

# Questionnaire



## A PARISH PLAN FOR ROWLANDS CASTLE

### *Dear Resident*

In 2000 a Village Design Statement (VDS) was prepared by a group of volunteers sponsored by the Parish Council and the Rowlands Castle Association. The VDS encompassed the parish of Rowlands Castle - which includes Finchdean, Idsworth and the outlying farms and dwellings - and described those parish qualities which were especially valued by its residents. It was subsequently 'adopted' by East Hampshire District Council, to provide criteria for assessing planning applications. As the VDS will cease to apply after 2009, a wider ranging document called a 'Parish Plan' is now proposed by National and Local Government, to consider those aspects of village life which are important to residents.

The Parish Council and Rowlands Castle Association are again supporting a group of volunteers who form a 'Steering Group' to supervise this new project. Following preliminary discussions with officers of Village societies and associations, the Steering Group now welcomes your views on life in the parish. It invites you and other members of your household, to respond to the attached questionnaire covering a range of issues that may also apply to other parishes, but are felt to have particular relevance to our parish.

The anonymity of all respondents will be respected. Similarly names will also be withheld of any individuals who identify themselves when asking to discuss specific points, or offering themselves as volunteers for identified projects or activities.

### **Why should I complete and return this Questionnaire?**

- \* As a valued resident of this parish, to find out what you think of life in the parish, what is important to you and what you want to remain the same.
- \* To identify concerns that you might have, and improvements that you might want to make.

### **How will the answers be used?**

The answers will be used to identify and make a case for improving those aspects of the Village that you like, and for seeking to address any concerns. Based on this information, actions may be initiated by Parish, District or County Councils, by other agencies working in the Village, or by new project groups set up to make a specific case and seek funding.

The Government considers the availability of systematic data from this survey as essential for justifying the allocation of public funds and any wider appeal for funding.

### **Will I see the survey results?**

The consolidated results will be published in the RCA Magazine and meetings held to brief residents, officers of Village societies and associations, and the Parish Council.

### **How do I seek advice and find out more about the Questionnaire and Plan?**

Members of the Parish Plan Steering Group are willing to discuss the questionnaire and how it should be completed. Contacts are:  
Alan Drinkwater (tel: 92412066), Peter Stitson (tel: 92413116), Tony Rixon (tel:), Mary Clunes (tel: 92412209), Dave Harvey (tel: 92413858) and Chris White (tel: 92412060)

**You are strongly encouraged to take part. We look forward to your responses.**

## INSTRUCTIONS

All residents of Rowlands Castle are invited to answer this questionnaire and a copy is being delivered to each household in the Village.

The Questionnaire contains two sections that you should complete as follows.

- The **HOUSEHOLD SECTION**. **Only one person** in the household should complete this question. It asks for some general information about your household, its location within the parish, your age and gender, and will help with analysis of the response.
- The **PERSONAL SECTION** contains a number of **Topic headings** with several questions under each topic. You may add comments at the end of each topic as you wish. For most questions you should tick (✓) your choice but some questions require you to add a number to indicate your opinion. The instructions *in italics* at the start of each question will tell you which is required.

The **PERSONAL SECTION** should be completed by **each household member** aged eleven or over, as we want to hear all your views. We would like you to do this as follows.

The first member of the household to complete the **PERSONAL SECTION** should use column 1 for their answers to questions 5 – 38. The next member will use column 2, then column 3 until each household member has completed the questionnaire. **For example**

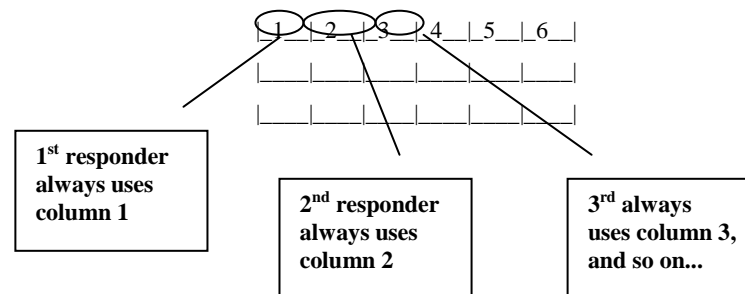
Question: 5

Please indicate whether you are male or female  
Tick (✓) the appropriate box.

