

Bishops Lydeard & Cothelstone Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan



Questionnaire 2014

BISHOPS LYDEARD AND COTHELSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

INTRODUCTION

The Parish of Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone is a Civil Parish in Somerset with a population of c.3000. It lies at the heart of the West Country, part of a network of locally distinctive, beautiful villages and hamlets surrounded by ecologically rich and diverse landscape. The historic and picturesque Parish includes the village of Bishops Lydeard and hamlets of Cothelstone, East Lydeard and East Combe.

Bishops Lydeard offers a balance of services and facilities including shops, pubs, community facilities, a school, doctors' surgery, employment opportunities and a reasonable daily transport link to the County Town of Taunton and communication links to the wider South West.

The community led Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) is your opportunity to influence what happens in the Parish of Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone over the next 15 years. The Plan will include a vision, aims and objectives for what it will be like to live and work here and how that vision can be achieved. This will include policies for the use of the land; both with regard to conservation and provision for future needs.

A robust Plan will form part of the statutory Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC) Development Plan and be a material consideration in future planning applications and infrastructure decisions. For this, our Plan will need to reflect the views of the community, but without contradicting adopted TDBC planning policy, pass independent inspection and a referendum of Parishioners.

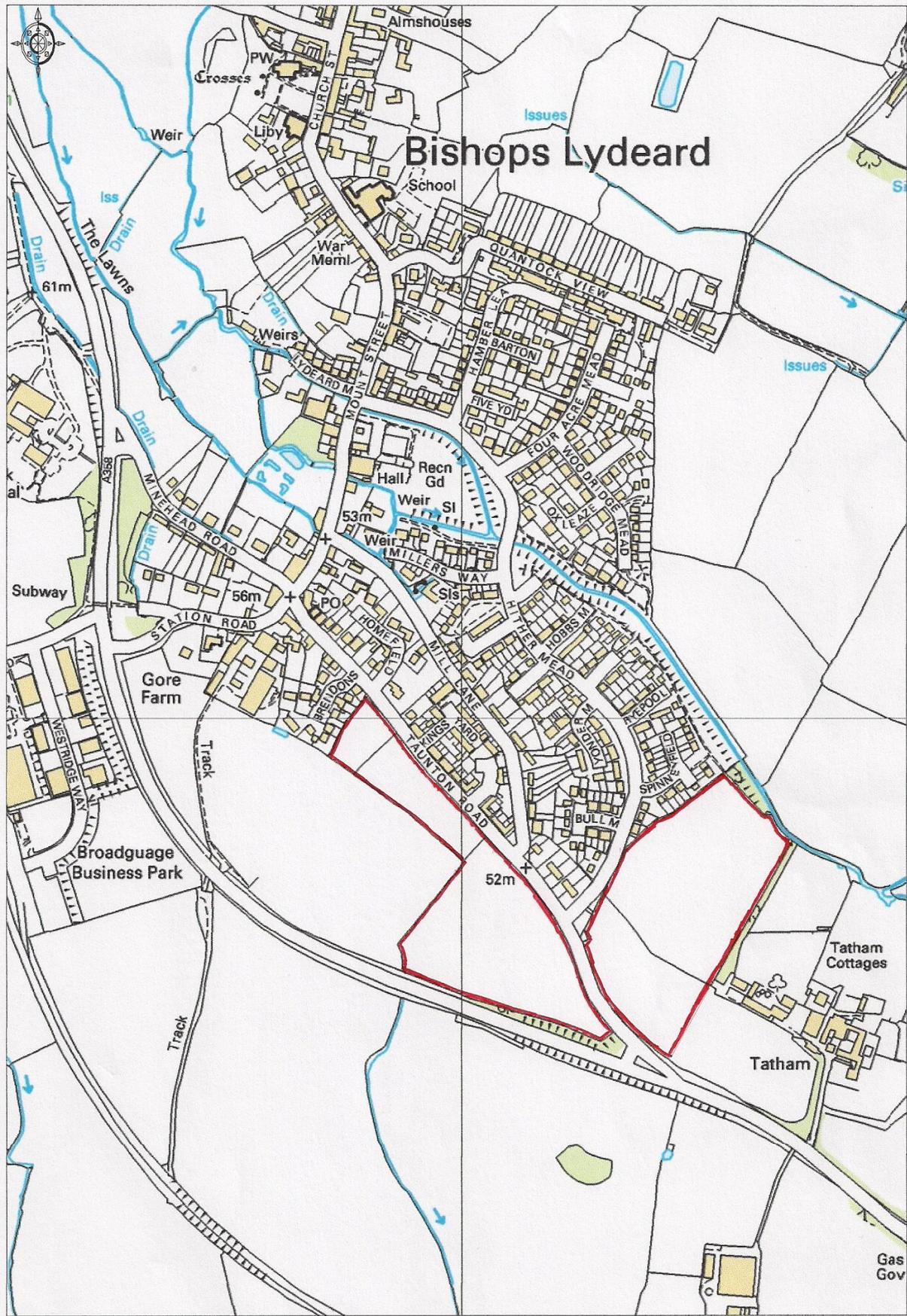
Your views are important in shaping the Plan. Please complete this Questionnaire in consultation with your household and return it in the pre-paid envelope provided within the next 21 days.

