

Q21 Any other comments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Near our house is a development on a 1 acre plot of three houses sold for around £1.5 million each. The third has been sold. We do NOT need more of this sort of development in NSP	3/15/2018 6:06 PM
2	The main criteria in this village is adequate parking facilities for existing homes/families, better usage of existing garages for car parking, and regulation of number of road spaces available for non-rate payers/visitors who do not contribute to the local funding. Need central/safe car park facility for multi-car families and visitors. Suggest consideration of Bloody Lane old orchard area being purchased for this purpose?	3/15/2018 6:02 PM
3	Re Q14: Only for local people; not people wanting to purchase a second property as a holiday home in the country.	3/15/2018 6:01 PM
4	In favour of some low cost housing in support of young families who may wish to stay or move into the village,	3/15/2018 5:53 PM
5	Whilst I understand there is a national need for more housing I think NSP has now done enough to increase the housing stock significantly. There are brownfield sites in towns like Trowbridge where there is more employment. Building more housing in NSP will only increase the amount of commuters and put more traffic on the roads	3/15/2018 5:44 PM
6	Urgent action needs to be taken to address the cost of property within 'sought-after' rural villages to ensure that the very least a balanced community exists within our villages, and persons living within the village have income to spend in businesses that exist in these villages. A huge division exists within society which, in part, is being fuelled by property prices and the burden of large mortgages. Affordable houses should be just that NOT 3 bed semis and 2 bed mid terrace for close to half a million £. House price increases year-on-year must be restricted to truly echoing inflation or the average pay rise; if decisive action like this is not taken now our children will come home to roost and we will have economic disaster waiting for us in no more than 15 to 20 years time	3/15/2018 5:39 PM
7	In regards to new housing we personally feel it is important how they look. Also affordable places for younger people (under 40s)	3/15/2018 5:24 PM
8	Parking provision for residents & visitors to the village is needed	3/15/2018 5:18 PM
9	Older daughter will be going to University within next 5 years	3/14/2018 8:42 PM
10	How about a Community Land Trust for NSP?	3/14/2018 1:26 PM
11	All housing should have adequate parking for 2 cars to minimise the parking on public roads	3/14/2018 1:23 PM
12	I am a Bath'onian and I'm not able to live in the city I was born in. NSP was the closest I could afford. However all my money is in my house so I'll either have to move away to a cheaper area like Wells or look at equity release to have more available funds to be able to afford my pensionable lifestyle. I cannot afford to buy a bungalow in the village or any of the over 55 properties so would have to move. Also the pavements are not safe for mobility vehicle users (when my arthritis prevents me from getting around in a few years time). For now it's a wonderful village to live in but it does tend to cater for the affluent. There will come a time when this village becomes too large to be a cohesive community - if it hasn't reached that stage already	3/14/2018 1:19 PM
13	Although I am not particularly in favour of more houses in the village, I would not be opposed to the idea of smaller and importantly, affordable houses being built for young families or over 55s	3/13/2018 5:10 PM
14	The village doesn't have the infrastructure for more houses in reality.	3/13/2018 12:12 PM

15	No one wants the village to grow into a huge suburban housing estate with inadequate roads, drainage and other services. We do not want to alter the friendly caring character of the village. Ideally we would like residents who take part in the life of the village rather than people who have properties for holiday lettings. Could grants be offered to renovate old houses? It would be ideal to have a bypass as was mooted and rejected in the 1970s. The traffic through the village is a real problem and will be increased by more housing. Space should be created for a village carpark. Parking is a real problem. Parking on Bell Hill should be forbidden or limited. Single line traffic on a main road is dangerous.	3/12/2018 5:37 PM
16	No need whatever for further housing if we are to preserve the character of Norton St Philip	3/12/2018 5:25 PM
17	I think NSP already has a good mix of different types of houses and therefore there is not a need. The village has had enough new development in recent years. Please- no more!	3/12/2018 5:22 PM
18	We Like NSP very much and hope never to move. We also think it is full up from a housing point of view	3/12/2018 5:18 PM
19	We do not trust developers to build 'affordable' houses. There were supposed to be 'affordable' houses for local people at Fortescue Fields but it never happened. LOCAL people are those who were born in the parish; the ones who should have a right to live near their families and friends & not be forced to move away or have to pay high rents to people (who have no connection to Somerset and often live 100 miles away) who ended up buying what was supposed to be those affordable houses. In a nutshell NO MORE HOUSES IN NSP. The skyline has been ruined by ugly houses the developers of which never had the needs of local people, only how much money they could make.	3/12/2018 5:13 PM
