

RECREATION

R1. Where Possible we propose any development should help enhance recreation facilities

- 1. We disagree strongly with housing development in Popham's field. The only real green space in the village.**
- 2. Tidy Popham's field and keep grass cut from the spring. It should not be built over.**
- 3. Protecting green areas is great maybe ensure for the future that rural areas between new bypass and Sandy Lane over to the monument are protected. Beautiful wildlife and Deer etc.**
- 4. There are very few green/open spaces in the village. More are needed and existing ones protected.**
- 5. Maintaining the existing green spaces is important. At present a good balance exists within the village.**
- 6. We should protect the character of the village, but take opportunities to improve.**
- 7. Enhance riverside area-maybe putting benches into park areas to encourage use of areas by more than just the children-need to make family friendly.**
- 8. Re-development of children's play area off Brook Street-install a couple of seats for parents/grandparents.**

R2 Where possible we propose any development should improve the quality of our access to the countryside.

- 1. It would be fantastic if a path could be put in from Northbrook over the brook and through the park straight to somewhere in Dukes Avenue/Schoolfields to keep lots of children from the busy main road.**
- 2. Ensure all recreational facilities can be accessed by less able residents.**
- 3. Ensure recreational facilities are in locations that are assessed as being safe for local children of all ages to travel/walk to and from.**
- 4. Do an audit of sports facilities in surrounding villages e.g. football, netball, cricket, rugby so that Cannington children can join Cannington clubs.**
- 5. More safe walking areas. Places for people to run/walk cycle. Why can we not share some of the college extensive grounds to make leisure areas for the village?**
- 6. Please consider designating the field areas –CNE4- as part of the Neighbourhood Plan. This is a valuable resource in danger of being lost forever by ruthless Developers.**
- 7. No houses should be built without proper road access (2 ways access-not single lane) and green space and playground. Land around brook both sides of Main Road should be protected with no housing and enhanced for recreational facilities/wildlife/pathways.**

R3 Where possible we propose any development should enhance recreation facilities.

1. Relocate village hall to Denmans Lane and cricket, bowls, skate park facilities.
2. Improved sport facilities e.g. 3G pitch for soccer, hockey, netball etc. Nearly every village small village in France/Spain has 3G facilities.
3. Better 'traffic free' cycle paths. Could Cannington Straight not be upgraded in this respect?
4. (*Play Park?*) I think it will be better to use than the old one. The old one is a bit boring-(resident aged 9).
5. I think you should have some adult exercise equipment in the park so mums/dads can get fit too. Benches needed in park. Shade needed in park for babies. A picnic area? Need a big slide!
6. This is a fantastic development following (playpark). A lot of work by local residents who should be congratulated.
7. I would like an indoor swimming pool. An indoor Badminton and play area. A cycle path all the way to Bridgwater.
8. If and when EDF build a Park and Ride perhaps they would donate said land to the village when they no longer require it-say 10 years. It would give the village enough time to get the money to build a village hall for the community. Entrance/electricity supply etc. already provided.
9. There are not enough benches in the plans for the playing area. Where are people supposed to sit whilst watching younger children? Grandparents cannot stand for long periods if they are disabled. Is any provision being made for disabled children?
10. Listen to the voices of recreation facility users and give them WHAT THEY WANT rather than what OLDER PEOPLE THINK THEY SHOULD HAVE!

R3A Skate Park

1. I love the plans for the new play area. A skate/scooter park for younger ones would be great in the right place. I would like to see cycle paths or somewhere safe for children to ride bikes.
2. We would love a skate park for our children and roads safe for bike riding.
3. As a 13year old boy who lives in the village I would like a skate park and a local football and rugby team. And bicycle lanes.
4. As a mother of four I would like to have a skate park to keep the children active and help with obesity. Also it would be great if we had a field for sports e.g. a local football team and rugby team (*for*) kids and adults. Bike lanes also a running track.
5. I think we should have a skate park at the park or at the playing field as it would ve another attraction to Cannington and would increase the population, therefore more money is created by local shops(paper shop)
6. SKATEPARK!!! All the kids really want a skate park like the one in Bridgwater. I think car parking is fine. The climbing frame in the park doesn't get used so they could maybe put it there or in the playing field. If there was a skate park built in Cannington it would be great because kids and teens have somewhere to be and something to do. The population would increase. We would be down there every day because we really want one. There is plenty of football facilities in Cannington like at the park and college.

R3B New Village Hall

1. Consider playing fields site for village hall? People have requested more parking for hall obviously means they drive so using site could incorporate village hall, football field, cricket etc. even skate park. Something to consider maybe.
2. Investigate site for new village hall with sports field
3. Would like to see future plans made for a new community centre combined sports field. Put pressure on EDF to give P & R as brown field site.
4. This village needs a purpose built village hall with parking and big enough to allow indoor sports activities. It's very poor that a village of this size has such poor village hall which is not fit for purpose in the 21st century.
5. The S106 consultation clearly set out the priorities of the village-support for Recreation Facilities, Flood Relief, Community Groups and if possible a new village centre.

