



SHAFTESBURY, MELBURY ABBAS & CANN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Questionnaire



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Use your voice & have your say



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Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas and Cann Town/Parish Councils want to hear from a wide a range of local people as possible – residents, businesses, shoppers, young people, older people, community groups, service providers and other stakeholders.

The questionnaire is largely formed on your comments from previous consultation events in the region. The results of this questionnaire will help us understand what is most important to you and what our Neighbourhood Plan should focus on.

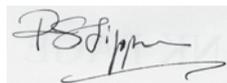
It is important to make clear that a Neighbourhood Plan has a focus on land use development. Our Neighbourhood Plan will set out a blueprint for what our area should be like to live and work in over the next fifteen years and how that plan can be achieved. The process of making our plan will include a series of consultations, in which we will try and listen to everyone in our community.

Our plan needs to conform to strategic local and national policies but can enable us to put in place our own detailed local planning policies relating to infrastructure, the economy, housing and other development where the community thinks it is necessary or beneficial to do so. Our plan will go before an independent examiner and then be subject to a

referendum in our parish where, under the regulations of the Localism Act 2011, over 50% of those voting must be in favour of the plan.

Once the Neighbourhood Plan is approved and it is brought into legal force it will form part of the Statutory Development Plan for the area.

Please fill in the questionnaire and return it to the Shaftesbury Town Hall by 26th January 2015. Alternatively you can fill in a web version of this form on www.shaftesburyplan.co.uk. If you have any queries please contact the Town Hall on enquiries@shaftesburytowncouncil.co.uk We will only accept one draw entry per person.



Dr. Richard Tippins
Chairman Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

HOUSING



Q1: New houses are proposed in the Neighbourhood area should these be of a particular type?

[Tick all that apply]

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Don't Know
Flats [1-2 beds]					
Smaller/Starter Houses [1-2 beds]					
Bungalows [2-3 beds]					
Larger Houses 3 or 4+ beds with study					
Executive Houses					
Homes for Rent					
Affordable Homes (i.e. Social Landlords & Shared Equity)					
Homes suitable for Home working					
Multiple occupancy (i.e. 'granny flat')					
Retail with Living Accommodation					
Retirement/Sheltered Homes					
Nursing Home, rest home					
Maisonette over shop/post office/pub/café					
Conversion of shops to housing					



Q2: Does your current home meet your current Requirements?

- Yes No No opinion

Q3: If you have answered 'no', which type of property do you need in the future?

Q4: Additional housing could put a strain on the infrastructure within the town. How concerned are you about the impact on the following [Tick all that apply]

	Very Concerned	Concerned	Not Concerned	Don't Know
Traffic congestion				
Road safety				
Surface Water Drainage				
Sewerage capacity				
Public Transport <small>[Bus/Rail]</small>				
Emergency Services <small>[Police, Fire, Ambulance]</small>				
Leisure Facilities				
Amount and Quality of Outdoor Space				
Education Provision				
GP Facilities				
Car Parking				

Q5: In addition to the draft Local Plan proposed housing development sites, which of the following are suitable sites for additional housing growth in Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas and Cann? [Tick all that apply]

- Within the town's current built up area boundary [brownfield]
- On green field sites adjacent to town's built up boundary
- On sites in designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty adjacent to our town's built up area boundary
- On green field sites not adjacent to the town's built up area boundary
- On sites designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty but not adjacent to our town's built up area boundary
- Don't know

Q6: Do you agree there is a need to identify and protect the countryside between neighbouring villages and our town to protect each others unique characteristics and prevent merging?

- Agree Disagree Don't know

Q7: Are there any additional comments relating to housing you would wish to make?



MELBURY ABBAS AND CANN – SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY



These questions are for people who live in Melbury Abbas or Cann only.

Q8: Should the Neighbourhood Development Plan include a Settlement Boundary for Melbury Abbas or Cann within which infill development will be permitted (or should specific sites for development be identified in these villages)?

- Yes
 No
 No opinion

Q9: For Melbury Abbas or Cann only, what do you think would improve your roads and lanes?

DEVELOPMENT (HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT)



Q10: How important do you think it is for any new building development to match the existing styles of surrounding buildings?

