

Leeds Parish Plan

Questionnaire

YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOU SAY ABOUT YOUR PARISH



On behalf of Leeds Parish Council

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GUIDANCE ON COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Your chance to have your say about your Parish

You will see that we are not asking you to give your name and address but if you would like to be contacted regarding any of your comments please give your name and contact number at the end of the questionnaire.

The Questionnaire is divided into two parts:

PART A (Household information) should be completed by one adult member of your household.

PART B All members of the household may complete part B. We are interested in the views of young people but it is for parents to exercise their discretion whether their children complete the questionnaire. Part B is comprehensive and covers a wide range of issues. It is divided into 6 sections:-

- Personal information (about individuals living in your household).
- Transport and highways
- Community
- Infrastructure and planning
- Young people's facilities
- Future of Leeds

There is an opportunity at the end of the questionnaire for any additional comments.

If you would like assistance in completing this questionnaire, please contact a member of the Parish Plan Group:

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Please try to answer all questions, as it will help enormously with this exercise. If you feel unable to complete all questions please continue with as many as possible. It should take about 30 minutes. One of the team will collect the completed questionnaire towards the end of April.

Thank you for your support.

PART A

PART A SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY ONE ADULT PER HOUSEHOLD

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

A1. Please enter the number of people in your household in each age group:

Age	M	F	Age	M	F
0-4			45 – 59		
5 – 10			60 – 64		
11 – 15			65 – 74		
16 – 17			75 – 84		
18 – 24			85+		
25 – 44					

A2. Is your dwelling? Tick one box only

Private rented	
Housing association rented	
Owner occupied	
Part of employment	
Other	

A3. Where is your home located?

Upper Street	
Lower Street	
Back Street	
Forge Lane / Brogden Crescent	
Caring Road / Caring Lane	
Burberry Lane	
Wykeham Grove	
Farmer Close	
Burgess Hill Drive	
Others (Please specify)	

PART B

Part B of the questionnaire allows up to six members of your household to fill out some of the survey. We are asking for your individual views and opinions on matters in relation to Leeds and its future.

Please use a box number for each member of your family who wishes to complete the questionnaire. We are interested in the views of all members of your household including children but it is for parents to exercise their discretion whether their children complete the questionnaire.

If there is any question which you do not feel able to answer please leave it blank and go on to the next question.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

B1. Are you male or female?

PERSON	1	2	3	4	5	6
Male						
Female						

B2. What age group do you belong to?

PERSON	1	2	3	4	5	6
0 - 5						
5 - 11						
12 - 17						
18 - 24						
25 - 44						
45 - 59						
60 - 64						
65 - 84						
85+						

B3. How long have you lived in Leeds Parish?

Less than 1 yr	
1 - 5 yrs	
6 - 15 yrs	
16 - 25 yrs	
26 - 50 yrs	
51+ yrs	

B4. What is the principal occupation of household members aged 16+:

PERSON	1	2	3	4	5	6
Employed / self employed						
Unemployed						
Full time education						
Housewife/ Husband						
Retired						
Volunteer						
Other						

B5. Where is your main place of work or education?

PERSON	1	2	3	4	5	6
At home						
Elsewhere in the parish						
Local within 15 miles						
Over 15 miles away from home						
N/A (not at work or in education)						

COMMUNITY

B6. Do you use the following amenities?

PERSON	1	2	3	4	5	6
The village hall						
The playing field						
The childrens' play equipment						
Local clubs & societies						
The tennis court						
The village pubs						
The castle						
The allotments						
The school						
The church						

B7. The Leeds and Broomfield memorial hall was erected after the first world war:

Should we:
(Tick one box only)

PERSON	1	2	3	4	5	6
Keep it and maintain it						
Build a new hall on the same site						
Build a new hall within school grounds						
Build a new hall on the playing fields						
Demolish it and use the land for something else						

B8. Would you be prepared to help raise money to improve / rebuild the hall? If so how?

B9. There are currently regular activities at the hall including table tennis, dance classes and WI as well as occasional quizzes and amateur dramatics (LADS).

Which of the following suggested activities would you be interested in joining?
(Tick as many as apply)

PERSON	1	2	3	4	5	6
Mother and Toddler group						
Youth club						
Senior citizen club						
Yoga						
Art class						

Other activities (please specify below)

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Playing Field and Children's Play Equipment

B10. What changes, if any, would you like to see to the playing field and its facilities. Please rank in order of importance; 1 = important.

PERSON	1	2	3	4	5	6
Parking						
Footpaths						
Lighting						
Cycle track						
Multi use games area						
Restoring tennis courts						
New play equipment						
Upgrading pavilion for community activities						
Improved seating						
Other (Please specify)						

Other Amenities

B11. At the parish plan meeting at Leeds Castle a number of suggestions were made for other amenities and services that could be of benefit to residents.

