# CANNINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of Cannington.

### **CONSULTATION STATEMENT**

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### Introduction

This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal requirements of Part 5, Section 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 by:

Detailing the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan; and,

Outlining how these persons and bodies were consulted;

- Providing a summary of the main issues and concerns raised; and,
- Reviewing how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

The Programme of consultation completed is detailed in Table 1.

Table 1 - Programme of consultation

November 2013	Initial Questionnaire posted to every letter
	box.
21st January 2014	Public Open Meeting in Village Hall
18th October 2014	Public Open Meeting in Village Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2014	Public Open Meeting in Primary School
29 <sup>th</sup> October 2014	Public Open meeting in Church
29 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	Public Open meeting in Village Hall
January 2015	Electronic Survey - Youth
January 2015	Electronic and Paper Survey – Business
January 2015	Electronic Survey - Community
January 2015	Last chance questionnaires
May 2021*	Regulation 14 Consultation

<sup>\*</sup>NB – there was a time lapse in the process between 2015 and 2021 due to personnel changes within the village community, Parish Council elections and the disruption caused by the Covid 19 pandemic.

This Consultation Statement provides an overview of each of the above stages of consultation in accordance with Section 15 (2) of Part 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations.

The website shows a full record of the consultation process and results

# Neighbourhood Area

The whole parish of Cannington has been formally designated as a Neighbourhood Area through an application made by Sedgemoor District Council on 10<sup>th</sup> July September 2013 under Part 2, Section 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.<sup>1</sup>

The Neighbourhood Area was officially approved by Sedgemoor District Council on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013, following a 6-week period of public consultation as required, at that time, within part 2, Section 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

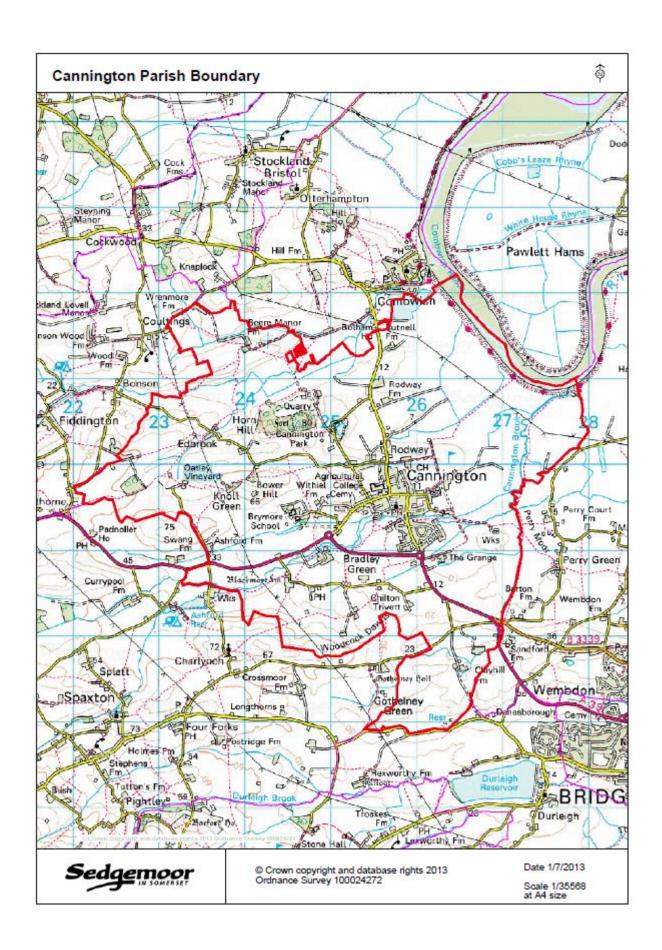
It should be noted that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, the area covered by Sedgemoor District Council becomes part of the new Somerset Unitary Authority.

The designated Cannington Neighbourhood Area is illustrated in Figure 1 (below).

Figure 1: Map of Cannington Neighbourhood Area

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See <a href="https://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/article/1293/Cannington-Neighbourhood-Plan-Designation-of-Neighbourhood-Area">https://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/article/1293/Cannington-Neighbourhood-Plan-Designation-of-Neighbourhood-Area</a> for further details.



# Neighbourhood Plan Initial Questionnaire

An overview is provided in Table 2.

