

Sherborne St John NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE



Dear Resident of Sherborne St John

This is it! THE Questionnaire, YOUR chance to have a say, YOUR opportunity to influence the draft PLAN. Please DO fill it in!

The Sherborne St John Neighbourhood Plan* is being written by members of the community and Parish Council to help influence how the Civil Parish evolves over the next 15 years. It is about the use and development of land in the Parish and as such it will set out where new housing and possibly other development should go, which green spaces should be preserved and enhanced and what facilities are needed, both existing and new, to make your Parish a better place to live and work whilst retaining its rural identity. The plan will then be used to help determine future planning decisions for the Parish.

To shape the proposals that will be contained in the plan, we need to gather opinions from households in the Parish and we hope that as many as possible of you will respond. This will ensure that the plan is based on a comprehensive and proper understanding of the area and of the views, wants and needs of local people.

In many instances the term 'Parish' and 'Village' are interchangeable; this questionnaire refers to the Parish as a whole, but many questions are specifically related to the Village of Sherborne St John.

Please can you spend a few moments answering the following questionnaire to make sure that your household has a say in the future of the Parish. At a later stage every resident will be asked to vote on the finished plan through a referendum.

This is a great chance to be involved in the future of our Parish.

*The purpose of a Neighbourhood Plan is to guide and shape development. The Basingstoke and Deane Draft Local Plan states that rural villages are tasked with **working towards delivering the shared rural target of 150 homes.** (*This is aside from the 5 larger villages of Bramley, Kingsclere, Oakley, Overton and Whitchurch that all have housing allocations*). The Local Plan runs to 2029 and therefore this currently equates to around 10 houses a year in the rural area of Basingstoke and Deane.

Sherborne St John will therefore need to deliver a small number of houses over the next 15 years. However, we are only required to identify and meet our local need. Ideally we would wish to work closely with other villages in the rural area developing a neighbourhood plan to agree how we consistently gauge housing need, and how to meet this allocation between us.

The Neighbourhood Plan cannot recommend less growth than this but it can influence the type, style and location of development and recommend more growth if residents of the parish consider it desirable. It can also guide the development of infrastructure and facilities.

If you require further information about the plan and the group developing it, visit <http://www.ssjvillage.org/neighbourhood-plan.html> and look for updates in the Parish Magazine, 'The Villager'.

Consultation with the community has already commenced and there will be further opportunities to get involved along the way, which we will always advertise well in advance. However, this is the ONLY Questionnaire for all.

Thank you,

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
*Supported by Sherborne St John Parish Council
and Basingstoke and Deane District Council*

We have issued one questionnaire per household. If members of the same household would like further copies of the questionnaires:

1. The questionnaire can be down loaded from our website <http://www.ssjvillage.org/neighbourhood-plan.html> or
2. Alternatively request copies from the clerk to Sherborne St John Parish Council at: ssjclerk@gmail.com or 01189 332379
3. Collect a copy from the Village Post Office

If you have any difficulty in completing the questionnaire, require assistance filling it in or require larger print for example, please contact Penny Mayo on 01189 332379.

Instructions for Completion

There are 6 sections of the questionnaire relating in turn to

- Housing
- Business
- Environment
- Community Facilities
- Children and Youth.
- Transport & Roads

In each section we ask your view as to how things are currently and how you would like them to be in the next 15 years.

Note that the Neighbourhood Plan refers to the whole Parish of Sherborne St John, not just the centre of the village. Please bear this in mind in completing the questionnaire.

You may remain anonymous if you wish - however we would like you to leave your postcode so we can see from which part of the village responses are being made. Completed questionnaires will be collated and analysed with findings summarised. In the final consultation feedback report which informs options for the Neighbourhood Plan, views and opinions of all respondent households will be taken into account but no individuals will be identified.

