in any, some, or all of the Parish's villages and hamlets.

47. In which villages and hamlets do you think housing development should be permitted? *Pentre is not included on this list because it is within the flood zone, so is not recommended for housing development.*

	Yes - housing development should be permitted	No - housing development should not be permitted
Kinnerley		
Maesbrook		
Dovaston		
Knockin Heath		
Edgerley		

## Development Boundaries

Also, we need to decide whether or not we want to have Development Boundaries. A Development Boundary (as it says on the tin!) provides a boundary within which housing and other building development takes place, and with certain exceptions, there can be no housing developments outside this boundary. The exceptions are barn conversions, affordable housing and housing for agricultural purposes.

The map on p.30 shows the existing Development Boundaries within Kinnerley Parish. These are in Maesbrook, Kinnerley, Dovaston and Knockin Heath. The maps on pages 31-35 show them in more detail. Section 5 of the Planning Annex, p.38 has additional information about Development Boundaries.

The Parish has three options:

1. Retain the existing development boundary.
2. Decide through the Neighbourhood Plan process where future development should be sited, and then draw new development boundaries around these sites.
3. Identify key sites for development to take place where appropriate, but have no development boundaries.

48. Which of the three options listed immediately above do you most closely agree with?  
Please tick the relevant box.

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3

## Development sites

49. What sizes of development sites do you think would be appropriate in the following villages and hamlets?

	Only infill and conversions	A number of small allocations	A mix of allocations of varying sizes	A single large allocation
Kinnerley				
Maesbrook				
Dovaston				
Knockin Heath				
Edgerley				

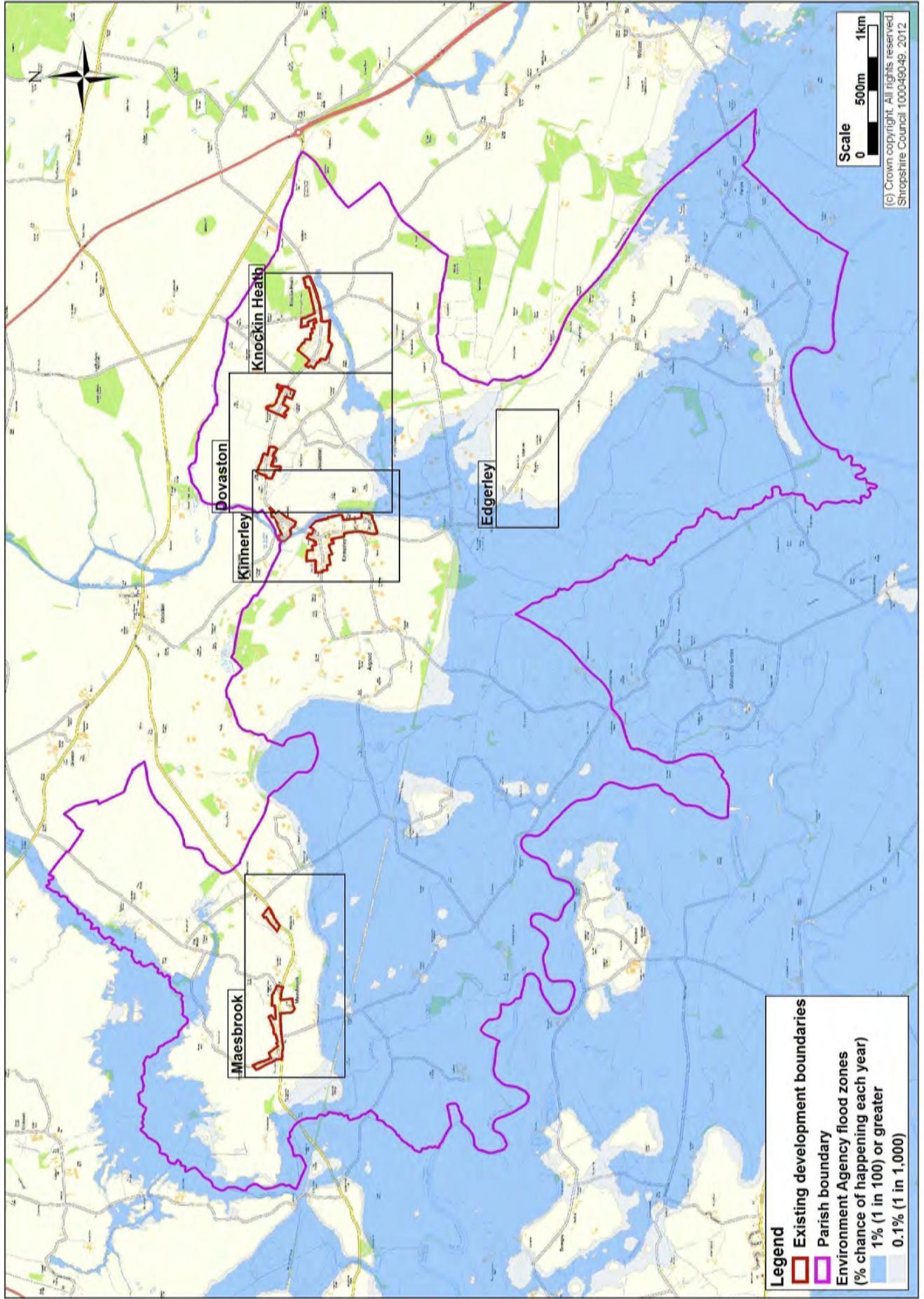
## Development in each village and hamlet