Table 2 - Overview of initial questionnaire

Date	November 2013
Target	The whole community
Facilitator	Cannington Parish Council
Format	Questionnaire
Publicity	Leaflet dropped to all households &
	businesses in Cannington
Copy of leaflet	Initial Questionnaire
Responses	90
Data	Results – paper copies (summary in
	Appendix 2)

This was the first public consultation undertaken by Cannington Parish Council which aimed to inform the community about Neighbourhood Planning. The questionnaire asked people what they liked/disliked about the village and what they want to protect and change.

### Who was consulted?

The questionnaire was posted to all households, and was publicised in the parish quarterly magazine called 'The Cannington Target'.

A total of 90 questionnaires (Appendix 1 – Initial Questionnaire Template) were returned. The completed forms can be viewed at The Parish Office in the village hall on request.

All issues, priorities, concerns and comments received were collated and presented in the form of a summary (see Appendix 2) and analysed in (Appendix 3) and informed the content of material provided for future consultation.

The responses at this initial stage were varied, but the positives included the wide selection of amenities within the village, the negatives were based around traffic and parking.

# 1st Public Open Meeting

An overview of the event is provided in Table 3.

Table 3 - Overview of 1st public meeting

Date	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2014
Venue	Cannington Village Hall
Facilitator	Cannington Parish Council
Format	Public Open Meeting
Publicity	Parish magazine and notice board.
Attendance	30

This was the first of five public meetings; it was held by the Parish Council.

The aim of this initial public event was to engage and consult with as many members of the local community as possible to ascertain the demand to produce a neighbourhood plan and if there was enough interest and volunteers to form a steering group.

30 people attended the meeting and it was decided to continue with the plan. 8 volunteers agreed to form a steering group; subsequent to the meeting another member came forward. Cannington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was formed.

### Who was consulted?

The open meeting was publicised in the parish quarterly magazine called 'The Cannington Target' which is posted to every household in the parish. The meeting was also advertised on the Parish Notice Boards which are found outside the Village Hall and by the War Memorial

A total of 30 people attended the meeting.

#### Website

The Cannington Neighbourhood Plan website became live on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014, the web address is <a href="http://cannington-neighbourhoodplan.info/">http://cannington-neighbourhoodplan.info/</a>. The website is a forum to advertise Cannington Neighbourhood Plan events, give feedback, to provide an update on the progress of the plan and give general information on neighbourhood planning.

The Steering Group publicises its meetings (which are open to the public), its agendas and minutes on the website.

### Issues, Priorities, Comments and Concerns

The main purpose of this meeting was to form a Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) Steering Group and continue with the formation of a NHP for Cannington.

The Initial questionnaires were reviewed and it was decided that more work would be required to canvas opinion.

The village magazine – The Cannington Target has been used to publicise and report on the status of the NHP. Appendix 19 shows a Summary of "Cannington Target" NHP notifications and articles from 2013 to the present date.

### 2nd Public Open Meeting

An overview of the event is provided in Table 4.

Table 4 - Overview of 2nd public meeting

Date	18 October 2014 - 10am until 4pm
Venue	Cannington Village Hall
Facilitator	NHP Steering Group
Format	Public Open meeting
	Public information board
	Forms available for completion
	Strength, Weakness, Opportunities &
	Threats SWOT analysis
	Map to allow people to pinpoint where they
	would like to see future development
Publicity	Invitations sent to every household &
	business in Cannington early October 2014
	Posters, Facebook
Attendance	70
Data	Initial Survey and SWOT

This was the first public meeting held by Cannington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The aim of this meeting was to engage and consult with as many members of the local community as possible. A Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis was undertaken and comments provided on various issues were collated, results can be found at Appendix 4 – SWOT Results. A further opportunity to complete the Initial Questionnaire was also offered, results can be found at Appendices 2 and 3.

### Who was consulted?

The meeting was publicised on the website and on a social network, in the parish quarterly magazine called 'The Cannington Target', on the Parish Council Notice Board. A leaflet inviting people to this meeting and another meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October was posted to every household and business in Cannington (See Appendix 4, leaflet advertising both meetings 18 and 29 October).

A total of 70 people attended the meeting.

