

1. FONTMELL MAGNA CIVIL PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Parish Questionnaire – May 2016

This is your chance to influence the future of our Parish

How?

The government has introduced a Localism Act to give residents more of a say in the development of their own parish. A key part of this is the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan by the local community and the Parish Council - this will have a legal status and will be used to influence future planning decisions for the parish.

What's the next step?

By completing this questionnaire you can tell us about what you think is important in planning for the future of our neighbourhood, for example:

What do you think makes Fontmell Magna special today?

What sort of housing development does the neighbourhood need?

How should we develop Fontmell Magna for the future?

Please respond by **28th May** (details on next page).

Who can reply?

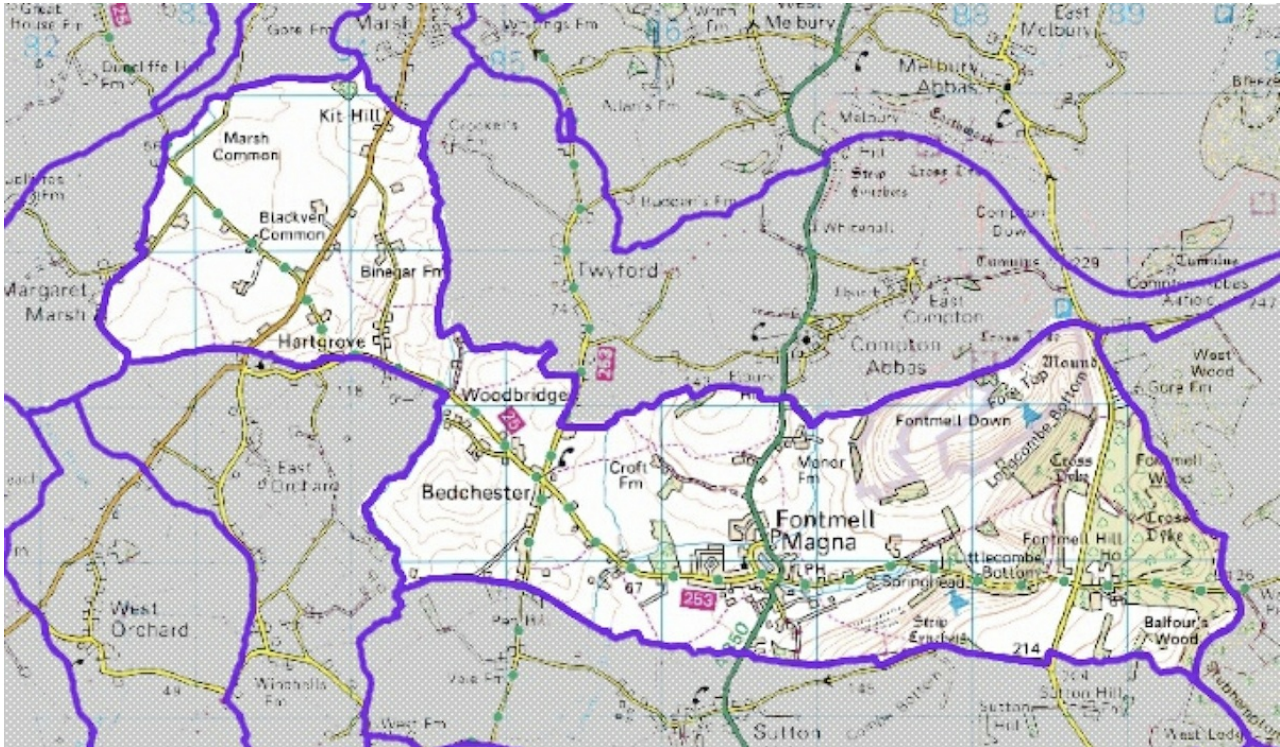
The aim is that a questionnaire will be completed by every household. However, if a member of your household would like to complete a separate questionnaire, we would be very pleased to hear their views and further copies can be obtained from Michael Humphreys on 07850 875429 or via email np@fontmellmagnapc.co.uk or from the parish website www.fontmellmagnapc.co.uk.

Thank you for your support!

