

# Eydon Village Design Statement Questionnaire

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Dear Eydon resident

Here is your copy of the Eydon Village Design Statement (VDS) Questionnaire, which we hope you will fill in. You may remember the recent supplement to Eydon Village News which explained what the VDS is and why we need your help.

## **Scope**

Our VDS aims to inform future developers on how the village should look. This questionnaire is to obtain the views of people living in Eydon on some aspects that the VDS will cover as well as some topics that will be outside its remit. Some of these tie in with questions asked in the Village Appraisal of 1995, but others have been included so as to gauge the village's opinion on matters that they consider important. It is hoped that some of these might be included as non-statutory 'Village Preferences' alongside the VDS Guidelines (which will form part of the formal planning document).

## **All your views count**

We are seeking the views of as many people in the village as possible, NOT just one view per household, so we ask that responses show the number of people in the household who hold each individual opinion. Obviously very young children will not be able to respond but it is not an adults-only event and younger people are encouraged to contribute their views.

If anyone would like to make their own individual response, further copies of this questionnaire can be obtained from any member of the VDS group, whose details are overleaf, or it can be downloaded as a PDF version from the Parish Council website (under 'Miscellaneous Documents' on the 'Archive' page) at: [www.eydon.org.uk/epc](http://www.eydon.org.uk/epc). A draft version of the VDS is also available from the same place.

## **Questions and help**

If you have queries, if you need help filling in the form or if you (or one of your neighbours) need a large print version of this letter or the questionnaire, ask any member of the group.

### Filling the questions in

Most questions are in fact statements so you just need to fill in one of a series of boxes ranging from 'Strongly Agree' to 'Strongly Disagree'.

For example, in response to the question: "How many members in your household believe that speeding traffic is a problem in the village?" If you and your partner think it is a problem, your mother thinks it definitely is, and your son is not bothered, then you would enter in the boxes below the question:

Strongly Agree	<b>1</b>	Agree	<b>2</b>	No Opinion	<b>1</b>	Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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Additional comments, on any aspect of the VDS or questionnaire, will be welcome. Please write them on a separate sheet and include it with your returned form.

### Returning the forms

Please take a few minutes to fill in the form and replace it in the envelope it came in.

This will be collected from your home one week after delivery (nominally week commencing November 23<sup>rd</sup>). If you will be away, or if were out when we called, please contact any of the group, or even return the envelope directly to your nearest group member. We are hoping to have all the questionnaires returned before the start of December.

### Remember, your views matter!

Yours faithfully

*The VDS group*

The questionnaire and draft VDS has been prepared by a group of villagers, under the sponsorship of the Parish Council. Please feel free to contact any of them about any aspect of the VDS or the questionnaire

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## Some information about your household

Q1 In your household, how many people are aged:

	0-5	6-17	18-21	22-45	46-65	65+
Male						
Female						

Q2 How many years have you lived in Eydon?

Less than 1	1 – 5	6 – 15	16 - 25	26 – 50	50+

Q3 When was your dwelling built?

Pre 1900	1900 to 1950	1951 to 1990	Post 1990

Q4 In your household, how many people are?

In full time education	Employed	Self Employed	Unemployed	Retired	Unwaged, housewife, carer etc	Other

Q5 In your household, how many members' main place of work or study are;

At home	Elsewhere in the village	Within 10 miles	Within 11 – 30 miles	Over 30 miles

## Landscape and Setting

The architectural and historic character of the village and its setting are what makes Eydon the village it is.

Q6 How many members in your household believe that the setting of the church and its surroundings should be preserved?

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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Q7 How many members in your household feel that the settings of the communal open spaces in the village, the green and sports field, should be preserved?

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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Q8 How many members in your household feel that the public footpaths, bridleways and verges should be maintained?

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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Q9 How many members in your household believe that existing views within and on approach to the village are important to maintain its rural character?

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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Q10 How many members in your household believe that residents/businesses should be encouraged to maintain, and where applicable replace, trees and hedgerows which contribute to the amenity and landscape of the village?

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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Q11 In the interests of conserving and enhancing the rural nature of Eydon, how many members in your household believe that all electrical and telephone wiring should be laid underground?

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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## Buildings & Settlements

Q12 How many members in your household believe there is any **need** for more accommodation in Eydon?

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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Q13 How many members in your household **want** more houses in Eydon?

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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Q14 If you agree with the statement in Q13, how many members of your household believe that this development should be: -

Infill only (on existing plots)		Medium estate (7 to 14 houses)	
Small estates (2 to 6 houses)		Large estate (15 plus)	

Q15 How many members in your household agree that when replacing windows, doors etc the scale, size, materials and style should match the architectural and historic character of the village?

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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Q16 With any proposed new development, the scale, density, mass, height, layout, materials, architectural detailing, access and landscape must combine to ensure that it blends well within the context of its surroundings within the village. How many members in your household: -

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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Q17 Do you believe that environmentally sustainable power generation should be encouraged within the community, subject to planning requirements and provided the construction is appropriately designed and located? How many members in your household: -

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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## Roads and Traffic

Q18 How many cars are there in your household and where are they normally kept?

In a Garage	In a car port	On the drive	By the kerb	On the verge	Elsewhere	Total

Q19 How many members in your household believe that speeding traffic is a problem in the village?

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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Q20 If you agree with the statement in Q19, how many of your household think that any of the following could be regarded as a cost effective form of dealing with the issue?

	Yes	No
Reduce speed limit to 20 mph		
Road engineering to calm speed of traffic flow		
One way traffic system		
Automatic speed notification signs on entry to village		
Road width restrictions on entry to village to enforce speed reduction		

Do you have any other suggestions?

Q21 How many members of your household believe that any new street furniture (signage, markings etc) introduced by these schemes should respect the character of the village in terms of design, density and siting.

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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Q22 How many members in your household believe that parking is a problem in the village?

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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If you agree, do you have any suggestions for dealing with it?

Q23 How many members in your household believe that any new building developments must be designed to ensure that they do not add to any existing parking problems

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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### Services and Amenities

Q24 How important are the bus services to your household?

Essential		Important		Not important		Never use		Wouldn't use	
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Please list, in order of importance your preferred destinations.

Q25 How would your household rate (from 1, poor, to 5, excellent) the service they get from each?

Electricity		Water/Sewage		Internet access		Mobile phone access	
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Q26 How many people in your household work from home?

Never		Occasionally		Regularly		Full time	
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Q27 Businesses developments in the village should be encouraged, provided they do not adversely affect the community with unreasonable traffic volumes or working hours or pollution. How many members of your household agree with this?

Strongly Agree		Agree		No Opinion		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
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How many in your household agree with the following statements?

	Yes	No
Q28 The village is too small to support a shop		
Q29 More street lighting is needed		
Q30 More bench seating is needed		
Q31 More litter bins are needed		
Q32 More bins for dog droppings are needed		

Q33 Is there one thing that your respondents value most about the village that they feel has not been included on the questionnaire?