### Issues, Priorities, Comments and Concerns

This was the first public meeting arranged by the NHP Steering Group rather than the Parish Council. Others followed at different venues on:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> October Cannington CofE School
- 4<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> October Cannington United Reformed Church
- 5<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> November Cannington Village Hall

The issues raised by the SWOT analysis cannot be attributed to individual groups within the village such as age or gender from the October or November returns.

Appendix 4.4 shows a summary and comparison of the issues raised.

By November the implications of the building of a 3<sup>rd</sup> nuclear power station at Hinkley Point by EDF is now being referred to in the responses.

As with the initial questionnaire the main strengths were:

Village shops and facilities such as the school and churches Access to green space Village community

### The main weaknesses were:

Parking issues
Traffic volume and speeding
Lack of affordable housing

There were some individual specific issues raised and some respondents had more personal comments to make.

Opportunities were seen to be possible from the HPC build, but also Threats especially to the loss of community and village life.

More detailed questions would need to be asked of the separate groups withing the village before draft policies could be written. The age of respondents appeared to be mainly from the 60+ age group"

# 3rd Public Open Meeting

An overview of the event is provided in Table 5.

Table 5 - Overview of 3rd public meeting

Date	22 October 2014 – 2pm until 4pm
Venue	Cannington Church of England Primary
	School
Facilitator	CNP Steering Group
Format	Open meeting
	Public information board
	Forms available for completion
	SWOT analysis
	Map to allow people to pinpoint where they
	would like to see future development
Publicity	Invites were given to every child (Appendix
	5.2)
	Posters, Facebook
Attendance	1
Data	Initial Survey and SWOT

This public meeting was held in the local primary school to try and engage young families in Cannington.

A Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis was undertaken and comments provided on various issues were collated. The results can be found at Appendix 4 – SWOT Results from all of the Public Meetings held in October 2014. A further opportunity to complete the Initial Questionnaire was also offered,

results can be found at Appendix 2 and 3.

### Who was consulted?

An invite was given to each child in Cannington Church of England Primary School to take home to their parents

Unfortunately, only one person attended this meeting. Their comments were included in the summary of the group of meetings held at this time. The group decided that a separate meeting aimed at the school was not necessary and the invitations via the school had not been as successful as those made to a wider audience.

# 4th Public Open Meeting

An overview of the event is provided in Table 6.

Table 6 - Overview of 4th public meeting

Date	29 October 2014 – 2pm until 4pm
Venue	United Reformed Church
Facilitator	CNP Steering Group
Format	Open meeting
	Public information board
	Forms available for completion
	SWOT analysis
	Map to allow people to pinpoint where they
	would like to see future development
Publicity	Invitations sent to every household &
	business in Cannington early October 2014
	Flyers, Posters, Facebook
Attendance	17
Data	Initial Survey & SWOT

This was the fifth public meeting and held by Cannington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The aim of this meeting was to engage and consult with as many members of the local community as possible by changing the location. A Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis was undertaken and comments provided on various issues were collated, results can be found at Appendix 4 – SWOT Results. A further opportunity to complete the Initial Questionnaire was also offered, results can be found at Appendix 2 and 3.

#### Who was consulted?

The meeting was publicised on the website and on a social network, in the parish quarterly magazine called 'The Cannington Target', on the Parish Council Notice Board. A leaflet inviting people to this meeting and another meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October was posted to every household and business in Cannington (See Appendix 5, leaflet advertising both meetings 18 and 29 October). The Steering Group felt that by offering different times and venues for the October Public Meetings as many people as possible had been given the opportunity to attend.

A total of 17 people attended the meeting.

# 5th Public Open Meeting

An overview of the event is provided in Table 7.

Table 7 - Overview of 5th public meeting

Date	29 November 2014 – 10am until 4pm
Venue	Cannington Village Hall
Facilitator	CNP Steering Group
Format	Display boards with Fact Sheets
	Forms available for completion
	SWOT analysis
	Map to allow people to pinpoint where they
	would like to see future development
Publicity	Flyers, Posters, Parish Website, Facebook
Attendance	39
Data	Initial Survey & SWOT

The aim of this public meeting was to share feedback received thus far and engage on the issues raised. It was also hoped that any persons who had not yet make any comments would be able to or further comments could be made. A Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis was undertaken and comments provided on various issues were collated, results can be found at Appendix 4 – SWOT Results. A further opportunity to complete the Initial Questionnaire was also offered, results can be found at Appendix 2 and 3.

