

# Poynton-with-Worth Neighbourhood Plan Survey



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*A unique and sustained  
opportunity to help shape  
our community.*



*Your views are vital*

**This is your Neighbourhood Plan Survey, please take  
time to complete it – *it is important.***

**‘The Plan’ will set out what development  
and infrastructure is or is not suitable for Poynton –  
*for the next 20 years.***

We need the views of our residents, organisations  
and businesses to make sure that everyone has a chance  
to get involved and contribute.

If approved then developers, planning officers  
and others will need to pay it serious attention –  
*it will have statutory authority.*



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been supported by a grant from 'Supporting  
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funded by the Department for Communities and  
Local Government.





Your unique opportunity to have your say and help shape the future of Poynton for the next 20 years. All residents aged 14 years and above are kindly asked to complete this survey. [Please complete and return this form to the Civic Hall or Poynton Library by 27th February 2015.](#)

You can also complete this survey on-line at: [www.poyntonnp.org.uk](http://www.poyntonnp.org.uk)

If you would like someone to help you, or you know someone who would like help in completing this survey, please contact the Neighbourhood Plan Team at 01625 872238 or email us at [info@poyntonnp.org.uk](mailto:info@poyntonnp.org.uk)

There will also be drop-in sessions at the Civic Hall on three Saturday mornings during February for people to get help or ask questions. **These sessions will take place from 10am to noon on 7th, 14th and 21st February.**

## Why have you received this survey?

We're asking you to spend at most an hour of your time to help us shape Poynton for the next 20 years.

Poynton-with-Worth Town Council has decided to sponsor a Neighbourhood Plan. It is being prepared by a team of volunteers and it has to look at the development of Poynton over the next 20 years.

It's the first time communities like ours have had the opportunity to prepare our own Plan. Let's use our local knowledge, and our sense of what needs to be held on to and what needs to change, to really make a difference.

The result will be local policies for housing, the Green Belt, roads, and other facilities.

You will be asked to vote on the Plan once it is written. If 50% or more of

those who respond to the local referendum vote in favour of the Plan it will be adopted by Cheshire East Council and will influence planning policies and decisions that affect Poynton.

This Survey is just the first stage in preparing the Plan. It's important that as many people as possible who live in Poynton take the opportunity to say what they think about the future of Poynton.

So, please take part and make sure you tell us what you think!

## What Next?

We'll report back on the results of the survey via local media around the end of March 2015 and you can also sign up for the Town Council's regular Poynton Update and News (PUN) e- newsletter by emailing [malcolm.adams@poynton.towncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:malcolm.adams@poynton.towncouncil.gov.uk)

Meanwhile we'll be taking the opportunity to ask various groups in Poynton – including young people, the business community and others, what their views are. We will look in more detail at some of the critical issues for Poynton and aim to have a Plan ready for submission later this year.

## Want to Get Involved?

If you'd like to volunteer and help us prepare the Plan, please contact the Neighbourhood Plan Team at 01625 872238 or email us at [info@poyntonnp.org.uk](mailto:info@poyntonnp.org.uk)

## Completing the Survey

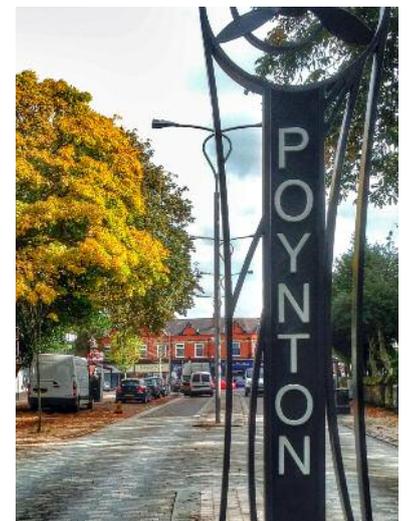
On the next page we've provided some information about Poynton – please read this first before you fill in the survey. You'll need to refer to the maps provided for some questions.

You can complete the survey as an individual, or if you prefer you can complete just one survey for the household. If you'd like more copies, you can get them from the Civic Hall & Poynton Library, or ask for them by email

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Once you've read the introduction, the survey takes a minimum of 25 minutes to complete

[Your Neighbourhood Plan Team would like to thank you for your time and interest.](#)





- Poynton's population now: 15,000+
- In the next 20 years the population in Cheshire East will grow by 13%, and...
- ...The number of people of retirement age and over in Poynton will rise from about 3,500 to about 5,000
- There are around 6,000 houses and flats in Poynton
- Between 1946 and 1986, Poynton doubled in size

- In the last 10 years only 4 or 5 new homes have been built every year
- 200 – the minimum number of new homes to be built in Poynton over the next 20 years
- 950 – the number of new homes Stockport Council has given planning permission to be built at Woodford.

