

Blandford + carried out a survey to assist with the preparation of its Neighbourhood Plan and secured over 1300 responses, which equates to 16.25% of the total number of households in Blandford Forum, Blandford St Mary and Bryanston. It is considered locally that the response to this survey is significant and should be taken into account.

In the survey residents were presented with the growth options proposed by NDDC:

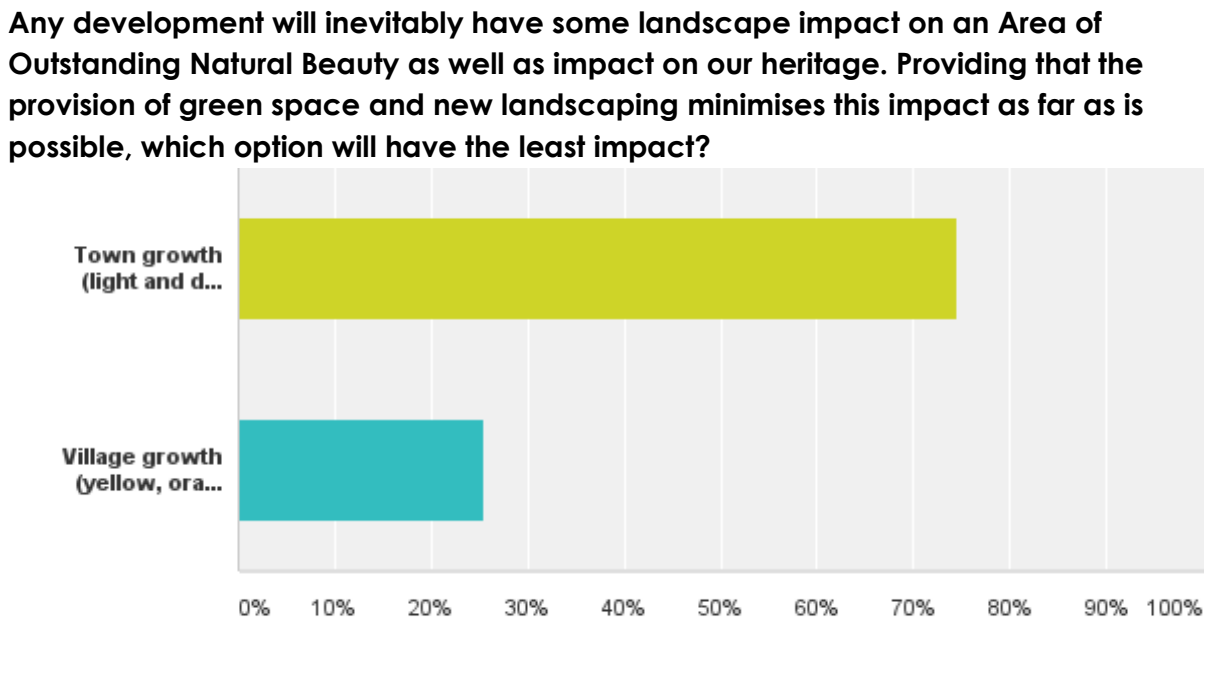
Dorchester Hill, Lower Bryanston Farm and Land outside the bypass near the Tesco roundabout in Blandford St Mary which was termed '**Village Growth**' and

The growth options preferred by Blandford +:

Land to the North and Land to the North East of the town which was termed '**Town Growth**'.

Three community consultation events, one in each parish, were held where it was clear that the majority of residents attending favoured the strategic approach of growing the town to the north, rather than growing the surrounding villages, and agreed that this approach secures the best future for the local area.

Questions and results from the survey:

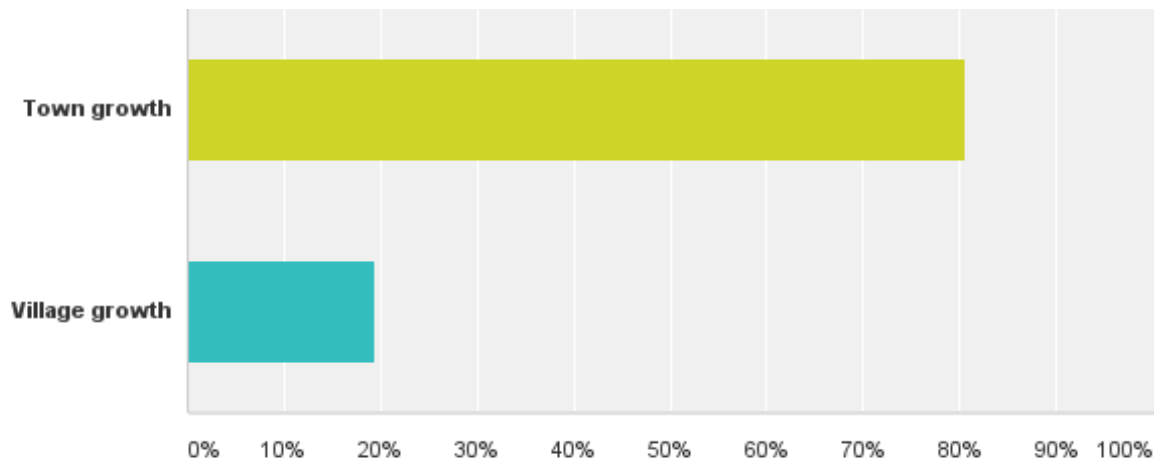


Which option will be the best location for the following new facilities?

	Village growth	Town growth	Total	Weighted Average
Primary School *	17.06% 160	82.94% 778	938	1.83
Extension to employment land *	10.72% 97	89.28% 808	905	1.89
A new medical facility	20.48% 203	79.52% 788	991	1.80
New bus shuttle services	32.12% 309	67.88% 653	962	1.68
Sports Pitches	24.14% 224	75.86% 704	928	1.76
Allotments	36.16% 333	63.84% 588	921	1.64
Additional community facilities *	16.83% 155	83.17% 766	921	1.83

*These facilities are not currently an option in Village growth

With all that in mind which option do you prefer?



It is also clear from the results of the survey that a percentage of local residents favour a more sustainable growth approach and welcome future opportunity for the growth of their town following the initial plan period, and its facilities, with the villages remaining small but significant contributors to the town.