

REPORT ON 'INFORMATION AND AWARENESS DISPLAY' AND INITIAL FEEDBACK FORMS

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan parish consultation, a display stand was set up at three village events on Church Mead; The Open Gardens Day (June 23rd); The Craft Fair (July 14th) and the Village Cricket Day (July 22nd). Steering Group members were present to speak with residents and try to answer questions about the Plan.

Encouragingly, at each event there was a good level of interest and overall it is estimated 120-150 parish residents visited the display and spoke to a Steering Group member. In total 56 individuals completed a feedback form, which stated – *A Neighbourhood Plan can set Policies regarding land use. These Policies must be deliverable and contribute positively to the environmental, economic and social fabric of the Parish. Please use this form to let us know whether there are any issues (both negative and positive) you would like to see the Neighbourhood Plan address.*

The full list of analysed responses are tabulated below. However, the main responses were:

Comment	Nos of Responses
Protect open spaces	18
Develop only within village boundaries	17
No additional housing	11
Support more affordable housing	9
Increase sport facilities	7
Protect village character	8
Need new village hall	8
Too much traffic	7
Need parking area	5

Base: 55

Comments	Nos of respondents
Protect open green spaces, eg Church Mead, Lyde Green, Great Orchard, by school	18
Development only within village boundary, no extension of village limits, infill only, control	17
No additional housing, development, fulfilled, exceeded our quota	11
Support more affordable housing, first time buyers, protected from profiteering, social housing	9
Increase sport facilities; table tennis, basketball, outdoor exercise equipment, tennis court, skateboard ramp	9
Unique village, special place, character, history: maintain, protect	8
New, larger village hall, with outdoor space and parking	8
Roads clogged, overloaded; too much traffic for small roads, restrict	7
Village parking area needed	5
Shop very good, like shop, protect shop	4
Development, plan must meet environmental and government policies for future	4
Bus service Bath to Frome very good, half-hourly positive, protect	3
No concerns over NLP, welcomed, support	3
Speeding an issue; need reduction methods on Church Street	3
Develop only in way that protects age and income balance within village, for young families	3
Support local school	3
Shared office (facilities)	2
Protect pubs	2
Provide a local gym	2
Feel village losing village feeling, more like small town	2
Maintenance and development of play areas for children of all ages	2
Preservation and maintenance of footpaths	2
Village, accessible, services, amenities can't cope with more housing, eg GPs	2
Bus services need more integration	1
Bus services should be free	1
No more open-market housing	1
No more over 55s housing	1
Better bus provision in evening	1
Protect communal places to meet people	1
Provide a village coffee shop, social hub	1
Pleased at least some of Shepherds Mead saved	1
Retain character by keeping development limited in amount and type	1
Develop only brown field site options	1
Restore delapidated buildings	1
Preserve old stone walls	1
Protect socio-economics of village	1
Enable, support home working	1
Protect rural views around village	1
Provide facilities to keep young people in village	1
Relaxation so could buy land and self-build; could then stay in village	1
Develop beyond Norton House on Farleigh Road	1

More facilities for 8-18 year olds	1
More facilities for over 55s	1
Encourage middle generation to move here and stay here	1
Restore village agricultural history, protect medieval footprint	1
Protect flora and fauna	1
Sensitivity of village to town characteristics	1
Protect approaches into village	1
More housing equates with more traffic and so pollution and ill health	1
Church Mead floods because of Fortescue Fields, sand removed	1

Below is a sample of responses that represent the key findings.

“Parish has already exceeded its housing build by a significant amount. No further building should be approved.”

“Acceptable levels of housing development as per government guidelines in already identified locations. More facilities for 8–18-year-olds and over 55's - table tennis basketball hoop outdoor exercise equipment for all ages. Sport equals good health. Let's make NSP all-encompassing for all ages and not just the 0 to 6 and the 60+ bracket (apart from cricketers and dog owners)! NSP is a great village with a very good community vibe and a sense of pride. The middle generation needs to be considered and encouraged to stay or move here.”

“Positive and limited management of future housing development. Protection of green space including the field beside the Mead. Maintenance and development of play & recreational facilities for children of all ages. Preservation and maintenance of footpaths.”

“We feel that our village hall is not big enough we would like one located with outdoor space and parking we would also like a tennis court and skateboard ramp.”

“I think the key focus of the neighbourhood plan needs to continue to be balancing the amount of housing in the village with the available amenities that can meet the needs of the growing population. I think consideration needs to be given to the very real problem of traffic. Domestic and commercial traffic in and out of the village is heavy and this brings with it concerns about pollution, lung health and risk of cancer. I feel concerned that increased housing will exacerbate the risk of ill-health due to pollution.”

“Limit development to within the boundary; need affordable housing and shared office space.”

“Keep all future building to within the proposed village limit (infill only). Our village is losing its ‘village feeling’. We need a village parking area- roads are getting very clogged. Fortescue Fields at one point promised us this. No use putting double yellow lines down - just pushes problems elsewhere.”

All the individual responses can be viewed [here](#).

Thank you to all residents who completed the form.