## The Neighbourhood Plan

What kind of place do we want to live in for the next 20 years?

A Neighbourhood Plan provides a great opportunity for us to have more influence in how Poynton will change over time. Our local knowledge, and our sense of what needs to be held on to and what needs to change, can really make a difference. Our challenge is to keep Poynton as a thriving community that can grow at the right pace to the right size. A place fit for the mid-21st Century. How can we develop Poynton's distinct identity – a town centre with 'a village feel', a definite green boundary, shops, services, transport and employment that reflect the size and needs of the population?

## Poynton Now

Poynton is a small town, comprising around 6,000 houses and flats, and with a population of over 15,000. In the 40 years to 1986 Poynton doubled in size with an average of 80 new houses being built every year. In the last 10 years there have been far fewer houses built – often only 4 or 5 per year. Poynton's population is on average older, better qualified and better off than the average for Cheshire East. The people who became new house owners on Poynton's big estates have grown older as have their children. House prices are above the average for Cheshire East, and increasingly

beyond the reach of younger people. About 3000 people (residents and non-residents) work in Poynton. Additionally, many Poynton residents commute to work in the nearby towns, notably Stockport and Manchester. Poynton is surrounded by Green Belt – the boundary is drawn tightly around the town. People appreciate the benefits offered by access to the countryside from Poynton. This is true both for people who live here and for visitors. The Shared Space scheme has already improved the way we can get around Poynton. Planned new roads to the South and North of Poynton will create new travel patterns and perhaps new opportunities for business in the town.

## Population and Housing Demand

The UK's population is set to grow by 10% in the next 20 years (and by 13% in Cheshire East). This population growth will have an impact on all areas of the country – including Poynton. The number of people in Poynton of retirement age is likely to increase from around 3,500 to around 5,000. Overall, population growth will increase the demand for housing. The minimum number of new homes to be built in Poynton in the present draft of the Cheshire East Local Plan is 200. In Woodford, a development of 950 new houses has been given planning permission by Stockport Council. Policies within the existing and emerging new Local Plan for Cheshire

