

Free Text Response – Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas & Cann Questionnaire

Q18a Support ideas for local employment opportunities	
1	New large out of town industrial/business park estate to preserve future jobs for growing town - all houses and no jobs leads to long term decline in area - need to consider future options now for next 20 yrs instead of allowing housing developers to get planning per se.
2	Better road transport links.
3	Shaftesbury is crying out for another supermarket and a DIY outlet. Tesco has no viable competition and the nearest DIY outlet is either Blandford or Frome. Both would create job opportunities in the local area
4	Faster broadband is critical to the WHOLE of Dorset. Eg where I live, 2.5 miles from central Shaftesbury, we have been advise we will not get a Fibre connection. This covers approximately 17 houses before a few hundred metres further west they all get Fibre. Inexplicable, arbitrary, unfair. Again, I am not against small industrial units, but do not wish that to develop excessively and so did not tick it.
5	An industrial park plan.
6	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)
7	'Unites' - LOL yes please!
8	I only support the conversion of barns which are not required for agricultural use and I am aware that fast broadband connection is not a problem within Shaftesbury itself.
9	Transport links from Shaftesbury are poor but the location is ideal for attracting home office workers.
10	We already have eh fastest broadband - this once more shows a badly thought through questionnaire. We already have one hot-desk facility - the question is do we need more - maybe but have you surveyed the business community?
11	None
12	Faster Broadband is very important.
13	See above
14	More support for generic local skills, artisan workshops and 'boutique' cider makers etc. Visitors want something different & Shaftesbury is well-placed (if the town is not spoiled) to do this.
15	Proper apprentice schemes connecting trades with colleges
16	Broadband needs to be upgraded now not in 2016 or 2018
17	Would support only on industrial sites.
18	We could encourage some of our larger land users eg: Stalbridge Laundry, to move into new premises and free up 'in town' brownfield housing space.
19	Professional training facilities should include all manual skills, some already supplied plumbing and electricians. Should have bricklayers, farming, gardening, tree surgery etc!!
20	Modern road linking Poole, Blandford, Warminster and Salisbury and Yeovil. with by-pass around Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas and Cann.
21	Better transport links/bypass.
22	As before without adequate transport links, ie roads, buses this cannot be achieved
23	Reduced tax. Reduced and simplified planning controls.
24	Help businesses to grow within Shaftesbury. Sort out the roads and traffic congestion. Encourage people to come to our town, however provide the facilities first. Stop building houses, build business sites to allow growth.
25	Manufacturing units involving apprentices and encouraging local employment.
26	A gym for the mental health team, to help with well-being locally.
27	Rebates/relief for independent businesses wanting to sell from currently v expensive High St shops. Similarly, if these businesses employ others. Make a rebate/reduction in rates. Do not allow people to buy pubs, and shops and make them appear unprofitable so that they can turn them into residential. This is killing local pubs eg Motcombe pub.

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28	Better roads - dual carriageway.
29	Support for farming.
30	No further comment.
31	Preserve barns to preserve wildlife, ie Barn Owls
32	Fibre Optic Broadband
33	An old text book to architectural students stressed "Good and Bad Manners in Architecture" - covers a good deal more than personal designs - encapsulates a general feeling, a deep sense of what's right.
34	Schools will need to expand due to the new houses being here. This will create jobs.
35	A comprehensive public transport system from Shaftesbury to Gillingham station to enable working opportunities for people to work in Towns off the Exeter (Gillingham) Waterloo network.
36	More secondary schools, more further education establishments ie colleges
37	Pre-employment training
38	re:- industrial activities - these should be confined to industrial sites
39	Small industrial units to try to encourage more employment
40	Anything that supports local employment would be good
41	local to market local produce and businesses. maybe a fixed local market (other than agricultural)
42	Employment that supports agricultural activities, reinforcing the traditional look and feel of the area
43	complementary health opportunities/training co op working eg: with fairtrade/wholefoods/organic veg
44	Lidl or Aldi store in new industrial area opposite Maltings
45	youth employment/apprenticeship
46	schools surgeries both provide employment. cleaning, teaching assistants etc.
47	Better bus services
48	Any business or industry that promotes apprenticeships and other training should be welcomed to this area. It is difficult to answer the above questions without any knowledge of the skill base.
49	Encouraging school. 16 ???? "Adult" education
50	Rural businesses with residential on site for security, sustainability & economic development
51	Another industrial/business park but not on cattle market site. That should be a large hall for evenings and remaining space car park (free if poss)
52	Affordable, short term lets to local business start ups
53	Sustainability is intrinsically tied to local resources. I would like to see these assessed "laterally" & creatively, rather than a "more of the same" approach, & investment in employment opportunities to be developed purely in accordance with these local resources. Resilient communities rely on diversity, of population & types of work. This is what we should aim for.
54	To be in proportion. To suit local business & entrepreneurs.
55	Shared workspace & office provision Shared kitchen facilities for small-scale producers
56	Easier access to employment agencies Salisbury & Yeovil are difficult for people without transport
57	See Q17a.
58	With so many parents at work and the needs of an increasing aging population what about facilities for carers for children & the elderly? Home care?
59	Proof reading facilities!! Small retail units at low rates. Don't be greedy S.T.C. Given entrepreneurs a chance!
60	General principle should be to foster employment to suit every person that needs it.
61	The small area of dual carriageway from The Royal Chase roundabout to the A30 is an accident black spot. We have witnessed a great many minor RTAs over the past 6 years. Access to the employment land and increased traffic would need to be carefully considered.

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62	Attract college 'satellite' or establish new school/college in integrated development - link to start-up business units/marketing services. Emerging bio-engineering industry, computer graphics/modelling etc. Art school?/graphics?
63	Adult Education Centre
64	Additional supermarkets on new estate
65	Agricultural or rural business with living accommodation to improve village vitality and sustainability.
66	all of the above.
67	Lower rents in the high street to enable small businesses unique to open. High rents are only affordable by multiples/charity shops and other institutions eg: solicitors and estate agents.
68	Provision of jobs for those with all kinds of disability would increase self esteem and good health therefore.
69	I would support small businesses of any type especially where local people were employed. Employment for the young and local people is very important. Within existing towns, no industrial new build in countryside as in fill.
70	I.T industry would be beneficial.
71	There needs to be local employment for all, in particular for our young people.
72	Every effort should be made to encourage all sources of employment as our young people usually have to move away to larger towns.
73	Apprenticeship to train for a career
74	A new indoor swimming pool, with health and fitness facilities on-site
75	Quality rather than quantity and smaller retail and craft industries should be encouraged. Create and promote the ancient historical background of the town in every possible context. All farm and agricultural history background should be featured
76	More support for farmers, countryside workers, work people who support the infrastructure - recognise the importance of integration between the countryside and the town.
77	None of the above
78	Be pro-active - as the industry what would attract them to set up business in our area. Write to national companies and representative bodies.
79	None of the above
80	No more construction
81	A local work hub with exceptional broadband to enable local residents to use & stop battling to improve their home connections within a hub of voluntary run community funded library.
82	Stick to the basics
83	Redundant barns
84	No major construction