PERSON

Male

Female



The identity of all participants will remain anonymous. Responses will be collated and shown in summary form only.



**PERSONAL SECTION**

Each member of your household aged over eleven is asked to complete this section, placing their answers in the same column throughout the survey.

**6. PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOU ARE MALE OR FEMALE**

Tick the appropriate box:

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Male | | | | | |

Female | | | | | |

**7. WHAT AGE GROUP DO YOU BELONG TO?**

Tick the appropriate box:

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

11-15 | | | | | |

16-17 | | | | | |

18-24 | | | | | |

25-44 | | | | | |

45-59 | | | | | |

60-64 | | | | | |

65-74 | | | | | |

75-84 | | | | | |

85+ | | | | | |

**TOPIC: LIVING IN THE PARISH OF ROWLANDS CASTLE**

**8. OVERALL, HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH THE PARISH AS A PLACE TO LIVE?**

Tick the appropriate box.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Very satisfied | | | | | |

Satisfied | | | | | |

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | | | | | |

Dissatisfied | | | | | |

Very dissatisfied | | | | | |

**9. WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU ABOUT THE PARISH?**

Tick more than one box if appropriate

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

The Village community | | | | | |

Access to work | | | | | |

Access to schooling | | | | | |

The Village environment | | | | | |

Access to the countryside | | | | | |

Access to leisure & sport | | | | | |

**Please enter below any additional comments you wish to make on this section.**

**TOPIC: TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & PARKING**

10. WHAT IS YOUR MAIN MEANS OF TRAVEL TO WORK, STUDY, SHOPPING OR LEISURE?

*Tick the appropriate box:*

	_1_ _2_ _3_ _4_ _5_ _6_
Car	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Public Bus	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Special Bus or coach	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Taxi	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Bicycle	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Motor-Cycle	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Train	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Walking	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
None of the above	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

11. DO YOU EXPERIENCE TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING OUT OF THE PARISH TO OTHER PLACES?

*Tick the appropriate box:*

	_1_ _2_ _3_ _4_ _5_ _6_
Often	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Occasionally	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Never	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

12. HOW DO YOU RATE PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES IN THE PARISH?

*Tick the appropriate box:*

	_1_ _2_ _3_ _4_ _5_ _6_
Good	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Reasonable	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Poor	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
No opinion	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

13. THERE ARE MAJOR 'DANGER-SPOTS' ON THE ROADS IN THE PARISH. DO YOU AGREE?

*Tick the appropriate box.*

	_1_ _2_ _3_ _4_ _5_ _6_
Strongly agree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Agree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Neither agree nor disagree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Disagree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Strongly disagree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

14. SPEEDING TRAFFIC IS A PROBLEM IN THE PARISH. DO YOU AGREE?

*Tick the appropriate box.*

	_1_ _2_ _3_ _4_ _5_ _6_
Strongly agree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Agree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Neither agree nor disagree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Disagree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Strongly disagree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

15. WOULD YOU SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING SPEED CONTROL MEASURES IN THE PARISH?

*Tick more than one box if appropriate*

	_1_ _2_ _3_ _4_ _5_ _6_
Reduction of the speed limit	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Introduction of additional speed limits	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Speed cameras or 'Speeding' warnings	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Traffic calming	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
More road warning signs	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Children at play signs	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Lorry Weight Restrictions	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
None of the above	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

**Please enter below any additional comments you wish to make on this section.**

**TOPIC: EDUCATION**

16. ST JOHN'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY.  
DO YOU AGREE?

*Tick the appropriate box.*

	1   2   3   4   5   6
Strongly agree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Agree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Neither agree nor disagree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Disagree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Strongly disagree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

17. DO YOU CONSIDER THERE SHOULD BE MORE PROVISION OF THE FOLLOWING?

*Tick more than one box if appropriate*

	1   2   3   4   5   6
Nursery School	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Playgroup	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
More registered childminders	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
After school clubs	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Holiday play scheme	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Adult education	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

**Please enter below any additional comments you wish to make on this section.**

**TOPIC - HOUSING**

18. WHAT ARE YOUR OPINIONS ABOUT THE HOUSING BUILT IN THE PARISH OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS?