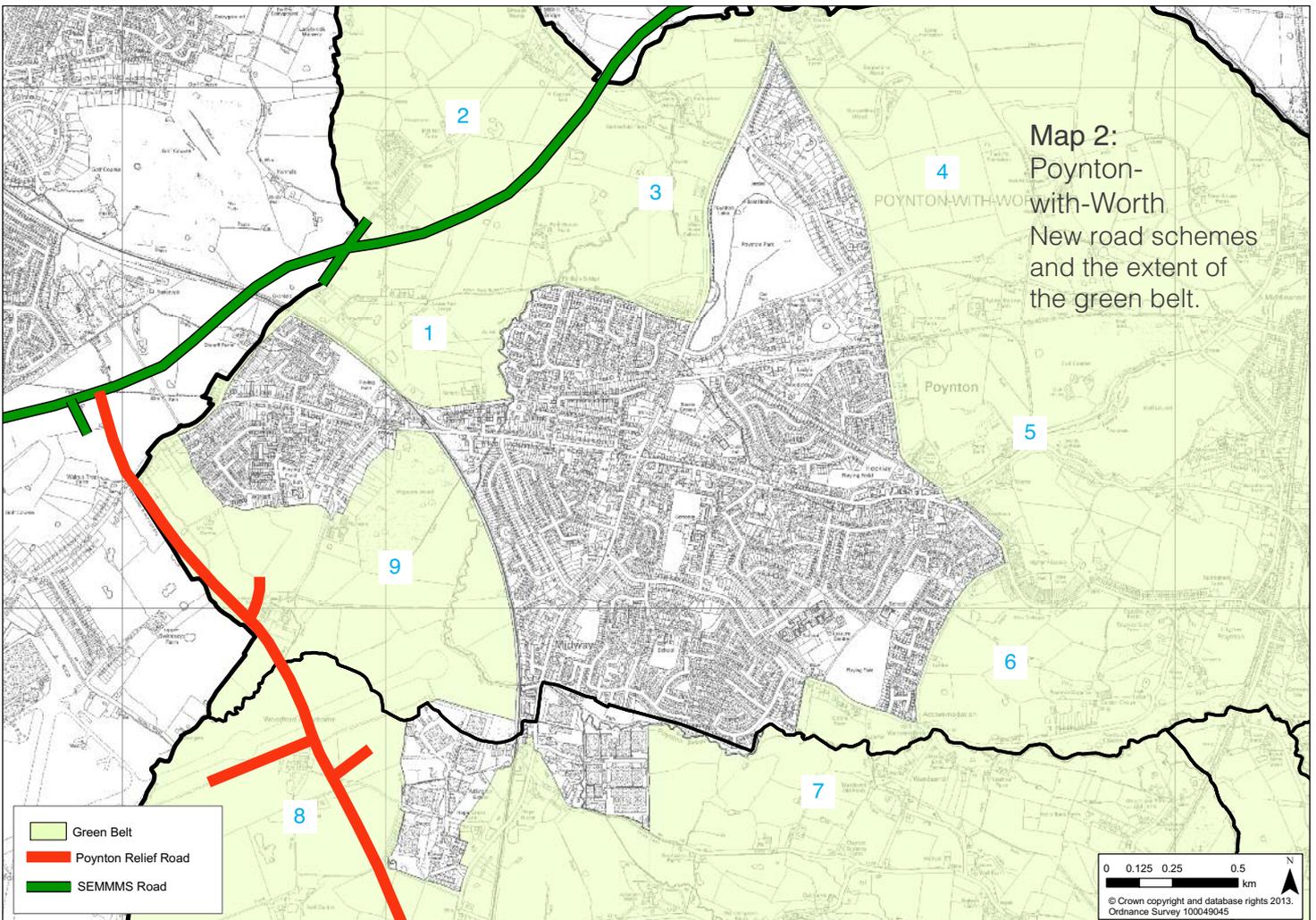
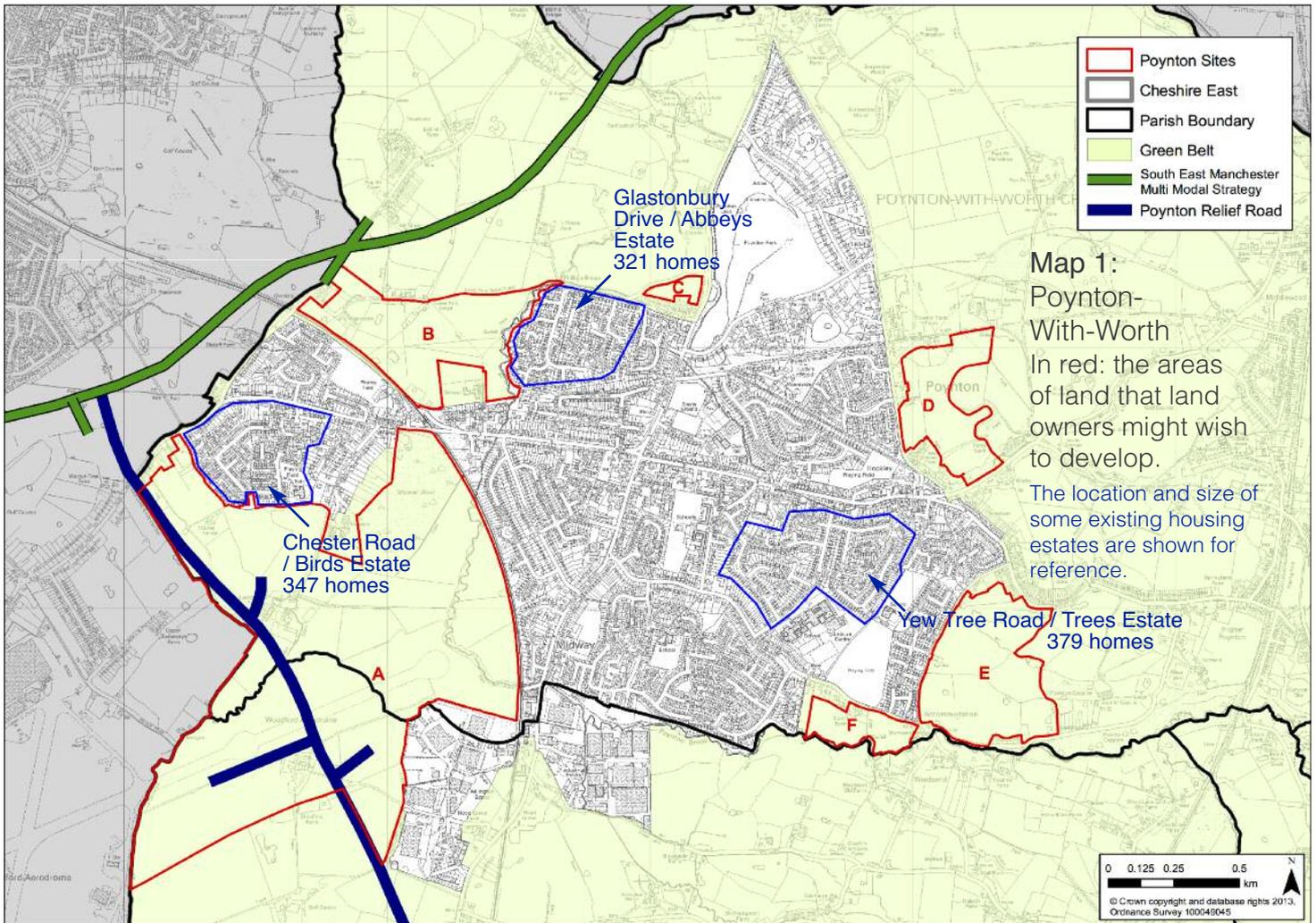
East Council aim to protect the Green Belt around Poynton from new housing and many other forms of built development. Poynton is a popular location and both landowners in the area and house builders wish to increase the supply of housing including the use of land currently designated as Green Belt. The Neighbourhood Plan provides an opportunity for residents to influence the amount, location, type and tenure of any new housing which needs to be built over the next 20 years.

