



**Bishops Lydeard
&
Cothelstone Parish Council's
Neighbourhood Plan**

Questionnaire 2013

BISHOPS LYDEARD & COTHELSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Dear Resident

The Neighbourhood Plan is an opportunity for local residents to influence what happens in the Parish over the next twenty years. A Working Group has been formed with the Village Council and local residents.

Neighbourhood Plans will form part of the statutory Taunton Deane Plan if it conforms to two main principles:

- It must reflect the views of the community and,
- It must also conform to the adopted policies in the Taunton Deane Plan.

Before the Plan can be adopted by the District Council, it will go before an independent Inspector and be subject to a referendum in the Parish where, under the current regulations of the Localism Bill, more than 50% of those voting must be in favour of the Plan for it to be implemented. You can see from this just how important it is you make your views known in this questionnaire so that this can be reflected in the final document.

The Plan will set out a vision as to what the community will be like to live and work in over the next twenty years and, hopefully, how that vision can be achieved. The Plan will set out “sustainable” policies for the use of land in the Parish both with regard to conservation and future needs of the community. This work should result in a robust Neighbourhood Plan that will be considered as a material consideration in any future decisions involving planning applications and infrastructure and economic/housing development.

Please fill out one questionnaire in consultation with your household and return it in the envelope provide within 21 days of delivery

Your input into the Plan really is essential in providing evidence of the views of the community.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you wish to find out more about the Neighbourhood Planning process, extensive information can be found on the internet.

We would recommend you view the Bishops Lydeard & Cothelstone Parish Council website in the first instance where further background on this questionnaire, the Parish neighbourhood planning process and links to other sources of information can be found.

The Parish Council website can be found at: www.bishopslydeard.org.uk

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QUESTIONNAIRE – 2013

If you need any help completing the questionnaire, members of the Neighbourhood Planning team can assist. Their contact details are provided at the end of the questionnaire.

Depending on the type of question asked, the answer format varies. Most questions require a simple tick to indicate your answer. Where you are asked to prioritise your choices please rank them from 1 for the most important issue to you down to lower numbers for less importance answers. You do not need to provide a score for each option.

ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

1. Please enter your Post Code.

(This is only required to ensure comments are from the Parish area.)

2. Please enter the number of people in your household in each age group

Age Range	Please Tick
Under 18	
18-24	
25-44	
45-59	
60-75	
Over 75	

3. How did you come to live in the Parish? (Please tick all that apply)

Reason	Please Tick
Born here/came with family	
Work in area	
Commutability	
Relatives living nearby	

Love of the countryside	
Retirement	
Facilities	
Other	

EMPLOYMENT

4. How many members of your household work in the following areas?

Location	Number of People
Bishops Lydeard	
Cothelstone	
Taunton	
Williton	
Minehead	
Bridgwater	
Wellington	
Other (within 5 miles)	
Other (over 5 miles)	

5. Should the Neighbourhood Plan encourage business/ commercial development that provides local employment?

Definitely	Probably	Unsure	Unlikely	Not at all

Please give details below:

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6. If yes, please tick your preferences

Development Location	Please Prioritise
Expansion of existing businesses	
Clustering near existing businesses	
Brownfield sites (e.g. previously developed)	
Greenfield sites	

HOUSING

Housing Need

7. Is there anyone in your household currently, or in the near future, in need of alternative accommodation?

Yes	
No	

8. If yes, where does this person need to move to?

Location	Please Tick
Another dwelling in the Parish	
Elsewhere in Taunton Deane Borough	
Elsewhere in Somerset	
Other	

9. If in the Parish, which type of accommodation would be required?

Property Type	Please Prioritise
House 2 Bed	
House 3 Bed	
House 4 Bed	
Bungalow 2 Bed	
Bungalow 3 Bed	
Flat 1 Bed	
Flat 2 Bed	
Other. Please state	

10. What type of housing would you like to see built in the Parish?
(Please tick your preferences)

Housing Type	Please Tick
Affordable Housing for local people to rent. (e.g. from a Housing Association or the Council)	
Affordable Housing for local people to buy. (Shared Ownership or discounted sale)	
Private Housing for sale at market values.	
Homes suitable for retirement. e.g. bungalows	
Other (Please specify)	

Future Housing Provision

Taunton Deane, in their planning documents, state that Bishops Lydeard can be allocated up to 200 net additional dwellings on one or more sites over the next 16 years.

If future housing development within the Parish were required, where should this be sited?

