

# BLEADON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



## BLEADON FUTURE: SURVEY RESULTS

June 2019

281 surveys were completed in January 2019  
and the results are printed here.

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**The Neighbourhood Planning  
Group welcomes any resident  
wishing to make a positive  
contribution to the Plan process**

**Meetings are usually held monthly  
on a Wednesday evening**

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## FIRST SURVEY RESULTS

The Neighbourhood Planning Group received a government grant to work on a Plan and used some of the funding to draw up a survey for delivery to all households in Bleadon. Many of you had given your opinions on future development in the village, travel and the local environment at meetings over the last couple of years and those opinions were used as the basis of the survey. However, this Plan must provide evidence that people have been consulted and that their views have been captured.

281 people took the time to respond to this **first survey** in January 2019. In addition to the 'tick-box' choices many respondents took the opportunity to give extended comments at various points. The results and all comments are printed in this document which is being delivered to every household in Bleadon in May/June 2019.

It is very clear that the majority of respondents consider the retention of the historic character of Bleadon and its status as a rural village to be very important.

The Group has drawn out five Key Issues from the survey results:

**Retaining the Character of Bleadon as a Village**

**Village Road Safety and the problems of the A370**

**Lack of Public Transport**

**Preserving the Environment**

**Increasing Recreational Facilities for older children and young adults**

A further analysis of the comments has been done and a collation of other points made is in Appendix A.

**NEXT STEPS:** We will draw together all the relevant policies and guidance, both national and local, currently in place relating to Bleadon. We can then identify gaps and prepare any necessary documents. We will focus in on the key issues to see what can be done to change, improve, promote or protect issues of importance to residents, and by whom. Everyone can contribute; please add your help and expertise to the process.

The final document will be YOUR neighbourhood plan – we are at a very early stage and much more work is needed before it can be recognised as a relevant document within the policy hierarchy when applications within the parish are considered.

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## Bleadon – *then*:



Evidence of early settlement in Bleadon comes in the form of Bleadon Man, a skeleton unearthed in 1997. He was aged about 50 when he died over two thousand years' ago. A sculpture showing his probable facial appearance is on display in the Coronation Hall.

## ...and *now*:

DNA testing in 1997 confirmed that four people living in the surrounding area were related to this Iron Age man.

## About You

Q1. Which age band do you belong to?

Under 16	16-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75+	Prefer not to say
0.00%	0.36%	6.76%	33.10%	30.60%	21.71%	7.47%
0	1	19	93	86	61	21








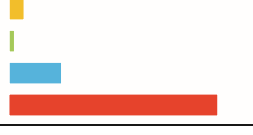
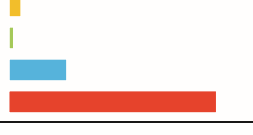
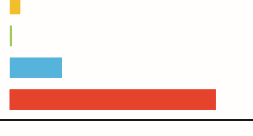





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## Bleadon Now

### Q2. Landscape Character

What value are the following features of the Bleadon Landscape to you?

	High 	Moderate 	Low 	Nil 	
a) Open farmland	85.76% 241	8.90% 25	0.36% 1	4.98% 14	
b) Quiet lanes	82.56% 232	11.74% 33	0.00% 0	5.69% 16	
c) Ancient hedgerows	72.95% 205	17.80% 50	3.56% 10	5.69% 16	
d) The Levels	72.24% 203	18.86% 53	2.85% 8	6.05% 17	
e) The rhyes	71.89% 202	20.64% 58	2.49% 7	4.98% 14	
f) Stone walls	71.89% 202	19.22% 54	2.13% 6	6.76% 19	
g) Open views	89.32% 251	5.34% 15	0.00% 0	5.34% 15	
h) Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	79.36% 223	12.10% 34	2.85% 8	5.69% 16	
i) Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)	88.97% 250	4.63% 13	0.71% 2	5.69% 16	

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Q2. cont/ What value are the following features of the Bleadon Landscape to you?

j) Other places (please specify)

1. Access to public rights of way. Maintenance of hedgerows and grass verges. Safety of roads - trimming (private) trees shrubs over pavements etc.
2. All public walks and easy access to them
3. Bleadon needs to continue to be surrounded by fields to keep the character of a village and to help wildlife
4. By its very nature Bleadon is a rural village. It is very important to try and preserve this!!
5. Calm and peace. Antidote to modern pace of life. Sense of history.
6. Communal Areas footpaths and open access land
7. Diverse wildlife
8. Features of the surrounding Mendip Hills - Grass land pasture and beautiful hillsides ascending from low moorland. All areas from the AONB Western boundary West to take in Purn Hill the hillside ascending from Bleadon the built up area of the village and flowing down onto Bleadon Moor to the river Axe boundary. The Parish should support the aspirations of the Mendip Hills AONB in extending westward. This would preserve the area and assist in fighting planning applications from speculative developers.
9. Footpaths and bridleways
10. Footpaths and rights of way also very important. Semi-rural nature of the village very important. Lack of high density housing very important.
11. Historic buildings - High
12. I'm not entirely sure what this set of questions is supposed to ascertain. I can't imagine that anybody who lives in the village would not value these features and it seems a little odd to be asking questions where the answer is so obvious. To obtain a more meaningful result you could have for example asked people to rank the features in order of importance or probed around why they are important and how people use them.
13. Local footpaths
14. Mature trees some of which may need preservation orders. Stone walls may need preservation too. New housing in sympathy with older buildings scale and natural materials
15. Mix of building styles.
16. Roadways - ease of use parking and safe access to A370. Access to local hills for safe walking.
17. South Hill
18. South Hill. Hellenge Hill
19. Still maintains the feel of a small Mendip village unspoilt by over development.
20. The character of an unspoilt Somerset village
21. The hills and woodland - high. No street lighting added - high
22. The hills and woodlands that surround the village.

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23. The Mendip hills
24. The sight of fields surrounding a mixture of dwellings!
25. The view of the village particularly the church from the A370
26. Trees and Woodland - High
27. View of Mendip mast.
28. Walks
29. Woodland and the planting of new hedgerows and trees. Well maintained public footpaths.













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## Bleadon Now

### Q3. Bleadon Landmarks

How much importance do the following features have for you?

	High 	Moderate 	Low 	Nil 	
a) i) Purn House Farmhouse Grade II Listed	43.77% 123	35.59% 100	11.74% 33	8.90% 25	
a) ii) Hillside Farmhouse Grade II Listed	41.99% 118	34.16% 96	14.23% 40	9.61% 27	
a) iii) Shiplett Grade II Listed	39.50% 111	35.59% 100	14.23% 40	10.68% 30	
a) iv) Church of St Peter & St Paul Grade I Listed	82.56% 232	7.12% 20	3.20% 9	7.12% 20	
b) 16th Century public house	71.17% 200	17.08% 48	5.34% 15	6.41% 18	
c) Special features such as the village pump, market cross, well, old road signs	74.02% 208	16.37% 46	2.85% 8	6.76% 19	





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Q3. cont/ How much importance do the following features have for you?

d) Other (please specify)

1. a) iii) It is Shiplett House. It is not Market Cross - ts is Village Cross and is Grade 2 Listed. Village Well is Grade 2 listed.
2. a) III) Shiplett is Shiplett House. It is Village Cross not Market Cross and is Grade II Listed. The Village Well is Grade II Listed. See 'Historic England'
3. All features of a quintessential village.
4. All other old stone buildings- houses and walls.
5. ALL the old buildings from C15 C16 C17 C18 C19 C20 even the C21 that give character to the village.
6. All the older buildings taken together with the open rural landscape contribute greatly to the character of the village. Whilst there are numerous more modern buildings there is a general feel of organic growth at an appropriate scale in the village.
7. Ancient Field Systems of historic interest. River Axe riverbanks and ecosystems. Undisturbed areas which provide sanctuary for wildlife.
8. B
9. Brent Knoll
10. Car park. Easy access gates on footpaths. Enhance appearance of Comb Quarry - 'gateway to Bleadon'.
11. Churchyard
12. I didn't know there is a well
13. I don't generally see landmarks as important. What is important in a village is how 'liveable' it is. The only options above that contribute to the life of the village are The Queens and the church which is why I've rated them as high. The others might be nice to look at but have no bearing on our wellbeing or prosperity. I'm afraid I also don't see how knowing how people feel about these landmarks contributes to a local plan as regardless of what happens to the village they will continue to exist.
14. I have always been attracted to Bleadon village right from 1962 when we moved from Hull and settled in [*personal details removed*] and finally our wish Bleadon.
15. Many of the stone walls are medieval and date from before 1658. "MY" village road signs!
16. Not sure where Shiplett is.
17. Old farmhouse and cottages in Purn Lane
18. Old lighting traditional features.
19. Old road signs no longer exist
20. Old street lighting along Shiplate Rd
21. Open fields along the A370 giving open space between built up areas
22. Open spaces at Sanders Field. Coronation Hall
23. Open spaces. Caves. Historic digs.
24. Other historic buildings in the village including cottages in Bridge Road and Coronation Road.
25. Playground, village halls

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26. Pre 20th Century cottages/houses (High)
27. Public rights of way. Public footpaths. Open fields
28. Q3a) Regardless of how much importance residents have of these landmarks they are already governed by Planning Law or policy. Q3d) The Village Well is classified as a Grade II Listed Building.
29. Steps and old bus stops
30. Stone walling in village/Celtic Way
31. The centre of the village has many properties 150 - 250 years old. It may be possible to create a Conservation Area for the village to protect them from future demolition. This I feel would take 3 to 5 years. It should be considered further by the Parish Council to designate the appropriate area for further investigation.
32. The fold of the hills.
33. The land opposite my property is important and should NOT be built on
34. The many original cottages around the village.
35. The Village Hall and the Youth Club are important and valuable to the village as is the children's play area. The open vistas and green spaces are a significant and highly important elements in the quality of village life.
36. Village Hall also high importance.
37. We need to preserve the character and retain its historic buildings for the future. I am worried that the pub is going down-hill and it is a real asset to the village for visitors and locals alike.
38. Well Cottage. Manor House. Houses going up Celtic Way. Houses in Shiplate Road including The Veale
39. Would not like to lose the pub or see heritage houses changed.









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## Bleadon Now

### Q4. Bleadon Assets

How much importance do the following features have for you?

	High 	Moderate 	Low 	Nil 	
a) The lanes around the village	82.21% 231	10.68% 30	0.36% 1	6.76% 19	
b) Public rights of way	82.92% 233	11.03% 31	0.36% 1	5.69% 16	
c) Public Conveniences	45.20% 127	31.32% 88	16.37% 46	7.12% 20	
d) The Coronation Halls	73.67% 207	16.37% 46	3.20% 9	6.76% 19	
e) Play area	55.52% 156	27.76% 78	10.32% 29	6.41% 18	
f) Youth Centre	45.55% 128	33.10% 93	13.88% 39	7.47% 21	
g) Allotments	43.42% 122	29.18% 82	19.93% 56	7.47% 21	
h) The Post Office, Shop and Café	83.63% 235	8.90% 25	1.42% 4	6.05% 17	
i) The Croquet Club	32.03% 90	35.23% 99	25.27% 71	7.47% 21	
j) The Golf Club	24.20% 68	28.47% 80	36.30% 102	11.03% 31	

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Q4. cont/ How much importance do the following features have for you?

k) Other (please specify)

1. All communities need places to meet and be social.
2. Bridge Garage, Escape, Catherines Inn, Anchor Inn and Indian Massala - High
3. Car park, benches especially facing a good view
4. Churchyard- High
5. Close to Weston, the hospital, the views over the cornfields.
6. E and F would be 'high' if I had children. Answering on a personal level so don't need public conveniences as I live here BUT they are good to have.
7. h) = PO high, shop moderate, café low. Bleadon Market. Mobile Library. Church Rooms. Mendip Way footpath. Improve play area - relocate to improve facilities. Establish after-school/holiday club.
8. I enjoy the dark skies and want to resist any further street lighting
9. Keeping the nature of a village not joined to Weston. Small quiet roads.
10. Local garage. River Axe
11. Low only because we don't use them
12. Our three pubs and our church are arguably our most important community assets but are only mentioned as landmarks which is a little odd. Also not listed is the caravan park which is (or should be) a source of local employment. As businesses appear to be included as assets I'd add Bridge Garage and Marshalls as either sources of employment or providers of services. You could also include the small business units at Purn in this category as it is so broad.
13. Pre-existing footpaths such as the one that leads past the horses field and the one that leads from Bleadon church to the hill
14. Public house. Church. Community
15. Public land owned by the village I think includes the old village quarry opposite the Anchor Inn? Should be used by the village or sold off for development and the money used by the village for its public use.
16. Q4 - How do the public know what is 'owned' or 'in trust' by BPC and what is private sector ownership. Do BPC or public have any control over private sector assets as implied by this question? Q4b) Bleadon has 20 PROWs any additional claims need to be submitted before 2026. A clause in right-to-roam legislation introduced by the Labour government in 2000 stated that any pre-1949 paths must be recorded by 2026 to continue to carry public rights. The Countryside and Rights of Way Act contained a provision that will extinguish those rights if the paths have not been properly recorded.
17. River Axe - high
18. The local garage -Bridge Garage is very important. The bus shelters are important whilst there are still buses!
19. The open spaces around the village separating it from other developments and the size that it is now. (remaining a proper village)
20. The Queen's Arms -high.
21. The vast majority of the above listed help give Bleadon its sense of "community".
22. Victorian Street Lights. Houses that belong to 'Old Bleadon'

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23. We could do with a new skittle alley behind the pub that should have never been demolished.

















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## Bleadon Now

### Q5. Open Spaces

How much importance do the following features of Bleadon have for you?

	High 	Moderate 	Low 	Nil 	
a) The open fields between Bleadon Road and the A370	82.21% 231	8.54% 24	0.71% 2	8.54% 24	
b) The long-distance path West Mendip Way	76.87% 216	12.10% 34	9.25% 5	5.69% 26	
c) Free use of carpark, play area and public toilets	70.46% 198	18.15% 51	3.56% 10	7.83% 22	
d) i) Access to Purn Hill	75.44% 212	16.37% 46	0.36% 1	7.83% 22	
d) ii) Access to South Hill	75.80% 213	15.30% 43	0.36% 1	8.54% 24	
d) iii) Access to Hellenge Hill	76.51% 215	12.46% 35	1.42% 4	9.61% 27	
e) Common Land (ie. Purn Quarry)	49.47% 139	32.74% 92	7.47% 21	10.32% 29	
f) i) Village Greens - Parish Cross and Green	73.67% 207	16.37% 46	1.78% 5	8.19% 23	
f) ii) Village Greens - Parish Pump and Green	72.95% 205	15.66% 44	2.85% 8	8.54% 24	
f) iii) Village Greens - Laybys on Roman Road	59.43% 167	23.84% 67	8.19% 23	8.54% 24	

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Q5. cont/ How much importance do the following features of Bleadon have for you?

g) Other (please specify)

1. 5a) Why only these 200+ Houses Sanders application fields and not ALL open fields including Amesbury Drive and The Veale? Q5c) Why lump all these items together difficult to answer with a H M or L? How much do they currently cost residents? The play area should be accessible and catered for all ages not just 0-12 as indicated in the recent BPC newsletter. 5d) Should mention these are privately owned including two Avon Wildlife reserves and access is permitted by them e.g. by PROW. BPC should investigate buying South Hill for full public access. 5e) Is Purn Quarry not to be confused with The Quarry the only piece of common land left in Bleadon? See Q4b! 5f) Is the Parish Cross the same as the Market Cross (Q3d)? Is the Parish Pump the same as the Village Pump (Q3d)?
2. a) Why only list the open fields between Bleadon Road and the A370? c) I have a differing degree of importance for each feature. The levels.
3. a) Why only list these particular open fields and not all the parishes' open fields? c) Three features - with for me differing degrees of importance. d) All privately owned including one owned by a property developer. f) ii) Listed as Village Pump not Parish.
4. Again it is the sense of space matched to the current scale of the village that give Bleadon its distinct character. It is of note that this open character is reflected in the artwork on the road signs which welcome people to the village.
5. All high as we enjoy walking our dog.
6. All the open land that surrounds the village that actually allows Bleadon to BE a village.
7. Bench on Roman Road
8. Churchyard
9. Churchyard - High
10. Croquet lawns high
11. Don't know where Purn Quarry is.
12. Don't know where Purn Quarry is.
13. I am a dog walker and enjoy being to change my route daily - please keep footpaths open as they are invaluable to the health and pleasure of living in our village
14. Market / village cross?
15. Open paths and fields as used by huge number of dog walkers, walkers and the many horse owners.
16. Public footpath through golf course.
17. Seating at viewpoints on Celtic Way Roman Road and the maintainance of the views steps and stiles used by many walkers joggers runners another visitors.
18. See my comments in the landscape character section - I'm not sure why anybody who lives in Bleadon would rank any of these at less than high. I'm not sure what use a consensus is when the answer is already known. The bigger questions are around the specific value they add to the village and how that can be enhanced or protected. Also



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what additional open spaces would people like to see created or reclaimed and how can we make those we have more accessible?

19. Surrounding wooded areas and rough ground around fields.
20. The open fields between the west end of Roman Road and Hutton/Oldmixon wood.  
High. The open fields on the west side of Celtic Way - High
21. The Roman Road laybys should have waste bins. There would be a cost for emptying but the ranger would not spend their time picking up litter only bin emptying.
22. The Veale and woods behind. South hill.
23. The whole point of living in the countryside is access to open space.
24. Wasn't aware of common land.
25. We enjoy walking and using all public right of way
26. Whole aspect of village especially history sites.









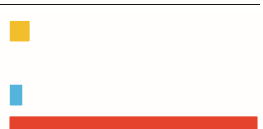
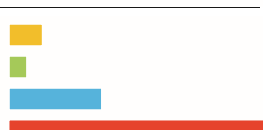

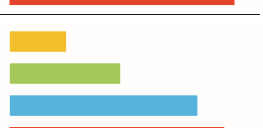
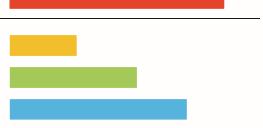


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## Bleadon Now

### Q6. Wildlife

How much importance do you put on the following areas for wildlife in and around Bleadon?

