

Community Survey

This survey was aimed at the community. A link to the survey was advertised on Cannington Neighbourhood Plan and Cannington Parish Council's websites. As well as being shared on Facebook.

104 surveys were completed. The results are shown below.

How do you rate the following Facilities & Amenities?					
1. Convenience Shopping					
Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Inadequate	Not relevant
25	51	22	2	2	2
2. Pre-School Facilities					
Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Inadequate	Not relevant
14	28	6	3	1	52
3. Schools					
Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Inadequate	Not relevant
21	30	9	1	0	43
4. Further Education					
Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Inadequate	Not relevant
16	31	17	5	2	33
5. Youth Facilities					
Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Inadequate	Not relevant
1	10	23	35	11	24
6. Parks & Play Areas					
Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Inadequate	Not relevant
4	14	38	33	8	7
7. Health Facilities					
Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Inadequate	Not relevant
23	42	24	7	1	13
8. Social/Leisure Facilities					
Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Inadequate	Not relevant
2	22	42	23	10	5
9. Public Transport					
Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Inadequate	Not relevant
1	30	31	16	4	22

10. If you have a particular comment on the points above, feel free to add here:

- Above answers do take into consideration that Cannington is a small village
- Buses expensive and stop running early evening.
- Facilities for teens poor.
- I helped Scouts with the leaflet drop and a common theme from the kids I spoke to mentioned basketball, skate park and tennis facilities would be good.
- Difficult for me to comment with any accuracy, as I work in Cannington and do not use many of the facilities questioned above.
- I have also responded in the context of 'compared to other small towns/villages'
- Difficult to get an appointment with Doctors for a couple of weeks in most cases.
- School education - found primary unwelcoming on visit so now drive children to another village.
- Dogs should be kept out of the children's play areas. There's a big problem with dog MESS!!!!
- Feel that locals are being ignored by local mini mart, their prices have gone up by as much as 75% in some cases. Some locals have no transport, but contractors in area have pushed prices up!
- Few of the above apply to me but have tried to be honest in what I know.
- Given answers are in consideration that we are a small village & as such would not expect super facilities as in a large town.
- Health Centre should have thought twice about retiring a good & helpful GP
- More youth facilities needed bus service not bad during the day but after tea-time its non existent.
- My knowledge of schooling and youth in the village is hearsay only but I am aware that the primary school has a good report.
- New multi activity village hall/community centre required for all ages.
- No provision for those with mobility issues.
- Not enough green areas to enjoy, why is the playing field outside of the village which has limited use, would it not have been better to buy the field in behind lonsdale to make it into a usable area for all village people. Parish council does not listen or represent peoples views.
- Our convenience stores need better parking facilities. This will prevent illegal /dangerous parking when using these facilities.
- Parking poor, traffic awful, community spirit brilliant!
- Parks and play areas always seem to be occupied by older children and an unacceptable amount of dog mess also in lots of other areas parking where you like along main road by butchers and boy racers driving along like morons.
- Personally in light of the EDF takeover of everything I'm yet to be convinced the wishes and needs of the village are taken into account by those in office.
- Pre-school and schools are not applicable to me although I believe these services to be good in Cannington.
- Safety of the village and for villagers.
- The child's play ground needs to be more friendly for younger children '.. There isn't much for them there.
- The village has 4 pubs, of mixed standards, but of an evening few locals are to be found in them, mostly its HP contractors. This leaves a vacuum of social activity for anyone other than the elderly - often the only organised events are PC meetings.....
- Webber bus cannot be relied upon to arrive on time. It would also help if there was a limited Sunday service if only in the Summer.
- Would be great if the park and other public areas had less dogs mess around. It really is becoming quite hazardous in the village. I think as a community we need to do more
- Would like to see more play areas for the children of Cannington.
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11. How often do you use the Shops & Services in Cannington?				
Daily	Regularly	Monthly	Only when I have to	Never
22	63	4	13	0
12. How Could Your Experience of Shopping or Services in Cannington be Improved?				
Wider Variety of Shops		27 out of the 104 ticked this box		
More Cafes/Restaurants		27 out of the 104 ticked this box		
Better Parking for Shoppers		93 out of the 104 ticked this box		
More Seating Areas		25 out of the 104 ticked this box		
Free Accessible Wi-Fi Zone		15 out of the 104 ticked this box		
More Green/Planted Areas		26 out of the 104 ticked this box		
Regular Outdoor Events/Activities		43 out of the 104 ticked this box		
More Pedestrian Friendly		34 out of the 104 ticked this box		
13. What Best Describes Your CURRENT Work Status?				
Employed Full Time				39
Employed Part Time				13
Self Employed				16
Unemployed Seeking Work				0
Unemployed Unable to Work				1
Student, in Education				1
Home Carer, or Stay at Home Parent				2
Volunteer (Unpaid)				2
Retired				26
14. If Employed, Where is Your Current Place of Work?				
Work From Home				5
Work in Cannington (Not from Home)				19
Work in Bridgwater				10
More than 10 Miles from Cannington				21
Work in Adjacent County				4
Work Nationally				2
15. How Do You Normally Travel to Work?				
By Car/Motorcycle				49
Public Transport				6
Cycle				3
Walk				4
N/A Work From Home				7
16. If Working, What Best Describes Your Occupation/Category?				
Managing Director, Senior Official				5
Professional (Such as Doctor, Lawyer etc)				15
Administrative Secretarial				8
Caring, Leisure/Holiday or Service Occupation				9
Sales & Customer Service				12
Process Plant & Machine Operative				1
Quarrying, Mining, Forestry or Farming				3
Skilled Trades Person				10

