

Comments received from Residents in the Parishes:

1	<p>“Thank you for the Neighbourhood Plan, which I feel is a major piece of work very well done. In regard to newer housing being mentioned such as at Lethbridge Park, the document is somewhat unclear about the new housing development and conversion of the land and mansion at Sandhill Park that will provide at least 50 new 'dwellings' after the mansion is converted into apartments, and its outbuildings such as barns and workshops.”</p>
2	<p><u>Re: Figure 5.3 (illustration) re: policy H3 and H5 criteria.</u></p> <p>Possibly a county issue, but I think it needs to be pointed out/repeated that vehicles do speed off the A358 and then along Taunton road and along Hither Mead. Visibility is very poor in this area. Especially for pedestrians crossing the road on Hither Mead. And more so at this time of year with abundantly growing hedges etc</p> <p>Potential problems may arise at the access points for vehicles to the new housing developments on Taunton Road and off Hither Mead. It will need forward and/or lateral thinking to avoid a muddle here. Oh dear - a mini-roundabout and a plethora of road signs :(</p> <p><u>Re: 5.1.36 Housing construction</u></p> <p>Laudable aims in the main. However, (I have mentioned this before) I think the demand for timber windowframes is autocratic. Aesthetically good, but householders are faced with the prospect of more maintenance and a higher potential for rot. I appreciate uPVC are against the ethos of sustainability and would not necessarily last as long as wooden frames, the prospect of maintenance of wooden windows for the older person is not a joyful one. I have looked at :</p> <p><a href="http://www.woodwindowalliance.com/sites/professional/assets/files/guides/Specifiers_guide_full.pdf">http://www.woodwindowalliance.com/sites/professional/assets/files/guides/Specifiers_guide_full.pdf</a></p> <p>Will it be the case that such wooden windows as you have in mind ( and suggested in the above ref) be acceptable to the developers? Will it be acceptable to the P.C if householders choose to remove timber-frames and replace with uPVC? Or will it be a proviso that timber-frames must remain?</p> <p>It should be noted that any housing close to the A358 will be far more susceptible to traffic noise day and night. Housing therefore needs to take noise and exhaust pollution into account. Triple glazing should be the base line.</p> <p><u>Re: 5.3.7 Public Transport</u></p> <p>Please note that HatchGreen also operate a bus service through the village (Route 23) which runs from the Lethbridge, stops at the Paharmacy and heads up towards Cothelstone and goes via Kingston-St-Mary to Taunton (and returns).</p>

Limited timetable, but a bus service nevertheless.

Usage of the bus-service makes interesting reading. Vital for some, it must be said. However, although the plan makes comment of the issue of climate change, none has been noted that the move to diesel (encouraged by government) though positive for the climate issue, has been extremely detrimental in terms of public health. See eg:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-30349398>

Buses and lorries are major contributors to this increasing problem.

Finally, regarding the issue of parking - it is indeed a method of persuading vehicles to slow down. But that is to put a gloss on the situation as not all drivers accede. Hence the moans about ripped off wing-mirrors and the seemingly regular bashing of the informal roundabout at the Police House etc. Also, as a result of the chaos in the Co-op area, the Webber bus was unable to continue its very welcome return to the village, as it kept being held up there. As a result, passengers would use the First bus as it came along first. Nothing to do with the standard of their vehicles. Webbers are far superior.

3	3.3	Pubs [plural] is mentioned and currently there are strong rumours that the Lethbridge Arms is to be bought privately and flats built on the car park. Note there were four public houses as at 1997 – namely, The Bell Inn, The Gardner’s Arms, The Bird in Hand and the Lethbridge Arms. Only 2 remain as at August 2015.
	3.28	Include a Pharmacy – which is a very important facility for many people working both with and independently of the Surgery.
	3.26	Strengths – Pharmacy. Very useful for elderly and limits need to travel to Taunton.
	5.1.3	Many older village people in larger family houses would like to move to appropriate bungalows accommodation – no necessarily smaller, but which would overcome mobility issues of later life, e.g., Woodbridge Mead, Five Yards etc.
	5.1.7	Not all older/retirees require smaller dwellings.
	5.1.17	Strongly support the last sentence.
	5.1.24	Strongly agree.
	5.1.27	Strongly agree.
	5.1.29	Strongly agree [5.1.17 refers]
	Page 25	<u>Schematic:</u> More attention to the back to back arrowed road/vehicle access just above slip road needs to be applied. Proposal I believe could lead to traffic chaos/danger. [Unless village becomes a 20 mph zone]
	5.1.35	Strongly agree, but I believe the majority of residents were against 3 storey development, but this is not stated.
	5.1.36	“Windows of wood not plastic” – a nice idea but may be impractical since much of the conservation area houses now have plastic replacement windows, and not all in character.

5.2.9	I would hope that the Parish Council does have the power to contain commercial/Industrial premises to acceptable levels [in view of the rural nature of the village].
5.2.12	Strongly agree – see 3.3 above.
5.2.18	Restaurant – will this not finely kill of The Lethbridge Arms and/or Bird in Hand?
5.3.1	Health and Wellbeing Should some attention be made to speed limits/traffic calming at this point.
5.3.9	Strongly agree with Transport concerns.
5.4.7	Strongly agree.

Overview

I believe the Neighbourhood Plan fairly portrays the wishes of the public with one proviso. I believe the majority of residents regret any further expansion of the village in terms of houses and employment development and these residents views should be stated to balance the views of those additional people who would like to live here.