

## Free Text Response – Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas & Cann Questionnaire

Q34 Other Comments for Open Spaces and Environments	
1	1. To be undertaken by Landowners offering allotments, not councils 2) Better built in gardens in new houses
2	a huge yes for so many reason. better sustainable living etc
3	A method of getting local people involved in a community project like Homegrown through regular advertising and promotion. Should we have a project leader as they do now in many towns in the UK.
4	a place for owners to take dogs for walks.
5	A total ban on all dogs in all recreation parks - the amount of dog fouling is horrendous in some areas - particularly Wincombe Provision of recreation parks is good - but spoilt by misuse by minority - anti social behaviour, litter and fly tipping
6	Adequate funding for enhancement. Agreed management plans for all public open spaces. Well trained grounds team, good management; volunteer help from local people.
7	All new housing development should have allotments
8	Allotment land on new developments.
9	Allotment space on developments outside of town centre (beyond ring road)
10	Allotments are great news but need to be allocated fairly.
11	Allotments seem to be popular
12	Allotments should only be provided if there is the demand otherwise they just become untidy eyesores.
13	An open space system / environmental master plan concept would embrace the town, surroundings & villages & provide a wonderful vision for residents & visitors alike. Open space, topography, stone, trees & form a rationale & justifiable basis to identify projects within a framework to justify attracting funds from various sources.
14	Answer to Q33 - if needed.
15	Any new build estates must have 'green areas' for safety play and encourage people to mix/meet. Dog must be limited in public areas.
16	Area of open space should be increased and pollution from heavy traffic moved to bypass around villages and Shaftesbury.
17	Areas for dog walking only!
18	as 28a. Provision has been made for a small number of non council tax/non voting members of the community (skateboard park) why not dog owners?
19	As in the other parts of the UK, use all available open spaces for edible fruits, vegetables and flowers for use of the community on a take as you want policy (River Cottage idea)
20	Ask NDDC Dog Warden to regularly patrol open spaces to enforce the rules on dog ownership and fouling and to photograph those who flout these laws.
21	Ask Upper School pupils
22	Ban all G. M. applications
23	Ban dogs from public areas or deter dog fouling by using luminous chalk / paint & posters!
24	Better to avoid city style tiny gardens in this country town to avoid the need for allotments. Please remove the 6 military signs on the three rocks in Meles Mead Play area on the new housing development. Inappropriate location
25	better use of st james common.
26	Breach common
27	Build new houses with gardens - people can choose to grow food/gardens are better for wildlife/ improves living conditions for estate dwellers.
28	but only if its going to be used not left to overgrown scrub
29	childrens conservation project areas, plant new woodlands.
30	Children's playground at the bottom of gold hill needs refurbishment and upgrading. 
31	Clean and clear up existing areas at park walk and castle hill.
32	Community involvement in management
33	Community Orchard

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34	could be much more creative with open space and outdoor education. facilities/ activities/ growing. linking schools with community allotment facilities - grants to encourage this. forest school type opportunities.
35	Definitely more allotments
36	definitely more thought should be given to teenagers needs. and comfortable sheltered benches for elderly and disabled.
37	Designated spaces for football/cricket/rugby/hockey/tennis needs to be built into plan.
38	Do not give planning permission to ugly buildings and developments.
39	Dog fouling
40	Dog free areas for families that have small estate gardens.
41	Dog parks - where owners can openly walk dogs leaving play parks etc free for children to play.
42	Dog poo on pavements is disgusting. Needs sorting!
43	Dog waste bins at certain areas and covered seating areas, to allow people to rest and get shelter if weather requires it
44	Don't allow inappropriate development.
45	Don't make dog owners feel like social outcasts. Have some dog-free areas - but do not keep dogs out of open spaces (dog was bins please).
46	Don't want Shaftesbury too "tidied up" - prefer naturalised planting and some wild areas. not just cherry trees and annuals!
47	Employ local beggars to collect litter regularly and pay them for it.
48	empty dog bins more regularly. All too often left in a mess of heaped bags & rubbish which discourages use.
49	encourage the young to get involved.
50	Ensure land near footpaths is not built to the edge of the footpath thus creating dark alley instead of free footpath. Try walking footpath No 3 from top to bottom!
51	Ensure we keep some of our "country " landscape, green fields etc..... not all for housing developments.
52	Environment must be protected at all times - once gone never replaced. There needs to be joined up thinking in this country
53	Events that bring people together in the environment - Festival of Food for example
54	Existing allotments are regrettably underused.
55	Football to be played only in appropriate areas not in small parks by roads
56	Give back the free tennis court and outdoor pool.
57	Gives garden space to residential retail properties
58	growing and buying food locally and more markets for small local sellers. More farm shops/cafes
59	Humans need open spaces. Once it's gone, it's gone.
60	I do not know much about transition towns, but anything that encourages locally grown food - is excellent
61	I have met long term residents of Shaftesbury who are unaware of the existence of Castle Hill!
62	I have to admit to some ignorance in this area as my garden is adequate for my own vegetable growing needs. Is there a waiting list for allotments?
63	I think within its ability the town has done OK here
64	I would love a small allotments. But I must praise 'signpost' who have led an initiative to 'grow your own' and gave raised beds, plants and tool free to residents - wonderful.
65	I would love to be able to walk and cycle in my neighbourhood i.e Coles Lane, Guys Marsh, Cherry Orchard, Enmore Green to A30 etc. but the cars are too fast and lorries too big I have to put bike on car and drive to safer places.
66	if all the allotments are full then more space is needed especially with an expanding world population and all the far east wanting western type foods
67	If the need is there - consider it.
68	If there is a need for allotments

