

Free Text Response – Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas & Cann Questionnaire

Q7 Are there any additional comments relating to housing	
1	Shaftesbury is full - no more housing should be built.
2	if you increase housing it does not take a genius to work out we need more doctors dentists,schools etc
3	Shaftesbury has nearly doubled in size in the last 15 years with an eastern focus and no commensurate investment in infrastructure of all types. in 2003 the risks associated with this development were identified but remain unaddressed. Also the threat of threat of the community fracturing East/West was noted: this threat is now a reality with the current Eastern development not being properly assimilated into the town's community and fabric. Further development must pace infrastructure development and be well integrated into the town and at the end of the day must recognise that the geography of the town puts finite limits (which we are almost at!) to further development. Brownfield development is possible and can be done sympathetically: it also lends itself to the talents of local builders/SMEs rather than being driven by the rapacity of the building firm giants.
4	Large density is not in keeping with present
5	We do not need anymore housing in Shaftesbury !!!
6	Any additional housing in Shaftesbury should be based on local needs and not for people outside the area.
7	Shaftesbury area cannot support any more new housing developments and the area's character is in danger of being spoiled forever.
8	Stop building here. Shaftesbury is too small to cope with any more building.
9	There are already too many affordable and social houses in Shaftesbury and not enough quality 4bed and executive housing. There should be limited growth in housing until the infrastructure is in place to cope. Due to the demographics of the area there should be designated areas for future schools and expansion , and amenities on flat land set aside before any sites are considered available for housing now or in the future - otherwise there will be houses and no sites for schools etc.
10	I do not agree with the conversion of shops to housing, generally, as expanding towns need such resources. On top of this, I strongly believe that before any additional housing is created, developers must be forced to present plans for new infrastructure (a new school, surgery etc) before they go ahead, after the palaver with the promises made and broken for the Maltings estate, by Persimmon.
11	Housing development has outstripped infrastructure. Schools, Health Centre, pharmacies and other facilities are creaking under the strain of an increased population over the last twenty years. This has to be addressed by improving & extending facilities BEFORE any further development is allowed.
12	Delay housing development until after infrastructure capacity increases have been implemented.
13	Vital to maintain character of Shaftesbury and surrounding countryside. Present new housing urgently needs further medical facilities, schools etc. where is employment for present newcomers? Transport to travel to work elsewhere?
14	More affordable and better estate agents. Connells are ridiculous.
15	No further housing development until Education & Health Services are upgraded to cope with today's current population of Shaftesbury .
16	Am VERY concerned about unscrupulous developers building new dwellings for the richer people. Homes that will just be used as a way of making profit, therefore standing empty, or being rented out. These are mostly foreigners who make money out of us. Any new housing should be for the advantage of young, indigenous people who cannot afford to get on the property ladder. It should not though lower existing houses price value.
17	Housing should be mixed and only be built with planning in place for other infrastructure e.g. education and gps
18	Houses are not homes if the infrastructure cannot cope. No good building houses if there are no jobs, no regular public transport, no school places and struggling health provision.
19	If & when permission is granted to developers it should be conditional on them providing a new school, or upgraded access roads, or contributing in some way towards local facilities.

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20	Recent developments are without supporting facilities and infrastructure and close built design will encourage deterioration in the immediate environment within a short time. People need places to work and leisure facilities, also transport links that reduce car use. If there are no local jobs the commuting transport increase will impact further on the local roads.
21	Too many new houses are either being built or proposed, and not enough being done to create the infrastructure to support them.
22	I feel that additional housing should not be completed until the infrastructure is built up to meet the requirements of additional housing, we have one large supermarket (Tesco) and one shop you could call a supermarket (Co-op) with limited parking at each site. Additional housing would create problems with parking at both sites and in the town itself. I feel until the infrastructure should be built first in order to meet the demands and needs of additional housing
23	Developers should be MADE to contribute towards new infrastructure i.e. schools, doctors surgery, as part of the planning permissions.
24	the area is swamped with unsuitable new homes to sell which are a disgrace to our rural market town and with no work in the area there is no need to build more housing
25	From the evidence of many unsold properties on new Shaftesbury estates and the fact that their values have not increased like the rest of the country I don't believe there is a need for more housing.
26	Shaftesbury's growth has been phenomenal and the changes are becoming very noticeable in terms of increased volumes of traffic, parking, waiting times to see GP and hospital appointments. There is definitely an element of increased aggression now and people racing their cars around the town centre in the evenings. These are all relatively new behaviours and suggest a link to the already extensive building to the East of Shaftesbury. Enough is enough. Where do all these people work ?
27	Housing should include commercial space and only be built once the required infrastructure has been completed (not simply planned). All new public services, such as schools & GP etc. should be built with future growth in mind and not in completely land locked sites like Abbey View or Shaftesbury First School.
28	Sort out infrastructure (including access to health) before any more development.
29	Infrastructure first, housing second.
30	There is simply not the infrastructure in Shaftesbury for anymore housing, it is full too bursting. Why is social housing built near starter homes, and then filled with not local people, but people from further away, even inner cities, bringing its own problems. Surely the housing should be for local people.
31	The Wincombe site is premature but acceptable when the by pass is built. The Littledown site should not be developed for housing, but the north end would make a good site for a hotel with lovely sunset views, and generate employment. This land could provide open space. The DCC owned land could be developed to fund the by pass.
32	Need more affordable housing so families can get on the property ladder
33	The new building developments look too generic, the Gillingham, Shaftesbury and Sturminster Newton all look alike which makes the towns loose personality and makes us feel that the local councils don't care. In Shaftesbury the growth of new housing has happened too quickly to the detriment of the community. Due to lack of facilities ie. sports and leisure there are fewer opportunities for people to meet, mix and get to know each other. Shaftesbury is a difficult town to live in if you don't have your own car. two of my children attend Poole and Bournemouth college, that is a two hour journey each way, on 3 different busses. In the evenings I have to collect them from Blandford because the last bus to Shaftesbury leaves too early.

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34	Housing development on the Maltings, and the Eastern Development beyond, far too large as previously planned for. No sign of new school, doctors surgery, community facilities as promised just more houses squeezed in. Present infrastructure unable to cope with this amount of additional housing being built at an alarming rate. Residents, both home owners and those renting feel they have been conned by both the builders and the local planners who have agreed to this.
35	Concerned of trend to mix housing types in same area. Trend is to do this in hope to maintain high standard but the opposite is the affect. Older established housing and residents have in the last year been affected by new developments on eastern side of town - in terms of litter, noise and unsocial behaviour.
36	Infrastructure needs to be put in place before any additional homes are built. Local people should have priority for housing.
37	the new properties being built are generally of poor quality and do not have enough parking.. Once planning is granted there is also a creep in these developments to maximise revenue with no thought or concern to anyone else other than the developers.
38	Where development is happening, e.g. Salisbury Road more consideration needs to be given to connecting walkways to the town as at present the area feels segregated. It is a huge shame that the first retail outlet on the estate has been let to the Co-Op Funeral Services. It is hardly a welcoming site as one approaches the development. Surely people need a coffee shop first and that should have been a requirement of letting.
39	The towns current infrastructure will not be able to accommodate lots more housing.
40	Shaftesbury is being spoilt by continual building of houses
41	In depth questions asked, but you provide no backup information to assist forming opinions. So this can only lead to a very biased and extremely distorted outcome of the survey. It looks like a 'box ticking' exercise.
42	Shaftesbury is being over built with the infer structure being forgotten medical and school can not cope with the amount of people moving into the area the is also impacts on traffic and Salisbury hospital in the future Think before you build of the ongoing problems to the area after families have moved in and grow
43	Until the town is better provided for in terms of medical, educational and leisure facilities i cannot really agree with more housing of any form being built. I have a young son, and another on the way and am fully concerned about their near and far future. Until this is better provided for i cannot see any benefit of any more housing being built within Shaftesbury boundaries.
44	I support the proposed housing development sites in the draft Local Plan.
45	There is no point in building new houses without also encouraging commerce, retail, and employment opportunities to the area
46	Housing should be mixed, but be in keeping with the character of the town.
47	You can't just keep building more and more houses without making sure the local facilities can cope. Our Medical Centre is already working to full capacity and we are almost out of spaces within the local schools. We desperately need a new fit for purpose Medical Centre.
48	Should be built incorporating renewable energy sources
49	I remain unconvinced that there is a need for more housing in the neighbourhood and I seriously oppose any more housing development before present , let alone future, infrastructural needs have been met.
50	I feel that there are many empty houses in the area that cannot be sold and if we cannot fill these I do not believe there is a need for more.
51	new developments need to include local amenities - primary schools, kindergarten, post-office, general store, pub/club and village hall
52	Ensure that there is adequate work/transport/education available before building more social housing.
53	Enough is enough. We are already swamped.
54	There is far too much social housing which has adversely affected the community balance of