PLANNING POLICY BACKGROUND

The village of Bishops Lydeard has been identified as a Major Rural Centre in the TDBC Adopted Core Strategy. It's identified for growth; commensurate to its role and function. This will include an appropriate balance of housing provision (up to 200 new homes of which 25% will be affordable units), small scale employment and focus for essential facilities and local services.

Outside of the village of Bishops Lydeard development would be categorised as being in the Open Countryside. Development is restricted in these areas to Community Uses, small scale Class B Business Use, Holiday & Tourism, Agricultural and Forestry buildings, Replacement Dwellings, Exceptions Sites for Affordable Housing, Essential Infrastructure, and Conversion of existing buildings to one of the uses listed above.

TDBC's Site Allocations Plan's preferred options for housing development in Bishops Lydeard are those parcels of land outlined in red on the plan on the next page. A small part of the land adjoining Brendons has already been granted outline planning permission for ten houses (including two affordable homes), which will count towards the total dwellings for Bishops Lydeard. These sites have been selected following environmental and social assessments and public consultation.



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If you need any help completing the questionnaire or would like to request a further copy, please email; Amy Shepherd, Clerk clerk@bishopslydeard.org. If you need more space for your comments please feel free to attach sheet/s of paper to this questionnaire.

Section One – Parish Statement

1	Which of the following describe the essential characteristics of Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone? <i>(please tick one box indicating the level of importance you attach to each of the following)</i>					
		Not important 1	2	3	4	Highly important 5
	Conservation area and its listed buildings					
	Open / green spaces inside the village					
	The rural environment					
	The sense of community					
	Overall balance of population and facilities					
	Varied building styles throughout the village					
	Proximity to Taunton					
	Accessibility to other villages					
Proximity to friends and family						
Others and Comments <i>(please specify)</i>						

2	What do you enjoy about living in the parish? <i>(please tick one box indicating the level of importance you attach to each of the following)</i>					
		Not important 1	2	3	4	Highly important 5
	Village identity/feeling part of a community					
	Village activities / community groups					
	Quiet village					
	Easy access to the country side					
	Familiar service in local shops and businesses					
	Rural atmosphere					
Others and Comments <i>(please specify)</i>						

Section Two – Employment

3	How many members of your household work in the following areas?	
		Number of People
	Bishops Lydeard	
	Cothelstone	
	Taunton	
	Williton	
	Minehead	
	Bridgwater	
	Wellington	
	Other (within 5 miles) – please specify	
Other (over 5 miles) – please specify		

4	Should the Neighbourhood Plan encourage business / commercial development that provides local employment? (please tick)				
	Not at all	Unlikely	Unsure	Probably	Definitely
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Please give details below of how you believe the Neighbourhood Plan could support existing or new employment provision. This will help us identify if there are things the Plan can help with:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>				

5	If you ticked definitely or probably to question 4, indicate your preference below: (please tick one box)	
	Expansion of existing businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Clustering near existing businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Brownfield sites (e.g. previously developed)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Greenfield sites	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (please specify).....	<input type="checkbox"/>

6	What sort of additional employment opportunities ought to be available in the Parish and do you have a view as to how these can be encouraged?

Section Three – Housing

7	What do you think about the current composition of housing in the Parish? <i>(please tick)</i>				
		Too many already	About right	Need a few more	Need a lot more
	Flats				
	Bungalows				
	Low cost / affordable / starter homes				
	Family housing				
	Luxury housing				
	Rented Accommodation				
	Sheltered housing				
	Retirement housing / apartments				
	Care home				
	Eco friendly housing				
	Two storey houses				
	Three storey houses				
Social Housing					
Comments <i>(please specify)</i>					
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8	What style of housing would you like to see included in any new housing developments? <i>(please tick one box indicating the level of suitability you believe is relevant to each of the following)</i>					
		Not suitable at all 1	2	3	4	Highly suitable 5
	Single storey					
	Two – storey					
	Three – storey					
	Flats /apartments					
	Period style					
	Modern style					
	Smaller style houses					
	Smaller gardens					
	Larger gardens					
	Comments <i>(please specify)</i>					
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Section Four - Transport