## The Green Belt

The Green Belt helps separate Poynton from the urban sprawl of Stockport and other built-up areas. It extends right to the edge of the built-up area of Poynton. The Green Belt's purposes are to stop urban sprawl, to safeguard the countryside, and to help maintain the identity of rural communities.

**It is very important that we have a good plan for our Green Belt.**







### 1 What do you most like about Poynton? (Please tick your top 3)

- |                          |   |                          |  |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The village atmosphere                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Range of shops                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Access to the countryside               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Plenty of things to do (clubs/societies/etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Good access to Manchester / local towns | <input type="checkbox"/> | Schools                                      |

Other please write in

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### 2 For the future, what's most important to you?

Please place the following in order of importance. Choose 3 numbering them 1 to 3 in order of importance where 1 is highest

- Keeping a distinctive buffer of Green Belt around the town
- Ensuring that town services such as schools, doctors, library and civic centre keep pace with new developments (inside or near to Poynton)
- Ensuring that roads and utilities keep pace with new developments (inside or near to Poynton)
- Reducing traffic and congestion
- Maintaining a good mix of housing including starter homes and retirement homes
- Increase the types of shops available
- Making Poynton a more vibrant place with better places for music/performance of all kinds, social clubs for people of different ages
- Improve the range of public facilities such as community centres, library and Civic Hall, in the centre of Poynton.

### 3 Keeping fit and healthy

Agree strongly

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Disagree strongly

There are enough opportunities to keep fit/ improve health in Poynton

The Leisure Centre and/or local sports clubs meet my needs

There are good places to walk near my home

### 4 Is there any other facility for keeping fit and healthy you would like to see in Poynton? Please write in

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**5 Spaces for other activities**

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
There are enough places available for the community to perform and rehearse music/theatre etc. in Poynton					
There are enough places to meet for social clubs, adult education classes, etc. in Poynton					
The play areas for under-5s near my home are safe and are good quality					
The play areas for over-5s near my home are safe and are good quality					

**6 Is there any other facility you would like in Poynton in addition to what's already provided?**

Please write in

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## Housing and the Green Belt



**The following questions ask you to consider**

- What kind of new dwellings (houses and flats) should be built in Poynton
- How many there should be
- In which areas of Poynton it would be best to build
- How we should manage and protect the Green Belt.