#### Who was consulted?

The public meeting was publicised on the website, on a social network and in the parish quarterly magazine called 'The Cannington Target'. Adverts were placed around the village (see Appendix 6 – Kitchener poster and Appendix 7 - leaflet posted in every letter box).

A total of 39 people attended the meeting.

# Surveys/Questionnaire's

Surveys were distributed and targeted at specific demographics, to give the opportunity, for all members of the community to express their views, on what is important to them in the village and how they would like Cannington to develop in the future.

Three separate surveys were produced; one aimed at the youth, another towards businesses and the third to the general community called the 'Last Chance Questionnaire'.

Appendix 13.1 shows a summary of these surveys.

# Youth Survey

An overview is provided in Table 8.

**Table 8 - Overview of Youth Survey** 

Date	January 2015
Target	Youth
Facilitator	CNP Steering Group
Format	Electronic Survey
Publicity	A link to the survey was advertised on Cannington Neighbourhood Plan and Cannington Parish Council's websites as well as being shared on social media and advertised in The Cannington Target.
Attendance	11 completed surveys were received
Data	Youth Survey Results

The aim of this questionnaire was to engage and consult with the younger generation of the village, aimed specifically at the youth to engage with as many members of the local community as possible.

### Who was consulted?

The survey was produced electronically publicised on Cannington Neighbourhood Plan and Cannington Parish Council's website, via social media and in the parish magazine, The Cannington Target. A prize draw was advertised, selecting 3 completed questionnaires to encourage participation; the prizes consisted of 3 x £10 Book Vouchers.

A total of 11 surveys (Appendix 8 – Youth Survey) were completed and the feedback from these can be found in Appendix 9 – Youth Survey Results.

### Issues, Priorities, Comments and Concerns

Appendix 8 & 9 shows a summary of the results. Appendix 13.1 a breakdown of responses.

The good things about the village were the shops and amenities.

The bad issue of concern was the traffic.

Comments wanted the play park overhauled and 100% said more leisure facilities.

The response to housing and workplaces were evenly split, but without knowing the age of the respondents these may not have been pressing issues.

# **Business Survey**

An overview is provided in Table 9.

**Table 9 - Overview of Business Survey** 

Date	January 2015
Target	Businesses
Facilitator	CNP Steering Group
Format	Paper and Electronic Survey
Publicity	83 targeted letters were sent to businesses
	and the survey was advertised on
	Cannington Neighbourhood Plan and
	Cannington Parish Council's website.
Response	13 completed surveys were received
Data	Business Survey

The aim of the business survey was to engage and consult with the business community.

#### Who was consulted?

The survey was produced in electronic and paper, posted to 83 businesses in the parish. It was publicised on Cannington Neighbourhood Plan and Cannington Parish Council's website. A total of 13 surveys (Appendix 10 – Questionnaire Template) were completed and returned and the feedback from these can be found in Appendix 11 – Business Survey Results.

### Issues, Priorities, Comments and Concerns

Business – 13 survey responses. 16% of business approached responded.

Appendix 10 shows a summary of results. Appendix 13.1 a breakdown of responses.

The respondents were from various types of business. There were only 2 respondents with international customers and then only 1% of their trade. Two had a national customer base, the majority supplied goods or services to the village or surrounding districts. The majority of the businesses were at least 10 years old and were either self-employed people or employers of less than 25 employees. The exception was one with 100+ employees. Only 4 had more than 50% of their staff from the village. The size of business area was evenly distributed with as many working from home as those with >5000sq feet. The majority felt that their premises would remain suitable for 3 years.

As per the previous general surveys the road network both local and towards the wider area was considered to affect the respondent's businesses. Less clear was the responses to the

effects of parking. This could be due to the type of business who completed the selfemployed do not need staff parking, those supplying direct to the customer may not need customer parking and the larger employers could have adequate of both built into their site. There was a lack of services used within the village except for shops and Post Office apart from one business which reported using building trades or maintenance. It is unclear whether these businesses are available and not used or unavailable.

The majority of respondents wished for existing redundant buildings to be converted into employment and business use. The majority also wished for the improvement of the transport network to be advised on by the group.

# **Community Survey**

An overview is provided in Table 10.