	High 	Moderate 	Low 	Nil 	
a) Fields and public rights of way	87.19% 245	4.27% 12	0.36% 1	8.19% 23	
b) Lanes and hedgerows around the village	86.83% 244	5.34% 15	0.00% 0	7.83% 22	
c) The levels	81.85% 230	9.25% 26	0.36% 1	8.54% 24	
d) The rhynes	80.78% 227	10.68% 30	0.71% 2	7.83% 22	
e) The hills	86.12% 242	5.69% 16	0.00% 0	8.19% 23	
f) Churchyard	65.48% 184	21.71% 61	4.63% 13	8.19% 23	
g) Your own back garden	78.29% 220	12.46% 35	1.42% 4	7.83% 22	
h) Croquet lawn	37.37% 105	32.74% 92	19.57% 55	10.32% 29	
i) Golf course	34.52% 97	30.96% 87	22.42% 63	12.10% 34	

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Q6. cont/ How much importance do you put on the following areas for wildlife in and around Bleadon?

j) Other (please specify)

1. Any further especially high density development is bound to have a detrimental effect on wildlife.
2. I would like to see the development of more woodland and wildlife habitat around the village
3. Important to preserve what we have
4. My own back garden is a haven for wildlife providing shelter and nesting sites for birds with many shrubs and trees.
5. Nature Reserves owned by Avon Wildlife Trust
6. NB Control of badgers needed to prevent damage to gardens.
7. One cannot emphasise too much the need for ALL the VARIETY of areas around the village to encourage wildlife eg the rhynes on Bleadon Road support egrets herons and water voles.
8. Open fields do not have discarded farm machinery or piles of pink plastic in them
9. Q6) Bleadon wildlife reserves e.g. Hellenge Purn and Wessex Water Bleadon Levels. Preserve the wildlife's environment for known and unknown protected species that may live in them e.g. bats.
10. River Axe and footpath.
11. Roadside. Wooded areas.
12. Sorry but I can't help but think that what I feel about this is irrelevant. Wouldn't it be better to pay to carry out a wildlife survey or get some experts to report back on the best wildlife environments locally? The ones to protect are the ones that work best for the wildlife not the ones that we humans like the best!
13. The SSI and AONB areas
14. The Veale and woods behind
15. We need to help our wildlife and also continue to get pleasure from unencumbered views and pleasant environment
16. Wild deer are seen in and around fields.
17. With creeping development all areas are of utmost importance to wildlife.
18. Wooded areas. Comb quarry. g) = WSM club. h) = commercial.









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## Bleadon Future – Planning to 2036

### Q7. What environment issues need to be addressed in Bleadon?

	High 	Moderate 	Low 	Nil 	
a) Better management of street lights for dark skies and wildlife.	50.53% 142	24.91% 70	16.02% 45	8.54% 24	
b) Formally allocated open space for recreation	37.72% 106	28.11% 79	19.93% 56	14.24% 40	

#### Q7 b). Please specify what sort of recreation:

1. A larger community field or open space that could be used for a variety of events and occasions
2. A park or other play area for the children with trees (the park that is already there is fine).
3. A proper village green would be a great asset. The Croquet green would be ideal but perhaps it would be too much to ask the club to move! Or how about a long thin green along the edge of the Rhyne at Bleadon Road.
4. A soccer pitch, and/or a cricket field.
5. Already have children's playground/pub for adults
6. An all-weather MUGA sports area.
7. An area where football, cricket etc would be played.
8. An open area for families to play, kick a ball, cricket or have a picnic.
9. Anywhere that all ages can use
10. Apart from the Play Area, there are no open spaces for recreation. The Croquet Club is the only open green area and is limited to use by members. Lympsham by comparison benefits from the large cricket field and associated tennis court. I guess that options are limited, but the open fields would be more valuable if access was available at a minimum for footpaths to the A370. At present they just provide a green buffer for the village. The Play Area would benefit from some equipment for toddlers and associated grandparents. Maybe an orienteering style course could be considered.
11. Area for families to enjoy
12. Area for ball games for teenagers/young adults perhaps.
13. Area for older children to kick a ball around

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14. Ball games
15. Ball sports for children and adults. Playground equipment for older children.  
Playground equipment for seniors!
16. Bowling. Croquet. Boyle.
17. Children and adults play area. existing . It would be nice to have a place similar to Lympsham
18. Children of age 9 and over - open area for them to kick a football around without endangering younger children.
19. Children's ball games. Tennis courts
20. Children's play areas
21. childrens playground
22. Cricket
23. Cricket
24. Cricket and football
25. Cricket club.
26. Cricket pitch. Large open spaces for community led sports.
27. Cricket, football ground
28. Cricket, football, cider/beer festivals, rallies, picnics, fair barbecues
29. Duck pond amenity?
30. Fairs, picnics, rallies, morris men, cider or beer festival, cricket, football, barbeque, fundraising.
31. Family areas for use in relaxation picnics and walks.
32. Family spaces. It would be nice to have a public area large enough for cricket / football.
33. Football field - so can have a village team.
34. Football kick around area
35. Football pitch
36. Football, rugby, sports facilities
37. Football/cricket field for the young
38. Football/netball
39. For young people
40. General all-round recreation for all ages
41. General village ambience. Area for family/village activities.
42. General walks and a play area for the children. the forms of sports recreation are currently suitable for the village
43. Given the wealth of countryside around the village, I don't think a formally allocated open space is necessary or desirable.
44. Green spaces, sports field
45. Happy as we are
46. How about an area with equipment for use by adults to exercise
47. I feel we have what is needed currently
48. I think the park should have trampolines installed to improve the fitness in children.
49. I'm not sure what the needs are currently in the parish
50. Isn't there quite a lot of this in the village already? Or am I missing the point?

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51. It would be nice if the playground for children included more things to play with for example a roundabout
52. Keep open spaces!
53. Large open space for older children to play football or own creative games and riding their bikes safely
54. Low indicates not of great importance.
55. Maintain play area
56. Not aware Bleadon had formally allocated any open space for recreation.
57. Open fields for positive effects on villagers
58. Open fields for wildlife and nature and the environment
59. Park / Common
60. Parkland with seating
61. Picnics, Meeting Place, Relaxation, Functions.
62. Picnics and relaxing with offspring. Local events
63. Play area & village green-use other than croquet- children's play area is more important
64. Playing field (football and other sports)
65. Playing field for football, cricket, etc.
66. Possible football pitch or similar/ tennis court/ basketball etc
67. Providing the children's play area at the village hall is maintained well all is fine.
68. Public / community events.
69. Q7b) What legally "formally allocated open space for recreation"? How is the Bleadon countryside currently managed and by whom?
70. Seating / picnic / family area
71. Shared recreation for sport dogs playing ball and children
72. Simply areas where both villagers and visitors can sit and enjoy the open aspect would be a good starting point. A park area offering a variety of possibilities could be a future goal.
73. Soccer/cricket field
74. soccer/rugby/basketball
75. Somewhere for football and cricket
76. Somewhere for people to sit and contemplate in a quiet space and somewhere for young people to kick a ball around
77. Somewhere for the older children to let off steam and kick around a ball.
78. Space for a skate board ramp/bmx cycling track for the youngsters plus a large open area for a village cricket team to play.
79. Space for families to meet and relax. Possibly some picnic area and space for walking. Some shade from trees.
80. Spending time with family and friends and places where my young family can play in a safe environment
81. Sport for juniors and teens
82. Sports area football / netball / tennis
83. Sports facilities for team games such as netball basketball soccer hockey would be helpful
84. sports field

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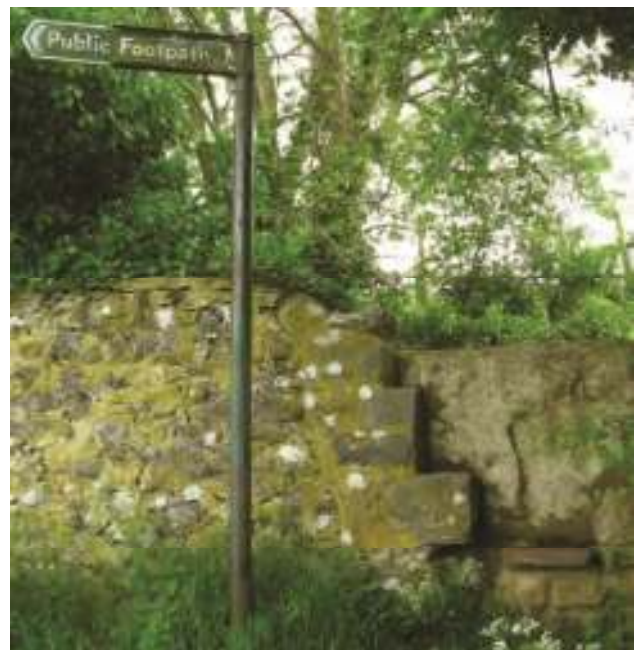
85. Sports field for team games
86. Sports Fields if there are sufficient users
87. Sports pitch
88. Street light on Bridge Road to be installed
89. Team games.
90. Team sports
91. Tennis & Cricket
92. Tennis Court
93. Tennis courts
94. Tennis courts
95. Tennis courts would be nice
96. Tennis courts?
97. The existing open space for the children's play area. In addition, open space for older children to play outdoor sports eg football and cricket.
98. The park should have some trampolines
99. The Quarry- if the cement works ever disappear the spec should be converted into a nature reserve with human access
100. The village has no significant public open space.
101. There could be a bigger playing field, but not as to ruin the existing one, maybe tennis courts as well
102. This is a retirement area and the only recreation space needed is for walking
103. Unaware of allocated open spaces
104. Unsure what this means
105. Upkeep too much more recreation space means more lights
106. Very little opportunity for children between the ages of 8 to 16.
107. Village events
108. Village green
109. Village green for multitude of rural events.
110. Village size does not warrant playing fields - existing open spaces should be maintained.
111. Village sports facilities such as bowls or cricket would be nice if achievable within the Parish boundary.
112. Walkers, dog walkers and horse riders.
113. Walking
114. Walking
115. Walking. Village activities
116. Walking and children's play areas
117. Walking and Cycling
118. Walking and cycling
119. Walking contemplation talking
120. Walking, including dog walking. Play area including informal ball games. Relaxation.
121. Walking, relaxing, park style gardens, ball sports etc.
122. We need to keep the play area by the coronation hall, some seating would be nice as it's a nice spot to sit in the summer.

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123. Without pavements street lights are essential

124. Woodland walks.






125. WSM is very short of football pitches for youngsters. The fields proposed for development of 200 plus houses would be much better used to provide soccer facilities for children.





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## Q7 Cont/ What environment issues need to be addressed in Bleadon?

	High 	Moderate 	Low 	Nil 	
c) Improved countryside management	41.99% 118	22.42% 63	11.03% 31	24.56% 69	

### Q7 c). Please specify what aspects should be improved:

1. 30mph on all roads in and around village.
2. A stop to fly tipping
3. Access to river Axe footpath from A370 in the summer gets very overgrown. Water level is often left too high especially in the summer making it difficult to continue along the footpath. A370 verge litter launched from cars then shredded by grasscutters into hundreds of pieces a lot of it plastic it's a sorry fact we seem to be a scruffy nation lack of education. Bin collection on windy days adds to this combination of poorly put out rubbish and poor collection practice distributing it to the four winds quite often.
4. Acknowledgement of good custodianship by landowners / farmers and their encouragement to maintain the look of the rural areas within the whole Parish boundary from the Parish residents. Policing breaches of planning law or creeping development from existing properties. Eg. Golf club main building is gradually resembling more of a house. Tarmaced drives there where once only gravel or trackways existed. The radio station in the wood off Roman Road has been a problem in recent years. The woodland in which it is situated has a footpath which is overgrown and not maintained. The people from the radio station have lined the path with cords and cables which are unsightly and could cause injury to deer and members of the public. All public rights of way in the Parish should be brought up to a better standard. Many are unmarked overgrown. Some peter out especially those heading East along the North side of the river Axe towards Loxton. Some have no proper gates.
5. All footpaths
6. Apart from ensuring areas are kept safe and tidy we should leave them as they are.
7. Better access for disabled e.g. removal of stiles and heavy gates
8. Better footpaths
9. Better maintenance of roads/lanes and regular rubbish clearance.
10. Better management of footpaths particularly when there is growth during the summer months
11. Better rhyme management - cleaning etc.
12. CAREFUL management of hedges, more natural trees to be planted, cleaning of rhymes to save water voles etc.

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13. Clear gutters and sides of road of weeds and mud. Encourage residents to keep the areas outside their houses clear of weeds.
14. Clearing footpath of brambles etc.
15. Continue current management of hedgerows and rhynes.
16. Correct signage for public footpaths
17. Drainage and clearance of rhynes
18. Empty the dog poo bins!
19. Ensure footpaths maintained.
20. Ensure public footpaths are maintained so that they can be used. Eg keep paths clear of brambles etc.
21. Ensure that rhymes are regularly cleaned and that footpaths stiles and gates are maintained
22. Ensuring accessibility for all to enjoy the countryside, ensuring public rights of way are clear.
23. Ensuring footpaths are well-signed (eg. destination), well-maintained, and free from encroaching vegetation would be good. Encouraging landowners to give a good visual presentation of their land (where possible) whilst engaging in their business interests would also be good.
24. Excess mud on roads - better control and responsibility
25. Farming community should be accountable for the appearance of centrally located sites and made to clear up the roads should they leave large amounts of mud on the road.
26. Farmland surrounding the village should be well maintained and tidy so as not to detract from the overall impression of the village.
27. Field at the junction of Bleadon road and Chestnut Lane is an eyesore and owners should be made to rectify the mess they have created. This is just a field not a farmyard. We have no chance of getting anywhere with Britain in Bloom best kept village with this area looking as it does.
28. Footpath management, better signage of footpath direction, clearing of little used paths. Art trail implementation. More paths made available for disabled or partial disabled.
29. Footpaths
30. Footpaths along the river and up to Hellene need to be kept clear and cut back regularly.
31. Footpaths cleared and dog litter bins increased
32. Footpaths from South Hill to River Axe and along River Axe.
33. Footpaths kept clear
34. Footpaths management - signage of footpaths. Guidance noticeboards giving directions and local info. Art trail. Expand and link footpaths.
35. Footpaths. Hedge management.
36. Footpaths, all should be maintained and accessible
37. Hedge cutting and verge management
38. Hedge cutting so road signs can actually be read!
39. Hedge trimming/cutting to be done in dormant season with regards to bird nesting. Specimen trees to be left/planted in hedgerows. Land which is bought by

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- speculators/non farmers, I refer to fields to the north of the west end of Roman Road to be utilized for farm use and not left as has been for the past 4 years. Roadside verges to be cut only when spring flowering(Cow Parsley) is over. Farmers to be encouraged to plant single deciduous trees in fields, provides shade for cattle and looks good.
40. Hedgerows and copses should be managed. Some areas bordering Shiplate Road used to be managed. In recent years this has ceased and has impacted on the open views residents in the area used to enjoy.
  41. Hedges cut back and low. Clearing of drains regularly to avoid flooding
  42. I cannot tell a land owner how to manage his/her land - eg Despite fierce opposition, South Hill fenced to stop walkers having the degree of access they had always enjoyed using unsightly metal fencing.
  43. I firmly believe in the importance of planting trees. There are far too few large/ beautiful/ specimen/ old Trees in Bleadon. This would make the single biggest general environmental improvement to the village. It would of course take time! How about planting a wild orchid meadow? A particular personal interest.
  44. I would like to see more planting for wildlife, and a park with open grass, trees planted and a nice lake /pond on sites instead of proposed housing development,
  45. I'm afraid I don't have any experience of countryside management.
  46. It would be a vast improvement to prevent housing being built in huge numbers around the village.
  47. Keep byways clear
  48. Keep public foot paths clear
  49. Keeping area of the village litter free at all times
  50. Keeping footpaths accessible
  51. Keeping footpaths tidy and clear.
  52. Keeping hedges in good order
  53. Keeping open space and farmland for wildlife.
  54. Keeping public footpaths etc. tidy and clear of overgrown vegetation
  55. Landowners cannot be told how to manage their land -eg Against fierce opposition the owner of South Hill was allowed to erect unsightly metal fences to stop walkers from having the completely free access they had enjoyed for as long as people could remember.
  56. Leave to farmers
  57. Less concrete and a clearer path on the A370
  58. Litter
  59. Litter and Dog foul bins. Access to walkways
  60. Litter and Dog refuse bins.
  61. Litter! Fly tipping monitoring. Dangerous road edges in Canada Coombe / Roman Road
  62. Maintain footpaths
  63. Maintain rural aspect no more houses.
  64. Maintainance of footpaths.
  65. Maintainance of rights of way around the many fields. Currently many routes are overgrown blocked or missing signage / gates. In respect of the woodland in fields off of Bleadon Hill / Roman Road the woodland is being restricted in an unecologically friendly



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way. There are plastic ropes bungy cord and wires routing the footpath. This is unsightly and detrimental to the natural habitat of wildlife. Deer can run into the cords etc. The radio station despite having recent planning permission is an eyesore to the surrounding area of natural beauty.

66. Maintaining hedgerows and natural habitats
67. Maintaining rhynes regularly
68. Maintaining the footpaths and hedgerows.
69. Maintenance of footpaths, especially around gates and styles.
70. Maintenance of hedges, ancient stone walls , kissing gates, and keeping footpaths clear
71. Maintenance of local footpaths
72. Maintenance of rhynes and verges.
73. Make access to fields for wildlife more friendly - less barbed wire - less pollutants - not sure what affect the chemicals that seem to be put in the rhyne has on water voles etc
74. Management seems to be doing well
75. Measures to encourage and preserve the wildlife that already inhabits the village. My family and I are always very pleased to see the deer that frequent the levels area between the A370 and Bleadon/Accommodation Road.
76. Minimal intrusion to maintain the AONB and SSSI. Maintenance of public footpaths and rights of way. Better signposting.
77. More dog poo bins please, especially on Hellenge Hill.
78. More doggie bins and on spot fine say £20 if fouling in public - the same fine should apply to litter discarded in the village. The flower arrangements in the village are a credit to the appearance
79. More habitat for wildlife such as bird and bay boxes. Hedge rows and trees planted for future. Also a central new planted woodland with access for villagers and visitors.
80. More open spaces/fields / public rights of way
81. More support for farmers to build barns and farm buildings.
82. More support given to those volunteering to keep our footpaths, rights of way and rhynes clean and litter free.
83. Mud on roads from exit from wet fields
84. No more building on green fields. Management of public footpaths.
85. No vehicle/vehicle stores anywhere in the village
86. Not really my business but endless mud on Bleadon Road and the unsightly mess there are not management
87. Not really sure what this means I'm afraid. Is it management of the footpaths woodland etc owned by the council or encouraging local farmers to create wildlife habitats?
88. Overhanging branches, particularly when obscuring road traffic signs. Cutting of grass verges - improve road safety.
89. Pavement management. Road sweeping. Parking restrictions eg Shiplate Road/ Celtic Way corner
90. Potholes along Bleadon Road
91. Public footpaths and gates could be more frequently attended to.
92. Public footpaths and rights of way
93. Public footpaths/rights of way

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94. Q7c - litter is of a major concern in the parish as is abundantly clear on the A370 and the parish rhynes.
95. Ranger is good, but need to add working parties to keep work up to level needed (well publicised)!
96. Regular clearing of litter from the rhynes and verges. Ragwort control.
97. Regular litter collection
98. Regular rubbish clearance. Better pothole management.
99. Regular trimming of trees/shrubs roadside
100. Rhyne cleaning of rubbish
101. Rhyne cleanliness
102. Rhyne clearance and hedge cutting.
103. Rhyne management and housekeeping
104. Rhynes to be kept clean. Footpaths tidied up.
105. Right of ways
106. Roadside hedge management
107. Rubbish left
108. Rubbish/bottles removed from Rhyne regularly as danger to wildlife/ducks etc.
109. Signage on public footpaths. Farmers controlling livestock - young cows in fields used by walkers.
110. Some farmers are poor custodians of their land
111. Some footpaths could be improved
112. Special wildlife status should be sought for areas of open land - more care of rhynes and trees need to be added
113. Speed of traffic through village must be better managed. Less mud on road please
114. Steps down to Mendip Walk across Tony James field needs attention
115. The Council should purchase South Hill and the adjoining areas sold with it and remove the recently erected fences, they are a nuisance to wildlife and dog walkers.
116. The countryside is generally well managed. However, any further expansion of caravan/mobile home sites should be resisted as they are detrimental to the environment.
117. The dumping of old farm equipment and rubbish that is ruining the look of the village in the field opposite Chestnut Lane
118. The entry to the fields on Bleadon Road and mud/debris spread across roads and lanes
119. The fields to stay intact.
120. The footpath that stretches between Bleadon Church and the hill is often overgrown needs to be addressed more frequently
121. The management of farm spoil on roadways and the visual impact of derelict buildings and old farm machinery could be significantly improved.
122. The mess of the *[personal details removed]* farming waste. Respectful use of tractors on road.
123. The rhynes and the surrounding areas managed more
124. The rhynes need an official timetable for environmental management
125. The rhynes should be kept clean so we can all enjoy the wildlife

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126. There are quite a few eyesores around the village, for example the area of land opposite the end of Chestnut Lane and the back of the Purn business park. It is also important to look beyond the immediate village boundary and possibly develop a management plan for the whole parish.

