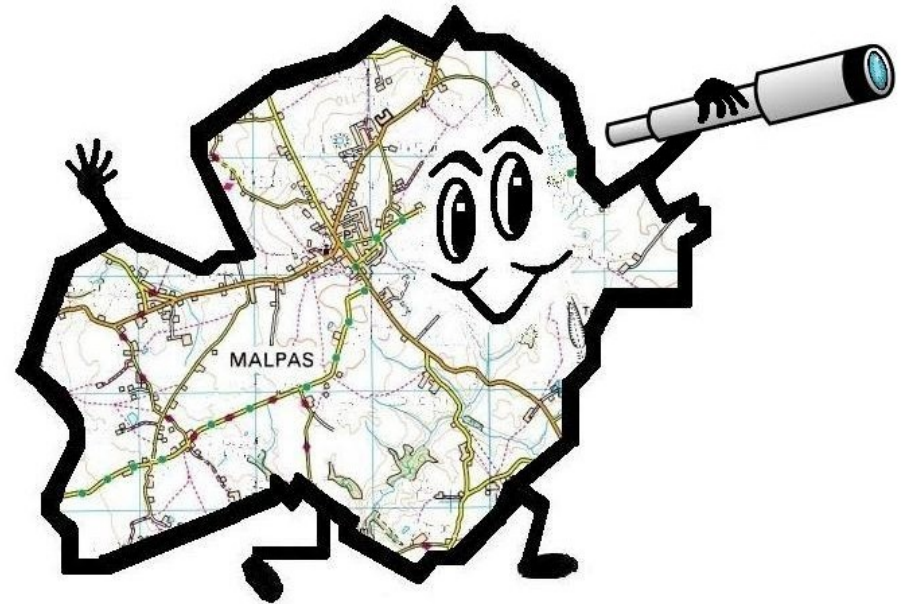




Malpas and Overton Neighbourhood Plan Vision and Objectives

Your chance to shape the future of our Village.

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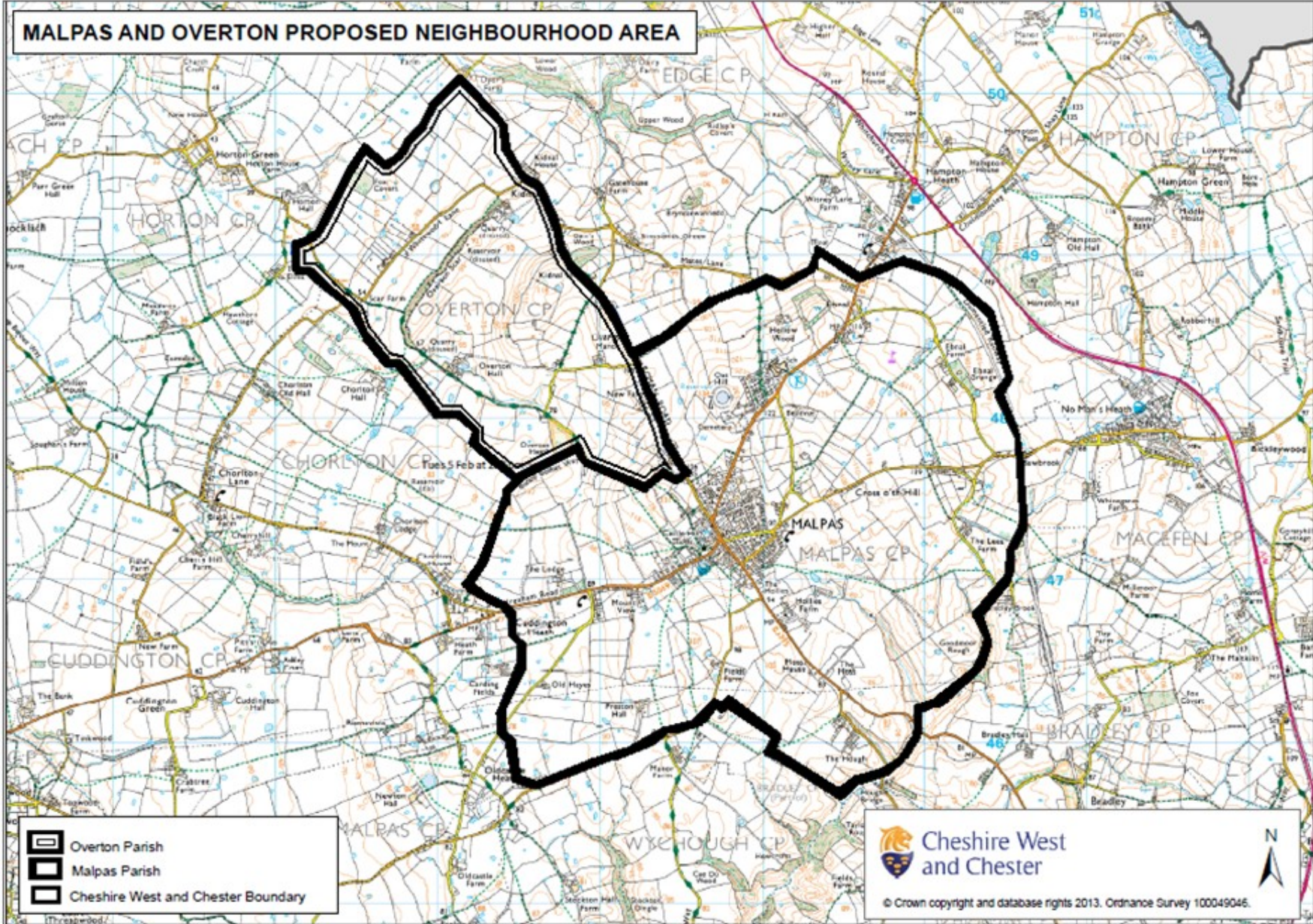


