

Free Text Response – Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas & Cann Questionnaire

Q23a What would make the Town Centre a better place to shop	
1	Smarter shop fronts - rundown buildings are very off-putting to visitors.
2	Pedestrianisation of High St. or failing that increased width of pavement with more one way priority road lengths in the High St.
3	Less charity shops and estate agents. We need a another butchers ,bakers and greengrocer.
4	more space for café seating outside restaurants etc - more continental feel to growing social demand.
5	Ban on car traffic during specified hours - Sherborne is good example. Wider pavements, achieved by one-way traffic. Pedestrian crossings - "shared road" is a disaster. Enforce on-road parking restrictions.
6	Traffic ban during specified hours. 99.9% of cars using High St cannot park there. By-pass gives access to either end of town centre - and the principal car parks.
7	Safer & clearer boundaries between motorised traffic & pedestrians
8	One Way High Street
9	baby shop
10	One way system and non parking days within Shaftesbury, both of which would be undoubtedly opposed by the Chamber of Commerce who are only interested in their takings as opposed to creating an improved town centre for the benefit of the majority.
11	More varied restaurants
12	Traffic ban down main street on some days.
13	Re-introduce Zebra crossings in Shaftesbury. The present situation with pedestrians taking their chance against vehicles is ridiculous. Better still ban all traffic from the high street, except for access & deliveries which should be between certain hours. Other towns manage it!
14	Discouragement or ban of cars using town centre as through route and introduce 1 way system. wider pavements.
15	A hardware store in the town centre would be useful, but probably would not be large enough to stock the range required by todays consumer. An out of centre outlet would be preferable.
16	Shaftesbury town centre SHOULD be pedestrian only - deliveries etc to be early morning or overnight. This will attract tourists and shoppers alike to the town.
17	Pedestrianise/ make one way up the high street. Prevent parking at "narrow" pinch point near fast food outlet. Totally unsuitable location for a fast food premises (ie park and nip in)
18	to make the town car free would be utopia ! it seriously needs attempting then with an out of town car park(s) and a shuttle bus that would be positive
19	Along with lorry/bus ban make town centre one way and then enlarge pavements
20	The existing pay for car park/s in Shaftesbury are not normally full as people do not particularly want to pay when they maybe popping into the town for half an hour or so, understandably. A number of parking spaces on the street were removed during the 'improvements' and hence it is much more difficult now to park on the street, especially at certain times of the day. I don't think another car park is required at present but a few additional on street spaces would help a lot.
21	Removal of unnecessary street furniture. Prevention of more charity shops. Enforcement of minimum standards for building frontage and signage (ban the nasty signage like BHF that makes Shaftesbury look inner-city)
22	Pedestrianise High St
23	Increased Car Parking or shuttle bus service that is within walking distance of many dwellings.
24	Less charity units.
25	Designate the High Street as a one-way system to prevent log jam, and improve pedestrian safety.

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26	Zebra crossings. Road markings. Parking in the commons and in front of the town hall as it was. Reduce the width of the pavement in front of the Grosvenor to help patrons loading, stop trying to reduce cars in the highstreet. Without the cars, the highstreet is dead, look at Gillingham. Remove all the clutter of unwanted signs, and posts/bollards everywhere.
27	Take the buses out of the High Street, allowing more short term parking spaces Move the market to Bell Street opposite the Arts Centre and to Coppice Street in the area leading up to Tesco
28	Some where to part my push bike securely
29	Possibly making the high one way. totally ban parking on the high street, it is often confusing/dangerous when cars will stop on yellow lines (like next to the kebab). junction by the post office needs road markings before someone gets hurt.
30	Pedestrian zones in high street at certain times eg. Saturdays
31	Less charity shops believe they are unfair competition considering rates etc and don't provide paid employment for local people. Thinks its god to have charity shops but more than two per small town stops other small retail businesses.
32	Pedestrianise the high street during the day.
33	It was sad to lose Humphries, a traditional hardware shop and I would like to see a replacement. We are very lucky to have traditional shops like Squires and Hine and Parsons as well as the traditional grocers and lovely refurbishment of The Grosvenor Arms and every effort needs to be made to support them. They are unique to Shaftesbury, provide character and charm and value for money when one considers the travel cost of going elsewhere, e.g. to Salisbury to shop.
34	Pedestrian zone on high street in the middle of the day (11 - 3 ish). This works in Sherborne, where shops' business has increased since implemented.
35	Losing Humphries was sad. We need a traditional hardware shop.
36	Leisure and community services should be provided in town, close to elderly housing and youth club. Large facilities like football should move out of town so that the space can be used more flexibly. A functioning educated town council would help. It is silly to try and make a town centre commercial only. This questionnaire is flawed in this respect
37	Farmers markets need to complement the already existing business around them, this also include on major events like food/farmer festivals. Footfall shouldn't be reduced because these markets may station themselves in front of businesses with physical retail space.
38	Please canwe have zebra crossings in town centre esp near town hall
39	Better signage to the free car parks is needed, and then supplementary signage for the pedestian routes to the town centre. The town centre should be pedestrianised during the day with access only for buses and blue badge holders.
40	Get rid of some of the charity shops as there are far too many
41	Children's clothing shop.
42	Closing the high street off during main shop opening hours. Please look at Chippenham high street.
43	Preventing more eyesore frontages like Holland and Barrat and Boots. Ensure buildings are properly maintained: Edinburgh Woolen Mill is a mess.
44	Safe pedestrian crossings
45	pedestrianise town centre during key hours as Sherborne has done very successfully.
46	stupid question
47	Put back the on road parking. The Commons for example is such a waste of space now. Why does it need such a large amount of paving, its not used. The flower troughs on there were not great, and then they were left there for weeks, completely dead, looking a mess. It would be better served as a place for people to park.
48	Car parks on the outside of the town - no street parking
49	Improved seating on footpath routes in and out of town from east. Eg Seating by all crossing points over Cristy's Lane. Improved foot path at bottle neck of coppice st.
50	pedestrianise the town centre