*Tick more than one box if appropriate*

	1   2   3   4   5   6
About right	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Too much new housing	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Too little housing	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Too expensive	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Too big	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Too small	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
No opinion	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

19. WHAT KIND OF ACCOMMODATION DO YOU THINK THE PARISH NEEDS?

*Tick more than one box if appropriate*

	1   2   3   4   5   6
Affordable housing for key workers	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Social housing	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Starter homes	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Large family homes	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Small family homes	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Executive homes	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Homes for people with disabilities	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Homes for single people	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Homes for retired people	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Rental property	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
No further homes are needed	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Other	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

**Please enter below any additional comments you wish to make on this section.**

20. WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE STANDARD OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES?

Enter the appropriate number:

1 Good

2 Reasonable

3 Poor

4 No opinion

5 Have not used them

|\_1\_|\_2\_|\_3\_|\_4\_|\_5\_|\_6\_|

Fire |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

Police |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

Ambulance |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

Hospital |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

GP surgery |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

Social Services |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

21. WHICH CRIMES AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CONCERN YOU IN THE PARISH?

Tick more than one box if appropriate

|\_1\_|\_2\_|\_3\_|\_4\_|\_5\_|\_6\_|

Burglary |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

Car crime |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

Vandalism |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

Drunkenness |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

Antisocial behaviour |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

Other |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

Not concerned |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

22. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE STATE OF THE FOLLOWING?

Enter the appropriate number:

1 Good

2 Reasonable

3 Poor

4 No opinion

|\_1\_|\_2\_|\_3\_|\_4\_|\_5\_|\_6\_|

Roads |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

Pavements |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

Verges |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

Street Lighting |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

Public toilet |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

The Village Green |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

23. ARE THE LOCAL WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES ADEQUATE?

Tick the appropriate box:

|\_1\_|\_2\_|\_3\_|\_4\_|\_5\_|\_6\_|

Yes |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

No |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

No opinion |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|\_|

Please enter below any additional comments you wish to make on this section.

**TOPIC: RETAIL SERVICES & FACILITIES**

24. HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES?

Enter the appropriate number:

1 Often                      2 Occasionally                      3 Never

	1   2   3   4   5   6
Lloyds Bank	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Cash Dispenser (at Shell petrol station)	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Post Office	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Mobile Library	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Village Shops	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Public Houses	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Restaurants & Cafe	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Servicing Garages	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Shell petrol station	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

25. WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE RANGE OF SHOPPING FACILITIES IN THE PARISH?

Tick the appropriate box:

	1   2   3   4   5   6
Good	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Reasonable	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Poor	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
No opinion	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

**Please enter below any additional comments you wish to make on this section.**

**TOPIC: SPORT & RECREATION**

26. DO YOU USE ANY OF THE FACILITIES IN THE FOLLOWING PLACES?

Enter the appropriate number:

1 Often                      2 Occasionally                      3 Never

	1   2   3   4   5   6
The Recreation Ground	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
The Parish Hall in Links Lane	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
The Hall at the Church on the Green	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
St Johns School	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
The Scout Hut off Uplands Road	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
St John's Church Hall	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

27. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF FACILITIES AT THE PARISH HALL?

Tick the appropriate box:

	1   2   3   4   5   6
Good	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Reasonable	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Poor	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
No opinion	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

28. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THE RECREATION GROUND SPORTING FACILITIES?

Tick the appropriate box:

	1   2   3   4   5   6
Good	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Reasonable	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Poor	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
No opinion	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

29. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND FACILITIES?

Tick the appropriate box:

	1   2   3   4   5   6
Good	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Reasonable	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Poor	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
No opinion	_ _ _ _ _ _ _



Please enter below any additional comments you wish to make on Sport & Recreation.

**TOPIC: INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION**

30. WHERE DO YOU USUALLY GET INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN THE PARISH?

*Tick more than one box if appropriate*

|\_1\_|\_2\_|\_3\_|\_4\_|\_5\_|\_6\_|

- Parish Council Notice boards
- Meon Valley News, Free newspapers
- Village shops
- RCA Magazine
- RCA Notice board (on the Green)
- RCA Website
- Local event boards or posters

31. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE ABOUT PARISH EVENTS?