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	the town.
55	There is no integrated indigenous population growth and housing strategy - it is all top down. The current plan is poorly articulated in terms of the ability for local people to feed back and guide it - the constant retort of 'you cannot do anything about it' is simply arrogant, high handed and dictatorial - it is a very poor advertisement for localism.
56	Local Plan should be scrapped.
57	All the houses that have been just built in Shaftesbury, and no provision for more services. NO more Doctors. No facilities, not even a swimming pool. And all the councillors think about, is sill little vanity projects like the monument, silly fake gates on the entrance to town, or more unwanted signs. There are so many basics in Shaftesbury that need sorting out.
58	NO
59	Development must meet needs of community and not be dictated by Developers only interested in profit.
60	Development to date in Shaftesbury seems to have ignored completely the view of existing residents - the "toytown houses" which developers seem to favour (profit margin !) give the UK some of the least attractive housing in Europe. Any future development MUST attempt to maintain the character of a long-established Dorset market town - and avoid at all costs the "little boxes" approach.
61	The rate of housing development in relation to Shaftesbury's infrastructure is ridiculous. In addition to this, social issues are becoming a problem in terms of ASB and noise, manner of driving and littering, plus abandoned shopping trolleys. Why can you not help working people with housing rather than the obsession with giving unemployed layabouts brand new houses that they don't appreciate? It seems that money talks and as a resident of this beautiful town I could cry when I see what is happening to it. Shame on you.
62	I am concerned that more and more houses are being built but the infrastructure is not increasing. e.g. doctors surgery can't cope with the current population. Very difficult to get an appointment and difficult to contact. With more people in the area there should be an assessment to see if the current services can cope and what needs to increase.
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64	Until there is sufficient infrastructure in place additional housing would be detrimental to all that live in this area
65	there is already enough housing growth in the Shaftesbury vicinity. There isn't the infrastructure to cope with the amount of population growth already happened in town.
66	Unless the town infrastructure is increased and improved, this will kill the town. We need a rail link and more shops etc
67	Support draft local plan sites
68	New housing should be spread around the town, not all on the Salisbury Road side, so the benefits of development are shared around the town.
69	Please conserve the green areas within and outside the towns, they are VERY important outdoor leisure areas for the community. Already not many left.
70	Is the demand really in Shaftesbury? Where are people going to work - a drive to Bournemouth/Salisbury makes a mockery of environmental concerns relating to housing? Are we doing enough to discourage empty property and extension of second home ownership. How about the derelict buildings - that ghastly eye-sore on the Ivycross roundabout could be replaced by 20 houses.
71	There is already an overprovision of housing - way beyond local needs - and way beyond government requirements. This seems to meet the needs only of developers and council greedy for aggrandisement.

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72	It is entirely wrong to build on greenfield sites. It is entirely wrong to build BEFORE infrastructure. It is unnecessary to build when several hundred houses remain unsold, & for sale, in and around Shaftesbury.
73	no more houses until there are enough facilities to cope
74	Nopoint in house building without also increasing infrastructure eg: schools, leisure
75	I feel very strongly against any more buildings of any sort being built anywhere in England, as there is more buildings than LAND and my vote is for more LAND.
76	I think it would have been useful for this questionnaire to have been issued prior to the recent HUGE development in Shaftesbury.
77	There should be more trees planted along the streets of new housing and more open ground around each house. there is too much hard surface currently.
78	Good quality rental housing is very hard to find.
79	There should not be anymore until the infrastructure can cope eg Wincombe Lane
80	Continued expansion of building new homes can normally ensure that the new occupants work elsewhere and shop elsewhere, providing more road problems and an effective drain on the main town of Shaftesbury. A holistic approach is vital.
81	1) If even more houses must be build in the Shaftesbury and Gillingham area, then it is essential that the necessary infrastructure (roads, schools, playareas, medical services, public transport, policing etc) be provided at the same time or in advance. 2) Affordable housing is essential.
82	The town cannot cope with the massive housing increase that has already happened. There are not enough GPs and schools. NDDC has exceeded ? requirements as it is . Enough is enough. Who benefits from even more growth?
83	Surely there have been enough houses built in the last 10 years, some of which have been difficult to sell to private purchasers. Please retain the character of an ancient market town - not a sprawling mess!
84	1. District Council should regain control of numbers being built and when. Numbers must not exceed Planning authorised. 2. Control must keep building in step with infrastructure enhancement & jobs 3. Final population should not exceed 25% of current number.
85	No need for new housing, when tourist came here they don't want to see housing being built.
86	Don't need any more - at least until appropriate infrastructure is in place - medical, educational, transport and job opportunities etc. etc. are in place.
87	We have enough housing for now.
88	Developers too often seem to get their own way whatever we the locals feel or say!!
89	We need to protect all our green field sites. Agree that there is a housing need but services in this area are already struggling (at bursting point)
90	We dont want more - it will turn Shaftesbury into another Gillingham
91	No more houses required in Shaftesbury
92	This area of countryside is exceptional it is a national asset and cannot sustain more and more housing of the type built on the eastern edge of Shaftesbury year on year, when there are empty existing houses elsewhere plus the infrastructure cannot cope already.
93	We have not got surgeries and schools to deal with more population
94	I have only recently returned to the area and not familiar enough with housing needs and employment opportunities to usefully comment other than the provision of a wide range of housing seems to be the best way to ensure a divers and productive community.
95	Shaftesbury is losing its' unique character with all the building swamping it. It is becoming just another featureless suburb.
96	Build some quality homes for retired people, we have enough social and affordable houses as they are not selling.
97	Shaftesbury is a small town and should stay a small town. That's what makes Shaftesbury unique, the town can't cope with more people coming in.