Dick Stainer, Chair, Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

2. ABOUT THE PROCESS AND SUBMITTING THE QUESTIONNAIRE

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The Plan will cover the whole of the civil parish, including the village of Fontmell Magna, Bedchester, and parts of Hartgrove and Kit Hill - MAP 1 above shows the area covered by our Parish, with the adjoining parishes greyed out.

To decide what this plan should say, we need to understand what sort of homes, business premises or other facilities are most needed and what other issues are important to local people. That is why we are asking you to fill out this questionnaire and we have tried to link it to the existing policies in the North Dorset Local Plan 2011.

The Questionnaire is anonymous and the findings will be used to prepare a draft plan reflecting the consensus views of the community as a whole. When the Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared, there will be extensive consultation with the parish community and final approval will be sought by holding a formal referendum within the parish. These documents and results will be published on the parish website www.fontmellmagnapc.co.uk and paper copies will be made available.

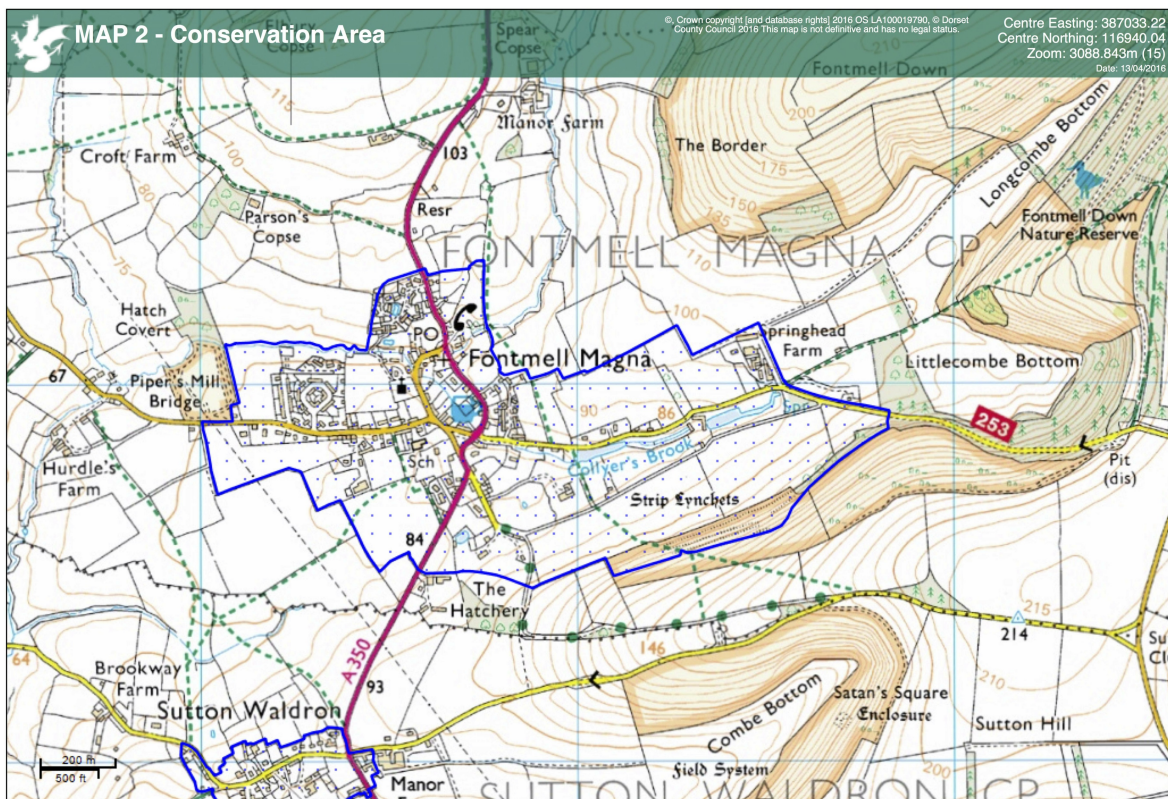
This is the first step in preparing the plan, and we will be organising further consultations as we progress. So we hope you will seize this opportunity to have your say and, if possible, complete the questionnaire online at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FontmellMagnaNP as this makes the subsequent analysis of the results much easier. Alternatively you can complete this paper version and return it to the Village Shop, to St. Andrew's School office or to your distributor by **28th May**.