17. Do you Agree or Disagree on these important issues?

	Agree	Disagree	No View
More Convenience Shopping	33	46	25
Visitors/Shoppers Car Parking Inadequate	91	5	8
Residents Car Parking Inadequate	60	20	24
New By-Pass (currently being built) Will Make no Difference to Traffic Volumes	46	39	19
School Run Adds to Parking Issues	77	6	21
The Motor Vehicle be Less Dominant in Cannington	47	35	22
We Need Additional Off-Street Parking?	79	11	14
More Fast Food Outlets (take-aways)	32	52	20
New By-Pass (currently being built) Will be Inadequate	44	34	26
Reduced Speed Limit (20-mph) in Main or Designated Areas of Cannington	80	13	11

Any Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20mph NOW! • As a community we have shops,village hall, most of the pubs,churches majority of our homes which were built before most people had cars, we have not invested in providing better parking. • As a resident of Cannington with little or no parking and having to park in neighbouring streets, I think the college could allow local residents to park in their car parks over night during certain hrs. • Bypass wont reduce current volumes. • We dont want traffic calming between Brownings and Lonsdale, thank you..... • Can't comment on effect new by-past will make as it will not be possible to tell until it's in use. • More fast food outlets more litter! • Drivers going to & from work and wishing to shop at the Bakery/Newsagent etc. will still drive through the village • Dunball to Hinkley road/rail link vital. 20mph past school. Stop Hinkley expansion until direct road & rail link from M5 completed. • Hinkley Point traffic will still come through the village as who will go up the bypass and get stuck behind lorries it is the only way a car is going to get past them when they have followed them through Bridgwater, it also will add mileage to the journey. • We need traffic restrictions in the village before the bypass is started - New housing that has been granted is for 3 to 4 bed houses so potentially this could mean that there is another 64 cars using Northbrook and Lonsdale, we have already had one death on the main road so we can only hope that no children meet with any accidents on the corner of North Brook and Southbrook. Bin lorries and buses struggle already. • I disagree with last question purely because a great number of house holds use their garage to store junk and also do not use their drive for parking though laziness i.e it's easier to drive off from the road. Make them use their garages and drives. • Live in East Street, some mornings are unable to get out of street at school time. Would it be possible to ask college if school parents could use Crockers car park? Many parents do need to drive but there are a minority who live close to the school (less than half mile) who drive daily. • By pass in wrong place. Agree to speed restrictions in certain areas, maybe look at some form of traffic calming close to East Street/main road junction.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not sure what is meant by motor vehicle less dominant question. Assume you meant that it will become less dominant. • Parking anywhere in Cannington is a problem, especially at school times I can't even park near my home because of the volume of cars. • We need a decent cafe with suitable parking and takeaway. • Without a motor many people would be unable to get to work. • Fast food outlets cause noise, smells and rubbish problems not required in a village when there are alternatives within the public houses.
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18. Could We Also Have Your Thoughts on.....

	Agree	Disagree	No View
There is a Need to Improve The Frequency of Bus Timetables	46	14	44
The Need to Recognise and Value Tourism & Visitors to Cannington	83	3	18
Whether a Cycle/Foot Path from Combwich to Bridgwater has any Value	58	18	28
Open Areas Should be Kept Free From Development	82	9	13
A Need From More Open Spaces, Parks and Recreation Areas	75	11	18
To Protect Historic Buildings and our Heritage	91	2	11
A Need to Improve Facilities for Children & the Youth of Cannington	83	3	18
We Need to Improve Our Community Halls and/or Public Venues	78	10	16
There is a Need for a New Purpose Built Village Hall or Community Centre	60	21	23
A Need for More Suitable Affordable Housing for All Ages	71	13	20
Homes Being Taken up by Incoming Short-Term Workers Could Become an Issue	66	12	26

