

**Safe and Vibrant Community Theme - Gillingham Neighbourhood Plan**  
**Summary of feedback Issues and objectives from parish engagement event held on the 11/12/13**

No:	Issues	Do you agree these are issues for Gillingham? Yes/No/NR					Are there similar issues facing your Parish? Yes/No/ NR			
		Gill	Motcombe	Mere	East Stour	Bourton	Motcombe	Mere	East Stour	Bourton
1	The records show that generally Gillingham crime rates are low, compared to the other two centres in North Dorset for which we have data, based on the rate per 1000 of population. The population generally are happy with policing, but want to see a more visible Police presence. Policing methods need to be better explained to the public.	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a	Yes	yes
2	Anti-social behaviour is perceived as a major problem, especially in certain areas and at certain times of the day. However the Police Recorded Incident Rates do not show this. Better communication is needed between the Police and the Public.	Yes	Yes	yes	n/a		No	n/a	Not really any anti-social behaviour	
3	Police analysis has shown that there is no correlation between crime levels and changes to street lighting, but this will need to be monitored further	yes	NR	Yes	n/a ?	Yes	n/a	n/a	No street lighting really	yes
4	Speed limits and restrictions need to be appropriate for the road and conditions.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	yes	Speed limits ok but not observed	yes
5	Traffic speeds along certain routes in the community are generally too high, and need to be controlled more effectively.	Yes & No responses given.	yes	yes	yes	Yes	yes	yes	As above.	yes
6	Footpaths and Pavements in certain areas are inadequate or non-existent, and there is a lack of safe and co-ordinated crossings and routes. These need improvement, especially for pedestrians, disabled and pushchairs.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	no	Yes	no

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7	Safe and co-ordinated cycle routes and pedestrian routes need to be taken into account in any new developments and in road studies and actions on existing routes.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	yes	Yes	n/a
8	New housing developments must take into account access for emergency services, and other service vehicles.	Yes and No Responses given.	Yes	Yes	Yes		n/a	yes	n/a	yes
9	Access to existing housing developments should be improved to enable clear routes for emergency service vehicles.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
10	Emergency service capability must be expanded such that it is suitable and appropriate to cope with the proposed Southern Extension.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	n/a	n/a	n/a

**Are there any key issues for Gillingham that have not been listed above? Please list here.**

Gillingham - Dog poo bins, Bins and Street Furniture are other issues for the Town. Suggest a cross table i.e. what objectives meet the issues. Some rewording needed. Eg: Issues no: 4 and 8 not worded at issues.

Motcombe : none listed

Mere:

Conserve, improve and promote the existing network of public rights of way (footpaths and bridleways) on the Definitive Map especially those which continue over the county boundary into Wiltshire (where Mere Footpath Group is improving the network). Recent improvements at Mapperton Hill, on both sides of the county boundary by Dorset CC and Mere FP Group (supported by Wiltshire Council).

East Stour (part of Stours PC):

New housing should have more garage and parking spaces. Eg: one space per bedroom.

Bourton:

Transport is the main issue for Bourton, particularly as bus services are being cut. Would like to explore community transport options.

Approve of the plans Gillingham e.g.: to become a hub for Transport, police, fire etc. as long as it benefits Bourton.

An issue to consider is the location of any future emergency services hub in reaching outlying parishes. Speeding to be reduced from 40 to 30mph.

Objectives:	
1	Obj. 1. Improve communication between the Police and the public so that the community is aware that Gillingham has a low crime rate.
2	Obj 2 Improve public involvement in effective policing and reporting.
3	Obj 3 Improve policing of speed limits by targeting persistent offenders by Effective use of traffic data, and use of various methods of detection and control.
4	Obj 4 Carry out a review of footpaths and crossings along the Mere Road (B3092) and implement safety measures as required.
5	Obj 5 Carry out a review of footpaths and crossings along the B3081 at Wyke and implement safety measures as required.
6	Obj 6 Construct a footpath along Post Office Road, Milton-on-Stour.
7	Obj 7 Improve the footpath from Brickyard Lane to the Rail Station.
8	Obj 8 Reduce the speed limit along Post Office Road, Milton-on-Stour, to 30mph.
9	Obj 9 Reduce the speed limit along Mapperton Hill to 50mph.
10	Obj 10 Ensure new housing developments provide sufficient parking such that access routes are kept clear for emergency and other service vehicles.
11	Obj 11 Review current developments to ensure main access routes have access for emergency and other service vehicles.
12	Obj 12 Review proposed developments to ensure that routes encourage use by pedestrians and cyclists, and link to current cycle routes and footpaths.
13	Obj 13 Review current cycle routes and roads in and around the Parish such that the current traffic free cycle routes can be extended and other cycle routes improved.
14	Obj 14 Review streets and roads in and around the Parish to improve road sharing between vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians, and implement the findings.
15	Obj.15 Review streets and roads in and around the Parish to improve disabled crossing points to provide better access to the town, business parks, and open spaces.