It would however be really helpful if you could fill the questionnaire out online at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FontmellMagnaNP

3. HISTORIC AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

In Fontmell Magna Civil Parish there are over 40 buildings which are protected by being 'Listed', and several ancient monuments and archeological remains, such as the Strip Lynchets. Other features are of more local interest but still important to the character of the area, for example Victorian dwellings, former chapels, Springhead Gardens, the raised footway in Church Street, ancient hedgerows, bridges and watercourses. The whole of the village of Fontmell Magna is a Conservation Area (see MAP 2). This doesn't mean that there can't be any development - what it does mean is that any development must respect the character and historic interest of the area.

MAP 2 - FONTMELL MAGNA CONSERVATION AREA (outlined in blue)



1. Do you agree that Climate Change is important in policy-making?

Strongly agree

Agree

Not sure

Disagree

Strongly disagree

2. Would you be interested in a **community** project to generate/save energy, such as solar panels?

Yes

No

3. Do you agree that the following create the distinctive character of the neighbourhood and need to be protected?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Rural character of the narrow roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Network of local footpaths	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use of local building materials such as brick, flint, Greensand, thatch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The mixed character and ages of development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Green spaces within the built up areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water courses within the parish, e.g. Collyer's Brook, Fontmell Brook	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traditional farm buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hedgerows	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mature trees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stone boundary walls	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dark skies (absence of street lights)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What characteristics have we missed?

4. With regard to the historic environment, do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The variety of the buildings contribute to the charm of the area.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Works to new and non-Listed buildings merit particular scrutiny to ensure that such works harmonise with the character of the area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Where works to new and non-listed buildings are proposed, imaginative solutions would be acceptable throughout the Civil Parish, including the Conservation Area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

In the previous NDDC Local Plan certain open areas in the village were designated as 'Important Open and Wooded Areas (IOWAs - see MAP 3). This gave them some protection from development. However, they will all be reviewed either in the new NDDC Local Plan or **our Neighbourhood Plan**. This gives us the opportunity to reconsider the status of these areas and identify new sites to be defined as 'Local Green Spaces'. These can include play areas, grassland, gardens and woods and also 'green' corridors such as footpaths, hedgerows, and watercourses all of which can act as wildlife corridors.



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5. Do you think that all the existing green areas (IOWAs) should be retained? (Shown as chequered hatching in MAP 3 above)

- Yes No

If No, please list those areas which you think should lose this status.

6. Which additional green areas or corridors in the parish would you like to see protected?

We hope you had the opportunity to propose and discuss Local Green Spaces throughout the Parish at the exhibition in the Village Hall on the 7th of May.

4. HOUSING NEED

The 2011 North Dorset Local Plan suggests that to meet local needs at least 825 houses should be built in the rural areas in the 20 years to 2031 and that this development should be in Stalbridge and the larger villages. This could mean between 40 and 50 new houses in our parish over the next 20 years.

7. Do you agree that a locally drafted Neighbourhood Plan should influence where and what type of housing is built in our Parish?

Yes No

The following questions are intended to help us understand what our local need for housing might be.

8. Please enter the number of people living in your household in each age group

80 years old and over

70 - 79 years old

60 - 69 years old

50 - 59 years old

40 - 49 years old

30 - 39 years old

20 - 29 years old

12 - 19 years old

6 - 11 years old

0 - 5 years old

Number of persons above with special needs

Number of live-in carers listed above

9. Please tick which of the following best describes your house

Detached Bungalow Semi-detached Terraced Flat Annex/other

10. How many bedrooms does your house have?

11. Which of the following best describes the status of your home? (Tick one box only)

- Owned with or without mortgage Rented from an employer
 Rented privately Agricultural workers dwelling
 Shared ownership with a housing association Rented room (in a shared house)
 Rented from a housing association

12. Are you or members of your family likely to be looking to move within the village in the foreseeable future?

- Yes No

If YES, please answer the following questions about your housing need. If NO please go to question 15. Affordable Housing (previously called Social Housing) means that you find it unaffordable to buy or rent a home on the open market due to price, mortgage conditions, employment status, wages, local availability etc.