When you have completed the questionnaire please seal it inside the envelope provided and deliver it to one of the addresses printed on the envelope. If you have lost the original envelope you can provide your own - the delivery addresses are :

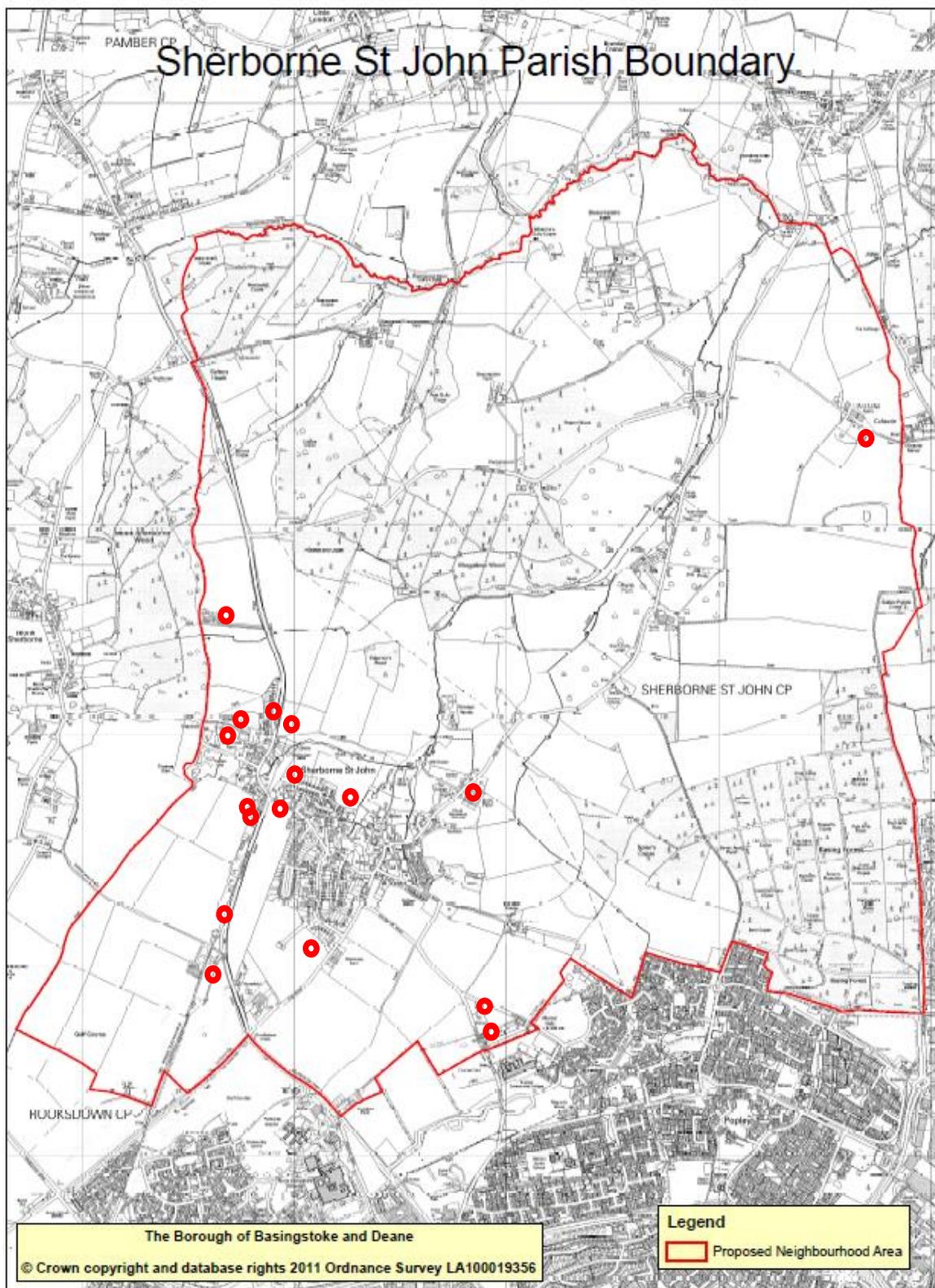
- **SSJ Village Hall (White Neighbourhood Plan Post Box)**
- **SSJ Post Office**
- **Pride and Joy (Aldermaston Rd – closed Mondays)**

or

- **10B Manor Road (White Neighbourhood Plan Post Box)**

Please note the deadline for returning your completed questionnaire is 27th October 2014.