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98	We have too many houses and occupants to cope with Doctors, Schools and all the other infrastructure.
99	Build more multistorey flats ie 3 stories high - not high rise
100	We are a small country town with a good friendly community. There is ample new building already which is not being filled
101	There have already been too many new houses built in Shaftesbury which has spoilt the town
102	Low rent council house type of property are needed.
103	Not sure whether existing infrastructure can cope without monies being spent.
104	Any money made from developers should be ring fenced and only allowed to be utilised on the improvement of the town where the development occurred.
105	There is inadequate work to sustain a huge growth in population. My home has been on the market for 16 months, house building behind my property and developers incentives make it impossible to sell.
106	We cannot sustain anymore housing. The town has no leisure facilities, parking is horrendous, Doctors are at capacity, even their car park is full. We cannot take anymore. Swimming pool has been closed for over a year. Traffic is already heavy. More houses mean more people.
107	GP and education facilities should take priority!
108	I believe that the area north of Shaftesbury - Warminster Road left hand side going out should not be built on. I believe roundabouts instead of traffic lights should be used to leave housing estate on to the main roads.
109	I answered 'don't know' re sewage capacity & emergency services as i don't know if they are currently under strain. What Leisure services?
110	NO MORE SOCIAL HOUSING!!!
111	Housing needs to be built with facilities built at the same time.
112	Once a plan has been approved, hold developers to plan and not allow changes Do not build any more housing until adequate dentists, health centre, schools are built.
113	Where are these people going to work? Medical facilities already overstretched.
114	No more houses please. Especially not if you are not going to build the relevant additional Doctors, Schools, leisure facilities etc. That's what needs to be built not more housing.
115	I do not believe additional housing is needed in Shaftesbury. Certainly not before the towns infrastructure is improved.
116	Very concerned with waiting for GP appointments and hospital being reduced in size which can't cope now with existing number of houses.
117	Do we really need more housing in Shaftesbury and surrounding areas as there is enough houses being built in the Maltings Estate.
118	All housing should be designed with car parking capacity to meet the number of maximum occupants per house/flat. Traffic flow needs to be sorted in Shaftesbury along with any new building.
119	We do not need any further housing development. As Princess Anne suggested infilling a few houses here and there in every village and town would satisfy needs.
120	There is no more room in Shaftesbury for housing development sites. If houses are needed there should be 1-5 houses built on edges of villages or infill.
121	The developers of the last stage had difficulty selling, how big a market is there for extra housing? Affordable housing is good, but re-housing people from eg Weymouth is inappropriate when there is a lack of amenities esp work and leisure.
122	There are far too many.
123	No more housing until the infrastructure is in place
124	co-housing should be encouraged
125	Dorset is beautiful, but there is a critical need to find affordable housing - find a balance
126	A first school is needed for this development

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127	Explore any brownfield sites first for housing. Try not to sell so many greenfield sites - these are what developers prefer - they are easier to build on so attract more profit. More houses mean more people, more services, more jobs etc (as the list in question 4 indicates, I think this has been inadequate so far)
128	I disagreed with rental houses as these can be purchased by developers who do not have any interest in Shaftesbury
129	Where is there a map needed to answer Q5
130	Infrastructure cannot cope with present numbers
131	There is adequate housing already being built
132	Shaftesbury does not have the infrastructure to cope with yet more houses/residents. eg Doctors surgery is already working to capacity
133	When building new houses provision should be made for plenty of off-road parking
134	When building new housing provision should be made for ample off road parking (at least 4 vehicles). Also, the garage should be able to accommodate a car.
135	I feel all housing should primarily be for local people to keep the town identity.
136	More retail shops needed.
137	Building more houses means we are losing the environment putting wildlife and greenfield at risk.
138	In Shaftesbury some of the new houses have not sold. Is there a need for extra houses at the moment?
139	There aren't many leisure facilities maybe build some.
140	Each dwelling to have parking space
141	There is far too much proposed for the requirements of North Dorset and its people, its infrastructure and employment.
142	The town cannot cope with more population in terms of space, education and health care.
143	Should be built in the appropriate quantity that the infrastructure can support
144	1. Infrastructure should be provided before housing development. 2. Need to plan across county boundaries.
145	Shaftesbury does not need any more housing
146	Appropriate infrastructure must be developed at the same time. A lack of jobs, school places will lead to increasing demands on public services, leading in turn to a downturn in quality of life for residents. A350/A30 bypass gets increasingly congested.
147	Without employment opportunities - are all of the new homes to be for the unemployed/retired single stay at home parents?
148	Improve facilities in Shaftesbury before building anymore houses.
149	There should be no further development until schools, G.P. etc have been increased.
150	Shaftesbury does not require any additional housing! The town cannot sustain any further numbers to the population of Shaftesbury. Do not spoil Shaftesbury.
151	No more housing without supporting infrastructure i.e. doctors, schools, leisure
152	Those houses already planned and being built (east of Shaftesbury) are more than enough for Shaftesbury.
153	Jobs to go with the housing
154	I agree with merging Shaftesbury and Gillingham in order to improve bus communication between the two towns.
155	In view of the sight of housing east of Shaftesbury (A30) - what has happened to the Town and Country Planning Authority?
156	Shaftesbury is losing its character because of excessive residential development.
157	Essential not to encroach on 'green belt'.
158	If a percentage of social housing has to be, a stricter control needs to be in force to stop developers riding roughshod, thus causing problems within the town.
159	I would like to see driveways for new houses, hopefully this will STOP parking cars on pavements etc.
160	yes, ban N.I.M.B.Y.I.S.M

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161	With present housing levels there is significant difficulty in obtaining a GP appointment. Schools are already overcrowded.
162	No affordable housing for non-local people.
163	houses with reasonable rent for local people (within a few miles)
164	Developers prefer to build 3 & 3 bedroom houses. Whereas the real need is for smaller, cheaper starter homes. There are more than enough of these 3/4 types already available to meet genuine local need.
165	Ensure facilities i.e. schools, Dr's, Dentist etc... are built to cope with the extra volume of people.
166	The slopes around the town should not be built on. Particularly, at present, the land adjacent to the A350 and Castle Hill.
167	Shaftesbury does not need new estates, just infilling on brownfield sites.
168	Ensure developers build doctors surgeries, shops, play areas for children etc. within new estates.
169	There is no need for anymore houses, and certainly ones which people don't work for
170	No more housing until infrastructure in place
171	With the infrastructure we've got, we don't need any more houses
172	There is already not enough provision for schools, doctors and leisure facilities
173	No further housing in Wimcombe and Mampits lane area
174	With the current new estate that is almost complete, I feel there is plenty of housing in Shaftesbury. There is no infrastructure or travel communication for more.
175	We need a lot more infrastructure & GP facilities before any more housing
176	Put too many houses in and the GPs and Pharmacy's can't cope
177	We seem to have many elderly people and many young people but not many middle-aged people. Maybe lack of suitable employment.
178	Infrastructure for the town
179	Fair mix of housing including executive housing not all social housing
180	Although slightly hypocritical, as we have recently moved into a 'new build' property in Shaftesbury - I believe if anymore properties are to be built in this area a significant investment will need to be input into the Infrastructure including Education, medical, etc as these already seem to be breaking point.
181	I don't think we need to build anymore housing. Why not make good any empty housing if needed. Plenty of housing new and old for sale in area already
182	Avoid ribbon development
183	There are too many houses now. Not enough school places you can't get to see a doctor, it is getting worse.
184	I absolutely feel that there must be no more development in Shaftesbury without the concurrent development of a leisure centre including an Indoor Pool, squash, badminton and fitness centre/studios. There is nothing for teenagers to do here. Ideally this leisure facility should be closely followed up by building of a cinema/theatre/ice rink
185	Developers should build Doctors surgeries, play areas on new estates.
186	We don't need any more housing estates! putting pressure on our services - schools, surgery and local amenities.
187	Q1 and Q5 answered by crossing through: No Dwellings to Q1 and None to Q5. Comment: No more dwellings to be built. Use existing properties to do up etc.
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189	Shaftesbury appears to have reached maximum capacity.