13. Which of the following best describes your housing need? (Tick all that apply)

- Affordable housing - rented A house all on one level Residential care
 Affordable housing - shared (to part buy and part rent) A smaller house in which to downsize Live/work accommodation with mixed use for housing and employment
 Affordable housing starter home (to buy) A house near amenities/transport Plot for self-build
 A larger house Sheltered accommodation

14. If you are looking for a house, which of the following applies to you?

- Registered with DorsetHomeChoice Will have to seek elsewhere as nothing available in FM
 Waiting for an Open Market **or** Affordable house in Fontmell Magna Civil Parish Do not meet the specific criteria for DorestHomeChoice

Any other circumstance:

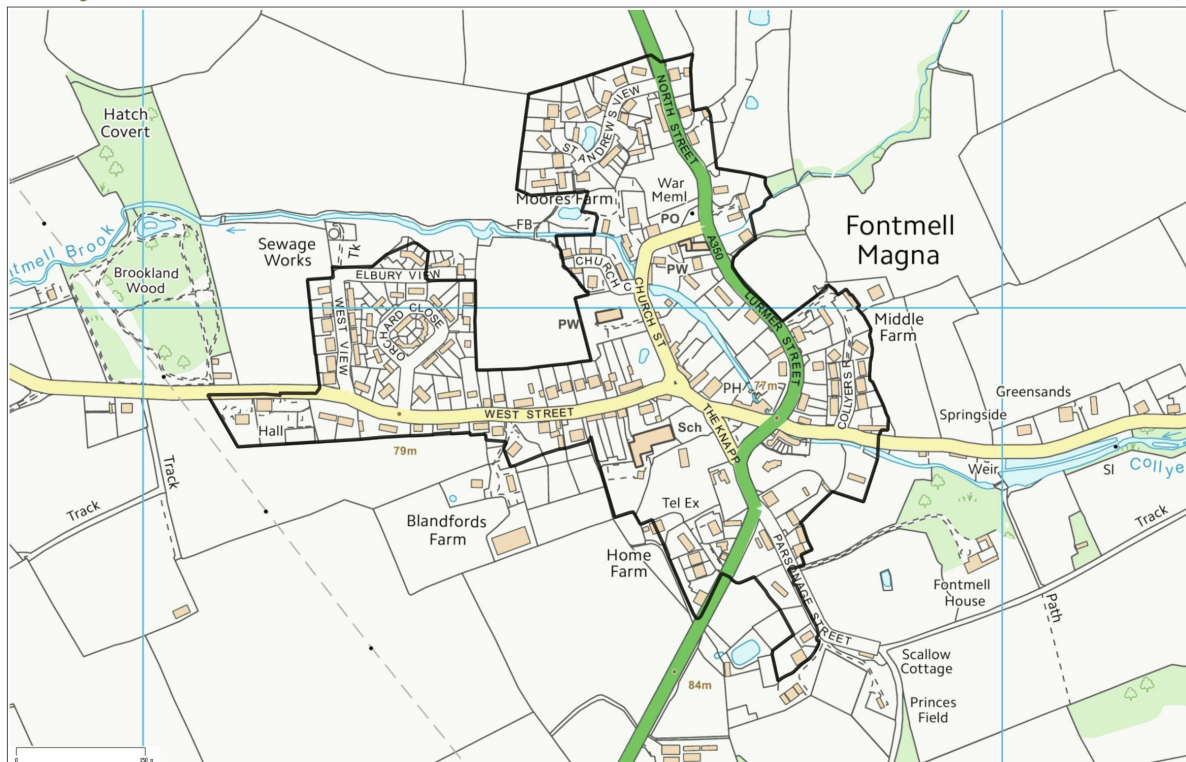
The questions above relating to housing need can also be answered by close relatives who have a NEED to return to the village, for example: after college or university, because of working nearby, leaving employment or returning to care for family. HOWEVER they will need to obtain their own questionnaire. Please ask them to send an email to np@fontmellmagnapc.co.uk as soon as possible asking for a housing questionnaire.

15.

