



Stanstead Abbotts  
St Margarets

# **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BUSINESS SURVEY**

By completing this survey you have a unique opportunity to influence the future development of Stanstead Abbotts & St Margarets. Your responses will form part of a wider consultation process, which will inform the creation of a 'Neighbourhood Plan' – this plan is a statutory document, which will eventually form part of the Development Plan for East Herts District.

We need both residents' and businesses confirmation that we have this right and this consultation will help us to achieve that objective.

Members of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee have prepared the survey. It sets out to help us identify those aspects of the villages that are most highly valued – and we need your views on how best to protect and enhance them. We work in an area, which is rich in nature and contains many communal spaces such as playgrounds, open fields and the riverside. There are challenges too; in particular traffic, parking and increased pressure for housing developments on green field sites. Change and growth is inevitable – we know how considerably the villages have evolved over time!

The Neighbourhood Plan is not about trying to stop development, but ensuring that we have a voice in directing the needs and aspirations of our community. Once approved, the Neighbourhood Plan has legal weight in setting out what development is acceptable to those of us living in the villages. In conjunction with the East Herts Local Plan, it will be used in assessing planning applications.

Please complete this survey and encourage others to do the same. The more responses we receive, the better we will be able to judge the feeling in the village and prepare proposals in line with that feeling. We are delivering one paper copy to each business in the village; the survey is also online and we are encouraging people to complete online wherever possible – this may also be an opportunity for others in your business to contribute to the survey if they wish. However, if you complete the paper copy, please do not complete it online as well (and vice versa).

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# Section A

## A1 What kinds of employment should the Neighbourhood Plan encourage?

Select all that you would support

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism, leisure and crafts      | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport, storage and distribution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food and drink production        | <input type="checkbox"/> Community services                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Offices                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Social enterprises                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pubs, restaurants and cafes      | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial and professional services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shops - retail                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Light industrial and manufacturing  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please give details _____ |  |

## A2 Should the Neighbourhood Plan allocate more land for employment purposes?

- Yes  No

## A3 Which types of site should be allocated for employment uses?

Select all that apply

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brownfield land (previously developed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing buildings           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenfield land (undeveloped)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Part residential (mixed use) |

## A4 Where should employment land be located?

Select all that apply

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> In or around the village                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Within the village boundary (see map on back page) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't consider there is a need for additional employment land | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |

## A5 Should existing employment sites be protected from changes of use?

- Yes  No

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

## A6 Should the Neighbourhood Plan include policies that promote working from home?

- Yes  No

Space below for further information and opinion \_\_\_\_\_

## A7 What would encourage businesses to locate in Stanstead Abbots/St Margarets?

Select all that apply

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Location                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rental costs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flexibility of tenure (short term rental) | <input type="checkbox"/> Access       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transport facilities                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking      |

**A8** What prevents businesses moving to Stanstead Abbots/St Margarets or existing business expanding in the village area?

Select all that apply

- Availability of suitable accommodation       Parking availability  
 Reduced public transport services       Infrastructure  
 Other, please give details \_\_\_\_\_

**A9** Should the current core retail area (ie: the High Street) in Stanstead Abbots be extended?

- Yes       No       Don't know

**A10** Thinking of Stanstead Abbots/St Margarets as a location for trade, how would you like to see the village promote itself?

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## Section B - Your Business

**B1** What additional space - if any - will your business require over the next five years?

Please select all that apply

	up to 50m2	50-100m2	100-200m2	200m2 or more
Industrial / workshop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Storage (covered / open)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please tell us if you will have any additional requirements not covered above)				

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**B2** To help us understand the range of existing businesses in Stanstead Abbots / St Margarets, please select the box that best describes the nature of your business?

- Agriculture, forestry and fishing       Finance and insurance activities  
 Mining and quarrying       Public administration, education, and health  
 Energy and water       Real estate activities  
 Manufacturing       Professional, scientific and technical activities  
 Construction       Administration and support service activities  
 Transport and storage       Arts, entertainment and recreation  
 Information and communications       Pre-school activity  
 Accommodation, hotels, restaurants, and food services       Wholesale and retail trades, repair of vehicles  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

# Section C - And Finally

**C1** If you have other comments about business activity in Stanstead Abbots / St Margarets, please write them here

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## Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey

Responses to this survey are anonymous and all individual data and information inadvertently collected using this survey will be treated as confidential, will only be used to inform the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan and will not be passed to any third parties.

### How to contact us:

If you are unable to drop the survey off or need help filling the survey in, one of our volunteers will be able to help you. Please contact either Clare on 07885 821340, Andrew on 07970 883686 or Mike on 07899 992951 and they will be able to assist.

**By email:** [sa.neighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:sa.neighbourhoodplan@gmail.com)

**On line:** You can access the supporting documents already published on the Neighbourhood Plan page on our website [www.stansteadabbotsneighbourhoodplan.uk](http://www.stansteadabbotsneighbourhoodplan.uk)

Follow the link from the 'About' drop down menu on Home page. Click on Neighbourhood Plan.

**Please return the completed form by post or hand by 31st May 2019 to:**

**9A Roydon Road, The Maltings Business Centre, Stanstead Abbots, Hertfordshire SG12 8HQ**