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190	What can one comment when developers are welcomed with open arms. The Princess Royal making a speech of welcome over 60 years ago at the inaugural meeting of the Town Planners (Majestic Hotel, Harrogate) said "Planning should be an inspiration from above - not an imposition from below" - we have got the latter.
191	It should be mandatory for planning applications and approvals to specify how they meet the points in question 4(infrastructure) and have a non refundable deposit to ensure they are met
192	STOP NOW: There is too many houses standing empty now, also plenty for sale in Estate Agents. Why do we need more. Shaftesbury is a historic town on top of a hill. Visitors come and visit us. Don't spoil it. (I know I am a coach DVR) in Shaftesbury.
193	No new housing is needed at all in Shaftesbury - there is no work here.
194	ideally no more in Shaftesbury
195	To upgrade the infrastructure before building more houses.
196	we need jobs and infrastructure, particularly health and education
197	I am concerned that a greater amount of houses will put too much strain on the existing infrastructure
198	no new housing until proper infrastructure in place
199	to many people moving in
200	Having just moved to Shaftesbury because we were keen for our children to be brought up in a more rural area, it saddens me to see so much building work being undertaken. I fear centuries of our history could be lost when we became over populated.
201	On Q1 only where there is a real need.
202	We don't have the infrastructure to have more houses. Medical services and schools are stretched, roads are congested.
203	There is a need for houses that people with low incomes and homeless can afford to live in.
204	Access to new housing estates should be considered. Regarding Wincombe (Barratt Homes) is concerned access should be off the potential bypass. Wincombe Lane should not be altered. Our existing roads and lanes reflect character of the town.
205	Please no more housing - we do not have the infrastructure to cope.
206	Any housing development should retain the character of Shaftesbury and should be supported by adequate transport and road systems. It should also bear in mind that there are very little facilities to support an increase in population.
207	over development has already happened in this area with little infrastructure. Future building needs to put in car parking for all properties and places for rubbish bins to be stored out of sight. They are a blight on this beautiful area.
208	Where will all these people work? Where will their children be educated? Healthcare? Roads? etc
209	Recent development has led to high proportion of residents with substantial social needs for whom little or no consideration has been given to leisure, transport and health provision. Further growth in near future must be limited eg infill
210	Relocating people from cities who are having difficulties and putting them in our villages is not a way forward.
211	Don't wreck this town and turn it into a clone of other towns. Gillingham is a horrible patchwork of housing estates. Tourism is important to our economy in Shaftesbury, we need to preserve, not destroy our beautiful Greenfield sites.
212	There are far too many houses being built on the East Side of Shaftesbury
213	If you go on building houses around Shaftesbury there will have to be another Medical Centre and more schools
214	Less intensity in allocated sites and greenspaces for all.
215	Smaller housing not to be so squashed in. So they could have larger rooms inside. Not allowing private people planning for a house on their land. Where housing have no problem getting permission.

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216	All new housing should be considered hand-in-hand with the necessary changes to public services provisions to make the development sustainable. New schools, shops, medical centres, car parking need to be thought through carefully before commitments are made to build.
217	There is only a need to build more houses if people have jobs within 20 miles of Shaftesbury, if not then no need, they can move closer to their jobs, if they do not have a job they do not need a house here. We have far too many here already.
218	I think there is plenty of housing within Shaftesbury. The schools can't cope with anymore housing, nor doctors.
219	Yes, question how does the field opposite Littledown that is up for planning get downgraded to potential building plots from an area of outstanding natural beauty and a conservation area and that has been turned down for planning twice in the past???
220	We need to "rub out" time expired areas and extinct needs. Some thought needs to be given to a fraction of existing, out of date, buildings to be demolished to provide additional brown site development. We can't allow constant spread of development where it hides a worn out heart.
221	Please stop building.
222	A large number of new houses have already been built in Shaftesbury. We need these people to become integrated into the town & services provide for everyone, we need a sports centre, swimming pool etc. The Govt pledge that we would have more sports facilities after the Olympics & we have less. Need to keep population fit and healthy and prevent obesity. There is nothing to do in Shaftesbury to get fit.
223	Get the infrastructure right & jobs available before building houses in excess of immediate local needs.
224	Proper research needs to be done as to what type of housing is required (if any) There are many unsold properties, so already an excess of housing, no jobs for these people who come here.
225	Solar panels on the roofs of new properties would be a long-term cost-effective move.
226	I disagree that more housing should be built in Shaftesbury. The influx of new people is materially changing the character of the town to the extent that my family and I are actively looking to leave Shaftesbury
227	Any new housing must be met by investment and provision of educational, medical & recreational sporting facilities.
228	No more houses are required as some are having to be sold to other councils
229	All these proposed new builds, are they for local residents? I think not, we do not need new residents, lets try and keep our little market town. Not even bigger.
230	Infrastructure should be in place before houses are built
231	It has to happen - its just a matter of where - always people will oppose if on their own doorstep.
232	Ensure the infrastructure can cope with more house building
233	Shaftesbury is changing and not for the better. No more houses are needed. The town can't cope with all the extra people/children. Schools are already a big issue and doctors
234	If additional housing is required it should be in-keeping with the traditional styles with sufficient sized gardens. New houses in Shaftesbury don't have adequate sized gardens. The roads of the new housing estates ought to be wider than Charles Church estate.
235	Traffic calming through Long Cross and/or pedestrian walkway
236	Access to new housing ie cars - needs careful consideration 'short circuit' footpaths to town centre needed.
237	Any housing should be as near to town centre as possible, high density with direct pedestrian links to all facilities ie footpaths in first & link directly to shop/bus stop.
238	We should protect and preserve our countryside. Build, develop or refurbish homes within the towns current built up area. A variety of different homes are required to cater for everyones needs ie families.

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239	Enough new development has already been approved for Shaftesbury without even more encroachment on the surrounding beautiful countryside. More infrastructure is needed to cope with existing development.
240	Any housing should have its own parking facilities so that cars do not impede traffic flows or safety
241	No additional housing until infrastructure has been greatly improved
242	large amount of development should not take place until there are improved roads by way of bypasses
243	Having started building you should complete the facilities
244	there is a strong element of 'Nimby-ism' in Melbury & Cann - lucky them, they can afford to live in a more rural area (yes, slightly soar grapes!!!!)
245	I also feel that the town needs provision for new places of worship on new estates as well as shops and other amenities- and a new primary school east of town
246	Must have infrastructure in place before more houses are built i.e. Medical Centre, sufficient school places, bus services, police, no point building more houses if no local employment opportunities
247	No need for more housing developments unless the infrastructure is in place first. Employment development is important in rural areas like ours, as well as homes.
248	It should be environmentally efficient - solar on roof re-use of water, well insulated etc. There MUST be sufficient parking for all the housing (2-3 spaces per abode).
249	No more housing without increased schooling, medical facilities and corner shops
250	I feel we do not need further housing and not enough time or resources have been put into place to building an infrastructure to sustain further homes
251	Holistic plans must involve 'total' infrastructure / service provision with less 'cons' from the builders who we keep allowing to change density per hectare from the original plans without being held to account.
252	Don't expand the housing developments any further
253	No more social housing, especially from out of our area, city's etc., Just to get money. Need to look after local people who are being left behind More first time buyer homes to support local growth Build, firstly - schools, GP surgery, leisure facilities etc
254	The new houses should <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not increase population by more than 25% 2. Only be built if there is employment 3. Not be used for social housing for new comers
255	No more social houses. build another GP facility, school and leisure facilities first. Stop accepting social housing from outside our area for money.
256	With the new "eyesore" just built on the Salisbury Road, do we need more houses? If so build some decent houses so everyone can move along the chain please!!
257	No more buildings until new schools, GP surgery, work available.
258	We do not have room for extra housing and we do not have infrastructure i.e. schools and GP surgeries capable of supporting more people.
259	Please do not build any new houses until you increase health and education facilities.
260	There are surplus houses already in Shaftesbury so I don't think we need any more housing.
261	Why do we need more houses? Improve on facilities before building more houses
262	No new housing should be done until the infrastructure of the town can cope
263	The houses coming into Shaftesbury from Salisbury A30 - on right hand side - are "totally out of keeping" with this lovely (once) hill top medieval town. Visually horrendous.
264	The small market town of Shaftesbury is having its "character" changed by huge & unsuitable land development for housing.
265	Need for long term planning & "joined up thinking" i.e housing mix not too much social housing Allow for impact on Medical Facilities, Schools etc