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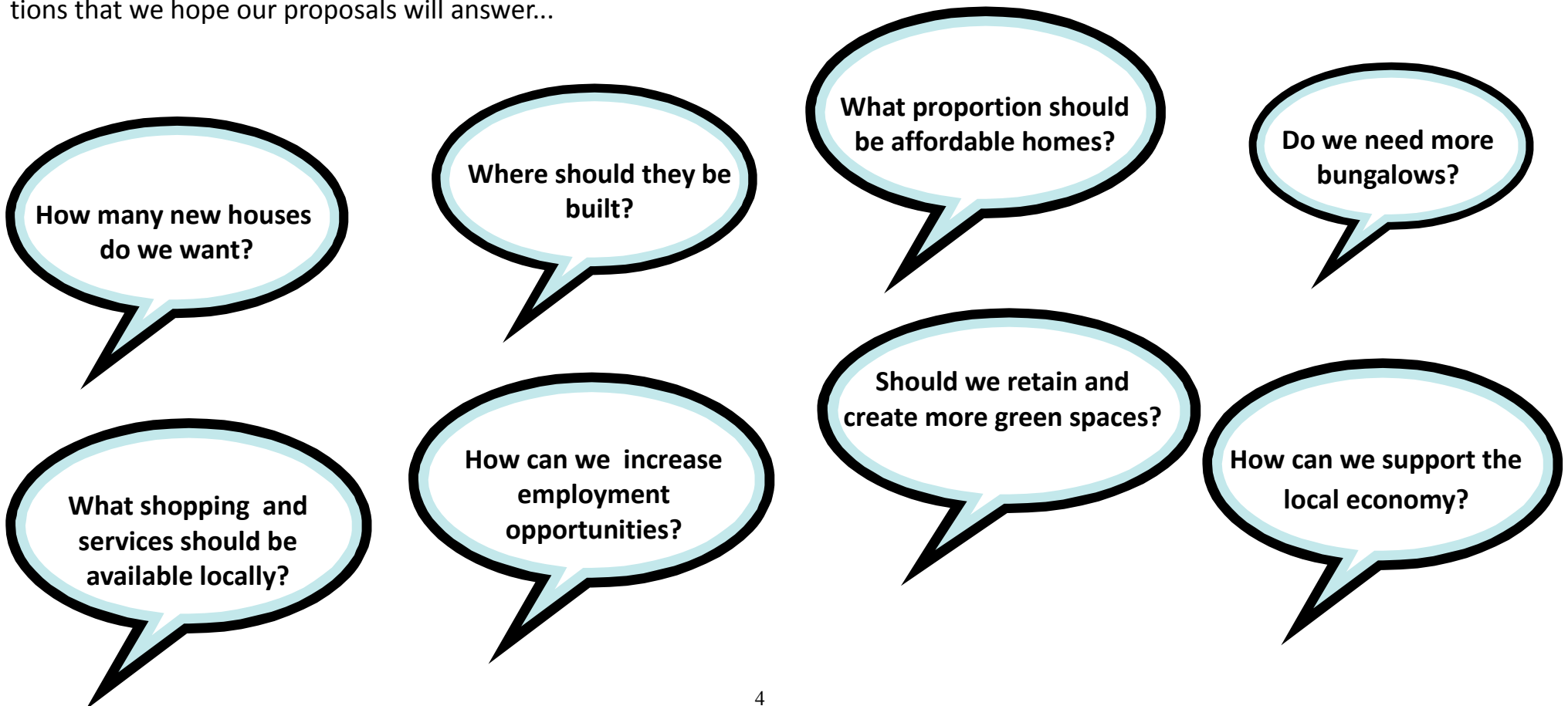