People who own land in Kinnerley Parish have had the opportunity to offer land parcels for potential housing development, and the maps on pages 31-35 show where these land parcels are. None of these parcels have been agreed for development at this stage. We would like to know whether you think any of these, none of these, or other sites, should be allocated for development within the Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish is not under any obligation to recommend the land parcels that have been offered; the consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan may come up with others.

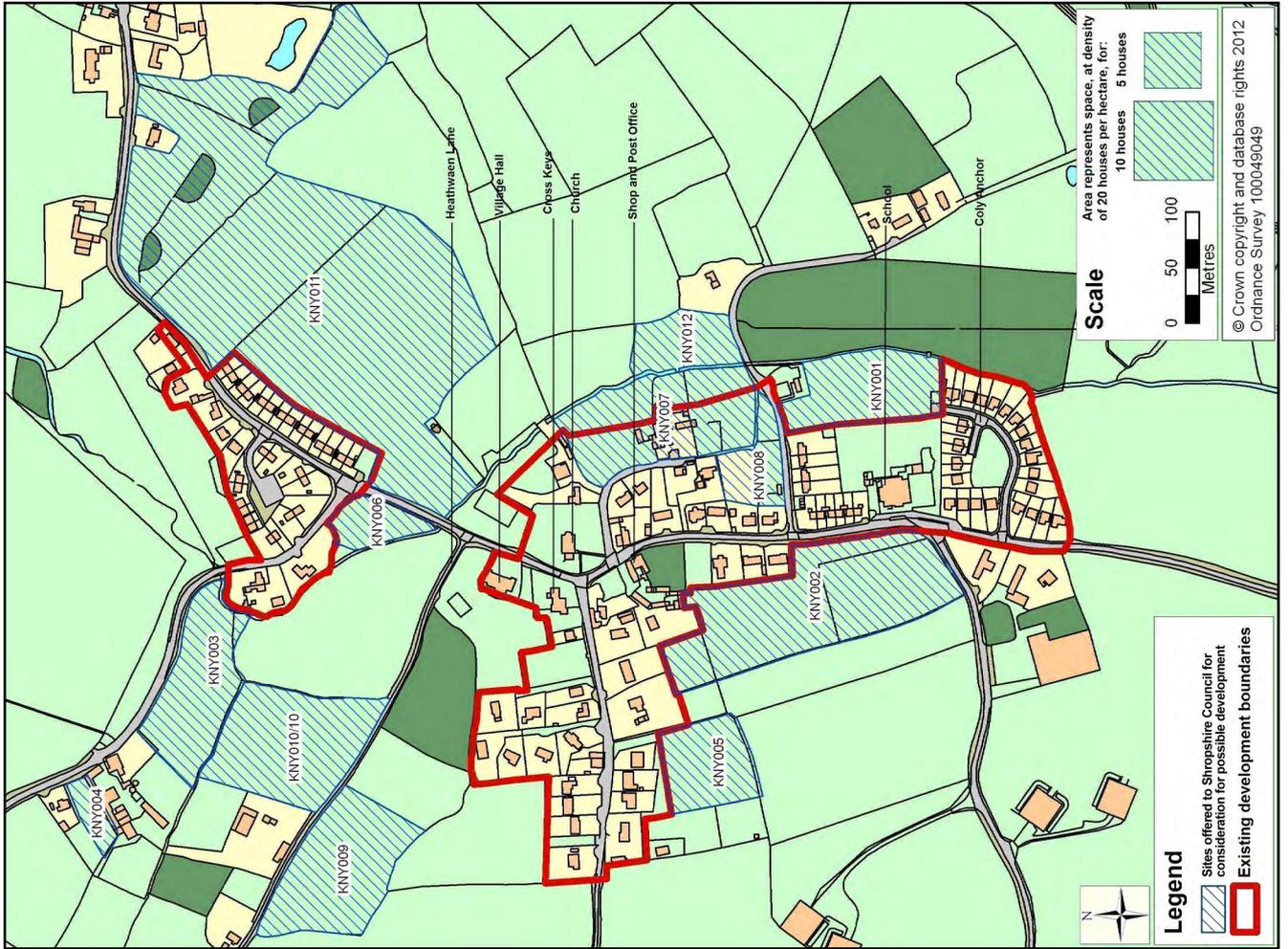
Please study each map. In the table on each map page, please give us your views about the land parcels offered for housing development, and use the bottom row of the table to tell us if you have suggestions for any other sites that you think would be appropriate for housing development. Although you are very welcome to, you don't have to comment on every map, or on every land parcel; just comment on those where you have an opinion. This sounds complicated, but we promise you it isn't!