6. We need a new village centre so that village folk could have a decent place to visit and celebrate!
7. Development around the new bypass and south of the village near the A39 bypass will increase the village boundaries but integrate it as well with a nice village hall using the Park & Ride that EDF should give to the village for all the nuisance it's causing.
8. Get a new village hall – provided from Developers Funds (£106) suggest Denmans Lane. Add in playground facilities-Cricket Green, Bowling Green and (*improve?*) footpaths.

HOUSING

H1 Priority to sites within the Village Development Boundary

1. No big development please!
2. We should keep the existing village development boundary. Housing should be mixed, to include affordable housing for locals. Overall new house building should also be kept to a reasonable minimum to fit in with the village ethos. The houses should have decent gardens
3. Affordable homes are usually built by developers who are content to receive rent from Councils who house their undesirables in them. Affordable houses in Cannington would be filled with persons Bridgwater Town Council wish to export.
4. Any additional development should include affordable housing and sited off the east and off the bypass behind existing development off Brownings Road.
5. Need to be very clear about final access routes to any new developments not badly affecting existing residents. Consideration must also be given regarding access during construction!
6. Keep existing village boundary. Any new development should reflect and enhance existing character and MUST have adequate parking. Ensure not built where flooding could occur.
7. Keep East Street/Gurney Street as they are –these streets can't be taking more traffic-it is a single lane street and it is chaotic enough around school run. There are so many old houses that are the history of the village.
8. I am new to area, my comment is:
 - Cannington is a village and should be kept that way. No large buildings, no large estates being built, because you have not the room to extend to this scale.

9. Keep village boundaries do not allow infill building once (*new*) bypass is built.
10. Any new development should be confined to existing 'in-fill' areas without destroying 'green' play area sites such as Bowling Green and Jubilee Gardens. There is plenty of existing parking-residents should be encouraged to walk more.
11. My view is that we should consider some development outside of the existing village development boundary-both for affordable housing and others-however it needs to be negotiated so that the village gets the benefit of village hall, sports facility, car parking.....
12. Any development on the East side of Cannington (East St. Gurney St etc.) should not be considered on grounds of health and safety, the road is a death trap already with parked vehicles and a school with 2 entrances, there is no footpaths in Gurney Street and this road is too narrow. Any extra housing in this area would only lead to accidents, people cannot access the field in Gurney Street if using pushchairs or prams without being subject to traffic. The footpaths on Main Road near the corner need looking at, and the new roundabout on Sandford Corner is a waste of money and needs redesigning.

H2 What Development Looks Like

1. Use green parking surface in Jubilee Gardens
2. Residents only parking spaces & permits in areas that only have the road in front of them to park on. What reason is the excuse for Bowling Green? There is enough space on the grassed area for 10ft of it to be turned into a designated resident parking area. We could then have two way traffic to and from the Health Centre. Disabled people would welcome this as there are only 2 spaces in Health Centre car park for them.
3. You need to have more control over planning permission to disallow retrospective changes to ANY Builders plans i.e. bungalows changed to houses.
4. A design brief would be great. Use of brownfield sites wherever possible within the village development boundary. Ensure mixed development that includes affordable housing and social housing. Ensure adequate off road parking for each new build property. There must be adequate private rented housing for those who for whatever reason cannot access social housing. Local people should always be given the opportunity to access housing on any new development.
5. Development around the new bypass & south of the village near the A39 bypass

6. Shared Equity a good idea. Housing for local people/families. Family Houses not Flats. Small scale development.
 7. Allow for local residents-provide low cost housing in small pockets NOT a huge site.
 8. Building on Popham's field very undesirable. Should be looked after for benefit of residents
 9. Popham's field-if development approved all access for construction traffic whilst being built should be from Brook Street-if necessary Developer should have someone at the egress point to monitor traffic.
 10. Instead of social or affordable housing why not provide 1-2 bedroom bungalows to us elderly residents who wish to downsize? That would then free up our existing properties to be sold for these families that you need to keep our village going. Not all of us are cash rich!!! We don't qualify for benefits despite us paying our taxes too.
- 11. FLOOD RELIEF-More urgency needed!**

PROPOSED POLICIES

- 5 consultees stated that they agreed with the proposed policies and made no other comment.
- 1 consultee commented 'How?'
- We need to maintain existing:
 1. Spaces
 2. If there is further development in the village there needs to be a balance provided of open space/recreation area
 3. It is important to keep and enhance our access to countryside.
- A- AGREED
- B-Is not clear. Access to the countryside depends on where you live. Development should not cut-off public rights of way.
- C-Does this mean existing recreation facilities would be less used?
- Agree with above statements. A definite need for 'joined up' planning bearing in mind the problems and influence of EDF for several years in the future.
- I like the proposed policies. Affordable housing for local people with links to the village would be great. But no new large estates. Green areas are important..

