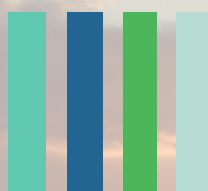


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Ilchester Community Consultation Whole Parish Survey



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Background

Ilchester parish has just under 1,000 households. It is five miles between Somerton and Yeovil and has a busy B-road intersecting the village which is used as a short cut to both the A37 to Yeovil and to the main A303 trunk road heading west. A recent traffic survey conducted by Parish Council showed that around 5,000 vehicles, including HGVs, use this route daily. The RNAS Yeovilton airbase is also situated near the parish boundary, and the parish is a natural destination for some of the forces families to settle while posted at the base.

The river Yeo divides the village into two distinct areas with older housing at one end and newer housing at the other. There is also a popular primary school in this newer part of the village with around 265 children. In the last few years Ilchester parish has seen a new housing development in the newer part of the village. The property developer has now proposed building an additional 200 houses in this part of the village – adding a further 20% of housing to the parish total.

With increasing pressure on facilities, infrastructure and traffic in the parish, the Parish Council wanted to hear what directions they should be given from residents in their interactions with County Council, Somerset Highways, Planning & Development, the Environment Agency and other bodies that can positively impact the village and help alleviate further pressure. They commissioned Smart Communities Ltd (SCL), which is part of the Community Council for Somerset group to undertake this survey. The survey had the following Aims:

Aims

- Understand what Parishioners value most about living in Ilchester parish.
- Establish views on the amount of housing in the parish. Explore reasons why some feel there is a need for additional housing and the type of housing they consider is needed. Identify the main concerns around any proposed future housing development in Ilchester.
- Seek views on transport and access issues affecting residents and their suggests and preferences for addressing these.
- Explore a range of other issues relating to facilities and infrastructure what may be needed in the long term to meet the changing needs of the community.

Methodology

996 paper surveys were distributed to all households in the parish. The survey was also available to complete online and was promoted through the parish's main social media channels, through the primary school and at a face-to-face community consultation event. 192 surveys were returned by mail in the prepaid envelopes provided, and 136 survey completed online. See Appendix 1 - Questionnaire.

In total 328 valid responses were received giving a 33% response rate.

Research was conducted between 3 February to 3 March 2023. The original closing date of 24 February was extended by one week to allow for a further marketing push for the survey.

Presentation of data

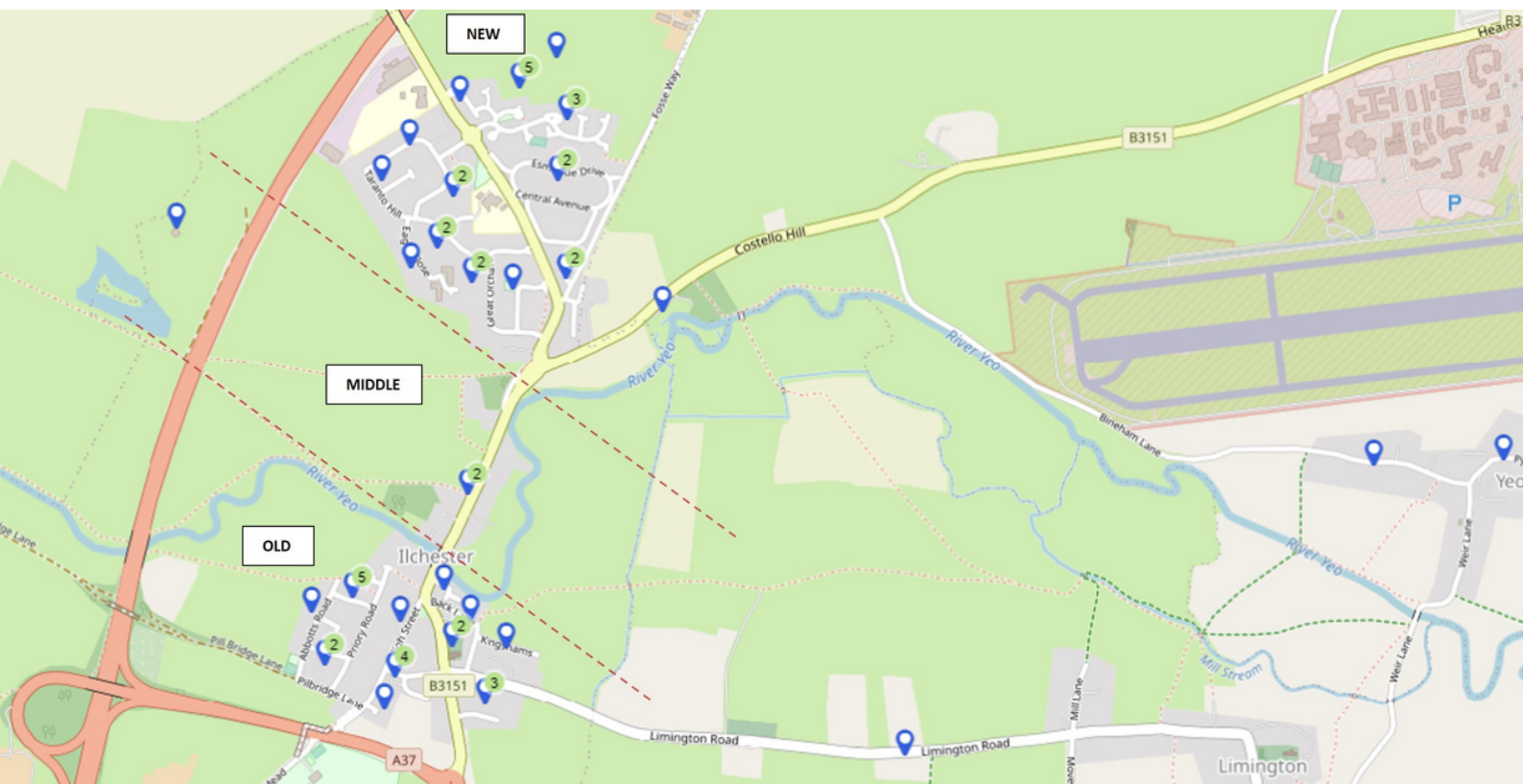
The sample size is relatively small, therefore undue emphasis should not be placed on specific percentages. Where several respondents with a particular view, or response to a question is very low, the report will normally include a 'base' (identify the actual number of responses/opinions involved). Where figures do not total 100% this may be due to computer rounding or the exclusion of 'don't knows'.



Summary

Survey Respondents

- 996 paper surveys were distributed, and 328 participated in the survey, giving a 33% response rate representing around one in every three households in the parish.
- The large majority are working age: 45-64 years are the largest group (120 respondents), followed by 25-44 years (98 respondents). 8 young people took part (aged 18-24). Those who are of retirement age comprise: 65-74 years (54 respondents), 75+ years (45 respondents).
- Responses were received from 51 out of 64 parish postcodes (the large majority provided postcodes). To help understand if there are differences in the needs of residents, in consultation with the Parish Council, postcode respondents are split into three areas shown on the map below: **Old Ilchester** (155 respondents), **Middle Ilchester** (17 respondents) and **New Ilchester** (128 respondents).



Living in the Parish

- For the majority **living in a rural area** is what they like the most about living in Ilchester parish. They also appreciate the easy access to the countryside and feeling part of a rural community. The parish's local facilities and local businesses are also positive aspects of parish life for many.

Local Housing

- All respondents have views on housing, and the outstanding majority feel the **amount of housing currently in Ilchester parish is sufficient** (77% - 254 respondents 'about right' and answering 'too many already'). Comparing these views across postcodes, it appears that the views are similar across all areas of the parish.
- The remaining 74 respondents (23%) feel the parish needs more housing (most considering a few more homes are needed). They see new housing **bringing more community facilities and protecting services** such as school. A large number are renting and want to buy 2-bed or 3-4 bed homes (30 respondents). Overall the respondents who support more housing feel Ilchester parish needs more **affordable housing** for local people who cannot afford to buy or rent on the open market, **low cost/starter homes for purchase** and **medium-sized 3 bed homes**.
- The top three concerns around new housing development are **traffic congestion, pressure on health services** and the **effect on parking**. However, other effects closely aligned are the loss of green space/rural space, pressure on school places and road and pedestrian safety.

Transport and Accessibility

- The main current traffic issues affecting residents are **speed** and **volume of traffic** and **parking availability** alongside pedestrian safety – mirroring concerns raised about future housing development. Most suggest introducing **lower speed limits** e.g. 20 mph, **electronic speed indicator signs, physical traffic calming** such as road humps and **more public parking spaces**. Improvements to public transport and better provision for bicycles e.g. cycle routes/racks should also be considered among the top suggestions.

Other suggestions not listed as answer options include speed cameras, average speed checks and community speed guns. Resident parking permits, driveway parking and public parking spaces for non-residents, increasing parking areas in Square Car Park and charging non-residents to park. Restricting access for HGVs, a roundabout on the High Street junction and upgrading existing pedestrian crossings.

- Numerous suggestions for **locations and further comments on transport and accessibility** are made. Traffic speed, particularly on the main road through the village, appears frequently – with reduced speed limits and enforcement raised. Issues around school appear to be speed, parking, visibility and the loss of the lollipop person. Pedestrian safety and upgrading to Pelican crossing/traffic lights or fully raised crossings e.g. road humps – specifically on Church Street and near school are suggested alongside improved signage for crossings. The Mead appears frequently throughout the survey, particularly for pedestrian access, lighting and junction visibility.
- Road humps are suggested by a few and the B3151 from the bridge and the Northover roundabout is proposed. Others favour pinch points and single lane priority traffic measures. Cycle routes between Yeovilton camp and Ilchester, to the shops in Ilchester as well as to Yeovil along the A37 would be welcomed.

Facilities and Infrastructure

- The outstanding majority feel **Ilchester needs a new doctor's surgery**. A sizeable number comment on the current services provided by the existing surgery, most wanting a return of doctors on site. This would provide increased access to medical care particularly for those who have no access to transport.
- The largest number **do not feel that the Rights of Way, footpaths, cycle paths, stiles and gates in Ilchester parish are well maintained** (146 respondents). Those who consider these are well maintained are closely aligned to those who do not know (89 vs. 90 respondents). General comments around overgrown and inaccessible footpaths and Rights of Way are raised further in comments, and The Monarch's Way is mentioned a number of times.
- Many feel the **existing roadside recycling/refuse collection is adequate for their needs** although some would like a place to recycle soft plastics. A large number would like **more or larger dog waste bins**, and around one in four residents would consider a **community compost scheme**. Comments include a need for more general waste bins in the village.
- The majority feel their **Broadband connection** is adequate for their needs. However, a sizeable number experience problems with signal strength, speed, reliability and access to Fibre.

Feedback



Two in five residents added feedback for the Parish Council to consider. Many reinforced their choices and comments made previously around local housing, transport and accessibility and facilities and infrastructure.

Additional themes to emerge are youth provision, addressing anti-social behaviour, business space and employment and engagement via the Parish Council across all parts of the community to increase cohesion.



