

Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire December 2013

The comments from the questionnaire have been put into categories and then divided into appropriate headings where similar comments have been grouped together.

Every effort has been made to include all comments made in this summary.

Highways Comments Including Footpaths, Cycle Track, Bypass, Bus Service.

Lack of Parking – 53 comments over the following subheadings;

1. In General
2. For residents
3. For Health Centre
4. For Students
5. For Disabled

Speeding – 41 comments over the following subheadings;

1. Speed control required
2. Traffic calming required
3. 20 MPH speed limit
4. High speed tractors
5. Many against speed Bumps

Increased Traffic Resented – Including volume, noise and congestion – 39 comments

Hinkley Point Development Resented – 25 comments received

1. Traffic impact
2. Local impact
3. Social impact

By-pass West and North now very urgent and should be in place before Hinkley point C starts – 17 comments

Pavements – 15 comments including;

1. Lack of pavements in Mill Lane
2. Narrow pavements in particular Fore Street

Flood Prevention – 23 comments including;

1. Protection/relief now urgent
2. Drains need cleaning
3. Cars parked over drains – so road can't swept hence flooding

Street Cleaning and litter management action required – 14 comments

Parking on the pavement a major hazard along the High Street and other areas– 12 comments

Cycle Corridor to Bridgwater now urgent– 8 comments

Police Patrols including more evening visits – 7 comments

Heavy Goods Vehicles – restrictions on roads between 7.00am and 5.00pm – 3 comments

One-way System - around Bowling Green and Mill Lane is required. 4 comments

Continuation of Bus Service -5 comments

Proposed E.D.F Park and Ride is in the wrong place, should be on the other side of the road – 6 comments

Road Infrastructure improvements and maintenance required – 1 comment

Too many telegraph poles and wires – 1 comment

Better wheelchair access required -7 comments

Better Street Lighting – 2 comments

Single way traffic along Fore Street – 1 comment

Housing Comments

No to more housing- 21 comments

No to large estates of housing – 8 comments

Other “ no to” comments about housing development

1. More housing causes more flooding- 2 comments
2. More housing village loses its village community feeling- 5 comments
3. Swamped by proposed threat/build HPC
4. Becoming a satellite of Bridgwater - 2 comments
5. Being a dumping ground for undesirables from Bridgwater
6. Slum housing
7. New houses crammed in with insufficient parking
8. Only one style of housing
9. Too many new houses using up the green fields
10. Hostels for HP workers
11. Lots of houses in the wrong places
12. Over development
13. High density or low quality housing
14. Samey brick housing development
15. No further Council houses
16. Ripping up our beautiful country surroundings for new road and housing- 3 comments
17. No to low quality housing
18. Reduction of housing for elderly

“Yes to”

1. Affordable housing for young and old
2. More housing for the elderly
3. Housing for variety of ages
4. Slow programme for mixed cost housing development say maximum 10pa
5. Room for limited housing development- it should not extend beyond the existing confines of the village- 2 comments
6. More houses
7. Small scale housing development
8. Review of social housing to maximise use for young people
9. Homes for locals

Recreation- Comments

Green Areas - 36 comments, including;

1. Retain
2. Increase areas if possible
3. Maintenance and preservation required

Footpaths/Rights of way (Existing) -13 comments, including;

1. Enhancement
2. Maintenance
3. Upgrade for disabled use where possible

Facilities for young people and teenagers - 14 comments

Better playing fields - 1 comment

Village nature reserve with treed area - 4 comments

Sports facilities close to the village - 3 comments

Better community activity/cooperation required - 1 comment

Local sports groups are not supported by the village - 1 comment

Pilates/exercise facilities/classes required - 4 comments

Swimming pool required - 1 comment

Lack of sports facilities - 1 comment

Rodway playing fields should be used more - 1 comment

Tennis court – 1

Preserve Cannington Brook -1

Publish walking maps -1

Services Comments

Including; Shops, Churches, Public Houses, Health Centre

Good range of local shops – comments include food shops, paper shop, hair dressers and post office. 37 comments

Other comments relating to shops include;

1. Need a fast food outlet - 1 comment
2. Do not want a fast food outlet - 4 comments
3. Could do with more shops, perhaps a mini arcade - 1 comment
4. No major retail to pose a threat to local shops - 1 comment
5. A supermarket away from the High Street - 1 comment
6. A College fruit and vegetable shop - 1 comment
7. A few more shops - 1 comment

Good range of local pubs - 18 comments

Drinkers leaving glasses in hedge - 1 comment

Good Health centre and pharmacy -22 comments

The Health Centre has outgrown itself - 1 comment

15 people made positive comments about the Churches

Lack of support for the church - 1 comment

Do not want to lose the Mobile Library. -1 comment

No outdoor pop musical - 1 comment

Would like to retain the Target - 2 comments

Public toilets required – 1 comment

Village Hall Comments

A new village hall with parking – 13 comments

Better parking for the current Village Hall – 4 comments

Keep the current village hall -2 comments

A pedestrian barrier at the front entrance to the Village Hall -1 comment

Other/Community- Comments

A good village atmosphere and community spirit - 50 comments including;

1. Support for elderly

2. Long family history
3. A lot going on for all ages
4. Friendly people
5. Enjoy the peace and quiet

Would like greater community awareness and spirit - 1 comment

Feel safe and secure - 2 comments

Would like to see more policing - 5 comments

Like the location of Cannington - 5 comments including;

1. Surrounded by beautiful countryside
2. Close to town

Cleanliness of the village

1. More dog bins required - 2 comments
2. Dog mess. 12 comments
3. Rubbish bins left out - 1 comment
4. More litter bins - 1 comment

Further expansion/development

1. No further intrusion by EDF - 2 comments
2. EDF ruining the balance of the village - 1 comment
3. No further buildings/expansion by Bridgwater College - 2 comments
4. No to indiscriminate industrial non-agriculture development - 3 comments
5. Want small rental units for local businesses to start up (business equivalent of affordable housing) - 1 comment
6. No loss of farm areas – 1 comment

Posters/ notice boards

1. Public notice boards required highlighting local features/groups - 1 comment
2. Negative and out of date signs to be removed from telegraph poles - 1 comment
3. Cannington is turning into a bill board - 1 comment

Population mix

1. No to multicultural society in Cannington - 1 comment
2. Like diverse population from many parts of the UK - 1 comment
3. No to influx of too many people - 1 comment

Councils/Politicians

1. SDC have too much control -1 comment
2. MP needs to be more active for his constituents - 1 comment
3. Would not like to see ex PMs Blair and Brown or Nick Clegg in village - 1 comment
4. Would like to see a Green party candidate - 1 comment

5. The Parish Council to be run more like Nether Stowey Parish Council - 1 comment
6. Would like people on the Parish Council who really know the Village, not 5 minute wonders - 1 comment
7. Representatives to be more in tune with the village - 1 comment

Better broadband coverage required. -1 comment

Cannington Walled Gardens are too expensive, would like a free pass for village residents - 1 comment

Dislike bad behaviour and swearing by students at bus stop etc - 2 comments

The Garden of Rest shouldn't be allowed to get overgrown and untidy - 1 comment

We should share facilities with Schools and College - 1 comment

Cannington shouldn't lose its identity by becoming too big - 1 comment

No wind turbines - 2 comments

The population in the main is so comfortable it is reluctant to take part in planning its future - 1 comment

I applaud the effort expended on the production of this publication and well-meaning of its purposes but I think that with the Hinkley C build looming it will be totally non-effective - 1 comment