**Parish Plan Questionnaire**

Dear Resident

Who are we and why we are writing to you?

Over the next few years, there are likely to be several new housing developments (notably the Chicken factory) that could increase the population of Sutton Benger by up to 200 people. While the new residents may put a strain on existing services, this should be mitigated by improvements to community facilities funded by grants from the developers.

In addition, current government policy is encouraging villages like Sutton Benger to actively seek individual’s views and to publish the results in a Parish Plan. It is hoped that all major decisions subsequently made by the Parish Council and other local organisations will be aligned to the ideas opinions contained within the Plan.

In order to plan for these changes, a number of residents, supported by the Parish Council have agreed to obtain the opinion of parishioners on a number of issues by way of a questionnaire. The answers to this survey together with the feedback already obtained from the Parish Plan meetings will be used to form the basis of a *Parish Plan* for Sutton Benger and Draycot Cerne.

The draft *Parish Plan* will be completed by the end of March 2013 after which further consultations will take place to formulate actions and to monitor progress.

Who do we want to complete the questionnaire?

We would like every adult householder living in the parish to take 10 minutes to complete the questions that just need a tick in the box. If you have a little more time, it would be appreciated if you were able to comment on your answers at the bottom of each section.

If there are more than one adult in your house, feel free to photocopy the questionnaire, get an extra copy at the Post Office or simply use one form for two or more people. Once completed, please return by **31 January** to one of the addresses below:

* Post Office
* 21 Queens Close, 5 Cowley Way, 6 Lee Crescent , 4 Bell Piece
* 4 Manor Farm Drive, *Willow Brook* at Willow Brook End(Seagry Road)
* 14 Draycot Cerne

Alternatively you could request/send a soft copy to [john@carlyon.eu](mailto:john@carlyon.eu)

How do you answer the questions?

Simply read the statement and decide whether you *agree* (strongly or slightly) or *disagree* (strongly or slightly). Please tick *no opinion* if you don’t know or it is not applicable or you prefer not answer the question.

Responses can be submitted anonymously although please include your address if you want to be entered into the **£50** prize draw. All responses will be treated in confidence. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact John Carlyon, Tel 720597.

Many Thanks

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| **Safety and Policing** | Strongly Agree | Slightly Agree | No Opinion | Slightly Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| The volunteer speed cameras have been effective and should continue |  |  |  |  |  |
| Speeding within Sutton Benger is still a problem |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chestnut Road and similar minor roads should have a 20mph speed limit |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have experienced crime in Sutton Benger/Draycot but not reported it |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am concerned that children play on the road near the school |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Neighbourhood Watch* is an effective scheme |  |  |  |  |  |
| Installation of CCTV around the village should be considered |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teenagers hanging around the Village Hall is a problem |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Village is becoming safer |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Please comment on any of your answers:* | | | | | |

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| **Neighbourhood Issues** | | | | | |
| I am sometimes bothered by -bonfires around the parish |  |  |  |  |  |
| -noise or intimidation from dogs and pets |  |  |  |  |  |
| -noise from patrons of pubs/restaurants |  |  |  |  |  |
| -noise from users of the Village Hall or Rec |  |  |  |  |  |
| -overgrown hedges blocking pathways |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Please comment on any of your answers:* | | | | | |

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| **Sutton Benger Church** | | | | | |
| The Church is an important part of Village Life |  |  |  |  |  |
| I plan to have a baptism/wedding/funeral at the church |  |  |  |  |  |
| I plan to be buried by the Church |  |  |  |  |  |
| The church provides appropriate services/youth clubs for children |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Parish Council should contribute towards church repairs |  |  |  |  |  |
| I may attend a church service in the next 6 months |  |  |  |  |  |
| It would be good to hold mixed denominational services |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Please comment on any of your answers:* | | | | | |

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| **The Parish Council (PC)**  The PC raises £18 per household as part of the Council Tax which enables it to represent the community on different issues. It also provides money for the grass cutting of the Rec and maintenance communal area. | Strongly Agree | Slightly Agree | No Opinion | Slightly Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| Villagers are adequately informed of what the parish council is doing |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Parish Council generally do a good job |  |  |  |  |  |
| I know at least one councillor |  |  |  |  |  |
| The PC would be justified in raising the council tax to provide more services |  |  |  |  |  |
| If a councillor resigns, the new councillor should be co-opted (rather than hold a by-election) as it is cheaper |  |  |  |  |  |
| I would support a large housing development in 10 years time |  |  |  |  |  |
| The parish housing development boundary should be increased |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parish Council should focus their resources and grants on: | | | | | |
| * Improving the pavements |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Improving the footpaths to Christian Malford |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Assisting the Village Hall to improve Recreational facilities |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Securing affordable/social housing |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Removing weeds growing around the village |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Increasing flower beds and displays |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Securing better public transport and cycle routes |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Encouraging more street lighting |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Encouraging green issues and CO2 reduction |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Encouraging the integration of the new residents from the chicken factory development with free events etc |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Other priorities or/comments on the above questions* | | | | | |

