

Free Text Response – Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas & Cann Questionnaire

Q17a What Type of Employment should the NHP support	
1	Shaftesbury is a market town (or used to be)
2	Agriculture and related trades
3	Farming and farming support activities, Quarrying and stone cutting. Building and ancillary activities
4	Training and adult education facilities.
5	Nothing to do around here, very boring. Needs something to make people like it here.
6	Employment is not an issue within North Dorset (according to statistics). Further employment opportunities should only take place on brownfield sites or via the conversion of existing buildings within current settlement boundaries. Too many employment sites have been permitted within unsustainable isolated/rural locations within North Dorset resulting in increased dependence on vehicular (HGV) transport and the further degradation of our countryside.
7	Businesses that can employ a wide range of skills sustainably. The more industrial or transport /distribution options are not suitable as the local road networks are poor, and suitable sites limited
8	the town will struggle to attract major industry types owing to the location and very negative A road system so must be small progressive businesses that sell on the internet as that seems to be the future ?
9	I disagree with the acceptance in the question that there 'must' be growth and development. The town can function as it is without continual expansion
10	I am not against light industrial and manufacturing but did not tick it as light may in the end mean heavy..... be careful what you wish for! I don't know what Social Enterprises means so did not tick. We have enough financial services, estate agents and legal businesses in the town I believe. However, we could look at other professional services such as management consultancy, employment consultancy, etc. We probably do have enough pubs and cafes. But more individual restaurants would be a good thing and so I have ticked that.
11	Hotels
12	low cost small workshop spaces for start up businesses, craft workers etc. (similar to question 21 but easy access to cheap workshop space not office facilities)
13	Why no comment section for energy? Is it not important? Requires much better support for start up business, and less charities, which kill other business. Better quality is required in the tourism, food & leisure. MUCH BETTER. Lack of infrastructure means no other business is viable here.
14	Small offices
15	A cinema
16	travel lodge type hotel, retail such as B & Q
17	Gillingham is the natural industrial town: Shaftesbury's fortune is its unique appearance and appeal.
18	Within the existing businesses and their buildings
19	Rather than other you need to ask can the infrastructure support these - currently the roads struggle with capacity just saying we'll have more of this or that does not create the environment in which an investor will see that as available option - poorly thought through question
20	No large factories in the outlying districts
21	Shaftesbury should aim to attract some form of "unique selling point" inward investments (eg Dyson, Laura Ashley) - good quality businesses with growth potential. Not to swamp the town but to help long-term sustainability.
22	Hi Tech starter units.
23	Small B&Q, high street shops like a small next
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25	Digital enterprise
26	employment that encourages healthy lifestyle, education and arts plus link to rural environment.
27	A sport centre in Shaftesbury is truly needed. Including gym, swimming pool and exercise classes.
28	What is the limit to the growth of the town? When it merges with Gillingham and Tisbury? Why must it grow? Transport and distribution is surely a joke, we are about as far from a decent road as it is possible to be for a town this size! Generally it is best to let industry find the best locations rather than distort the market - try not to get in the way unduly.
29	Homes -eg flats to allow nursing staff to live locally who work at nursing homes.
30	Possibly training and apprentice opportunities for young workers.
31	Gardening/Horticulture, even on a small scale
32	Farming Market gardens
33	Agriculture/Horticulture. Amazingly for planners, ignore the industry covering the countryside around us - AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE and its supporting services - need more changes, machinery etc multi-use of land or BM Vale - better used to high tech horticulture
34	Tourism is vital to Shaftesbury and needs to be focused better and promoted better.
35	The town need better shops/an ambulance service that can cope without calling on over towns south of the county and bigger school to cope with the influx of new children.
36	Modern; manned public toilets- pay for use eg Salisbury
37	A gentle and appropriate mixture but no industry or manufacturing
38	No more cafes/restaurants/pubs
39	Small industrial units of 600 - 1500 sq ft are a good size for a start up business
40	Local Businesses and trades (included with Q17)
41	Education and training facilities
42	In response to Shops- retail: not supermarkets
43	No professional taking over little shops that are functional for town or village
44	Financial services, high tech web companies. A further medical centre, the current one is beyond capacity given the small number of hours it is open.
45	Tradesmen: plumbers, electricians, mechanics etc.
46	Software industry - there are fairly local hubs in Yeovil and Poole, we could attract associated businesses here.
47	No restriction
48	Sunday trading and more places for lunch are needed to service the visitors who come on Sundays and to attract further visitors.
49	Leisure centre.
50	anything for people to work.
51	Without improved transport links nothing can improve
52	without jobs in an area, people need to commute
53	Entrepreneurial encouragement - business groups, local and traditional skills with apprenticeships and training.
54	Build things that will help the local community, such as leisure facilities, health and fitness facilities. Something for people to do, like, a major attraction to encourage jobs, visitors and to give the residents a goal.
55	need to provide jobs
56	We are becoming a charity shop town - not good for the town. Ironmongers were and still are a good outlet in a town such as Shaftesbury.
57	Leisure centre/gym, none in Shaftesbury town at all. Have to travel to Gillingham or Blandford. Employment opportunity and also to help residents with their healthy living.
58	Possibly a leisure complex and shop outlet