20	1) Too many holiday homes in village 2) newbuilds often vacated as people have other homes 3) there are huge white elephant buildings sold but not lived in 4) wealthy newcomers not particularly integrated into the village 5) existing population can feel sidelined as newcomers push for their own ends 6) planning needs tightening up - a few eyesores in this beautiful landscape -newbuilds too tall; plastic white conservatories attached to ancient houses ugh	3/12/2018 5:05 PM
21	We believe Norton Saint Philip has enough new houses and if we allow any more development it will change the very essence of our beautiful village. We appreciate that everyone deserves a home but we are a small village and we must make a stand and say when enough is enough	3/12/2018 4:59 PM
22	I am not in favour of more house building on the open market as this means 'executive' type five bedroom properties for the wealthy. However I would like to see a small development of affordable* houses to enable young people to get a foot on the ladder and avoid paying extortionate rents which is their only alternative at present. This includes young families. Large properties occupied by only two people is not going to help the housing problem and if we don't help our young people to stay in the village it will no longer thrive and will just become a dormitory commuter run. * Maybe something like "The Brambles" at Hinton Charterhouse	3/12/2018 4:52 PM
23	Housing not needed. However a car park for those living in High St, North St, Bell Hill and Church St (and their visitors) is badly needed	3/12/2018 4:45 PM
24	Our only thoughts are that any new homes are built for existing families to stay in the locality. That includes the young setting up by themselves or families starting up. Also there is the need for the elderly to downsize to more affordable accommodation and staying close to friends and family. We are strongly opposed to any new large building plans as the local infrastructure is not adequate	3/12/2018 4:39 PM
25	Richard and I do not feel able to answer questions 8 to 20 due to a lack of sufficient knowledge and expertise about the need for further housing in NSP. We are certainly not opposed to new properties being built in the parish although we do have strong views about areas where we would not want houses built like Shepherd's Mead and in the field behind the garage. Our family are living in London currently. All three of our eldest children have found work there and our youngest child is just about to go to university. I hope this is helpful	3/12/2018 4:32 PM
26	All developments should be time phased. All developments granted need to have a 'must complete by date'. Longmead development has been going on for years and years. It should have been finished, road completed and closed off. Future developments not completed will have a financial penalty attached. If planning is granted you have 'X' amount of time to complete the works	3/12/2018 4:25 PM

27	Any increase in housing needs sustainable public transport. No wish to have a narrow streets of lanes clogged up by more cars. No new housing should be built which is not every energy-efficient e.g. compulsory solar panels if any new houses are to be built they should be truly affordable for young families who do not have a high income. It would be good for NSP to contribute more affordable housing in the real meaning of the word. This needs to be aimed at young families with children, not the children of the wealthy. We don't think there is particular need for housing for over 55s as there are a lot of over 55's in the village already.	3/12/2018 3:49 PM
28	We feel that NSP has had its share of new homes	3/12/2018 12:03 PM
29	Limited well designed housing including affordable welcome	3/12/2018 12:00 PM
30	Before any new housing added, need to sort out traffic, need footpaths around the village(eg Farleigh Rd). Also need parking; too many cars parked on the streets-makes pedestrians & cyclists vulnerable as poor visibility	3/12/2018 11:55 AM
31	I don't really agree that housing in the village should focus on any one particular age group. Emphasis should be on ensuring housing for varying needs thus building a diverse community	3/12/2018 11:51 AM
32	Norton Saint Philip will lose its character as more out of keeping developments on a large scale are built around it. This will intern start to erode the quality of life in the village through transforming it into a significant 'dormitory' for Bath / Bristol. The rush to put new houses up at completely unaffordable prices ('executive' or 'country houses') has in effect priced people out of the village. NSP, on the edge of B&NES and the green belt plus on the boundaries of Somerset and Wilts is seen as an easy target to serve the needs of homes in Bath - which has been overfilled by student homes where family homes could have been built	3/12/2018 11:46 AM
33	There is no need for further housing being built. But some existing buildings could be adapted to provide flats for young people. Green spaces should be kept intact for the future.	3/12/2018 11:19 AM
34	Recent housing development in an SP appears to be mostly larger and more expensive properties. We feel any future development should only be a mix of smaller low-cost or affordable housing for people with local connections	3/12/2018 11:15 AM
35	Need for more affordable housing for local young people who would like to stay in the parish, and a focus on environmentally sustainability for all new housing. There is a clear need to make use of empty/unused properties and sites, not just build new homes.	3/10/2018 4:06 PM
36	Need for social housing and/or low cost starter homes for local people, including young, elderly and disabled. No more (expensive) "market" homes. We must help those who need help, not the housing developers who are only interested in their profit and then dissappear!	3/10/2018 11:31 AM
37	There is little accomodation available for the elderly/disabled in the village.	3/8/2018 8:34 PM