Vision and Objectives—Introduction

Let's look ahead to the future of Malpas and Overton Parishes. Will you or your family still wish to live in Malpas and Overton? Will the village be recognisable from the place you know today? Will it continue to be a village with its heart in the countryside?

You now have the chance to help shape what happens in the coming years. We encourage you to complete and return this questionnaire **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

Together we have the unique opportunity to decide what our village will look like in the future. These are some of the key questions that we hope our proposals will answer...



Your Neighbourhood Plan

This document is one of the building blocks of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) that will have to comply with Local and National Planning Policies. The draft Local Plan is due out for consultation in the late summer. We are developing this Vision from the views that you highlighted in the first round of consultations last summer. These included the Maxwell leaflet that arrived through your letterbox, the Jubilee weekend events, our visits to over 30 local organisations, your feedback from the events held by two potential developers and feedback from the IBI Taylor Young Character Study exhibition.

The aim of this questionnaire is to offer everyone in our community the opportunity to comment on the proposals.

Our vision of the future for our Parishes includes:

- **An excellent quality of life in our local area**
- **A flourishing local economy**
- **Accommodation that people can afford at all stages of life**
- **Reduced carbon-dependent activities**
- **Protected and enhanced landscape, wildlife and a wide variety of plant life**
- **Enhancing the conservation area and our place in the rural landscape**

Your opinions are vital in helping to create the draft Neighbourhood Plan (NP) but **please** do not feel that you have to comment on every choice unless you wish to do so.

You have four weeks to complete the questionnaire and hand it back. The consultation period runs from 13th May to 10th June so please return by 10th June. Meanwhile please get involved in one of our exhibitions or stop by at the Farmer's Market stall on 18th May.

Homes for All

Key Objective: Deliver housing growth to meet the needs of local people.

Malpas and Overton currently offer a broad choice of housing types and styles. There are some family homes, housing estates, specialist provision for older people and some affordable homes available at rent levels that are in line with local wages.

Malpas is currently identified as a **Key Service Centre** and a suitable location for up to 250 homes by 2030, as stated in the CWaC Draft Local Plan in August 2012.

A recent survey told us there is a need to increase the range and choice of new homes, which offer alternatives to more closely meet the needs of local people.

Comments made by local people:

- No large estates to be built locally.
- Developments to be phased to reflect the historical growth of Malpas.
- Develop a wide mix of housing type and tenure.
- New housing should meet local needs.
- More bungalows need to be built.
- Give attention to the housing needs of Older People.

Our Proposals:

HO1. Each new residential development should be restricted to a maximum number of dwellings. Please indicate your preference.