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51	pedestrianise the town centre
52	A cap on charity shops numbers
53	The actual pavements are really hard to navigate with a pushchair/young child. I imagine it is also difficult if you are an older person. Not the cobbles or width of pavements in places, which while difficult are at least part of the history of the town. It is the uneven mix of tarmac and poorly maintained areas and difficult to navigate crossing points.
54	Attend to traffic within the town by management
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56	Make the main 'high street' pedestrian ONLY. I don't understand why cars have to drive through the Town centre when access is so easy around the main strip of the High street. If closed for traffic it would completely transform the High Street, making it extremely appealing to shoppers and tourists.
57	The high street should be pedestrianised - everything depends on this.
58	children's clothing shops!
59	Blanket 20mph speed limit in town
60	Juggernauts should be banned during the day - they damage pavements and deter pedestrians
61	Tourist office needs to be enlarged - they are very good New, high-quality restaurants + trattoria. Much bigger signs to attractions eg Museum Tourist Route around the town. Well signed and information possible guides.
62	A 'Robert Dyas' outlet would be a definite pull for people into town. Mobile phone shop, young style fashion shop - 'New Look'?
63	Re-introduce regular collection of litter rather than housing to rely on volunteers. Regular moving of grass on verges, etc as it was carried out before the 'cuts'.
64	20 MPH enforced speed limit. At least two extra crossings.
65	There are enough womens clothing shops. And also, we already have one very adequate mens shop.
66	Plants, trees, flowering hanging baskets
67	Two way traffic along the main U road through the town centre is an out and out nightmare. Even in winter nobody can walk anymore. Adequate parking in Shaftesbury could well be the outstanding issue for the town. It is extremely unpleasant for shoppers and visitors to continually think of avoiding passing cars, vans, etc so the removal of these from the centre would enhance lifestyle. Free parking in Coop car park to combat free Tesco's free parking. Introduce parking clocks.
68	Free parking and lower business rates would go along way to encouraging the High Street to develop.
69	Juggernauts are causing damage to pavements which they often mount. They should be banned outright. Smaller lorries should have set times.
70	Individual shops will retain the character of Shaftesbury and make it more appealing to visitors.
71	Free parking for 1 hour 07:00 - 19:00. Once way traffic circuit 07:00 - 19:00
72	Pedestrianise High Street - make it safer and shops more accessible.
73	Maybe a model railway shop?
74	No more cafe's and coffee shops there are already 10 in the town.
75	One way system.
76	Pedestrianise the High St on Thursdays and Saturdays at least
77	So many people need to just stop to go to bank or pharmacy in Boots for 10-15 mins, so they park on yellow lines causing congestion - provide quick stop parking on High Street only. Also Shaftesbury kebab shop is a major congestion cause in the Narrows. Stop customers parking there.