127. Trees need coppicing more regularly

128. Upkeep of bridleways

129. Upkeep of footpaths

130. Upkeep of footpaths





131. Upkeep of footpaths stiles and gates. Regular cleaning of the Rhyne.

132. We need to try and keep traffic to local use only as there are a lot of walks around the area.



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## Q7 Cont/ What environment issues need to be addressed in Bleadon?

	High 	Moderate 	Low 	Nil 	
d) Better facilities for older people	33.45% 94	31.32% 88	14.95% 42	20.28% 57	

### Q7 d). Please specify what facilities:

1. A better bus service and maybe improved shop facilities for older people who can't get all their shopping , proper farm shop with meat and selection of veg at competitive prices, maybe a branch doctors surgery for the elderly
2. A bus service that runs more often than it does now and at weekends
3. A bus service. Keep fit club.
4. A few more seats in the village and a more frequent bus service
5. A few new seats around the village
6. A new GP facility
7. A ramp in local church to allow access to the altar.
8. A reasonable bus service with access to stops near to habitation where older parishioners live (The Veale).
9. Access to local towns, train stations, hospital, surgeries.
10. Are facilities the issue? Unlikely that the village can support a health clinic for example. Would be better to look at building on existing community activities and developing a community support network, helping with access to wider facilities. Even older people use the Internet these days, so Wifi in the Halls would be a good start. A Men's Shed. There are a lot of groups being established around the country which provide a social centre for men and also undertake say DIY jobs for people/community on a voluntary basis.
11. Area for families to enjoy
12. Areas needed for a Gym for keep fit facilities.
13. Better bus service
14. Better bus service
15. Better bus service
16. Better bus service into Weston to connect with onward transport and other facilities such as hospital etc.
17. Better bus service.
18. Better bus services
19. Better bus services
20. Better bus services
21. Better bus services or a voluntary system of getting people to hospital appointments, doctor or supermarket.
22. Better gritting in the winter
23. Better pavements
24. Better pavements particularly around Catherines inn.
25. Better public transport

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26. Bowls, croquet & village hall activities are already sufficient for the older generation
27. Bus facilities.
28. Bus please
29. Bus route
30. Bus routes
31. Bus routes to stay open and be more regular
32. bus service
33. Bus service
34. Bus service
35. Bus service along Shiplate Rd to take in Christon Loxton Bleadon
36. Bus Service is almost non-existent. Village is in lockdown at the weekend if you don't drive
37. Bus service to Weston-super-Mare
38. Bus services
39. Bus services to town and locally from houses to meeting places
40. Bus shelters
41. Buses
42. Buses and transport to and from town.
43. Buses were regular and reliable 6 yrs ago. We have to rely too much on the use of our cars
44. Clubs, bus service.
45. Coffee or breakfast meetings in Hall
46. Community bus
47. Community bus scheme. More regular road sweeping. Better control of mud on roads.
48. Community transport better bus service comprehensive accessible walkways
49. Definitely a bus service that runs along Bleadon Road
50. Ease of access to public areas, also for disabled people of whatever age
51. Easier access to public transport for the elderly. The Veale did have a bus stop once. Now elderly residents have to walk into the village. There have been reported instances of elderly residents walking to the A370 to pick up the main road bus. This is an excessive distance and the main road puts all pedestrians at risk when crossing. The Parish should consider forming a community bus service with other villages on the South side of the Mendips towards Cheddar. The service would cover all the small communities on routes that larger companies avoid.
52. Education courses for seniors
53. Existing facilities commensurate with village size.
54. Fine as it is for current size of village.
55. Footpath along Bridge Road and Bleadon Road.
56. Footpaths e.g. foot path exits from car park, Bridge Road
57. Frequency of bus service
58. General recreation to meet needs of an ageing population
59. Gritting of pavements in winter to avoid falls.
60. Group activities that get people together and mixing, creating a strong, friendly community. Like an area similar to the Lympham cricket /social club
61. Homes to allow elderly to live in Bleadon with transport (homes with perhaps warden)
62. I don't know what facilities there currently are!
63. I think the village provides very well for its older residents. We need to focus on other groups a bit more to try to encourage families and younger people to live in the village.
64. I think there are sufficient facilities but they must be maintained
65. If required who is paying?
66. Improved bus routes



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67. Improved bus service direct to the village centre
68. Improved bus service every day
69. Improved bus service through the village. Older people can't walk to the A370 to catch a bus but need to reach amenities in Weston.
70. Library
71. Local shop, bus service
72. Lunch club. Christmas dinner. Improved public transport.
73. Maintain public toilet. Improve the village hall etc to make it more modern as opposed to looking like the village hall from Dads Army.
74. Make more use of our halls as meeting rooms for all ages
75. Maybe a small residential home for villagers who are unable to care for themselves in later life but still want to be in the village environment where older friends are able to pop in and visit easily.
76. Maybe lower pavements to help access for mobility problems
77. Medical Centre
78. Meeting area for the older generation once every couple of weeks.
79. Meetings to meet others and maybe a cheap meal together.
80. More buses
81. More frequent bus services that run later. Local shop(s)
82. More parking at village halls. Transport help to hospitals and shopping.
83. More pavements along Bridge Road and Bleadon Road
84. More regular bus services which turn up on time. We stopped using them as so unreliable.
85. More social activities
86. None specific
87. Obviously medical centre etc. would be good; but unlikely in context of current National economic situation. Greater efforts to be made by co-ordinators within the village.
88. Open spaces, better footpaths and better public transport.
89. Outdoor Exercise equipment to be used by all adults
90. Pavements for walking safely up Bleadon Hill and Celtic Way
91. Possibly ramps next to the steps?
92. Providing support regarding mobility issues such as visits to the doctor opticians dentist and shops. The 'out to lunch' has proved popular so maybe extending it to provide social excursions such as theatre and cinema trips
93. Provision of medical facilities eg GP surgery and dentist.
94. Public Transport
95. Public transport to be improved
96. Public transport. Safer pavements. More inclusive community. Does seem to be a gulf between more and less affluent villagers.
97. Q7d - reinstate Bleadon's skittle alley, free exercise equipment in the park for adults
98. Regular bus service including to the Veale.
99. Regular bus service into Weston. Day centre with cafe, music afternoons, games, for elderly and lonely people to meet up.
100. Regular bus service to the Veale
101. Regular bus service.
102. Safer roads via lower speed limits
103. Seating.
104. Seating.
105. Seems to be adequate. Clubs/meetings in Halls.






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106. Seems to be ok
107. Shiplate Road consistent parking of vehicles on pavements and vans both sides of road
108. Six day bus service
109. Social group for those who are lonely. Drop in clinic facility for less urgent ailments. Volunteers to befriend/run errands for those who are housebound. I don't actually know if there is a need for any of this and it is not something I need yet myself!
110. Strategic location of benches to encourage walking.
111. Tennis courts
112. There are many older people in the village. We have no day centre, lunch club (other than the one run by the church) or chair exercise classes etc.
113. The bus service is still poor for older people.
114. The speed limit decreased to allow safety increase.
115. There is a good range of things to do at the Coronation Hall. We need more groups to join.
116. There is adequate facilities at present.
117. Transport
118. Transport
119. Transport
120. Transport.
121. We already have enough clubs etc at the village hall for the older generations.
122. We have great facilities that map to the age groups in the village
123. Well maintained footpaths. Improved road crossings
124. Wheel chair access
125. Wheelchair access



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## Q7 Cont/ What environment issues need to be addressed in Bleadon?

	High 	Moderate 	Low 	Nil 	
e) Better facilities for younger people	23.84% 67	34.16% 96	16.37% 46	25.63% 72	

### Q7 e). Please specify what facilities:

1. A better area for teenager activities such as football.
2. Again not sure what they need as there is already the youth club, playground, toddler group and Brownies and I have no contact with younger people. Possibly somewhere for BMX bikes/skate boarding- the youngsters or parents need to be consulted on this!
3. Already have a youth centre
4. Also safer roads.
5. An all-weather pitch / surface for older kids / young adults to engage in sport.
6. An improved play area with space to run around and with play equipment.
7. An open area for children to play sports.
8. Area for families to enjoy
9. Areas for skate park away from younger facilities.
10. Better equipment for children in play area.
11. Better transport so can be independent as they get older and not rely on parents transport
12. Bigger playground
13. Bleadon isn't really young people hang out
14. Bus connections to Colleges/schools and other existing town facilities within the district
15. Buses and transport to and from town. events, classes etc at Coronation Hall.
16. Bus route
17. Bus routes to stay open and more regular
18. Continuing of youth club. Bus service
19. Children and adults play area . existing .it would be nice to have a place similar to Lymphsham. mixing the generations together.
20. Continuing support and upkeep of youth club for youth activities
21. Cricket/football pitches and improved play equipment.
22. Encourage scout groups, cubs etc further improve youth club.
23. Exactly the same answer as above. Buses were regular and reliable 6yrs ago. We have to rely too much on the use of our cars. They don't drive so buses are more essential.
24. Excellent facilities for younger people.
25. Existing facilities commensurate with village size.
26. Extended play areas, to play football for instance.



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27. Fine as it is for current size of village.
28. Football / cricket / tennis
29. Football/cricket field for the young
30. Football field - so can have a village team. Recreation ground
31. Football pitch, rugby pitch, skate park?
32. Got enough
33. GP practice
34. Green space for ball games and outdoor activities
35. Group activities that get people together and mixing, creating a strong, friendly community. Like an area similar to the Lympsham cricket /social club
36. Housing for young people. There is no affordable housing in Bleadon. Where are our children supposed to live?
37. I don't think we do badly but we need to encourage more young people to use our existing facilities.
38. If required who is paying?
39. Improvements to already in place youth club-sports club
40. It is a village after all therefore the provision of a youth centre and park appears sufficient
41. Keeping youth club going.
42. Larger play areas eg football/cricket grounds.
43. Local sports and training
44. Maintenance of Youth Club and play area
45. Make more use of halls
46. Make the youth club more attractive. New blood required
47. Maybe a tennis court/club or football pitch
48. Maybe additional recreational facilities, eg tennis courts a play field for football or skating?
49. Meeting area for younger people at least once a month.
50. more clubs. Bingo night.
51. More events for teenagers.
52. More park equipment
53. More play areas for a wider age range.
54. More use of the youth club and its upkeep
55. Needs are changing with the impact of social media so consult with younger people
56. No view.
57. Not sure what is here already.
58. Not sure what they would appreciate or use
59. Nothing to change
60. Nursery
61. Once again we have great facilities for young people - it has been a great place for my children to grow up
62. Open areas for young people to play safely, A new purpose-built Youth Club with IT facilities and broadband connection. Perhaps a fitness trail.
63. Outdoor pursuits.

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64. Play and recreation areas. Tennis club, cricket club.
65. Play areas for young and old. Fields adapted for recreation not housing developments.
66. Play areas organised clubs
67. Playground needs updating with older age groups in mind too.
68. Playing field (football and other sports)
69. Playing field perhaps
70. Primary school; we need to encourage young people into our village to prevent it from becoming a retirement village.
71. Free exercise equipment in the park for teens
72. Recreation ground
73. Scouts etc
74. Seems to be ok
75. Space for a skate board ramp/bmx cycling track for the youngsters.
76. Sports facilities for team games such as netball basketball soccer hockey would be helpful
77. Sport for juniors and teens
78. Sports areas for football, rugby, tennis, etc. Cycle paths.
79. Sports club
80. Sports facilities.
81. Sports field
82. Sports field /tennis courts
83. Sports Ground
84. Sports playing fields
85. Tennis court.
86. Tennis courts
87. The Parish Council should provide a substantial sum of money (£1000 minimum) each year to the youth club. The £200 p.a. towards the lighting of the car park is really to the benefit of the whole village and those using the car park and hall facilities. Direct funding for youth activities should be made. The building used by the youth club should be utilised at times when currently not in use. This could include use by all ages. Use should complement the neighbouring halls and Parish rooms and not be in competition. The Church authorities should be asked to clean up the parish rooms building and make it more user friendly. It looks a mess. The village paid heavily for the rebuilding of the graveyard wall. The Church of England should give something back to the village by improving the look of the parish rooms and the Vicar's home. The Vicar does a good job in the village. The CofE should do more. The Parish looks after the clock the Church is taking and not giving back to the community. (NO reflection on the Vicar or PCC).
88. The public open space previously referred to.
89. The youth club and brownie group etc are a real asset and the play area too. Perhaps instead of building on fields the public could have access to fields for recreational games like football but with a time cut off in the evening to prevent social issues
90. The youth club is excellent and I would support more financial assistance from the Parish Council for the club. The play area is excellent but the equipment is starting to

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show its age. The slide is heat reflective and burns children in the heat of summer. Last year's heat buckled the bottom of the slide. Improved lock on the gate please. The bolt is awkward to operate. Some people in the village complain that people from outside of Bleadon use the play area. It should be seen as a positive that the play area is recommended in local social media as safe and excellent. Everyone should be welcomed to the village. There could be signage in the play area directing visitors to the shop and cafe etc.

91. The youth club is excellent but maybe some sporting activities for the youths in Bleadon itself would be desirable such as netball/basketball courts
92. There are adequate facilities at present for the type of village we want.
93. To ensure the youth club remains open
94. Trying to improve current offerings eg. Youth Club. Perhaps encouraging existing clubs to encourage more participation of young members of the community. (It is the future of these groups too!!!).
95. Update Coronation Hall
96. We already cater well for the young people of Bleadon with the park and Youth Club. Few areas in the surrounding villages and towns can boast the same facilities. Would not like to see anything added.
97. We have a youth club which provides adequate facilities for local children and a great spacious play area with swings and slide etc.
98. With the use of the 3 large halls and church hall which are all open to booking I think we are well served.
99. Young people in the village must be given as many facilities as the older generation to encourage them to be a part of the village and to look after all village facilities with a sense of pride.
100. Youth club
101. Youth club available and Coronation Hall can be used. Weston is near enough to provide for most needs.
102. Youth club is only 1 night per week-insufficient. It is a shame that we have lost guides/scouts - need more activities for young people.



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## Q7 Cont/ What environment issues need to be addressed in Bleadon?

### Q7 f). Other (please specify):

1. Affordable housing for younger families.
2. Are those groups operating in the village as inclusive to new members of the village as they could be? Is EVERYBODY catered for? Do we do enough for the economically/socially disadvantaged within the village. (If you are saying "Who"?, there IS a problem!!)
3. Better bus network
4. Better management of street lights but light pollution should be avoided.
5. Business Facilities. The local shop at Purn needs to look at the farm shop in Biddisham and the one on the A38 Redhill. Both of these shops offer a wider selection of local produce high standard of customer service. Better advertising of the local shop needed please. Parishioners should do more to support the business. A proper 24 hours cashpoint machine would be beneficial to the village. The cafe is excellent and extended opening into evenings would be welcome. Consideration of light evening meals with licensing for alcohol would be great. Parishioners should do more to support the business. The Queens Arms provides excellent service and an essential focal point for the village. Parishioners should do more to support the business. The Brewery itself should be encouraged by the Parish to improve the tired look of the building and facilities without increasing rent to the publican. The publican is providing a public service (supporting local events) etc. Bridge Garage is great and should be supported by parishioners more.
6. Difficult to say as many changes will have taken place already by then
7. Evening classes for my age range - eg) sports, yoga, crafting. It would use this if it was available.
8. Group activities that get people together and mixing, creating a strong, friendly community. Like an area similar to the Lympsham cricket /social club. Keeping public footpaths etc. tidy and clear of overgrown vegetation
9. Have a maximum speed limit of 30 mph on all the B roads and limit vehicle sizes
10. I do not feel it is necessary to increase the number of street lights - I like it as it is and it is proven that it actually helps with anti-social behaviour issues
11. I think that the needs should be explored through the Neighbourhood Plan process, as it is difficult to comment effectively without being aware of demand. A couple of workshops maybe and explore ideas in other villages.
12. I would like to see a large pond for wildlife, possibly at bottom of village where land is flat and could also have paths for access.
13. Info re village easily accessible - legend board at viewpoints.
14. It would be useful to know what is meant by younger and older in the previous two questions. By younger for example do you mean school age? That is different to say those in their early twenties who we should be encouraging to stay in or move to our village by providing reasonably priced housing and employment opportunities. And

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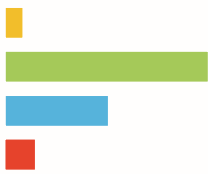
why be exclusive what about intergenerational facilities to bring people together?  
These questions also miss out those in the middle - those of working age who are key to the prosperity of our village. How about shared remote working facilities breakfast clubs skill sharing sessions and so on?