- very important
 Fairly important
 Not important
 No opinion

Q11: Should the Neighbourhood Plan aim to protect and enhance the quality of the building environment by promoting the following in Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas and Cann [note: special rules exist for conservation areas]

	Yes	No	No opinion
Design that respects the scale of the existing townscape			
Minimum standards for living space in dwellings			
Use of traditional local building materials e.g. Greenstone			
High levels of energy conservation in new buildings			
The green space and gardens within the settlements			
Better pedestrian and cycle access to the town centre			
Signage and street furniture that respects the locality			
Traditional styles and scale of shop front			
Use of traditional paving & materials in outdoor public areas			
More 'natural' solutions to control drainage <small>(e.g. water harnessing & recycling to reduce flooding downstream and from the town)</small>			
Quality of outdoor surfaces (hard and soft) in public areas			



Q12: Do you think that developments that mix houses with shops, cafes, pubs, restaurants and small businesses are a good thing?

- very important
 Fairly important
 Not important
 No opinion

Q13: Are there any other building features which are important?

Q14: Do you think the historic streetscape is a major asset of the town and should be protected and enhanced?

- very important
 Fairly important
 Not important
 No opinion

RENEWABLE ENERGY



Q15: How important do you think it is for any new buildings to harness energy from natural sources e.g. Solar Panels on houses?

- very important
 Fairly important
 Not important
 No opinion

Q16: How important do you think it is for any land use to harness energy from natural sources e.g. Solar Farms, Wind Turbines or Water Turbines?

- very important
 Fairly important
 Not important
 No opinion

BUSINESS - EMPLOYMENT



As Shaftesbury and surrounds grow, there will be a need to match homes with jobs. Growth could bring many economic and employment benefits to Shaftesbury and surrounds. To enable this we need to think about what types of local employment we wish to encourage and what needs to be done to support this.

Q17: What types of employment should the Neighbourhood Plan encourage? *(Tick any that you would support)*

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism, Leisure and Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Shops - Retail | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Enterprises |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food and Drink Production | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport, storage and distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial and professional services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pubs, restaurants and cafes | <input type="checkbox"/> Community services | <input type="checkbox"/> Light industrial and manufacturing |



Q17a: Other, please give details

Q18: Would you welcome any of the following to support local employment opportunities? *(Tick all that apply)*

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small retail units | <input type="checkbox"/> Conversion of barns to workspace | <input type="checkbox"/> Faster broadband connection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office accommodation | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail with living accommodation | <input type="checkbox"/> Increased Professional Training Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small industrial unites | <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of a local work hub <i>(hot-desking)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Storage and warehousing units |

Q18a: Other, please give details

Q19: If you are currently in employment, how far do you travel to your place of work? *(Please tick one)*

- Work from Home Work within the Parishes
(i.e. Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas or Cann) Less than one hour journey More than one hour journey

Q20: Have you considered working from home?

- Yes No Already do

Q21: Would you be interested in using a local 'hot desk' facility (i.e. fully equipped local office space available for rent on a weekly, daily or hourly rate)?

- Yes No Already do

Q22: The draft Local Plan has allocated a significant amount of employment land (7 Hectares) south of the A30 – have you any suggestions on how this employment land can be used? (Draft Local Plan policies allow a mix of business uses,; community uses; health care; education and ancillary retail uses)



BUSINESS - TOWN CENTRE & TOURISM



The draft Local Plan gives priority to the enhancement of the environment and promotion of business opportunities in the town centre shopping area, to provide a focus for jobs, shops and tourism. The plan promotes the regeneration of designated areas within the Town Centre to support commercial activity, enhance public realm and address traffic congestion issues.

It is also important to find ways to re-generate Shaftesbury Town Centre to improve opportunities for businesses, retail, jobs and tourism, whilst retaining the character of our ancient market town.

Q23: Which of the following would make the Town Centre a better place to shop during the day?

[Tick all that apply]

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small independent and specialist shops | <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional Special Markets | <input type="checkbox"/> Shuttle Bus Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National chain stores | <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers Markets | <input type="checkbox"/> Lorry/bus ban during specified hours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women Clothing Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Increased Parking Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardware Shop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men Clothing Shop | | |

Q23a: Other, please suggest other improvements

Q24: Which of the following would make the Town Centre a better place to shop during the day?

[Please tick only 5]

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promote 'Chocolate Box' High St. Shop Frontage | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved Signage through Town Centre | <input type="checkbox"/> Better In-Village Tourist Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved or Additional Toilet facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved Gardens | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved High Street thoroughfare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage/'Victorian' design street lighting | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved Tourist Footpaths with signs | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved Tourist Web-site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Live music or events | | |

Q24a: Any other suggestions?