**Please look at the list below and indicate how much you would use them:
(USE SCALE: 1=not at all to 5=use regularly)**

Childcare (day) facilities	
Public garden	
More public benches	
Village shop	
Mobile shop	
Mobile Post Office	
More recycling facilities	
Rural cycle paths	
More parking	

B12. Would you be willing to sacrifice an area of the playing field to provide more parking for residents?

Yes	
No	

B13. What else could be done to make the parish more environmentally friendly?

B14. How often do you visit one of the village pubs?

(USE SCALE: 1=never to 5=frequently)

PERSON	1	2	3	4	5	6
Ten Bells						
The George						
Others outside the parish						

B15. Leeds Castle is the biggest local attraction drawing many thousands of people to the area each year. What effect do you think the proximity of the castle has on life in the parish?

Crime and Anti-social Behaviour

B16. Has anyone in your household been the victim of a crime in the parish in the last three years?

Yes	
No	

B17. Have you ever had to call on the services of our Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)?

Yes	
No	

B18. Would you be interested in being involved in setting up or being involved in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the village?

Yes	
No	

Keeping in Touch

B19. How do you find out what is going on in the parish?
(Tick all those that apply)

Parish magazine	
Downs mail	
Kent messenger	
Local radio	
Village website	
Maidstone Borough Council website	
Village notice boards	
Posters / other adverts	
Not interested	

B20. What other information would you like to see in the parish magazine or website?

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B21. Where are the local amenities that you use?

	< 1mile	1 – 5miles	5 – 10 miles	>10miles
Medical centre/GP				
Dentist				
Shops				
Sport facilities				
Banking				
Post office				

TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

There are many transport and highways issues affecting Leeds. This section asks for your comments on public transport, use of our highways, road safety and parking. As Leeds is a rural area it also covers footpaths & bridleways.

B22. Which of the following is your main means of transport?

(Tick more than one box if appropriate,)

PERSON	1	2	3	4	5	6
Car						
On foot						
Bike						
Vehicle share						
Bus						
Coach						
Train						
Motorbike/scooter						
Mobility scooter						
Park & Ride						
School bus						
Taxi to school						
Taxi / private hire						

B23. When do you usually use the means of transport that you have indicated above?

(Tick more than one box if appropriate.)

PERSON	1	2	3	4	5	6
Morning rush hour						
Afternoon rush hour (school run)						
Afternoon rush hour (business)						
Week (daytime)						
Week (evenings)						
Weekends						

B24. How often do you use the following services?

ENTER CODE: d = daily; w = weekly; s = sometimes; n = never.

PERSON	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bus						
Train						
Coach						
Park & Ride						
Taxi						

B25. If you would like to see any improvements in the public transport services, please give your suggestions below.

If you need more space please add your comments to the blank page at the end of this section with reference to question B25

B26. How do you rate parking facilities in Leeds village

Good	
Adequate	
Poor	

B27. Where would you like any improvements in parking in Leeds village to be made?

If you need more space please add your comments to the blank page at the end of this section with reference to question B27

B28. How do you get to local amenities (e.g. for shopping, trains, doctors' surgeries, post offices):-

PERSON						
Car						
Taxi						
Bus						
On foot						
Cycle						
Other						

B29 Do you think speeding traffic causes a problem in Leeds?

PERSON						
Yes						
No						
Don't know						

B30. If yes, do you have any suggestions for improvements for reducing speed of traffic? (Please include details of location).

If you need more space please add your comments to the blank page at the end of this section with reference to question B30

B31 Do you think the volume of traffic causes a problem in Leeds?

Yes	
No	
Don't know	

B32 If yes, do you have any suggestions for improvements for reducing the volume of traffic? (Please include details of location).

If you need more space please add your comments to the blank page at the end of this section with reference to question B32

B33 Do you think the type/weight of traffic causes a problem in Leeds?

Yes	
No	
Don't know	

B34 If yes, do you have any suggestions for improvements for reducing type/weight of traffic? (Please include details of location).

If you need more space please add your comments to the blank page at the end of this section with reference to question B34

B35 Do you have any suggestions for improvements to roads, footpaths and bridleways in Leeds for cyclists/pedestrians/walkers/horse riders?

If you need more space please add your comments to the blank page at the end of this section with reference to question B35

YOUNG PEOPLE FACILITIES

This section is for all young people and children in the household. It seeks information about your activities in the parish and seeks views and ideas about your needs.

Please put your answers under the same person number that you have used in all the previous sections of this questionnaire. If you are filling out the questionnaire on behalf of a baby / child who cannot write then please use your numbered column.

B36. How many of your household are in education? (nursery / schooling / higher education)

Nursery	
Pre school	
Primary school	
Secondary school	
Sixth form college	
Higher education	

B37. How many of your children attend schools in the following locations?

