**Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan**

**Introduction**

The Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan is intended to be a 15-year plan for the whole of the parish. It will allow the local community to have much greater influence on the future planning and development of their local area and when adopted will be a statutory plan which will have real legal force. In future when planning applications are made to South Hams Council, the Council and Planning Inspectors (on any appeal) will be required to make decisions based on the proposals and policies of the Neighbourhood Plan as well as any other material considerations. The Neighbourhood Plan will give the local community much more influence and control over any future development in the parish.

Importantly, this is to be a community-led plan. We therefore need to know your wishes, needs and views to ensure that the plan genuinely represents the wishes and aspirations of the parish community.

In preparing these questions we have taken account of the comments made at the exhibitions held during the Queen’s 90th birthday celebrations on 11th and 12th June 2016 and we hope that you will now be able to provide some further comments on the matters that were raised then.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO WHERE YOU LIVE. HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF THIS PARISH.**

You are now being asked to let us know your views on future housing development - where it should be located, its scale and design - and your views relating to employment, tourism, transport facilities, natural and built environment, infrastructure requirements, community assets and general well being.

THE PROCESS

This questionnaire will be posted into the letter boxes of every single residential and business property in the parish. We are not asking you to provide details of your name or address so the information or views you give to us will not be identifiable.

**COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES SHOULD BE POSTED BY 8 JANUARY 2017 INTO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN POSTING BOX THAT HAS BEEN SET UP AT HOLYWELL STORES.**

Alternatively, you can post the completed questionnaire to the Steering Group Chairman, Valerie Scott. Her address is Glen Cottage, Bigbury, Kingsbridge, Devon, TQ7 4AP or we can arrange for this to be collected by contacting by contacting Valerie Scott on tel: 01548 810336 or email: valeriescott@bigbury.net.

We are also to have a pop-in session on Saturday, 10 December between 10am and 12noon at the Memorial Hall. We will be including mulled wine and mince pies to make this a festive occasion and will be there to answer any question or assist with the completion of the questionnaire if required.

The Steering Group will collate and analyse the responses and use this information to prepare a draft Neighbourhood Plan. We will then consult further on the overall vision and objectives of the plan as well as ask for your comments on the detailed policies and proposals.

Amendments to the draft plan will then be made, if necessary, and the finalised version of the Neighbourhood Plan will then go forward for Examination by a Government Inspector. If the plan is found sound, parishioners will be given a chance to vote on whether they would like the plan to be adopted.

Bigbury Housing Survey 2016

In addition to the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire, we are also sending you a Housing Survey. This is a separate document that has been prepared by South Hams Council in order to establish the private and affordable housing needs of the parish. Once completed this housing needs survey needs to be posted in a separate box marked Bigbury Housing Survey 2016, which has also been set up at Holywell Stores. If it is posted by mistake in the Neighbourhood Plan Posting Box we will ensure that it is forwarded to South Hams Council.

Again, if preferred this survey can also be posted to Valerie Scott or she can arrange for it to be collected.

South Hams Council will analyse the results of this survey and let the Parish Council and Steering Group know the results in the form of a report. This information will be used to assess the housing needs of the parish in terms of the amount and type of new housing development required over the next 5 to 10 years. If we do need to allocate a site or sites for some medium-sized developments we will hold a further consultation to establish the most suitable site or sites for this. The community will be able to decide on the best site or sites for any future housing development as part of the Neighbourhood Plan and this will allow the community to have much more influence on its location.

We hope that all parishioners will understand the need and benefit to them of completing the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire and Housing Survey in order to be able to prepare a plan, which truly reflects the needs and wishes of the community and which will enable us to really have an influence on the future of this parish.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR VIEWS AND COMMENTS NOW.

**YOUR HOUSEHOLD’S BACKGROUND**

**Question 1**: How many people live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Question 2:** How old are the people in your family? Please show number of people in each age group.

85+ years-----------O 60 - 84 years------O 40 - 59 years-----O

18 - 39 years------O 11 - 17 years-------O 5 - 10 years------O

0 - 4 years---------O

**Question 3:** Where do you live?

Bigbury on Sea O Challaborough (Bigbury side) O

Bigbury Village O Easton O

St Ann’s Chapel O Combe O

Elsewhere – please give post code O \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Question 4:** How long has your family lived in Bigbury Parish? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Question 5:** Is this property your

main residence O

second or other residence O

business premises O

**TRANSPORT**

**Question 6:** Do you have your own, or have access to, private transport?

No O Yes O

**Question 7:** Do you use the following services?

Friday bus to Plymouth No O Yes O

Car fare scheme No O Yes O

Private taxis No O Yes O

**Question 8:** If the following bus service improvements were to be made, would your household use the service more often?

Saturday link to Modbury for onward journeys to Plymouth, Kingsbridge, etc

No O Yes O

Bus to Ivybridge for shopping, onward train/coach links, etc

No O Yes O

Bus to Lee Mill for shopping

No O Yes O

Please comment here if you have ideas on other routes or improvements you consider would be of benefit to the parish, for either bus services or the car fare scheme.