Map of designated area showing possible sites for future development (designated by o)



Note: The sites shown on this map are those proposed by developers – inclusion on this map does not imply that they will be recommended or adopted. They will need to undergo testing for sustainability and suitability for development, influenced by community consultation.

Section 1. Housing

This section will inform policy relating to housing development in the next 15 years. It covers current housing need as well as opinions as to what type of housing should be developed in the Parish of Sherborne St John in the future.

During the preparation for this Questionnaire, we realised that we needed to ask Action Hampshire to carry out a Housing Needs Survey – which was distributed in late July - both documents support the development of our Neighbourhood Plan. This Questionnaire covers a broader range of subjects; there are, however, two questions within this section which overlap with the Housing Needs Survey. The context of the two documents is different and whilst they will be analysed independently, the results of both surveys will combine to help us to develop options for the plan. Please answer all questions even if you have already completed the Housing Need Survey.

Q1 Have you or any member of your family (even if they don't live with you now) recently had a problem finding suitable accommodation in the Parish? (Please tick the box that applies)

Yes, currently	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please go to Q2
Yes, in the last year or so	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please go to Q2
No, but I anticipate this being a problem within the next few years	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please go to Q2
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please go to Q3

Q2 What is the exact nature of the problem? (Please tick as many boxes that apply)

Lack of homes to <i>buy</i> at a price I/they could afford	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of homes to <i>rent</i> at a price I/they could afford	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of homes big enough	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of homes small enough	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of homes suitable for specialist personal needs (e.g. limited mobility)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other reason. Please specify.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prefer not to answer	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q3 The draft Local Plan, requires that Sherborne St John should play its part along with other rural villages in planning for new homes over the next 15 years. As part of this process, the Parish is expected to identify and respond to local housing need which should in turn support local facilities and, to a small extent, to help pay for infrastructure. How many new homes do you personally think the Parish could and should reasonably accommodate over the next 15 years?

Fewer than 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
10-20	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 plus	<input type="checkbox"/>
No strong opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q4 Why do you say this?

Q5 How important do you feel new housing development is for each of the following?

	Very	Quite	Not at all	Don't know
To enable local young people to remain living in the parish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To support local businesses and community groups and facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To help pay for infrastructure such as roads and other services and facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To meet housing need	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To increase vibrancy of the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To enhance village culture and social mix	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To support the school and pre-school by boosting intake	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To enable older people to move into more suitable accommodation for their needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q6. If there were to be any new housing development in the Parish, how concerned would you be about each of the following?

	Very	Quite	Not at all	Don't know
Impact on the local environment (landscape, views, open space)				
Increased class sizes and impact on local primary school				
Impact on the character/culture of the Parish				
Increased parking needs				
Increased traffic				
Increased light pollution				
Other. Please specify.				

Q7 What sort of new housing do you think should be built in Sherborne St John over the next 15 years? Please tick all that apply.

Bungalows	
Small starter homes (1-2 bedroom)	
Small family homes (2-3 bedrooms)	
Large family homes (4+ bedrooms)	
Homes for people with specific housing needs (such as sheltered complexes for older people)	
Homes with designated office or workshop space (live/work units)	
Other (please specify)	

Q7a What type of tenure should these be? Please tick all that apply.

Homes for sale on the open market	
Private rented homes	
Affordable homes for sale (i.e. shared ownership or part buy, part rent managed through a Housing Association)	
Affordable rented homes (i.e. managed through a Housing Association)	

Q7b If affordable housing, either for sale or rent, should this housing be made available for anyone wishing to move to the Parish once the housing needs of all those with a local connection have been met?

Yes	
No	

Q8 National and District planning policy requires that any new houses are built within the recognised village confines, rather than in the open countryside. In considering sites to accommodate more housing in the Parish, which of the following do you feel are appropriate? Please tick all that apply

	Very	Quite	Not at all	Don't know
Next to existing housing				
On 'brownfield' (previously built on) land				
On 'greenfield' land (land that has never been built on before)				
On 'greenfield' land only if there is no 'brownfield' land available				
Conversion of redundant or empty or derelict buildings				
Development on individual plots, including in gardens of existing houses (infill)				
Small sites (3 homes or less)				
Larger sites (4 or more homes)				

Q9 Thinking about any new housing that might be built over the next 15 years, how important to you is each of the following?

