

Free Text Response – Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas & Cann Questionnaire

Q41a Other objectives for improved transport and traffic management	
1	20mph limit in all streets around and in town with pedestrian priority. Move on street parking would restrict access and slow traffic down. Vital to restrict speed around schools and where no pavements - Salisbury Street and Layton Lane. Crossing around Royal Chase roundabout very difficult.
2	A bypass.
3	A new bypass is definitely needed, Christys Lane cannot cope with amount of traffic, also A350 is totally unsuitable for the heavy traffic, the Lower Blandford Road should not be an "A" road.
4	A one way system is called for and a 20 mph restriction through the town centre.
5	A350 have no footpaths c13 for children using the school lower blandford road (from surrounding areas)
6	Again these questions have been asked before many years ago with nil positive results.
7	Alas I don't know enough about the traffic / transport elements of Shaftesbury to make a constructive comment. Perhaps extensions and bypasses might be the answer and certainly no house should be developed without something to sustain the people.
8	All 11 villages on the A350 to poole would benefit from a much need bypass as would the 13000 daily drivers who use it. Foreign HGV drivers leaving Poole docks heading for the M4 might not be so shocked either at the inadequate present rout + could be persuaded to bring more trade into poole
9	Also introduce a Bypass for the A350/C13 roads
10	Alternatively, make St James/Layton Lane/School a one way road - 20 mph speed limit and some strategically placed sleeping policemen (humps) remember that this a conservation area.
11	Another zebra crossing from the footpath past the vets to Barton Hill skatepark is a must.
12	Anything that includes the concept of bypass. Allowing sufficient turning space and dropped curbs for mobility mercenaries.
13	Better links to south coast
14	better public transports. incentives to not use the car. especially to the railway station (gill. and tisbury) and rural services into shaftesbury
15	bring back the pedestrian crossings
16	Bring buses into a bus station either end of the town centre. That will improve the High Street environment and reduce fumes.
17	Build infrastructure before houses, particularly roads, GP Surgery, schools . playgrounds
18	by adapting a one way traffic system from the post office in a clockwise direction as shown on the attached map you could introduce chevron park from boots to the town hall.
19	BY PASS A350 - TO HART HILL A30-C13/A30 - HOW LONG WOULD THIS TAKE. C13/A350 COULD NOT COPE AS IT IS AT THE MOMENT - TOO WINDING
20	By pass for traffic to and from Gillingham to the A30
21	By pass need considerable thought as the traffic from the motorway to poole/bournemouth etc could be diverted to a new dual carriageway closer to motorway junction.
22	Bypass Cann and Melbury Abbas. Ban HGVs from MA. Ban all traffic from High St at specified times. Through traffic problems will be exacerbated by planned enhancement of A303.
23	bypass for Long Cross
24	By-pass from A350 at top of hill to Semley. Through the 7 hectares employment area (good transport link for businesses). Joining C13 South of Melbury.
25	bypass from A350 to A30 would make a massive difference to quality of life of citizens of Shaftesbury & surrounds