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266	Can't emphasis how this town wasn't built with expansion in mind - traffic, drainage, parking, Doctors are already at max capacity
267	I DONT BELIEVE THAT A PRESENT WE RQUIRE ANY FURTHER HOME BUILT IN SHAFTESBURY OR THE LOCAL AREA
268	I do not believe that additional housing is required in Shaftesbury as the current new homes under construction are surplus to the town's requirements already
269	Rate of development is too fast for small, ancient hilltop town, and for infrastructure, jobs, road network
270	insist on developers planting trees and leaving open spaces between groups of houses
271	No further houses should be built until the infrastructure is in place to support those already here!
272	The Doctors surgery already has a three day wait for an appointment. Will this be improved? In the last 2 years Pound Lane has gone from a quiet road to a racetrack!
273	We have built far too many. We don't want any more. Shaftesbury is being spoilt
274	1) Slow the rate of housing development, to allow the necessary supporting infrastructure to catch up and become established. 2) Prevent Shaftesbury from becoming a social housing depository for larger towns and cities
275	DON'T SELL NEW HOMES TO OUTSIDE COUNCILS IN MEAN LARGE AMOUNTS
276	A survey of household numbers may indicate which categories of housing are most needed now
277	Shaftesbury has already "housing developments" and infrastructure (surgery, schools etc) is under pressure. Why force more housing on a rural town already overcrowded. Where are the extra jobs?
278	The area should be allowed ro develop and evolve at a natural rate, within the capability of resources available. Forced growth, as is being proposed will drag the area down to a level which will make N D a less attractive place to live.
279	the currently no requirement for additional housing.
280	New building must stop until infrastructures are in place
281	There needs to be sufficient housing for local people and those moving to the area bringing a consistent financial benefit tot he local economy. However there come a point where the town can only cope with a certain number before the facilities struggle. It is possible that we have reached that limit.
282	Social housing should be available for local people before being allowed to be taken on by big cities, councils elsewhere. Need more doctors & schools
283	Brownfield sites should always be first choice for new development. After brownfield, infill sites should come next
284	There is more than enough building coming on in Shaftesbury already.
285	There should be a limit on numbers and the local community should be listened to!
286	Business & commercial development in countryside is essential if all the new people here want jobs
287	All housing should contain an equal mixture of affordable, exec, rental and shared plus a smaller proportion of luxury. with emphasis on traditional designs.
288	Do not build anymore houses in Shaftesbury
289	Yes. There is enough new build now on the outskirts of Shaftesbury. The towns infrastructure is creaking and services such as the Health Centre overwhelmed.
290	yes, jobs traffic and doctors are pushed to the limit and the A350 between shaftesbury and blandford can not take more traffic since melbury abbas shut.
291	More affordable / social housing
292	no more building without appropriate infrastructure - and no housing needed unless more jobs available for newcomers
293	don't suffocate shaftesbury by over development using every available field to build on - a town needs its green spaces

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294	THERE IS A DANGER THAT INCREASED HOUSING WILL ERODE THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THE TOWN
295	No more houses
296	I don't see that there is a need for anymore housing to be built here. There are houses being sold to local authorities outside the area, there are no jobs, the GP surgery is at breaking point as are the schools. There is no infrastructure here for any more building . Noise and anti social behaviour have increased in recent years
297	WE NEED MORE HOUSING SUITABLE FOR THE DISABLED WITH LEVEL ACCESS/GROUND FLOOR (WHEELCHAIR FRIENDLY) + FAMILIES
298	there needs to be infrastructure on the housing development sites: local centres incorporating clinical, playgroups, group facilities, and enough small outdoor play areas and indoors.
299	the infrastructure is already used to its maximum, any additional housing must have additional infrastructure
300	NO MORE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN SHAFTESBURY
301	There should be no further residential building in Shaftesbury until measures have been put in place to improve the infrastructure . Improvements should not be left until after developments have been completed leaving services short e.g primary school places
302	NOT ENOUGH INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT MORE
303	THE ONLY SOLUTION I SEE UNTIL THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS TO PUT RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS ON HOLD
304	The villages around Shaftesbury all have their own character and this needs to be preserved , new builds need to be considered carefully and villages not merged with the town
305	A limit should be put on the number of new houses to be built in the area
306	Give incentives to tidy up and reuse houses and shops that have been left unoccupied which would tidy up estates and the town
307	i think we should make more effort to sell the houses already empty and the shops.
308	there are too many empty houses and shops. there are rural areas (guys marsh being one) with no transport or footpaths.
309	Too many empty houses and shops in the area. rural areas with no transport, facilities or footpaths.
310	Present expansion on east of town on A30 has been used to dump a considerable amount of Bournemouth & Poole's worst social housing occupants. You are destroying the town.
311	PERCENTAGE OF SOCIAL HOUSING MUCH TOO HIGH ON NEW EASTERN DEVELOPMENTS
312	We need infrastructure for the housing we already have
313	far too many houses being built at the back of linden park. This seems to be never ending and there is a build up about cutting through linden park.
314	no more estates without absolute build of services to match.
315	Shouldn't be much more building - town is losing its smallness
316	Some increase but not massive developments which the town is not able to cope with
317	no comments will be noticed. when persimmons decided to increase the amount of the houses they were building the council said nothing and go ahead.
318	If/when the A350 bypass for Shaftesbury is built, my concern would be "those" new homes built on the boundary would protest at such a project going past their homes
319	Shaftesbury is an old market town not suitable for over-development due to the lack of infrastructure.
320	We already have more houses than current infrastructure can cope with due to past few years of new builds. Enough!
321	The number of homes/properties already built on the new developments has exceeded the original proposed plan. Therefore Shaftesbury does not need any more development

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322	Re Q.5: NONE OF THESE Re Q.7: NO BUILDING ON WILTSHIRE ROAD I.E A30 & A350 Where do you propose to build in Shaftesbury - there is nowhere left!!
323	too much planned! given transport access to Shaftesbury, how likely is it that the town can sustainably support such a projected population?
324	houses= people people = jobs =schools =dr's
325	so many new houses have already been built on greenfield around Shaftesbury that there is no justification for any more!
326	All large housing developments should be stopped at once. Too much has been built already for Shaftesburys size. The size of rooms and general interior spaces are too small. This is a wet and relatively cold country so people need bigger internal spaces. The gardens in these developments are too small also.
327	Re Q.5: NONE. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT SUFFICIENT WITHOUT FURTHER ADDITIONS.
328	i believe that there has been enough development already on green fields around Shaftesbury for the size of community. we need to strongly resist pressure to provide housing for the economically unproductive people being moved out of urban eg: the london borders
329	enough! shaston is swamped already.
330	Bear in mind that ????? whether???? other need Schools, G.P practices, and employment.
331	there are a number of newly built houses for sale and no more are needed. the town character is being lost.
332	homes not houses, include gardens
333	This type of survey is a method of obscuring the real problem of creating industry. For instance, a ship was built 1/3 in Portsmouth, 1/3 in Plymouth and 1/3 on the Clyde : The new Q.E.2 was built in France, and now the Shoe business from Street, has been taken abroad, which will increase the unemployment in Britain. And nobody will take notice
334	Shaftesbury is growing too quickly without provision of essential services i.e schools, doctors,buses, nursery places
335	Newly created housing estates need to appear less sterile style and have pavements with inclusion of trees to reduce the bare and sterile look so common east of Shaftesbury
336	building on greenfield sites may be cheaper and easier but is short-sighted giving no care or consideration to the future once it is built on the damage is done, then in fill becomes acceptable and so it continues. Agriculture is necessary for us all as is quality of life. STOP BUILDING.
337	TOO MANY ALREADY
338	Where is this draft local plan? I an=m very disappointed with the way N Dorset seems to have no concern as to the implications of recent building in the town and has the power to ignore local concerns in favour of Government targets. Are the current homes being built housing local people?
339	with the additional housing recently built in the shaftesbury area there is already more than sufficient housing. please spend additional funding on infrastructure - not housing.
340	second home ownership should be discouraged. new homes should be built in a sustainable way using sus. building materials. under floor heating communal biomass boilers etc.