**7 What kind of dwellings do you think should be built in Poynton? We can write into the plan the requirement for particular types of property to be built in new developments.**

Please choose 3 and number 1 to 3 where 1 is most important

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cottage / smaller house less than 3 beds<br><input type="checkbox"/> Flat/apartment<br><input type="checkbox"/> Terraced house<br><input type="checkbox"/> 3 bed semi-detached | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 to 4 bedroom detached<br><input type="checkbox"/> Bungalow<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sheltered accommodation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Affordable homes including houses and flats to rent |
|---|---|

Other - please write in

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**8 We are interested whether there is scope to provide properties for people who are considering downsizing** (Please tick yes or no)

8.1 In the future, might you consider moving from your current home because it's too big for you?  Yes  No

8.2 If yes, would you want a smaller property in Poynton?  Yes  No

## 9 How Many New Homes?

This question asks you to think about the scale of development in Poynton over the next 20 years. We must provide for a minimum number of 200 dwellings (a combination of houses and flats) over 20 years within the current Local Plan.

If you're unsure how big a development might be, look at the areas marked on Map 1 for three estates: Chester Road ('Birds') 347 homes, Glastonbury Drive ('Abbeys') 321 Homes, and Yew Tree Road (Trees') 379 homes.

We have presented a range of options for new house building and the possible consequences of each option. Please tick the box which you think is the best option for Poynton

Tick One

- 1  **Build the minimum number of 200 new dwellings over 20 years** by the current Local Plan proposals. House prices remain high and there is little variety in the types of new homes. There is little change in the overall shape of the town, but no or minimal incursion into the Green Belt. The population in total might decline alongside a large increase in the number of older people.
- 2  **Build up to 500 new dwellings over the 20 year period.** There would be an opportunity to have a wider variety of property built including starter homes, homes for rent, etc. More people will be using town services and shops. Some new access roads and other infrastructure would be needed, and some use of the Green Belt.
- 3  **Build between 500 and 800 new dwellings.** Poynton's population could grow in a range of 1,200 to 2,500 people. More investment in services, roads and other infrastructure would be needed, and some use of the Green Belt
- 4  **Build 1,000 or more new dwellings.** The population could grow from just over 15,000 now to 19,000. There would be noticeable increases in local traffic and additional requirements for schools and other services, and new investment would have to be negotiated to meet these needs. There would be significant development on the Green Belt.

## 10 Where should new houses and flats be built?

If the current local Plan policy remains (Option 1 above), the Town Council is optimistic that the minimum number of dwellings (200) could be accommodated on brownfield sites. These are previously developed sites on which some form of permanent structure is or was present. There follows a list of types of site which may be required.

Please tell us how strongly you agree or disagree with the following

	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Don't know
Increase the density of existing housing areas for example by using large gardens or replacing larger properties with two or more homes. Some open space would be lost.					
Use empty accommodation above shops and offices for example in the town centre					
Re-use existing large buildings for conversion to housing use, such as empty office buildings					
Build on vacant and/or underused land on the edge of Poynton (some may be in the Green Belt)					
Build houses on areas of existing open space including those used for play, recreation or education.					
Re-use commercial and industrial areas such as offices, warehouses, factories etc. which have fallen into disuse or are underused or unoccupied and build houses in those areas.					

**11** If more than 200 dwellings are built over the next 20 years, where should they be built?

It is likely that planning permission will have to be given to build on some parts of the Green Belt to accommodate more than 200 dwellings. If so, we need to identify which sites should be used. The next question asks you to consider where, if necessary, development could take place. Indicate the general areas you think could be used for housing. Look at Map 1 of Poynton. Using the map please identify which areas you think could be used for housing. You can suggest any area(s) you think are suitable.

The map has areas marked and lettered in red. These are ones which landowners have expressed an interest in developing in the future. Their listing neither means they have planning permission, nor that anything will ever be built there. The areas are:

A Land to the west of Poynton B Land at Lower Park C Land to the north of Vicarage Lane D Land to the north of Middlewood Rd and east of Towers Rd E Land to the west of Poynton Coppice F Land to the south of Dickens Lane

If you think one or more of these areas could be used write the letter (A to F) in your answer.

For example, if you think the area on London Rd North at Glastonbury Drive could be built on, the letter would be C.

If you think an area would be suitable for a particular type of dwelling, please write in your suggestion.

Grid ref.	If you think this site would be suitable for a particular type of dwelling tell us here
Example C	<i>Semi-detached, like the houses nearby on Vicarage Lane</i>
1st	
2nd	
3rd	
4th	
5th	
6th	

**12** Land for Business Premises

The Cheshire East Local Plan includes a small increase in 'employment land' locally. This is land reserved for businesses. How should the land be used?