15. Keep character of village and open spaces, encourage more wildlife, nest boxes for birds/ bats etc. Encourage more people to maybe keep beehives!
16. More facilities for teenagers away from younger children.
17. Pnce
18. Protection of village lifestyle as chosen by the majority of residents from overdevelopment of housing and commercial activities.
19. Q7) Why no reference to Fracking/PEDL despite being aware of this issue since at least 2016? Especially as we asked BPC to include a question before the Questionnaire had been published and approved by BPC (NB as far as we are aware the Questionnaire didn't go to full council after NDP 2 Jan 19 meeting)? Also Airport Expansion direct effects on Bleadon airspace, noise, chemical pollution, etc. 7a) Street lights for dark skies. There is no public access to information on this ongoing issue for an informed decision. Reduction in the Quarry's bright lights that dominate the night sky, affecting residents and wildlife, including the protected bats. No more street lights for any new developments as this will add to the problem.
20. Road repairs
21. Road Safety on both A370 major junctions
22. Skittles alley
23. Sympathetic designer dwellings
24. The public toilets and cycle racks are a benefit to the whole area not just the village. Improve signage for the facilities on the main road. This would draw in visitors to the village and support local businesses. North Somerset can do more to promote the village in the District magazine. Major business sites such as the caravan park should be involved in the village life. There are many occupants in the caravan park. Those who reside there for upto 11 months should be made to feel they are parishioners too. Business should be encouraged to support local initiatives some do already eg. Marshalls supporting the village facilities by providing slate chippings etc. / Cafe encouraging locals to visit by use of Facebook / Pubs involved in community events.
25. The roads are a disgrace and cause problems for the elderly who walk, cyclists that have to avoid the craters and car drivers alike who may incur expensive vehicle repairs.
26. Use village halls for sports etc, without being charged
27. We want facilities to remain the same - that's why we moved here.
28. Who will pay!!!
29. With three village halls I believe that facilities for young and old are well catered for. We have a wide selection of clubs etc, and these all provide various entertainment throughout the year
30. Would like to see a community cafe run by the villagers for the village, not just the market. Brings people of all ages together.












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## A370 Bridgwater Road – Safety Measures

	No 	Traffic Lights 	Reduced speed limit 	Speed bumps 	
Q8. Should traffic-calming measures be introduced on the A370 between River Axe and Accommodation Road? Tick all that apply	11.39% 32	36.30% 102	70.46% 198	7.12% 20	




	30mph 	40mph 	50mph 		
If you ticked reduced speed limit, what limit do you propose? Tick all applicable:	30.96% 87	38.08% 107	7.47% 21		

	Neither 	Both 	Bridge Road Only 	Bleadon/ Accommodation Roads Only 	
Q9. Should traffic lights be installed on the A370 junction at Bridge Road and Bleadon/Accommodation Roads?	19.93% 56	24.91% 70	9.61% 27	37.01% 104	

	No 	Yes 	Traffic lights essential 		
Q10. If not traffic lights, should a pedestrian crossing and improved pavement be installed at the Bridge Road junction with the A370?	22.06% 62	38.43% 108	28.83% 81		

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## Travel

	Yes 	No 	Nil 	
Q11. Should attempts be made to improve the frequency of bus services in Bleadon?	78.65% 221	13.17% 37	8.18% 23	
Q12. Should the public footpath from Pear Tree Close to Purn Way be surfaced?	27.05% 76	60.50% 170	12.45% 35	
Q13. Should the part of the West Mendip Way past the Allotments be surfaced?	16.73% 47	71.17% 200	12.10% 34	
Q14. Are more cycle stands necessary around the village?	22.78% 64	64.41% 181	12.81% 36	
Q15. Should attempts be made to make it safer for cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders to use the roads?	63.70% 179	24.91% 70	11.39% 32	

### Travel: Additional Comments:

1. 20 mph limit on Bleadon road bend - Coronation Halls to Top of village.
2. A few white lines on bad bends would be a help to keep cars, horses etc on right side of roads ie Coronation corner- and ie bend Celtic Way on to Bleadon Hill. Change right of way signage to make traffic from Shiplate Road give way to traffic up and down Coronation are/Celtic Way
3. A footpath should be provided in Bridge Road even if it means encroaching on to the adjoining fields or prohibition of heavy goods vehicles on Bridge Road
4. A pavement on Bleadon Road between Chestnut Lane and Purn Way is needed. A bus service to The Veale bus stop is needed as elderly people living in this area struggle with shopping from Coronation Road or Bridgwater especially in Winter/inclement weather.
5. Access onto the main road is awful; fatality after fatality and yet still no action; it is pathetic.
6. Adequate pavements are required
7. All road users should use their common sense as it is a village.
8. As long as motorists respect that horses can easily become scared and approach with caution and slow the speed down.
9. Better drains and curbs on the main curve on Coronation Road next to the play area. As can be seen the curbs are hit continually as cars pull out to avoid the drains making it too narrow, especially if people speed.

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10. Bleadon Road is very busy, with traffic and a..... for cyclists horse riders and the many regular dog walkers. Speed bumps would slow the traffic down.
11. Bleadon should be linked to the National Cycle network. This includes Bleadon Village and the other part of Bleadon which runs up Bleadon Hill past Totterdown Lane.
12. Bridge Garage poses a problem and is the cause of accidents and near misses on a regular basis as motorists try to access and exit the forecourt
13. Bridge Road is extremely hazardous to walk along as a pedestrian.
14. Consider installing pedestrian pavements where currently none exist in parts of Bridge Road and Bleadon Road.
15. Cycle path along Accommodation Road
16. Cyclists and motorists should be kept apart unless you are prepared to raise speed limits so as to reduce traffic to a crawl. I am a keen motorist and have no fear of SKILLFUL fast driving. However I have never cycled on a main road or would encourage anyone to do so. Human beings have no built in crash resistance whatsoever. Individual cycle lanes where there is space---fine. Taken to its logical conclusion it becomes a nonsense.
17. Cyclists and pedestrians do not mix. Cyclists use pavements, very dangerous for pedestrians, silent and deadly.
18. Cyclists should always keep in single file, unless accompanying a child. Riding 3 abreast should be an offence.
19. Direct bus service to and from WsM. Cyclists should make it safer for themselves by not wearing black outfits (ie copying the TV racing team and riding no handed) All 3 categories should be made aware of using narrow local roads! - by sign posts.
20. Don't ..... a so called rural area
21. Don't think foot traffic enough to surface paths aside from maybe putting limestone chippings down. Bridge Road has no footpath maybe a 20mph speed limit would be of some help here and other parts of the village. The bus service doesn't seem to be used enough for any increases. If 200 homes are going to be built then all above comments would change.
22. Fine as is
23. Foot paths - only with gravel. People should drive slower! Some type of slowing down cars, tractors, speed is 30mph, most people DO NOT do limit, my stone wall has been damaged 2 times. Over the years there have been collisions, and many near misses, that they ride the pavement. If someone was walking, would not be a good result. Have lived here many years, cannot believe that nothing has been done?
24. I do not want the village to be "sanitised" by unnecessary improvements. Bleadon should retain its rural character and that includes muddy and uneven footpaths. There is also a need to control additional and quite often unnecessary street furniture and signs
25. I don't see how it can. Cyclists hurtle down Celtic Way and do not stop at the bottom. I have witnessed more than one very nasty accident there. You cannot stop cyclists from going too fast, unless (and the same for horse riders) you insist on single file, and even then how could that be policed? No one would take a blind bit of notice.
26. I don't feel that it is necessary to change things at present - it would be unpopular. Bleadon just needs to reinforce the speed limit in the village

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27. I like the rural nature of the 2 paths listed above. If they had to be surfaced I would only wish it to be permeable gravel not tarmac.
28. If traffic lights were provided at the Bleadon Road junction, I would not use the Bridge Road junction at all, and believe that the scheme that was being funded by the Parish Council, NSC and Marshalls should be implemented at the Bridge Road junction with the associated pedestrian crossing and if possible a speed limit. If traffic lights cannot be funded then a pedestrian footpath using the drove road, opposite the Croquet club entrance, to the A370 plus a central island on the A370 would be a positive benefit for pedestrian access to the A370. The bus service on the A370 is quite good. Question 15 - a 20mph speed limit would make the village safer especially around the Halls. They are becoming quite common.
29. If you attempt to make it safer (eg lighting, pavements) the traffic will go even faster
30. I'm not in favour of hard surfacing (paving etc) on footpath between Pear Tree Close and Purn Way or on the West Mendip Way past the allotments, but I would like to see the current gravel surfacing maintained. I'd like to see a reduced speed limit along Bleadon Road (20 mph) to improve road safety for cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders. There are many instances of speeding along this stretch of road which is especially dangerous when approaching the bend by the Coronation Halls and play area. Many thanks for the recent paved access for pedestrians to the Coronation Halls where the pavement narrows on Coronation Road. This has improved safety and is much appreciated.
31. Impose 30mph and see it's enforced
32. Impractical unless village atmosphere is to be destroyed. No need unless significant further development takes place.
33. Improvements of an appropriate type to the village environment eg Paths do not need to be paved but appropriately surfaced and maintained
34. In my view with the current levels of traffic the roads are safe enough. I think that the lanes past my house on Shiplate Road are a draw for cyclists for the very reason that the lanes are currently very quiet.
35. Installation of footpaths in Bridge Road. Traffic calming measures.
36. It is not possible in Celtic Way though there are many cyclists and horses using it and some pedestrians too.
37. It would be safer straight away if the Give Way sign at the foot of Celtic Way were moved so that it can be seen BEFORE drivers and cyclists reach the corner.
38. It would not be practicable to add the above facilities to the village at its present size. Obviously should large development take place, things would have to change. However, please, let us keep Bleadon as it is!!
39. Less mud and dust from inconsiderate contractors using a yard in Bleadon Road opposite Chestnut Lane
40. Local footpaths do need some kind of improvement even those on private land
41. Make safer by all means but not to the detriment of motor transport.
42. More cycle stands around the shop and village hall areas. Our roads are narrow lanes and more housing will create more traffic and the loss of green land. Also these fields are prone to flooding in adverse weather conditions.
43. More pavements

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44. My answers are given as they are because I believe the village should retain its natural look. The speed limit should be reduced on Accommodation. At times the number of HGV racing along, near collisions with large farm vehicles, is quite scary. Our house physically shakes at times.
45. Not applicable
46. One-way system for Purn Way.
47. Only on A370
48. Our lanes are too narrow for additional separation to happen.
49. Pavement along Bridge Road.
50. Pavement on Bleadon Road from A370 junction to Chestnut Lane. Signs to alert motorist to horse riders.
51. Pavements and roads need urgent repair/resurfacing
52. Paving the footpath from Pear Tree Close to Purn Way is NOT required. We already have cyclists using the footpath and if surfaced will get worse. Surfacing of any paths is another sign of urbanisation. Please don't do it!
53. Perhaps 20mph speed limit from Bridge lane junction to quarter mile radius around T junction at heart of village.
54. Please see previous comments on the disgraceful state of the village roads.
55. Private trees shrubs over pavements etc.
56. Problems occur through village be vehicles going too fast between Celtic Way and bridge road (past playground and halls) give way system might help as bush as problems plus weddings & funerals cause extra accommodating.
57. Q11 - it's imposs to rely on bus to commute to work. Q12 & 13 - would be nice but not necessarily top priority.
58. Q11 - particularly via hospital. Q15 - unless you include teaching cyclists to ride appropriately for narrow, twisting, steep roads - and horseriders. And pedestrians dress sensibly when using roads at night - Hi-Viz, etc. Already too many 'road' signs.
59. Q11-Q15 Why are only the Pear Tree Close, Purn Way and West Mendip Way Allotments being considered and not any other PROW's? Are any PROW's publicly owned? NB Q12 and potentially Q13 were stated to be disregarded by BPC as they are not publicly owned. It should be made clear to residents that this is a NSC statutory duty and any implementation may come at a precept cost to residents before any implementation.
60. Q12 & 13 - not hard surface but more grit would help.
61. Q12 &13 not hard surfaced (tarmac) but maintained with aggregate/gravel
62. Q12 + Q13 - Not public footpaths - Why the option of surfacing 'green' paths!!! Why the option of only these paths and not all public paths in the Parish. Q15 - The downhill speed of packs of cyclists should be addressed.
63. Q12 + Q13 - Privately Owned + why suggest surfacing a 'green' area + why are you not suggesting the same option for very other footpath in the Parish. Q15 I am told already being addressed. The packs on cyclists speeding down the hills should be discouraged.
64. Q12 gravel if perfectly good as long as it is maintained
65. Q13 - gravel base to aid erosion. Q14 - at cafe, shop if at all. Q15 - Pretty impossible due to cars speeding continuously or simply driving too fast at points they should reduce speed.



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66. Q14 imagination is key here!! Could be health and safety issue/trip hazard. Q15 surely common sense and knowledge of Highway Code should not necessitate this.
67. Q8 - measures to ensure 40mph is adhered to.
68. Q9 - Bleadon/Accommodation Roads is a very dangerous turning! Living at the top of Shiplate Road it is SO unsafe to walk our dog. So many people speed both ways down it, using Bleadon as a "through-way" and not paying any attention to the fact it's a village / we live here! People get very rude / aggressive when we gesture to slow down. We desperately need a speed camera or other calming measures.
69. Re. traffic lights. Only ONE set would encourage use of that junction, bringing relief to the other; and slowing/spacing traffic flow along A370.
70. Reduce speed limit to 30mph and stop access to HGV long vehicles and Double Decker Buses
71. Reduce speed limits along Bleadon Road and Purn Way to 20 mph
72. Reduce speed limits and double yellow where appropriate ie Bridge Road.
73. reduced speed limit
74. Referring to the resurfacing compacted clippings/hardcore would be sufficient
75. Road signs in the village and on Roman Road warning traffic that horse riders are likely to be using these routes
76. Roman Rd and Celtic Way really need traffic calming. Horses and pedestrians use them regularly (as do I) and are currently dangerous. Roman Rd in particular is used as a rat run with youngsters speeding at night. Speed bumps and better signage desperately needed.
77. Roman Road is a notorious 'boy racer' road the 30 mile an hour speed limit is mostly ignored and signs are not adequate. Traffic calming is needed ie speed bumps, as many walkers and horses use this road.
78. Shiplate Road is a race track
79. Sign showing horses cycles
80. Signs around the village eg "slow horses".
81. Slower speed limits on Coronation Road - especially past the play area. Also on Bleadon Road and Bridge Road.
82. Sorry I know my responses here make me appear a little curmudgeonly but let me explain. I'd like to see an increased bus service in Bleadon but it's not going to happen without increased demand. I've lost count of the times that I've been the only person on the bus into Weston. No sane business is going to run a service at a loss so our focus should be on building and proving demand before asking for more buses. Surfacing paths has environmental downsides hence my responses there. I'm ambivalent about cycle stands but the lack of parked cycles around the village suggests a lack of demand. The final question is a bit difficult to answer without knowing which roads are meant. For example the road between Bleadon and Loxton would be safer for cyclists if they didn't ride two abreast while Bleadon Road would be safer if all of drivers obeyed the speed limit. Overall I think it's a question of better education with a bit of enforcement for good measure. The million dollar question is what to do about our dangerous junctions onto the A370. Given our road layout the existence of Marshalls and who knows how many other considerations this is a really tricky one. I can't imagine any district council agreeing to speed humps on a major road or paying for traffic lights (especially given their previous

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responses). A pedestrian crossing by Bridge Garage sounds downright dangerous to me as vehicles approaching from the north won't be able to see it.

In an ideal world we would just start again and create a new junction at a point on the straight section of the A370 where there is good visibility and the space to create a roundabout. It seems obvious to me but I imagine that BAT would point to the fact that a road across the fields would embolden developers - not without good reason!

Another solution would be to make the village one-way. For many years I've treated the Catherine's junction as the entrance to the village and Bridge Road as the exit. The few occasions I've done the opposite have proved terrifying. Making the Catherines junction the village entrance would naturally calm traffic due to cars coming from the south turning right. The thorn in this particular ointment is Marshalls as I'm sure that we wouldn't want their huge lorries careering down Bleadon Road!

83. Speed limits throughout the village or speed cameras.
84. Speed restriction measurements on Bleadon Rd / Coronation Rd.
85. Stricter enforcement of speed limits within the village. Widening pavements where appropriate.
86. Surfacing the pathways in questions 12 and 13 above does not need anything more than occasional topping to prevent just a muddy walkway.
87. The District and Parish Councils together with the community must get a grip on reality and realise they'll get nothing if they don't put anything in. Housing for our young families is topmost and development whilst undesirable is inevitable. This development if correctly and timely handled will realise monies for some of the aspirations
88. The roads are narrow so this would be tricky. People need to drive sensibly.
89. The village is already suitable enough for cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders.
90. There should be road signs for non locals to be able to reduce speed in narrow lanes to ensure safety of pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders
91. Too many cyclists already, loads of PACKS of cyclists racing down Celtic Way, very dangerous, they ride way too fast to stop when we pull out of our driveway!! GLAD TO SEE LESS OF THEM!
92. Traffic calming is essential - more deaths and/or injuries are going to happen.
93. Traffic lights should be installed at both lower entrances to the village and definitely a 30mph along A370. We don't want or need buses.
94. Traffic lights essential
95. Unfortunately, there will never be enough bus users to make a commercial service viable. The public footpath from Pear Tree Close to Purn Way is not too bad at the moment.
96. Warning signs for all of the above. Lights on Bridge Road would slow the traffic coming from the bend.
97. We don't use buses. I can't believe no action has been taken on A370 speed limit. It's so dangerous (by Catherines) no one wants to use that junction so they use Bridge Road (where I live)!
98. We need a wider safer footpath/cycle path along the A370 from Bleadon to the hospital roundabout for the many cyclists and walkers who use this road. The traffic along this stretch go too fast for safety and crossing the road is almost impossible.

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99. Where no pavements exist, or are narrow maybe a speed bump on entering village via Bleadon/Accommodation Rd to slow down traffic

100. Where possible

101. While road safety is important through the village, any attempts to do so would need to be in keeping with this beautiful village





102. Young horse riders can be very inconsiderate thinking they have sole right to the roads. Riding two abreast, for example.