9	What modes of transport do you use? <i>(please tick)</i>				
		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
	Car / van				
	Car share / lift from friend or family				
	Motorbike				
	Cycling				
	Bus				
	Taxi				
	Walking				
<p>Please tell us if and why there are other modes of transport you use</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>					

10	In your opinion are any changes needed with regard to the following transport issues? <i>(please tick one box indicating the level of importance you attach to each of the following)</i>					
		Not important	2	3	4	Highly important
		1				5
	Speed of vehicles through Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone					
	Bus services					
	Parking					
	Road maintenance					
	Cycle paths					
	Footpaths					
	Speed humps / traffic calming					
HGV Traffic						
<p>Other suggestions for change needed and why</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>						

11 The Parish Council is considering the idea of a “20mph speed limit area” covering the entire residential area of the Bishops Lydeard village. Such a limit would be enforced only by signs, without physical traffic calming measures. Would you be in favour of such a scheme? *(please tick one box)*

Not at all	Unlikely	Unsure	Probably	Definitely

Please state why:

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Section Five – Education and Training

12 How well do you think the Parish is served with educational facilities? *(please tick one box for each of the following)*

	Don't know	Poor	Satisfactory	Good	Very Good
Pre-School					
Play groups					
Day Nursery provision / child					
Parent and toddler groups					
Nursery places					
Primary School					
Child places available					
Breakfast clubs					
After school clubs					
Holiday clubs					
Adult Learning					
General Opportunities					

Comments, if any

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13 What do you think the needs are for future educational facilities?

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Section Six – Recreation and Facilities

14	How important to you, individually or as a family, are the following village facilities? <i>(please tick)</i>					
		Not important 1	2	3	4	Highly important 5
	Village Green					
	Village Hall					
	MUGA (5-a-side pitch)					
	Infants play equipment					
	Bishops Lydeard FC Grounds					
	Bishops Lydeard Cricket Club					
Other (please specify).....						

15	Do you think improvements are needed to existing recreational facilities? If so, please specify.

16	Do you think there is a need for more open space and recreational facilities in the Parish? <i>(please tick one box)</i>			
	Not at all	Unlikely	Unsure	Probably
If you ticked probably or definitely, please specify what you would have in mind:				
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17 Is there a need for more Youth facilities in the Parish? *(please tick one box)*

Not at all	Unlikely	Unsure	Probably	Definitely

If you ticked probably or definitely, please specify what they might be and how we can achieve this:

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18 Are there any other facilities in the Parish that you feel need improving? If so please specify

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19 Which of the following amenities do you use? *(please tick one box for each of the following)*

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Post Office				
Public Houses				
Co-Op				
Garage services				
Churches/places of worship				
Village groups and associations				
Paper Shop				
Butcher				
Primary school				
Doctors' surgery				
Pharmacy				
Village hall				

Others *(please specify)*.....

20	Which of the following shops, services and amenities would you like to see in the parish? (Please tick)			
		No	No preference	Yes
	Greengrocers			
	Restaurants / cafes			
	DIY shop			
	Opticians			
	Takeaway restaurant			
	Day nursery for working parents			
	Recycling facilities			
	More sports facilities			
	Youth centre			
	Learning centre for training courses			
	Additional allotment plots			
	Small businesses			
	Farmland with working farms			
Other (please specify).....				
Comments, if any				
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Section Seven – Your Concerns

21	To what extent do any of the following cause you direct concern within the village? (please tick one box indicating the level of importance you attach to each of the following)					
		Not important				Highly important
		1	2	3	4	5
	Burglary					
	Vandalism					
	Car crime					
	Anti-social behaviour					
	Litter					
	Fly tipping					
	Dog fouling					
	Noise pollution					
	Air pollution					
	Urban sprawl					
	Other (Please specify).....					

Section Eight – Demographics

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We would very much appreciate it if you could complete the following demographic questions. This information helps us to know if we have gained the views of a cross section of the population of Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone, but rest assured it will only be used for this and not be published or shared with any other person or organisation.

What is your postcode?

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Please indicate the number of people in each age group living in your household

Under 20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

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.bishopshlydeard.org.uk

BUSINESS QUESTIONNAIRE

If you run a business from your home and you have not received a separate Business Questionnaire, please contact the Clerk at the address below or phone 01823 432658.

RETURNING THE FORMS

A stamped addressed envelope has been provided for you to return your completed questionnaire.

If for any reason you cannot locate this envelope, the address where forms can be returned to is:

Clerk, Bishops Lydeard & Cothelstone Parish Council
23 Heathfield Drive
Monkton Heathfield
Taunton
TA2 8NT