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26	Bypass idea could work, not sure but have ticked. I do not want to see the Town damaged because it is closed to through traffic - thereby lies the death knell for town centre shops and businesses. Traffic is mainly considerate and slow going through the town. The only issues that arise are lorries that park on the very narrow section or sometimes the bus trying to get through. However, these are not so serious that they require anything to happen. And without demolishing half the high street the only solution is the status quo. A lot of people call for banning traffic through the town, but you will find that these people live in the town and always walk to the shops. If the town is to be available to others and therefore to survive you need to allow traffic through it and to park on the roadside. (Let's not forget that Shaftesbury is on the top of a hill !! Accessibility by car is critical.
27	bypass main priority
28	Bypass Melbury Abbas and make the C13 the main Poole road.
29	BYPASS NEEDED.
30	BYPASS NEEDED.
31	bypass on west of town b3081 across to a30 to b3091 to avoid traffic??? improvement to lane at breach common - as another access road to abbey primary school and st james.
32	Bypass option-I would have to see map for opinion.
33	C13 not suitable - shouldn't be developed either
34	C13 very important to keep through traffic more out of built up areas
35	Cars not to park over pedestrian pathways
36	Clear rights of way/clarity at junctions/one way traffic flow through whole town.
37	Close High St to traffic between 9am & 5pm,
38	close high street to traffic
39	Closure of C13 causing more traffic at top of A350 at Cann. Either open road at C13 or get on with Bypass to Blandford. Traffic from Shaftesbury to Blandford needs a bypass.
40	Consider park and ride scheme as town visitors get bigger
41	consider special hours for lorry access to shops ie at beginning or end of day
42	Could a one-way system be considered? Have specified times for loading/unloading of HGVs and vans to shops and enforced no parking in High Street during these times. Install marked pedestrian crossings top and bottom of town.
43	Create cycle paths between neighbouring towns, making it safe to cycle between sites,
44	Cycle pathways.
45	cycle routes into the town centre from the new estates which avoid the main roundabout.
46	Cycleways alongside roads or more white lines for safer cycling and walking
47	Definite prospect of rapid increase in traffic and even larger and heavier HGVs which are indisputably unsuitable and dangerous to use C13 thro' Melbury Abbas and up Spreddeagle 1 in 6 hill.
48	Deliveries banned between 9am - 5pm, as the large vehicles cause chaos and are inconsiderate during shopping hours in town
49	delivery to shops on the gold hill side of the high street is impossible apart from access via the high street. limited access in sherborne seems to work. perhaps use their ethos at least as a trial.
50	Do not agree with by-pass suggestion (No 6). Countryside shouldn't be destroyed for more roads. They quickly generate more traffic without solving the problem.
51	Don't introduce new housing until we have the road infrastructure in place North South East and West.
52	Dorset County Council have no idea about the locality. For example they think that there are no houses near the Ivy Cross bypass and that you can exit from Well Lane direct onto the Bypass
53	Eastern bypass MUST be built to remove through traffic before any more major development.
54	Eastern development should be able to have buses running in it.

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55	Encourage the High Street shops to open on a Sunday there are often visitors with nowhere to go and the gift shops that are aimed at tourist should open.
56	Enforce parking restrictions e.g alongside R C church in Salisbury St at service times The Narrows The Commons etc
57	Fairly new to area so not sure about traffic by-passes etc. but does need something done.
58	footnote to 'Stagger Housing Development to be in line with Highway Provision' *Abandon further housing development. Too many houses for local needs - Disastrous expansion of town into greenfields, with no jobs, no infrastructure, and utterly spoiling this historic town.
59	Future pedestrianisation
60	Gateway features - sounds like nonsense. Shaftesbury already on top of a hill, what more of a 'gateway' do you require other than building fake town walls .. Mind boggles.
61	Gateway features are awful - where then they do nothing to enhance a place. Never heard of poor air quality in town!
62	Get the C13 open again and restrict it to cars and light vans only
63	going back over 1989 bypass plans - the green route was always my preference. The shortest and least obtrusive.
64	Have a delivery park/bus park on the edge of town such as an area in the old Cattle Market
65	HGVs allowed only for deliveries.
66	HGVs in town only after shop closed
67	HGV's times restricted ie 6 pm - 6 am only access
68	HGVs to deliver between 5pm & 7am
69	High street with one way system.
70	How does this improve transport and traffic management!
71	I do not support anymore housing development we should encourage development in villages to keep their schools, shops etc open for families to have a choice of where to live.
72	If the pavements in the town are to be widened - there will have to be a One Way system
73	If you extend Gillingham Road to join A30 east of Long Cross you risk spoiling the view from Castle Hill - again!
74	if you have more visitors then you increase traffic - some of these questions are very poorly thought through
75	Improve and enhance the welcome to shaftesbury for traffic approaching from all main roads .
76	improved route from shaftesbury to blandford
77	Improved safe crossing points for pedestrians in town centre. The unmarked 'mixed zones' simply do not work and there is no signage to warn motorists that they should give way to pedestrians An accident waiting to happen.
78	improved safety for pedestrians = pedestrian crossings.
79	Increase short term parking provision
80	Install one-way traffic system. Bring back wardens to deal with illegal parking. Community officers do nothing.
81	Introduce bypass to take traffic off B3081 altogether except local areas
82	Introduce one way system in town
83	investment in tidying up the A350 environment in and around the Wincombe business park to make it a more attractive entrance to the town
84	It is totally inappropriate to suggest a by-pass that could connect up to the c13. This road, by its very nature, is unsuitable for anything other than cars and small vans. It can not be subjected to even more traffic than before.
85	Last point no development no roads required. Win win
86	Leave as is
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88	link bus routes for workers