Any Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As long as homes for short term workers are well managed there should not be an issue & hopefully transient workers will add to the local economy. • Cycle path to Bridgwater needed. • Development of new houses is needed for healthy village that would then benefit new village hall shops etc you cannot stand still, also local businesses are better supported by local people. this all adds up to long term sustainability. • EDF workers creates revenue to local shops. Why can't they have housing in cannington?! Stupid • Everybody bowing down to effect and sad to say locals selling there houses to make profit from edf. • I am not against a new village hall but improved parking to current village hall would help. • Many houses are taken up by Edf workers which could be used for Cannington people who have family here before and local people. • Need AFFORDABLE but well built houses £120000+... Youth who have grown up in the village want to stay and support, but if we can't get a house we can afford. We'll have to leave. That's a disappointment to the village. • Protect agricultural land.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question "Homes in Cannington" will be a big issue as the village would become a dormitory with noise and movement at all hours through shift work. • Stop parking on crossing by SPAR, move crossing to its proper original place, bulldoze Sandford corner roundabout joke, buy ground inside corner, straighten road & raise speed limit. • Build social housing on ground inside bypass. • Demolish Rectory when Peter leaves to provide Village Hall parking. • The bowling green - would make a lovely community seating area with flower beds etc. • The greater issue is when long term incoming workers crowd our Health Centre, our Schools, our leisure facilities and our roads with their vehicles • There are 2 bus services, but they often almost follow each other rather than add to the service. • Tourism group disbanded due to future problems with EDF transport etc for many years. Too late for the open space of Pophams field • We need a Sunday Bus, even if it is limited. • Yes there is a need for housing but the key work is expansion why take up all the green spaces within the village you will never get them back look to the outskirts where there is loads of space. 				
19. How Long Have You Lived in Cannington?					
Under a Year	1 to 5 Years	5 to 10 Years	10 to 20 Years	Over 20 Years	
5	17	8	40	24	
20. How long do You Anticipate You Will Stay Living in Cannington?					
Short Term 1 to 3 Years	Medium Term 4 to 10 Years	Long Term 10 to 20 Years	Always, Wouldn't Dream of Moving	I'm Uncertain	Looking to Leave
2	13	15	40	20	4
21. About Your Current Home					
My Current Home Meets My/Our Needs		Need a Larger Home	Need a Smaller Home	Not Applicable or Under Consideration	
78		9	0	17	
22. What Type of Housing Are You in at Present?					
What Type of Housing Are You in at House; 2 to 3 Bedrooms				46	
House; 4 or More Bedrooms				30	
Bungalow; 2 to 3 Bedrooms				8	
Bungalow; 4 or More Bedrooms				2	
Flat: 1 Bedroom				1	
Flat 2 or More Bedrooms				2	
Single Self Contained Room in Shared House (Bed-Sit)				0	
Not Applicable, or Prefer Not to Say				15	
23. Is There Anyone at Home Who Needs Their Own Accommodation?					
Yes				18	
No				86	
24. If Yes From Question 23 Above, What Type of Accommodation Would be Preferred? (More than 1 answer allowed)					
Social Housing In Cannington			9 out of 18 ticked this box		

Social Housing in Sedgemoor Area	4 out of 18 ticked this box
Affordable Housing to Buy for Local People in Cannington	8 out of 18 ticked this box
Affordable Housing to Buy for Local People in Sedgemoor	4 out of 18 ticked this box
Private Rental in Cannington	4 out of 18 ticked this box
Private Rental in Sedgemoor Area	2 out of 18 ticked this box
Shared Ownership (Housing Association, Developer or Local Authority)	6 out of 18 ticked this box
Supported Elderly Care	2 out of 18 ticked this box

25. How Satisfied Are You with Living in Cannington?

Very Satisfied	Fairly Satisfied	Content	Fairly Dissatisfied	Extremely Dissatisfied
45	24	20	3	1

26. Is there anything we have not covered that you feel is needed in Cannington?

- A new village hall with parking would be a great addition to the village, but... the £ needed makes it an impossible dream so improve what we have and try to find some parking.
- Build a REAL bypass.
- Community Participation. Not your problem really but there is a huge apathy in this village. Trying to get people to volunteer is hard work.
- Dogs mess.
- Higher speed internet for more rural parts required.
- Improved cricket facilities for Cannington Cricket Club.
- In view of EdF as well as other planning applications we need a strong and vibrant Parish Council. Sadly the ones who care and actually do anything in this village have no authority.
- Less miserable idiots who moan on the first page.
- More green spaces for people to enjoy.
- More leisure facilities for youth, such as a small skatepark.
- More lights, the orchard has no lighting at all.
- No.
- Open-Ended Response.
- Parrish council should have two members from each generation. Serve a fixed term of five years only same for chairperson.
- Restaurant not in a pub would be nice.
- Safety of pedestrians when using the main road!
- The issue of road safety, not so obvious if living off the main road perhaps but a focus of concern for those who do.
- The park for the children is inadequate, there are very few places for them to run and have fun safely.
- There is very limited Community spirit, people come home and shut their doors with NO CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEEDS OF OTHERS IN THE VILLAGE.
- Traffic calming.