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**Question 9:** Does anyone in the household regularly use the ferry service between Cockleridge and Bantham?

No O Yes O

**Question 10:** If the ferry service was more regular and/or ran for longer periods, would the household use the service more often?. *NB Currently the ferry service operates seasonally between April and September.*

No O Yes O

**Question 11:** Are there any road safety issues in the parish that you think should be addressed? If so, please tick any of the following, and write down the location(s) in mind.

No O Yes O

Speeding O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Poor signage O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Poor road marking O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Poor road condition O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Road width O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Insufficient passing points O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Poor lighting O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Poor visibility O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unsafe junction O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 12:** Are there enough car parking facilities in the parish, and if not, where should they be provided?

Yes O No O

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**Question 13:** Should there be a dedicated parking area for coaches and/or motor homes at Bigbury on Sea, and if so, where do you think this should be located? *NB Currently there is none.*

No O Yes O

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**Question 14:** Should there be secure parking for bicycles provided in the parish, and if so, where do you think this should be located? *NB Currently there is none.*

No O Yes O

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**Question 15:** Would you like to see the development of dedicated cycle routes in the parish?

No O Yes O

**HOUSING AND NEW DEVELOPMENT**

*Recent changes to national planning for housing development mean that the parish will have to accept some new housing built as part of sharing the load across the South Hams. Your answers to the following questions will help the parish have a clearer say in the future development of housing in our parish.*

**Question 16:** If we need to provide a new housing development of possibly 10 – 20 dwellings, where do you consider this would best be located?

Bigbury on Sea O Challaborough (Bigbury side) O

Bigbury Village O Easton O

St Ann’s Chapel O Elsewhere – say where below O

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**Question 17:** Would you like to see village development boundaries put in place, or retained, and if so, for which village(s)? *NB Currently in the parish only Bigbury on Sea has an established village development boundary.*

No O Yes O

Bigbury on Sea O Challaborough (Bigbury side) O

Bigbury Village O Easton O

St Ann’s Chapel O Elsewhere – say where below O

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**Question 18**: Should any new built affordable housing be restricted to people who live in the parish, or have some connection to Bigbury Parish through relatives or work?

No O Yes O

**Question 19:** Should some or all new private housing to be built within the parish be restricted for main residence use only?

Some, yes O All, yes O All, no O

**Question 20:** Do you think that there is a need for specialised housing for the elderly within the parish, e.g. care home, assisted living, sheltered housing?

No O Yes O

**Question 21:** Do you consider there is a need for allotments in the parish, and would you wish to rent an allotment if it were to be provided?

No, not needed O Yes, a need O

No, would not want to rent O Yes, would rent O

**Question 22:** Should there be restrictions on the design or size of new developments including extensions? (This may include factors such as roof height, scale of building on plot, number of buildings on plot, glazing, decking etc., perhaps to avoid affecting neighbours’ visual amenity or privacy, or to help new development fit in with the environment). Please give your views in the space below.

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**Question 23:** Should developers contribute towards community benefits, and if so, what form could these take?

No O Yes O Tick below as appropriate:

Affordable housing O

Environmental improvements O

New or improved footpaths O

New or improved play / recreational / sport facilities O

Allotment provision O

Other – please specify O \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Question 24:** Please indicate your satisfaction with the following services, where received at your household. In the space below, please comment with any improvements you think could be made.

 Satisfactory Unsatisfactory

Mains water supply O O

Mains sewerage O O

TV signal reception O O

Broadband connection O O

Mobile phone reception O O

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**Question 25:** If a suitable location were provided within the parish, would you use a small centre for limited recycling of green material only, with restricted opening to proven parishioners? Please outline ideas on possible locations. *NB centres currently available to use are at Ivybridge or far side of Kingsbridge.*

No O Yes O

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**Question 26:** Should there be restrictions on the development of renewable energy farms for commercial benefit, (excluding renewable energy provision for individual households), within the parish?

No O Yes O

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Question 27:** Where do family members, in paid employment, mainly work?

At home O Within Bigbury O

Within South Hams O Within Devon O

Elsewhere O

**Question 28:** If as an employer within the parish, you have had any difficulty recruiting suitable employees, please give possible reasons below.

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**Question 29:** If looking for premises in the parish to start up /expand a business, outline type of property sought and possible location here:

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**Question 30:** Do you feel there is a need for new employment opportunities within the parish in these areas?

Tourism activities O Small businesses O Small scale industry O

**Question 31:** Are you interested in doing community (paid or voluntary) work in the parish? Please give any ideas below of activities and help that could be set up, e.g. occasionally visiting the mobile library for someone, helping with a computer query, co-ordinating home deliveries, etc, etc.

No O Yes O

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**TOURISM**

**Question 32:** Do you think there is adequate provision for the needs of tourists in the parish as a whole, e.g. places to eat, toilets? If not, add your comments.