The first map, overleaf, shows the whole parish, together with the location of the existing Development Boundaries and the flood zone. The flood map is Environment Agency data, showing 1 in 100 year and 1 in 1000 year flood zones. This is the flood map used by planners in their decision-making and therefore is the one relevant to our Neighbourhood Planning process. It is produced from a mixture of computer based models and information from past flooding and in most locations, it closely matches locally held data on actual bad floods.

# Location of village maps, and Kinnerley Parish flood risk



# Kinnerley Village



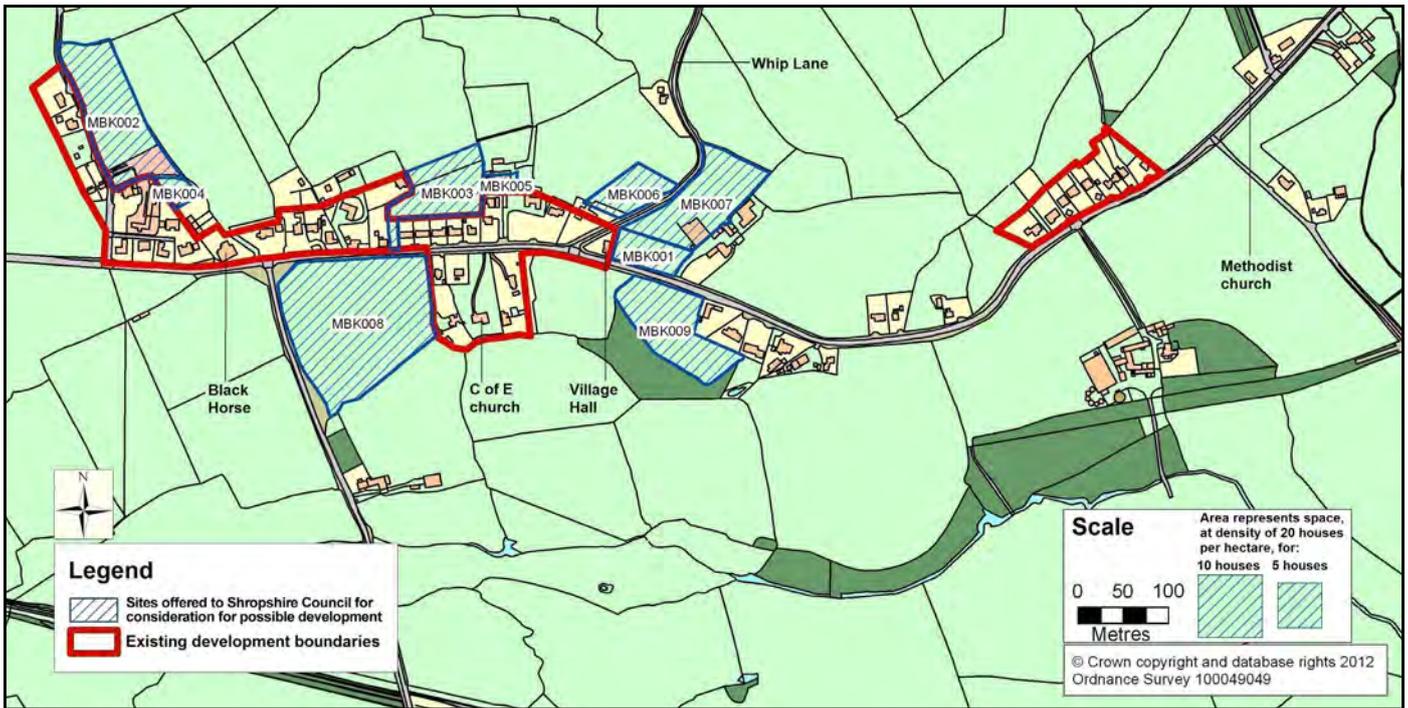
Site	Develop	Do not develop	Develop part
KNY0001			
KNY0002			
KNY0003 *			
KNY0004 *			
KNY0005			
KNY0006			
KNY0007			
KNY0008			
KNY0009			
KNY0010			
KNY0011			
KNY0012			
Infill development only			
Other site: please identify on plan or describe			