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89	Lorries are a real problem, so too the volume of cars. Christy's lane needs a by-pass.
90	LOWER SPEED LIMITS IE WINCOMBE LANE PASSING SCHOOL SHOULD BE TWENTY ZONE
91	Maintenance of all roads & associated verges & ditches
92	Make High Street safe to cross - bring back Pedestrian crossings.
93	Make sure people who already live in town do not suffer & those who have permits have the priority
94	Maybe to have a way to bypass Melbury Abbas and Cann Common and use the A350, it is an A road, C13 is too narrow cannot take lots of traffic.
95	Melbury Abbass bypass urgently needed Weight limit on C13 Save Dinah's Hollow
96	melbury bypass
97	More cycleways
98	More important to bypass Melbury Abbas & improve the Cann / Melbury Access South.
99	More parking
100	more public transport to salisbury. train station in gill. and yeovil but if we invest in shaftesbury - just a local bus will do!
101	move ambulance station to fire station would stop going through the town all day and make a car park on the ambulance station.
102	N/A
103	Need a zebra crossing by the Post Office area
104	need more public transport
105	no bypass!
106	No further traffic management is required. The little hold ups are now caused by 1) illegal parking in High St 2) Bad design & wrong timing on pedestrian crossings on Christies lane & poor driving standards/use of road space
107	No more houses before bypass, school and gp surgery
108	No more houses needed!
109	NO MORE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN SHAFTESBURY
110	No more roads in the countryside, close town centre to traffic and make it pedestrian only.
111	No new Roads - improve existing ones
112	No new roads that destroy the countryside
113	No opinion.
114	No to a new road.
115	NO TRAFFIC LIGHTS - USE ROUNDABOUTS OFTEN THE PARKING PROVISION AT ABBEY VIEW IS POOR
116	Not sure what "stagger housing development" means but if it implies that developments need open spaces then yes.
117	not sure what proposed site of a bypass would be.
118	not to create any north-south trunk roads
119	one way system to high street delivery vans restricted hours
120	One Way down High street
121	One way system
122	One way system in town for all traffic
123	One way system, specified hours of delivery
124	ONE WAY SYSTEM. CONTINUE TO DEVELOP FLYOVER (3 LANE) THROUGH LONG CROSS BY WIDENING EXISTING ROAD

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125	One way traffic system in town
126	One-way system - High Street one way, Bell Street / Barton Hill the other.
127	ONLY ONE WAY TRAFFIC THROUGH TOWN CENTRE WOULD BE AN ASSET
128	open closed roads
129	open the top road
130	Park and Ride could be considered
131	Parking
132	Pedestrian crossings: A30 West (Well Lane) A350 North (Grosvenor Road)
133	pedestrianise high street. (see previous) page
134	pedestrianise centre
135	Pedestrianise High St
136	Pedestrianise the central area in town.
137	Pedestrianise the high street say from 10 - 4
138	Pedestrianise town centre from the commons to the post office. Replace zebra crossings. No access to traffic from 9.30 AM to 4.30 PM.
139	Perhaps also the Bypass (Point 6 above). Do not know enough detail to comment.
140	PLEASE don't make shaftesbury a no drive or no parking zone. There are no traffic problems here other than perhaps fears of HGV's damaging structures perhaps in narrow streets/.
141	Please no other traffic lights - use roundabouts. The traffic lights on the A30 sometimes appear red for no reason or the main road stops for one car, don't let Shaftesbury get like Gillingham where the number of lights must surely increase the air pollution - you slow down brake & change gear because a light is red the it changes when you are near so you accelerate again
142	please veto large housing estates, superstructure of shaftesbury cannot cope with it.
143	Potential pedestrian injuries to children crossing Christy's Lane junction with Royal Chase roundabout.
144	prevention of random parking on particularly narrow stretches of high street which cause grid locking of traffic.
145	Provide easier traffic flow in St James by restricting lorries except for emergency services and deliveries. It has become a 'rat run' and is dangerous for residents and children pets and existing house frontages. Speed restriction needed.
146	Provide rising pillars at top and bottom of the High St to restrict traffic to emergency & bus transport between 10 am and 4 pm
147	Providing a free car park that is well signed to arriving traffic with clear directions into the centre to encourage business to the town but reduce traffic on high ST.
148	Provision of carefully located pedestrian crossings in the town centre.
149	Put back zebra crossings (or pelican crossing or whatever you like to call them).
150	re open C13 ASAP
151	Reduce housing development and you will cut future traffic volume increases
152	Reduce speed limit in town to 20mph and 30 on main through route with additional crossing on A350 Warminster road and lights or roundabout at wincombe entrance
153	Reduce speed through town. Should be 20 mph, especially along Salisbury Street beyond where the road narrows
154	Reduce traffic going along Wimcombe Lane/Shaftesbury Primary School
155	Reduced speed limits: 30mph on the A350 (Grosvenor Road) and A30 (Christy's Lane) and 20mph in the High Street.
156	Reduced Traffic in Town = reduced Shopping - One way system please!
157	Re-instate pedestrian crossings, especially at Angel Lane/High St/Salisbury St/Coppice St Junction. Motorists and pedestrians are totally at a loss to know who has right of way.
158	Re-introduction of coach parking facilities would increase tourist numbers.