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69	If we must lose greenfield sites to new housing, at least make sure a decent amount of open space is allocated per development.
70	In town only
71	Indoor bowling facility - we already have Short Mats.
72	Instigation of what might call 'social gardening' ie group horticulture for a common aim.
73	Is there a waiting list for allotments? If so then provide a few more!
74	It is important to maintain Open Spaces in Shaftesbury
75	It should be a high priority to maintain and improve and protect all local open spaces. 
76	It would be easy to make pedestrian paths in and out of Shaftesbury - but not cycle tracks - perhaps bike banks like Boris' in London at base of hills.
77	I've been on the waiting list for an allotment for 5 years. I don't want to have to get in my car and drive across town in order to get to an allotment. Lots of time seems to be spent on Abbey Walk and the 'old' part of town, but not much protected elsewhere. The town doesn't feel 'joined up'.
78	just make sure no more development than is necc. goes on them.
79	Keep our beautiful rural feel. We don't need to be a big North Dorset town.
80	keep the council out of it
81	keep them attractive and tidy. availability of litter bins etc. good decorative railings and lampposts etc in keeping with character of town.
82	Keep them maintained.
83	Keep wilderness Don't prettify! Don't over tidy.
84	Leave them open - no more house building
85	Leisure facilities needed
86	Lets keep them
87	Make sure we still have open spaces etc
88	Maximise what we have - and add/find/develop new areas! As a frequent dog-walker I would like new/additional options from my doorstep. This will help in connection with Q32 - and the dog walking fraternity should be encouraged - they are sociable peaceful and respectful group by and large and the eyes and ears.
89	More allotments may be a good idea.
90	MORE ALLOTMENTS NEEDED FOR FAMILIES TO GROW THEIR OWN FRUIT AND VEG - FOR CHILDREN TO UNDERSTAND GARDENING ETC
91	More areas for dog walkers
92	More attractive approaches to town from all major roads
93	More childrens outside play facilities. Local run cafe in summer on Park Walk. Outdoor keep fit park on P Walk for adults. Funicular for Park Walk
94	More dog friendly areas - I hate going to the local park as there are so many other people/dogs there.
95	More land designated as zoned for small holdings so houses adjoining fields can run small-holdings, rather than big fields being sold for mass-development. Try to use rural skills/smallholdings as special feature of the town/Nth Dorset.
96	More litter bins - and stop dog fouling!
97	More litter bins, emptied more frequently Funding for a 'road sweeper person(s)'
98	more litter bins, fund a road sweeper person and more areas.
99	More open spaces walks and outside areas to promote healthy living for children to be outside more.
100	More permanent picnic tables & bins
101	More seats with shelter.
102	more small holdings
103	More work on Barton Hill green space to make central park and leisure area including gardens.
104	N/A