**Table 10 - Overview of Community Survey** 

Date	January 2015
Target	Community
Facilitator	CNP Steering Group
Format	Electronic Survey
Publicity	A link to the survey was advertised on
	Cannington Neighbourhood Plan and
	Cannington Parish Council's websites as
	well as being shared on Social Media and
	advertised in The Cannington Target.
Response	104 completed surveys were received
Data	Community Survey

The aim of this questionnaire was to engage and consult with as many members of the local community as possible.

#### Who was consulted?

A link to the survey was advertised on Cannington Neighbourhood Plan and Cannington Parish Council's websites as well as being shared on Social Media and advertised in The Cannington Target.

A total of 104 questionnaires (Appendix 12 – Community Questionnaire Template) were completed and returned and the feedback from these can be found in Appendix 13 – Community Survey Results and Appendix 13.1 Community Survey Percentages

### Issues, Priorities, Comments and Concerns

104 respondents see Appendix 12 & 13 for the responses and summary. Appendix 13.1 shows a breakdown of responses.

The questions and responses were more numerous than in earlier questionnaires, but similar positive and negatives were seen. Only 4 respondents were dissatisfied living in Cannington.

There are many individual comments which have been summarised in Appendix 12.

The responses to each of the 3 individual surveys confirmed that the policies being furthered by the NHP steering group were correct and reflected the views of the village.

### Last Chance Questionnaire

An overview is provided in Table 11.

Table 11 - Last Chance Questionnaire

Date	January 2015	
Target	The whole community	
Facilitator	CNP Steering Group	
Format	Electronic and Paper Survey	
Publicity	The questionnaire was posted to all	
	households and business in Cannington.	
Response	A total of 45 questionnaires were completed	
	over the consultation period	
Data	Last Chance Questionnaire Results	

The aim of this questionnaire was to engage and consult with as many members of the local community as possible. This was the last opportunity for the community to provide their comments, prior to a draft Neighbourhood Plan being prepared.

There was continuing informal communication with SDC during this process to help ensure that the policies being developed were aligned and in general conformity with the Local Plan prior to an after its adoption.

### Who was consulted?

The questionnaire was posted to all households and businesses, and was publicised in the parish quarterly magazine called 'The Cannington Target', on the Cannington Neighbourhood Plan and Cannington Parish Council's website and on social media.

A total of 45 questionnaires (Appendix 14 – Last Chance Questionnaire Template) were completed and returned and the feedback from these can be found in Appendix 14.1 to 14.4 – Last Chance Questionnaire Results.

### Issues, Priorities, Comments and Concerns

The issues, priorities, comments and concerns from the Community (Last Chance Questionnaire) survey can be seen in Appendix 4.4 SWOT compared to those from the October and November 2014 responses.

The new power station was featured more often in responses, but as in autumn 2014, traffic and parking featured in the weakness, but village facilities and community featured in the strengths.

Appendix 4.5 shows a breakdown of the responses from the different survey areas.

Opportunities and Threats were often seen by different groups for the same issue. One respondent's opportunity was another's perceived threat to the village.

# A Summary of the Issues, Priorities and Concerns Raised

The following key themes arose from the consultation process:

#### **Traffic & Transport:**

- Speed of traffic in and around Cannington.
- Traffic calming required.
- Limited provision of car parking in the village centre.
- Lack of public transport available.
- Potential adverse impacts of future development on volume and movement of traffic.
- All new development must have adequate parking.
- Traffic restrictions should be applied.

#### Housing:

- Concern that new developments will be granted permission before adoption of the neighbourhood plan.
- Additional housing development will put pressure on already stretched amenities and infrastructure.
- Housing should meet the needs of the local population (including the elderly).
- No mass housing developments, small developments preferred.
- Affordable housing should be a priority.
- Mixed style of housing.
- Keep as a village, not joining to neighbouring settlements.
- Development to be attached to the village boundary

#### **Business:**

- Relatively happy with the variety of retail offer and would wish to maintain this.
- New business welcome.
- Utilisation of existing business space.

#### **Community / Leisure Facilities:**

- Need a full sports complex.
- Footpath improvements.
- Services for the elderly.
- Community participation.
- Village Hall lacks facilities such as access and parking.

#### **Healthcare:**

Priority to improve / expand healthcare services (Doctors, Dentists & Chemists).

