

Highways, Services and other Concerns

You said: we need a new or improved village hall.

To do this we need to find a suitable possible site to build a new hall and gain funding to do so. At present the Parish Council are looking to improve the existing facilities.

You said: There is a lack of parking

Unfortunately we can't create more parking spaces for existing property but the Neighbourhood Plan can ensure that any new development is designed to include adequate parking.

We have however investigated the current situation and have highlighted areas of concern.

You said you were concerned about the amount of traffic

Cannington Speed Watch continues to be very active and have increased their awareness campaign.

You asked for more dog bins.

The Parish Council has already installed an additional bin and relocated one of the others and a further two bins have been ordered.

You asked for a cleaner environment

Cannington in Bloom has done a wonderful job enhancing our village and verges.

The Parish Council are in the process of investigating further work in areas not already covered by Cannington in Bloom.

Want to know more?

Come and have a chat at one of our consultation meetings.

Saturday October 18th

Cannington Village Hall (upstairs)

10 a.m. - 4p.m.

Wednesday 29th October

United Reform Church

High Street

1p.m. – 4p.m.

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Cannington Neighbourhood Plan



At the end of 2013 the Parish Council invited all of us to have your say. They wanted to know what is important to you about living in Cannington. They asked you to think about aspects such as housing and possible development, the businesses, traffic, services, sports and community facilities. They also wanted to know what we like about living here and what we would like to see happen in the future. This is where the Cannington Neighbourhood Steering Group comes in. The Steering Group are local residents who are volunteering their time to develop the Neighbourhood Plan.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a document that is produced by the local community. It looks at what we value, want to conserve and enhance, and further develop in terms of land use and further development in the area now and for the next 18 years

Why bother with neighbourhood planning?

This is our chance to come up with a vision for the future. This is our chance to think about what we care about in our local area and what kind of place we want to create. We know best about our neighbourhood; we are the local experts. Why let other people decide what happens to where we live?

What will the Plan do?

The Plan will dovetail with the National and Local Planning Frameworks and will also build on the existing Cannington Village Plan 2005. Once adopted our local planning authority, Sedgemoor District Council, will have to take notice of the planning policies within our Neighbourhood Plan.

Everyone will be invited to vote on the Plan in a local referendum next year.

When we looked at the results of the questionnaire there were some obvious topics that you felt strongly about. Not all of them can be included in a Neighbourhood Plan we can look into them and pass our findings on to the Parish Council etc.

Housing

You said: No to more housing

Cannington is one of Sedgemoor District Councils Key Rural Settlements and therefore we have to take our proportion of housing growth. However there are things we can do. We can determine where it goes and what it looks like.

You said: No to large estates

A Neighbourhood Plan can set policies against which any planning applications will be judged. It can allocate sites, protect green spaces and determine the scale of any development.

You said: Yes to more affordable housing

Sedgemoor District Council has completed an Affordable Housing Needs Assessment and has calculated that Cannington currently needs 23 homes to meet this need as part of our commitment.

Open spaces and footpaths

You said: Yes to green areas

With the Neighbourhood Plan we aim to protect the existing green spaces and safeguard more.

You said: some of the village footpaths were very narrow

The footpaths outside the village hall and along Fore Street are very narrow in places but would be difficult to widen. Some are also inside the conservation area

You said: we need more recreation facilities including Playing Fields and Sports Facilities

The Parish Council have applied for Planning Permission to replace and further develop the existing play area off Brook Street.

If we can prove a further need for other facilities Cannington Parish Council can apply for funding.

You said: there was a need for a Cycle Corridor

There is a plan already in place to develop a cycle path between Bridgwater and Hinkley Point.

You said: the street lighting in some areas of the village should be improved

All lighting units on highways are the responsibility of Somerset County Council.