0 –30 homes	<input type="checkbox"/>
31 –60 homes	<input type="checkbox"/>
61 plus homes	<input type="checkbox"/>

HO2. Developments should help broaden the choice of available housing options including the provision of housing that local people can afford.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

HO3. Developments should seek to address the housing requirements of local residents, and should include bungalow accommodation.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

HO4. New affordable housing should reflect a balanced choice in terms of rental and purchase options.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please tell us if you have additional comments by writing them on the back of the questionnaire.

Protecting the Built Environment and Rural Character Our Proposals:

Key Objective: Ensure our unique character is protected and enhanced.

The Parishes have a rich heritage including listed buildings and historic farmhouses. Their special character is reflected in the conservation area, and is documented in recent studies of the area.

It is essential that all development is planned and designed to reflect and enhance the character of the village.

Comments made by local people:

- It is essential to maintain the village character.
- The community endorses the findings of the IBI Taylor Young Character Study of Malpas.
- New housing should be similar to the design of existing housing in Malpas.
- Retain the 'village feel' and the sense of place.

BE1. New residential developments should closely reflect the design of adjacent buildings.

I agree
I have no opinion
I disagree

BE2. New residential developments should be built at density levels per hectare that retain and reflect the village character.

I agree
I have no opinion
I disagree

BE3. New residential developments should protect and enhance the features and aspects of the conservation area, and any listed or historical buildings or other assets.

I agree
I have no opinion
I disagree

BE4. Any new individual building should be designed to best reflect the character of the village in terms of style, scale and size.

I agree
I have no opinion
I disagree

BE5. Design should take account of the scale and layout of the village and respect local character, reinforcing a strong sense of place.

I agree
I have no opinion
I disagree

Please tell us if you have additional comments by writing them on the back of the questionnaire.

Services and Facilities

Key Objective: To safeguard local services and community facilities for all.

The Parishes have access to a wide range of healthcare services and community facilities.

Malpas is defined as a 'Key Service Centre' that serves a larger rural hinterland (an area that relies on the village for shops and services).

These include a secondary school, primary school, GP surgery, dentist, optician, bank and a range of retail stores and a post office.

Comments made by local people

- Building new homes in and near Malpas will mean a need to expand and further develop educational, community and recreational facilities for all.
- Extra homes will impact negatively on already 'stretched' health and welfare services.
- High quality services and amenities are required for all, from youth to older age, and for those requiring additional support.
- There are gaps in the service provision for older residents.
- Empty shops are a concern for the future of the village as a retail centre.

Our Proposals:

SF1. Malpas as a 'hub' for the local and wider community should be maintained and strengthened through the promotion of the retail outlets and tourist aspects of the area.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

SF2. Developers should be required to make a substantial contribution to how facilities and services can be enhanced to accommodate the growth of the population in Malpas and the surrounding Parishes.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

SF3. Development plans should take account of the need for sufficient quality educational provision that caters for the whole community from pre-school to adult learner.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

SF4. Developments should support or enhance existing health and welfare services, or provide additional services where there is a need.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

SF5. Building development should contribute to the availability of leisure facilities including indoor, outdoor and open spaces.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

SF6. New developments should fully meet the impacts created through investment in local infrastructure where necessary including footpaths, parking, sewerage, surface water and drainage.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please tell us if you have additional comments by writing them on the back of this questionnaire.

Protecting our Natural Environment Our Proposals:

Key Objective: To protect and enhance the natural environment.

Our natural environment and wide range of animal and plant life are important to all of us who value a rural way of life.

The Parishes of Malpas and Overton have a green appearance created by hedges, trees, ponds and green spaces that soften the built environment and provide important corridors for wildlife.

Comments made by local people

- There is a need to protect local wildlife sites and habitats.
- We must support the development of wildlife corridors, green and quiet lanes.
- We need to extend green space and create new nature conservation areas wherever possible.
- More effort is needed in promoting energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy.