Q.A	Do the objectives tackle the issues listed for Gillingham?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gillingham – Yes the objectives tackle the issues listed for Gillingham. <u>However there are many more issues that need to be addressed (see GTC Traffic report) eg: New Road and Shaftesbury Road.</u></li> <li>Motcombe - Generally yes.</li> <li>Mere - Obj 12 – Gillingham Town Centre seems relatively cut off from its surrounding residential areas – the centre is not well accessed by foot or bike and the layout encourages car use.</li> <li>East Stour (part of Stours PC):- Obj's 3, 10 &amp; 15 are very important.</li> </ul>

Q.B	Are any of the objectives not adequately developed?
	<p>Gillingham –see GTC Traffic report. Some objectives need to be amalgamated to become broader rather than a specific policy / project scheme.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Obj 4 Carry out a review of footpaths and crossings along the Mere Road + <b>New Road</b> (B3092) and implement safety measures as required.</li> <li>2. Obj 5 Carry out a review of footpaths and crossings along the B3081 at Wyke + <b>Shaftesbury Road</b> and implement safety measures as required.</li> <li>3. Obj 6 Construct a footpath along Post Office Road, Milton-on-Stour + <b>Shaftesbury Road (Lodden to Kings Court) + Wyke Road (North Side)</b></li> <li>4. Obj 7 Improve the footpath from Brickyard Lane to the Rail Station (<b>for info: This is not a definitive footpath or legal right of way</b>). (Policy 8)</li> <li>5. Obj 10 Ensure new housing developments provide sufficient parking such that access routes are kept clear for emergency and other service vehicles + <b>wider roads</b>.</li> <li>6. Obj 11 Review current developments to ensure main access routes have access for emergency and other service vehicles + <b>are clearly signed and houses clearly numbered</b>.</li> <li>7. Obj 9 – how do you improve access to an existing development. Could the objective say improved with <b>Signage</b>?</li> <li>8. There is not an objective for issue 10</li> </ol> <p>Motcombe: while traffic speeds are covered, little attention is put to <u>Traffic Flow</u>. Objectives should be to improve traffic movement. Major problems at Newbury at peak times. The new NP should aim to reduce the congestion by identifying why people travel at particular “peak” times.</p> <p>Mere: Obj 14 – Shaftesbury Road from Mere and link road via Bay to G’Ham are designated cycle routes on Ordinance Survey Maps. They should be speed restricted. At present, the 60mph national limit applies, which is excessive for this lanes. Cycle routes need signage. Sight Lines on bridge at Bay are poor, where a priority system has recently been introduced. Consider replacing the solid bridge parapets with open railings? B3081 Wyke Road/ B3095 le Neubourg Way – need for an adequate pedestrian and Cycle for access across to and from the Square.</p> <p>East Stour (part of Stours PC): No mention of 20mph restrictions eg: High Street. Some residential areas but not practical in busy through road such as Wyke Road.</p>

Q.C	Are there any objectives which could be further developed as common objectives for cross-parish / cross-border collaboration?
	<p>Gillingham - speed limits</p> <p>Motcombe:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop station and transport as a <u>Regional Hub</u> with radiating bus routes allowing outlying villages with cross border, to use trains eg: Motcombe, Shaftesbury, Mere.</li> <li>2. Redesign traffic management system to allow an improved traffic flow from Shaftesbury and Motcombe</li> <li>3. Retain 'Free parking' to encourage town use by villages in competition with Shaftesbury</li> <li>4. Potential reduced bus services through Motcombe isolate village from Gillingham</li> <li>5. Develop traffic flow at Turn Pike curves (Motcombe) Shaftesbury Road to save collisions and make road safer.</li> </ol> <p>Mere - Public Rights of Way.</p> <p>East Stour (part of Stours PC): - Would like to be able to take advantage of some objectives eg: Footpath / Cycleways, better deterrents to speeding for Easts Stour and B3092.</p> <p>Bourton – Community transport</p>
Q.D	Any other issues or comments you wish to make?
	<p>Gillingham GTC - A very interesting and well written report, but too much emphasis on Milton-on – Stour. How will emergency services expand? Do we need a larger Fire Station, will they need to relocate? No mention of FROGS (First Responders or DEFIBS). AOB – you may find the following information useful regarding accident statistics <a href="http://www.dorsetexplorer/accidents">www.dorsetexplorer/accidents</a> Or google Dorset Explorer Standard edition accidents. The meeting hosted by the Police Crime Commissioner has addressed other issues and developments (see PCC minutes).</p> <p>Motcombe:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Get a few old Fire Engines to drive through badly parked cars to ensure full access to all residential areas at all times and make full use of the press to communicate the problem (obj 11).</li> <li>2. See Valley News and the section on Police Authority</li> <li>3. Motcombe - Gillingham Cycleway should be developed pro-actively and land owners objectives (new) should be overcome.</li> </ol> <p>Mere: - Obj.9. – The 40mph speed restriction, coming from Gillingham needs to be extended beyond the sharp bends to the north of Milton-on-Stour Church. It makes no sense, in terms of highway safety. to have the present de-restriction (national speed limit applies) on sharp double bend.</p> <p>East Stour (part of Stours PC): - Amazed that planners at NDDC have not insisted on better access on road layout on recent / current housing developments – surely a key purpose of their role.</p>