

NP questionnaire comments

Q1 - Important qualities of the community:

- Dark skies increasingly being lost because of security lights
- Hedges should be lowered so tourists can see the scenery
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Q2 - Factors important to access and enjoyment of the countryside:

- Minimise caravan sites as they create additional traffic and can't reverse
- N.T. right to roam
- No street lights please (2)
- Footpaths and bridleways should be kept clear by farmers
- Stop replacing gravel which washes into drains and blocks them
- Signposts
- Some signs in the wrong place

Q3 - Specific protection policies:

- Control of NY and replacement of senescent trees
- No – local people/farmers looked after them well enough for years !

Q4 - NP priorities:

- Development of old farm buildings
- Allow contemporary builds but with attractive materials, e.g. brick, stone and cladding
- New housing should not be built if there is a risk of flooding
- Allow sensitive architectural innovation, it doesn't all have to mimic the past
- Avoid spot development. Build residential housing in adjacent towns where jobs exist

Q5 - Flood risk: 31 comments were provided mostly to do with repairing and maintaining ditches and drains

Q6 - Tree planting:

- To screen industrial developments e.g. solar parks
- Already produced but not supported
- Who would manage the trees on highway verges and hedge banks ? Someone would have to. (Private gardens - up to the individuals)

Q7 - Energy and low carbon alternatives:

- Ground and air-source heat pumps for homes and public buildings, e.g. churches and village halls
- Solar panels can be very visible/intrusive e.g. glare across wide areas. Others: ground-source heat pumps
- Already doing here
- All these ideas are very dependent on size/location and effects on neighbours - how they affect the landscape and so forth but renewable energy a good idea
- Heat pumps
- Biogas from slurry + sewage, air & ground source heat pumps, passive solar on new builds
- We are on a spring line & I would think we could use the old wells to generate heat or power & to solve the sewage disposal problem by treating our output & putting it into the earth deep underground. I have got a permit to do this.
- Ground and air source heat pump (2)

Q11 - Support for road improvements:

- When there are accidents on main roads, stop people cutting through
- Increased road provision increases speed + traffic. (Adequate roads) but would be good if maintained better
- If used sensibly
- Passing places: Norway Lane. Road strengthening - Removal of potholes
- Something should be done about the vast amount of disruption caused when the A35 is closed. Provision of a footpath from Marshwood village to the church
- Large farm vehicles erode the roads and are totally unsuitable for the size of the lanes
- Provision of a footpath from Marshwood village to the church
- Pavement/cycle paths on main routes

Q12 - Additional parish facilities:

- 'No' to an electric charging points at the shop
- 'No' - somewhere else, it's already overcrowded
- Already do car-share to pre-school/school/leisure activities
- Not viable when working from 5am to 11pm?

Q13 - Reduce signage:

- Not enough signage around Marshwood school. Missing signs need repair/replacing
- If more growth & new business & ventures how can signage be reduced ?
- Not much signage or street furniture near us but probably a good idea
- Repair fingerposts. Good solid stiles on footpaths
- Especially the road traffic signs the (replacement demise) of the pixie signs is helpful
- Use traditional wooden signs

Q14: How many homes in the next 15 years:

- 50-80
- According to need and available sites
- 8
- 25
- 20
- 10 social housing
- 6
- 50
- 60
- 100
- What is the demand ?
- Too many 2nd homes
- Depends on demand
- 60 (4/year)
- OK in SA
- No need for perfectly good homes to be restricted to holiday use - allow permanent use
- 40
- 8
- 5
- 20
- Not a clue
- About 50
- 14 new homes
- 10 for Stoke Abbott
- 45 houses
- 25 more houses
- 10 new houses
- 5 per year

- 20 houses
- To meet demand
- Build where jobs exist
- 2
- According to need and available sites
- We already provide a home for 4 young people who are otherwise homeless !, and have been for the last 14 years + teaching them a trade
- Does depend on effects of immediate neighbours
- More Magna houses
- Depends on demand
- Is there a need?
- Unsure
- As many as needed
- 15
- Only on waste land
- Affordable homes for families to buy

Q21: Support for local employment and community-use opportunities:

- Excellent for all users of Marshwood church
- Useful for all users of Marshwood church
- If more people would shop regularly at the village shop (even if buying small items) then it would be more viable
- Off-street parking was offered, so 50 people could park & walk to Millennium wood but council said no (Stoke Abbott).
- Expanding enterprise, like rare breed pigs or chickens
- Use of barns: up to owners of barns and type of work engaged in - and necessary planning permission

Q22: Support for forms of tourism:

- No large campsites/caravans, they are an eyesore when viewed from Lambert's Castle
- Surely all good for local tourism & future employment. But it has to be supported in the first place by local people & this is very much a case of a number (not all) of locals NOT wishing to see this happening or hear it- or dealt with the traffic on or in their area.
- Local produce, Maintenance of the landscape, traditional skills, links with local history
- But doubt if these (camping sites ?) are commercially feasible if hot showers/washrooms are to be included

Q26 – Community ownership:

- Off road parking – SA
- Community hall at Marshwood
- A library
- Community owned village shop
- Community orchards/allotments (2)
- Dog park where dogs can safely go off-lead without worrying children, horses, etc.
- The use of Bettiscombe Parish Hall by the community should be encouraged. People are put off using it because of the state of the roads to it

Q30 – Internet usefulness:

- Essential to prosper and be connected as everyone else in the towns
- Research and info
- Internet far too slow
- Lack of good broadband is a problem
- It has become a way of life
- Village community communications via e-mail
- Finding information for the social club I help to organise
- Personally the download speed in SA is OK. But I would like an internet service that does not dr 5-10 to 10 times a day