\* Plots KNY0003 and KNY0004 are actually in Knockin Parish and have not been allocated for development within that parish

Other Comments:

*None of these parcels have been agreed for development at this stage.  
Data and maps have been provided by Shropshire Council; we cannot guarantee that all of these parcels will be available for development.*

# Maesbrook

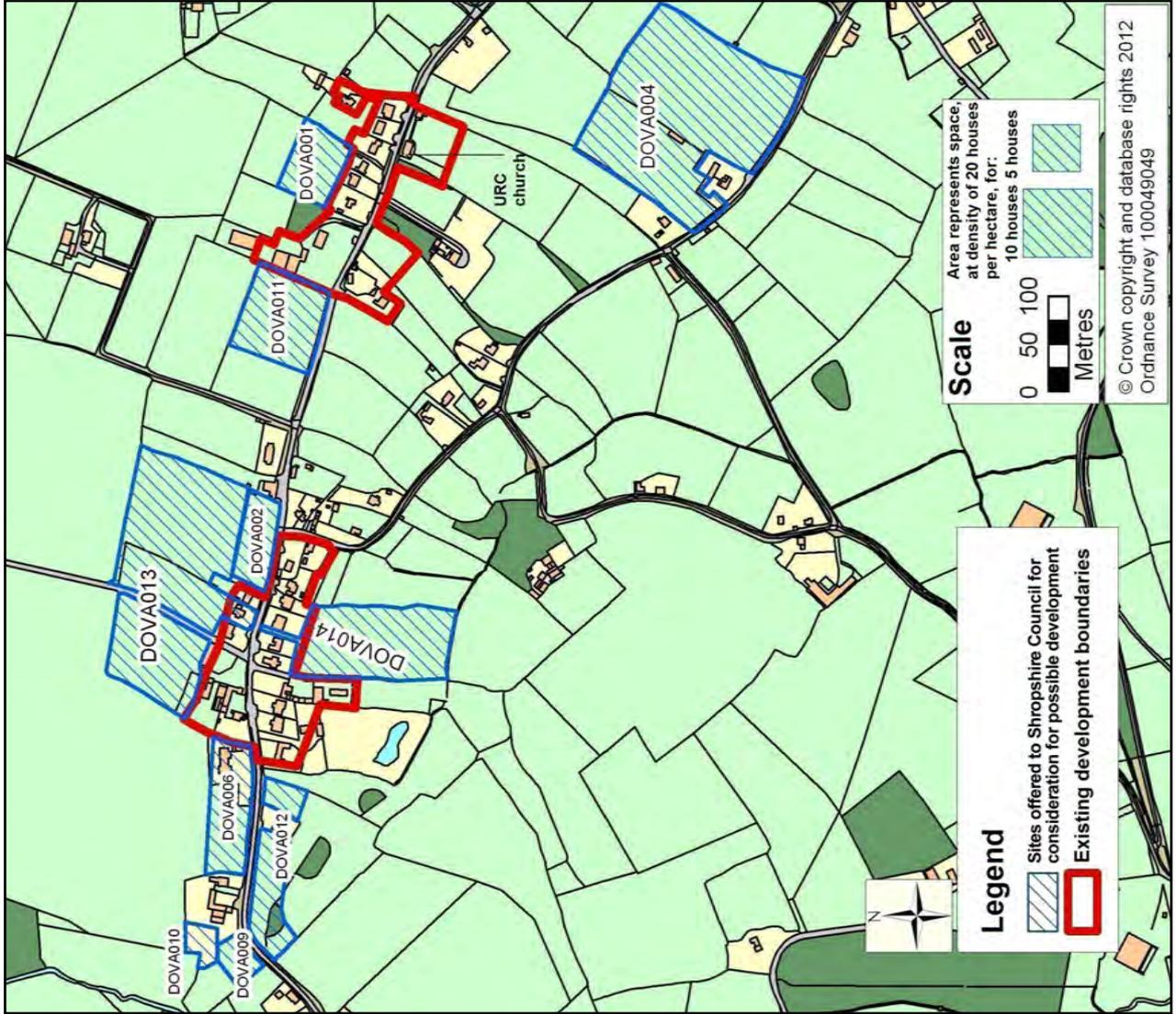


Site	Develop	Do not develop	Develop part
MBK0001			
MBK0002			
MBK0003			
MBK0004			
MBK0005			
MBK0006			
MBK0007			
MBK0008			
MBK0009			
Infill development only			
Other site: please identify on plan or describe			

