

Neighbourhood Planning – Wish List

Highways

1. Convert the High Street into a pedestrian area with only occasional local traffic allowed access. Re-direct through traffic along the A36 and down Branch Road to the B3110 at the northern side of Hinton Charterhouse. Improve junction of Branch Road to accommodate increase in volume of traffic. Where Branch Road joins the A36 traffic lights or a roundabout could be installed to facilitate traffic flow at that junction.

Hinton could also convert their main road into a pedestrian area.

As well as obtaining safe access to their village centres, both communities would benefit enormously from increased activity and social interaction and improved health and well-being and vitality. This proposal would be in line with the new government National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and its objective in “Achieving sustainable Development” (see section 8 on page 17 “Promoting healthy communities”)

It would also give both communities the opportunity to capitalise on their heritage and develop as a more viable tourist attraction

2. Pursue highways improvement to deliver pedestrian safety at the narrow pinch point on the A366 at Harts Forge where there is no pavement and safe vehicular egress for residents in Town Barton.
3. Improve other footways where required.
4. Find ways to enforce the 7.5 tonne weight limit for through traffic.
5. Consider traffic calming scheme down Bell Hill particularly for area at Fair Close and school.
6. Look for opportunity to provide off street parking for residents of High Street to discourage/prevent parking along the High Street if it is converted to a pedestrian area.
7. Resolve other parking problems in the village and find solutions where possible.

Public Transport

1. Improve Frome-Bath bus services from the two service providers that deliver a more user orientated timetable. Objective should be a regular $\frac{1}{2}$ hourly service.
2. The popular school choice for many parents of 11 year olds is Writhlington but there is no public transport available. We should try to find a solution to this if possible.

New Building Development

1. Ensure policy statements and guidelines in the Mendip Local Plan for Norton St Philip provide good designs that fit well into the existing environment and village setting.
2. (i) Housing needs referred to in the 2005 village plan were:
 - a. 10 homes for elderly people downsizing
 - b. Sheltered housing units of 20 units
 - c. A residential care home
 - d. 6 low cost one bedroom starter homes

- e. 4 low cost but not subsidised family homes
- f. 2 to 3 housing association family homes for rent or shared equity.

(ii) Of the 151 respondents to the 2011 housing needs survey

- a. 13 thought there was a need for 1 bed affordable flats
- b. 12 thought there was a need for 2 bed affordable flats
- c. 16 thought there was a need for 1 bed affordable houses
- d. 11 thought there was a need for 3+ bed affordable houses
- e. 12 thought there was a need for accommodation for the elderly
- f. 8 thought they would have a family need for accommodation for the elderly within 3 years

3. Further to item (2) above, limit the new build numbers to meet the requirement in policy S1 of the emerging Local Plan and no more unless of significant benefit to the village.
4. Protect our current development limit.
5. Agree through community engagement the preferred land to be considered for potential development. Of the 151 respondents to the 2011 housing needs survey
 - 26 (17%) thought residential infilling should be permitted
 - 6 (4%) thought residential development outside the development limit should be permitted on the green fields surrounding the Fortescue Fields development.
 - 8 (5%) thought residential development outside the development limit should be permitted on Shepherds Mead, to the south of Longmead Close.
 - 3 (2%) thought development should be allowed elsewhere.

83% of respondents thought there should be no further development before 2026.

Facilities

1. Meeting venue facilities was covered in the 2005 Village Plan. A survey of 179 households (nearly 60% of the village) was carried out in 2000/1 and, although 47% felt the facilities were adequate, 36% felt they were poor.

The Parish Council was set the task to set up a Community Action Group to review the facilities within the village and put forward recommendations.

Pursue a larger more appropriate village hall with parking and in an area that is not in immediate proximity to residential property.

2. Provision of an all- weather multi use sports facility.