Findings

Demographics

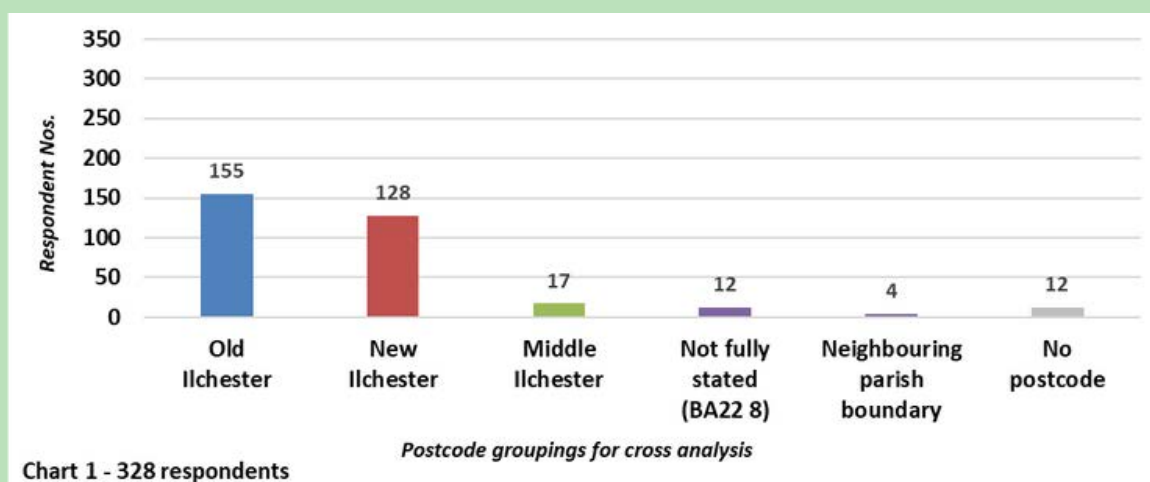
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Map 1 - Respondent Postcodes

people responded to the survey.



304 respondents supplied full postcodes. A further 12 provided partial postcodes and the remaining 12 respondents did not answer this question. In Ilchester parish responses were received from a total of 51 out of 64 postcodes. Four respondents lived close to Ilchester near the parish boundaries – Map 1.



To help understand if there are differences in the needs of residents, in consultation with the Parish Council, valid postcodes provided by respondents have been split into three areas shown on Map 1 above: **Old Ilchester**, **Middle Ilchester** and **New Ilchester**. Chart 1 shows the distribution between these areas and other respondents to the survey.

How old are you?

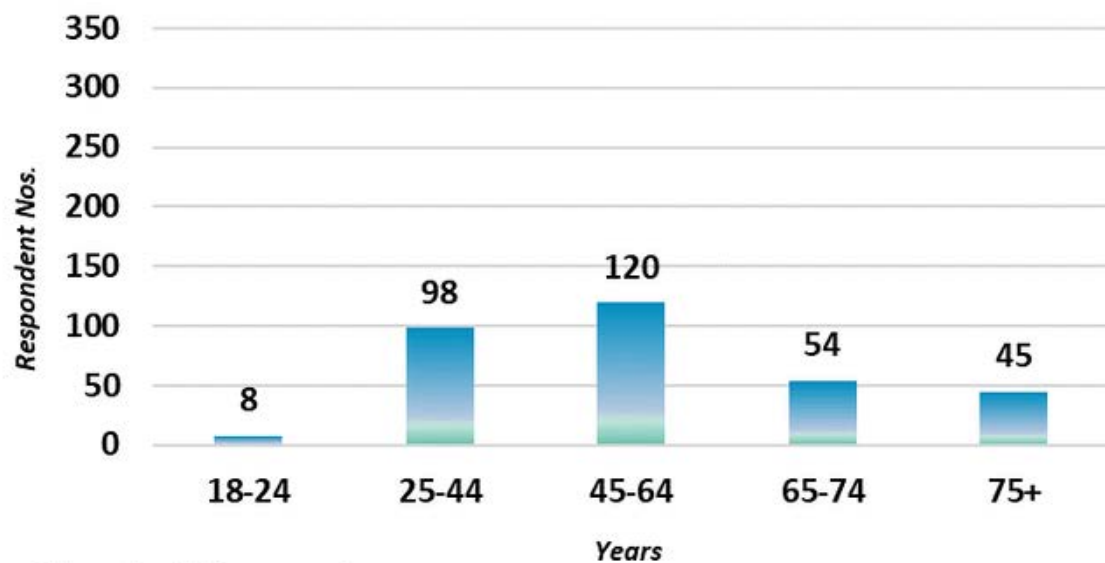


Chart 2 - 325 respondents
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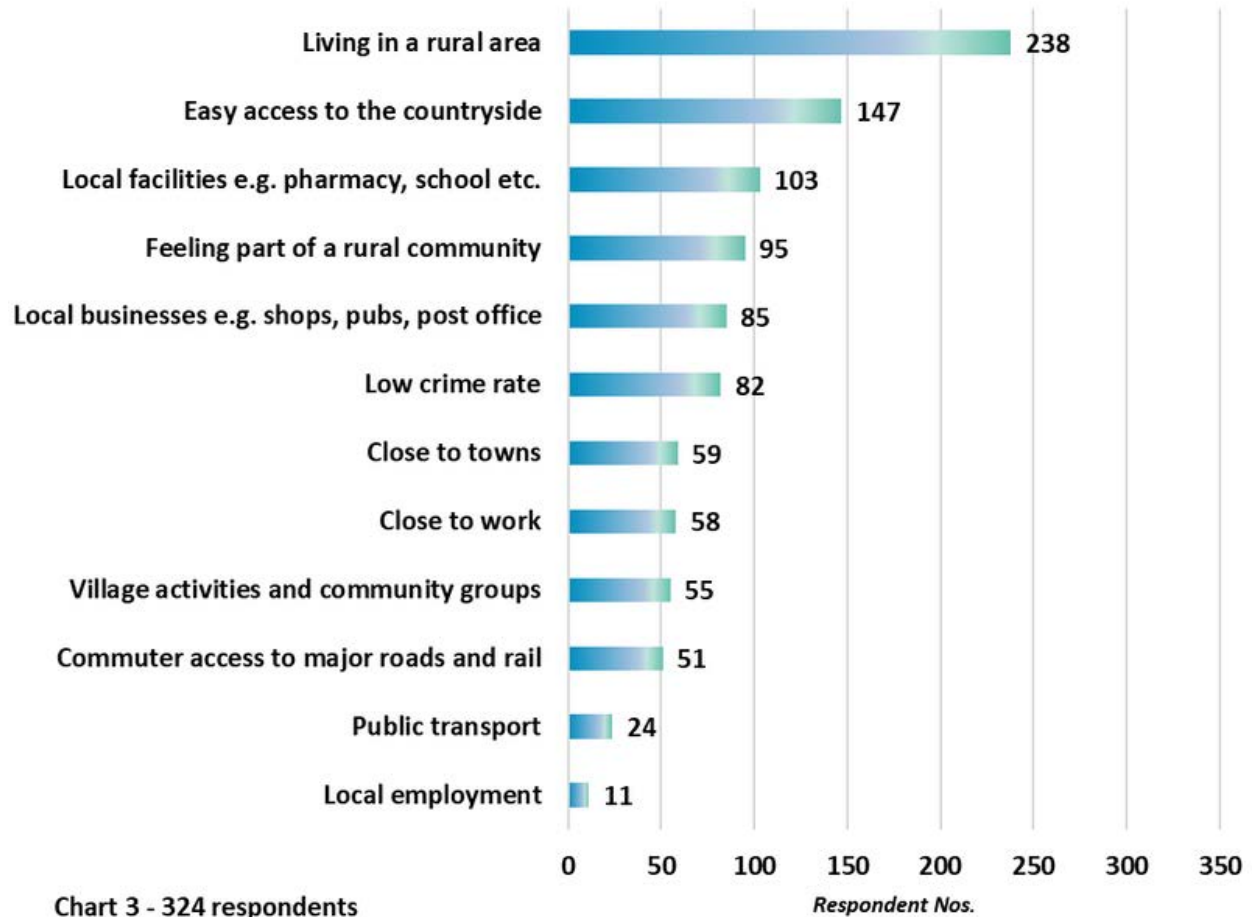
The majority of respondents are working age: 45-64 year olds being the largest group of respondents (37% - 120 respondents), fairly closely aligned with 25-44 year olds (30% - 98 respondents) while eight younger people took part (aged 18-24 - 2%).

Those who are retirement age comprise: 65-74 year olds (17% - 54 respondents), 75+ years (14% - 45 respondents)- Chart 2.



Living in the parish

1. What do you like most about living in Ilchester Parish? (choose your top three)



Nearly all respondents answered the question.

When asked what they most like about Ilchester, the large majority of respondents like **living in a rural area** parish (238 respondents). They also appreciate the **easy access to the countryside** (147 respondents) and feeling part of a **rural community** (95 respondents) – Chart 3.

The parish's **local facilities** (103 respondents) and **local businesses** (85 respondents) are also positive aspects of parish life for many.

The low crime rate, proximity to towns and work, village activities and community groups, access to major roads and rail, public transport and local employment appear less frequently in respondents' top three choices.

Other singular aspects mentioned which were not listed in the question choices include church and specifically access to RNAS Yeovilton. Appendix 2 lists additional comments.

Local Housing

2. What do you think about the amount of housing currently available in Ilchester parish?

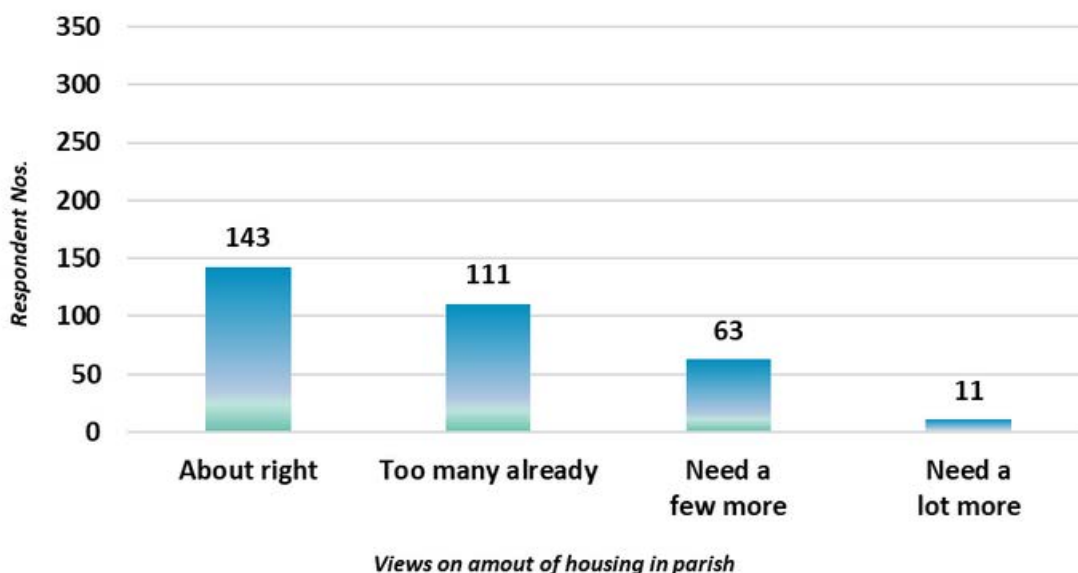


Chart 4a - 328 respondents

All respondents answered this question, and **the outstanding majority feel the amount of housing currently in Ilchester parish is sufficient** (77% - 254 respondents 'about right' and answering 'too many already') - Chart 4a.