Other Comments:

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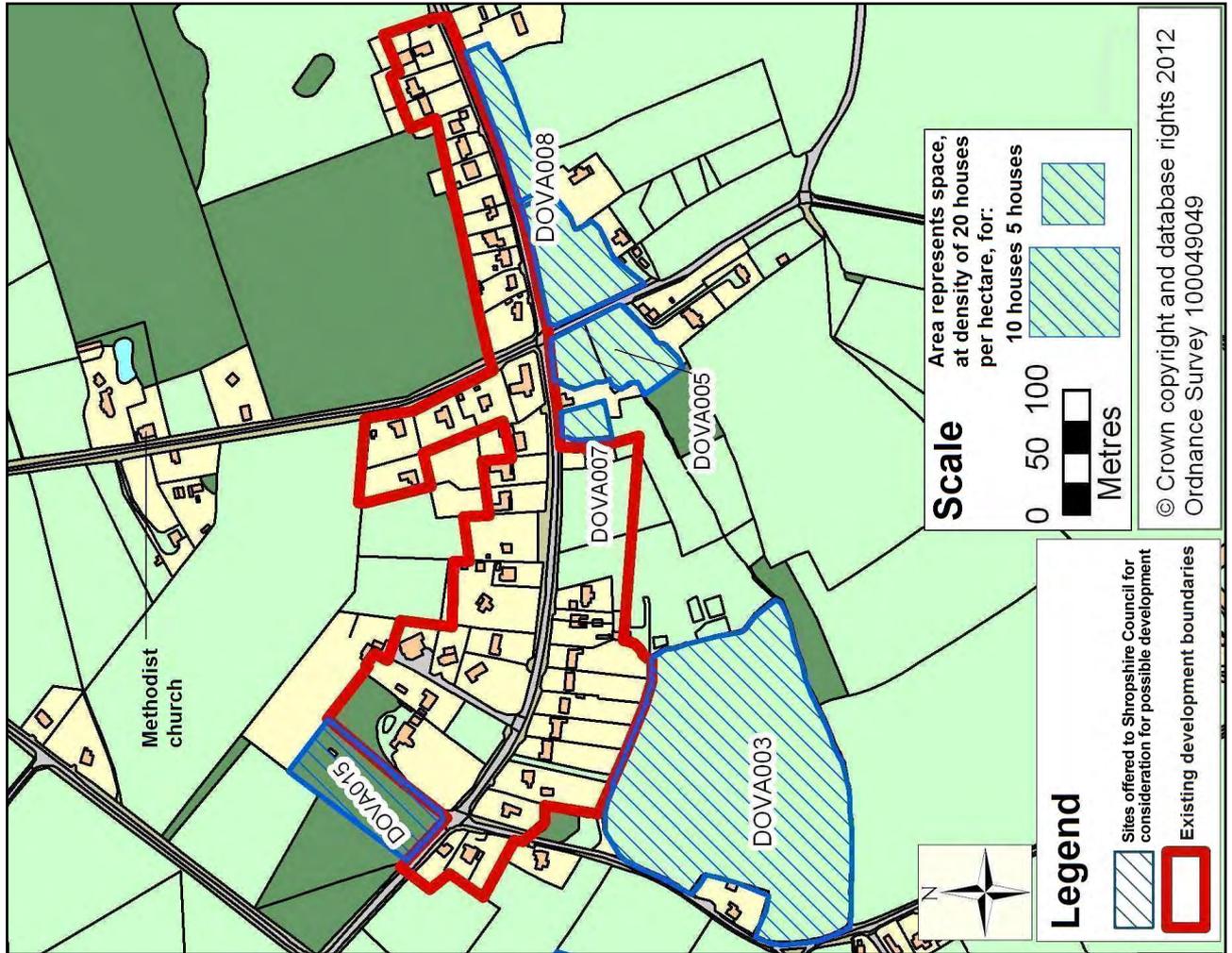
# Dovaston



Site	Develop	Do not develop	Develop part
DOVA0001			
DOVA0002			
DOVA0004			
DOVA0006			
DOVA0009			
DOVA0010			
DOVA0011			
DOVA0012			
DOVA0013			
DOVA0014			
Infill development only			
Other site: please identify on plan or describe			
Other Comments:			

None of these parcels have been agreed for development at this stage. Data and maps have been provided by Shropshire Council; we cannot guarantee that all of these parcels will be available for development.