Q24: What do you consider are the 3 most important requirements for the regeneration of the Town Centre?

[Please tick only 3]

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved shops | <input type="checkbox"/> Car parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Selection of eating places |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly street markets | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved pavements | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved traffic management |

Q25: The draft Local Plan supports the regeneration of prime sites within the Town Centre e.g. Cattle Market. What uses would you recommend for these important sites? *[Tick all that apply]*

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car park | <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure uses | <input type="checkbox"/> Small food store |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixture of retail and residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Shops | <input type="checkbox"/> Office accommodation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area of parkland | | |

Q26a: Other?

Q27: Would you like to see the development of a comprehensive network of cycle paths around Shaftesbury & its surroundings – including to the Blackmore Vale and Donheads?

- Yes No No opinion

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENTS



Q28: Which areas would you like to be Enhanced *[Tick all that apply]*

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Don't Know
Historic Town Centre					
Wooded hillside and ridge lines, open country views					
Castle Hill <i>(where the old castle is)</i>					
Castle Hill Green					
Park Walk <i>(by the Abbey)</i>					
Mature/Specimen Trees throughout the Town and Villages					
'The Slopes' surrounding Shaftesbury					



Q28a: Additional Areas to be Protected and/or comment:

OPEN SPACES - ENVIRONMENTS



Q29: Are there any views, open spaces, particular landscapes or flora & fauna that should be protected and enhanced in the Neighbourhood Plan?

- | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Our Existing Open Spaces (Planned Open Spaces) | <input type="checkbox"/> Important | <input type="checkbox"/> Not important | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion |
| Local wild plants and wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Important | <input type="checkbox"/> Not important | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion |
| Existing Trees and other Vegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> Important | <input type="checkbox"/> Not important | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion |

Q29a: Which views need protecting?





Q30: Areas for Improvement *[For each of the area of improvement please tick your preference]*

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Don't Know
The safety of pedestrians, cyclists and animals					
Footpath extensions & increased connections to others					
Footpath surface improvements					
Circular Walks					
Maintenance of existing footpaths					
Road drainage to minimise surface water flooding					
Feature trees – tree management strategy					
Provision of Children’s Play Area 0-5 yrs					
Provision of Children’s Play Area 5-11yrs					
Adventure Area/other areas for free play & special events					
Planting of spring bulbs <i>[e.g. Snowdrop Project]</i>					
Special planting of trees and shrubs <i>[wildlife areas for shelter, habitat creation & management of surface water]</i>					

Q31: Which of the following do you think are important to enable you to access and enjoy the local countryside *[Tick all that apply]*

- Public footpaths
- Woodland and forestry
- Commons
- Bridleways
- Off road cycle paths

Q31a: Other, please specify

Q32: How could the Neighbourhood plan encourage more walking or cycling?

Q33: Should the Neighbourhood plan aim to allocate land to encourage growing of local food i.e. more space for Allotments?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

Q34: Any other comments for Open Spaces & Environments?



Q35: Below is a list of services or facilities that you may use in our parish or nearby. We would like to know how often you use these. The second question addresses your desire for the provision of facilities not currently available in our parish in a situation near you.

	How often do you use any of the listed amenities?					If this facility is not available in the parish, near you do you think there is a need for it?	
	Never	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less often	Yes	No
Supermarket							
Independent Shops							
Farm Shop							
Post Office							
Petrol Station							
Pub							
GP							
Hospital							
Dentist							
Place of Worship							
Job Centre	Currently not in Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas, Cann						
Library							
Guildhall (Town Hall)							
Community Hall							
Art Centre (Art, Drama, Yoga)							
Youth Club							
Day Centre for the Elderly							
Nursery/Crèche							
Primary School							
Community College							
Training Centre – Adults (e.g. IT skills)	Currently not in Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas, Cann						
Allotments							
Park/Recreational Field							
Community Orchard (Donkey Field)							
Community Farm (Homegrown)							
Football Pitch							
Cricket							
Tennis Court							
Outdoor Bowls							
Indoor Bowls	Currently not in Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas, Cann						
Swimming Pool							
BMX Track	Currently not in Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas, Cann						
Skateboard							
Outdoor Gym							
Multi Use Games area							
Cycle Tracks							
Footpaths (not pavements)							



Q36: IF YOU LIVE IN SHAFTESBURY, there is money available from building developers (s106) to build a new community hall in Shaftesbury.