#### **Environment:**

- A green wedge should be protected.
- Priority to mitigate against flooding within and around any new development.
- Need to maintain and enhance access to open space and countryside.
- Green corridors needed or enhanced.
- · Tree planting.
- Sustainable development.
- Dog bins.

## How the Issues, Priorities and Concerns have been considered

All issues, priorities, concerns and comments put forward were collated and used to:

- a) Inform the development of the overall vision and objectives of the plan.
- b) Set key issues and priorities for further exploration.
- c) Guide the structure, format, and content of subsequent consultation and engagement.
- d) Formulate policies in the neighbourhood plan (Table 11 below)

Table 12 - Policies and Issues, Priorities and Concerns Raised

Policy		Issues, Priorities and Concerns Raised
HOUS1	Support will be given to development proposals which are located within or directly adjacent to the existing development boundary.  There is an expectation that development proposals within the village will be of a small scale (less than 20 houses) and where it can be demonstrated that development will contribute to the wider sustainability benefits of the village.  Development should be avoided on land as identified by Policy ENV 7 as these locations have been identified as particularly sensitive locations for development.  Development proposals will only be permitted where they are:  • Well related to existing essential services and social facilities within the settlement; and  • There is safe and easy pedestrian access to the essential services and	<ul> <li>Development to be attached to the village boundary</li> <li>No mass housing developments, small developments preferred.</li> <li>Additional housing development will put pressure on already stretched amenities and infrastructure.</li> <li>Priority to improve / expand healthcare services (Doctors, Dentists &amp; Chemists).</li> <li>Footpath improvements.</li> <li>Speed of traffic in and around Cannington.</li> <li>Traffic calming required.</li> <li>Limited provision of car parking in the village centre.</li> <li>Potential adverse impacts of future development on volume and movement of traffic.</li> <li>All new development must have adequate parking.</li> <li>Sustainable development.</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>social facilities within the settlement; and</li> <li>It respects the historic environment and complements the character of the existing settlement; and</li> <li>It does not generate significant additional traffic movements over minor roads and to and from the national primary and county highway routes;</li> </ul>	
	and  It does not harm the amenity of the area or adjoining land uses.	
ENV01	The areas shown on figure 7 above are of important value to the local character and setting of the village of Cannington or they are important community assets/sports pitches which are well used. They as open spaces provided an important break within the context of the built form of the village and are highly sensitive to landscape change.  Accordingly, development proposals which see the loss of these to the local community or community based teams should be avoided.  Where the loss of sports pitches does occur the expectation that facilities of better standard within accessible locations to the village should be provided in advance of loss of existing spaces.	<ul> <li>Need a full sports complex.</li> <li>Footpath improvements.</li> <li>A green wedge should be protected.</li> <li>Need to maintain and enhance access to open space and countryside.</li> <li>Green corridors needed or enhanced.</li> <li>Sustainable development.</li> </ul>
TRANS01	<ul> <li>All new residential development in Cannington will ensure that: -</li> <li>Development is planned and designed to minimize additional traffic through the village centre</li> <li>Development will not be allowed where the visibility splays associated with new access</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Speed of traffic in and around Cannington.</li> <li>Traffic calming required.</li> <li>Limited provision of car parking in the village centre.</li> <li>Lack of public transport available.</li> <li>Potential adverse impacts of future development on</li> </ul>

- arrangements fall below modern highway safety requirements.
- Where appropriate adequate bus stops and shelters are provided at convenient locations
- Safe routes for walking and cycling are provided which conveniently connect with existing networks
- Sufficient car parking is to be provided with a preference for car parking spaces to be provided off-street and within dedicated garages

On-site transport infrastructure is provided and brought into use before first occupation of part of the development which is to be served by that element of infrastructure. Any necessary off-site infrastructure shall be provided and brought into use in accordance with a timescale to be agreed by the local planning authority and secured by a planning condition or planning obligation as appropriate.

volume and movement of traffic.

- All new development must have adequate parking.
- Traffic restrictions should be applied.
- Footpath improvements.
- Sustainable development.

All new commercial development in Cannington will ensure that:

- Development is planned and designed to minimize additional pressure for car parking spaces within the village centre and in and around existing commercial facilities
- TRANS02
- Where possible all endeavours will be made by applicants to seek to help resolve and alleviate existing parking restrictions.
- Safe routes for walking and cycling are provided which conveniently connect with existing networks.

On-site transport infrastructure is provided and brought into use before first occupation of part of the development which is to be served by

- Speed of traffic in and around Cannington.
- Traffic calming required.
- Limited provision of car parking in the village centre.
- Potential adverse impacts of future development on volume and movement of traffic.
- All new development must have adequate parking.
- Traffic restrictions should be applied.
- Sustainable development.

TRANS03	that element of infrastructure. Any necessary off-site infrastructure shall be provided and brought into use in accordance with a timescale to be agreed by the local planning authority and secured by a planning condition or planning obligation as appropriate.  New residential or employment development and associated infrastructure will: -  Provide appropriate public foot and cycle paths to connect with the existing foot and cycle path	<ul><li>Footpath improvements.</li><li>Sustainable development.</li></ul>
ECON01	network.  Support will be given for the conversion of existing properties (other than existing public houses, valued community services such as doctor's surgery, school, and community facilities) to commercial use classes A1 to A5 and to light industrial use classes B1 provided that the amenities of neighbouring residential properties can be preserved. Amenity considerations shall include the following:  Hours of operation  Noise considerations  Refuse storage, fume extraction and potential odours  Outdoor seating area  Parking and delivery arrangements  Proposals which propose new commercial uses should seek to ensure that all parking provision is made off-street and within defined and dedicated spaces.	<ul> <li>Relatively happy with the variety of retail offer and would wish to maintain this.</li> <li>New business welcome.</li> <li>Utilisation of existing business space.</li> <li>Limited provision of car parking in the village centre.</li> <li>All new development must have adequate parking.</li> <li>Sustainable development.</li> </ul>
EDU01	Support will be generally given to the further expansion of existing education facilities both in terms of their education offer and range of facilities provided that such expansion and growth does not result in an adverse impact on the wider functioning of the village.  There is an expectation that education proposals will seek, where possible, to provide	<ul> <li>Additional housing development will put pressure on already stretched amenities and infrastructure.</li> <li>Need a full sports complex.</li> <li>Footpath improvements.</li> <li>Community participation.</li> <li>Sustainable development.</li> </ul>

more than the minimum level of parking provision so as to minimise and help reduce existing restraints associated with parking in the village.
Education proposals should also consider opportunities to improve upon community access.

# Regulation 14

The consultation on the Regulation 14 pre-submission draft was made between 4<sup>th</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021. The consultation summary leaflet (appendix 15) was distributed with the May 2021 edition of the Target (Cannington village magazine) which goes to most households and businesses in the parish. Leaflets were also posted to those properties not included in the Target distribution list.

The draft plan (appendix 16) was published on the parish council website <a href="www.cannington.org.uk">www.cannington.org.uk</a> and the Neighbourhood Plan website <a href="www.cannington-neighbourhoodplan-info">www.cannington-neighbourhoodplan-info</a> Information was also published on the parish council Facebook page and the Cannington Now Facebook group. Hard copies were made available from the Parish Council office. It was not possible to hold in person events due to the restrictions imposed by the COVID pandemic.

117 statutory and strategic consultees (as provided by Sedgemoor District Council) were contacted and are listed in appendix 17.

Responses were received from;

- Bridgwater and Taunton College
- 2. National Grid
- 3. Gladman Development Ltd
- 4. Highways England
- 5. Historic England
- 6. Sedgemoor District Council
- 7. Somerset County Council Estates
- 8. Natural England
- 9. Ofcom
- 10. Coal Authority
- 11. Canal and River Trust
- 12. Responses from individuals (8)

#### **Summary of Issues and Concerns**

The responses from most of the Statutory bodies were standard comments which have been noted and did not require a response or alteration to the plan. The Sedgemoor District Council responses were primarily on the wording of the policies and these have been considered and amended where applicable.



The responses from individuals were varied and included; housing development, traffic, parking, green issues and only minor amendments to the plan were required.

The full list of comments received and the Parish Council responses to these plus relevant changes to the NHP can be found at appendix 18.

#### Conclusion

There was support from the village community for the progression of a Neighbourhood Plan at each stage by the Parish Council with the aid of the NHP Steering Group. The village community gave their opinions which shaped the Neighbourhood Plan into the document that is being presented.