Yes O No O

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**Question 33:** Do you think there should be limits to further commercial development on the parish’s coast? Please add any comments you may have.

No O Yes O

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**Question 34:** Would you support having Blue Flag status for the beach at Bigbury on Sea?

No O Yes O

**Question 35:** Should there be restrictions on more sites for camping, caravans and static homes within the parish?

No O Yes O

**COMMUNITY ASSETS**

**Question 36:** The following is a list of community assets in the parish. In column 1, tick all those assets your household has used, even if irregularly. In column 2, tick any community assets you think should be protected by restricting their change of use.

St Lawrence Church O O

Bigbury Memorial Hall O O

Playground, St Ann’s Chapel O O

Sports Field, St Ann’s Chapel O O

Bigbury Golf Club O O

Korniloff Residential Home O O

Stores and shops O O

Post Office O O

Farm Shop O O

Pubs O O

Cafes O O

Restaurants O O

Hotels O O

**Question 37:** Would you like to see any of the following recreation facilities developed in the parish? Tick those of interest, and add below your own ideas.

Tennis Courts O Outdoor Trim Trail O

All Weather Sports Pitch O Multi-Use Games Area O

Playground at Bigbury on Sea O More Restaurants/Cafes O

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 38:** Are there any health and well-being services your household would support by use, if provision could be made within the parish? (e.g. chiropody clinic or citizens advice sessions at the Memorial Hall). Please outline your ideas below.

Yes O No O

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**Question 39:** Are there any new community facilities, or extensions of existing ones, that you would like to see developed in the parish? (e.g. mobile services, community-run shop or pub). Please outline your ideas below.

Yes O No O

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**HERITAGE**

*Most of Bigbury Village is within a Conservation Area, and the following places in the parish are Grade II listed:*

*Barn and Malthouse to the North East of Bigbury Court; Barn Range to the South of Coombe Farmhouse; Bigbury Cottage; Bigbury Court; Boundary Stone near Marwell Cross; Burgh Island Hotel; Challow Coombe Farmhouse; Church of St Lawrence including Gate, Piers and Walls; Cleave Cottage; Coombe Cottage; Dovecote, Bigbury Court; East Glebe House; West Glebe; East Knowle; Glen Cottage; Hingston Farmhouse and attached outbuildings; Holdings Houghton Cottage; Holwell Farmhouse; Rose Cottage; Shoal of Furze; St Ann’s Well (area 70m south of Holwell Farmhouse); The Pickwick Inn; The Retreat; Turtlefields.*

**Question 40:** Do you think there should be more protection for other buildings or structures within the parish? Please add any comments you wish to make.

No O Yes O

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**Question 41:** Have you used the Parish Church for any of the following reasons?

Worship O Baptisms O Weddings O

Funerals O Social O History/Research O

**Question 42:** The existing graveyard at St Lawrence Church is now reaching capacity. If desired by the parishioners, the Parish has to provide alternative facilities. Would you wish to see the provision of either an extension of the existing graveyard or a newly sited graveyard within the Parish?

No O Yes O

**ENVIRONMENT**

*Bigbury Parish is within the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), with the southern part of the parish also having Coastal Preservation Status. As part of the Neighbourhood Plan, we need to ensure that the important landscape and the scenic beauty of the whole of the parish is preserved.*

**Question 43:** What is important to you with regard to the environment and countryside you live in? Tick as many boxes as appropriate for your family: Attractive Scenery O

Wildlife / Nature Conservation O

Opportunities for Walking / Running / Cycling O

Beaches and Estuaries O

Photography / Painting O

Water Sports O

Bird Watching O

Fishing / Angling O

Other, please specifiy O \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 44:** Do you think that our natural environment is being satisfactorily protected? Please add any comment below.

Yes O No O

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**Question 45:** Do you think that we should have any dedicated areas for wildlife protection / conservation in the parish, and if so where?

No O Yes O

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**Question 46:** *Currently the only protected trees in our parish are those within the Bigbury Village Conservation Area.* Would you like to see any of the following:

Protection extended to trees in other parts of our parish?

No O Yes O

More replacement tree planting in the parish, given Ash dieback problems?

No O Yes O

More of our fields and hedgerows protected?

No O Yes O

**Question 47:** Can you suggest any other ways to conserve or improve our wildlife habitats or biodiversity in the parish?

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN VISION**

A Neighbourhood Plan Vision is an overarching statement or series of statements, describing what the community wants their Neighbourhood Plan Area – Bigbury Parish – to be like at the end of the plan period (15 years). Please select however many you wish from the list below, (which are in no particular order), or add your own ideas, to show your family priorities for the future of the parish.

Better protected countryside/wildlife O

Improved environment O

Improved play/sports facilities O

Improved community facilities O

Better protected/enhanced villages O

Better protected/enhanced heritage assets O

More influence over imposition of new builds O

More control of design/quality of new builds O

Improved job opportunities O

Improved roads/road safety O

Improved public transport O

Improved infrastructure O

Improved facilities for elderly/disabled/youth O

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