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| **Sutton Benger Primary School and Pre-school** | | | | | |
| The schools affiliation to the Church of England is a positive relationship |  |  |  |  |  |
| There should be more -Parent Governors (Currently 3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| -Church appointed Governors (Currently 9) |  |  |  |  |  |
| -Independent Governors (Currently 1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| -Staff Governors (Currently 2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There is adequate child care facilities/ childminders in the village |  |  |  |  |  |
| There is adequate provision for holiday clubs in the area |  |  |  |  |  |
| The school should expand to ensure all new resident children can attend |  |  |  |  |  |
| Child protection measures are adequate |  |  |  |  |  |
| School admissions policy should be based on - Religious affiliation |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Proximity to school |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Random/lottery |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Attendance of a sibling |  |  |  |  |  |
| What are the reasons why parents send their children to other schools? | | | | | |
| *Any comments on the school?* | | | | | |

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| **The Village**.  **I like living in Sutton Benger/Draycot Cerne because it has:** | Strongly Agree | Slightly Agree | No Opinion | Slightly Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| Good access to the train station |  |  |  |  |  |
| Good access to the motorway |  |  |  |  |  |
| Good access to family and friends |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commutable employment opportunities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Good pubs and restaurants |  |  |  |  |  |
| A good Primary school |  |  |  |  |  |
| A choice of good Secondary Schools in vicinity |  |  |  |  |  |
| An active Village Hall with user groups |  |  |  |  |  |
| Choice of active sports (Tennis, Rugby ,Cricket etc) |  |  |  |  |  |
| A sense of community |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Reason- *Please state* | | | | | |
| **The reasons that I might leave Sutton Benger/Draycot Cerne are:** | | | | | |
| Limited State/Private secondary schools in the vicinity |  |  |  |  |  |
| Over development and increasing population |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lack of local employment opportunities |  |  |  |  |  |
| To be close to family/friends |  |  |  |  |  |
| More appropriate e.g. sheltered or cheaper housing elsewhere |  |  |  |  |  |
| For a change of scenery/lifestyle/live abroad |  |  |  |  |  |
| Limited shopping facilities within the village |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poor public transport |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lack of amenities and transport for teenagers |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poor recreational activities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Regular flooding |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Reason- *Please state* | | | | | |
| *Please comment on any of the above or what key aspects we should keep or change to improve the quality of life in Sutton Benger?* | | | | | |

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| **Church Piece Charity**  This is the charity that owns the money that arose from the sale of land next to the church. Half the £5k annual income is allocated to the church, the remainder to Village groups and individuals who apply for funding/support. | Strongly Agree | Slightly Agree | No Opinion | Slightly Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| I feel adequately informed of what the Charity is doing |  |  |  |  |  |
| I would probably know where/how to apply for a grant |  |  |  |  |  |
| As well as organisations within the village, where do you believe other funds should be focused: | | | | | |
| * Young people who have an educational project/tour |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Young people who have a sports tour |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Any low income individuals who need assistance |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Village Hall/Parish Council projects |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Other – *please state* | | | | | |
| *Please comment on any of your answers:* | | | | | |

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| **Sutton Benger Village Hall (VH) and Recreation Ground (Rec):**  This is the charity that owns the Village Hall and Recreational field. There are 5 elected Trustees as well as 8 nominated Trustees from the User groups. The objective of the charity is to promote recreational and village Hall activities for parishioners. | Strongly Agree | Slightly Agree | No Opinion | Slightly Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| **Projects:** Should money become available, and if feasible, the focus should be on: | | | | | |
| * Extending the main hall |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Extending the Kitchen |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Provide a glass canopy over the patio |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Extend playground facilities and/or cover with matting |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Reducing Village Hall rental charges |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Provide more accessible toilets for users of the Rec |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Develop a path around the Rec, perhaps with exercise equipment |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Installing Solar panels and other green initiatives |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Building a cycle track/park |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Encouraging different Village Hall user groups/sports clubs to form |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Improving the Multi-sports/Tennis area |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Extending the car park |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Other – *please state* | | | | | |
| *Please comment on your answers:* | | | | | |
| **Village Hall Issues** | | | | | |
| The November Variety show is important and should be continued |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Firework event is important and should be continued |  |  |  |  |  |
| It would be worthwhile paying an extra £2 entry for a better firework display |  |  |  |  |  |
| The primary aim of the Firework evening should be to raise money |  |  |  |  |  |
| Events like the Jubilee celebrations are worth doing even if they lose money |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dog mess is still an issue on the Rec |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dog’s should be banned from the Rec |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maintenance of the Village Hall and Rec are adequate |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of the VH by Benger Bears restricts new user groups being formed |  |  |  |  |  |
| The gap in the hedge from the rec to the field should be a formal right-of-way |  |  |  |  |  |
| Access to the MUGA/Tennis courts should be restricted to subscribers |  |  |  |  |  |
| The MUGA/Tennis courts should have a formal booking system |  |  |  |  |  |
| The *Benger Bears* should have their own premises even though charges would increase |  |  |  |  |  |
| If the school ever really needed to expand, it would be acceptable for the VH to consider selling a small portion of the Rec near the school |  |  |  |  |  |
| If there was ever a real need to raise money for a big village Hall extension or sports pavilion, selling a small part of the Rec could be an acceptable option |  |  |  |  |  |
| If there was ever a possibility of increasing the size of the Rec by purchasing adjoining land to the south(perhaps to provide more sports pitches) this would be a worthwhile investment |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Do you have any comments on the question above?* | | | | | |