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78	Make sure that people with disabled stickers do not park in the High Street permanently as is done at the moment, restricting parking for other people.
79	check feasibility of multi-storey car park
80	Additional Medical Centre. Art Shop as there are many artists in the area but nowhere to buy decent supplies
81	Children's clothes shops
82	Phone shop
83	High St to be closed between 08:00 - 18:00 Buses and Taxis only - Can be done with electronic vehicle tagging
84	Pedestrian only between 10:00 am - 3 pm in High St
85	Give greater financial support for first time businesses or independent retailers to develop . Make the shopping experience interesting.
86	There are so many blue badge holders in Shaftesbury that often park without consideration for pinch points causing jams. Too many huge trucks enter the High St.
87	with the high business rates matched with high rents only charity shops can succeed.
88	Sports shop. Hardware shop is desperately needed. More street cafes in summer.
89	Hardware shop/ DIY/small builders merchant (in addition to the limited DIY/ hardware on sale already) fishmonger, 'real' bakery -bread baked in traditional way on the premises
90	Compulsory purchase or relocation of ATS Tyre depot and convert site to multi storey car park, could be 4 floors without additional height. Move Thursday market to park walk to attract more stalls.
91	Hardware shop - TOP PRIORITY! We used to have 4! cannot prevent lorries delivering during day but otherwise stop cars in high street. Fewer charity shops.
92	Childrens clothing.
93	A Greengrocer
94	High street pretty good as it is.
95	Extended library time
96	Grasping the nettle regarding the traffic in the town. A one-way system would considerably improve safety.
97	One way flow for traffic, with widening of pavements to allow wheelchair use. Lower speed limit through most roads in town (max. 20mph), with mini-roundabout at Post Office/Salisbury Road junction.
98	More car parks and public spaces.
99	Affordable clothing shp. Let Tesco stock clothing
100	M&S Food Store
101	One way system as discussed over 30 years ago, pedestrianise High St; Sherborne can manage it why can't Shaftesbury.
102	Close the High St from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
103	Make the High St, Angel St, Bell St all One Way.
104	Happy the town centre has everything it needs
105	please no more charity shops
106	restrict cars driving through the town centre
107	Pedestrianisation of the HighStreet. Re-doing all paving to match Gold Hill
108	Perhaps the High Street could be made one way for traffic
109	Pedestrian High Street (please do not argue about deliveries - see Sherborne!).
110	Less charity shops
111	Food shops
112	One way system through town, more yellow lines and road markings (give way) by Post Office.

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113	Sports store would be good, also a good DIY store would be brilliant. Tesco is so poor!
114	children's clothing shop, sewing/craft/art shop
115	No more charity shops.
116	improved eating places e.g. Weatherspoons, Harvester etc
117	childrens clothing store
118	Make Town one way traffic or none at all
119	Something for youth
120	One way system, banning vehicles over a certain tonnage at peak shopping times. i.e. between 10am and 4pm including buses.
121	Parking spaces MUST be provided for disabled people. No spaces in Shaftesbury High Street. SHAFTESBURY HIGH STREET: The pavements are extremely dangerous causing people to fall over. The Post Office outside: no-one know which way to go.
122	A fishmongers.
123	Better enforcement of parking restrictions - particularly disabled badge holders and delivery vehicles.
124	Get rid of cobble stones and bring back crossings and make it one way in the Town Centre
125	FREE PARKING 2 hours in car parks.
126	Electrical retailer.
127	One way system around Town Centre. Pavements that are big enough for a buggy/wheelchair
128	Closing the High St for several hours during the day to all traffic.
129	Less traffic through High St
130	Less traffic in town
131	Please no more card shops
132	Mainly keep to independent shops and markets ie farmers/craft/anquie et to create diversity and a differenc
133	Widening of paths or totally pedestrianising the Town Centre/High St
134	How about introducing a one way system in the High St? It is getting dangerous with the amount of heavy traffic using the High St.
135	More for disabled people
136	A good large traditional hardware shop like Cordens in Warminster. One or 2 National Shops may be appropriate but very targetted and only very few otherwise affordable for independents. A bit like Costa at the moment.
137	Wider pavements
138	Childrens clothes, shoe shop for lower end of market, electrical shop, hobby shop.
139	Do away with car parking outside St Peter's Church. BUT put down yellow lines for disabled cars only parking there: from Boots to St Peter's. Also put back zebra crossings.
140	20 Mph in the high street
141	enforce double yellow lines by kebab shop
142	Reduce rents so our existing long standing retailers can remain in business. Change does not always equal improvement!
143	One way traffic system - Bell Street and High Street.
144	One way traffic system.
145	We have most of the others very successfully.
146	Make town centre more appealing to pedestrians (20mph limit, gateways, e.g. better signage. Reduce clutter.
147	Please, no more chain/national stores. No more charity shops or tea shops. Grocers, children clothing, fishmongers, ironmongers would be useful.