38	The village has already been significantly over developed with a monstrosity of a development supposedly to blend in with the village which failed miserably. The properties that were built specifically for the over 55's attracted little interest with the result that the developer then applied to sell the properties on the open market.	3/8/2018 7:39 PM
39	There is no where to park as a visitor or resident in the main part of the village - severe and intractable traffic problems on High Street, Bell Hill and Farleigh Road	3/8/2018 7:15 PM
40	We think it's important to consider the need for housing in rural areas, especially conversions and replacement dwellings where there are examples of redundant/out of use buildings. We would want the neighbourhood plan to put low carbon footprint and low environmental impact housing centre stage. It's vital that any new development achieves the highest environmental/low carbon credentials. Investment in large scale low energy housing should also come with commitments to improve low energy travel to/from the village eg bike path to join with the Two Tunnels into Bath and continued 267 bus service. We often travel to work by train, and carbon neutral options for travelling from Norton St Philip to Bath station would be brilliant. Currently, cycling along the Bath Road B3110 is scary but important to reduce carbon footprint. The survey has come with very little information about populations trends. How are demographics factored in? We have an increasing older population, and increasing proportion of over 75s with care needs. Accommodation will be needed that meets the needs of elders. We are experiencing an increasing trend of working from home, and whilst we have the opportunity to do this occasionally currently we can predict we will do more so in future years. It would be good to see the Neighbourhood Plan support this, including broad band capabilities.	3/6/2018 10:36 PM

41	We have a son renting in the village who finds it difficult to buy a suitable house...no choice compared with expensive 'Market houses' being built. Younger, poorer people needed here to fill the school instead of using 'outside' schooling.	3/4/2018 3:53 PM
42	There is no need for more housing in Norton st Philip as not all the current housing is filled. There is no demand for housing therefore it shouldn't be built on the beautiful countryside.	3/3/2018 5:40 PM
43	The high street not capable of taking more traffic without threatening the listed building on either side	3/3/2018 5:15 PM
44	I have lived in the village for over14 year's and worked here for23year's and feel more houses would safeguard my employment in the village	3/3/2018 4:06 PM
45	The housing that has already been built in recent years has been built to supposedly satisfy all levels/age of buyer. Further building destroys the character of the village and tends to line builders pockets rather than support the community. There are not enough services to support further development.	3/3/2018 2:33 PM
46	We feel there has already been a lot of new housing developed in the village in the last few years and don't feel there should be further housing added. We feel the character of the village will be degraded and pressure on roads/parking will increase to the detriment of existing residents	3/1/2018 6:33 PM
47	I came here because I wanted to live in a small village. If I had wanted to live in a town I would have stayed in Bath!!!! NO MORE DEVELOPMENT PLEASE	3/1/2018 3:09 PM
48	Any housing should be infill only	3/1/2018 2:56 PM
49	The only need in this community is for social (i.e. rented or genuinely affordable) housing. Any more executive housing (e.g. 4/5 bed, 2 garage) will destroy the village turning it into a middle-class dormitory	3/1/2018 2:52 PM
50	Village reception for high-speed Internet is already at full capacity, we have been informed by BT. The result is our Internet is appallingly slow. Were any more building to be done the infrastructure e.g. Internet would not meet the demand. Traffic through the village is high especially at rush-hour. Any future building would need to include ways to cope with the increase in traffic. The village streets were not built or intended for such high levels.	3/1/2018 2:44 PM
51	Any future developments must be targeted to satisfy the needs of 'local people' as identified by this survey. Strongly opposed to any further open market developments.	2/27/2018 3:04 PM
52	As you mentioned on the front sheet you have exceeded the required amount of new housing in Mendips local plan and it shows! I returned to the Frome area in May 17 after being away to Devon for 14 years. I was and still am amazed how the whole area has grown in new housing during those years. I eventually chose to buy in NSP as it's just about holding onto its old historic image. But it's now a very busy village and traffic going through the village is much higher than when I remember. That said the new co-op shop and the housing development on the old chicken factory is a definite plus for the village. My only observation is to fight hard for what NSP has got left and not carry out any more housing development	2/25/2018 5:59 PM
53	We need to be aware that NSP as an historical village is in great danger of becoming a new town.	2/25/2018 5:50 PM
54	Need more youth in the village. I would not want to see precious green belt/agricultural land built on.	2/25/2018 5:41 PM
55	The infrastructure of this village and the surroundings cannot cope with more development. The roads are congested, dangerous and not built for yet more household traffic. The school, GP Surgery (Beckington & Frome) are not funded enough for a higher population. Green belt land has gone for building-not what this area needs. So many houses remain empty!	2/25/2018 5:36 PM