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341	The existing additional 900 houses are already too much for this area. The promised additional infrastructure has not materialised already putting a strain in services. There is not enough industry in this area to feed the ever growing population of Shaftesbury. There is too much so called social housing being built, which I read that the NDDC are very proud of! I am aware that the town council objected to the constant amendments to the original planned housing developments, but the NDDC overruled those objections! Will this change?
342	1) I am not convinced there is a need for large amounts of new housing - we should not be moving people in from other areas - there is not enough work here. 2) We should use current badly planned areas - old cattle market, spaces like Melbury Motors complex - industrial estates - for additional housing if needed.
343	The balance between "Affordable" Housing and general housing has to be no more than 30/70
344	You should only be building for local people not for people from other towns.
345	There is a need for more starter homes + social housing (interspersed with other houses to avoid the ghetto effect)
346	New housing must be limited, the recent increase of all housing is putting too much strain on the town's facilities.
347	Our infrastructure cannot cope with any more housing developments.
348	Re Q.5: None of the below apply as the character of our small market town of historic importance will be ruined by further developments We live in an astonishing beautiful and historic small market town which is just not suitable for further development as the local health services, schools, police etc. just cannot cope with further increase in population and also the unique character of this area will be lost.
349	Rural and village locations need to evolve & development should be allowed where businesses are evolving or housing needed
350	In the eight years that we have been living in Shaftesbury the town has grown considerably - with the development on its eastern edge. I don't feel that the town can sustain any more growth without fundamental and detrimental impact
351	I THINK THAT DEVELOPERS SHOULD BE OBLIGED TO BUILD WITH STRINGENT SUSTAINABILITY FACTORS ie TRIPLE GLAZING, HIGH FACTOR INSULATION ETC.
352	There are too many houses now without the infrastructure and the unique identity of Shaftesbury is disappearing
353	There should be more trees in new housing estates. No further housing in Wincombe area.
354	Before new housing is passed we need to consider the infrastructure eg doctors, schools, employment and more car parking for town centre
355	Housing should be firstly for local people who work locally. Because of infrastructure problems, there is every reason NOT to build houses where there is NO employment. People who commute from Shaftesbury may well shop etc in the place where they work so don't keep the town alive
356	Housing estates are ugly in as much as they are not built in a uniform way - i.e. straight roads are less hazardous - as cars etc. jut out on curved roads causing black spot driving.
357	More owner/occupier houses needed - 1,2 & 3 beds. Housing association properties for local people used to rural towns without public transport and facilities and family/friend support - not Weymouth/Portsmouth and further away.
358	No objection to new housing as we have no choice but the infrastructure must reflect this
359	The geographical structure of Shaftesbury seems to make it unsuitable for further building. I would prefer any development to be outside the existing town boundary, yet on land non-scenic & not suitable for farming/food growing.
360	We do not need any more!

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361	We have enough for the time being. Already people are being brought in to fill Persimmon homes.
362	No housing additions should be authorised until schools, doctors and roads have been improved
363	I feel too many houses are being built/proposed, detrimental to the character of Shaftesbury.
364	Less, not more!
365	Please, please get the infrastructure in place first. Be a flagship town, not one that makes the same mistakes as everywhere else.
366	I do not agree to this piecemeal development village & village/town to town. I also question whether more housing is needed when so many commercial properties are empty? Could be converted & housing hardly lived in as second/holiday homes not commercially used. This is fuelled by economic concern to "build ourselves out of recession" - an already failed concept
367	No more please.
368	2 storey flats with lifts for the elderly close to the town
369	We have more than enough housing in Shaftesbury. If there is more houses built we need health centre , schools etc Council could not wait to pull school down and sell for houses at Mampitts
370	Shaftesbury does not have the infrastructure to support extra housing.
371	Fill existing housing before even thinking about new ones. What influence does Dorset have over what Wiltshire does just over the border of the A350?
372	Until all the houses in Shaftesbury, also the proposed houses on Persimmon estate are occupied there should be no suggestion of other developments
373	If there is need for new housing , the infrastructure must be addressed at the same time
374	Who lives in all these new houses built? I don't see the inhabitants in town!
375	We don't need more, unless you expand schools, doctors etc
376	There should be no more large scale development until the most recent one beside the A30 has been 'digested' and the necessary medical and educational needs are met.
377	No
378	A variety of accommodation is needed BUT more important is to maintain the country town with open space ie fields & walks not parks & maintained areas. There is nowhere to walk dogs.
379	I would hope that the more people that come to Shaftesbury the more leisure facilities we would get and not just for the young
380	Shaftesbury has over its quota of new housing. We need to upgrade the Sewage System and improve education & health facilities first and make sure there are jobs for incomers. We should create a green belt around the town for local ?? & education ??
381	There are many empty houses on the new estate on the Salisbury Rd so why on earth do we need any more? This is an ancient market town & should remain so
382	What about accommodation over existing retail shops.
383	We moved to Shaftesbury 4 years ago bringing two businesses + 3 children. After road closure from Shaft - Blandford + new development we are looking to move somewhere else, we have already moved business - looking to move somewhere we can get GP appointment and good education
384	The green belt must be preserved and open spaces for play.
385	No problem with additional housing as long as we have mirrored infrastructure to match which we do not at this time!
386	q5 & q6 do not allow you to pick up on the strength of feeling in the response - unlike q1 & q4. There should be NO development on green belt or AONB designated land. This is what makes Shaftesbury the attractive place it is
387	It is totally inappropriate to build more houses in Shaftesbury at the present time. There are no large employers and travel to sources of employment is at least 20 miles on poor roads.

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388	We feel very privileged to live in Shaftesbury & are most grateful for all those who care for its environment. We feel it is a small, historic town set in beautiful countryside & any development needs to be sensitive to this & aware of impact on infrastructure (eg GPs) & conservation
389	Great care should be taken not to jeopardise the views from both park walk and castle green which are of enormous importance both to visitors and residents. Whilst we need to provide housing people can afford it needs to take into account the character of the existing town & not change or swamp it.
390	Development in conservation areas should be suitable aesthetically to ensure retention of character within that area
391	Don't make ghettos - ie all young unmarried together. Communities include all age groups to help each other.
392	Sympathetic development is the key as is the social & support planning - schools pavements local shops etc
393	Enough building already
394	Enough enough
395	Keep further development between A30 and A350 on hold until all the current new building is sold or let.
396	I think that there is far too many fields being taken for housing Our infrastructure can't cope now let alone after even more houses are built. Have you tried getting a doc appt lately?
397	In general, should build on least productive agricultural land. We have already lost significant proportion of recreation areas - Barton Hill, Cricket Ground, Cattle Market.
398	No additional housing needed
399	The maltings development is useless. Housing needs to be longer term. It is very expensive to move. Family homes with gardens are needed whether to buy or rent. Moving to retirement homes frees up larger housing for families
400	Don't build anymore houses/flats of any description around the existing boundaries of Shaftesbury
401	Shaftesbury is overloaded with new housing. It has to stop. People who don't work, but come here paid for by the state, and put nothing back to the area
402	The new development off the A30 did not give enough consideration to many of the items in Q11 overleaf! (Maltings).
403	People moving to our area must be able to pay their own way, not expect social housing and benefits.
404	Don't forget the increasing number of single person households
405	There is currently far too much housing for this small town of Shaftesbury
406	Saturation of housing at present until concerns in question 4 are addressed.
407	Roads around recent housing development do not seem to have enough room for cars that are parked outside of houses due to small drives, partially blocking road
408	This all assumes additional housing is needed to local plan
409	I am not in favour of any new build in or around Shaftesbury
410	More employment create opportunities / parking only limited parking facility provided for new homes no provision for visitors / deliveries more than one car per house.
411	Do not think the town support facilities could cope with any more large estates of houses, and it is unfair to put pressure on them, without improvement.
412	Too much housing already being built/planned. The volume of housing (and the high volume of social housing) is having a detrimental effect on the character of our historic saxon hilltop town
413	Why is there more housing needed when there is so much capacity with the new builds on A30. Don't destroy Shaftesbury.
414	Proper provision for education, GP's, must be agreed BEFORE development starts
415	Residents choose to live in Shaftesbury because it is small & wish to keep it that way.
416	Be careful to maintain the accepted ratio between private & social housing.