The remaining respondents feel the parish needs more housing (23% - 74 respondents answering 'need and few more' and 'need a lot more').

Comparison of views by respondent postcode

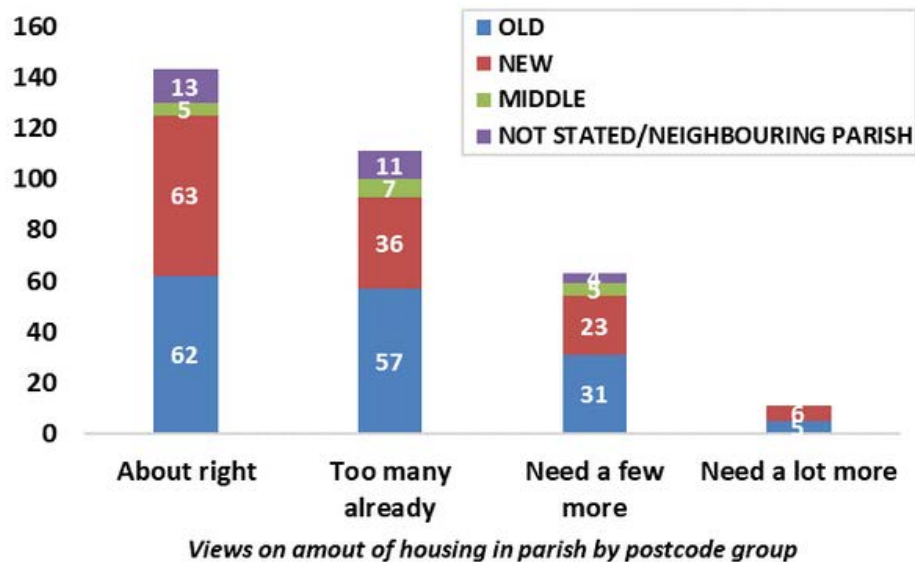
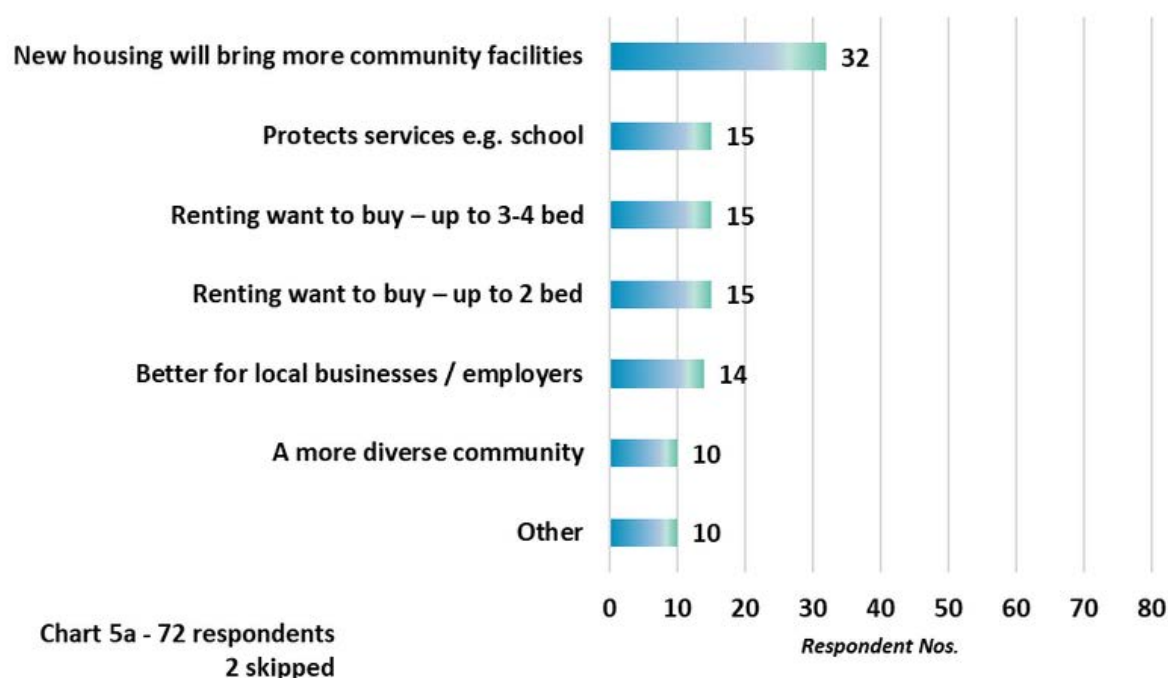


Chart 4b - 328 respondents

Chart 4b above shows the breakdown of respondents in each postcode area by views on the amount of housing in Ilchester Parish. In most cases the views across each area align fairly closely with the overall results shown in Chart 4a, with the exception of a small number of those living in the 'middle' postcodes of the village who feel the Parish needs a few more houses.

3. If you support more housing in the Parish, what are your main reasons?



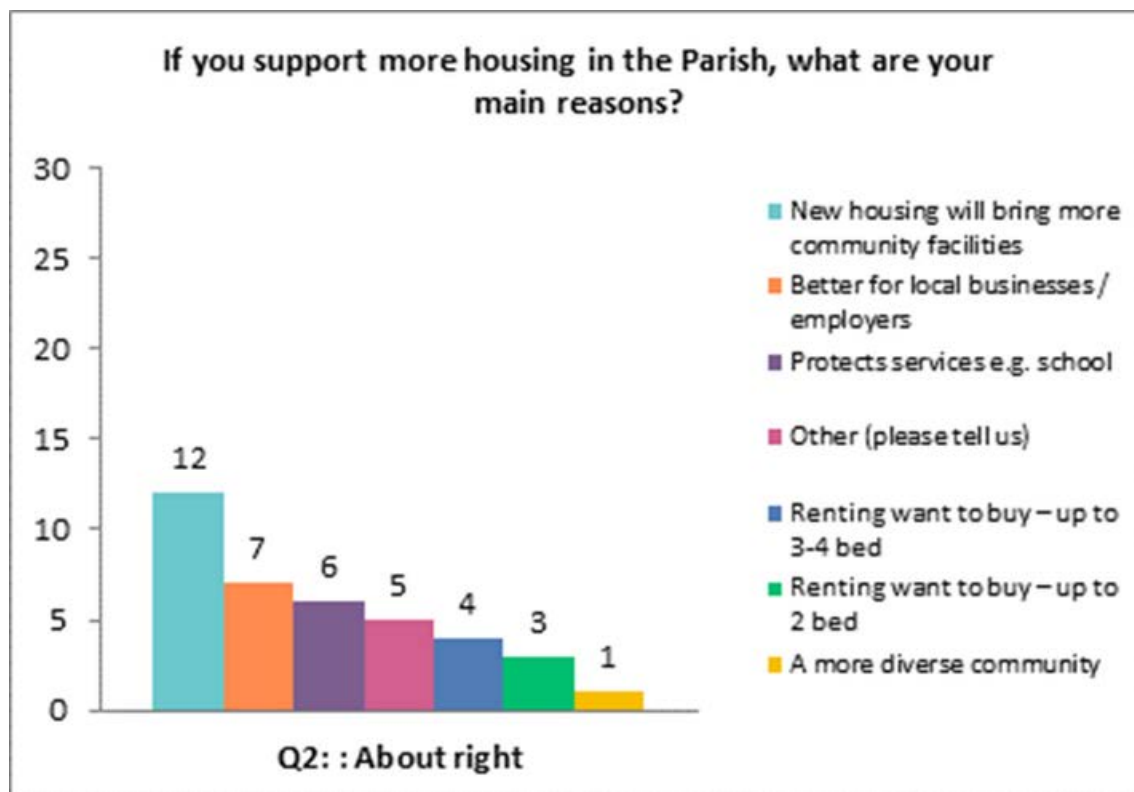
In the previous question (Chart 4a), **74 respondents** (22% of all respondents) feel Ilchester parish needs more housing. The outstanding majority of them see a need for a **few more houses** (19%) as opposed to a lot more houses (3%). The majority of these respondents answered this question.

The majority see new housing **bringing more community facilities** (32 respondents), while others also see this as **protecting services** such as school (15 respondents) – Chart 5a.

A large number are renting and want to buy (30 respondents). There is an equal split between those looking to buy smaller homes (2 bed) and larger homes (3-4 bed).

When commenting on other reasons, many raise the need for an increase in rented homes in the parish, and more affordable housing, particularly for younger residents and one commenting on the need for this to keep the community alive. Others have family in the area of see new housing as an opportunity for families to support their parents. All comments can be found in Appendix 2.