56	Housing targets have been met and in our opinion the only houses, if any should be built for local people and in the 1,2 maximum 3 bed categories. For couples and smaller families. No more executive houses over 3 bedroom. The village needs to attract families.	2/25/2018 3:02 PM
57	As it is evident that the village has significantly exceeded its required quota for new development, we are in agreement that there should not be any development outside the Development Limit defined within the Local Plan Part 2.	2/24/2018 12:26 PM
58	we need starter homes - buy/rent and social housing to preserve the diversity of the village	2/24/2018 11:49 AM
59	Despite the amount of new build homes in the village our young and single still cannot afford to rent or buy properties here. Perhaps the catholic church would serve us better if converted to flats.	2/22/2018 6:16 PM

60	NSP is a village and those living here should not only remember but also enjoy that fact. It is larger than our previous village and comes with good facilities - a shop and good bus service being positive extras that we did not have previously. However, if it grows further - for what ever reason - then there may well be calls for additional facilities and this will result in NSP becoming a small town. Village life has changed, and will continue to. There are very limited job opportunities within the village and so for the young commuting will be required and that adds pressure with traffic etc.	2/22/2018 12:54 PM
61	Sorry for the vagueness, but we have a only been here 20 days, so no justifiable opinions yet to some of the questions.	2/21/2018 5:10 PM
62	As a result of recent and current development there is at present a balance in the village between older and new housing. The former give the village its unique and historic character, which would be irreparably prejudiced by further housing development	2/21/2018 8:50 AM
63	None.	2/20/2018 6:16 PM
64	Any need for new housing for people of working age must surely depend upon predictions of local labour market as we don't want to encourage more long distance commuting. Where are these forecasts and how reliable are they? Even if local labour market supports more local housing we need to know how many sites for which planning approval has already been given are stuck in developers' land banks. These sites and other brownfield land should be developed first.	2/20/2018 4:40 PM
65	The village has a high proportion of elderly people yet there is currently no 'sheltered' housing available. If the village is to retain the important facilities such as pubs, shop/post office, church and school; it needs housing which is affordable for young people and young families.	2/20/2018 2:35 PM
66	Too many expensive houses have been built and not enough affordable housing. Much of the Parish seems to be holiday rentals or second homes so lost sense of community.	2/20/2018 12:37 PM
67	I have lived to short a time in NSP to answer some questions. There does seem to be a need for some more affordable housing for the young. The village should have a mixed community of all ages and needs to be of a size to support and maintain the shop.	2/20/2018 11:25 AM
68	The survey is missing one important point in that it is mainly focused on the needs of existing residents. A thing which is not growing inevitably declines, N-S-P is not a Laycock or Castle Combe. to thrive it needs to gently grow with the infusion of young families starting careers I have seen the population change over a period of 40 + years there is no housing at reasonable prices for young professionals / managers or successful trades people as there used to be,. If the village does not embrace the future the only need we will have is for undertakers. Many of the residents need to be reminded that if the passed residents had adopted the Norton -St-Full up attitude they would not be living here now much of the housing was green fields when I moved here onto a green field development so I only reside here because development was permitted.	2/20/2018 10:52 AM
69	We are already over capacity as a village... in terms of housing compared to the infrastructure and amenities. Any additional housing would damage the beauty of the village, harm the culture and characteristics of the village and community, and cause additional strain on our already stretched highways.	2/19/2018 6:33 PM
70	I would be in favour of any new low cost housing or housing association rental property in the village.	2/19/2018 6:29 PM
71	The tranquility and beautiful green spaces was the main reason we bought our property. It would be such a pity to jam extra houses and people into such a beautiful village.	2/19/2018 1:48 PM
72	We have had 3 large developments recently and have exceeded Mendips housing plan already, making the village 'overlarge'.	2/18/2018 10:46 PM
73	I ticked the wrong box earlier and couldn't go back. I wouldn't be opposed to more housing on the above requirements.	2/18/2018 7:12 PM
74	Village needs to expand in line with Government policy at the moment It's over run with nimbies and geriatrics with far to much inherited wealth Battle cry I've got a nice house your not moving in near me	2/18/2018 5:51 PM
75	NSP is lovely and we have family in the village, but we might have to move away because of the silly property prices (equivalent to London!). There's a definite lack of affordable housing here. It makes me quite sad.	2/18/2018 5:19 PM
76	The 8-18 year olds currently living in the village do not have enough recreational facilities and we believe that this should be addressed.	2/18/2018 4:49 PM

77	The village does not need any additional housing at this time.	2/18/2018 4:37 PM
78	NSP has massively over provided in the past. There needs to be a period of adjustment to this with any further development being of small scale 'infill' type.	2/18/2018 1:18 PM