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## HOUSING

### Q16 Settlement Boundary






	Yes 	No 	Nil 	
Q16. Do you support new housing being built OUTSIDE our Settlement Boundary?	13.17% 37	79.00% 222	7.83% 22	

#### If Yes then where?

1. Accommodation Rd behind Purn Farm on existing old agricultural buildings also land at the bottom of the Veale already assessed for residential potential.
2. Already Purn Way
3. Anywhere outside of the flood plain. To continue to build on the flood plain invites disaster. This means the building should be focused on the south side of Bleadon Hill in pockets of 10 to 15 houses.
4. Area behind Purn Way
5. Behind Purn Way on sloping fields.
6. Between Bleadon Road and A370
7. Beyond Purn Way industrial Estate
8. Decided on planning application
9. Depends on application Bleadon Road/ Bridge Road
10. Field behind Purn Way, land opposite church room, lower rectory lawn
11. Fields between Bleadon Rd and A379
12. Fields immediately next to Purn Way not riding up the hillside / Quarry
13. Haywood village
14. Haywood village
15. Haywood Village
16. In limited numbers in appropriate places
17. In the field opposite Catherines Inn.
18. Infill property but not vast housing estates
19. Land at the bottom of the Veale and the end of Willow Drive have already been earmarked as assessed for residential potential on an old plan when this was looked into before. Also there is the old Purn Farm brown field site accessed off Accommodation road. Not forgetting that Marshalls Quarry should have already have been included.
20. Lower slopes of Purn Hill
21. Marshall's Quarry
22. None
23. None
24. None
25. North Somerset SHLA

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26. Only small scale small field next Fiat garage minimal effect on existing property views if kept near southern end of field behind hedgeline of A370
27. Possible field between Purn Way and the allotments.
28. The Coombe adjacent to the A370 main road from the railway bridge to the old village quarry. Land North of Accommodation Road where the farming silos are. NSDC brown field site Bleadon Quarry. Some of the fields north of Purn Way to within 50 meters of West Mendip Way. Land in the paddock behind the bus shelter on Coronation Road. Should South Hill Farm close then some houses in the farm yard in keeping with the farm buildings. Some houses in the built up area at Lakeside Barns Shiplate Road. Some housing in the vicinity of the Egg/Poultry farm buildings on Shiplate Road.
29. The fields behind Huttons and opposite Catherines
30. There are a number of areas on the fringes of the village where small-scale development could be acceptable.
31. Various
32. Where required
33. Wherever appropriate.

	Up to 5 	Up to 10 	Up to 15 	More 	
If Yes then how many?	21.95% 9	19.51% 8	21.95% 9	36.59% 15	






If more than 15, then how many?





1. 20
2. 20
3. 50
4. 50
5. 20-40
6. Appropriate to size of plot
7. As many as there is room for.
8. BPC state 10% of existing housing
9. Depends how far outside boundary is being discussed
10. Depends on quality of application
11. Depends on the location.
12. In the locations suggested groups from 2 to 10 homes
13. It's probably going to happen so only a small development NOT big scale. Qty 20.
14. Maybe 15 on the Veale and at least 25 at the Accommodation Road site.
15. No need for more than 15
16. None
17. Parish council say 10%
18. Potentially hundreds
19. unable to delete 'up to 5'







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## HOUSING

	Only Houses 	Houses and Commercial Agricultural 	Only Commercial Agricultural 	Nil 	
Q17. Should any new development (inside or outside the Settlement Boundary) include	27.76% 78	32.74% 92	14.95% 42	24.55% 69	

	Yes 	No 	Nil 	
Q18. Should any new development ONLY allow Social/Low Cost/Affordable/Starter Homes?	13.52% 38	70.82% 199	15.66% 44	

	Yes 	No 	Nil 	
Q19. Should division of existing properties to create extra housing be allowed?	52.31% 147	33.45% 94	14.24% 40	

Please explain why/why not:

1. A property should be left as it was when purchased
2. Additional parking would be required and more traffic in village.
3. As long as sufficient parking / access is available
4. As long as sympathetically to neighbourhood environment.
5. As long as the character of the property or village is not effected
6. As long as within building regs and in keeping with the locality
7. As the village is currently infill there is no opportunity for family to support growing family when land is available.
8. Because no more green space would be used.
9. Because this would create more cars, residents on a small village that would not cope with such an increase in the population.
10. Because villages need to grow sustainably in order to survive. All options should be kept open and developments assessed on their own merits.
11. Bleadon already too large

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12. Bleadon is a classic example of the past 50 or so years of 'infilling'; building in gardens, houses too close together, I could name many instances having lived here for nearly 50 years
13. Bleadon is a village and people have purchased their properties to live in a quiet hamlet. Why on earth do we need more housing. A small amount of commercial such as those units close to the village shop and Post Office and existing quarry site is more than enough (as well as the garage and escape salon)
14. Bleadon is a village and should be left alone
15. Bleadon village is large enough.
16. Break up the village community.
17. But only if the owners wish
18. But only to provide starter homes, or blocks to accommodate the elderly
19. But only with sensible approach to improving off road parking.
20. Causes traffic problems as in Purn Way
21. Dividing large houses into more affordable units would help young families stay in the village.
22. Division of existing properties is a good way increasing housing on a small scale without significant impact on a small village
23. Division of large, under occupied houses to apartments should be encouraged.
24. Existing facilities unable to cope
25. Extra housing would mean extra vehicles
26. Good use of an existing property
27. Granny flats may be needed and extra housing is a requirement for the future
28. Houses are getting smaller already.
29. Housing needed but nit outside village fence
30. However parking issues should be addressed
31. I don't think there are many properties in Bleadon which are suitable for this.
32. I think it should be allowed, because in some cases, division of a property can enable a growing family to remain in the village.
33. Ideally to provide more homes to help our young people stay in the parish if they wish to as adults
34. If a property is suitable for creating more than one dwelling that would be acceptable providing it was kept within the character of the village.
35. If houses start being turned into flats it changes an area completely. I have lived in an area where it happened and it is definitely not for the better. More cars so roads become car parks. The community spirit breaks up, THAT IS WHY I MOVED TO A VILLAGE
36. If it would stop the construction of new homes on green fields.
37. If not affecting outside look or parking
38. if the property has adequate land and access
39. if there are provisions for parking
40. If viable
41. If we have to have more housing better this than large scale housing estate development. Use what we've already got.

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42. Improve occupancy of larger buildings
43. Infill is fine
44. In most areas it's dense enough already.
45. In principle I am not against this provided any conversions are done in a sympathetic manner to the nature of the property and the increased requirement for parking as a result of this is also addressed as part of the division.
46. Infrastructure including roads insufficient to support further development
47. It allows larger buildings to be utilized better
48. It allows residential growth in a controlled way
49. It can improve existing property and provide low cost housing without a cost to the environment
50. It is a way of providing lower cost housing for people, providing the building retains its outer appearance.
51. It is preferable to use existing brown field sites first where possible and within reason. The results should look beautiful.
52. It is wasteful for larger properties to be under occupied if the owner wishes to downsize but remain in the community.
53. It will destroy the look of the village. Doesn't go with appearance of the village.
54. It will destroy the village atmosphere.
55. It would create extra housing using existing properties.
56. It would depend on an individual basis and must appreciate the need for parking allocation
57. It would mean more people and cars in the village.
58. It would spoil the nature of the "village"
59. It would spoil the village as there would be more cars with extra villagers and no additional parking spaces. This would also create more congestion.
60. It's a way of providing needed additional housing while not adding to new builds. Consideration should be made for additional parking needs if existing property is divided.
61. It's all part of the mix
62. Keep the village as it is
63. Large houses eg 5+ bedrooms are often too large for modern families so properly planned conversions are a good idea.
64. Large properties divided into flats etc could be rented to allow young people to stay in village
65. Limited
66. Look at Rockville Flats. It has spoiled this once beautiful property.
67. Makes perfect sense to split existing properties as the outside structure will remain very similar. Also properties with large gardens, in or outside boundary should be allowed to build on a case by case basis.
68. Many planning granted are squeezed in spaces that leave no green land
69. Maybe - Depends on cooperability
70. Maybe - depends on the size of the houses.
71. Maybe necessary for family members who cannot live together

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72. More housing is needed in the village to encourage young families in.
73. National housing shortage
74. Needs case by case analysis
75. Not in favour of any additional houses
76. Not needed. This would incur extra cars per household and more pollution.
77. Not removing existing public places or changing the village
78. Not sure of the question
79. Not sure where this would be relevant.
80. On a case by case basis.
81. Only if adequate parking is provided as part of the planning process.
82. Only if necessary for occupants
83. Only if off street parking is made
84. Only if they are suitable for conversion .
85. Only if suitable parking is available
86. Particularly OK for creating Granny Annex which could allow residents to remain in village
87. Precedent has already been set
88. Providing existing character is kept and off street parking provided.
89. Providing no external changes made to existing property.
90. Providing the scheme is of a realistic nature and some open space is maintained
91. Ruin the rural nature of village
92. Saves building another house
93. Several properties around the village have been sub-divided into flats over the years without problem.
94. Smaller houses should be built. Larger houses are needed by some people with larger families. Each group should be equally catered for.
95. Some older properties are very large and no longer needed to house large families/households. They can be subdivided easily and with minimal disruption.
96. Spoil the environment, too compact.
97. Strain on services
98. The character of the village will change for the worse
99. The houses will end up being squashed in with neighbours overlooking each other, lack of privacy.
100. The houses within the village are mostly pre 1960 and in some cases much older than that. To split them up into flats and apartments is not in keeping with the area or the people that live here.
101. The quality of life for occupants would be reduced to 'flat' living
102. The Settlement Boundary should not be compromised. If as part of the Neighbourhood Plan process it can be agreed that it can be extended to incorporate a brownfield site for example then ok. It should not be abandoned at the whim of a speculative developer. Affordable housing must be a priority, the village needs a mix of people to thrive and there are young people and downsizers looking for suitable homes. Subdivision is a good idea if appropriate. Sad to see two semis being demolished and a large American style mansion being built off Celtic Way.

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103. There are a number of large buildings which would lend themselves to sub-division.
104. There are an increasing number of smaller unit families. This would also decrease the cost of housing units.
105. There should not be any development in the area under any circumstances unless essential for agriculture or improved leisure
106. There will be pressure put on parking around the village streets
107. These are only likely to be old buildings which should be preserved as they are
108. This can be a good option to enable multi-generation families to support each other's needs.
109. This depends on how large a scale the development would be ie divide only but not add on to any great extent
110. This may take pressure off of green field development.
111. This would allow better use of land for housing without spoiling the village
112. This would provide more affordable housing in the parish.
113. To a limited extent in large houses to provide housing for younger people, singles, etc.
114. To allow for affordable housing and generate younger people to live in the village.
115. To enable villagers to downsize and thus free up some of the larger properties.
116. To encourage younger people to move into property that they can afford and to allow older people to stay in the village in smaller homes that they can maintain
117. To give affordable housing while still retaining character of the neighbourhood.
118. To stop extra buildings being crammed into small areas
119. Too crowded
120. Too many huge houses are under occupied.
121. Too much in filling losing atmosphere of village
122. Trend towards smaller households leads to accommodation waste. Splitting - creation of flats for example will provide lower cost accommodation.
123. Upset the balance of the village
124. Utilise over large gardens.
125. Very large existing properties could be divided into flats therefore providing additional housing.
126. Way of providing affordable housing for starters. But needs to be done sensitively
127. We don't want to lose our gardens as this would mean living closer and on top of one another
128. We have enough housing
129. We must dramatically increase the housing supply if our children are to be able to afford anywhere to live. The UK's population is forecast to grow significantly. My eldest daughter lives in a rented room of a terrace house with 4 other people which costs her £700 a month. It is scandalous. Bleadon must play its part in providing for our young and not shelter behind a dark wall of NIMBYISM.
130. Where it can be done in line with existing designs it should be allowed to ease the housing demands.
131. Where land exists within boundaries that can hold a home built in such a way to match surrounding buildings this would be OK
132. Where large enough and appropriate







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133. Why not if a family see the need to divide for family or downsizing purposes then why shouldn't it be allowed?
134. Will not have adverse effect on village.
135. Will spoil the village
136. Will spoil village environment
137. Within reason.
138. Would create more affordable homes
139. Would much prefer to see existing houses being converted wherever possible, do not want any more houses in the village
140. Would reduce parking and look of existing housing.
141. Yes - why not?
142. Yes for a family member.
143. Yes if families need to create a 'granny annexe' to care for older family members but only if there is adequate off-street parking or garage to accommodate the extra vehicles from the additional household.
144. Yes where this is appropriate to the size and location of the property proposed for division and where adequate off street parking and safe accesses are available and where the plans have been carefully scrutinised to ensure the above
145. Yes, but again needs to be considered on a case by case basis, eg to allow a granny annexe.



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## HOUSING

	Yes 	No 	Nil 	
Q20. Should demolition of existing properties to build several/more houses on a site be allowed?	40.93% 115	45.55% 128	13.52% 38	

Please explain why/why not:

1. Again not needed as above reasons.
2. Again subject to individual planning application and approvals by affected residents
3. Again this is reusing existing property and not expanding the village into green field areas
4. Again to a limited extent on large sites to provide housing for younger people, singles, etc.
5. Again to offer smaller homes for those villagers who wish to downsize and stay in Bleadon.
6. Again, intense over-development.
7. Again, perhaps it takes pressure off of green fields.
8. All existing larger properties help make up the character of the village
9. As above - if it gives the housing which needs to be provided instead of destroying fields.
10. As long as in sympathy with existing neighbourhood.
11. As long as it is a reasonable number with enough allocated parking
12. As long as it remains in keeping with the surroundings and there is sufficient off-road parking.
13. As long as new build is in keeping with surrounds.
14. As long as sufficient parking / access is available
15. As long as they allow for plenty of parking to avoid more cars parked along the roads.
16. As long as they are not listed
17. As long as they fit in with the existing houses and if the properties are run down or derelict.
18. Because there is enough development already.
19. Better use of available land
20. Better use of developed land and infrastructure.
21. Building companies will then build small box houses to obtain more money per site.
22. But depends what is demolished and what it will be replaced with. As above also.
23. But only if carefully controlled and village character not adversely affected.
24. But only with an express intent to ensuring adequate off road parking
25. But should be carefully considered. Some existing properties, built when building regs were not in place.
26. Create more affordable homes

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27. Demolish to replace with single property
28. Dependent on purpose-consider extending / restoring & renovation
29. Dependent upon the condition of the properties to be demolished and what is to be built instead.
30. Depending on the nature of the houses to be built and whether the original house is worthy of retention eg for style or part of village history.
31. Depends on site, and type of building.
32. Depends on state of building to be demolished
33. Depends on the property and position
34. Depends on the setting.
35. Depends where and the impact on other residents in close proximity.
36. Depends where in the village.
37. Developers will jump on this opportunity. Keep the feel of the village as it is please.
38. Disturbs continuity of landscape and becomes higgly piggly
39. Division is better than demolition
40. Don't need extra properties
41. Encourage affordable housing
42. Existing facilities unable to cope
43. Garden size and play areas should be considered.
44. Houses here are lovely and have a history - this shouldn't be changed.
45. Housing needed but not outside village fence
46. I suspect that the homes with larger gardens are older and therefore going to be a loss to the village
47. Ideally to provide more homes to help our young people stay in the parish if they wish to as adults
48. If existing property is in very poor condition
49. If halls were to be relocated, for example, this would be appropriate. (More / several = same thing??)
50. If houses start being turned into flats it changes an area completely. I have lived in an area where it happened and it is definitely not for the better. More cars so roads become car parks. The community spirit breaks up, THAT IS WHY I MOVED TO A VILLAGE
51. If in very bad repair and new houses are in keeping with original/surrounding houses
52. If it's better use of the area the existing property is stood on.
53. If it would stop the construction of new homes on green fields.
54. if otherwise in keeping with the area
55. If property is in bad state of repair; then yes needs knocking down.
56. If the new buildings are constructed sympathetically younger families may be encouraged to move into the village because the new builds would be affordable.
57. If the present dwelling is unsafe or unoccupied and the rebuilt houses are kept in character with the surrounding area plus are in scale in numbers, then I would not object to small scale development in this case.
58. If they blend in with surrounding area, low storey houses.

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59. If viable
60. If we work smarter then we can keep NSC happy with increasing the amount of housing but by not altering the land size or boundary - so long as it is in keeping with the character of the village and sympathetic to the eye and residents approval
61. In some cases
62. Inevitably would destroy garden space and lead to overcrowding
63. Infrastructure including roads insufficient to support further development
64. It depends on the individual case
65. It is important that the central part of the village is maintained with no further development allowed.
66. It is my understanding that this has happened previously within the village. Again as above I am not against this in principal provided that any developments of this nature are completed in a manner sympathetic with the village as a whole and that the number of properties is of a sensible nature
67. It is essential we maintain the character of the village.
68. it will change the dynamics of the village.
69. It will destroy the village atmosphere.
70. It would change the makeup of the village.
71. It would create extra housing using areas already in use.
72. It would depend on the condition of the existing site.
73. It would impact on the village atmosphere
74. It would mean more people and cars in the village.
75. It would need to be assessed on a case by case basis to ensure the proposed new builds would be in keeping with the area and not materially out of character. But this shouldn't mean more modern buildings shouldn't be allowed.
76. it would ruin the village environment and destroy historic property.
77. It would spoil the character of the village
78. It would spoil the village as there would be more cars with extra villagers and no additional parking spaces. This would also create more congestion.
79. It's dense enough already.
80. It's a way of providing needed additional housing while not adding to new builds on 'green field' sites. Consideration should be made for additional parking needs if existing property is demolished.
81. Leave alone
82. Make use of existing large plots within the village.
83. More houses means more cars, safety of residents is at risk
84. need to develop the villages diversity particular around the age profile, currently too old.
85. Needs case by case analysis
86. New for old not a good idea
87. No
88. Not in favour of additional houses
89. Not removing existing public places or changing the village
90. not sure what could possibly be demolished to enable new properties to be built

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91. Not unless like for like as this is viable as seen in many other villages
92. Only if adequate parking is provided as part of the planning process.
93. Only if buildings are unsound or impractical to improve. Older properties should be revamped if poss without changing their character.
94. Only if character of village is maintained.
95. Only if demolition is the last resort as the property is in a very bad state
96. only if it can be done in a manner which considers the surrounding properties.
97. Only if off street parking is made
98. Only if they fit in with surrounding area
99. Only where the property is not of historical interest and the new buildings blend in with the surroundings and do not create disamenity for neighbouring properties.
100. Otherwise building on the other open spaces in the village will take place which would be disastrous.
101. overdevelopment of a site will destroy village character
102. Provided they are within conditions below
103. Proving that there is no overcrowding
104. Reduction of open areas.
105. Refurbish existing buildings to high standard
106. Replacements too crowded
107. Residential growth in a small controlled way
108. Road in village not adequate for extra traffic this would involve
109. Ruin the village
110. Ruin village life which is why we moved here, away from Weston.
111. Smaller units for young families.
112. Some houses are on big plots that would allow more houses into the village but adequate parking is essential.
113. Some of the properties are extremely old in fact my cottage was originally built in the 18th century. If people want more properties they can move to Weston
114. Sometimes this might be the best option if a property with a large garden has been so poorly constructed/maintained that the cost of renovation is prohibitive to potential buyers.
115. Space will be of a premium but common sense must prevail
116. Strain on services
117. Taking one down three may go up
118. That would change the character of the village.
119. The character of the village will change for the worse
120. The houses are classic at this point / modern architecture is garish.
121. The larger properties with land are generally older and therefore need to be kept to maintain the character of the village.
122. The quality of life would generally be reduced! People come to live in the village because it is what it is now. The multiplication of dwellings of lower quality nature would be detrimental to existing local values
123. There are some potential sites but it may be difficult to convince people with an attachment to the existing properties. For example the rectory/church hall and the



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corner plot opposite, could be built into a mews type development with affordable small cottages providing more of a village image.

