

## **BLANDFORD + PUBLIC CONSULTATION April 2014 Comments received**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP – STICKERS**

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No to building on Crown Meadows

Continue to promote and extend cycle friendly routes and parking for cycles

Less parking restrictions

Antiques Market Maybe monthly in the Corn exchange

Stop Blandford becoming another 'clone' town

Enhance 'Old Blandford'. Retain its uniqueness. Stop using modern materials. Too much street furniture, cables aerials etc.

Help with shop front's discussions on colour etc. No plastic if possible

No lorries through town. All deliveries should be early morning

Someone unable to get a doctors appointment for three weeks (Whitecliff)

Cycling lanes: improving the structure & also maintaining the existing ones e.g. down Damory St. Aim: environmentally friendly

Market place could be restructured to encourage more use of the area i.e. for traders and visitors

How can you have two separate groups for Development and Infrastructure – surely they're completely interrelated and resolving that may just lead to more VERBIAGE and longer documents etc.

To repeat there is a desperate need for more doctors' surgeries

Move houses to Leisure centre and build new library

For current and future respite needs we must support the continuance of Phoenix House

Improve market centre shops so new residents to proposed development shop in Blandford don't drive to Poole. Parking needs attention

Trailway linking both parts

Buses to Wimborne

Concerned about town centre – shops being predominated by charity shops, coffee shops etc. Where are the array & variety of shops needed for a growing population in our area?

There should be more free parking – many people 'pop' into Blandford for picking up – many people only stay up to ½ hour for this

Local bus to go through Persimmon estate into Blandford

No building on crown Meadows. More varied shops. Bus service to Wimborne

Another doctor's surgery is needed. More houses requires more infrastructure – schools roads etc. cheaper parking to get cars parking away from roads

There is a need for more small bungalows for retireds to buy

Create a centre for the digital economy with fibre-optic broadband promoting/helping/meetups for start up (maybe with help/input from BU)?

An 'escape route off East Street. Traffic is often backed up leading to the Market Place and the opportunity to get up Sheep market Hill would be grate

Re-design town centre traffic system

More housing in Blandford would increase through traffic – can we have a way through on the west side of town. My 100-year-old mother was hard to access at times

No more houses! The infrastructure cannot cope. Roads in dreadful state. Make town centre traffic free (if its only during the day) coaches coming into Georgian town – let's make it one to be proud of

There is a desperate need for more doctors' surgeries

Sort out buses congestion at times. Traffic goes nowhere

Pollution in town centre. Buses loading/unloading passengers causing pollution and congestion on pavement

Buses to be given a space in one of the town centre car arks with shelters

Medical facilities (surgery, pharmacy) on outskirts of town (easy access from bypass)

Look at pollution control in town environment

The parking is a major problem. The empty car parks and crowded street parking must be solved

Make market a more attractive area – remove vans an upgrade scruffy stalls

Bus stop opposite Homebase has no shelter. Why was the bus shelter not moved from Tesco's when they moved the bus stop?

## **The Green Neighbourhood Plan Group**

### **Comments**

Environment Renewable Energy

Wind Turbines on the industrial estate – make Blandford self- sufficient in electricity

More use of solar panel farms and water turbines. Please not wind farms

We have lost a lot of trees in town

New development should have compulsory renewable energy built in e.g. solar panels, ground-source heat pumps.

Industrial units – solar farms

Solar panels over car parks

Green infrastructure is vital

Wind farms please, they are beautiful. Solar panels and water turbines are good too

Wind farms are very unhealthy

## Stickers for Development Group

- People on invalid scooters going too fast on pavements especially after leaving public houses and not having to be breathalysed; or pay road tax when using them on roads.
- People on mobility scooters should have some training or a test on them as some are a danger to themselves and others – my wife has been hit in the back of the legs by one going too fast .
- Stour Meadows – no building. The traffic problems will ruin Blandford
- No building on Crown Meadows
- Blandford Roads like driving over a field
- Putting pedestrian access into New Road and Fairmile will be impossible .
- If you can't get house insurance you can't get a mortgage (re Crown Meadows)
- No building on Crown Meadows
- Do more to encourage larger businesses to come to Blandford which will enhance the Town, eg M & S, FatFace etc .
- Crazy Golf down on the Ham meadows
- Traffic Density on Bournemouth Road
- Parking for residents in Blandford St Mary
- Blandford St Mary joining with Blandford ie same services for a little increase in council tax
- What about tarmac the pavements? Low cost of repair, safer for walking, much more suitable for invalid carriages
- No building on Crown Meadows
- Park Road – The plans for the change in the position of the Cricket pavilion needs consultations with the residents of the neighbourhood.
- There are now a lot of invalid scooters using the pavements but they are very difficult to negotiate because they are so uneven and too few lowered pavements .
- Why do we pay rates to North Dorset when we don't get any service from them. What's happening about ASDA ?
- Enhance the approaches to Blandford, perhaps with tree planting e.g rows of cherry trees round/on the by-pass
- No building on Crown Meadows
- Don't build on Crown Meadows – flooding, congestion, infrastructure. It won't work
- Dog Education Day on Stour Meadows
- Men's clothes shops – ladies as well
- Make Blandford an Outlet Town
- Consider defining a site for several SELF-BUILD properties to increase the diversity of buildings/ensure more affordable housing/help people improve their skills – new businesses even

## **Stickers for Environment Group**

- Nature Audit of the Stour Meadows and set up a nature trail
- Use of Langton Meadows and flood arches [railway arches? As this was a Nicci Brown suggestion]
- Consider restoring ORCHARD next to Museum's Victorian Garden as a Community Orchard if not found to be suitable site for an Arts Centre.
- Public should be consulted about changes to Park Road Rec
- Is it true that the Island on the Stour belongs to the people of Blandford? If so can it be developed for social use .
- National Heritage Week for Centre of Town and the periphery .
- Heritage Assets (Civic Society)
- Identify areas that could be used/created as wildlife corridors – make this part of sustainable planning .
- Shop fronts – getting more and more like a motorway cafe.
- Land behind Nightingale Court
- Roads/pathways poor. Dirty Streets

## **HOUSING GROUP – STICKERS**

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Tree conservation consider at planning stage not waiting for someone to notice they have been felled

Sympathetic development in area between information centre and Magnolia Court

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