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417	Housing in Shaftesbury is clearly extended for the benefit of a. landowners and b. developers profits. The need for such a large scale project (series of projects) was never established.
418	Sustainable 'urban' (housing etc.) extensions should have open spaces ranging from private gardens & terraces to public local, neighbourhood & district parks. "Green Infrastructure" (open space, drainage, footpath/cycleway corridors) should be the focus to connect & integrate new development with the "historic core/town centre". Reduce density towards edges, implement energy-performance standards.
419	With the current new development surely there is enough housing. Money needs to be spent on facilities for the population already living in Shaftesbury, not more housing and roads!
420	Extremely concerned about the account of new housing being inflicted on Shaftesbury. How are we to support it all?
421	Affordable house to be restricted to local people only
422	Too many housing developments at the present time
423	Shaftesbury has been spoilt by the Persimmons development which has involved many people 'moving in' to the town and no provision has been made for work for these persons
424	Any additional social housing should be restricted to local people or people who have jobs in the area
425	I think that there is no need to build further housing in Shaftesbury, because it is starting to lose its small town identity.
426	All development for housing should be considered where it is needed in rural or village locations - not just the town. it is the scale and density along with location that should be controlled, not development!
427	Exploit what is here. build no more!
428	in my opinion the quality of life living in my part of shaftesbury (underhill) has deteriorated in the past 10 years due to an increase in traffic. i worry that additional housing ... i know there has to be) will produce yet more traffic.
429	more affordable/ social housing.
430	Housing should fit the local need. building houses and then shipping in people to live here seems crazy given the limited infrastructure of Shaftesbury.
431	We believe enough development has gone on. The infrastructure should be in place for this before anymore housing is built.
432	Important to maintain separation of Shaftesbury and Gillingham. Green belt needed.
433	I feel strongly that too much development is taking place in Shaftesbury without necessary accompanying facilities/infrastructure - specifically schools and nature conservation interests are under represented.
434	developers should pay towards infrastructure projects.
435	more housing means more jobs shaftesbury hasn't the vacancies for top level jobs!
436	persimmon should not be allowed to build any more houses until the schools and surgery problems are all sorted.
437	A good infrastructure is essential for an expanding town
438	stop building -Shaftesbury has become over developed.
439	a public transport system is required if housing is built out of town, then facilities need to be available to get into town.
440	There should be no more housing built in Shaftesbury + District in the foreseeable future
441	I have no problem with additional housing providing the infrastructure can support it. No new housing means decline
442	a landlord Licensing scheme should be adopted. Some rentals within the town are in a disgusting state of disrepair.
443	Yes, all new houses on Salisbury road ? People need be GP! Not enough room at Abbey view ? see at G P's! Absolutely ridiculous, why couldn't they have their own GP and ? ? 750 homes four people in each doesn't add up does it?
444	do not need more housing just to import people from large cities etc. keep shaftesbury

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	unique
445	Instead of building new houses, sort out schools and doctors which are over full.
446	No more housing at all.
447	Housing estates should all have play areas for young children and football and cricket grounds in the areas. not miles out of town so the not as well off can reach them on foot or bicycle.
448	Infrastructure does not support extra housing as it is no leisure facilities, schools, surgery all under too much pressure. Roads cannot cope.
449	Any additional housing needs provision for schools, health centre, shops and adequate public transport - no matter where the housing is.
450	Adequate street parking or driveway with front gardens and trees.
451	Just where will all these people work?
452	Strongly oppose large developments as unsightly overdeveloped and thus becoming unpopular and run down, smaller well built sites by local companies and start much more preferable.
453	The area has to be protected to protect the countryside. Too much housing on sites which destroy our countryside. Brownfield sites must be used and conversion of shops.
454	Infrastructure must be developed to cope- currently development plans are unsustainable.
455	All new housing should be of good quality design even that at the affordable end.
456	New housing brings more people-putting extra pressure on current schools and GP services. We need improved or new school and GP surgery to cope.
457	New housing brings more people-putting extra pressure on current schools and GP services. We need improved or new school and GP surgery to cope.
458	Preferably a housing mix but need to know what kind of populous will be envisaged.
459	Due to the large population of older residents, who are not likely to move, housing provision for them as they become less mobile should be anticipated. Otherwise housing should go hand in hand with economic opportunities in the area.
460	zone planning appears to strict. Parts of designated areas would not be adversely affected by modest development that is one or two properties
461	There are some sites of outstanding natural beauty where small properties would not be a problem. Some planning is too restrictive.
462	wE DO NOT NEED A LOT MORE HOUSING - THE TOWN CANNOT COPE - IT IS SPOILING THE WHOLE ETHOS OF THE SAXON HILLTOP TOWN
463	Housing is required - affordable. BUT need to have appropriate infrastructure to support it
464	I don't like all the random road layouts, silly little paved areas that you have to drive over to access car parking on the new development. A more direct (bypass) road through the middle with off shoots instead of entering a maze system. Too much development, too quickly, more time to absorb the influx of all the extras
465	I am very concerned about the mass of new developments on the east of town. It completely changes the character of Shaftesbury from a market town to a suburban sprawl. Enough is enough, you are ruining our town.
466	With all this additional housing, what are all the occupants going to do. There are very few jobs locally so most will commute!!
467	Do not let Shaftesbury sprawl. Encourage small developers to built on infill sites
468	Q5 - not appropriate for anymore housing There has been too much housing development in Shaftesbury. Ugly houses have ruined the saxon market town. These people are on benefits, not working and causing trouble in town. Not enough roads locally - especially with Spread Eagle shut, not infrastructure to support new houses.
469	whole life housing needed
470	it is imperative to keep green field sites at all costs