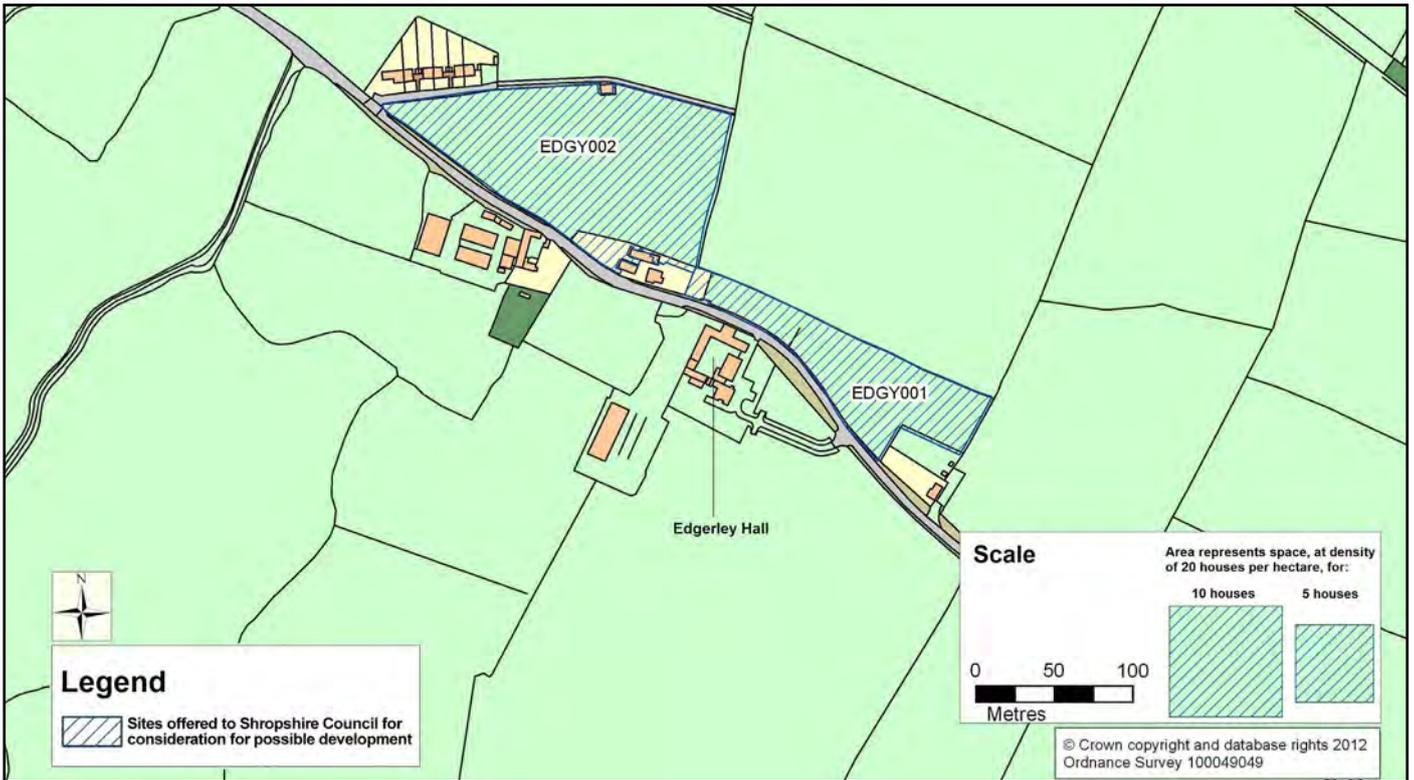
# Knockin Heath



Site	Develop	Do not develop	Develop part
DOVA0003			
DOVA0005			
DOVA0007			
DOVA0008			
DOVA0015			
Infill development only			
Other site: please identify on plan or describe			
Other Comments:			

None of these parcels have been agreed for development at this stage.  
Data and maps have been provided by Shropshire Council; we cannot guarantee that all of these parcels will be available for development.

# Edgerley



Site	Develop	Do not develop	Develop part
EDGY0001			
EDGY0002			
Infill development only			
Other site: please identify on plan or describe			

Other Comments:

*None of these parcels have been agreed for development at this stage. Data and maps have been provided by Shropshire Council; we cannot guarantee that all of these parcels will be available for development.*

# PLANNING ANNEX

## INTRODUCTION

There have been significant changes to the planning system, which we need to react to. Oswestry Borough Council has been replaced by the new unitary authority, Shropshire Council, and national planning legislation has changed as a result of the recent Localism Act and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Under the Localism Act, the concept of neighbourhood plans has been created as a new way for the wishes and priorities of communities to be properly considered in local planning decisions. There is currently a national trial for this funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government, and Kinnerley Parish is one of five 'Frontrunner' parishes in Shropshire. The guidance from the Government for neighbourhood planning is still in development, so it's something new for all of us. We are working within the overall approach that Shropshire Council is implementing in relation to planning and localism. What we learn from the process now will help others later on.