27. Do you have any general comments you would like to add

- 20 mph zone past school needed.
- Better parking for SPAR.
- Decline license for Clifford Court.
- Deny houses on old orchard in Gurney Street.
- Build quality housing so future generations will be proud, do not be afraid to build houses and new businesses and encourage people to move to this village.
- Cannington has a large no of elderly people. There does not appear to be a collective care system in place in the Village. Sunshine club is not enough.
- Cannington is a friendly place to live where most people care about their

surroundings.

- Cannington is a village and should be preserved for all who live there - it does not have to become a car park as there are a lot of areas on the outskirts that can be adapted for housing etc.
- Centralise the playing field this then can bring people in to the village, we could host concerts and games we can improve the look of the village not just cover it in concrete by more housing.
- Cannington needs to keep it's village organisations. Do not allow Bridgwater College and EDF to take over everything. Their input has to be appreciated such as rebuilding Cannington Court without their money it would have fallen down. Try to integrate college facilities for village use at a sensible & keep new housing in keeping with the surroundings whether small or larger dwellings.
- Currently we have a very poor & ineffective Parish Council mainly thanks to a Chairman who doesn't even listen to his team, let alone the members of the Village.
- Development boundary - is creating too many infill projects. Extend it up to the new bypass instead, will stop the village being squeezed from the inside, plus lots of land for social accommodation.
- Commercial development - No real policy is allowing tincknells to expand on to agricultural land.
- Different generations have different needs, however, the ability to walk cycle, park & drive safely in the village applies to us all.
- With reference to your recent letter asking residents of High Street, Cannington to remove their cars on a weekly basis, I would like to point out the following problems and also ask for EDF Energy to consider a proposal to make your lives easier and that of the residents. Whilst I appreciate that you may have a wide load coming past my house, you do not appreciate that I am disabled and have nowhere else to put my vehicle, along with the majority of the residents in the top of the High Street. If it was that easy we would love to park our cars elsewhere, close to home and in a safe environment, as many have of the lorries going to and from Hinkley. I would like to propose that EDF Energy visit my house and that of my neighbours so I can show in person my proposals, which are to take away the slopes outside our houses, which are mainly grassed and prove difficult to cut, and provide a long parking bay in its place so that residents could park without the fear of their vehicles being damaged and providing a wider route for the lorries that need to get out to Hinkley. I also propose, that the field on the back of high St houses might be a an option as then drive way could be put in back of the gardens of which there is more than enough land to use and would in fact work more better I believe that this suggestion would benefit us both, and would seriously ask you to consider the proposal and to meet me so that I can show you in person. Also this would benefit the United reformed Church is we had parking at the back of our houses as then it would leave them much needed parking, when visiting the church as they have many Community event , and needed parking for short term where we needed parking full time so it would benefit of wider community .
- I do feel that a drive at the back would be better as then we are in with chance as we can then say it would free up parking for the church which then in a effect would then be helping more in the community. Well I have thought of that as well and as EDF would be paying that takes the money side away and it would value to all the house so hopefully as now a lot more new one have moved in there might be hope all ideas with EDF paying 1 that buy land from the farmer (if not , we all hopefully agree to loss a bit of our gardens) 2 they buy / see who owns the big of land near the pub 3 the end house could be used if the occupier agree and of causes some money given for convenient. 4 if they are two private house that would be willing to sell a bit of land (as in two houses with a wide area like mine and next doors) 5 driveways out the front of the houses.
- I am quite new to Cannington but find it a lovely place.
- Not to have Cannington turned into an extension of Bridgwater no more building lets keep our villages.
- On the whole I think this is a good village to live in.
- Parking near the Spar is a nightmare, I feel sorry for the residents. Dog walkers are covering Cannington in dog mess and not clearing it up. Its everywhere and

disgusting.

- Please disregard all housing answers - I do not live here but there was no option to say that. I am the Headteacher at Brymore should anyone wish to discuss the answers as many were difficult because I am not fully aware of the issues residents face.
- Question *25 answer will probably become "Extremley Disatisfied" when HC is underway simply because County & Local Councils have allowed EDF to walk over them
- Re question *25. This is a current view which could change with the influx of EDF workers and their families.
- The biggest challenge to Cannington is the Hinkley development. The issues around it has not been thought through. For example, the new bypass has caused a big impact to the look of the village, Brymore and wildlife with very little benefit.
- Traffic and parking need to be sorted.
- What will you do with the results?
- You're putting people off moving here by moaning so much.