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471	I feel the large group of houses being built alongside the A30 east of Shaftesbury would be better served by a small supermarket instead of the Funeral Parlour, or even a cafe.
472	There is too much housing for the towns infrastructure
474	A need for balance has to be met
475	We are currently permitting the building of houses for which there appears little or no market - e.g. selling on to Manchester Housing Association. This is a disgrace. We should build houses to benefit LOCAL need
476	Insist that any development respect the unique quality of Shaftesbury. "Any decision" is not good enough. The surrounding farming industry should be respected
477	There is a great danger of excessive house building in Shaftesbury and surrounding area that could seriously endanger the character and charm of the town. We have surely reached sufficient development
478	Recreational space should; be large enough for children to use. In the past (and may still be so) developers added up all the grassed verges and said the proportion was correct for the required proportion. Children cannot play safely on grassed verges and corner plots of grass.
479	Housing should be affordable so that local people on local average wages can secure a mortgage, purchase and live independent rather than rely on council schemes / help
480	Look at the add-on implications. Two neighbouring towns/villages with 50 new homes each amount to 100 new homes. Add 200 per village/ town for developer applications = 400. the implication for infrastructure changes from 50 to 500, an almost 10-fold increase
481	lack of road infrastructures
482	shaftesbury has enough housing at present for infrastructure
483	no further housing should be approved without by pass of christy's lane, additional medical and leisure facilities
484	too much housing on A30
485	more affordable housing is needed
486	Growth in proportion HAS to be matched with growth in vital services - medical, educational and policing, or quality in providing these facilities will be lost. (I would prefer our countryside to be fully protected and NO extra housing planned)
487	This is a small market town and it would be awful for it to be engulfed completely out of proportion to its standing in the area
488	STOP the draft Local plan proposed housing development sites eg STOP any more increase on A30 and also STOP the Barratt houses on A350
489	Would place a huge strain on the main three emergency services, Ambulance, Fire and Police due to the cutbacks and centralisation. Also the locations of the Hospital, ambulance and Police station.
490	Is Shaftesbury big enough? Does it need to get bigger? Surely it is as big as it needs to get!!
491	Shaftesbury is overdeveloped. and services overstretched. and the town already split
492	NOT on or near AONB
493	please have respect for other people's homes when allowing 3 storey high buildings. please have gardens for children to play in that are big enough.
494	The need to protect the town from turning into Gillingham, which is not nice to visit now!
495	Selected sites in rural areas adjacent to other houses could support very small developments in keeping with the area. There is a need for small starter homes in rural areas.
496	Additional large estates should not be allowed until sufficient infrastructure is in place - roads, doctors, schools a priority.
497	You can't just build houses without the accompanying infrastructure - both physical and social including transport links.
498	Growth should be graded to enable essential infrastructure ? to be extended to accommodate.
499	Housing numbers already exceeded under current plan.

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	Q7 Are there any additional comments relating to housing
500	Shaftesbury has reached virtual saturation point.
501	Shaftesbury is a traditional town with a welcoming face. Slow but steady growth of housing will enable this to continue. Rapid imposition of inappropriate housing will almost certainly fuel resentment.
502	Should not build in conservation area as viewed from Abbey Walk
503	If the UK need more housing, which it would seem it does with an ever increasing population, then why not look to towns that are on the flat lands and have the area to expand. Shaftesbury is already struggling with traffic, parking and facilities - there is no room to expand the town centre and these necessary services so how can anyone even think that there is room for more housing therefore more people et al.
504	Can't understand the necessity for any more housing. We have seen our town spoilt by over-development with more to come. Future generations will view Shaftesbury as just another place to live without connecting to the delights of a small market town.
505	Shaftesbury cannot sustain any further housing developments. A few houses in surrounding villages provided they fit in with the existing architecture, suitable for young people to either rent or purchase, but certainly not on Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty
506	Shaftesbury cannot support more housing and shouldn't be developed to accommodate this either. Protect both green and areas of outstanding natural beauty. Shaftesbury and the surround area shouldn't have any additional housing. Developing brown field is the only sustainable option
507	ensure 'rural' means 'rural'
508	We have already increased the population and housing stock in Shaftesbury. We should not be expected to have even more people and housing.
509	Provision for jobs should be made first then housing. Concerned about Shaftesbury becoming a hub of unemployment.
510	It is disgusting that the amount of proposed housing has been built/agreed without any plans for another school or doctors surgery. The town is very over crowded it is worrying for our childrens future schooling.
511	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilities for dog walkers being ignored - access to countryside becoming ever further away - poor path maintenance
512	Housing needs services for the residents - shops, community hall, playground, doctors access etc
513	I do not want anymore social housing to be built for more single mums with more kids and for the lazy people that will not work. End off.
514	The lack of space & imagination in the new housing estate is appalling
515	The infrastructure must be improved to cater for all this additional housing
517	Potential application of agenda 21 will impact the responses above. Future housing may include forty story high pack & stack apartments in order to limit population on 'wilderness' to be created.
518	We already have too much new housing in Shaftesbury which facilities (GPs chemists schools dentists etc) can't cope with plus traffic congestion. Much of this new housing is Social Housing for those moved here from other Towns/Cities not local families. Why should we (existing town folk) suffer from delays and lack of facilities - we have already lost most of our pleasant market town.
519	Stop infilling Town Boundary soon there will be no open spaces. No more housing until the infrastructure is in place - by pass (in Melbury) schools, doctors, car park.
520	There is a need for new housing to be spaced further apart to create garden space - new housing should have driveways and front gardens
521	I am not familiar with the Local Plan proposed housing development sites. There has been a huge amount of building north of the A30 - is more envisaged - is it necessary. How can the public know what is required in the way of flats/houses etc to whom to people apply for accommodation apart from Estate Agents?
522	Would rather see smaller pockets of development as opposed to large 'estates'.

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523	There are too many housing projects proposed on greenfield sites with no consideration for infrastructure and impact on settled community.
524	There is a perception in Shaftesbury that new, affordable and social housing gives rise to an influx of residents from other areas (rather than for the benefit of local people) would be interesting to know if this is true.
525	Let the huge development down Mampitts Lane be a warning as it looks squalid in parts is clearly not respected by some residents whose influx has put intense pressure on our local services.
526	To no build anymore. Too many houses on this hill.
527	Shaftesbury does not have facilities for more houses, leisure, GP, Car Parks, Shops
528	Less housing density, better quality of garden sizes and access roads
529	New housing should not be built unless new infrastructure is in place
530	Make it affordable
531	There seems to be enough housing already. The existing new estates are big enough. Lets not get too big and sprawling. Infrastructure won't take much more.
532	There seems to be enough new housing already. The new housing estates are not very nice
533	Construction materials to be traditional
534	For too long the only consideration seems to be housing building increases. It is vital more provision is made to consider infrastructure, ie roads, schools, doctors surgery etc
535	No more extra houses in Shaftesbury at all. We do not have the infrastructure to support anymore building ie schools, medical centres, drainage etc. More job opportunities for a growing population.
536	Services are already extremely stretched. Dr's especially and schools. We simply cannot grow unless we also do something about the vital services. also business spaces.
537	Housing must be balanced with job opportunities for Shaftesbury to thrive. Excessive housing will cause the beating heart of Shaftesbury to fail. We need 'community' not 'commuters'.
538	Create completely new town developments away from existing towns and villages.
539	There is now far too much new housing with no amenities. Infrastructure is at breaking point.
540	Shaftesbury is losing some of its charm with too many houses being squashed into greenfields ending up with sprawling estates. Not an attractive feature burdening the present infrastructure
541	Too many houses are going up in Shaftesbury, we need new schools & doctors to cope with so many more people in town.
542	Don't want any more houses, we have more than our fair share already
543	- Whilst recognising that there is a need for housing throughout the UK, I still find myself questioning whether the need in the neighbourhood area is as great as that which it is proposed to be built. There does not appear to be any objective evidence for this. - I recognise that the need might exceed the brownfield capacity available and that greenfield sites adjacent to the town built up boundary may be needed for the housing growth. This is regrettable but may be necessary.
544	Do we really need anymore houses, ok if the demand is local but it seems we build houses and ship people in from elsewhere
545	I think that the housing capacity for Shaftesbury has probably reached its limit
546	It should be a condition of development that all new housing should also include the appropriate infrastructure. A the very least, new schools & additional medical centres/facilities should be built. The recent enormous increase in housing in Shaftesbury has put a dreadful strain on the schools at Abbey View medical centre.
547	I feel very strongly we have more than enough already
548	Infrastructure - roads, schools, health centres need putting in place first as they are already overstretched