PE1. New developments should enhance, maintain or create new green space and wildlife corridors in the Parishes.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

PE2. Boundary features within any new development should respect local tradition, materials, mixed hedgerows and other indigenous species.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

PE3. Routes suitable to be designated as Local Green Space that preserve the rural 'feel' of the area and provide safe travel opportunities for pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and motorised transport should be identified and sign-posted.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

PE4. New development should increase opportunities for carbon reduction by the promotion of green industries, green energy sources and sustainable transport choices.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

PE5. New developments should incorporate the use of Cheshire native species in hedgerows, trees and other soft landscaping materials.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Supporting the Local Economy

Key Objective: To ensure new building projects include opportunities to improve the local economy.

Malpas is a rural village with a small number of retail outlets flanking the high street.

People are attracted to Malpas due to the wide range of facilities, variety of shops and services. The local rural economy is supported by many diverse businesses, many of which employ fewer than four employees. There are also dozens of 'hidden businesses' and sole traders working within peoples' own homes.

Comments made by local people

- Improve and expand the range and variety of retail outlets.
- Need to improve local employment opportunities.
- Increase job opportunities for young people.
- Need to promote and offer apprenticeships.
- Ensure that Super Fast Broadband is installed throughout Malpas and beyond.
- Make the village more attractive throughout for residents and tourists.

Our Proposals:

LE1. Building development should not only focus on the provision of new homes but should also provide new business and retail opportunities.

I agree
I have no opinion
I disagree

LE2. The Parish Council should lead on work with CWaC and appropriate infrastructure providers and developers to deliver high speed broadband at the earliest opportunity.

I agree
I have no opinion
I disagree

LE3. Development of the built environment should promote growth of the economy through the retention and expansion of retail premises.

I agree
I have no opinion
I disagree

LE4. Each new residential development should provide home office working capability.

I agree
I have no opinion
I disagree

LE5. Development and /or change of use or extension to existing buildings should allow for the promotion of retail and tourism opportunities.

I agree
I have no opinion
I disagree

Please tell us if you have additional comments by writing them on the back of the questionnaire.

Communication and Transport

Key Objective: To ensure all new building developments support adequate and environmentally sensitive transport and travel arrangements. Transport is a key problem in and around Malpas. Minor roads link Malpas to surrounding trunk roads. There is frequent traffic congestion in the village centre, particularly on the High Street and Church Street. Motorists often ignore speed limits and there is limited enforcement of parking restrictions. Malpas and Overton are served by an inadequate bus service, and unless you work in the village, the car is the only effective way to travel to and from work.

Comments made by local people

- Ensure that emergency vehicles can travel freely throughout the village centre and beyond.
- Limited enforcement of traffic violations.
- Inadequate parking and no disabled parking.
- Lack of and poor quality of pavements throughout the parishes.
- Inadequate public transport for work and leisure.
- Traffic congestion at peak times
- Village roads are not designed for HGVs.

Our Proposals:

CT1. New development should demonstrate how it will improve safe and enjoyable travel to all services and community facilities by cyclists and pedestrians.

I agree
I have no opinion
I disagree

CT2. Developers should ensure there is off road car parking for all new housing, including car parking for disabled drivers. The suggested minimum is two spaces per dwelling.

I agree
I have no opinion
I disagree

CT3. New housing developments should be required to create opportunities for alternative transport and travel methods to reduce reliance on the motor car.

I agree
I have no opinion
I disagree

CT4. Development should assess and address the impact of additional traffic—pedestrians, cyclists, road safety, parking, and congestion—and take steps to minimise the impact.

I agree
I have no opinion
I disagree

CT5. New developments should provide link roads and car parking to reduce congestion in the centre of the village.

I agree
I have no opinion
I disagree

Please tell us if you have additional comments by writing them on the back of the questionnaire.

Our Place In The Landscape

Key Objective: To maintain a discrete position in the landscape. The Malpas Village Design Statement identified a number of distinctive areas in the village. Each of these areas affords specific viewpoints that softly integrates our village into the landscape and defines the uniqueness and special nature of Malpas.