Chart 5b – 29 respondents answering ‘About right’ in Q2

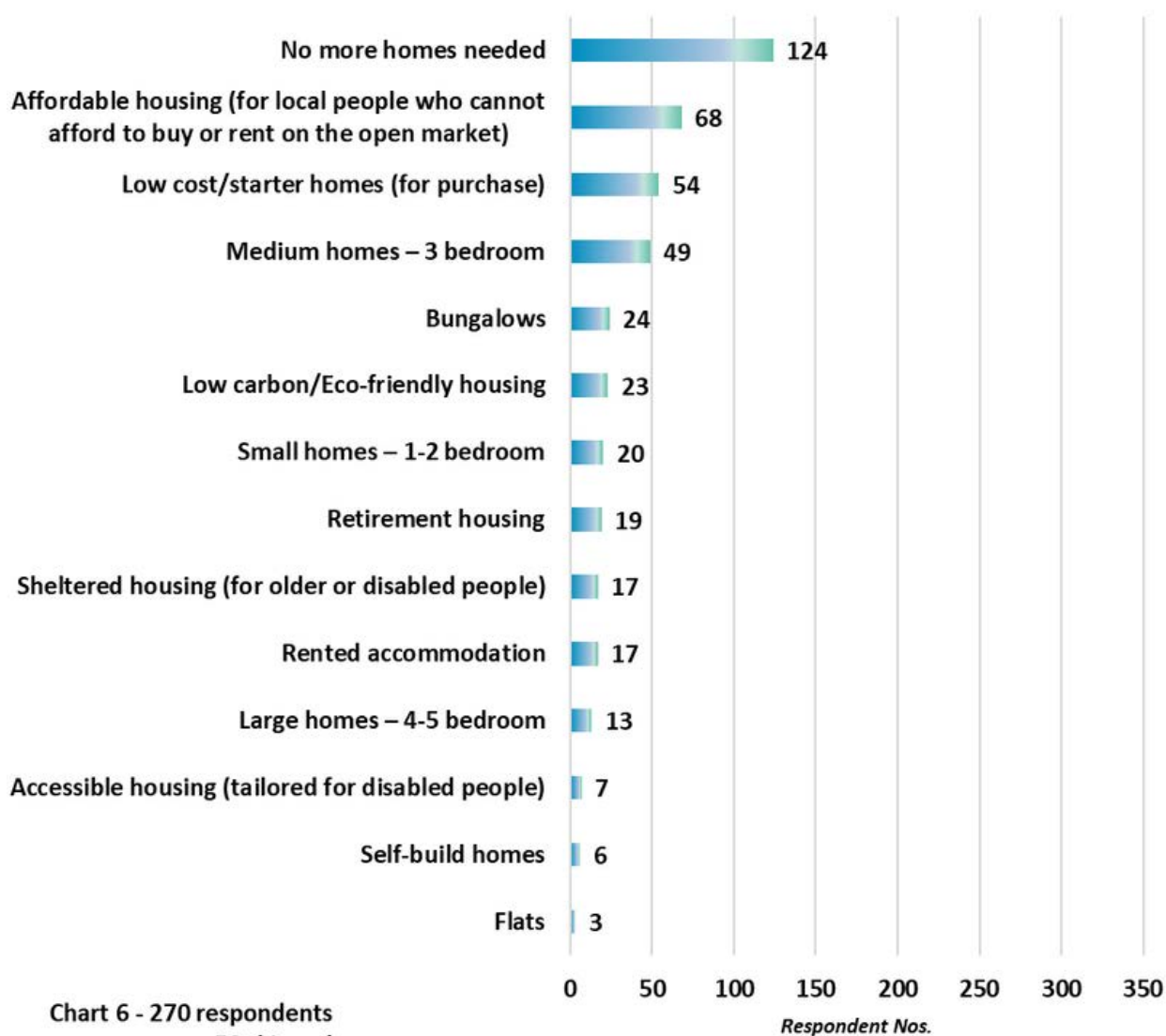


Additionally, 29 respondents who feel housing in the parish is ‘about right’ gave reasons for supporting more housing in the Parish Chart 5b. Similar to Chart 5a most share the view that new housing will bring more community facilities. They also feel it would be good for local businesses and employers and protect existing services such as schools.

Seven are renting wanting to buy in the parish (4 x larger 3-4 bed homes and 3 x smaller 2 bed homes).

Five comment on the changes that new housing would bring – covered later in Question 5. All comments can be found in Appendix 2.

4. Which types of housing, if any, does the parish need the most? (*choose no more than two*)

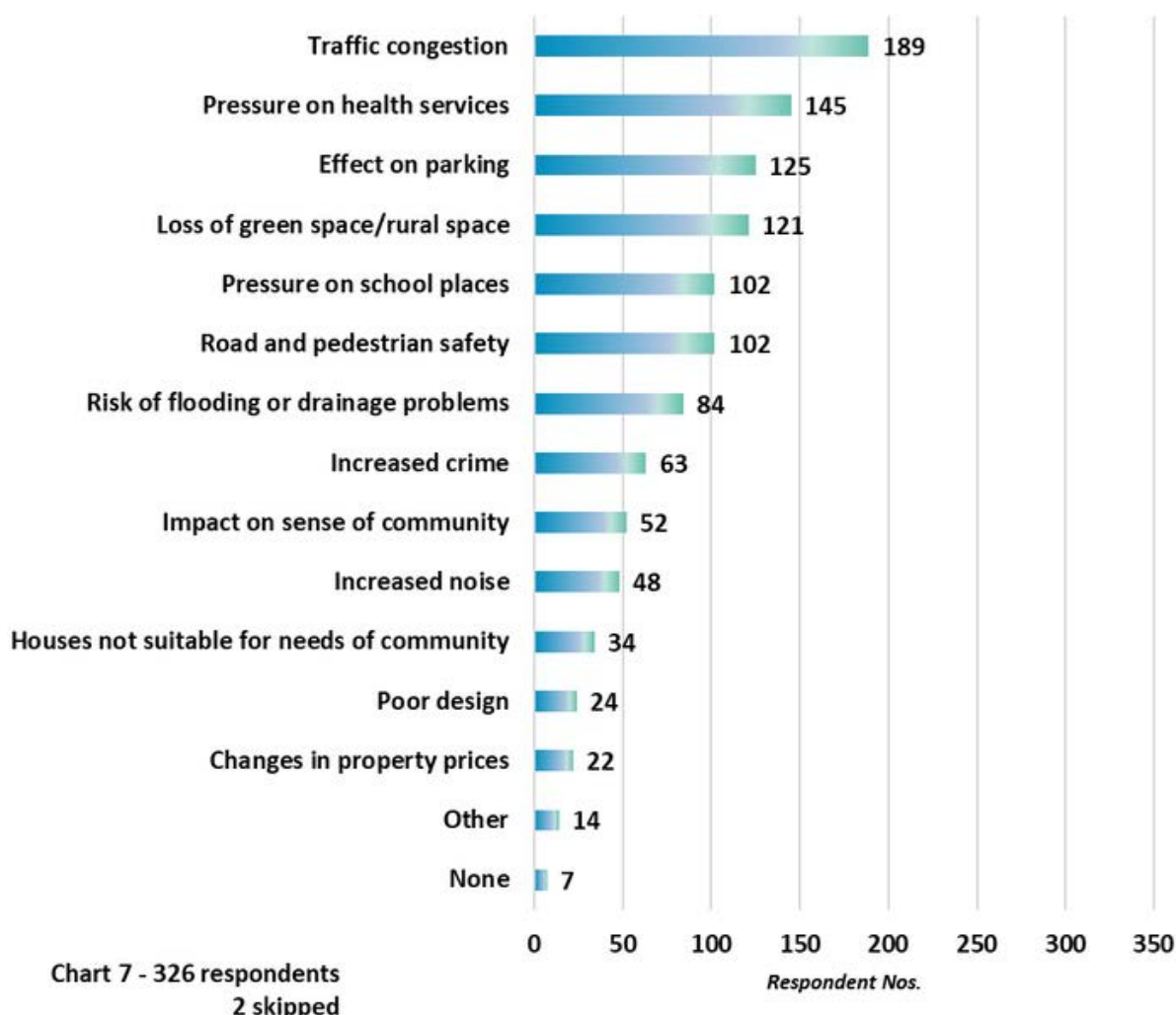


A large number of respondents answered this question, and the majority reinforced their view that no more homes are needed in the parish (124 respondents).

The main types of housing the remaining respondents feel that the parish needs most are **affordable housing** for local people who cannot afford to buy or rent on the open market (68 respondents), **low cost/starter homes for purchase** (54 respondents) and **medium 3 bed homes** (49 respondents) – Chart 6.

The housing that was considered to be needed the least are large homes (4-5 bed), accessible housing (tailored for disabled people), self-build homes and flats).

5. What concerns, if any, do you have about any future housing development in Ilchester Parish? (*choose your top three*)



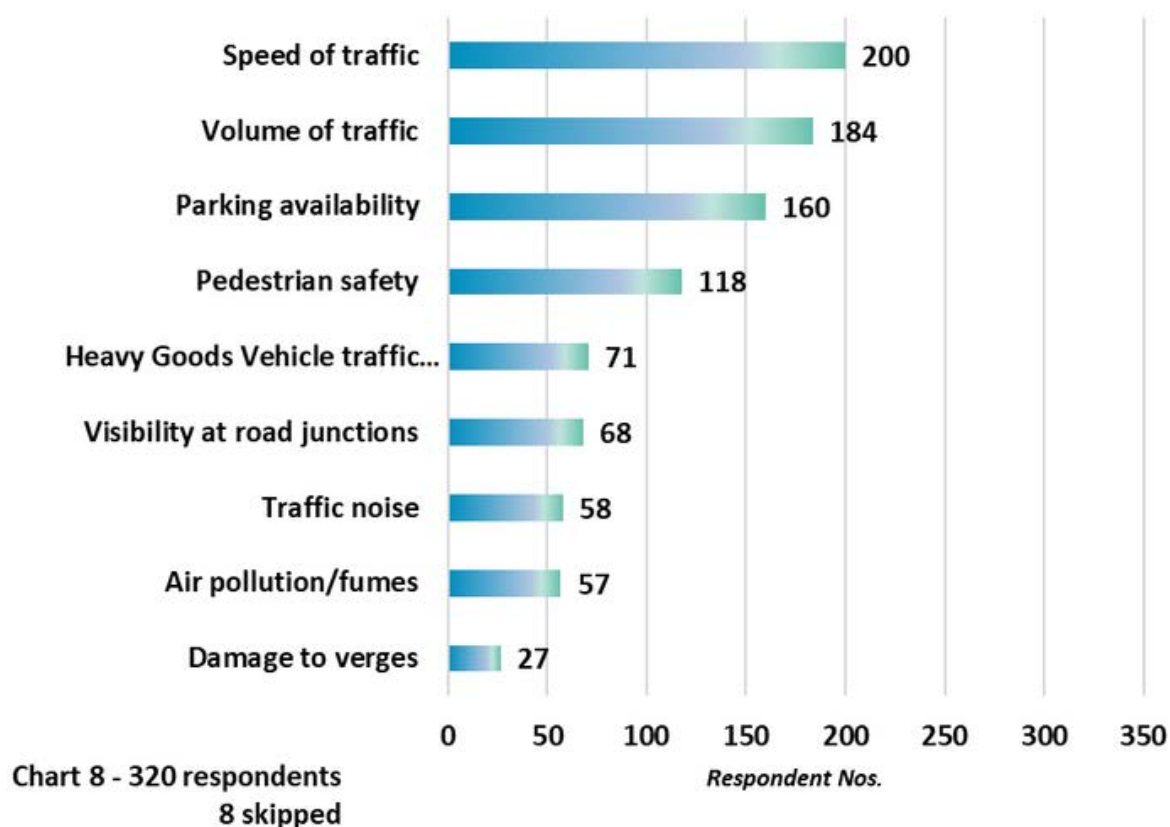
Nearly all respondents answered the question. The top three concerns around any new development taking place in the parish are **traffic congestion** (189 respondents), **pressure on health services** (145 respondents) and the **effect on parking** (125 respondents – Chart 7).

Other effects closely aligned are loss of green space/rural space (121 respondents), pressure on school places and road and pedestrian safety (102 respondents in each case).

Other comments generally support choices respondents made in the question above – see Appendix 2.