We have looked at a variety of options for ways to do our Neighbourhood Plan, and are following advice from Shropshire Council about what would be appropriate for us in Kinnerley. The 'informal' route that we have chosen will avoid an expensive referendum and inspection costs, and will allow us to make better use of the funding available - concentrating on consultation with residents and buying in professional skills and support for our team of volunteers. In order for Shropshire Council to adopt our plan, we need to be able to present strong evidence about the extent of consultation undertaken and community ownership.

Former community-led plans, such as our Parish Plan, have only had advisory status, but our new Neighbourhood Plan will directly inform Shropshire Council's Site Allocation and Management of Development (SAMDev) process and form part of the Place Plan. Place Plans are annually refreshed and agreed by Shropshire Council. The planning priorities outlined in our Neighbourhood Plan will then become a "material planning consideration". This means that when planning decisions are made by Shropshire Council, they must take into account what has been said in the Neighbourhood Plan.

## Section 1: Particular characteristics of Kinnerley Parish

Compared with the rest of Shropshire and England, Kinnerley Parish:

- has more green space (95%)
- has an older and increasingly ageing population, resulting partly from inward migration
- has more housing stock in the higher council tax bands
- has more workers in agriculture, and more that commute further and use cars more
- has a school with a falling full time school roll
- has further than average to go to a primary school, foodstore, GP surgery and post office.

## Section 2: Kinnerley School

The number of children on the full time school roll in March 2012 was 90. Figures have fallen from just over 100 in the last 5 years. Projections for the next 2 years suggest a falling number. There may be only 85 children on the roll in January 2013. The theoretical capacity is 112.

There may be a variety of reasons for this, but the headmaster attributes this falling roll to the price and availability of housing. He says "houses are often too expensive for families with young children, people are not moving and there is very limited new housing. In this area this has been a focus on housing development in places like Baschurch and Ruyton so these schools have grown".

There are currently 4.5 teaching posts (4 full time, 1 half time). If numbers fell to 80, the school would be looking at losing a class and making staff redundant.

The school catchment area includes the parishes of Kinnerley, Knockin and Molverley. Almost all children move on to The Corbet school at Baschurch. Occasionally, 1 or 2 children a year transfer to Llanfyllin or to a Shrewsbury school.

The Shropshire Council consultation document seeking our views on Issues and Options for the Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) Development Plan Document for our Local Joint Committee area (St Oswald and Llanymynech) gave the following facts:

Village	Past rate of building residential homes x 17 years
Kinnerley	46
Knockin	19
Llanymynech	63
Maesbury Marsh	22
Morda	340
Pant	9
Trefonen	105

It is noteworthy that Maesbury Marsh School is to be closed, whereas Morda School is thriving. However, do be aware that the Parish sizes are very different, so they are not directly comparable.

### Section 3: Village Design Statement

Kinnerley Parish Council produced a Village Design Statement and Landscape Character Assessment in 2007. This was adopted by the former Oswestry Borough Council and became a Supplementary Planning Document that was part of the Oswestry Borough Local Plan. Shropshire now has a single county wide unitary council so the Oswestry Borough Local Plan no longer exists as such, and this Neighbourhood Plan consultation is part of the process to replace that plan.

### Section 4: Hubs and Clusters

Through Shropshire Council’s Core Strategy, development will be focused within villages/hamlets classified as Community Hubs or Community Clusters and only very restricted development will be allowed on land outside these settlements.

This is why we would like to know in which of the Parish’s villages and hamlets you think development should be permitted. In 2005, 48% of respondents to the Kinnerley Parish Plan thought that Kinnerley Village should be the focus of any further development.

The current facilities in the various villages and hamlets are shown in the table below.

Village / Hamlet	Facilities
Kinnerley	School, shop, post office, pub, village hall, playing fields
Maesbrook	Pub, village hall
Dovaston	Meeting hall
Knockin Heath	None
Edgerley	Pub
Pentre	Post office

## Section 5: Development Boundaries

Since 1996 a “Development Boundary” has controlled the location of development within the Parish. This provided the boundary line within which development was normally permitted and outside which development was not normally allowed.

During the period 1996 to 2011, this boundary has restricted planned development within Kinnerley Parish to specific designated areas and has prevented housing, except in exceptional circumstances, from being built beyond it in ‘open countryside’.