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159	Relief road Blandford / Sturminster Newton / Shaftesbury / Gillingham West of A350 and linked with Enmore Green relief road then on to A350 in Wiltshire north of Semley Hollow.
160	Remove 'pinch point' in the High St. Replace road markings at bottom of the High St (by Post Office) to define High St/Salisbury Rd. Coppice St & Angel Lane should be minor roads
161	Remove through traffic from Cann, Melbury Abbas and Shaftesbury with a BYPASS. Benefit all the villages to Poole by an improved road system. Benefit all drives in Dorset who travel in this area.
162	Re-open C13 as soon as possible and repair all roads damaged by this closure
163	Re-open the top road to Blandford or introduce a by-pass for lorries.
164	Reopening Semley train station and provide a regular bus service from SHaftesbury
165	Require By-Pass but - C13 not suitable for heavy traffic as Melbury Abbas is small and windy road. Also A350 should carry traffic as primary North/South route
166	Residents parking zones.
167	Restrict times of HGV's in town.
168	Roads need to be part of much wider assessment from Poole north.
169	roundabout at Tescos is too small and dangerous.
170	Safety pinchpoint traffic figures already exceeded on C13! A C13 / A350 by-pass only solution towards Blandford West of A350
171	see 23a
172	see 40a ie police exiting!!
173	See my answer to 40a above, or even make the high street into a one way system.
174	Shaftesbury should be regarded as a pedestrian priority town.
175	Signs that say "No parking in town - Visitor parking this way"
176	signs to say pedestrians priority at entrance to high street and removal or poor quality shared surfaces at road junctions no impasses only moves problem/traffic jams further on and brings hgvs using a350 altogether - no benefits for north Dorset.
177	Slower traffic Maximum parking Make through traffic using bypass.
178	Slowing down the developments would help all the new people integrate better. If you build shops and pubs on new developments the people won't interate, they won't need to, so more insular settlements
179	Some policing of the above concerns. Residential and commercial areas built apart from each other
180	Some years ago I campaigned for a pedestrian crossing opposite the end of Homefield across the A350 to enable residents to cross to the bus stop, schools and post box. It was agreed (in writing) but later cancelled. The Council reneged - promises are worthless.
181	Sort out parking so the traffic does not need to come into Town Centre to park.
182	Speed limit in Town. And sign to let people know it is shared use for traffic and pedestrians
183	St John's Hill/pedestrianise walkway. The Abbey School needs a proper parking area.
184	Stagger housing development to keep pace with GP and education facilities
185	stop any building of houses until roads are adequate to sustain extra traffic
186	Stop building houses and develop the infrastructure first to cope with the additional population
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188	Stop heavy vehicles from using A350 + re-open C13 from Shaftesbury to Blandford.
189	Stop messing about with the town centre none of the past work fundamentally altered the town centre and too much money has already been wasted gateway features would be another complete waste of money.