Transport and Accessibility

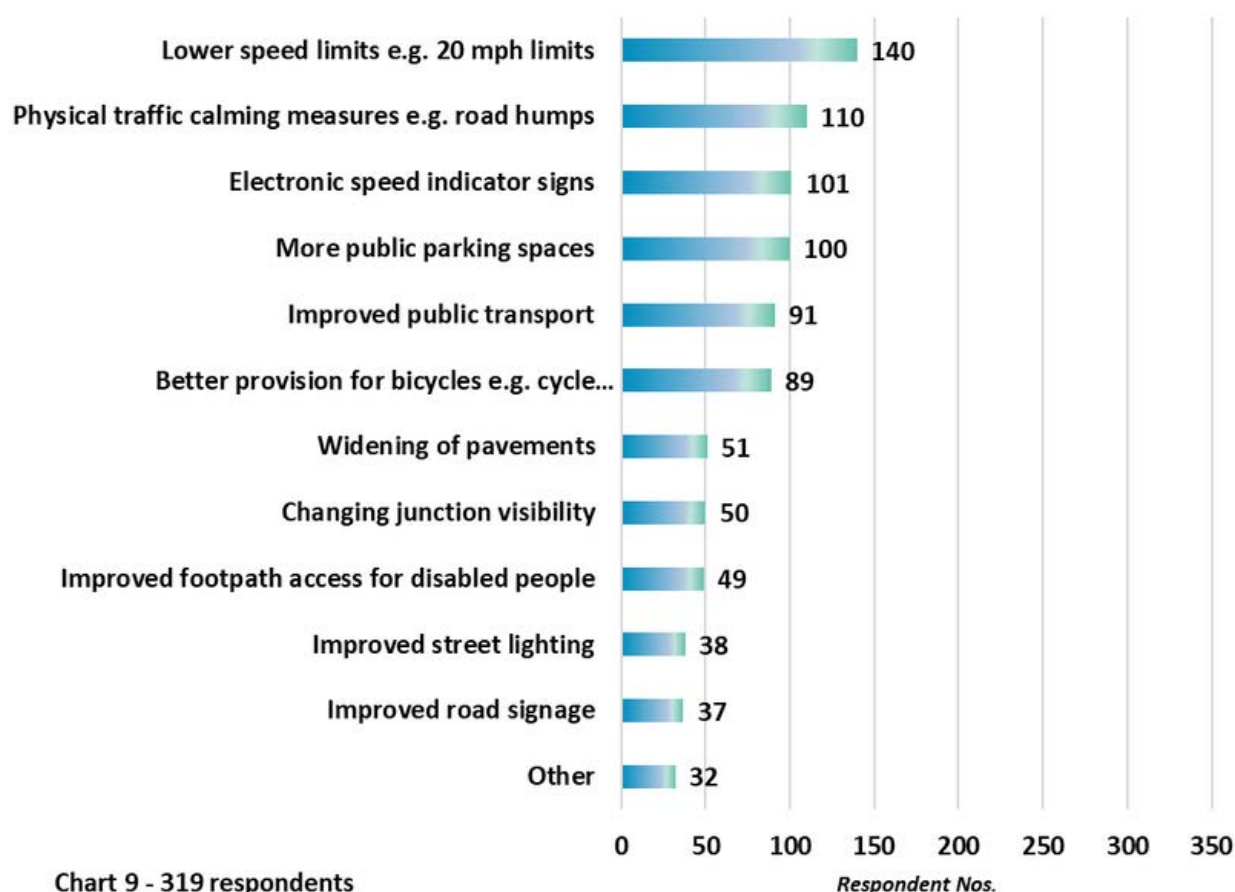
6. What are the main traffic issues in the parish currently which affect you?
(choose your top three)



Most respondents have a view on traffic issues in the parish, the top three issues being **speed of traffic** (200 respondents), **volume of traffic** (184 respondents) and **parking availability** (160 respondents) – Chart 8.

Pedestrian safety is also raised by a sizeable proportion (118 respondents).

7. What do you think are the best ways to reduce traffic problems? (choose your top three)



Again, most respondents shared suggestions for the **best ways to reduce traffic problems in Ilchester** parish. The top three suggestions are to **introduce lower speed limits** e.g. 20 mph (140 respondents), **install electronic speed indicator signs** (110 respondents) and **physical traffic calming measures** e.g. road humps (101 respondents). Very closely aligned to this last suggestion is the provision of **more public parking spaces** (100 respondents) – Chart 9.

Suggestions in **other comments** include speed cameras, average speed checks and community speed guns. Resident parking permits, more driveway parking, more public parking spaces for non-residents, increasing parking areas in Square Car Park, charging non-residents to park. Restricting access for HGVs. Introduction of a roundabout on High Street junction. Upgrade existing pedestrian crossings to Pelican crossings. Repeater signs as opposed to road humps, chicane system with priority signs. Cycle routes that connect to Yeovil, Long Sutton.

Numerous suggestions for **locations and comments on transport and accessibility** are included in Appendix 2. These are grouped around themes. Some respondents comment on multiple issues and make more than one suggestion – their comments have been grouped according to the first aspect that they have raised. Many comment on traffic speed, particularly on the main road through the village, some suggesting a 20mph limit although a few comment on the need for enforcement to make this and other options effective. Issues around school appear to be speed, parking, visibility and the loss of the lollipop person. A roundabout at the High Street junction is suggested by some. Pedestrian safety and upgrading to Pelican crossing/traffic lights or fully raised crossings e.g. road humps – specifically on Church Street and near school are suggested alongside improved signage for crossings. Road humps are suggested by a few, particularly for the B3151 from the bridge and the Northover roundabout. Others favour pinch points and single lane priority traffic measures (one suggesting the B3151 River Yeo bridge).

The Mead is raised particularly for pedestrian access, lighting and junction visibility. Cycle routes between Yeovilton camp and Ilchester, to the shops in Ilchester as well as to Yeovil along the A37 are raised. See Appendix 2.

Facilities and Infrastructure

8. Does Ilchester need a new doctor's surgery?

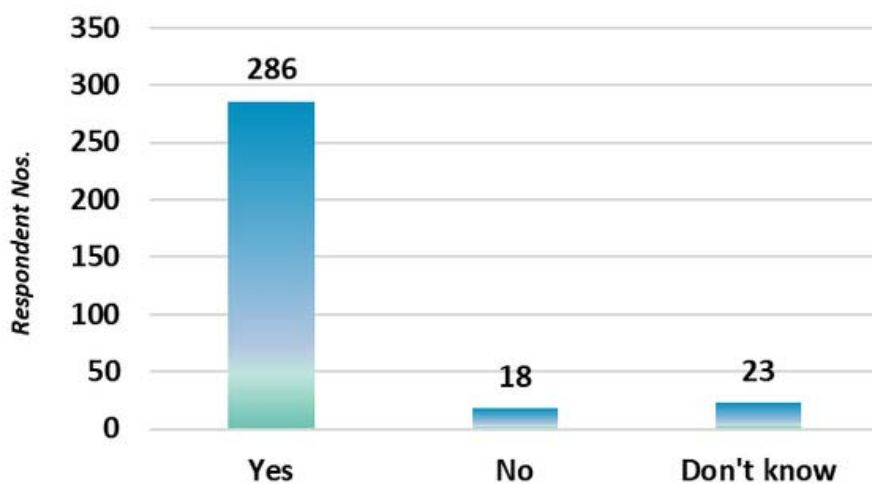


Chart 10 - 327 respondents
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Nearly all respondents answered the question. The outstanding majority feel **Ilchester needs a new doctor's surgery** (286 respondents) – Chart 10.

A sizeable number of respondents comment on the current services, or perceived lack of services, provided by the existing surgery. Most want a return of doctors on site. This would provide increased access to medical care particularly for those who have no access to transport. See Appendix 2 for comments.

9. Are Rights of Way, footpaths, cycle paths, stiles and gates well maintained?

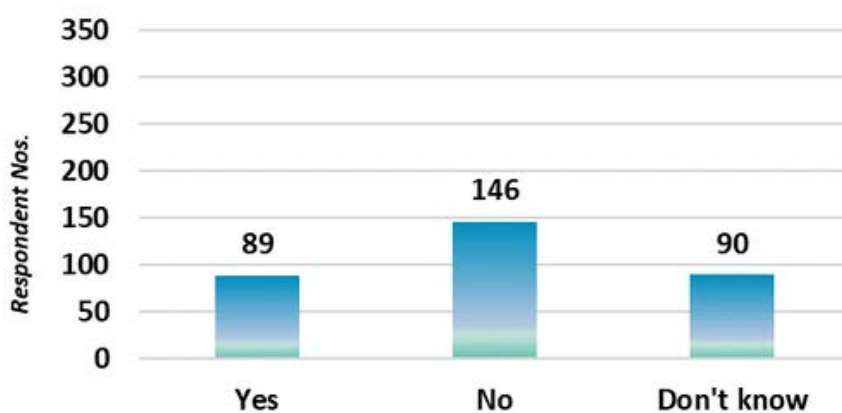


Chart 11 - 325 respondents
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Again, nearly all respondents answered the question. The largest proportion **do not feel that the Rights of Way, footpaths, cycle paths, stiles and gates in Ilchester parish are well maintained** (146 respondents). Those who feel these are well maintained (89 respondents) are closely aligned to those who do not know (90 respondents) – Chart 11.

Respondents comment generally around overgrown and inaccessible footpaths and Rights of Way. The Monarch's Way appears several times in comments.

10. What recycling and refuse options would you like in the Parish in addition to existing household roadside collection?

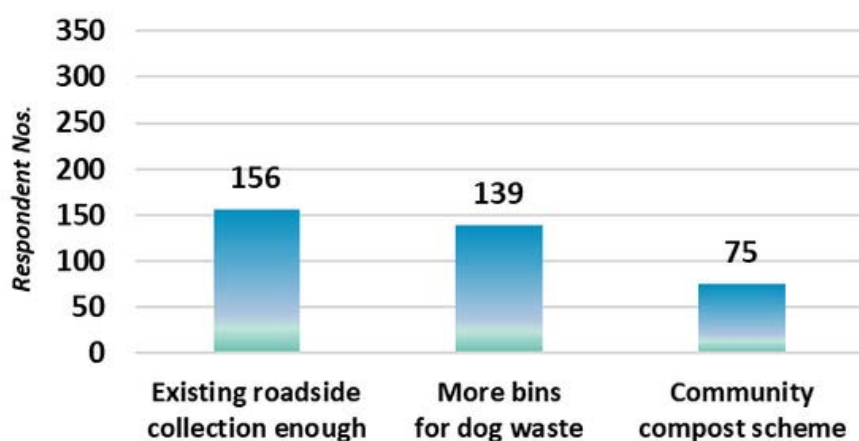


Chart 12 - 318 respondents
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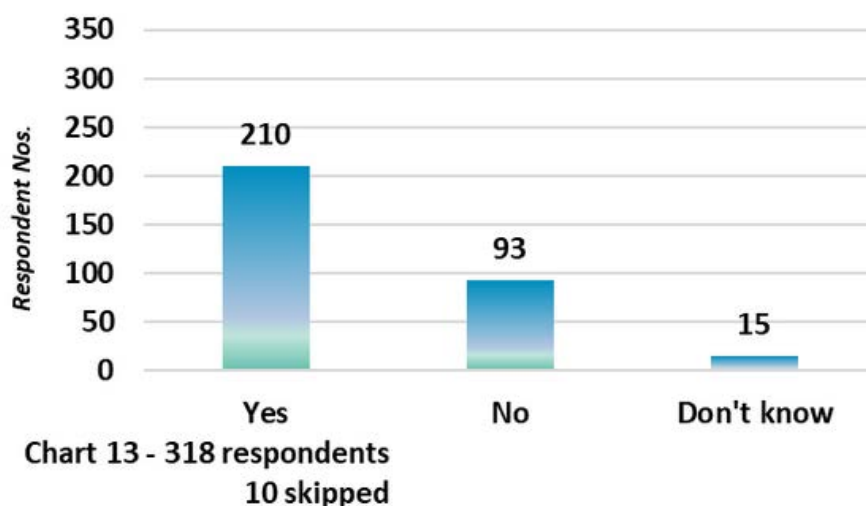
Most respondents answered this question, and the largest number consider the **existing roadside recycling/refuse collection is adequate for their needs** (156 respondents) – Chart 12.