124. There is too much destruction if garden/outside space
125. There will be more and more houses and cars
126. This can only be judged on a case by case basis but if the plans are reasonable the quality of the resulting houses is high then why not? Above all the end result should be attractive /in keeping/beautiful.
127. This could cause properties to not have a decent space around them and be crowded in
128. This depends on the plot size and how many properties are proposed. Access problems could be an issue
129. This would allow better use of land for housing without spoiling the village
130. This would change the village too much
131. This would provide more affordable housing in the parish.
132. This would spoil the character of the village and just create low cost housing.
133. To build on existing home sites and not increase urban decline
134. To meet future needs without extending the Settlement Area.
135. To provide more desperately needed homes for young people. Also, smaller homes for older villagers who wish to downsize.
136. Too much infilling again
137. To stop extra buildings being crammed into small areas
138. Transport
139. Update and repair existing buildings
140. Using existing site.
141. Utilising existing properties is far preferable to new housing.
142. Very very seldom. Nothing old or of architectural quality but perhaps to provide access to above. Even so it must conform to nearby properties.
143. We have enough housing
144. We should try to keep our heritage
145. When an existing property with a large enough plot is sold, demolition could be allowed in order to build several affordable, smaller properties.
146. Where a large property is no longer viable for single family ownership, it could be demolished if not historically/architecturally important.
147. Where the demolished buildings are not seen to add significantly to the villages character.
148. Whilst it should be resisted it may be necessary but need not spoil the character and amenity of the area
149. Why not use the church, converting the church rooms too, or use as youth club and build on that and toilets
150. Will not have adverse effect on village.
151. Will spoil the look of the village
152. Will spoil village environment
153. Within reason (i.e. if the plan was in keeping with the rest of the village)





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154. Within reasonable limits and so it does not impact on local environment and parking limitations
155. Would spoil look of village.
156. Yes - why not?
157. Yes where all of the relevant features referred to in the answer to Q19 are applied together with consideration of the usual impact of the additional burdens on drainage, traffic etc have been analysed and found acceptable.



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## HOUSING

	Yes 	No 	Nil 	
Q21. Should new houses of three-storeys or higher be allowed?	5.34% 15	86.12% 242	8.54% 24	

Please explain why/why not:

1. They would be out of keeping with the rest of the housing in Bleadon.
2. 2 storey is high enough
3. 3 storeys might not be problematic but depending on exact location. On the whole not in favour of more than 3 storey.
4. A blight on the village scenery.
5. Adverse visual impact
6. Again would spoil the character of the village
7. Again, 3 storey town houses are out of character with the surrounding area and properties.
8. Again, within reason! If aesthetically the build fits in with the landscape.
9. All new development should be scaled, profiled and designed to fit in with the existing "village" environment and its immediate surroundings. This would almost certainly preclude any three -storey development and quite a lot of two storey proposals where they would have an adverse impact on surrounding properties and vistas.
10. As before Bleadon is a small village building more and taller properties is not aesthetically pleasing or desired
11. As it will block views and distort the building lines
12. As that would alter the character of the village
13. Because it would be outside the look of the village. Not in keeping.
14. Because villages need to grow sustainably in order to survive. All options should be kept open and developments assessed on their own merits.
15. Bleadon has already been developed enough and unsympathetically- bungalows very unsightly
16. Bleadon is not a high rise area.
17. Bleadon is/was a rural village and does not require city type dwellings which are totally out of character
18. Block any views
19. Completely out of character and balance.
20. Definitely not. This is a village and such housing would not be compatible with the local area.
21. Depends on where. There are some 3 storey houses already, but depends where they'd be planned for.

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22. Detrimental to the whole gentle look of the village
23. Disturbs continuity of landscape and becomes higgly piggly
24. Do not fit in with the majority of houses in village
25. Do not want the eye line of the village changed
26. Does not fit in keeping with any other house in the village
27. Does not fit in with villages, these are town houses.
28. Eyesore
29. Features in Bleadon would not been seen above such high houses they would be out of keeping
30. Hideous in a village setting, where will it end a ten storey tower block.
31. High properties would not be in keeping with the village and could have a negative impact on others views/outlooks
32. Higher than 2 storeys is not in keeping with the existing properties in the village
33. Ideally single storey height is the preferred development for the area
34. Idiocy eyesores on the landscape
35. If everything started to become 3 storeys and higher I feel it would alter the character of the village.
36. If in an appropriate location.
37. If it blends in with surrounding area
38. Impacts the character of the village if over 3 storeys
39. Inappropriate to the scale of current buildings in the village.
40. Interferes with Village profile
41. It doesn't fit in the area.
42. It is a rural location and three storey homes would not be in keeping with the ambience.
43. It is not a reflection on the village architecture - three storeys for town centres!
44. It is not needed, it will spoil the sky line, spoil the character of the village. Basically it's not needed in a village this size.
45. It would alter the general appearance of the village.
46. It would be a blot on the landscape and completely out of character
47. It would destroy the character of the village.
48. It would impact on the village atmosphere
49. It would look awful in a village and these are called town houses for a reason, as they are suited to towns.
50. It would look out of place with the character of the village and the additional parking for new residents and their guests/visitors would greatly increase
51. It would not be compatible with being in a village
52. It would not be in keeping with the village
53. It would spoil the character of the village
54. it would spoil the outlook of the village
55. It would spoil the village look and atmosphere.
56. It wouldn't match houses already here.
57. It's a village
58. It's a village.

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59. It's a village not a town .If properties are to be built they should be in keeping with the village. like the Barton
60. It's not in keeping with the existing housing.
61. Keeping with current village. Looking into other properties.
62. Look out of place in a village
63. Main number of houses in Bleadon are either bungalows or 2 storey
64. Nearly all the houses in the village are one or two story.
65. New houses of 3 storeys or higher are out of keeping with the existing village housing and character.
66. No
67. NO NEW HOUSES AT ALL!!!
68. No not suitable for a village
69. NONE
70. Not a style that exists in the village
71. Not appropriate in a rural location.
72. Not in a village area.
73. Not in character of village
74. Not in keeping
75. Not in keeping of the village.
76. Not in keeping with a village dwelling - OK for towns
77. Not in keeping with a village, blocks views
78. Not in keeping with current buildings
79. Not in keeping with current property in the village.
80. Not in keeping with existing properties
81. Not in keeping with existing properties in our rural village
82. Not in keeping with the area
83. Not in keeping with the area.
84. Not in keeping with the existing village properties.
85. Not in keeping with the village
86. Not in keeping with the village.
87. Not in keeping with the village.
88. Not in keeping with village
89. Not in keeping with village
90. Not in keeping with village
91. Not in keeping with village as it is now
92. Not in keeping with village setting.
93. Not in keeping.
94. Not sensitive enough in build.
95. Not unless like for like as this is viable as seen in many other villages
96. Obstruction of AONB loss of village character
97. Only if they blend into the skyline of the village
98. Only if they fit in with the properties that are on either side.
99. Out if character
100. Out if keeping with village



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101. Out of character of village
102. Out of character with local area.
103. Out of character with the village
104. Out of character with the village
105. Out of character with the village and would tower over existing properties.
106. Out of character with the village unless it was built into the contour of the land
107. Out of character with the village.
108. Out of character.
109. Out of character.
110. Out of character.
111. Out of keeping
112. Out of keeping in the village.
113. Out of keeping with other houses in the area.
114. Out of keeping with village profile.
115. Out of village character
116. Overdevelopment of a site will destroy village character
117. Overpowering effect should be kept low key as possible and built in sympathy with surroundings If you build an eyesore we will all have to live with it.
118. Ruin the character of the area. An eyesore.
119. Spoil aesthetic aspect
120. Spoil look of locality not in keeping
121. Spoil the character and look of the village.
122. Spoiling existing landscape and views
123. Spoils character of village
124. Tall houses would be out of character with the surrounding dwellings.
125. Tall houses would be out of character. Spoil landscape.
126. That would change the character of the village.
127. The overriding factor in any development should be that it is conducted in a manner that is sympathetic to the village as a whole.
128. These are town houses. Bleadon is a village.
129. These would not be in keeping with the majority of buildings in the village
130. They are out of keeping with the village and usually an eyesore
131. They will block out light and views of the countryside
132. They would be out of character with the rest of the village.
133. They would be out of context with the nature of the village
134. They would not fit into the surrounding village appearance.
135. This can improve a property and there is no environmental impact
136. This is a rural community.
137. This is a village not a town
138. This is meant to be a village. Taller properties would be out of place.
139. This type of building would definitely not suit a village and is more suitable for a town or housing estate.
140. This type of housing doesn't fit in with the character of a rural village
141. This would harm the character of the village.




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142. This would impact on our village character
143. This would no longer be a village
144. This would not be in keeping with the rest of the area.
145. This would not be in keeping with the surrounding properties.
146. This would ruin the village skyline and become more like a city.
147. This would seem out of keeping with current buildings, although may be suitable in exceptional cases (maybe in the quarry?)
148. This would spoil the character of the village
149. Three storey or higher would not be in keeping with existing development
150. Three stories max where in keeping with the surrounding area.
151. Three story housing would be completely out of place in the village.
152. Three-storey housing would not be in keeping with majority of current housing in Bleadon.
153. To increase the housing density. The more homes we can create on one plot the less we will need to build on a greenfield site elsewhere. Bleadon needs a far greater range of housing to be sustainable. Leigh Woods contains a number of examples of apartment blocks that work in a semi-rural setting adjacent to an urban environment which is similar to Bleadon. This type of development will be essential if we are to house particularly our young and old.
154. To maintain the village ambience a limit should be imposed to a max of two stories.
155. To protect the character of the village
156. Too high
157. Too imposing
158. Too much impact on local environment
159. Totally spoil the character of the village
160. Visual impact not acceptable.
161. We need to confirm to existing building conditions
162. Weston seafront and town is full of examples of over large development. It has ruined the skyline. So it would??? To a larger extent in the village
163. Will block light & view of existing houses.
164. Will spoil the look of the village
165. With Bleadon village known for its views it would ruin it.
166. Would destroy the views from existing properties
167. Would impact on view
168. Would impede the view of residents and the landscape.
169. Would not be in keeping with the village
170. Would not fit in with the character of village
171. Would over power existing houses
172. Would spoil the profile of the area.
173. Would spoil the sight of the village




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## HOUSING

	One or two bedrooms 	Three or four bedrooms 	A mixture of sizes 	Nil 	
Q22. Should new houses mainly be...?	5.34% 15	7.12% 20	70.82% 199	16.72% 47	

	Yes 	No 	Nil 	
Q23. Should houses have adequate off-street parking and/or full-size garages for local levels of car ownership?	81.50% 229	2.49% 7	16.01% 45	






	Yes 	No 	Nil 	
Q24. Should there be Design Codes to ensure housing styles are in keeping with the surrounding character?	81.50% 229	3.56% 10	14.94% 42	

	Yes 	No 	Nil 	
Q25. Should New Houses be carbon neutral?	67.97% 191	12.81% 36	19.22% 54	

	Continue Employment Use 	Housing 	Mixed use 	Nil 	
Q26. Employment Sites: if businesses closed then what use would you prefer the Employment Site to be used for?	40.57% 114	4.63% 13	41.64% 117	13.16% 37	

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## Other Questions

	Business 	Childcare 	Medical 	Shop 	
Q27. What Additional Facilities would you support being built? (Tick any that apply)	21.35% 60	16.72% 47	39.50% 111	23.49% 66	

### Q27 Comments:

1. A butcher and a greengrocer would be a great addition to the village
2. A community the size of Bleadon should have a surgery and nursery school. Business is desirable for the welfare of the community
3. A village butcher and green grocers or traditional farm shop (selling local produce)
4. Additional facilities would make Bleadon could result in loss of Infill Status and changes to Settlement Boundary eg reason for a school to be dropped from developers plans.
5. Agricultural business on outskirts as roads not practical for large machinery through village or lanes neither large building obscuring light.
6. All of the above are close to the village.
7. All weather sports facility / outdoor courts.
8. Any future facilities could utilise existing buildings or be built with the current settlement boundary
9. Anything that enriches the community.
10. Anything that supports and encourages tourism
11. As long as sufficient use of the facility is guaranteed I would support it.
12. BUT ONLY if this is justified by population expansion
13. Do not believe village requires additional facilities that would be viable
14. Doctor - finding one to accept us living here has been very difficult. A local shop / craft store.
15. Doctors perhaps.
16. Doctors surgery of chemist. Shop with affordable prices (not post office) A nursery to bring young families in.
17. Elderly population - difficult to access doctors in WSM and park close to them for mobility challenged pensioners / others.
18. Equestrian
19. Eventually if we can encourage younger people into the village again a School
20. Flats for elderly
21. For the size of the village we are well catered for. Access to medical is only a short distance away
22. I'd support any facilities that attract families to our village or make it easier for our young people to remain here.

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23. If it provided employment to local people.
24. If safe road access permits
25. It would depend on what was applied for and considered at the time.
26. Living in your area of choice gives you the ability to choose what facilities you personally prefer. A village like Bleadon has few of the facilities mentioned and villagers are content.
27. Medical facilities are unlikely to be sustainable, unless it was a private business providing services such as chiropody. The existing shop and post office are fine, just need more community support. It would be good if local business and the community could develop a close supportive relationship. Improvement of recreational facilities would seem to be important.
28. Medical facility isn't ever going to happen.
29. Modest sporting/leisure
30. MUGA. Car parking areas. Small business units. New community centre, car park etc.
31. No more thank you.
32. None [**FIVE** respondents said this]
33. None - keep Bleadon as a small village as it is.
34. None -absolutely not. Bleadon needs to be kept as it is.
35. None as not required
36. None leave as it is
37. None of the above
38. None of the above are currently necessary and any suggestion of a doctors surgery is ridiculous when the existing surgeries are unable to recruit staff and are either merging or closing. There is already a shop within the village and most shopping needs are catered for locally in and around Weston.
39. None of the above, we have all of these in nearby Weston and this would cause extra traffic through the village.
40. None of the above. There are surgeries close by, we have a good shop and post office. There is plenty of excellent childcare available only a short drive away. We have plenty of excellent small medium units at the farm which offer great village employment opportunities.
41. None of these
42. None required
43. None required please keep the village as it is
44. None there is sufficient commercial properties in the village
45. NONE!
46. NONE!
47. NONE!
48. NONE!
49. None! No more building!!
50. Not a supermarket but maybe a niche boutique that would add to the ambiance of the village. Some villages run surgeries on a couple of days a week



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51. Not ticked any because not going to get a surgery in the current climate, don't want competition for the present shop and we already have a wide spectrum of tradespeople domiciled here.
52. Nothing additional needed. Develop what we have.
53. Perhaps ??? Are unlikely but would be welcome to many people
54. Possibly doctor's surgery.
55. Primary school.
56. Q27 Although developers may offer these services in a planning application they may not ultimately be delivered, potentially giving residents a false sense of what will be achieved. Where is the publicly accessible information that informs residents that increased services may make Bleadon more sustainable potentially meaning more development and potential loss of Infill Status and associated Settlement Boundary protection? What about business commercial confidentiality when handing completed forms in?
57. Recreational ie cricket, football general sports field, park
58. Reliable internet access and improved mobile phone signals
59. School
60. Shops only if not in competition with existing.
61. Sports facilities.
62. Sports ground
63. Tennis Court. For the younger members of the community
64. The areas currently used for business should be smartened up and this will encourage businesses and customers. I am thinking of the industrial units north of the post office. Also the business area in the vicinity of the farm silos on accommodation road.
65. There is currently no medical facilities for our existing population without increasing our population further.
66. The village shop and P.O. adequate for needs of village
67. We already have a shop, and a medical centre would not be supported by North Somerset.
68. We do not require a medical centre - nor could it be afforded or staffed adequately - especially if the A&E is closing down
69. We have a shop. All should support it.
70. We would support local business development but would not wish to see a corporate chain such as supermarket.



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Q28. For Business Owners only: What development in Bleadon could improve business for you?

1. A well designed cycle track with branches into Uphill, to link up with the track to Brean, to the new 6th form centre on into the heart of WSM and to Winterstoke Road. This means a dedicated cycle track; not a track which runs along side a busy road. A track which is safe and a pleasure to cycle along. Further, pedestrian more access points to the West Mendip Way.
2. Better broadband
3. Better mobile phone reception maybe a mast on the church tower, which would give the church extra revenue. Alternatively a mast on Roman road.
4. Bleadon is traditionally a retirement community, why is that a problem? Retirement is sustainable
5. Business units
6. I moved to Bleadon because of the size and nature of the village. Close to the town but far enough away to live in a village. To give my family a safe and natural environment to grow up and not be part of a large town. With the development of Weston super Mare growing at the speed it is there is sufficient housing space available there and it is getting to capacity for the infrastructure and road access to the M5 and surrounding areas. Villages are dying out and a lot of it is down to greed not for the good of the surrounding area. To grow up
7. Improved broadband speed to the village
8. Improved dark skies and strict control of unnecessary light pollution. In recent years, local business has increased light pollution with little regard for the villagers and wildlife. It has virtually ruined our business and is totally unnecessary.
9. Industrial Estate.
10. More buses/better bus service
11. None -no development would help my business. developments should take place outside of Bleadon. Weston is only a stones throw away!
12. Office space
13. More houses means more people using Bleadon businesses but this is a rural farming community, what is wrong with keeping it like that? Encourage younger next generation farmers rather than general commercial businesses. Why are Questionnaires being received by private sector businesses if answers to this question may contain potential competitive information? What about confidentiality when handing completed forms in?

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## Q29. Additional Comments

1. A 30mph speed limit is essential on the A370. It may be necessary to stop traffic emerging onto the 370 from the Bleadon Road/Accommodation Road junction altogether. Then Bridge Road would need widening to become the only exit onto the 370.
2. A lot of questions about housing when we don't want housing. Any changes or additions should be to enhance the ambience of the village not change it to a housing estate.
3. A370 safety = mini roundabouts
4. After rainfall, the torrent down Celtic Way brings much debris down the hill with it. This collects lower down and blocks drains and leaves pavements and gutters cluttered and slippery. Very large lorries are still using Celtic Way. Where they go at the top I do not know -not over Brunel/Devils Bridge I hope. Surely not down Canada Coombe, so that leaves Totterdown Lane. Is there a SIZE LIMIT to this road? There used to be sign opposite the Queens, perhaps it is ignored!
5. All questions are not only issues that reflect individuals' personal agendas but appears to centre on only one area of the village.
6. Any future should be carefully considered to reflect the nature of the existing form of construction. Development should be sympathetic and controlled with the proviso that any development should see significant improvements in the infrastructure
7. Any sizeable development will adversely affect the character of the village. Particularly as the existing infrastructure i.e. roads and services are inadequate and will not support such development. Additional shop(s), medical centre etc will not be sustainable. The former will seriously affect the existing shop/post office and probably result in its closure. Roads / lanes are already over used and increased development will make this worse. Provision of pavements and street lighting particularly to Celtic Way is inappropriate and will destroy the village "feel".
8. Bleadon Hill Road is fast becoming a site for development, there have been numerous attempts to allow housing. My objection is that the road is unable to handle existing traffic without the addition of an influx of additional vehicles. Finally I purchased my house because I wanted to be in a village, not a dormitory for people working in Bristol or beyond. Village life is precious and needs protecting before we all live in estates. Thank You.
9. Bleadon is a "Village" and the majority view is that the residents want it to remain just that and not become a dormitory development for commuting into Weston and Bristol.
10. Bleadon is a historical independent village with a good community feeling. It is essential that this is retained but that does not mean that it should not be allowed to progress. New houses with a range of sizes can be allowed in odd spaces, but not huge building projects that overwhelm the nature and size of the existing community. Bleadon is NOT a suburb of Weston super Mare and should not be pushed into becoming one, but public access (eg bus services) into Weston is badly needed. Medical facilities eg a doctor's surgery might be a possibility even if on a

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part time basis. The current shop could be developed with a wider stock range. The cafe is excellent and is a really good community hub as are the Coronation and Jubilee Halls. The play park is very small and really only provides for children under eight. 9+ age range really have nowhere to congregate socially or for play.

11. Bleadon is a lovely place to live largely because it is not overdeveloped and has open fields and public access. This is often why people choose to live here. Weston has experienced huge development and places like Bleadon offer an alternative living environment. The lanes and roads are narrow and can at all times be difficult to navigate. There is huge resistance within the village to any development that would change the character and quiet nature we have deliberately chosen.
12. Bleadon is a rural village and is unsuitable for any large-scale housing increase. Narrow lanes are not suitable for the increase in traffic. I support any agricultural business and related development but I do not wish to see Bleadon become yet another housing estate and feel there is plenty of room for new housing on the old airfield in Weston. Greedy developers should not be allowed to spoil our village.
13. Bleadon is a unique village with lovely surroundings we do not need modern out of character housing which will create more traffic issues. Purn Way already has traffic issues we do not want more houses which will only make matters worse, wild life will be destroyed. Leave Bleadon as it is, a lovely place to live NO MORE HOUSING
14. Bleadon is a wonderful village in which to live. I believe that new housing is unavoidable in the present climate but feel that brown sites should be used rather than green belt.
15. Bleadon is fast becoming a community of NIMBY's and fail to realise that development will happen. The Government/Council are already committed to more housing and if properly handled good development could realise significant investment in the community and you'll get more now than when it is eventually forced upon the community. The much vaunted "settlement boundary" is purely notional and arbitrary and consequently lacks any respect as it doesn't include the houses along Bridgwater Road opposite Bridge Road or the western end of Purn Way but includes the quarry
16. Bleadon is missing any events or activities for families with children's any events for adults. We only have May Fay Fare once a year. I appreciate the market happens but it's more social event for older people. Bleadon Harvest Home for example. I feel Bleadon people who are in charge don't want any changes or don't allow for other events for example - the wedding of Harry & Meghan- we were not allowed to have a street party. What a shame!! It's ruining community spirit.
17. Bleadon is one of the few semi-rural areas left locally. It is important the ambience of the village does not change.
18. Bleadon needs to make more use of what we have and support local business.
19. Bleadon village does NOT need additional housing in any shape or form. Bad enough having new housing approved for Bleadon Hill, due to start soon, eating into the countryside and increasing the traffic. If new housing has to be built then let it be on the Haywood Village site. It is already an eyesore so there isn't much damage that can be done by building another few hundred Legoland style houses. Bleadon is

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unique, let's not spoil it! Apart from the Queen's Arms going back to private ownership complete with a new skittle alley and a sports field for the younger generation, nothing needs to change!

20. Bleadon would not be able to cope with the size of development proposed. I do not believe the roads could be made safe for the proposed influx of residents. They are too narrow, particularly those through the village. Celtic Way in particular. Why build a medical centre when our Hospital is struggling to survive, and needs to be open 24/7? Also, I understand G.P.s are in short supply. We have a village shop/post office and café. Why put them out of business? This is an historic village with its own church and pub at the start of the Mendip Hills. We should respect its history for future generations to enjoy.
21. Bus service a bit more frequent. Clearing rhynes
22. Buy Southill for 110,000 off of [personal details removed] or lobby the council to buy it and remove the fences. The land up there was much better years back when it was open.
23. Coronation Road. The corner adjoining the Playground is hazardous, traffic coming from the village centre is often far over the left-hand side. It is a 'tight bend' and two largish vehicles have difficulty in passing. And frequently curb wheel damage is caused by avoiding oncoming traffic. There is available space to widen it if the grass bank is reduced by a small amount.
24. Definitely design codes for houses. New houses should be carbon neutral or as environmentally friendly as possible. It's a village. It should stay a village!!!
25. Encouragement should be given to develop new rural businesses particularly around tourism. The painful truth is that virtually all of the agricultural land to the south side of the A370, including Bleadon Hill, has no agricultural value. It is impossible to farm viably. Landowners allow shepherds to graze the hillside to keep the grass down. The shepherds cannot afford to pay rent. There is limited equine use. The LPA rail against the building of stables. So what should happen to it? Encouraging rural enterprise, particularly tourism, is probably a better outcome than fighting development. It would be sensible to include something along these lines in the neighbourhood plan.
26. Excellent survey. Many thanks to those who drew it up.
27. Hard to properly answer some questions with Yes/No as the only alternative
28. Hopefully the people of Bleadon will see the value that a Neighbourhood Plan can have in shaping the future vision for Bleadon. Good luck.
29. I appreciate that a lot of work has gone into this survey but while its focus on conservation heritage and road safety is laudable there are many more important questions that are left unasked. Those include: Would you support any form of development in our village at all? What would sustainable development look like in Bleadon? What demographic would we like to attract to our village? (families retired etc). How do we develop the village's economic infrastructure to support its long-term survival? What do we need in terms of social infrastructure to attract our target demographic? I'm sure that there are many more along these lines but the survey as constructed seems to focus mainly on how people feel about landmarks



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conservation and road safety rather than how our village might actually remain a living breathing community in the future.

30. I believe very strongly that there is already enough development being potentially done in the village and I do not believe we need any more. I would not want the size of the village to increase and the character of the village to change in any way as this would impact too much on the surrounding area. We do need more road safety measures to be taken around Bridge Road onto the main road as it is a very dangerous crossing. I firmly feel that we need to preserve the character of the village and oppose and further development. I feel that this would also have an impact on the wildlife and on areas of outstanding beauty. I feel that the size of the village has to remain as it is
31. I do not support the building of a huge estate on the Sanders/Goodall's fields which is so hugely out of proportion with the current housing currently offered.
32. I do not think any buildings should be built outside the village boundary there was a reason for implementing it and it should be upheld. I have lived in the village for around 13 years and it would be a travesty to have any new housing to be outside the village boundary. It would spoil the character and appearance of the area. People have moved here for the very reason of peace tranquillity and countryside on our doorstep. There is scope for more developments on existing properties and areas for new properties within the village boundary.
33. I don't think homes should be built outside the settlement boundary BUT if absolutely needed small groups of 4 or 8 no more on sites not detrimental to the overall look of the village. Small pocket infills only.
34. I feel very strongly about a bus service from surrounding villages and along Shiplate Rd. When there was one bus a week about 6 yrs ago I used it every week as did the other people. When the bus finished it took away a life line for some. People had no access to a bank, dentist, optician or shops. It also served as a meeting point for people who may not have seen anyone since the week before. I think this is much more important than play areas or youth club improvements as they are already in place. I know someone who had to move because of no bus service. Time to look after people who can't afford a car or indeed people who cannot drive. BRING BACK OUR BUS.
35. I have grown up in this characterful village and would like it to stay that way, for many years to come. For Bleadon to be engulfed in new developments would be a travesty. That said, there are ways we could improve and allow small developments with a max of 5 properties or the division of existing properties providing this is done in a tasteful manner, to blend with the village.
36. I have lived in the village here since 1994. I love living here with open spaces available to walk and the natural views are outstanding. I feel it is important to keep Bleadon in good shape, everyone helps each other. Communal planting of pots. The village is a good size but it does not need to get bigger or it will lose its charm. We have an area of outstanding beauty we need to look after it or we will lose it.

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37. I live in Bleadon because it is a small village surrounded by countryside. Please try to preserve the rural character. I don't need any more facilities here as most are available in Weston.
38. I moved here to live in a rural village. The current facilities are adequate as long as I have transport into Weston.
39. I realise that in order for our community to grow some development is necessary, but keep it small. We are a rural village and our community spirit is really important to us. Large scale development will destroy this.
40. I think the land ear marked for development sanders field, would make a great village park. Planted with long lived various trees, a lake or pond, with seating and pathways would be a lovely place for villagers to meet and would act as a village green. Combined with traffic calming on the A370 could be a lovely place for locals and visitors alike. The lay-bys on Roman Road are constantly littered especially on weekends where young people park at night, maybe CCTV or covert cameras can be used to deter this? As a resident of Roman Road and a frequent dog walker, steps need to be taken to slow cars on the road as it can be very dangerous as many cars make no attempt to slow down when passing. I am agin any large new housing developments in or around the village. If individual houses are built they should fit in ie stone built not red brick! People who visit me always remark what a lovely village Bleadon is, so it would be a great shame if it lost its character with new housing developments.
41. I wish the village as at present to remain that way.
42. I would like the village to remain as is with no future development being allowed.
43. I would prefer the village to stay as it is now where housing is concerned. The roads are busy enough.
44. In our opinion a better alternative for the A370 alteration would be roundabouts at the two affected junctions. We also believe that this is not an issue to be funded from Parish funds, as improvements and action to reduce accidents should be from central or highways funds.
45. It is essential we maintain the character of this village and we keep "infill status". There should not be any large scale building authorised. Too many houses put an unacceptable strain on already over stretched facilities and resources.
46. Keep Bleadon Village as it is a charming peaceful village with a thriving community. We do not need any further housing development the key issues is traffic lights at the key junctions mentioned.
47. Let's try to see this through this time!
48. Marshalls quarry is the ideal site to allow development of 40-50 houses as a brown field site. It would remove the problem of dangerous lorries accessing a small village. The village halls could be sold for development and relocate in the field identified for village recreational use. The village does NOT need the proposed development of 200+ houses which will ruin the integral character of the village. Doctor's surgery not required. Better bus service required.
49. My main concern is for the wildlife. As we are losing lots of it in one way or another I feel it is my duty to list a few of the creatures this housing estate would lose. There

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are at odd times 2 young deer which can be seen, foxes and badgers. In the rhynes frogs lay their spawn. I usually get frogs and toads making their way across the road into my back garden pond. The ducks sometimes hop across into my garden for a few days and even the moorhens sometimes pay a visit. Water voles also can be seen. I had to build another pond when newts started making an appearance. Finally the main road itself is a danger spot as so many accidents always seem to be on this particular stretch.

50. My reason for moving to Bleadon was because of the way it is now. A beautiful village with many old buildings that should not be spoilt or devalued by the threat of new build housing. This village is on par with many Cotswold villages and new housing just does not happen there in rural communities, so why here? The community in Bleadon is thriving and does not need extra houses and people. Rather than enhancing the community, I feel that it would kill the very heart of village life.
51. No left turn for trucks into Bridge Road - cannot see and trailers overhang onto main road. 40 mph limit with more signs etc, flashing signs/cameras.
52. NO NEW HOUSES. NO MORE HOUSES.
53. None
54. Over the years I have seen the village sympathetically added to, what has been proposed at Sanders field is not sympathetic it is brutal and is motivated by the greed of the land owner at the expense of the villagers. The Planners overlook one important consideration that is today's home owner does not use the single garage for cars anymore but for storage, so if the drive is not long enough and the roads not wide enough, then car parking becomes a major issue and that could impact on existing roads in the village.
55. People who live in Bleadon have chosen to do so and most certainly do not want heavy development which would bring the village closer to Weston-super-Mare. Life is full of compromises, and the benefits of village life far outweigh the lack of shops, medical facilities and childcare. The existing roads within the village are adequate for the current usage and leave little or no room for enlargement
56. Please keep our village a village! We moved here because we like it and do not want it to be a housing estate like parts of Weston.
57. Preservation of village character is essential and resistance given to massive housing development that would turn Bleadon into a small town with minimal facilities
58. Q 17 - Q 26. - No to any houses. Unsure of the motivation behind this questionnaire if this is a developer influencing a landowner - we totally object, if you read the website opposition this would be very clear. Please do not have a hidden agenda- villagers of Bleadon, love Bleadon- and will always totally oppose any plans to build 1,2,3 storey houses.
59. Q10 - traffic lights opposite The Anchor would prevent people trying to turn right onto A370 at a blind spot. How there's not been a fatality there yet is a miracle. Or forbid right turns at Accommodation Road junction. Q18 - new developments, by law, now have to include low cost/affordable homes. Q29 - we're developing into a retirement village. We need to do more to encourage young families into our village.
60. Q17 - no development should be allowed.

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61. Q23 - Bear in mind, often 2+ cars /property. Q25 - if achievable. Q26 - case by case basis. Increase parking availability for Hall users at peak times; business and new developments should have sufficient parking spaces available. Discourage dangerous/anti-social parking (eg church goers not using car park), particularly at Celtic Way/Shiplate/Coronation Roads junction and down to Bridge Road. Purpose-built community centre (with sports facilities) instead of houses? Focus on Bleadon Parish - not just the area within the settlement boundary - it's more than 'Bleadon/Bridge/Coronation' road area. Church Rooms - an under-used asset. Put weight limit on Bridge Road.
62. Q23 a lot of garages are turned into living area or games rooms Parish boundary map not very well defined. No colour coded index. Not all listed buildings listed. Look beyond the bubble.
63. Q24 - design codes if adopted should not be prescriptive and should allow architecturally inspiring buildings although appropriate (size/footprint etc.) for the area. Q26 - within the settlement boundary then a closed business site could be used for employment or housing use. If outside the settlement boundary I would prefer a closed business to be used for employment use.
64. Q24 - tricky in Bleadon as many styles. Q29 - I realise changes and progression happen but I fear a new development on such a scale over the 4 fields will just be another huge estate and any shops will take away from the village local shop which has recently come to life again with new and increase stocks. Maintaining the village small scale is what makes Bleadon Village as lovely as it is – Let's not become an estate, let's stay a village. There's plenty of new houses in Weston going up - keep it there.
65. Q25 - the prospect of hundreds of new houses with their gas heating boilers and diesel motor cars blasting off at 8am and in the evening, and fumes being carried over the village on a S.W. wind, is alarming. With reference to Q28 above most business owners e.g Village shop, Queens Arms and even the Church might reply 'More houses for more people' but Bleadon is what it is, and it is precisely this that makes it attractive to live in
66. Q26 - the feeling of countryside would be lost by further development, let alone the increase in traffic which the village cannot handle. Q29 - We used to look out at open fields and trees. This has now all gone. Even around was relatively tidy for a rural area. Not the case now. Plus Accommodation Road is a mess of discarded take away and alcohol cans. I was very disappointed that at the time of completing this survey it had not been delivered to my house on Accommodation Road. I feel that no attention is paid to this side of Bleadon. It is of course a blot on the landscape which has been allowed to happen and perhaps some would prefer to ignore. Infill housing allowed to develop in totally unsuitable surroundings. Regarding the junction at Accommodation Road I do a run to the Post Office every day, sometimes cycle, sometimes by car. Yes you take your life in your hands. Can I also say on the return journey, high vehicles parked in the Fiat Garage make it impossible to see to your left. As you could not have traffic lights at Bridge Road and Accommodation Road?

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Both dangerous. More development, more cars. Already busy enough in and out of Bleadon / Caravan Park / Accommodation Road.

67. Re. Q27 1) I feel that while it would be desirable to have medical facilities on the spot I don't think that it's practical as practices in WsM and the WGH have difficulty recruiting staff. 2) Rather than have additional shops we should make more effort to support the one we already have.
68. Riverside Holiday Village - this facility is getting bigger and bigger and is a real eyesore from the hill - a blot on the landscape (huge blot!)
69. Solar panels on all new builds
70. Thank you for preparing this survey which I hope is completed by the majority of villagers so that Bleadon can move forward but still retain village qualities.
71. The above business has been approached by ourselves and the PC on several occasions to try and sort a solution to the ongoing light pollution issue. To date nothing has altered, despite many promises. It is scandalous that the local council are unable to intervene as light pollution is given a lesser importance to that of noise pollution but has been proven to be just as damaging.
72. The bottom of the village has become a tip by the operation of farm contractor operating from farm site in Bleadon Road at the junction of Chestnut Lane, contrary to planning for barn and farming use, but not contractor's storage of fodder and equipment. This is an eyesore which spoils a lovely village
73. The existing layout of Bleadon village has drawn a lively and pleasant neighbourhood who enjoy living in the varied layout and friendly environment. This would be destroyed if a huge development was agreed to ruin the village atmosphere we currently enjoy within the closely drawn boundaries. Keep the existing village boundaries as they are now. Do not destroy our village atmosphere which works very satisfactory.
74. The field opposite Manor Cottages on Bleadon Road is an EYESORE and doesn't give a good impression of our village. WHY is the farmer allowed to create such a mess? The entrance is like a lake with high stacks of hay bales in PINK PLASTIC on the right: a manure dump, piles of scrap metal on carts: wood etc etc all dumped on the field. How can we object to housing development when this disgusting mess is allowed at the entrance to our village? The owner of this field should be taken to task and made to clear it up. Whenever a tractor comes out of this field, it takes mud and debris all along Bleadon Road. I am surprised the Parish Council have allowed this to develop - GET IT SORTED PRONTO!! 200 houses with tidy gardens is 100% better than having to look at this every day!
75. The maps used in this survey are incorrect. Several properties built in the last few years are not marked, neither are some garages, extensions or large outbuildings. O.S need to carry out a more up to date survey and update their maps. This gives a false impression as regards possible in-fill.
76. The Neighbourhood Plan must identify areas for housing development of an appropriate size. Essential for Bleadon to remain as a village and any development that could be in danger of making Bleadon an extension of Weston super Mare must be avoided. Residents need to respect Bleadon's agricultural heritage and current



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use by the farming community. Zero tolerance to dog fouling needs to be established. Issues regarding wildlife need to be balanced against the needs of the human population.

77. The number of cars parked alongside the roads has grown considerably in the last few years as well as the amount of traffic using Bleadon as a cut through to avoid the A370. This has caused several near accidents in recent years, more housing will only exacerbate the problem especially at the top of the Veale, the bend by the Queen's Arms and the road around the play park where you have to drive on the wrong side of the road to overtake the parked cars and cars coming too fast in the opposite direction do not always give way.
78. The parish council recently contradictorily stated in their reply to North Somerset Council's Local Plan 2036 consultation Q9 - 3.2 Settlement Boundaries. I believe that no adjustment should be made to Bleadon's settlement boundary. The village could benefit from a small number of new homes but this can be achieved within the existing boundary. The current policy should be amended to ensure that the size of any housing development adjacent to the boundary is limited in number to no more than 10% of the existing homes in the parish (currently circa 500 homes). If this expansion criteria for North Somerset is acceptable to the parish council then currently Purn Way (16 Dwellings), Amesbury Drive (40+) and The Veale Paddock (20+), all already identified by the North Somerset SHLA process, could all be approved? This with The Quarry (40+) will then increase Bleadon Parish and settlement boundary by 116+ which then means a further expansion will be higher again, plus additional infill via NDP! Either Bleadon is 'infill' within a settlement boundary or it isn't. How will North Somerset's Local Plan reconcile this parish council expansion statement with any potential neighbourhood plan, which has to designate land for acceptable development, and a redesignation of Bleadon settlement hierarchy as per Q8 3.1? So given this, why does Bleadon really need a neighbourhood plan? Perhaps because North Somerset and government says it should and North Somerset can gain 'New Home Bonus' additional money? As far as I'm aware the '40+' questions about neighbourhood plans raised before and at the 2018 APM have not been publicly answered (despite promises they would) and this is clearly a unilateral process by the parish council without explaining to Bleadon the true future cost commitment of Bleadon having an neighbourhood plan. However, given that the parish council has ignored the current 'adopted' 20 year Parish Plan, I suppose this is to be expected but democracy it most certainly is not and the referendum may reflect this. The creation of this 'survey' with pre-determined tick box answers to very basic simplistic questions that the council wishes to obtain, is completely against the principles of a neighbourhood plan consultation process. This is an obvious attempt to try and influence the Sanders Fields Appeal via an 'emerging neighbourhood plan', which actually means the Sanders Fields developer could now use this 'survey' and the parish council's Local Plan statement as evidence in the appeal to state how their proposed development can positively already deliver what the council's neighbourhood plan may want, i.e. additional housing and facilities to support business growth and Bleadon's sustainability! If this is so then hopefully at

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- best the emerging plan will be afforded limited weight by inspector and the environmental impact will prevail, some defence strategy, I hope it works, or else....!
79. The village of Bleadon is at start of the Mendips and is an area of outstanding natural beauty and character. This has been at the forefront of previous generations thoughts and those same thoughts still apply today.
  80. There should be a village website similar in design to the Parish Council and NP site which promotes the village businesses events walks on footpaths and promote the parish for tourism and visitors. The current social media based site includes blogs and places for comment. No blogging or comment should be permitted on the new website it should be a one stop shop for promoting the parish etc. It must be a living site and get regular updates and out of date information removed. I support a NP. The Parish Council current and past are to be applauded for this. Well done.
  81. There are better ways to help the housing crisis than destroying, forever, the area with crappy jerry-built houses. It should remain an infill village. A few people should not benefit financially by screwing over the whole village. Traffic calming measures needed on Bleadon Road, through village and up Celtic Way. Yellow lines needed to stop dangerous parking on corner by Queens. White lines at road junctions need repainting to prevent any further nasty accidents. Better priority for pedestrians, including pavements, traffic calming and better street lighting. As it is, it's very dangerous for pedestrians and the problem's getting worse with more vehicles cutting through the village. Stop dark sky lobby as it's unachievable with the caravan park / Hinkley/ the quarry etc safety requires more street lighting, not less please.
  82. There has to be change or villages die but there has to be sensitive planning. We have noted villages ruined and villages with sensible planning to their advantage where heritage people have been involved.
  83. There is need for growth in Bleadon but it must be organic and not overbearing large scale development. Keeping Bleadon a rural village is of utmost importance. You only need to look at Weston Village to realise that modern planning is both unsightly and inadequate. We do not need to be building the slums of the future in picturesque villages.
  84. This questionnaire addresses individuals' personal agendas: a. It completely centres on one area of the Parish eg only listing pathways, open fields, road safety improvements within this area - re road safety the Parish Plan revealed that almost everyone listed Shiplett as the most dangerous road referring to it as Death Alley. b. Mainly leading questions - Please refer to the questions set out in the 'Parish Plan' which do not lead. To make an informed decision one needs to know the cost involved - cost implications are not mentioned. Questions regarding Housing are very misleading as Government and District Councils planning policies play the major role not residents as implied. Contacts are given - who are Gill George etc, Confidentiality is offered - but unsealed boxes are placed in local business premises where personal details can be retrieved and read. We are told to be protective of our personal details. Being on line any one can complete and submit - collect and submit endless copies. The Parish Plan was delivered and collected so avoiding this possibility. Cost

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85. This survey is a great way of getting your thoughts across as not everyone can get to the parish meetings. I am sure younger people will have different views on the situation.
86. This village is perfect as it is. Nobody wants it changed including tourists
87. Traffic calming – a general 20 mph speed limit through village with controlled access to A370 both at Bleadon Road and Bridge Road, would have a positive effect on the village. Additional affordable housing should be provided to give the young people of Bleadon the opportunity to remain in the village, if they so choose. A development of around 50 houses would suit the fields behind Huttons and opp Catherines, linked in with safer access to the A370. Such a development would not affect existing dwellings, further along Bleadon Road. Bleadon needs to be sustainable for future generations both in affordable housing and general facilities. Additional housing and improved access will benefit existing Bleadon businesses and help to keep Bleadon thriving. The 30mph speed limit currently in force along Purn Way is wholly inappropriate. From entrance (Catherines bend) through to and beyond farm really should be lowered to 20mph. Most traffic passes driveways, around bends in road too fast, can this please be considered before someone gets hurt? (Especially if additional housing is approved)
88. Very comprehensive survey; well done
89. We enjoy Bleadon as it is, we moved here with our two young children to enjoy a quieter life away from busy Weston and the new builds that are happening there. We enjoy the quiet the village offers but can still use the shop, pub, post office, park, village hall, allotment, bike paths and church. No more housing needed please.
90. We feel urgent consideration of speed / traffic through the village is needed to keep it safe for us and our family. People drive far too fast making it dangerous for us to walk / use the footpaths etc. and surrounding areas.
91. We moved to this village to enjoy the peace, wildlife and country living. Most of the people, including us, have worked hard to be able to enjoy this high standard of living. We neither need, nor want new houses or facilities - the ones we have are in keeping with this village. To this point, if social housing were to be built, there wouldn't be the facilities they need, such as bus services and shops. So I feel that young families wouldn't want to come here anyway with not enough facilities. This is exactly as we want it. Also we don't want the extra cars on the road with the pollution they would cause.
92. We need to make better use of the current accommodation in Bleadon. There is already significant development locally and the quarry site for redevelopment (which is a good use of an existing site) +caravan site. A ped crossing at Bridge Garage (or near area) is a good idea and a reduction in speed to 40mph is also very much needed. Formal traffic lights along that stretch will cause traffic jams on a very busy road. We don't want our stretch of the A370 to be at a standstill as this would be worse for the houses and businesses along the A370.
93. We strongly object to the building of new houses outside the settlement area. As it would alter the balance and character of the village to the detriment of the protected wildlife.

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94. We strongly oppose the development of the fields opposite/along Bridge Road as would not be in keeping with the nature of the village. Wildlife should be valued and areas of natural outstanding beauty. Redevelopment if any should be purely limited to brown field sites.
95. We would like the character of this delightful village retained. Any development of housing or industrial/commercial will change the village we live in. Why would anyone opt for that!
96. Where we live is outside the settlement plan. Why? Why can the boundary not be moved?
97. Whose NDP is this as BPC has not yet answered residents' questions or concerns raised at the April 18 APM. Why was this information not publicly provided before, or at the very least at the same time, as this Survey. This is a Development Survey, where is the link to the existing and potential future NSC Site Allocations as previously published by NSC e.g. Site & Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) and the Housing & Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA)? Where is the information on related NSC New Homes Bonus? The terms and links section should have included all this information to enable residents to give an informed decision to the questions. What has happened to Bleadon's current adopted 2009-29 Parish Plan and resident's views contained in it? How long will any potentially resident approved Neighbourhood Plan be valid, 2 years as indicated in BPC's APM minutes, what then? The Survey doesn't clearly indicate that two councillors and the clerk are three of the four contacts. There is no public access to any working group decision making or public feedback to date on their working groups and so we feel that we have not been fully informed as to the consequences of the impact or costs of answering these questions. This questionnaire is also accessible to all members of the public, including non-residents, e.g. via an open link on the internet. We are therefore concerned about how BPC may subsequently use the submitted information from residents in relation to pushing any project forward. We are concerned that the survey is village rather than parish focused, more business/commercial than residential and/or agricultural. We feel that this survey has leading questions and has missed the opportunity to canvas public opinion on unpublished BPC projects e.g. Play Park, Public and Bleadon Rights of Way, Bleadon in Bloom, etc., local developments e.g. fracking, Leisure expansion - Wake Park, Caravan Parks, etc., and regional projects e.g. Bristol Airport expansion, Along with consultations that will affect Bleadon's NDP e.g. NSC Local Plan 2036, Settlement Boundary Review and JSP. How has BPC/NDP group decided when there should be an 'Other/comments' option, and when there should not? How do you untick an incorrect response online? As the Questionnaires will be returned to the Coronation Hall, Post Office and Public House/Queens Arms unenveloped, all responses are not confidential and so we feel that all pre-analysis should be available to the public at the same time as the draft plan (especially as the adopted Parish Plan has gone 'missing' and only the original data left). Business related questions have gone to two private sector businesses to collate? To ensure equal access to information please can you ensure that all residents have access to all anonymised answers to all

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questions in this survey, as was the case for the adopted Parish Plan. Q3, Q4 & Q5 - Open Spaces . There appears to be a confusion over Assets, Features and Landmarks and their public or private sector ownerships, which will affect any public control over them. Also whether these are a District or Parish Council duty or responsibility to do so, or to pay for, making it difficult to give an informed decision on these questions. A370 BRIDGWATER ROAD - SAFETY MEASURES Q8,Q9 & Q10 Traffic safety measures are the statutory duty of NSC Highways Department. It should be made clear that these options may come at a precept cost to residents before proceeding with any project. Where is the information on the public meeting and resident feedback and suggestions 'typed up' on this issue in Aug 18 to make an informed decision? As suggested in our feedback to the meeting speed enforcement may be the only way to reduce speed on any road. What about other areas and roads of the parish? Shiplate Road and Celtic Way have a lack of pavements which make these roads dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. Especially dangerous where these roads meet at the Queens Arms junction. HOUSING Q16-Q26 BPC should state current NSC/Govt planning policy for new developments so as not to mislead residents as to the influence they may or may not have on this topic. Q16 & Q17 There is no BPC discussion or decision making information on Bleadon's Settlement Boundary reviews or the consequences of 'flexing' and/or removing it if building outside the boundary is agreed in a NDP, so it is difficult to answer this question in an informed way. We believe that the boundary should remain in place to ensure that Bleadon remains a rural village rather than be consumed by WSM developmental sprawl. Q17 Commercial is not necessarily the same as agricultural. We support the continued use of fields and associated premises for agricultural use. We do not support BPC's trend of increasing tourism and general commercial units outside the settlement boundary and specially do not support applications for these types of development across the Bleadon Levels Q18 Why are social/low cost/affordable and starter homes lumped together? Are they the same thing? What are their definitions? Do they have the same planning status and costs? Hard to give an informed decision. Q23 - Car ownership should be restricted to one car per household.

98. With highly dangerous road running alongside village -all access roads are accidents waiting to happen. More houses too many cars using speedy main road and very narrow local roads-so many people using them regard them as one-track roads!! As no school and hospital already too small for present residents in the Weston area an increase in village population not sensible. Also less Drs surgery's nowadays.
99. Would like to see roads resurfaced more often.

END OF SURVEY COMMENTS



## **Further comments – by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 please**

We hope you agree that these results are useful and interesting. If you would like to comment further then please use this page. You can put it in the Parish Council's post box (the black box on the end of the Coronation Hall) or in the Comments Box inside the Post Office Shop.



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## APPENDIX A: Analysis of extra comments

“Free” comments made throughout the survey have been examined and collated under the five Key Issues. An item has been catalogued even if mentioned by only one person. Please note that the numbers in this document relate ONLY to the comments made and NOT to the choices ticked on the form as many respondents did not comment on every question.

### **Key Issue: Retaining the Character of Bleadon as a Village**

Positive comments to retain character = 77

Only 25 favoured building outside the settlement boundary (and 3 of those said ‘in Weston’!)

Twenty-five houses was seen as a maximum build; fifteen was the upper limit for most.

Retain open village spaces = 56.

Maintaining village footpaths and bridleways = 78

Retaining historic buildings and sites = 31

NO to three-storey houses = 143

YES to three-storey houses = 12

Demolish current village properties to build more? Yes = 89, No = 51

Affordable housing = 7

Division of properties for multiple occupancy (off-street parking was a condition for most people): yes 96, no = 40

Encourage rural enterprise = 7

Encourage shop development = 12

Centrally arranged trips for the elderly = 12

A decent broadband service = 5

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## **Key Issue: Village Road Safety and the problems of the A370**

### A370 Traffic calming measures:

no = 28

No lights but reduced limit = 2

Speed bumps = ?

Lights and reduced limit = 60

Reduced speed limit alone = 121

No reduced speed limit = 2

Lights = 29

Reduced limit and bumps = 4

Lights, limit and bumps = 10

Village speed and weight limit = 16

Off-street parking = 18

Street lights if no pavement = 2

Shiplate Road and Celtic Way dangerous = 7

Better disabled access around village = 11

## **Key Issue: Lack of Public Transport**

Lack of bus service = 65

Voluntary transport = 6

Lack of buses means there is a need for (even part time) medical facilities = 18

Need a safe cycle track into Weston = 1

## **Key Issue: Increasing Recreational Facilities for older children / young adults**

Recreational open space for older children and adults = 91

Facilities for tennis and/or cricket

Youth Centre development = 20

## **Key Issue: Preserving the environment**

Maintain diversity and habitat of wildlife = 27

Recognise our proximity to AONB = 4

Maintaining woodland and planting new hedgerows and trees = 31

Rhyne maintenance = 23

Village kept tidy and eyesores removed = 26

Problems of light pollution = 7

Problems of fracking = 2

Airport expansion = 2

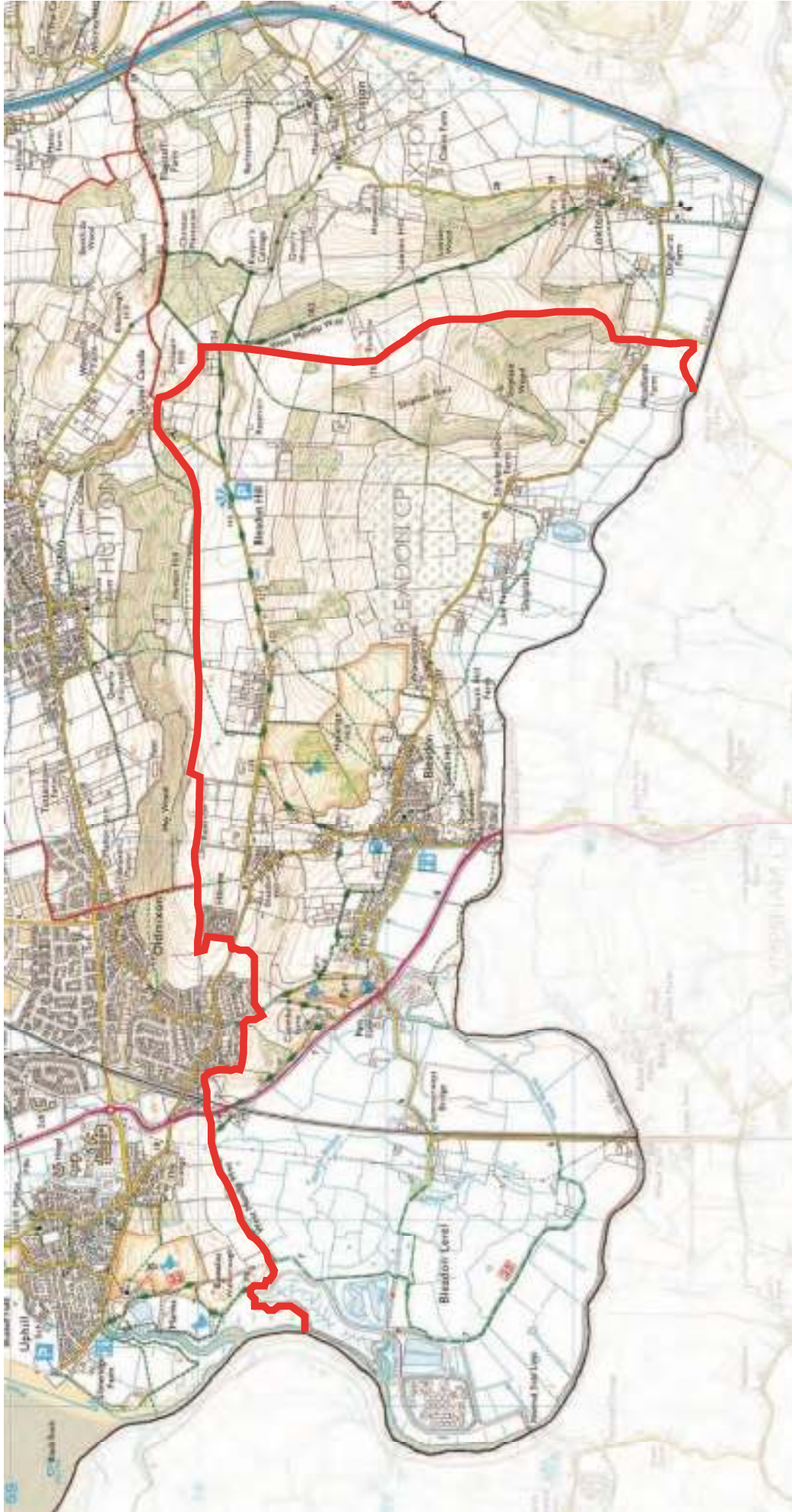
Caravan park expansion = 2

Encourage use of solar panels = 2

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**PARISH BOUNDARY MAP – With public footpaths**

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