	Very	Quite	Not at all	Don't know
Houses fit in visually with the rest of the village				
Houses are energy efficient and have low environmental impact				
Houses are low cost to buy or rent				
Houses are low cost to run				
Houses have reasonable sized gardens				
Houses have off street parking				

Q10 Is there anything else regarding location or design that you feel is important when it comes to new housing development in the village? Please specify below.

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Section 2. Business

Sherborne St John is home to around 100 businesses. The Neighbourhood Plan will seek to support and enhance this vibrant local economy. Please answer the following questions with a view to the future of business in the Parish.

Q1 Does anyone in your household currently own their own business? (If more than one of you has a business, please respond for each business holder in Q2 and Q3 below).

Yes		Please go to Q2
No		Please go to Q4

Q2 If yes, where do you operate your business/businesses?

	Business 1	Business 2	Business 3
From home (within the Parish)			
From other premises within the Parish			
From other premises outside of the Parish			

Q3 Thinking about how you would like your business/businesses to develop over the next 15 years, is there anything that could be provided in Sherborne St John which would help you? Please tick all that apply.

	Business 1	Business 2	Business 3
Improved transport links with other places			
Better mobile 'phone service			
More suitable premises available to rent within the Parish			

More suitable premises available to buy within the Parish			
Access to communal office facilities within the Parish (e.g. computers, printers, photocopiers)			
Access to communal office space within the Parish (e.g. hot-desking, meeting space)			
Other. Please specify.			

NB: Excellent broadband speeds up to 35Mbps and higher are now available in SSJ Village

Q4 Would you or any member of your household like to start your own business over the next few years?

Yes		Please go to Q5
No		Please go to Q6

Q5 If yes, which of the following would help?

Improved transport links with other places	
Better mobile 'phone service	
More suitable premises available to rent within the Parish	
More suitable premises available to buy within the Parish	
Access to communal office facilities within the Parish (e.g. computers, printers, photocopiers)	
Access to communal office space within the Parish (e.g. hot-desking, meeting space)	
Other. Please specify.	

Q6 If you need other premises within the Parish to either operate your existing business, or expand business, what sort of thing are you looking for? Please tick the most suitable type of premises. If you don't have or wish to start a business, please skip to Q10.

	Business 1	Business 2	Business 3	New Business
Office				
Workshop				

Warehouse				
Studio				
Other. Please specify.				

Q7 If you answered yes to Q6, would you ideally wish to buy or rent such premises?

	Business 1	Business 2	Business 3	New Business
Buy				
Rent				

Q8 Would you ideally share such premises with other businesses?

	Business 1	Business 2	Business 3	New Business
Yes				
No				

Q9 And what sort of size of premises would you require? Please give a rough idea in m².

	Business 1	Business 2	Business 3	New Business
Size in m ²				

Q10 Thinking more generally now, what sort of business or activity do you think should be encouraged within the Parish over the next 15 years? Tick as many as you want.

Tourism and Leisure	
Office-based business (consultancies etc)	
Retail (shops etc)	
Small scale industrial (manufacturing, skilled artisan etc)	
Agriculture/food production	
Service trades (e.g. plumbers and electricians)	
Pubs, cafes and restaurants	
Other. Please specify.	

Section 3. Environment and Green Spaces

Sustainable development is about enabling growth to cater for the needs of current generations whilst ensuring that growth doesn't mean worse conditions for future generations. We would like to know what natural areas of green/open space you think are important to retain the character of Sherborne St John and how we should make sure that any new buildings or facilities contribute to using resources efficiently and reducing harmful effects on our local environment over the lifetime of our plan.

Q1 Thinking about your surroundings and public spaces with the Parish, which of the following would you like to see over the next 15 years? Please tick as many as you want.

More public seating (e.g. benches)	
Landscaping of public areas (e.g. bulbs, hedges, trees)	
More public open space	
Planting of orchards	
Planting of more trees generally	
Recreating wildlife meadows	
A picnic area	
More Allotments	
Other. Please specify.	

Q2 Are there any open spaces within the Parish that you would especially like to see protected from future development of any sort? If so, please tell us below where these are and why you would especially like them to be protected. Please tick as many as you want.

Village Green	
Chute Playing Fields	
Moss Hill Allotments	
Cranes Rd Allotments	
Aldermaston Rd Allotments	
Dark Lane Allotments	
Cranesfield Duck Pond	
West End Traffic Island	
Weybrook Water Meadows	
Path to The Vyne	
Other – please specify	

Q3 The draft Local Plan has identified a Strategic Gap (currently open fields and some woodland) between Basingstoke (Marnell Park, Sherborne Fields and Rooksdown) and Sherborne St John. Which of the following do you think are important?

	Very	Quite	Not at all	Don't know
Strategic Gap should be maintained as agricultural land (fields)				
Strategic Gap should be enhanced by barrier tree planting where possible				
Strategic Gap should be enhanced by orchard planting where possible				
Strategic Gap should be used to establish a Country Park				

Q4 Thinking about things which could be done to protect and enhance the long term environment of Sherborne St John, which of the following do you feel are important?

	Very	Quite	Not at all	Don't know
Keeping light pollution to a minimum				
Keeping noise pollution to a minimum				
More/ improved footpaths and cycleways				
Improved/ better access to facilities for recycling waste				
Sustainable water management (e.g. collect rain water for use on gardens)				
Community composting scheme				
Producing local food by developing allotments				
Protection of existing wildlife habitats				
Promoting renewable energy				
Other. Please specify.				

Q5 Which of the following do you think the Parish should consider over the next 15 years? Please give an answer for each one.

	Yes	Maybe	No	Don't know
Small individual wind turbines				
Larger turbines/wind farm				
More solar panels on existing houses				
An additional solar panel project				
Other renewable energy projects. Please specify.				

Section 4. Community Facilities and Village Amenities

This section focuses on the various services and facilities, including health facilities and shops, that are currently available to the community and explores those that you would like to be available within the next 15 years.

Q1 How often do you or other members of your household use the following services and facilities in Sherborne St John?

	Once a week	Once a month	Occasionally	Never
Church				
Village Hall				
Chute Playing Field				
Tennis courts				
Children's playgrounds				
Swan Public House				
SSJ Social Club				
Village Shop/Post Office				
Chiropodist (monthly)				
Public footpaths				

Q2 Do you feel any of the above services and facilities should be improved? If so, please say which / how they should be improved.

Service/Facility	Suggested improvement

Q3 With respect to the two playing grounds, if you or your children do not tend to use the facilities, please tell us why:

	Chute	Cranesfield
Children are too old		
Children are too young		
Playground is too far away		
Playground is inadequate e.g. size, equipment/lighting		
Access to playground		
Other		

Q4 Thinking about healthcare facilities not generally available in the village, how easy is it for you/other members of your household to get to these?

Healthcare facility	Very Easy	Quite easy	Difficult	Not applicable
Doctor				
Dentist				
Pharmacy				
Optician				

Q5 Are there any particular health, community or recreational facilities that you think should be provided in Sherborne St John within the next 15 years? If so, please say what they are and roughly how often you think you and your household would use them.

Suggested facility	Once a week	Once a month	Occasionally	Never

Section 5. Children and Youth

It is very important that the Neighbourhood Plan caters for the needs of children and young people in the village, particularly as the plan is about the future. We are consulting with the Primary School in the development of the plan, but if there are children/young people in your household, please try to involve them in answering these questions.

Q1 In your opinion, how important are the pre-school services and the primary school to the future of Sherborne St John?

	Very	Quite	Not at all	Don't know
Pre-school				
Primary school				

Q2 Do you have children who currently attend either the pre-school or primary school in Sherborne St John? If so, please state how many in each.

	Number of your children who attend
Pre-school	
Primary school	

Q3 If you have, or care for, children/young people, is there anything you think should be done to improve their safety in the parish? Please tick as many as you like and tell us where these should be.

	Location/other details
Targeted street lighting	
Improved location of the playing field and playground	
Better access to the current playing field and playground	
Improved parking near the school	
Measures to slow traffic	
Controlled road crossings	
Better maintained/more footpaths and pavements	
Cycle paths	
Other. Please specify.	

Q4 What facilities would you like Sherborne St John to provide for local teenagers? And if you can, please give suggestions as to where these could be located.

Suggested facility for teenagers in Sherborne St John	Possible location

Section 6. Transport & Roads

Q1 What forms of transport do you / other members of your household typically use? Please tick all that apply.

	Daily	Frequently	Occasionally
Car or van			
Motorcycle			
Public transport (e.g. bus)			
Bicycle			
Walking			
Mobility scooter/wheelchair			

Q2 If you do park a car or van at your property overnight, where is it parked?

Garage or off-road	
On the road	

Q3 Are there enough parking spaces in the Village?

Yes	No
If No, please specify where	

Q4 If you use public transport daily or frequently, do you / anyone in your household hold a concessionary pass?

Yes	No

Q5 Presently do you / anyone in your household have any transport *difficulties* getting around any part of the Parish?

Yes	No
If Yes, please specify here	

Q6 When travelling from home which is your usual, preferred entry / exit route to Sherborne St John?

Elm Rd	
Cranes Rd	
Sherborne Rd	
Vyne Rd	

Q6 Presently do you / anyone in your household have safety or environmental concerns about any of the following? Tick those that do and then add a comment(s) if you can.

	Please give details as to where and/or when this is
Speed of traffic	
Road Access to the Village	
Traffic Noise	
Children arriving at/ leaving the Village School	
Lack or narrowness of pavements	
Visibility on roads due to the way vehicles are parked	
Other obstructions and congestion	
Visibility at road junctions	
Lack of safe places to cross the road	
Large vans and lorries passing through	
Location of bus stops	

Is there anything else related to traffic causing you concern in the Parish? Please give details.

Q7 In the future, thinking about things that could be done to improve the ease and safety of residents and travel in the Parish over the next 15 years (bearing in mind future traffic growth due to new developments) which of the following do you feel would be important? Tick one on each row.

	Very	Quite	Not at all	Don't Know
A340 Bypass				
Traffic Control at Elm Bottom (A340 / Elm Rd)				
Other Junction Improvements				
Additional chicanes or other speed inhibitors				
Additional pavements				
Controlled crossing or footbridge				
Improved/additional bus stops				
Improved/additional footpaths				
Designated cycleways				
Targeted street lighting				
Do you have any further suggestions for improving transport in and around the Parish				

You've nearly finished this questionnaire. Just one more thing we'd like to know if you have time....

The best three things about living in Sherborne St John are.....

The worst three things about living in Sherborne St John are.....

My main hope for the future of Sherborne St John is.....

My main fear for the future of Sherborne St John is.....

Demographics

You do not have to give us your name and address and can remain completely anonymous if you would prefer. However, it would be useful if you could fill in the following details about yourself so that we can see if the people that have responded to our survey are a good cross section of those living in the parish.

Q1 How would you describe the current make-up of your household?

Male living alone	
Female living alone	
Couple	
Family with young (pre-school or primary school age) children	
Family with older (secondary school age) children	
Family with grown up children living at home	

Q2 How old are you?

<20	
21-35	
36-50	
50-65	
Over 65	

Q3 What is your current employment situation?

Employed or self-employed full time	
Employed or self-employed part time	
Temporary or seasonal employment	
Unemployed/unable to work	
Retired	
Looking after the home/carer	
Student	

Q4 How long have you lived in the parish of Sherborne St John?

Less than a year	
1-5 years	
6-10 years	
11-25 years	
More than 25 years	

Please provide your full postcode so we can identify which area of the Parish you live in

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Please provide us with your name address and if you are happy to do so (optional)

Name	
Address	
Email	
Phone number	

Thank you very much for answering all these questions. At no point will any individual be identified in the consultation feedback report which informs the Neighbourhood Plan.

All residents of the Parish will be given the opportunity to see the results of the survey and the subsequent options for the Neighbourhood Plan in due course.

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