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
For offices					
For light industrial use					
For warehousing					
For science park/hi-tech					
For start-ups					
Other - <i>please write in</i>					

**13** Should new employment land be next to the existing industrial estates areas to the South of Poynton?

Yes  No

**14** Are there other areas where employment land could be located? Please write in

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**15 Working in a small business or working from home.**

Please answer **only** if you work in a small business or work from home.

We'll be asking the Poynton business community what its views are in a separate consultation.

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
There should be more opportunities to get together with others who run small businesses/work on their own					
There should be shared facilities (e.g. meeting rooms, work space) available for business people like me					

**16 Are there other facilities/types of support that could be provided in Poynton for people working at home and that we could investigate further as part of this plan?**

Please write in

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**17** Map 2 of Poynton shows how the Green Belt boundary comes right to the built-up area of Poynton. Developers can apply to build on the Green Belt. The best defence against unwanted development is to show that the Green Belt has definite benefits to the community (including our health and wellbeing).

**How do you think the Green Belt should be used around Poynton?**

Enter your own ideas and include them in your choices if you wish.

- Sport and Recreation
- Arboretum (woodland collection)
- Access to scenic countryside via footpaths/bridleways
- Nature Trails
- Cemetery
- Lake or water park
- Allotments
- Keeping a buffer zone from other built up areas

Other - please write in

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**18 Which area or areas of Green Belt would be best for uses such as those listed above?**

Look at Map 2 and use the numbers to tell us which (if any) areas you would choose.

In the example, area 3 is to the North of Poynton and West of London Rd N. Tick all that apply.

Type of use	Areas as numbered on Map 2									No opinion
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Example			X							
Sport and Recreation										
Access to Scenic Countryside via footpaths and bridleways										
Cemetery										
Allotments										
Arboretum (woodland collection)										
Nature Trails										
Lake or water park										
Keeping a Buffer Zone from other built up areas										

Other, please write in

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# C

## Traffic & Transport. Moving in and around Poynton



### 19 What should the priority be for moving around and getting to and from Poynton?

Please choose three (3) and number them 1 to 3 where 1 is most important

- Relieve congestion
- Encourage more active ways of getting around including cycle ways, and better hard surface dry and safe footpaths
- Restrict parking by enforcing (by charging) a time limit such as 2 hours
- Extend traffic calming measures to slow traffic down
- Extend the shared space scheme
- Encourage more use of public transport
- Provide more car parking

Other - please write in

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### 20 If you think there should be more car parking provided, where should this be?

Please tick all that apply

- At the train station
- Queensway
- Park Lane
- School Lane
- The Civic Centre

Other - please write in

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### 21 Should there be a Park and Ride service from the edge of the village to the centre, Poynton station and Middlewood station?

- Yes  No

# D

## Things about Poynton you think we should include in the plan



22 As we develop the Neighbourhood Plan further we need to look ahead to what kind of place Poynton should be for the next 20 years. In addition to the impacts of the two new road schemes (A6 to Manchester Airport link and Poynton Relief Road) and the impact of new housing developments at Woodford, **what subjects would you like us to explore?**

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Developing the retail areas of Poynton					
Encouraging visitors to Poynton					
Using the Civic Centre more (Civic Hall Library)					
Ways of making Poynton a more vibrant place where people want to come to the centre in the day and in the evening					
Management of the environment (street scene, parks, woodland)					
Encouraging healthier and more active lifestyles					
The facilities and support young families need					
The facilities and support the disabled need					
The facilities and support teenagers need					
The facilities and support retired people need					
The facilities and support older people 85 years and above need					
Public transport					

Other, please write in

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To help us understand what different groups of people in Poynton want for the future as clearly as possible, it will help to have some personal information about you. By answering these questions, you cannot be identified individually.

Did you complete this survey as an individual or with other members of your household?

Tick one box.

As an individual       With other members of the household

If you answered on behalf of the household, in total how many adults and young people under 18 yrs old took part?

18 yrs and older       14-17 yrs

Are you:

At home, not seeking work       In full time education       In work  
 Seeking work       Working from home       Retired

What age group are you in?

14 - 16       17 - 24       25 - 34       35 - 44       45 - 54  
 55 - 64       65 - 74       75 - 84       85 years old and older

Your gender       male       female

How long have you lived in Poynton?

less than 5 years       6 - 10 years       11 - 20 years       More than 20 years

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

yes       no

**Post Code** You must enter a Poynton Post Code to validate the survey. It also means we can discover whether there are particular needs or wishes in your area of Poynton. You cannot be identified individually from your Post Code.

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