However, a similarly sizeable number would like to see **more bins for dog waste** (139).

A **community compost scheme** would also be considered, although fewer respondents would like this (75 respondents).

Some comment on the size of existing dog waste bins and the need for more general waste bins in the village. Some would like a place to recycling soft plastics. One suggested a community compost scheme could be in the main car park. See Appendix 2 for all comments.

11. Is your broadband connection adequate for your needs?



For those answering the question, the majority feel their **Broadband connection** is adequate for their needs (210 respondents) – Chart 13. However, a sizeable number did not feel this is adequate – signal strength, speed, reliability and access to Fibre are all issues raised in their comments (see Appendix 2).

Additional feedback



132 respondents added feedback for the Parish Council to consider. Many reinforce choices and comments made previously during the survey around local housing, transport and accessibility and facilities and infrastructure.

Additional themes to emerge are youth provision, addressing anti-social behaviour, business space and employment and engagement via the Parish Council across all parts of the community to increase cohesion.

See Appendix 2 for all comments which are grouped around themes. Some respondents comment on multiple issues and make more than one suggestion – their comments have been grouped according to the first aspect that they have raised.

Appendix 1



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Have your say about future developments in Ilchester

**Complete the survey
with your details on the back.**

Closing date: Friday 24th February 2023

Ilchester Parish Council need your views on what you like about living in Ilchester, local housing, facilities, transport and the environment. It's really important that we understand what our community wants and needs in the future so we can respond and share your views to relevant authorities.

Your views are important! Please could you take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire and return it in the prepaid envelope.

Or Surveys can also be completed online at:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IlchesterPC

Or

Scan here



Please complete this survey just one time.

Smart Communities Ltd, part of the Community Council for Somerset (CCS) Group has been commissioned by Ilchester Parish Council to conduct this survey and analyse the data. Your information is important: please see the Privacy Statement on the final page for details.

**Thank you in advance
Ilchester
Parish Council**

Living in the Parish

1. What do you like the most about living in Ilchester Parish? (*choose your top three*)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living in a rural area | <input type="checkbox"/> Public transport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feeling part of a rural community | <input type="checkbox"/> Local employment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easy access to the countryside | <input type="checkbox"/> Low crime rate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local businesses e.g. shops, pubs, post office | <input type="checkbox"/> Close to work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local facilities e.g. pharmacy, school etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Commuter access to major roads and rail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Village activities and community groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Close to towns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please tell us) _____ | |

Local Housing

2. What do you think about the amount of housing currently available in Ilchester parish?

- ☐ Need a lot more ☐ Need a few more ☐ About right ☐ Too many already

3. If you support more housing in the Parish, what are your main reasons?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Renting want to buy – up to 2 bed | <input type="checkbox"/> New housing will bring more community facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renting want to buy – up to 3-4 bed | <input type="checkbox"/> Better for local businesses / employers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A more diverse community | <input type="checkbox"/> Protects services e.g. school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please tell us) _____ | |

4. Which types of housing, if any, does the parish need the most? (*choose no more than two*)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small homes – 1-2 bedroom | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medium homes – 3 bedroom | <input type="checkbox"/> Bungalows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large homes – 4-5 bedroom | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheltered housing (for older or disabled people) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low cost/starter homes (for purchase) | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible housing (tailored for disabled people) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flats | <input type="checkbox"/> Low carbon/Eco-friendly housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rented accommodation | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-build homes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing (for local people who cannot afford to buy or rent on the open market) | <input type="checkbox"/> No more homes needed |

5. What concerns, if any, do you have about any future housing development in Ilchester Parish? (*choose your top three*)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic congestion | <input type="checkbox"/> Changes in property prices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Effect on parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Houses not suitable for needs of community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road and pedestrian safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Impact on sense of community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure on health services | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure on school places | <input type="checkbox"/> Increased crime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of green space/rural space | <input type="checkbox"/> Increased noise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Risk of flooding or drainage problems | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please tell us) _____ | |

Transport and Accessibility

6. What are the main traffic issues in the Parish currently which affect you? (choose your top three)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speed of traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Goods Vehicle traffic /tractors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volume of traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Air pollution/fumes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Damage to verges |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parking availability | <input type="checkbox"/> Visibility at road junctions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian safety | |

7. What do you think are the best ways to reduce traffic problems? (choose your top three)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lower speed limits e.g. 20 mph limits | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved street lighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical traffic calming measures e.g. road humps | <input type="checkbox"/> Widening of pavements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic speed indicator signs | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved footpath access for disabled people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changing junction visibility | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved public transport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved road signage | <input type="checkbox"/> More public parking spaces |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Better provision for bicycles e.g. cycle racks/cycle routes | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please tell us) _____ | |

Please tell us the best location for any of these solutions _____

Facilities and Infrastructure

8. Does Ilchester need a new doctor's surgery?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

9. Are Rights of Way, footpaths, cycle paths, stiles and gates well maintained?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

10. What recycling and refuse options would you like in the Parish in addition to existing household roadside collection?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community compost scheme | <input type="checkbox"/> I think existing roadside collection is sufficient |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More bins for dog waste | |

11. Is your broadband connection adequate for your needs?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

Please tell us if you think improvements are needed and suggested locations where appropriate:

Feedback

12. Are there any other issues you would like to highlight to the Council?

About your household

We would very much appreciate if you could complete the following questions. This information helps us to know if we have gained the views of a cross-section of the population in the Parish.

What is your postcode?

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What is your age?

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Appendix 2

Verbatim & end of survey 'Additional Comments'

Where respondents have commented on multiple issues, comments are generally sorted according to the first aspect commented on

Q1 – Parish Aspects Liked

Church.
Access to work RNAS Yeovilton.
Access road and rail out of here and London ties.
Pharmacy.
No choice, mum and dad were living here!

Q3 – Other reasons – support more housing

Need a few more houses

More rented houses.
No homes available to rent, I'm currently renting a very small 2 bed mid terraced, but need to size up but ideally would like to stay in Ilchester due to [primary school age child] going to school there and family are local etc.
Affordable housing to rent. x 2
Need more affordable housing.
Need affordable housing so that the younger residents who have grown up in the village can afford to stay here.
House for more local children to buy.
To keep the community alive and stop young people drifting away. Need more shops.

Need a lot more houses

Families can help parents.
Have family in the area who want to buy but very little available.

About right

If new developments are planned then the developers should support the community with additional services like new schools or redevelop the current schools in place, additional shops and parking and work with the NHS to support new surgeries. The developers should not be allowed to hand over a cash alternative to the parish councils.
More houses = need a senior school = bigger community = no longer a village :(
More houses would stop the parish having a community feel.
No facilities for the people already here i.e. schools, doctors.
No more housing without improved paths and roadways - but that won't happen.

Too many already

Good, reasonably priced (rental).

Q5 – Other concerns about future development

Facilities/services/infrastructure

Not enough jobs/facilities.
Shops/facilities not enough.
Not enough shops/local services to support.

Sadly not enough facilities for the housing we have.

School is already oversubscribed.

The infrastructure of the parish will not be able to cope with increased demand.

I don't support more housing. The facilities and infrastructure are already above capacity. Already seeing issues with raised crime rates e.g. arson on local playground, drugs found on tennis court.

Increased traffic on Roman Road etc.

Sense of community

I chose to live in the village as I didn't want to be in a town. I wanted a small community in the countryside. Now you're building on our fields and turning our village into a town.

Too many people. The village will lose its appeal as a small community.

Parking

When building new homes, these days people have 2 cars on average so please build 2 car spaces per house. This will stop overparking on streets.

Parking is already an issue, and we were told that we cannot have a driveway.

Lorries (trucks) parking in front of bungalows e.g. Kingshams and Free Street.

Crime

Increased crime - good example - the child that burnt down the pirate ship lives in the new estate.

Don't support more housing

Don't support the need for more housing.

I don't support new houses.

I would not support new housing.

Generally

More dog mess left on the path.

Most of the above are concern for the Ilchester area.

Q7 - Other suggestions to reduce traffic problems

Speed

Average speed check at entry parts of village.

Random speed checks by volunteers with speed guns.

Speed camera - Northover. Traffic light controls at all the crossings so the traffic has to stop.

Speed cameras. All of our zebra crossings are dangerous in the village, lots of near misses. Not safe for children crossing independently when commuting to school/school bus.

Parking

Permit parking (1 per household). Pillbridge, High Street and West Street [traffic calming, footpath improvement].

Resident parking zone, warden control/patrols. More active vehicle enforcement on untaxed vehicles and yellow lines. The garage in High Street, cars, cars and cars. Bottom of West Street - take up grass area in Square Car Park. It's far too small and an odd shape to improve max space.

Residents parking. More public parking spaces for non-residents. High Street residents cannot park and inconsiderate speed.

Allowing house owners to utilise their own properties for parking [driveway]. Fine for damage to verges. Houses on Taranto hill could have the front unused garden areas changed to dedicated parking, we have a lot of issues with school runs blocking cars in or taking up parking bays. Off road parking, but realistically there is no way of reducing traffic through the village. Parking - get people with drives to park on them rather than the streets this reduces spaces & congests areas for those who have no off-road parking. It will also stop ridiculous parking making it dangerous for others & difficult for emergency vehicles. Mark out parking spaces on the residential streets to encourage everyone to park responsibly, you may even find you have additional spaces by reduced gapping. Free car Park - keep it free for residents & customers of businesses in the village & charge the others - this would discourage Berry's customers including those working in London to clog up the car park & the side streets.

Vehicle restrictions

Restrictions on lorries passing through.

Prevent HGVs and mega tractors / trailers coming through. Improved parking unfortunately requires substantial investment to provide the land. Anywhere! As does an alternative route into the digesting plant.

Make Ilchester no through fare. Stop RNAS users.

Specific locations

Close off B3151 at by-pass bridge to stop through traffic.

Roundabout at the High Street junction.

Make junction High St/Main road into a roundabout!

Improve the junction to turn right off High Street Ilchester near the old Post Office, it's a nightmare during working hours!

Traffic calming, priority road on Church Street. [Best location:] Church Street, Northover Road.

Pedestrian crossings

Crossing needed as you come into Ilchester... for buses and school children.

Pelican crossing rather than zebras.

Zebra crossings need upgrading to traffic lights. Traffic doesn't always stop, especially at the one by the garage, there is too much going on there for motorists to spot you waiting. Very dangerous especially as cars often speed between garage and roundabout. Also with increase in traffic due to new housing it would be safer for children. 20mph speed limit would maybe encourage drivers to go around Ilchester and use the A303 if going North/South. Speed bumps need careful thought and advice from emergency services, ambulances should not be slowed.