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59	Teaching, GPs, nursing
60	Rural jobs eg farming, tree surgeon
61	Encouragement for National Chains such as Halfords/Kwik Fit/B&Q would be good for the town in the way of employment and ease due to geographical location. Nearest being Poole/Salisbury Warminster/Bath etc
62	more for disabled people
63	Rural old skills/trades that will be lost. Make it a feature use our local heritage/history; button making/stone etc. We have the most amazingly picturesque Town and High St we need the council to promote small high quality boutique businesses. Current rent is v high for the High St, shops & rates. Need to make allowances for businesses that will attract Tourism and local entrepreneurs such as local art related; local food producers, local businesses that sit well with 'Dorset' as a Tourist District. Boutiques/Cafes and Pubs
64	Shaftesbury Arts Centre, pantomimes, plays and films, afternoon matinees
65	Q17 - read heavy industrial and manufacturing. A big factory that makes something useful, e.g. aeroplanes. Manufacturing. Electronics.
66	health and education
67	more town events
68	Attention should be given to apprenticeships and training for young people in their chosen employments.
69	Employment and sheltered accommodation for people with learning difficulties
70	Historic interest. Quality developments like Grosvenor Hotel - encourage tourism & resultant spending in town.
71	Sports and Leisure Centre/Gym; new tennis club
72	Business should suit our rural setting - farm based or hospitality - we do not want manufacturing which impact on haulage etc
73	Any new shops should pay due heed to the shops that are already in place; fresh food, clothing, hardware, shoe shops are running at a bit of a shortage when compared to gift shops and charity shops.
74	Encourage local production.
75	Research and development. Good skills training.
76	Sport
77	There are so many cafes - estate agents - second hand shops - we need more relevant shops on the High St - even a hardware shop/fish shop would be good.
78	We seem to need more medical facilities & probably schools.
79	career opportunities for school leavers
80	Shaftesbury now has enough restaurants & cafes in my view.
81	plus farming
82	Farming - v essential
83	leisure Industries
84	to include carers for the growing and aging population of Shaftesbury and surrounding areas.
85	houses do not create employment Jobs/industry must precede houses
86	Our High Street should be great again. We need to get the roads improved. Parking improved especially for coaches, get the high street pedestrianised, get some tables and chairs down it! get our market town trading. Tourism
87	So long as all these are on designated sites
88	Nurseries

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89	Jobs. If available. and needed, require housing. not the other way around, which is being proposed. Jobs trust, natural housing follows.
90	More encouragement of high tec enterprises, high skill crafts and precision light engineering and technology.
91	A leisure centre would provide work as well as a much needed facility, likewise another health centre complex.
92	At least one new hotel is needed in or adjacent to the town
93	IT and technology services
94	Farming / Horticulture
95	apprenticing. opps for people with special needs and learning difficulties.
96	hardware shop
97	YOUTH EMPLOYMENT - APPRENTICESHIPS
98	Nursery work. childminders/ facilities for teenagers - swimming pool. units for small stand up businesses. facilities for musical performances/concerts care for the elderly agencies. day car workers.
99	P2P enterprise parks for young entrepreneurs. Instead of giving a 4% interest rate to over 60s (which produces nothing)(which the taxpayer is paying for) - set up a fund to allow P2P lending for start ups
100	IT
101	Shaftesbury is crying out for a broad based town centre hardware retail unit.
102	Agricultural business (Market, engineering)
103	people need jobs small business provides this also shops, also schools and surgeries.
104	all attempts should be made to resist the creeping urbanisation of this traditionally rural community. we do not need street lighting especially all night,
105	Offices with parking
106	Shops ? Retail - small educational projects in the community do not allow out of town supermarkets or MacDonalds style restaurants day to day shops in town as well as tourist business
107	less charity shops large waitrose
108	N.B We should create jobs but for local people and growing families - we do not need to enlarge the population by bringing people in for more jobs - thus needing more housing.
109	A training infrastructure for "apprentices", those of any age who wish to undertake new skills. Major support from local industries to provide help young and "old" alike in remaining as ????
110	Shaftesbury is desperately in need of another (or larger) doctors surgery and a school to provide for the residents of the new estate built on the East of the town on the Salisbury road as well as provision of a children's playground.
111	Rural / Agricultural + linked services
112	SPORTS FACILITIES
113	Local jobs for local people - skilled and unskilled to reduce the need for cars into town. Make use of shuttle buses from one end of the town to another & hamlets of it.
114	Manufacturing on a small scale. Also services like car maintenance , thatching etc
115	A sustainable future for my grandchildren is top priority to me. Therefore I would like to see work & skills in food growing developed. We currently import a non-sustainable amount of produce, I think each area should actively invest in local food production enterprises, thereby increasing future greater independence, whilst empowering the younger generation with knowledge & skills.
116	Re Q.17: We have all this already.
117	Office/clerical employment eg insurance, telecoms