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148	Sports Shop; Music Shop
149	Dynamic spaces - participatory. Repair/recycle centres; workshop spaces. Areas for young people to exhibit work/use computer skills.
150	National chain stores are needed in Shaftesbury, however, it would be better placed on a retail park outside of centre - town centre is a natural beauty spot for cafes and pubs etc
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152	I think making the town centre a pedestrian only zone would make the centre of Shaftesbury a much more agreeable environment to spend time in during the day. At present the pavements are dangerously narrow in spots considering the volume of traffic.
153	Take it back to how the road was 10 years ago without the stupid traffic calming, two zebra crossings and one way traffic up through the High Street and down round the bypass, which is what it was put there for to keep traffic out of the town.
154	Make High Street a oneway, and then you could do herringbone parking, which allows more people to park and pop in.
155	Maybe offer smaller retailers a unit facility in a larger outlet that could be divided into several outlets.
156	All controls probably still exist emanating from 1947 Planning Act?? Strict control, understanding control will do the rest. No selfish colours, advertising, idiotic layouts etc. We cant all be "Prince of Wales" but if there is a rule then enforce it.
157	More bins and seats.
158	Pedestrianisation of High Street. Re-instate zebra crossing at top and bottom of High Street. Re-introduce road markings at bottom of High Street or put up "pedestrian priority" signs.
159	Make the High St pedestrian only all the time & allow cafes to use their shop frontage. Place benches and trees up the High st to make it look attractive.
160	One way system; children's clothes
161	1. Parking facilities - what about 'park and ride' 2. Move the bus stop to the area by the Co-op 3. Have a bay there for Heavy Lorries to off load 4. Make Shaftesbury High St (in) one-way and Bell St (out) one-way.
162	Pedestrianisation! Close the main High St to Traffic at Peak Times
163	Pedestrian only High St
164	Closing the High St between the hours 10 am to 4 pm allowing people to walk in safety. Also allowing a decent weekly market.
165	Close the High St to cars. Other towns successfully do this. Much better for relaxing shopping
166	childrens clothing shop
167	One way traffic - signs at give way areas where 4 lanes collide near PO - it doesn't work - perhaps a roundabout.
168	Argos (on outskirts of town)
169	National chain stores should be a good addition but not in the town centre, this would adversely affect tourism
170	Independent grocer, ironmonger, proper flower shop
171	Outdoor cafe tables in summer months. Perhaps along Park Walk or in commons next to NatWest bank
172	Lorry ban 10 - 3 pm - but not bus ban. Reduce congestion by stopping illegal parking in High St. Monday - Friday not just occasionally. All shops to open at 9 am not 10 am.
173	Turn the High St and Bell St into a oneway system for traffic to ease congestion and make things a bit safer for pedestrians & cyclists
174	Shaftesbury has ceased to be user friendly since the awful town enhancement scheme. Crossing the road is a dangerous occupation since the removal of pedestrian crossings.
175	Baby and childrens clothes and equipment. Television and radio shop.

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176	Shaftesbury is no longer pedestrian friendly after removal of pedestrian crossing - now very difficult for elderly & poorly sighted
177	Too many charity shops
178	One-way system for traffic or closure for traffic during certain hours (e.g. 10am - 4pm)
179	One Way system or complete ban of traffic in High Street, except for deliveries at certain times
180	the main street is in constant chaos because of lorries and cars parked randomly at the narrowest parts of the street or double parked with no regard for traffic flow. A plan to allow unloading of lorries at night only would be welcomed.
181	+ DIY
182	'no traffic' thoroughfare. Pedestrianised central area with seating.
183	Street closure for limited hours - say 10.30 to 4.00, except for service buses, taxis, (disabled?), delivery. (I don't see how lorries / deliveries can be in each town at the same times!)
184	Pedestrian crossing in town to be re-instated. Make High Street a one way system and widen pavements at pinch points and lower end near post office
185	One way traffic, pedestrianised during the day
186	Parking for coaches must be improved to get the tourists back. That is if the town is being promoted!! Pedestrianise the High Street. One way round Bleke Street and Bell Street.
187	No more charity shops
188	Ban normal traffic through the High Street during shopping hours.
189	Pedestrian high street
190	A book shop.
191	a affordable shoes shop. CD music Shop DVD DIY shop - to get paints Tools Hardware shop we have enough coffee shops. No more charity shops more big name shop to fill empty shops
192	Pedestrian crossings reinstated in Shaftesbury High Street - car drivers have no idea pedestrian "right of way"
193	One way system in High Street
194	Most definitely more parking that is cheap
195	Mid price shoe shop eg Clarks
196	Periodic/partial pedestrianisation (say on a Saturday) as they do in Italy
197	Make it a pedestrian area or one-way system, then make the pavements wider
198	WOULD BE TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF BOOT THE CHEMIST - FOR PRESCRIPTIONS ONLY NEVER THERE ON TIMED COLLECTIONS CAUSING MANY PEOPLE A HEADACHE. WHAT IS IT GOING TO BE LIKE 2-3 YEARS FROM NOW WITH ALL THE ADDED POPULATION.
199	Pedestrianised 10 - 4pm
200	Definitely need a hardware store, possibly Robert Dyas
201	THE PHOTO ABOVE SHOWS HOW PEOPLE HAVE TO USE THE PAVEMENT AND ROAD AND THATS WITHOUT PRAMS AND DOGS ON LONG LEADS IN THE PICTURE. VERY DANGEROUS
202	Over emphasis on tourism has encouraged too many fancy goods gift shops (luxuries) small retailers are extinct due to supermarkets and council rates payable
203	Chasing up businesses like Edinburgh wool mill which allow shop fronts to deteriorate with rotten window woodwork and decaying concrete and brickwork.
204	one way traffic system
205	*pedestrianise the high street between 10am and 4pm
206	to have better public transport access, especially as parking
207	with a rapidly expanding population, 2 supermarkets are no longer sufficient.
208	perhaps a closed (...) high street allowing a safer shopping experience?
209	park and ride