Traffic calming

In the inevitable rejection of the 20mph and speed bumps, may I suggest small 30mph repeater signs on every lamppost? Driving through our straight road, it is easy to forget there's a speed limit: these little reminders will be effective (more so than the SID) and very cheap. Try it! Also, the town bridge is cracking - more signs in the locality to restrict heavy goods e.g. on the A303 before the RNAS turn off. Rather than speed road humps, a chicane system with priority signs would stop the speeding and overweight HGVs. Church Street should be the location. 200 year old houses being damaged by weight of HGVs routinely through village.

Remove speed bumps which cause damage to vehicles and are poisoning the children playing right next to them and possibly replace with more suitable deterrents. Ban electric scooters. Start educating children (and adults) again so that they are aware of the dangers of using the public highway where there is traffic, and that priority is given not taken. Cycling proficiency courses. Fix the potholes.

Cycle routes

Cycle routes that connect to other places e.g. Yeovil, so you don't have to cycle in fast dangerous traffic or to Long Sutton via Pull Bridge Lane. Road hump on Limington Road (end) which could also be used as part of flood defence on road. The hump would go totally across the road in line with flood defence ridge in fields. No more lights, I like the stars.

Other

Replace the rat route with a direct access road for the A37 that doesn't use the A303.

Acoustic screening for noise reduction on A303.

Don't have housing estates near main road.

Stop building houses where access is via the town.

Less housing.

You don't look after the pavements we already have.

Q7 - Other suggestions locations

Speed, Speed Indicators/Cameras

20mph from A303 roundabout at Church Street all the way to roundabout at bottom of Fosse Way.

[speed, calming, speed indicators]

20mph through the village.

20mph through village.

20mph throughout the village. Public parking - West Street or Northover layby.

20mph throughout the village. Take away grass inner and outer verges on main pavements through village.

Lower speed limits - All residential areas! Better provision for bicycles etc: Cyclists are hugely impaired [might be impacted] for commuting locally. Improved footpath access: This will automatically improve lighting, pavements, speed etc (The sports field and Old Roman Road to Mead).

Maybe a speed camera on the main road through the village by the Garage to get the boy racers that speed through at night!

Main road through Ilchester. [speed, pavements]

Main road through village. [speed, calming, footpaths]

Main road through village and road from Air Station.

Main road through village. [speed indicators, public parking, cycles]

Slow traffic down on A37 through Ilchester, mainly opposite Great Orchard, the speed of some vehicles come through is an accident waiting to happen. [from Q11]

The main road through Ilchester. [calming, signage, lighting]

Anywhere along the main road as most traffic just passes through. [traffic calming]

All though main road in Ilchester. [speed, calming, speed indicators]

Camp end of village - speed camera and push button traffic lights at central village zebra crossing.

20mph speed limit.

Ilchester Bridge - lower speed on main route through village. Divert traffic around village - unfortunately to option to do so. No humps please - they cause more problems and do not calm traffic - more like the opposite.

The main road through Ilchester needs better traffic calming measures and the High Street and the Priory Estate need better parking facilities.

Entry into village on Yeovil Rd/Church Street definitely needs a permanent electric speed indicator could also do with one on Northover too. A 20mph speed limit from Church St to the Texaco garage/Northover- where the pavements are narrow. Vehicles don't always stop at the zebra crossing by the surgery which is a big problem. The lighting could be improved on Northover. The car park is quite often full of customers using Berry's coaches to London

(which I hasten to add is a great service) this creates a problem for local residents who find cars parked for a lengthy times (possibly weeks at a time) outside their property. The houses in Free Street/Almshouse Lane/High Street don't have off street parking so this definitely causes a problem. Local businesses are also affected because people don't stop as they can't find a space. A potential solution could be to create a car park potentially adjacent to the sports field. An entrance could be made off of the main road- Berry's could potentially pick up there and then wouldn't need to come through the village and patrons of the sports field would also benefit from a hard standing parking. Along A37 from Church Street to the roundabout. [speed, calming, speed indicators] Beside the school still has people going ridiculous speeds but speeding occurs throughout the entire parish and even in housing estates. Speed limit from one roundabout to the next also by the school road. Road humps from the roundabout just past Lyster Gardens to the war memorial. Make the free car park at Limington Road a paying car park so the people who drive to it from outside of Ilchester don't fill it up for the berry's coach stop! Church Street Old 303 Road to The Mead used as racetrack. Speed camera by garage. Lowering to 20mph all through the village. Mini roundabout at the junction with the High Street. Speed indicators and pavement widening through the main village. High Street. [speed, parking] High Street. [speed, calming] High St is a rat run (speed) [from Q11] High Street, Church Street, West Street - speed indicators. Church Street - traffic calming. Outside hotel. Northover roundabout to bottom of High Street. [speed, visibility, public parking] Church Street towards Northover. [lower speed, speed indicators] Near to the bridge village side and approx. Northover Hotel. See little point in lowering speed limit unless speeders are caught. Physical traffic calming increasing pollution. Electronic speed indicators are pointless - they get ignored.

High Street Junction

We need a mini roundabout at the top of the High Street on to the main road. Living on the Pilbridge estate our only access out of there is one way only so we should have priority over other traffic travelling through the village. Waiting times to get out of the High Street in the mornings is sometimes awful and this does need addressing.

Due to volumes of traffic coming through the village in the morning, it is very difficult to pull out of the High Street. A mini roundabout would be better suited, keeping the flow of traffic. Perhaps a herringbone-type parking on some parking areas on High Street where the road width allows e.g. outside chemist, creating more spaces while not blocking the road for emergency vehicles.

Visibility - flow of lots of traffic making it tricky to pull out of High Street junction. Traffic lights to control the flow of traffic. People passing through driving fast and locals struggle to join flow of traffic. High Street junction feeding onto main through road. Also vans park in Bull car park near edge and affect visibility to come out of High Street junction safely.

Speed of traffic and poor road surface in High Street/West Street. Poor road surface Almshouse Lane. Top High Street and Limington Road junctions. [calming, visibility, footpath access disabled]

Traffic Calming

Road humps near the petrol station.

The long straight between the bridge and the roundabout that leads to Yeovilton needs road bumps Road humps B3151 and between roundabout at the foot of Taranto Hill and the petrol station.

Current humps are poor and cause damage to cars.

Speedbumps throughout village. [from Q11]

Pinch points. Definitely no more humps.

Traffic calming such as single lanes with priority signage. Stop HGVs driving through village. Church Street and Northover. [speed, calming, public parking]

Over the bridge. Make it a one lane road with a right of way. Lorries would have to go round as well as many cars. This needs to be done soon. People living on these roads have air and noise pollution to deal with as well as their houses shaking and vibrating. It is unacceptable.

Need for traffic lights or road narrowing islands to prevent traffic short-cuts and improve road safety.

Junction leading to RNAS Yeovilton. [calming, lighting]

The Mead. [calming, visibility, pavements]

Taranto Hill. [calming, public parking]

Cut down on the rat race through Ilchester from Somerton way and enforce the A303 be used rather than a cut through Ilchester. Then add huge traffic calming measures.

Pedestrian crossings/safety

By the Italian and Garage - both zebra crossings are dangerous at times - traffic doesn't always stop.

Morning and evening traffic too fast by zebra crossing by old surgery. More visible police at busy hours - 7.30-9am and 4-6.30pm.

Mainly along Church Street, at night time it's often hard to see pedestrians crossing the zebra crossing.

Despite lighting from the Italian restaurant, there could be better lighting/signs around that area.

Pelican lights on Church Street zebra crossing.

My biggest concern on traffic is the use of zebra crossing dropping the kids off to school in the mornings. Despite being dressed appropriately and well-lit cars still fail to stop by the primary school.

All crossings in the village need to be raised full width speed bumps with appropriate markings forcing the traffic to slow. Cycling is my preferred method for transiting from the top of the village to RNAS Yeovilton. With the amount of other cycles using this route, better on road cycle markings would help, especially around the main roundabout. Also the condition of the pavement along this improved, both surfacing works and also clearing the full width of the pavement.

Crossing at tall trees; crossing at Texaco.

Mainly at pedestrian crossings for safety reasons.

Proper crossing road facilities - i.e. Traffic lights. No one stops at the crossing, outside old doctors and the fuel garage!

Signs to give adequate warning for pedestrian crossings. Near misses recorded on Facebook site.

The bear in the road by the monument has very poor visibility. Put a crossing by the church as this is better for the preschool. Put a crossing by Ivel Gardens, there is a drop curb for crossing but it's a very risky corner.

Return our Lollipop person outside the school.

Better lighting and crossing points x 3. Potholes need fixing. [from Q11]

Pedestrian crossing needed by Limington Road car park. Traffic doesn't stop or slow down for people trying to cross Church Street. [from Q11]

More signage or pedestrian lights at the pedestrian crossings to encourage drivers to actually stop to let people cross! [from Q11]

There should be more crossings near the school. More safety measures - Lollipop person patrol. Traffic can be fast even at school times. Can be a worry with small children. [from Q11]

Pavements and Footpaths

It would help the elderly if a path could be made on the main road from The Mead to Ilchester thus avoiding the bridge.

The pavement between The Mead and the footbridge is very overgrown, very narrow and often completely inaccessible so widening of pavement is needed.

The road down the Ilchester Mead. The path is disappearing more and more, year by year. Mums with babies and the elderly have to walk on at times a very busy road. Turning into the A37 from The Mead is often difficult as the foliage is never cut back reducing the view of the oncoming traffic.

Widen pavement Almshouse Lane. Widen pavement across bridge.

From Texaco garage down to the roundabout, there are a lot of undulating bumps and levels. Please add/make the current pavement more level for wheelchairs. Living in Ilchester you must expect a certain amount of HGVs coming off the A303. You can't expect the best of both worlds.

Wider footpaths for disabled, pushchairs and parents walking small children.

Raise all pedestrian ways. Widen pavements and place humps between Northover roundabout and The Monument.

Visibility and Lighting

The Mead junction onto the main road junction onto Church Street. [visibility]

Improved road lighting in The Mead.

Visibility at road junctions - particularly corner parking.

Need white lines on Pillbridge Estate on junction onto Priory Road.

Ilchester/Yeovilton roundabout. [visibility]

A road sign is needed to warn drivers of the junction into Ivel Gardens (in both directions).

In and out of village. [street lighting, signage, speed indicators]

Cycle routes

A proper cycle path from Ilchester to Yeovilton camp would reduce traffic in the morning and increase cyclist safety. Cycle/foot path from Ilchester to Yeovil along the A37 would encourage people to cycle to work as the current road is very dangerous for cyclists.

Safe Cycle path to Yeovilton naval camp, school and along A37 would be fantastic. I would certainly take the kids out more and cycle to school if we could avoid the busy roads.

Given the large number of commuters to the air base from surrounding areas, a dedicated cycle lane from Ilchester to the air base would not only be safer for riders; but will also encourage people to cycle (myself included).

We could do with a cycle path, linking from Ilchester to Yeovil. So it's safer for people to ride to work etc. [from Q11]

HGVs

Consideration should be given to banning HGV from the town - we have a bypass to be used! Need to police and enforce this.

