
PRISTON VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

We have the opportunity to influence the way our village will be developed and its look and feel in the future. The local Council B&NES will register our desires as part of future planning proposals for Priston village, provided we produce a Village Design Statement (VDS) and also provided the document reflects local opinion. The Parish Council has encouraged a working party to be formed that will create the VDS.

As part of the process we need your opinion on a range of issues concerning the village, the place we all live in, and the environment it provides. The working party has produced the attached simple questionnaire to try and collect local opinions from as many residents of the village as possible.

We would be extremely grateful if you could complete as many of the questions as you can and include all members of your household in the answers given. We shall use the answers to provide material for the resulting VDS.

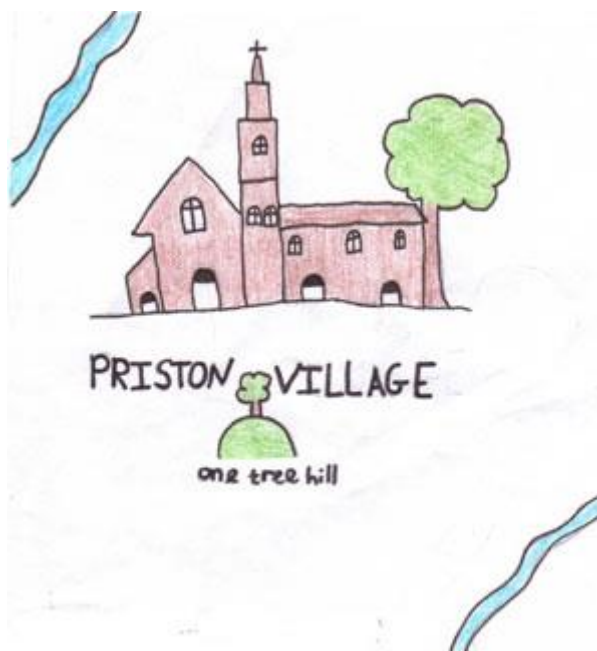
All responses will be treated with full confidentiality. Any results published will be aggregated and anonymised and overleaf you will find some helpful notes on the VDS. If you make it to the end you will find an entry form for a raffle that could be to your advantage.

If you would like additional forms or have any other queries please contact a member of the working party or Clare Cross (clare.cross6@btinternet.com).

Priston VDS Working Party



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BACKGROUND TO THE VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

The village of Priston comprises seven groups of building types.

1. Public buildings (Church, Village Hall, Pub)
2. Major Houses (Manor House, the Old Rectory)
3. Significant houses (the old farm houses-Village, Hill, Church and Pressbarrow Farms)
4. Traditional Cottages (mainly lining High Street)
5. Conversions of (mainly) farm buildings (eg Barns at Hill Farm)
6. Post war development (mainly new houses interspersed among the old but with one small estate (Summer Lea))
7. Any future new buildings

The Planning Background

1. A few of these buildings are listed as of historic significance (The Church, Manor, Rectory, Church Farm) and enjoy legal protection from damaging changes which is enforced by B&NES.
2. Any new building has to have Planning consent and this is conditional not only upon the nature of the proposal but also on the wider Planning Policies adopted by B&NES. Currently, Priston is 'washed over' by the Green Belt and the only new buildings that will be permitted are 'infill' (ie the filling in of small spaces within the built up streetscape), and the replacement of existing buildings. Looking into the future, there is unlikely to be significant or large scale development within Priston. However, bear in mind that policies can change and one of the purposes of a Village Design Statement is to set down what villagers actually want. The Village Design Statement may also be used to promote particular sites where development is thought suitable and to defend others from development even though they may qualify as infill.
3. The Village Design Statement can become a Supplementary Development Document for B&NES, which means that what it says has to be given considerable weight in reaching a decision. The recommendations contained within the Statement will be important in determining whether a development is acceptable by specifying what materials can be used, the height and size of the building and the architectural design.
4. Some additions to buildings require Planning consent (even if they are not listed). For example, two-storey additions would normally involve a Planning Application, and there are restrictions on size allowed on **extensions** within Green Belt villages such as Priston. The village view about how such extensions should look and what materials they should be constructed from as expressed in the Village Design Statement would have to be taken on board by the Planning Authority.
5. Many changes to properties which are unlisted, do not require Planning Consent –these are called Permitted Development rights. These can include single storey extensions, the changing of windows and doors, porches. Householders are completely free to do whatever they wish to their properties within the limits laid down by Permitted Development Rights. However, the views of the village as laid down in the Village Design Statement can be put forward as an advisory code. As a hypothetical example, if there was public support for the proposal that any extension to a traditional village cottage should be built of natural stone with a hipped roof in natural tile or slate, this could be incorporated within the Village Design Statement. Hopefully, householders contemplating such changes would take on board the views of the village in making their decisions, rather than simply doing what the builder suggests. They may well appreciate the opportunity to make their changes more in keeping with the property, at the same time possibly enhancing its value.