There are three options which have been identified these are:-

1. Small size community hall to be located in Eastern Development, Maltings – to be run by Volunteers
2. Medium size community hall on Cockram Field (next to Youth Club) – to be run by Volunteers
3. Larger size community hall – location to be determined – same concept as The Exchange, Sturminster Newton (rental income plus volunteers). However this option would need additional funds for this option – (not from tax funding)

Funds are available for either option 1 and 2; however additional funds would need to be raised for the more ambitious option 3 (not from tax funding).

(Please tick 1 box below)

- Smaller Hall [Eastern Development, Maltings]
 Medium Hall [Cockrams]
 Larger Hall [location to be determined]
 No opinion

Q37: IF YOU LIVE IN MELBURY ABBAS & CANN do you think funds should be raised to build one new community hall; refurbish the existing community hall or do nothing? *(Please tick 1 box below)*

- New Hall in Melbury Abbas and Cann
 Refurbish existing hall
 Do nothing

Q38: Would you support a combined football centre (Multiple pitches to cater for training & youth to 40’s veteran’s football?) *(Please tick 1 box below)*

- Yes
 No
 No opinion

Q39: Is there anything else you would like to say about Community and Leisure facilities in your area?

TRANSPORT



Q40: Which of the following aspects of road traffic in Shaftesbury or surrounds give you concern? *(Tick all that apply)*

- Excessive traffic volumes
 Excessive traffic speed
 Excessive traffic noise
 Traffic danger to pedestrians



Q40a: Other Traffic Concerns?

Q41: What do you think are the most important objectives for improved Transport and Traffic Management? *[Tick all that apply]*

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce traffic in Town | <input type="checkbox"/> Extend Gillingham Rd to join the A30 east of Long Cross | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved air quality in Town |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved safety for pedestrians in Town | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced number of HGV's in Town | <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage more visitors to the town |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gateway features should be introduced at entrances to Town Centre | <input type="checkbox"/> Introduce bypass from A350 at the top of the hill to Semley to A30 & onto C13/A350 | <input type="checkbox"/> Stagger Housing Development to be in line with Highway Provision |

Q41a: Other, please specify

Q42: Do you have any suggestions to further improve the traffic management in the Town Centre? *[Tick all that apply and suggest others]*

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buses using a single 'station' adjoining the High Street | <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian Bridge over A30 by Christy's Lane | <input type="checkbox"/> Add new Bus Stop near Tesco |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk on and off Shuttle Service joining Maltings & surrounding Housing Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Move Bus Station to Bell St Car Park by Co-op? | <input type="checkbox"/> Concept of buses & service vehicles only going one way through Town Centre |

Q42a: Other, please specify

Q43: With an increased population in Shaftesbury and its surrounds, do we have adequate transport services? *[Tick all that need improvement and suggest others]*

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bus Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Bus | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved coach parking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provision for disabled people | <input type="checkbox"/> Road-Rail interchange [link to Gillingham station] | |

Q43a: Other, please specify



Q44: Do you cycle to access local facilities, to work or to visit friends? *(Tick all that apply)*

- Daily Weekly Monthly Less Often Never

Q45: What changes would encourage you to walk or cycle more within the town or around Melbury Abbas and Cann? *(Tick all that apply)*

- Designated Pathways Designated Cycleways Better Crossing points on Main Roads Foot bridge over Christy's Lane

Q45a: Other, please specify

Q46: Do you walk to access local facilities, to work or to visit friends? *(Tick 1 box that applies)*

- Daily Weekly Monthly Less Often Never

Q47: Is there anything else you would like to say about Transport?





Please return the completed form to one of the following drop off points:

- TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, TOWN HALL, **SHAFTESBURY**
- TESCO'S CUSTOMER SERVICE DESK, **SHAFTESBURY**
- GP SURGERY, ABBEY VIEW, **SHAFTESBURY**
- B. HUGHES CHAPEL COTTAGE (TOP OF DINAHS HOLLOW) **CANN COMMON**
- A. KAILE, PUNCH HILL FARMHOUSE, DINAHS HOLLOW **MELBURY ABBAS**

To be returned by **26TH JANUARY 2015** to enter the Prize Draw.

WEB BASED SURVEY

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