**Axminster Town Council**

**Neighbourhood Plan Survey 2021**

Axminster Town Council has established a working group to develop a ‘Neighbourhood Plan’ to shape the way that the town develops over the next 10 years or so. Once adopted, it will form part of the official system to which all local planning applications have to respond.

From the very outset we are keen to get the views of as many residents of Axminster and neighbouring parishes as possible. Please ‘tick’ or complete all of the grey boxes that apply.

***Q1: A little about you***

*Please select your age group What is your relationship to the parish?*

*(by ticking the relevant box) (tick as many boxes as apply)*

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| Under 18 |  |  | Resident |  |
| 18 – 30 years |  |  | Business owner (in the parish) |  |
| 31 – 45 years |  |  | Resident of neighbouring parish |  |
| 46 – 60 years |  |  | Visitor - business |  |
| 61 – 75 years |  |  | Visitor - leisure |  |
| Over 75 years |  |  | Other |  |

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*Please enter your postcode*

***Q2: Facilities in the town***

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| *How important do you feel the following outcomes are for the town over the next 10 years?* | Not at all | Not very | Quite | Very |
| Increasing the local supply of affordable housing |  |  |  |  |
| Increasing the local supply of other housing |  |  |  |  |
| Expanding the range of shops in Axminster |  |  |  |  |
| Expanding the range of pubs and restaurants in Axminster |  |  |  |  |
| Expanding the current range of local employment opportunities |  |  |  |  |
| Matching health and social care provision to the changing needs of residents |  |  |  |  |
| Expanding the range of local education provision |  |  |  |  |
| Adding new facilities to the town (For details see below\*\*\*) |  |  |  |  |
| Making it easier to get out into the countryside for exercise and relaxation |  |  |  |  |
| Increasing the leisure and sports facilities |  |  |  |  |
| Expanding the facilities for arts and culture |  |  |  |  |
| Protecting the most valuable and attractive elements of our natural and historic environment |  |  |  |  |

\*\*\*If there are other facilities or aspects of the town not covered in the list above that you would like to identify as particularly important to you and your family, please describe them below.

This might cover existing facilities or services that you particularly want to see protected or enhanced, OR things that we don’t yet have in Axminster that you feel would make a real difference to the quality of life for yourself and other residents.

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| *Please add whatever you regard as most important:* |

***Q3: Traffic and access***

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| *How important do you feel the following outcomes are for the town over the next 10 years?* | Not at all | Not very | Quite | Very |
| Reducing traffic congestion in the town centre |  |  |  |  |
| Reducing traffic congestion generally |  |  |  |  |
| Improving parking provision around the town |  |  |  |  |
| Improving facilities for cyclists and pedestrians within the town |  |  |  |  |

***Q4: Food and household shopping***

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| Are you personally involved in the buying of food and regular household supplies for your household? | Yes | No |

*If you answered ‘No’, please go directly to Question 5.*

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| *Roughly what proportion (by value) of your monthly purchase of food and regular household supplies is spent …* | None | 20% | 40% | 60% | 80% | All |
| … on home delivery? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| … in person in Axminster? |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Which other towns do you go to for regular food and household shopping? | Chard | Seaton | Honiton | Bridport | Other |

***Q5: And finally, our Vision for Axminster***

"Our Vision is of a prosperous and flexible parish, focused on a historic local market town which will continue to serve all of the neighbouring parishes as well as residents and visitors from further afield. We will strive to build on everything that is best about the parish, while encouraging and supporting sustainable development and infrastructure improvements appropriate to the needs of our diverse communities, while also supporting and encouraging farming, manufacturing industry, professional and business services, retail, leisure and tourism."

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| Bearing in mind that we have to try to reflect the aspirations of all of our residents in a few words, are you generally happy with this vision? | Yes | No |

Whatever your answer to the previous question, would you rather see some change in emphasis?

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| *If so, please add your comment(s) here:* |

**Thank you for your time.**

Please return this survey by placing it in a returns box wherever copies of this survey are being distributed, or in the Guildhall, or return by post to Neighbourhood Plan team, Axminster Town Council, The Guildhall, Axminster EX13 5NX