*Tick the appropriate box:*

|\_1\_|\_2\_|\_3\_|\_4\_|\_5\_|\_6\_|

- Good
- Reasonable
- Poor
- No opinion

Please enter below any additional comments you wish to make on this section.

**TOPIC: LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

32. DO YOU FEEL YOUR COUNCILLORS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARE SUFFICIENTLY AWARE OF LOCAL CONCERNS AND FEELINGS?

*Enter the appropriate number:*

- 1 Fully aware
- 2 Quite aware
- 3 Not aware
- 4 No opinion

|\_1\_|\_2\_|\_3\_|\_4\_|\_5\_|\_6\_|

- Parish Council
- District Council
- County Council

33. ARE YOU SATISFIED THAT LOCAL OPINION IS SUFFICIENTLY CONSIDERED IN THE WAY THE PLANNING SYSTEM IS IMPLEMENTED IN THE PARISH?

*Tick the appropriate box:*

|\_1\_|\_2\_|\_3\_|\_4\_|\_5\_|\_6\_|

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- No opinion

Please enter below any additional comments you wish to make on this section.

**TOPIC: ENVIRONMENT**

34. THE COUNTRYSIDE AROUND THE PARISH IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME?

*Tick the appropriate box:*

	1   2   3   4   5   6
Strongly agree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Agree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Neither agree nor disagree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Disagree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Strongly Disagree	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
No opinion	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

35. WHICH ELEMENTS OF THE COUNTRYSIDE AROUND THE PARISH DO YOU VALUE?

*Tick more than one box if appropriate*

	1   2   3   4   5   6
A sense of place or locality	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Tranquillity	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Openness	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Local footpaths	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Local woodlands and forests	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

36. WHAT DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE DONE TO HELP PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT?

*Tick more than one box if appropriate*

	1   2   3   4   5   6
More employment locally	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Car sharing	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
More public transport	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Reduced traffic	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Improved rights of way	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Better flood protection	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
More Recycling	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Regular Litter Picking	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

37. DO YOU FEEL THAT THE COUNTRYSIDE AROUND THE PARISH HAS CHANGED IN RECENT YEARS?

*Tick the appropriate box:*

	1   2   3   4   5   6
For better	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
For worse	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Not changed	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Don't know	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

38. WHAT DO YOU THINK COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE LANDSCAPE OF THE PARISH?

*Enter the appropriate number:*

- 1 Very important
- 2 Worth doing

- 3 Not necessary
- 4 Don't know

	1   2   3   4   5   6
Plant more trees	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Improve care of woodlands	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Provide more footways into the countryside	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
More regular cutting of hedgerows	_ _ _ _ _ _ _
More regular maintenance of verges	_ _ _ _ _ _ _

**Please enter below any additional comments you wish to make on this section.**

**TOPIC: FOR THE FUTURE**

**39. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THE PARISH TO DEVELOP?**

*Tick more than one box if appropriate*

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

More as a working community | | | | | |

More as a retirement community | | | | | |

More as a commuter community | | | | | |

As a tourist centre | | | | | |

To stay as it is | | | | | |

None of these | | | | | |

**40. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE PARISH?**

*Tick more than one box if appropriate*

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Building a new pavilion | | | | | |

Renovation of the Parish Hall | | | | | |

A Village museum (in the railway station?) | | | | | |

Seek public access to the castle mound | | | | | |

Car parking near the Village centre | | | | | |

An extension of informal footpaths or walks around the Village | | | | | |

New public toilets | | | | | |

Recreational reservoir in Staunton Park | | | | | |

Bypass road to the west of Village | | | | | |

The acquisition of more public land within the village | | | | | |

**Please enter below any additional comments you wish to make on the 'Projects', above, including any other projects you would like to take place.**

**Please enter below any additional comments, FAVOURABLE AND/OR CRITICAL, that you wish to make.**

Thank you for taking part in this survey. The results of this survey will be communicated during 2007 by an article in RCA Magazine, and through a public meeting in the Spring.

**Please post your results in the Survey Box at the Village Store or at the Post Office, or give to a Steering Group Member, as listed in the covering letter, by 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY.**

**Thank you again for completing this Questionnaire.**