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190	Stop traffic parking on pavements. Make Shaftesbury High Street one way, for delivery re. bus and disabled.
191	The bypass option is the only way to sort out the problem. I moved to Shaftesbury in 1993 and was told a bypass was going to be built. Where is it? We need it!
192	The bypasses will improve life here in several ways and are the key to our well-being. the active encouragement of the community through this plan must be demonstrated to Dorset County Council whose progress with these projects is lamentable
193	The eastern bypass should be constructed before further significant development to remove through traffic from the town.
194	The environment on the A350 heading north out of Shaftesbury should be improved.
195	The existing A350 route is sufficient and will likely get busier if the recently announced Stonehenge bypass/tunnel goes ahead. Care must be taken to force traffic to completely bypass the town as businesses will suffer
196	The infrastructure roads are now over-loaded. Tescos roundabout visibility is dangerous exiting Pound Lane
197	The most important aspect is to ensure that the roads used by lorries (HGVs) should be fit for purpose. Therefore, all the A roads should be upgraded to take the pressure off the minor roads. The C13 is not suitable now and will not ever be suitable for heavy lorries.
198	The need for modern bypasses is not just for the benefit of our parish, but for Shaftesbury and the 11 villages down to poole. It will provide improved logistics for the local & regional economy. We are a growing population.
199	The options in Q41 have a good effect when combined with boxes in Q42 - the worst problem is hold up in The Narrows. However these clear quite quickly.
200	The whole C13/dinahs hollow question that needs to be answered with a sustainable solution as soon as possible. New road north from poole required.
201	There have been plans for A30/B3081 link at Longcross since early 1970! ALSO for Melbury BYPASS as in 6th item above. STC should increase pressure for these.
202	there should be no more house building on green fields. no more housing should be built until there are more shops, parking, schools and doctors surgeons.
203	This has been going to happen for at least the last 40 odd years even before Shaftesbury tripled in size due to all the housing estates
204	To create zebra crossings in the High Street: one between Reeves and Barclays Bank and the the other between Cranbornes and Crystal Clear opposite.
205	To examine possibility of a Park and Ride scheme.
206	To have a zebra crossing in the town too and bottom for visually impaired.
207	traffic calming in residential areas eg: heathfield estate.
208	traffic in town if you are walking there is no set crossings. i feel it is a really unsafe area for children and other people.
209	Traffic lights or roundabout at the end of Linden Park. With the increased traffic from the new estates it is impossible and unsafe to turn right and at rush hour difficult to get out of Linden Park, even turning left. I am reliant on the goodwill of other drivers letting me into traffic.
210	Traffic management must be kept under constant surveillance and action taken when required. Convenience of shoppers must not be lost sight of. Loss of convenience and high cost of parking drives people away
211	Turn High Street into one-way system
212	Turn Shaftesbury into one way system
213	Unless something is done about traffic in Bleke street as above, there is danger of a fatality.
214	Use A350 the priority A Road for all HGV traffic and proposed improvement plans for it
215	Vehicles parking in the high street - stop. Stop HGVs using the C13 - improve A350.

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	We do not need a gateway, what is that going to add! reducing traffic will kill the town. Road markings and zebra crossings, there was nothing wrong with the town before the so called "enhancement"
216	The gillingham road does not need extending to the A30 either.
217	We do not support any large road and/or bypass as it has been proved that additional roads attract increased traffic volumes
218	we need a by-pass
219	we need a proper solution for all the traffic thundering up from poole on its way north which currently blights shaftesbury and our villages. sort out c13!
220	We need to let the through traffic bypass the town, freeing up road space for those that need it! The A350 southbound is getting busier.
221	We really do not need a "gateway feature" what is that going to do for the town. Stop trying to discourage traffic in the town, it is the town lifeblood. The traffic volume itself is the traffic calming, the priority change to the narrows is very poor, especially as people always park there for the take away. The town really needs its ZEBRA crossings and road markings back.
222	We were told there would be new bypass from A30 - A350. Why aren't builders made to put all infrastructure in before starting building work
223	What is a "gateway" feature - I suspect what is envisaged would be revolting.
224	When the town was re-vamped pedestrians were not considered. Crossing places were put in but no markings to alert traffic. The Post Office end the worst, we just run the gauntlet - hard on the elderly and the young. The Town Council should visit Salisbury the city end of Fisherton St a zebra crossing has been replaced by a red strip between lumpy edge of pavement. There has been a major problem for years frequently complaining about and nothing even done. Come on Town Council pull yourselves together and think of all the town's pedestrians.
225	Wider pavement in Town Centre
226	With adequate parks there is no need to allow traffic in the town centre other than essential services and delivery vehicles. Alternatively consider a one way system.
227	With further development on outskirts of town centre more crossing areas (traffic lights) will need to be provided - or a bridge to access town centre?
228	With reference to the statement about the Gillingham road. Not too long ago Lox Lane was to be improved to take Shaftesbury /Gillingham traffic through to the A30 at Sherborne Causeway. What happened to this plan. Surely that is much more sensible & probably less costly.
229	With regards to visitors - extra coach parking needs to be provided which could leave the Coop more for pick up rather than permanent park. Currently there are only 2 coach car park spaces.