Turning to the types of sites where any housing will be located, it is important to realise that some housing will have to be built on greenfield sites, especially if Affordable Housing is to be provided in the future. In general terms, do you agree with the provision of housing in the following locations?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Development of garden land for one or a small number of properties within the village settlement boundary (See MAP 4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Development of undeveloped gaps, such as paddock land, for one or a small number of properties within the settlement boundary (MAP 4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Development outside but close to settlement boundary (MAP 4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allocation of land in the smaller settlements, eg. Bedchester, Hartgrove, to provide modest growth in other parts of Parish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Change of use of annexes to separate dwellings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Change of use of holiday properties to separate dwellings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Change of use of outbuildings to separate dwellings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Re-use of redundant buildings for housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other comments:



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5. LOCAL ECONOMY

16. Please enter the number of people over 18 in your household in these categories where appropriate

Employed	<input type="text"/>
Self-employed - not employing anyone	<input type="text"/>
Self-employed - employing other people	<input type="text"/>
In an apprenticeship or Government Training Scheme	<input type="text"/>
In full-time education	<input type="text"/>
In part-time education	<input type="text"/>
Housewife or Househusband	<input type="text"/>
Retired	<input type="text"/>
Permanently sick/disabled	<input type="text"/>
Carer	<input type="text"/>
Unemployed	<input type="text"/>

17. How many people in your household work in the following places? Please enter a number in the relevant boxes

At home	<input type="text"/>
Within the Civil Parish	<input type="text"/>
Within ten miles from home	<input type="text"/>
Between ten and thirty miles from home	<input type="text"/>
Over thirty miles from home	<input type="text"/>

18. Do you support the limited provision of any of the following to provide employment in the village? Please tick all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/> Offices	<input type="checkbox"/> Retail outlet	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourist accommodation
<input type="checkbox"/> Light industrial units	<input type="checkbox"/> Start-up space - indoor (building use)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Storage	<input type="checkbox"/> Start-up space - outdoor (land use)	

Other (please specify)

19. Do you agree with the use any of the following as sites for future business premises?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Units within new housing sites as part of mixed usage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Re-using existing buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small scale new purpose built premises within or on edge of village	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Redundant farm buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other sites - please specify:

20. If you currently run a business (or plan to start one) suitable for locating in the Parish, please state what type of business and its requirements (e.g. size of building or land required)

21. If you live in Fontmell Magna Civil Parish and are looking for work in the Parish, what employment opportunities would you like to see provided, eg. homeworking, child care, home help, gardening etc.

We would like to obtain more information about businesses in Fontmell Magna. If you work in Fontmell Magna civil parish we would encourage you to access the supplementary questionnaire which can be found online at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FontmellMagnaBusiness - alternatively the survey can be provided in paper form - please email np@fontmellmagnapc.co.uk to receive a copy.

6. LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The issues surrounding traffic through the village are being actively addressed by the Parish Council in association with the other villages along the A350. There is a current Fontmell Traffic Management Scheme which advocates a range of remedial measures such as reduced speed limits, gateway pinch points, better signage, a pedestrian crossing, a one-way system for HGVs incorporating the C13 and many more. Thus far progress has been frustratingly slow due to lack of funds at DCC and lack of personnel at NDDC. Whilst accepting there has been a previous survey concerning local road issues, it will add more weight if you could repeat your views by answering questions 22 and 23:

22. Do you agree that traffic problems in the village are caused by any of the following?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Drop-off and pick-up arrangements near the school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speeding traffic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The A350 carrying too much traffic for its width and for safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lorry traffic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of parking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tractors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of pavements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

23. Do you agree that traffic problems could be eased by any of the following?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Speed cameras on the A350	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More speed controls in the village	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pavements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pedestrian crossings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School crossing patrols	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased parking facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chicanes at both A350 entrances to the village	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20mph speed limit on Mill Street and West Street	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

24. Are the following educational facilities important in our community? Please tick all that apply

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary School | <input type="checkbox"/> Registered child-minders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery School | <input type="checkbox"/> After school clubs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playgroup (toddlers) | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday play scheme |

25. Are the following local facilities important to the community? Please tick all that apply

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Village Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Village Hall playground | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Village Post Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Village Hall tennis court | <input type="checkbox"/> Springhead events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Fontmell | <input type="checkbox"/> Fontmell Magna doctor's surgery | <input type="checkbox"/> The existing village Clubs and Societies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Village Hall | <input type="checkbox"/> St Andrew's Church | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus service |

26. Please comment here if you think there are any specific improvements or changes that are needed to existing facilities: