



Text responses to second NP questionnaire

As before, there were a large number of responses, some which seemingly had little to do with the questions asked, including a political rant, a complaint about buses diverted by road works, and officious parking wardens in Lyme Regis.

This is a brief summary of the items that were mentioned several times by respondents. There were a total of 179 questionnaires returned, out of about 830 distributed.

Housing:

The need for affordable housing, especially for young families and single people including the elderly, was at the forefront. The need to discourage holiday and second homes was important, to increase the housing supply for local people without impacting on the rural nature of the parish or needing larger scale green field development (smaller scale infill was preferred). Any housing association stock must be properly allocated to real local people (note: there have been a couple of mistakes in allocation which have made people rather sceptical of the criteria used). Design must be sympathetic and incorporate green measures.

Several observed that the 15-20 new houses proposed in the draft Local Plan aren't going to make a big impact on the village.

Employment:

Lack of local employment is recognised as a big issue, and there is a need to co-operate with Lyme Regis and Axminster as local centres of employment. The lack of public transport to Exeter in time for 9am was a bar to some. No-one said they wanted to see major industrial development.

Village centre, traffic and roads:

Four issues clearly dominated responses:

1. The need for a continuous footpath on the B3165 road esp. by 'Stanbury'.
2. The narrow and dangerous stretch of the B3165 west of Crogg Lane, especially for secondary schoolchildren.
3. The Hunter's Lodge junction, where most wanted traffic lights (during peak hours at least).
4. 30MPH limit in village was thought to need better enforcement.

Other issues of concern were inconsiderate parking on the B3165 near Glebelands and by the school at drop-off and collection time; the insignificant Cooks Mead roundabout ignored by traffic driving

northwest; the poor design of the bus stop and chicane at the end of Whalley Lane; and lack of public toilets. Respondents requested a one way system for the north end of Gore Lane and Venlake Lane; better footpath maintenance; more bus shelters; a 20MPH limit by the school; and no more road lighting.

Environment:

For these free-text questions, some features stood out.

1. **Natural beauty**, rural landscape, woods, hills and peace were most appreciated (by 114 respondents); the River Lim walk to Lyme Regis was mentioned by 22, and the playing field was appreciated by 18.
2. The Church and churchyard were the most popular **man-made feature** (90); followed by Cannington Viaduct (52), the Village Hall (44), the playing field and associated activities (36), followed by the Talbot Arms (28). 27 people appreciated the old cottages, farm buildings etc. in the village.
3. **Conservation / protection** was felt to be necessary for the playing field (30); Cannington Viaduct (20); The Glen (10) and the current school building (6). The protection afforded by the AONB for country views were felt to be valuable by 9 respondents.
4. Things that needed **improvement** were topped by the derelict Pound Cottage (mentioned by 17); the main road through the village was a blight (9); and lack of pavements and speeding were mentioned here too. The state of the Millennium Copse, lack of bins for disposing of dog faeces, and flooding issues, were also of concern.