

## Neighbourhood plan

I can see that a lot of work has gone into this and there is some excellent stuff here - well done to all. I do have some comments to make about the way the questionnaire has been organised and written.

### There are some questions that have two very different actions with two very different philosophies and outcomes. This makes it very difficult to respond:

For example, Question C9 links providing a space for the school bus with providing parking for private cars. Providing space for the school bus is obviously a responsible thing to do as it takes encourages and facilitates community transport and helps take private cars off the road. This is a very different thing to providing parking space for private cars. This will encourage use of private cars to come to the school as people will imagine that they will get a space. It will only increase traffic in and through the village, and not only at the beginning and end of the school day. It is common knowledge in planning circles that providing extra parking and more road only make the situation worse. By lumping these two philosophically opposed issues together in one question, you have deprived yourselves of getting a true picture of what the village thinks of either of them. It is impossible to respond to this question.

This is also the case for question F1 where again two items are lumped together. One is very simple (obviously it is a no brainer to improve insulation - who is going to object to that as there are no drawbacks) but one is very complex: The issue of possible hydroelectric power at the Limpley Stoke Mill Weir is fraught with possible environmental implications and a complex subject. It is, again, impossible to respond to this question.

### F2 is simply badly worded:

I don't know what I am voting for here. It is one thing to have a plan to upgrade efficiency and environmental acceptability of existing lighting. It is quite another to propose new lighting and 'upgrade the coverage'. Again, I can't agree to the masterplan because the way the question is worded, it sounds as if I am agreeing to increase streetlighting, which I am opposed to. I believe that rural areas need dark skies at night. Otherwise it destroys the rural character of an area and makes it look like a suburb. Please reword this to make it clear!

### There are some parts of the plan that are mutually exclusive:

A5 aims to 'prevent any development...on key green sites (ie village greens)'. However several of the other items actually propose development on the village greens! So C7 proposed 'as part of the planned village green...provide parking' And C9 proposes 'increasing parking on Freshford Lane adjacent to the Tynning' although I understand that what you mean by this is turn part of the Tynning village green into parking spaces. So with the best will in the world, your plan contradicts itself and asks us to do the same. This makes it very difficult to give answers to items A5, C7 and C9. A5 also aims 'to prevent development...on the existing green fields which surround the two villages' yet in item C12 you propose an all weather cycle path and a new bridge!

These things are mutually exclusive and if that is deliberate you need to point this out to people because otherwise by agreeing to one issue they may be affecting another issue without realising it.

### Development of village greens:

The neighbourhood plan contravenes Defra's guidelines on protecting village greens in several key areas (see <http://archive.defra.gov.uk/rural/documents/protected/common-land/tvgprotect-faq.pdf>). Parking is specifically mentioned as a criminal offence.

### Use of language:

C8 what is the 'village hub'. Is this some planners' term? You need to define this term, which the plan does not do. If you mean the Memorial Hall and shop, say Memorial Hall and shop!

F3 'better management'. you can't say 'better' without explaining your terms of reference. Better on its own means nothing. For one person, a better woodland is one that is left to its own, and is a haven for wildlife. For another person, a better woodland is one that has tarmac paths cut through it, and a climbing frame and public toilet built on it. So, define better!

B1 'to enhance the war memorial' What does 'enhance' mean? It could mean anything. If, for example, you mean stopping cars parking in front of it you need to say so. Again, what one person sees as an enhancement, another sees as a ruination!