Key features are the views from higher ground to the surrounding plain, open agricultural land and the distant hillsides, and the gateway views that delight people entering our village. The current location of housing estates and isolated farmsteads define and reinforce the rural nature of the Parishes described by many as a peaceful and friendly place to live and work.

Comments made by local people

- Maintain views and vistas across open countryside.
- Retain the 'village feel' and the sense of place.
- It is essential to maintain and enhance the network of footpaths and open spaces.
- Brownfield sites should be developed whenever possible.
- The quality of the surrounding countryside is important.

Our Proposals:

PL1. New developments should protect the key scenic and distinctive views into and out of the village and minimise the visual impact on the landscape.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

PL2. New development should protect and retain the views identified in The Malpas Village Design Statement (2010) produced by Malpas Parish Council.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

PL3. Proposals for new homes should be supported within or immediately adjacent to the built up area of the village, particularly the brown-field sites.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

PL4. New developments should protect and enhance the character, local distinctiveness, and accessibility of the landscape, including green and open spaces.

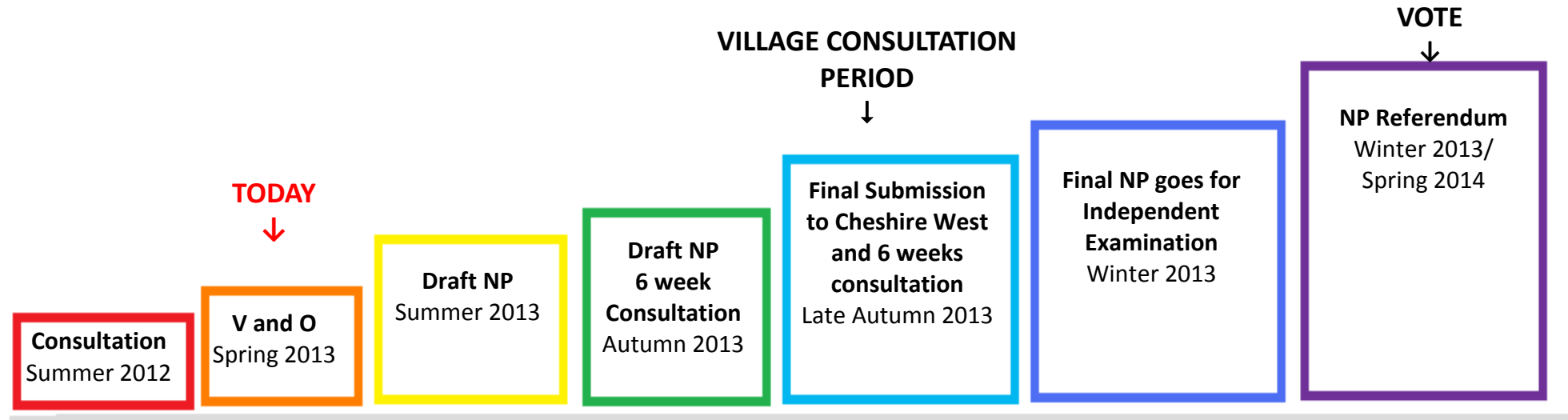
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PL5. All new building development should use Cheshire native species in hedgerows, trees and other soft landscaping.

I agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Next Steps—Please look out for the next stages and get involved in creating the village you want in the future.



Once we complete our NP, an independent examiner will review the Plan and if they approve, then residents of the Parishes will have the opportunity to vote on it in a local referendum. If more than 50% of voters approve the Plan, it will be adopted by CWaC. If it is adopted, our NP will become a legal planning document and part of the overall Local Development Plan. It will be used to consider all planning applications across Overton and Malpas Parishes. Once the Plan is in place, it will be reviewed every five years.

Please take the time to complete and hand in this questionnaire so you can influence how your Parishes will look in the future. Once you have completed the questionnaire, place it in the green boxes you will find in the village- in Malpas Dry Cleaners, Malpas Post Office and the Co-operative. Alternatively, you can complete the form on www.malpasplan.co.uk.