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| **Parish Amenities** | Strongly Agree | Slightly Agree | No Opinion | Slightly Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| There will be enough demand in Sutton Benger to justify a new shop |  |  |  |  |  |
| I would support raising the Council tax to support a new shop |  |  |  |  |  |
| I would support raising the Council tax to keep the Post Office open |  |  |  |  |  |
| I will probably use the *Post Office* in the next 6 months |  |  |  |  |  |
| I would be concerned if one of the three “pubs” in SB were to close |  |  |  |  |  |
| I will probably visit one of the local pubs/restaurants in the next 6 months |  |  |  |  |  |
| It would be better to have one big summer fete rather than 3 separate ones |  |  |  |  |  |
| Doctor’s appointment after work/convenient time are usually available |  |  |  |  |  |
| It is important to have a pharmacy attached to the surgery |  |  |  |  |  |
| The current broadband speed is adequate |  |  |  |  |  |
| The mobile library should visit more frequently |  |  |  |  |  |
| I would switch to gas if ever Sutton Benger was connected to the gas main |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mobile phone reception is inadequate |  |  |  |  |  |
| Which provider are you with *(if inadequate)?* | | | | | |
| *Please comment on any of your answers:* | | | | | |

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| **Parish News And Information** | | | | | |
| I often get information from-The *Gazette and Herald* |  |  |  |  |  |
| -Parish Newsletter |  |  |  |  |  |
| -Parish Council website |  |  |  |  |  |
| -Village Hall website |  |  |  |  |  |
| -School website |  |  |  |  |  |
| -Notice boards |  |  |  |  |  |
| -Word of mouth/personal e-mails |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am usually fairly well informed of village activities and news |  |  |  |  |  |
| *What improvements could be made?* | | | | | |

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| **About Yourself** | **Yes** | **No** |
| Are there are more than 2 people in our household |  |  |
| I have been in the parish for over 5 years |  |  |
| It is likely that I will be living in the parish in 10 years time |  |  |
| I am over 60 or retired |  |  |
| I have an e-mail address and access to the internet |  |  |
| I live in Draycot Cerne (if yes, please answer additional questions attached) |  |  |

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**Optional Information**

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| Name (optional): |
| Address (for prize draw): |
| e-mail address -if you would like the results of this survey and other village news please state your preferred e-mail address: |

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| **Draycot Cerne Residents Only** | Strongly Agree | Slightly Agree | No Opinion | Slightly Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| The Parish Council adequately represent Draycot Cerne issues |  |  |  |  |  |
| Draycot Cerne is an integral part of the Community of Sutton Benger |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sutton Benger School is usually the preferred choice |  |  |  |  |  |
| I tend to go to Kington Langley/Chippenham rather than SB for socialising |  |  |  |  |  |
| The lane to Draycot Cerne is adequate |  |  |  |  |  |
| The footpath from Sutton Benger to Draycot Cerne is adequate |  |  |  |  |  |
| I may attend a Draycot Cerne church service in the next 6 months |  |  |  |  |  |
| I plan to have a baptism/wedding/funeral at the Draycot Cerne church |  |  |  |  |  |
| I plan to be buried by the Draycot Cerne Church |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Parish Council should contribute towards Draycot Cerne church repairs |  |  |  |  |  |
| If more houses were built in Draycot Cerne this would be good for the community |  |  |  |  |  |
| What was your main motivation to live in Draycot Cerne? | | | | | |
| *Please comment on any of the above or any other Draycot Cerne issues:* | | | | | |