NO:

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The returned Questionnaires will only be viewed by members of the VDS Working Party and any results published will be aggregated and anonymised using the data supplied.

KEY: Y = yes N= no DK = don't know Please tick as appropriate

1. HOUSEHOLD:

We would like to know how many people live in your household to gauge the success of the questionnaire.

Number of adults: Number of children:

If there are more than 2 adults in the household who wish to respond, please ask Clare or another VDS member for another questionnaire.

Adult 1

Adult 2

2. VILLAGE INSTITUTIONS:

a) Which of the following village institutions do you value? Please tick all that apply

Pub	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Village Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cricket Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bell Ringers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Festival	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morris Men	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. BUILT ENVIRONMENT:

a) Are there village buildings you think are visually and/or historically important?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If **yes**, please could you list them:

b) Should there be more contemporary design used?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

c) Should infill housing between existing houses be sympathetic in scale and height to those surrounding?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Adult 1			Adult 2		
d) Are there any design features or materials you would not like to see in any future development of either						
d1) Traditional pre 1900 buildings	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
If yes , please could you list them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d2) New buildings	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
If yes , please could you list them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d3) Extensions to existing buildings	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
If yes , please could you list them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Should planning applications be accompanied by a Visual Impact Assessment and include Computer Aided Design (CAD)3D modelling of the proposal?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT:

a) How many new dwellings do you think the village could absorb in the next 15 years?	No:			No:		
b) Would a small development of houses of less than 9 dwellings be acceptable?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Should new housing be restricted to individual dwellings?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Should all new buildings be sympathetic in scale, height, design and materials to surrounding existing buildings?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Should any future development be designed so as not to compromise the rural character of the parish and to maintain the views in and out of the village?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Should building new houses in gardens be restricted to preserve the open aspects of the village?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Should there be expansion on the edges of Priston village which would involve changes to the Housing Development Boundary?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Should there be some affordable housing?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Should there be some housing suitable for elderly people?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Adult 1			Adult 2		
j) Are there any business developments you would wish to see?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If **yes**, please could you list them:

k) Should there be more planning flexibility to enlarge small cottages to suit modern families?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. BOUNDARIES:

a) Is it important to create and/or retain stone walls in the village?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. PRISTON LANDSCAPE:

a) Is the Priston countryside important to you?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Are there views of the landscape that you really value?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If **yes**, please could you list them:

c) Are the footpaths and bridleways important to you?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Should there be more protection for trees in the village?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. INFRASTRUCTURE/SERVICES:

Services are essential, but how important are the following which affect the appearance of the village?

a) Should Telephone and electricity cables be placed underground?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Should solar panels be encouraged?	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What improvements would you like to see for services?

(e.g. Broadband, drainage, sewage, mobile reception, flooding, transport etc.)

Please could you list them:

	Adult 1			Adult 2		
8. ROADS:						

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| a) Should street signs be kept to a minimum? | Y | N | DK | Y | N | DK |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Does speed and frequency of traffic through the village worry you? | Y | N | DK | Y | N | DK |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) A compulsory 20 mph speed is to be introduced. Do you consider further speed prevention devices are required? | Y | N | DK | Y | N | DK |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- If **yes**, please could you list them:

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| e) Would you like to see some street lighting? | Y | N | DK | Y | N | DK |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

9. PARKING:						
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| a) Should more use be made of off-street parking already available? | Y | N | DK | Y | N | DK |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

10. SPECIAL ISSUES:						
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Which of the following issues are important to you?

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| a) Neighbourhood Watch? | Y | N | DK | Y | N | DK |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) The current dark night sky village environment? | Y | N | DK | Y | N | DK |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Should parts of the village become a Conservation Area.
<i>Conservation Areas are areas of special architectural and historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance. Additional planning permission may be needed for changes (beyond that required outside a Conservation Area).</i> | Y | N | DK | Y | N | DK |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Children's play area | Y | N | DK | Y | N | DK |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

11. GENERAL:						
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| a) Do you think a Village Design Statement would make a positive contribution to the well-being of the village? | Y | N | DK | Y | N | DK |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Do you have any other comments or suggestions you wish to make? | Y | N | DK | Y | N | DK |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If **yes**, please list them. Please use separate sheets if required.

12. CHILDREN'S COMMENTS:

If your children wish to make comments or suggestions, please include them below/overleaf. Please include the number of the relevant Question where appropriate. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

COMPETITION

As a **'thank you'** for finishing the arduous task of answering this questionnaire there is a prize on offer. If you would like the chance to win a meal for two at the Ring o' Bells all you have to do is complete the slip below with your name and address, detach it from your answers and hand both back to your VDS working party member, The winning returned slip will be drawn from a hat and the winner announced during the next drop in VDS meeting and the winner will receive a voucher for £50 for a meal at the Ring o' Bells.

We are all very grateful for your time and effort.

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AT THE RING O' BELLS TO THE VALUE OF **£50.**

Just fill in the form and hand it to a VDS committee member.

Name:

Address: