

# ISSUES QUESTIONNAIRE

This first questionnaire focused on very early ideas and issues. It was first available at the first open, public Drop-in at the end of March 2016 and also available via the website. It remained available for just over one month.

The questionnaire listed some 'prompting' issues drawn from the Town Plan, other recent local initiatives and the consultant team's own experience of likely Neighbourhood Plan issues. These initial Issues were grouped under the following themes:

- Housing
- Working and Shopping
- Getting Around
- Environment
- Leisure and Well-being
- Town Centre

For each heading people could place a tick or a cross against each of the prompting issues and then add any others of their own. People were also asked and could comment on "And what have we missed?".

Rather disappointingly (and despite small prizes being offered through a lucky draw), only 8 questionnaires were returned making any detailed analysis inappropriate.

All the prompting issues were supported. 45 other issues emerged and are listed below, though some were variations on those in the prompting lists and some (eg. Council Tax levels) were not irrelevant to the plan. As below (shown by number of repeat ticks) the only issues emerging from more than two questionnaires were the failure to deliver infrastructure in association with new developments and the need for effective flood protection.

## **Additional Issues**

- Reuse old centre buildings for (affordable) housing for local people. ✓
- More social housing.
- Fiveways junction unsafe for drivers and pedestrians.
- Pedestrianise inner town centre/ improve for pedestrians. ✓
- Infrastructure not coming with new housing. ✓✓✓✓
- Lack of pedestrian routes from new housing to centre. ✓
- Bigger, better street market. ✓
- Need to get visitor views.
- Increasing traffic.
- One-way system is not easy to use, puts people off.
- More mini-roundabouts to slow people down at junctions.
- Several dangerous places for pedestrians to cross. ✓
- Southern by-pass.
- Open up all of old railway lines as paths. ✓
- Link bus timetables to trains in other towns.
- Beautiful setting for town.
- Avoid further development over the A40. ✓
- Well-served with clubs and societies but information not easy to find.
- More housing needs more leisure provision.
- Play areas need improving and need more. ✓
- Town centre shops too spread out and poor links.
- More specialist shops.
- More shops in areas on edge of town.
- Re-use empty buildings and poorly used car parks in town for start-up businesses.

- Don't just listen to loudest voices.
- More eco housing, wildlife areas, energy efficiency.
- More allotments needed.
- Poor road maintenance.
- Effective flood protection needed. ✓ ✓
- Solar panels on all public buildings and new buildings.
- People parking on yellow lines causes problems. ✓
- Places for older people to meet.
- Better/more parking provision for new houses. ✓
- Higher quality jobs needed.
- Facilities for cyclists are non-existent.
- Make more use of riverside and river.
- Ban dogs!
- Less empty shops.
- Less charity shops. ✓
- Free parking in centre.
- Better design of shopfronts. ✓
- Ban large vehicles from town centre.
- Speed limit enforcement.
- Fewer take-aways (and litter).
- Public toilets needed.