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THANKYOU FOR COMPLETING THIS IMPORTANT DOCUMENT, PLEASE RETURN IT BY 10th June.

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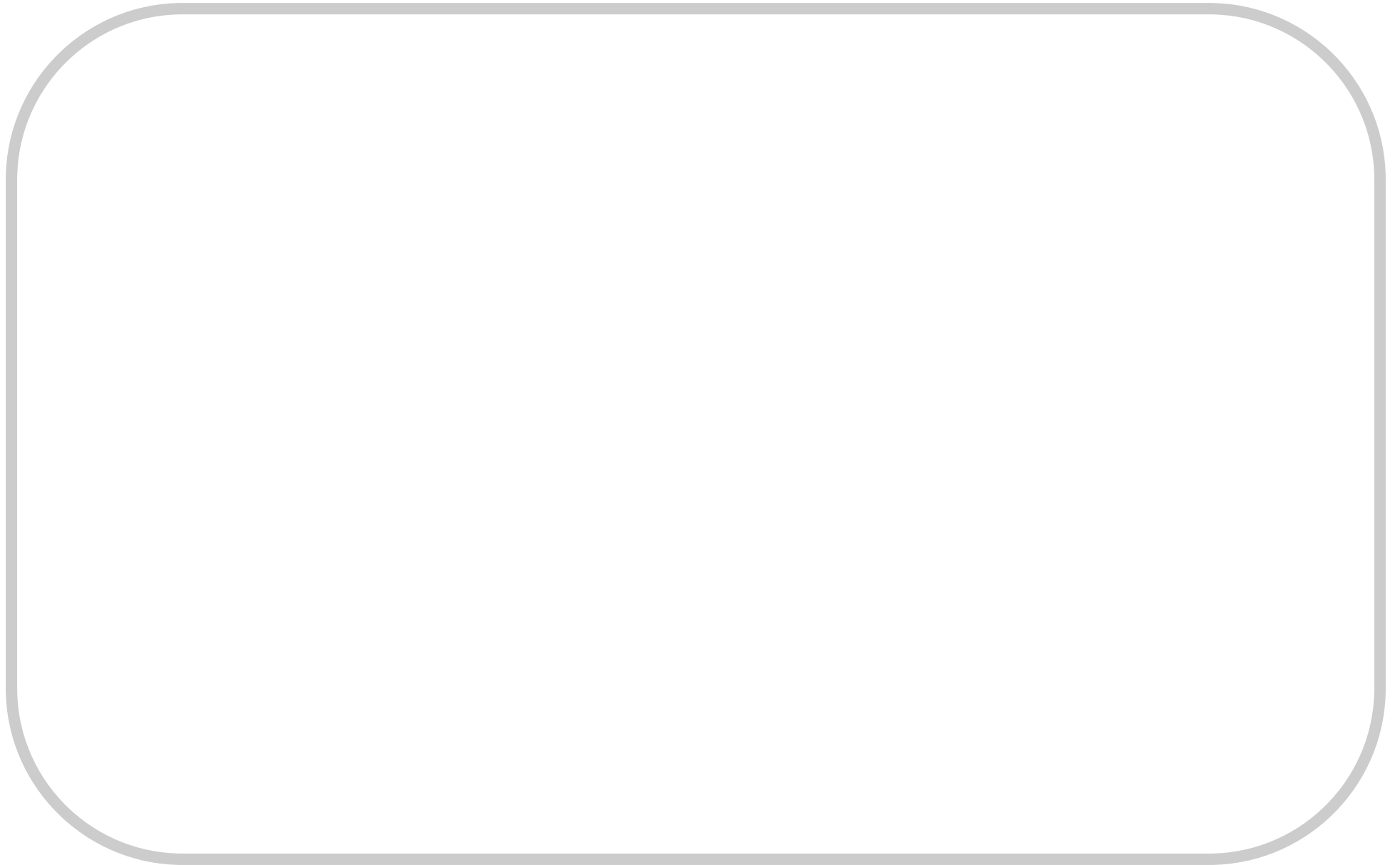
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