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210	limit deliveries in high street and surrounding retail areas to pre 10am and post 4pm (for example) as happens in parts of other historic towns/cities eg: stonegate, york. (see above point)
211	There is a proven need for more car parking. The possibility of making one of the existing car parks into multi storey should be considered again.
212	20 MPH ZONE THROUGHOUT SHAFTESBURY - both centre & housing estates
213	One way street through the town
214	Pavements are too narrow. Pedestrian centre/stop traffic through the town
215	to either make the town one way or pedestrianised (high street)
216	Cafe in Arts Centre More covered areas on Park Walk (with seating)
217	Make streets pedestrian only during certain hours, like Sherborne- taking a pram around Shaftesbury is very difficult, and not safe. The same applies to wheelchair users.
218	we are losing important shops and the town is worse off as a consequence - encourage an independent whole food shop, bookshop, hardware shop, bookshop and reasonably priced grocer. RENTS NEED TO BE LOWER. no more charity shops or gift shops.
219	Improved internet access for visitors/shoppers to the town centre. This should be through a combination of cellular (3G,4G,5G), Wifi, or what ever is next. Greatly improved welcome signs etc. for motorist - something to encourage to stop and visit. Improved stop over accommodation for travellers, especially those on the A303
220	Pedestrianise high street during certain hours as shopping in the high street is dangerous. Pavements are narrow, meaning you have to step into the road to pass.
221	ONE WAY TRAFFIC OR COMPLETE PEDESTRIANISATION OF HIGH STREET
222	Make the high street vehicle free
223	make the town centre one way
224	Fewer charity shops
225	PEDESTRIANIZE THE HIGH STREET BUT ONE MAJOR PROBLEM THE TRAFFIC WHERE COULD IT BE DIVERTED?
226	Pedestrianisation of High Street
227	free car parking in co op to encourage shopping in town rather than at supermarket
228	one way traffic
229	pedestrianisation of the high street
230	pedestrian access only during 9-5
231	close the high street in shaftesbury and make it into a proper precinct.
232	Aldi/Lidl budget supermarkets. More shops near new estates (convenience store)
233	free parking. one way system in town centre
234	More signs & less "charity" shops and estate agents by reducing business rates for small businesses
235	A one way system, direction of which would favour buses/HGV deliveries
236	Fishmongers Cook shop - baking/cooking utensils
237	Childrens and baby clothing and baby and nursery equipment shop badly needed
238	bring back humphries!
239	One way traffic on the main street with widened pavements for pedestrian users enjoyment and safety
240	MAKE HIGH STREET SAFE FOR PEDESTRIANS OF ALL AGES. IN SOME PLACES PAVEMENT IS TOO NARROW FOR TWO PEOPLE TO PASS
241	one way traffic system
242	Safer pavements and crossing points. The town is hazardous for the elderly, people with pushchairs, children

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243	Hardware shop - important and needed
244	Bowling alley, level pavements. Lights along park walk. Gym
245	subsidise new independent retail - reduced etc. for 1st 12 months to encourage businesses other than in the high street. espeically near post office and tourist info office. poss pedestrianise areas accordingly.
246	MORE PARKING
247	Better traffic flow system as the pavements are very narrow - one way system? Part of the centre pedestrianised
248	Make it one way. Town would be safer for every one.
249	Free parking facilities
250	reinvestment in historic buildings. town hall, gold hill, abbey walk. The town centre is commercially already fantastic. leave it alone.
251	Make kerbs more pronounced to assist disabled - particularly guide dogs. Make sure cars are not on the pavements.
252	less charity shops look at frome model
253	A one way traffic system
254	One or two more areas for 'sitting out'. We are full of cafes etc but most are winter not summer orientated.
255	Develop a "one way" system and proper "pedestrian" ????? for crossing etc.
256	Lorry ban yes, but bus ban restricts shoppers
257	Taxes incentive for start up businesses
258	FRESH FISH SHOP
259	Fairly key (and always a challenge) is minimising the number of empty shops - even one or two in a town of our size has a significant impact aesthetically and in terms of the impression it creates. We need creative ideas (rent free periods etc) to ensure empty premises are snapped up. Sunday opening - dare I suggest?!
260	AND STRINGENT POLICING OF DBLE YELLOW LINE PARKING!
261	If charity shops wish to take the best shops in town they should pay full rates especially when they are purchasing stock to sell. If they were in the side streets it would give small indepents astart and improve the high st the new indepents should be getting the rate relief not the charity shops. Stop illegal parking at the bottom of high st.
262	PEDESTRIAN ACCESS & SPACE INCREASED
263	1) Pedestrianise as much as possible 2) Either force Tesco to charge for parking OR make town parking free. Or consider residents' yearly parking clock as in New Forest.
264	The land where A30 traveller's site is should have been a 'park & ride' together with land opposite wincombe industrial estate with shuttle buses to the town to provide parking outside of the town to encourage shoppers and provide more parking for businesses. Possible conflict with Longmead parking and new shops/office on Ivy Cross. Please be aware of this!!
265	Organic green grocer
266	Provide free car parking and pedestrianise High Street similar to Sherborne.
267	Traffic free zone during market days
268	Pedestrianisation
269	Surely pedestrianisation of High St would be better - other towns manage it, with shuttle bus service if necessary.
270	Free parking or nominal charge with no upper time limit. Enforcing parking restrictions at "the narrows" . We already have all the boxes I've not ticked. Lorry ban through town centre except for access at all times. Sat nav notice guiding through traffic via ring road
271	Pedestrian high street in daytime hours
272	Restrict disabled parking as it blocks the town centre.
273	A shop that sells cosmtics - not Boots No 7

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274	We have two excellent clothing shops long established. We don't want chain stores making our town indistinguishable from every other one. Cars should not dictate how we live. Ban them in the centre from 9 - 6
275	An electric & TV shop
276	Safety when shopping. The traffic should be banned during certain hours, so we can walk safely through the town. One day someone is going to be knocked down because of the poor pavements etc.
277	Pedestrian only time zones ie after 10am & before 4pm no motor vehicles in high st. ?? need better parking though.
278	Good independent book shop, wholefood shop, grocer/deli Electrical shop
279	Children's clothing.
280	Childrens clothes shops. 0-16year old.
281	To make the town centre ONE WAY (down through road) VERY IMPORTANT.
282	Remove traffic from the high street and make it a place for people - not cars
283	Most retail units are in use. I would recommend nothing which causes or instigates more building.
284	More toilets
285	Perhaps a SPA/hotel
286	Pedestrianise the High Street might help get more people & more tables/chairs on pavements for cafes & pubs/restaurants
287	More loos! Restrict rent increases to ensure all shops are always let and can survive and grow.
288	Grandiose scheme inappropriate - geographical limitations insuperable - realistic decision making now can avert planning disaster.
289	Health shop selling healthy food and products.
290	The new development to the east (off A30) would benefit from a small "corner shop"/grocery store.
291	Central lawn/???? area for performers etc. (eg behind present "Potting Shed" Potting Shed to expand into "garden & hardware shop" and move to High St
292	Level crossings at several places in the town centre particularly town hall area and post office area
293	Wider pavements, better seating, more rubbish bins, better traffic control, especially on people parking on double yellow lines & causing traffic chaos/driver anger
294	Fishmongers
295	Cheap shoe shop - that we wouldn't need to spend money in Yeovil & Salisbury
296	Green grocer Shoe shop Children's clothes shop Books/dvds/cds etc shop Better enforcement of parking restrictions including the 'blue badge' parking. Reduce on-street parking if additional parking provided elsewhere
297	Less charity shops
298	Large supermarket besides Tesco.
299	More free parking so people use the town. A cinema!
300	Pedestrianise the High Street from 10am-6pm
301	Extremely high quality (stone) paving, robust (not twee) street sign & furniture - subdue traffic - make the street a "living & cultural space for all-comers" - link to historic spaces - make the town a "system of quality spaces" to seduce visitors & locals alike c.f. European towns - Denmark, France, Germany etc.
302	Increase FREE parking facilities
303	Covered market
304	The rest above are already here. Add children's clothes, sports shop, quality bookshop
305	One way traffic system along the high street, the commons, bell street and angel lane. broader pavements along Salisbury street and the proposed one way system. broad enough for wheelchairs etc and with safety barriers between pavement and road.

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306	shaftesbury needs a quality hardware stor, and proper one that sells paint as well. can financial advisers not be on the high street. it is dead space for most of us. lack of facilities for younger people in the high street.
307	Shoppers in Shaftesbury are very well catered for but there is always room for improvement. the bigger variety of shops the more people will come and use all facilities, and good for locals. The re-instatement of safe pedestrian crossings would be a huge benefit.
308	MOre (rather than bigger) market stalls. encourage small co operative shops and family enterprises. grocery for example. we are lucky to have and must support all ways. small newspaper, bakery, green grocery shops and cafes, haberdasheries. etc.
309	pedestrian - only use during the day in shaftesbury high street and bell street.
310	stop traffic/ pedestrians and provide park and ride.
311	children 11-18 yrs clothing there isn't one currently.
312	a properly considered and planned one way system allowing free and safe movement of pedestrians which we don't have at the moment.
313	i would suggest that we need to encourage local people to start businesses, offer incentives, not all charity shops. There are amazing, frustrated young intelligent people out there who don't have an opportunity.
314	Town Centre (High St) fully pedestrianise from Bell Street to Mustons Lane 0930-1630 Then one way Mustons Lane to Angel Lane (c.f Sherborne) Parking - use available space. Does ?????? ?????? need 9 spaces?
315	High street, angel Square to saint Peter's church pedestrianise 10.00 AM-4.00 PM Monday-Saturday.
316	After wasting nearly £0.5 million on improving the high street thoroughfare a few years ago, it is now complete disgrace, ruined by lorries-buses etc who have to mount the pavement to pass. No zebra crossing for pedestrians.
317	some shops have closed recently due to high business rates. I suggest they be based on VAT.
318	We could do with A men's clothing and women's clothing shop. Well known hardware store that we all miss, a decent chemist that is more organise than boots!
319	Develop one way system - widen footpaths perhaps during specific hours in conjunction with lorry ban.
320	We have monthly farmer markets and a weekly market, perhaps encourage more stall holders and variety. One way traffic lower rentals for small shops . chrildrens wear?
321	Pedestrian crossings should be reinstated - the pink areas are dangerous to say the least.
322	keep charity shops to the level we have now
323	Affordable shoe shop, less charity shop, estate agents.
324	Wider safer pavements and access for wheelchairs etc. Pavements currently slant towards road so wheelchair use very difficult.
325	Wider pavements - one way traffic
326	music shop sports shop
327	one way system for traffic - long overdue!
328	Consideration should be given to better traffic management. For example sherborne as an example and restrict traffic during certain specific hours to its main street.

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329	Traffic management. It was possible to make the town centre pedestrians only for the middle part of the day say ten until three then it would make it a much more attractive shopping experience like Sherborne.
330	Close the high street between 10.00 AM and 4.00 PM to traffic. Will lower pollution. Would like to see less charity shops. Landlord need to charge realistic rent. Rating system for business rates requires review.
331	Also car ban during specified hours. Cars are not needed to be in the high street. Park and walk apart from disabled.
332	Pedestrianise high street.
333	Pedestrianise the high street.
334	SHOE SHOP FISHMONGER HARDWARD SHOP
335	Need to cater for young fashions
336	No more charity shops and no more offices taking up shop space
337	Cleaner Streets Pedestrian only areas
338	Close the town to traffic? Why not close the town to traffic. There is always a real buzz when this happens and the shops still out on to the street. It is not bad for disabled people either, because its safer to walk the road not the pavement
339	Independent bookshop (like Archway Books in Axminster, which is half the size of Shaftesbury)
340	Keep parking costs to a minimum - this take people away from town For disabled drivers - have a limit they can park in High Street - not all day like one particular person does!!
341	pedestrian only
342	Childrens clothing Shoe shop
343	Hardware shop - definitely! To encourage local shops along the High Street to open on Sundays. There are often tourists and holiday-makers, wedding guests, and visitors in town on Sundays.
344	Proper public toilet facilities - the current facilities are a disgrace!
345	Small independent and specialist shops should be promoted and special markets encouraged on weekly and eventually week-ends in a traffic-free zone in the High Street
346	Signage on 350 and 50 directing to town - (not bypassing town). Car parks - lower charges.
347	ALL vehicle ban during specified hours. Regular traffic-free days
348	More shops are not important you need to help the shops that are there
349	one-way system through town - cars recycle via bell street one way and down angel lane lorries via beeches
350	pedestrian the high street 9am - 5pm
351	would support a small national chain shop on outskirts of town
352	garden centre
353	PDSA or other animal welfare charity shop
354	One way system though the town - it is achievable, occasional stopping of traffic through the town. ie Market Day & Saturday morning
355	Reduce business rates. Sunday opening and free parking
356	One way system. Enforcement of parking laws and anti litter laws.
357	An M&S food shop would be great, we had three shops on the High Street that meet all my needs and all have gone, Humphries and the DIY shop. Have to travel to Yeovil/Salisbury for most fo my shopping. But Shaftesbury have good small independents

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358	The Town Centre should be made as a 'One Way' system for all public services, deliveries to the main shops, especially at the narrowest part of the High Street with Mustons Lane. This would alleviate the continual congestion which builds up on a daily basis.
359	Grocery Greengrocery Fishmonger
360	A one waysystem to alow shopping, not to be a dangerous place but to allow shopping to be a pleasure!
361	Shuttle bus service to serve surrounding villages - mini buses serving villages south and north of town. Rota of days for different areas. Funding required for 6 months trial.
362	Shuttle mini-bus from villages
363	Perhaps a one way system would help with the traffic problems? Children's clothing and shoes (if shoe shop closes), Internet cafe / use of an existing cafe - there are quite a few!) Antiques would be good.
364	Shaftesbury's appeal is because there are so few national chains - keep it that way! Rents need reviewing for small businesses to survive / thrive. No more card or coffee shops please!
365	Children's clothing especially teens, but then again, there is a lack of younger years too...M&Co just can't cover it! Teens need something to do and shopping is something they all love especially clothes. Show shops! Not just children's ie stomp.
366	Make town a one-way traffic system
367	Indicate designated rights of way at the Town Hall and Angel Lane. Also at the junction of Mustons Lane and the High Street.
368	make high street one way
369	Please can we have the High St pedestrianised - even if only for core hours. It is a nightmare to walk up and down and so I avoid it. Als there will be an accident if no road markings remain at Angel Square.
370	Children's clothes shop; definitely hardware; plus kitchen shop
371	Cafes suitable for pushchair access with space for children to play (play areas) and children's clothes toy shops or community area/centre
372	Pedestrianisation; close centre to traffic
373	Close High St to traffic between 9 am & 5pm this would enhance road safety and allow local shops to expand onto the High St
374	Shoe shop, High St, small food shop for everyday foods, eg Milk without need for big supermarket, Garden Centre
375	To seek authority from national government to control the business/charity shops in order that a natural balance can be attained.
376	A general mixture of businesses - small national chain stores (size of a shop) plus independent. Keeping the Town Clean & tidy and businesses keeping premises smart.
377	D not try to put retail out of the Town Centre - turn cattle market into a car park - not more development.
378	We need a DIY store like B&Q
379	Affordable eating places, eg weatherspoons, Toby carvery etc
380	Park & ride
381	Make High St pedestrian only during shop opening hours
382	National chain stores (eg argos, wilkinson) attract shoppers. Would benefit the small independents through increased foot fall. Woolworths was great for the Town (I worked in a busy shop in town)
383	We in Shaftesbury are fortunate to have a good mix of shops which results in a pleasant and attractive centre to shop in. The layout is also good with access to our views over the Blackmore Vale so more of the same in my opinion.

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384	A chemist shop like the one in Sherborne and a record shop like Acorns in Yeovil
385	B&Q or similar & new supermarket as tesco struggle to cope with parking
386	Traffic free zone on high st, public toilets for visitors
387	Free parking at weekends and Bank Holidays
388	We should have a monthly market like in Frome, it brings in many visitors and has increased the diversity in the shop traders too. Froome is in the national media for being cool, creative and interesting place to visit. Plus antique and vintage fashion shops please
389	ban begging from the town
390	DIY Store
391	Shaftesbury could maybe benefit from car free shopping as successfully done in Sherborne between the hours of 9-4? Better regularity of buses from Motcombe and back
392	Buses must have access to Hire & Parsons Bus Stop since the store entrance provides a shelter for waiting bus users. As does the Town Hall porch.
393	Central electric/gas appliance shop, bigger weekly market in street
394	Pedestrianise the High St, Too busy/big lorries/onstreet parking - more parking
395	Would be good to get a place for young people to go, like leisure complex/cinema
396	Free parking to encourage people into the town and also to use the car parks rather than street parking free toilet facilities.
397	Possibly to stop people parking where they want regardless of who or what they are. And maybe a one way system
398	Pedestrianization of the High St
399	We need a new middle range (Clarks shoe shop) & hardware store
400	Pedestrian only area - One-Way system
401	Accessibility - transport, parking are just as important
402	Making traffic one way
403	There is confusion over who has right of way in the High St where it has been paved with bricks - it is traffic or pedestrian. This is particularly dangerous since the zebra crossing was removed.