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118	Emphasise high tech industry
119	Through the provision of enough affordable housing and better public transport the plan should encourage essential service staff eg. nurses to settle in the town.
120	Local independent business, startups,
121	Big stores like Gillingham is getting
122	Local food production ????????????? install & service renewable energy systems Repairers & electrical goods etc Recycling / re-use facilities
123	Important to keep rent and rates at a reasonable level so that small retailers can exist - V.important for Shaftesbury to encourage small retail businesses.
124	Leisure centre & kid friendly
125	More jobs for 18-25 year olds.
126	Nothing that requires further building. You are destroying Shaftesbury.
127	Proper fast broadband - still not covering vast areas in Melbury Abbas/Cann etc/Shaftesbury
128	Essential to try to prevent Shaftesbury becoming a 'dormitory' town. Employment appropriate to small/medium settlement.
129	Farm trades
130	Agriculture & related
131	Start-up opportunities. Creative arts & craft skill theme e.g. metal & woodwork, produce of land etc. 'basic' link land & countryside culture to town. Archaeology/history field studies centre/education/research (e.g. school/university field/research base)
132	Retaining local hospital and have A & E available
133	farming/horticulture
134	all but controlled. controlled, detailed sympathetic tot he countryside and towns period buildings. that is what growth and planning should be.
135	Employment should be ?valuable for varied skills but be a range of options the ??? area I would be happy with is transport storage & ??? given the large areas (+ computers few jobs) this takes up
136	Hard to support anything involving road movement until the road infrastructure upgraded to support it. Within the town boundaries and between the A 350 and Poole (A 350 up graded).
137	I am trying to be positive but feel the level of building in shaftesbury has ruined the essence of our beautiful Saxon small rural town. I am reluctant to see any further building or development but hope existing sites can be better utilised.
138	The pubs and eateries in shaftesbury are just wonderful and diverse and should be maintained but not increased necessarily.
139	I would support traditional shops, grocers, butchers, bakers, fish shops, hardware, and shops of longstanding like shirley allum and hine and parsons, especially the latter which sells all sorts and is useful.
140	Invest in energy efficiency and small businesses will move to the area
141	Any sustainable local employment especially offering apprenticeships to our young people.
142	Access roads need vast improvement. A bypass for lorries.
143	reduce speed limit in high ST or Pedestrianise . Concerns of speed limits in surrounding Lanes. Layton lane/st james have concerns are there are primary schoolchildren to be considered.
144	Pedestrianise high street and reduce the speed limit in high st,the local lanes Saint James particularly as the primary school is there was no crossing for the children.

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145	EDUCATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RELATED MEDICAL CARING FOR ELDERLY
146	Agriculture Horticulture IT Specialist
147	Adult Education - all classes seem limited in scope, in Shaftesbury. Health and Fitness; the Gillingham "Fitness by design" centre is excellent. we could do with similar in Shaftesbury.
148	Would love to see the outdoor pool open. Such a sham that it has laid unused for such a long time. It would be a lovely thing for the town to have it back. I used swim there!
149	If Shaftesbury develops and promotes its unique historical / agricultural background USP. There will be numerous opportunities to cater for the ensuing tourists influx.
150	Farming, Environmental management and Education Volunteer sector employs many people in the area already and more recognition of and provision for volunteer working across ALL sectors should be encouraged
151	Staff for the new schools and Medical facilities which will be needed for any increase in the population
152	More free parking for residents and guests!
153	There can be no growth without proportionate infrastructure improvements. There has been vacant employment land on successive local plans with no take up by business community. Poor road infrastructure is the main reason. Poor local plans are largely responsible.
154	Self employed centre / hub
155	No decent roads for Transport, storage and distribution
156	Shaftesbury does not need to develop commercial side as satisfied from Gillingham
157	Cottage Industry, any new business with innovative ideas should be supported and encouraged.
158	Don't create more housing = less jobs needed! Shaftesbury shouldn't have to grow, therefore there should be no need for jobs.
159	protected green space increase Tourism
160	The jobs around this area are very limited now and salaries are very low.
161	An emergency policy should be implemented in case of financial collapse, breakdown of food distribution, and the ensuing decline of tourism plus their ancillary industries.
162	Environmental - greenspaces to be maintained hence horticultural amenity jobs
163	Need to have retail outlets that serves the community not the tourists
164	Support local business
165	Less charity shops
166	This area is not suitable for distribution/warehouse businesses as the road systems in North Dorset are inadequate.
167	Should be enough well paid employment for existing population