The following developable sites, have been identified on the Taunton Deane Consultation website and have their own reference number. A plan of the sites is attached at the end of the questionnaire

These sites can also be viewed on the Allocations and Development Management Policies Plan pages of the Taunton Dean Site website (<http://snipurl.com/27of1ih>)

Site No.	Site Name	Site Area	Please Prioritise
1	Land off High Street (BL007)	5.2 ha 12.8 acres	
2	Delta Rise, High Street (BL008)	0.4 ha 1.0 acres	

3	The Barton, Mount Street (BL006)	1.1 ha 2.7 acres	
4	Lime Tree Farm (BL011)	0.3 ha 0.7 acres	
5	East of Bishops Lydeard (BL003b)	7.3 ha 18.0 acres	
6	The Paddock (BL012) *	0.4 ha 1.0 acres	
7	Taunton Road (BL003a)	8.5 ha 21.0 acres	
8	Land off Hithermead (BL013)	4.5 ha 11.1 acres	
9	Land on Greenway Road		
10	Land adjacent to Dunkirk House		

* Note: Outline planning permission has already been granted for site BL012.

List any other areas you would like to see developed which are not marked on the Plan

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TRANSPORT

11. Are you living in a household which has access to a vehicle?

Yes	
No	

12. If yes, how many vehicles are there in your household?

Vehicle Type	Number
Private Car	
Motor Bike/ Moped	
Cycle	

13. What is your main mode of transport?

Transport Mode	Please Prioritise
Car/van	
Care share/lift from friend or family	

Motorbike	
Bicycle	
Bus	
Taxi	
Other	

If other, please give details below:

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13. Please use this space to indicate any concerns you have about traffic in Bishops Lydeard. This could be parking, congestion, speed etc.

Area of Concern	5. High	4.	3. Mid.	2.	1. Low
Speed of vehicles through the village					
Bus services					
Parking in Bishops Lydeard					
Road maintenance					
Cycle paths					
Footways (links through the village)					
Speed humps/traffic calming					
HGV traffic					
Other					

If other, please give details below:

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15. The Parish Council is considering the idea of a "20mph speed limit area" covering the entire residential area of the village. Such a limit would be enforced only by signs, without physical traffic calming measures. Would you be in favour of such a scheme?

Definitely	Probably	Unsure	Unlikely	Not at all

Please give details below:

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16. Do you have any further views on this, or more generally on speed limits in all or part of Bishops Lydeard? If so, please provide them below.

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LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

17. What is most important to you about living in the Parish?

Aspect of Village Life	Please Prioritise
The rural environment	
Sense of community	
Shops & services	
Proximity to Taunton	
Accessibility to other villages	
Employment opportunities	
Proximity to friends and family	
Other	

If other, please give details below:

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18. What do you think should be done to help protect and enhance the local environment?

Measure to Improve the Parish	Please Prioritise
Car sharing	
Crime prevention	
Cycle paths	
Design statements for buildings	
Improved drainage	
Improved public transport	
Improved rights of way (footpaths etc. to give access for all e.g. people with mobility problems or families with young children)	
Promote wildlife areas	
Renewable energy	
Traffic management	
Other	

If other, please give details below:

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

19. Does your family currently have or will have need of any of the educational facilities below in the next five years? If so, please tick all that apply

Facility	Current	Future
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Bishops Lydeard Primary School		
Cotford St Luke Primary School		
Bishops Lydeard Children's Centre		
Local Nursery		
Pre-School		
Kingsmead School		
Castle School		
Wellington School		
Kings School		
Queens School		
Taunton School		
Taunton Academy		
Richard Huish		
S.C.A.T.		
Other		

If other, please give details below:

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RECREATION

20. Do you or any members of your family use the existing recreational facilities in the Parish. Please tick all that apply

Facility	Used
Village Green	
Village Hall	
MUGA (5-a-side pitch)	
Infants play equipment	
Bishops Lydeard FC Grounds	
Bishops Lydeard Cricket Club	
Other	

If other, please give details below:

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21. Do you think there a need for more recreational facilities in the Parish?

Definitely	Probably	Unsure	Unlikely	Not at all

Please give details below:

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22. Is there a need for more Youth facilities in the Parish?

Definitely	Probably	Unsure	Unlikely	Not at all

Please give details below:

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23. How would you like to see Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone develop over the next twenty years?

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24. Are there any buildings, facilities or areas of land that you think should be protected by the Neighbourhood Plan? This can include key facilities you believe are important to the quality of life in the Parish

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FACILITIES

Jointly, Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone have a diverse range of facilities and provides services to a number of other smaller Parishes. Unlike many traditional villages though, these facilities are not centered around a core area but spread from the bottom of Cothelstone Hill, through the village and on to Greenway and Station Road.

25. Is there a need for more retail and commercial facilities in the Parish?

Definitely	Probably	Unsure	Unlikely	Not at all

Please give details below:

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26. What shops or other businesses would you like to see that we do not have at present?

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27. What goods are not sold by the Parish's shops that you would wish to buy locally?

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28. What other facilities, if any, are missing from the Parish?

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29. What sort of additional employment opportunities ought to be available in Bishops Lydeard?

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THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Please could you return the form to the following locations:

Contact Details

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