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105	Need as a stable, well run and motivated team to maintain the quality of open spaces according to a well constructed plan. good relations with voluntary groups.
106	Need new playing field space on the perimeter of the town. Develop a parkland corridor alongside Coppice Street
107	need open spaces for playareas
108	need some supervision to prevent vandalism.
109	No.
110	Not all allotments are in use!
111	Not always sure where to get info about allotments etc
112	Only that especially now in the wake of the town's expansion, we must recognise the high value of our open spaces and their benefits. Not just because open spaces are obviously more wildlife friendly, but also because they benefit our physical and mental health.
113	Open space for leisure
114	open spaces to be well maintained, rubbish cleared up and seating and equipment to be well maintained.
115	Places like Shaftesbury loose their charm if they are too manicured
116	Plant a tree weeks.
117	plant more trees
118	Playground apparatus for the older generation
119	Please don't lose the field by the youth club - used by so many for recreation and enjoyment
120	please ensure three footpath are not lost due to new housing.
121	Preservation is important
122	Preserve as many as possible
123	Preserve them & don't build on them, or put extra War Memorials on them.
124	prevent corruption to applications for public funds.
125	Promote adventure activities
126	Protect the spaces we have
127	protect trees and hedgerows
128	Provision for play areas 0-5 and 5-11 seems to be available - some enhancements and plantings can lead vandalism sadly - many daffodils are beheaded and trampled on at wincombe rec.  Enforcement of irresponsible dog ownership behaviour.
129	Publicity for the excellent community garden scheme needed (near St John's area?)
130	Q33 If sought by public
131	Rather than building on all of our beautiful open spaces, why not create a nature reserve. This would create jobs and be educational as well as lucrative.
132	Recreation for teenagers
133	Reduce the size of plots to a more manageable size
134	renewable energy
135	see response 28a
136	Sharing of allotments, perhaps with schools, care homes etc.
137	Should be well maintained
138	Snowdrop festival is growing, perhaps other festivals throughout the year would help
139	So important for children and dogs
140	Sports areas for all.
141	Start by leaving Open Spaces as they are.
142	Stop building houses - Stop - Stop - Stop!!!
143	Stop turning them into urban parks. This is a country market town.
144	SWIMMING POOL!!!!
145	Swimming Pool?
146	Take away allotments from people who don't look after them and give them to people on the waiting list.

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147	take care of them before its to late.
148	The children's playground in Abbey Park to be updated long overdue. 
149	The hedges in the park on Park Walk could be lower so that people can look at the view all the way along. The slopes could also be tidied up a bit
150	The little park on the Maltings is not maintained very well and could do with a tidy up. It should have the soft rubber flooring and remove the current plastic matting
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152	The open spaces are best left alone
153	The overgrown derelict area off Breach Common really needs to be restored for most of the activities you list above.
154	The slope between Park Walk and St james is, for the most part, overgrown and a bed of nettles. It looks untidy & uncared for
155	The waiting list for an allotment is too long
156	There are many allotments that are either under used or not used at all. If not used productively for say 2 years then they should be given to someone else.
157	There is a demand/waiting list for allotments. Therefore LONG STANDING plans for new provision should be pushed i.e A30 S106 money
158	There must be plenty of open space allocated to any and all further development. Be it for children, dog walkers or just sitting to chat.
159	There was money available for improving some areas of the town (ROSE meeting May 13) why has it not been used. Burnt out bins & rubbish left in Coppice St for nearly 2 years - disgusting.
160	These are definitely needs as the new housing estates do not have gardens for young children to play in safely. So open spaces are a priority
161	They should be pollution free
162	They should be retained!
163	Think of the young people and their needs primarily. Have teenagers/our future generation/users been consulted? my 18 and 20 year olds have not.
164	This encourages the younger population to grow up aware of their surroundings & stop abuse of facilities
165	This is vital
166	<b>TO BE RETAINED FOR OUTDOOR PURSUITS</b>
167	To be strongly protected from development of any kind
168	Town council could promote shaftesbury home grown community at breach lane
169	Tree & shrub planting & installation of sculptures at Strategic Locations
170	Use all the existing Hills & ponds to generate electricity clean out the mill ponds, help reduce flooding
171	very important that new developments has space for gardens and trees
172	Victorian town planners understood the need for open spaces - Shaftesbury had more open space 50 years ago.
173	village days, volunteers working party young and old in improving area.
174	We have some spaces where footpaths are never maintained. These provide dark corners for unsuitable behaviour eg drugs/child abuse muggings
175	We must not let landowner and farmer sell their land for homes, there is no need.
176	We really do need more leisure facilities within the town, ie swimming pool, football pitches leisure centre
177	We should use open spaces as a source of income for the town. The allotments should pay for themselves and could provide additional income to improve open spaces.
178	We would simply disagree/approve with the development of any large industrial or superstore
179	What is here is fine

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180	Why the reluctance to employ professionals who have the knowledge, who can properly advise and inform and lead constructive processes? The goes for Open Space, Environment etc.
181	WILD FLOWER & BEE FRIENDLY AREAS
182	wind and solar power generation
183	With the sports centre Green fields would be fantastic to play on in the spring/summer
184	yes all good
185	Yes give more access to the countryside. Dog Walking areas are difficult to find.
186	Your plan needs to be realistic. Creating a town which has outstanding public space for all users - walkers, cyclists, shoppers, residents, tourists is key. Focusing on single interest users eg cyclists shoppers etc will not achieve this. The one common factor to creating exemplar public space is to remove traffic.