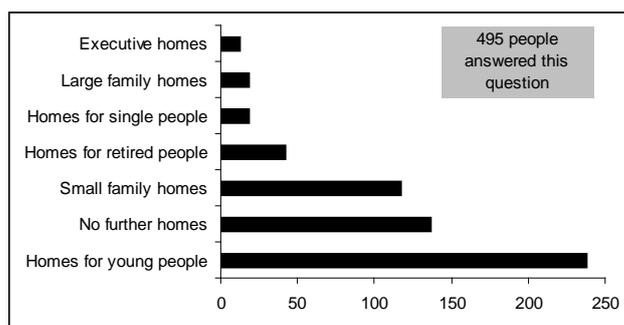
Now, Shropshire Council is proposing a different approach incorporating the concept of ‘community benefit’. When deciding a planning application the emphasis would change from, “Is this site within the Development Boundary?” to “What does this development contribute to the community?”.

## Section 6: Numbers of houses

Neither the 2005 Kinnerley Parish Plan nor the 2007 Kinnerley Village Design Statement and Landscape Character Assessment gave any guidance as to numbers of new houses for the Parish.

In the Parish Plan consultation, 38% of respondents felt that no further housing was needed. 65% of respondents said they would have no objection in principle to development which would meet the needs of those who live and work in the area. 70% of respondents thought that homes for young people, starter homes or small, family houses were needed; only 6.5% felt that there was a need for large, executive houses. These responses were summarised in the following graph.

(Table taken from 2005 Kinnerley Parish Plan, p. 36)



The relevant key objectives (3 and 5) within Shropshire Council’s Core Strategy state that the policy should:

- Rebalance rural communities through the delivery of local housing appropriate to the role, size and function of each settlement, or group of settlements, ensuring that development delivers community benefit.
- Provide for a mix of good quality, sustainable housing development of the right size, type, tenure and affordability to meet the housing needs and aspirations of all sections of the community, including provision for specialist needs and the elderly.

Analysis by location of dwellings built during the period 1996-2011 in Kinnerley Parish

Village / Hamlet	Dwellings Built		Total Dwellings	Average number of dwellings built per Year
	1996 – 2006	2007 – 2011		
Kinnerley	27	2	29	2.6
Maesbrook	12	7	19	1.7
Dovaston Knockin Heath	10	4	14	1.2
Rural Area	6	5	11	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>6.6</b>

The average number of dwellings per year built across the Parish for the period 1996 – 2011 was 6.6 dwellings per year.

## Section 7: Type and Mix of dwellings built in Kinnerley Parish between 1996 -2011

During this period the small Coly Anchor estate-type development was built in Kinnerley village, next to the school. This provided a mix of houses of different sizes. Almost without exception, all other houses built in the Parish during this period were at least 4 bedrooms and built on individual plots.

	Coly Anchor	Houses built in the Parish excluding Coly Anchor	Total built in Kinnerley Parish
2/3 bedroom dwellings	70%	4%	28%
4/5 bedroom dwellings	30%	96%	72%

## Section 8: Possible sites for housing development

The questionnaire includes a series of map-based questions about which sites you think are potentially suitable or unsuitable for development. Please note the following important points:

- The sites shown are only a pool of sites put forward by landowners to Shropshire Council for consideration. No decisions have been made, and we are not obliged to choose these.
- The maps show all of the potential sites put forward by landowners to Shropshire Council.
- The inclusion of these sites on the map does not mean that these sites have been assessed for their suitability, e.g. location in relation to land liable to flooding.
- At this stage Shropshire Council has taken no decision on what sites to include or exclude in Kinnerley Parish. The findings from the Neighbourhood Plan will directly inform this decision.

## Section 9: Additional information on the Community Infrastructure Levy

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a new charge from 2012 that will be made on all new housing development (apart from affordable housing and employment-related housing), at a rate of £80 per square metre in Kinnerley Parish.

The Government is proposing that some of the money raised will be given directly to the Parish Council to spend on local infrastructure projects; Shropshire Council has committed to ensuring that the majority of funds (90%) that it receives as the CIL Charging Authority will be used to deliver local infrastructure priorities in the settlement in which the development has taken place.

These local infrastructure priorities will be determined annually with the community and set out in the Place Plan for Kinnerley, following agreement with the Parish Council and Shropshire Council. The Place Plan therefore provides an annual framework for guiding the use of CIL monies within the parish.

We don't know how much money will be available for local infrastructure priorities within the Parish; the amount depends on how much housing is built. However, through our annual review of the Place Plan, we can decide to bank funds over a number of years for a large project, or to spend funds on a number of smaller projects.

### Further information

You can find out more 'facts and figures' about Kinnerley Parish from the Kinnerley Facts booklet distributed in hard copy with the questionnaire. You can also view an electronic copy on the Kinnerley Neighbourhood Plan website: [www.knpn.co.uk](http://www.knpn.co.uk).