Leeds	
Maidstone	
Other (please specify)	

B38. How many of your household take part in the following leisure/ sports activities (at school, in the parish or elsewhere):

Rainbows / Brownies / guides	
Beavers / cubs / Scouts	
Table tennis	
Amateur dramatics	
Music groups	
Youth club	
Cricket	
Netball	
Rugby	
Football	
Basketball	
Tennis	
Squash	
Swimming	
Horse riding	
Skateboarding	
Cycling	

Others	
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B39. Which sports / activities not currently available would you like to see provided in the parish?

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B40. Which of the following stop you from participating in events?:

PERSON	1	2	3	4	5	6
Lack of transport						
Distance between home and venue						
Expense						
Any other reason						

B41. Are you affected by any of the following issues?

(Please tick the appropriate boxes)

Crime	
Travel difficulties	
Anti social behaviour	
Boredom	
Loneliness	
Bullying	
Lack of meeting places	
Others	

B42. Where do you get information from regarding club / events etc that you want to attend? :

(Please tick all the appropriate boxes.)

Village website	
Notice boards in village	
Village magazine	
Local newspaper	
School/ college/ nursery	
Others	

B43. Would you be interested in using the computers at Leeds Primary School?

Yes	
No	

If yes, can you please state in the box below, when and how often you would like to use them

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INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING

B44. How important are the following aspects of living in Leeds?

USE SCALE 1=very important to 5 = not important

Combination of essentially rural atmosphere with access to urban services	
Open green spaces in parish	
Good local schools	
Open space in village	
Open space surrounding village	
Access to public services	
Access to key transport links	
Access to public transport	
Access to London	
Access to the coast	
Access to sporting facilities	
Access to leisure facilities	
Access to the countryside	
Good community spirit	

B45. How important are the following to Leeds?

USE SCALE 1=very important to 5 = not important

Preserving St Nicholas Church and churchyard and other Historic buildings	
Preserving the countryside around the parish	
Preserving the playing field	
Preserving trees and hedgerows and maintaining verges	
Encouraging the planting of new trees and plants	

B46. Do you think there should be any more development of the following types in Leeds?

ENTER CODE 1=Yes, 2=No, 3=No opinion

Heavy industrial	
Light industrial	
Office	
Retail	
Warehousing	
Tourism/ leisure	
Housing	

B47. How important is it for Leeds to be separate from other villages/ towns?

Very important	
Important	
Not important	

**B48. What types of housing development would be acceptable in Leeds?
(Tick more than one box if appropriate)**

None	
Single dwellings in approved locations	
Small groups of less than 10	
larger groups of greater than 10	
Conversion of redundant buildings	
Larger developments on fringe of village	
Affordable housing for local needs	

**B49. Is there a need for more accommodation of the following types in Leeds ?
(Enter Y or N against each line.)**

Private rented	
Housing association rented	
Shared ownership	
Owner occupied	
Sheltered accommodation	
Housing for people with disabilities	

B50. Do you agree/ disagree with the following statements regarding factors considered by the local planning authority (Maidstone Borough Council) when considering planning applications for new developments in Leeds?

	Agree	Disagree
New developments which stand in isolation should be designed and constructed in materials that are in sympathy with the surrounding area		
Infilling and new development adjacent to existing buildings should respect the scale and density of the existing and should be constructed with materials that are in harmony with the locality		
New walls, fences, hedges or other boundaries should be appropriate to the parish		
Extensions to existing properties, conversions or garages in gardens should be carried out using materials that are the closest match to the original in a way that compliments the existing buildings		

B51. Do you have issue with access to the following:

(Please tick the services you have issues with)

Broadband	
Mobile phone network	
TV reception	
Others (please specify)	

LEEDS FUTURE

First and foremost, THANK YOU VERY MUCH for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your answers will be kept completely confidential. Once the results of this questionnaire have been compiled, copies of the summary report will be available, more details to follow.

To enter the draw to win dinner for four at the Ramada's new brasserie; a meal for two at the George inn or four tickets to see the Royal Marines in concert at Leeds Castle, please give your name and contact telephone number below.

Please complete the questionnaire by mid April. The questionnaire will then be personally collected by the end of April.

Name.....Phone number.....

Finally, Leeds needs your help.

This is an opportunity for you to offer a little of your time to aid the community. By completing any of the slips below your details can be passed on to the relevant group(s) as an interested person. This does not commit you at this stage but enables you to find out more details to see if you are able to help. Please complete the appropriate slip.

I am interested in volunteering some time to help. Please pass on my details without obligation to the appropriate organisation.

Name(s)

Address:.....

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Tel..... Mobile.....

e-mail.....

Any other details.....