Policing of weight restrictions through the village and inconsiderate parking by schools.

HGVs not tractors.

Parking

Larger car park near village centre. A lot of people who live on the main road park in the current car park. Also have overnight parking for motor homes like they do in France.

People drive across verges to park on their gardens and park on verges - blocking visibility and endangering pedestrians. Lots of children and parents with pushchairs use Great Orchard to reach school. Situation is not policed so no-one seems to consider how they park. Parking area by playground is under-used and treated as a dump for non-running cars.

Idiots that park on pavements outside local businesses and cause chaos on roads or block pavement.

[from Q11]

Public car park is used by residents as permanent parking, so commuters traveling to London park on High St and cause parking nightmares for high St/West St residents. *[from Q11]*

The garage business on the High St monopolises the parking on High Street with 8+ vehicles at a time. *[from Q11]*

The people of high street/west street are denied permission to create private parking on the rear of their property which does not help the parking situation but could be helpful to all - short sighted views from the council/planning etc! This needs challenging as many High St/West residents want to do this and would help resolve some of the parking issues at the bottom of the village. *[from Q11]*

Parking commercial vehicles in residential areas. Parking on corners and double yellows on High Street. *[from Q11]*

White marks to indicate correct parking spacing along West Street/High Street would aid people to park properly with consideration for others. *[from Q11]*

Yellow lines throughout the village to prevent inconsiderate parking and long tail backs. We have two free car parks for people to use. *[from Q11]*

Residents parking High St and more use of public parking for visitors. *[from Q11]*

Families with prams/children/shopping and older people have to park away from their houses. Not good in inclement / dark weather. *[from Q11]*

Generally

Note sure there are any solutions possible.

Everywhere.

Traffic is not a problem for me.

Q11 - Facilities and Infrastructure improvements

Doctors

A doctor's surgery is vital!

Why not just use the surgery that exists already?

I don't actually think Ilchester needs a NEW doctor's surgery - the question is badly worded. I think we need the existing Ilchester doctors surgery to operate as a proper, full service, surgery like it was before it merged with Buttercross. NB we were promised at the time the surgery initially linked to Buttercross that it would bring improved services to the local practice and would not be a merger, which it ended up being, to the detriment of the Ilchester surgery.

Re-open Ilchester surgery. Buttercross is grossly ineffective. Lucky if ever see a GP.

We need a proper Doctor's surgery with proper doctors, not Symphony.

We have a doctor's surgery - just needs to start opening again - pretty poor.

Just re-open the old doctor's surgery.

Doctors needed at the surgery - we don't need a new surgery itself.

It is shameful Ilchester does not have a doctor's surgery. This should be addressed urgently.

Needs a Doctor in current surgery!

The doctor's surgery in Ilchester is all but closed making incredibly difficult for the elderly to get all the way to Somerton.

There's nothing wrong with the old doctor's surgery, open it back up. Get some staff instead of having to go to Buttercross in Somerton. For the size of our village it is chronic!

Surgery - move appointments @ existing surgery.

The surgery needs adequate and competent staffing, rather than being a vacant building.

Ilchester surgery - useless! No doctors. Need to go to Somerton. No buses. Not everybody drives.

There is already a doctor's surgery but it's only open 1 day a week.

We have Doctor's surgery which is only open a couple of days a week - without Doctors.

Dr surgery needs re opening in Ilchester with GPs in the surgery.

We really need a surgery back in Ilminster.

The existing doctor's surgery could be put to greater use for community health - as it used to be.

Doctor's surgery and school needs to grow with village.

Doctor's surgery in the village and an NHS dentist. Cycling paths to the village shops - pavements too narrow to cycle as a family. More pavements along rural roads so we can walk to neighbouring villages without risking life on roads.

Allow us to use the doctor's surgery in the village instead of driving to Somerton. More lighting around Playing Field within Great Orchard. Dog waste bin at end of the Roman Road.

Access to Doctor's surgery is difficult unless you have own transport. Road drains needs to be cleared regularly. Road surface Almshouse Lane and High Street/West Street is dreadful - needs resurfacing.

Cars parking on junctions obscuring visibility.

Doctor needed in village. Shops required for food shopping as public transport bad. The village needs more amenities if new houses are built. Lack of bungalows and houses for elderly.

Doctor's surgery that is open. We need 5G asap. If they add Yeovil they will include us. There are a lot of people that work from home who need much better and reliable connection. We stay home, which means we spend our money in local facilities and shops.

Rights of Way, footpaths, cycle paths, stiles and gates

Pathways uneven. Some hedges overgrown making it very hard when in a wheelchair.

Hedges alongside footpaths all need trimming back more often and more thorough.

Footpaths can become overgrown with hedges and weeds. Perhaps a community event to clean up and maintain? As they have done previously with litter picking.

Cutting back foliage from footpaths such as the footbridge and Roman Road.

Footpaths on east side of village have been ploughed up (Monarchs Way).

The Monarch way is inaccessible since the farmer planted in the field. We need a clear route to follow. I find it inexcusable not having a GP surgery with all the local need now. Not everyone drives or can get to Somerton by bus. It's a dreadful way to treat the elderly and infirm and impoverished in the village.

Monarch's Way 3 fields east of village has visible arrows uphill through arable field. but no path left through field by farmer as who on Explorer map (Yeovil & Sherborne 129). Walkers have to walk through growing crop. Many UK paths are lost through lack of use.

Rights of way/footpaths not maintained by landowners or clearly visible. We don't need a new Drs surgery just medical staff to work there. A convenience shop with better/cheaper selections is needed.

Footpath maintenance especially on Pill Bridge Lane Estate. Bad/illegal parking on estate causes considerable access issues and makes access almost impossible for large/emergency vehicles.

The one near the Church (opposite Northover) is blocked. The landowners shouted at me despite signage.

Improve stiles to help dogs access. Rights of way across farmlands need to be re-instated. East / south of river towards RNAS Yeovilton.

Stiles around The Mead all require improvement.

Eagle Close.

Footpaths with stiles need sliding dog gates (for larger dogs) as lower fences are covered by sheep wire. E.g. What3words - pancakes.unicorns.quietly and port.looms.veal and remotest.envoy.squad.

Rights of way "mainly" maintained.

Mostly but not all.

Paths are too narrow in places or overgrown with grass or hedges which means people walk on roads. Upkeep and maintenance of pavements and footpaths around village.

Recycling and refuse

Larger bins for dog waste.

Larger dog waste bins in current locations.

Most of the current dog bins overflow, therefore may need emptying more regularly or doubling up on bins that are always full.

More dog bins not needed as people don't pick up their dog waste not - it won't change. Would enough people use the compost? A community recycling scheme to recycle things not included in kerbside collection but can be recycled e.g. crisp packets.

More dog bins and more obvious points on walking routes.

There is very less bins for dog waste especially around pavements and walking paths. Hence there is dog poo in most of the paths.

Enforce fines for dog fouling - especially on Fosse Way aka 'Poo Lane'.

Not enough refuse bins for general waste/litter.

More litter bins in between school routes.

Community bins village and The Mead.

More waste bins at West Street end of village. There are no normal waste bins in 'old' village, just lots of rubbish. More rubbish picking. No bins around playing field either.

Bottle bank for glass.

Recycling for teracycle.

Soft plastics recycling like they do in the supermarkets would be nice having to travel to recycle can be difficult and inaccessible for some.

Somewhere to recycle soft plastics.

Recycling points for clothes etc always full and not maintained. Large recycling drop off points in the village, e.g. cardboard, glass etc.

Make sure recycling bins are emptied completely.

Community compost scheme in main car park.

Broadband

Internet connection/speed etc is awful in Ilchester, does not matter which provider you are with!

Weak signal - we were looking for 8 months for some company to connect the internet to new home (Tarranto Hill).

Always dips out, told by BT will only get worse with new homes.

Broadband in the village is intermittent and drops out a lot. We are with BT and pay for the quickest speed, but this has always been an issue.

Broadband drops out regularly, connection is very slow.

Hardly any signal in The Paddocks, West Street.

Needs improvement at BA22 8JL, slow speeds and regular dropouts.

The current broadband in the Pillsbridge lane estate is awful and cannot support people working from home. Due to the only choice using Openreach telephone lines we are unable to get an improved performance from any supplier. This should be upgraded to fibre to door as soon as possible.

The speed of internet is not sufficient. Speeds are notoriously slow and intermittent. When working at night I notice it completely disconnects around midnight. Every night - why? This shouldn't be happening.

Need more choice of suppliers.

Our connection has been installed incorrectly for the whole street. No one will take responsibility for it. The whole infrastructure of broadband needs to be updated especially as working from home increases.

As fast as possible especially for the school.

Faster broadband at The Mead please.

Faster broadband needed.

Better Internet speed around Taranto Hill.

Increased broadband speed throughout Ilchester, but especially in Taranto Hill area.

Up near Taranto Hill the broadband is decades out of date. And very slow.

Improved speed and consistency always an improvement.

The Mead and all other areas for cable / fibre.

Old overhead cables, no fibre optic, trees cause damage to cables. The Mead – Ilchester.

As a household that has two people working from home on government projects etc. I think it is time to have full fibre, weather is affecting the old copper lines to houses.

Fibre Broadband to the door of each home.

With more people working from home and streaming services (recent news reports state there are less people watching TV at the programme time than there are on catch up), the signal needs to be more robust to reduce the continual dropped signal.

Everyone should have access to full fibre broadband.

Needs significant investment in fibre to houses and not just the exchange.

Fibre for the village.

We need FTTP - more speed and bandwidth for working from home.

But fibre would be nice, but I know it's not available currently.

Super-fast broadband.

Upgrade to fibre faster speeds.

Vodafone.

We are with Sky. Lots of power cuts in Ilchester.

When I last checked, Sky wouldn't do fibre optic broadband therefore we are unable to have the full sky package.

Better mobile signal.

Better phone signal. More community gatherings.

Generally

The new housing estate at the back of Broadsword Park needs a link road to the A303. All the cars from that development will pass through Ilchester which will be 150+ cars.

We also get a lot of power cuts in the village, at times these come back on quickly, other times they seem to last a while - why is this? Not helpful for when you are working from home.

We as a community needs a 3 mile walking route, gravel surface around the outskirts of the village for leisure walking and dog walking.

Large community/parish council noticeboards on TOP quality somewhere outside the Town Hall and near the shop. Parish Council has one poorly sited one near the Town Hall. A developer could provide these two noticeboards - we are a geographically split community.

More work/support for new businesses to move to Ilchester. New secondary school and better links to local towns.

No free ATM.

Road surfaces - potholes on Main Street and roundabout towards Yeovilton Camp.

Limington road potholes.

Road closures and diversions in place (save money). When you display roadworks and road closures keep your end of the bargain and start work on the day. Finish early it's a bonus to all to see. However, seeing work completed but signs still in place or just waiting for the tarmacers to come along and complete the job is poor planning and leaves us angry.

Q12 – Feedback - other issues for the Parish Council to consider

Housing

The community in Ilchester is fantastic. The events such as the jubilee celebrations for example. However, with new houses being built I am concerned whether this will impact the community spirit and possible crimes petty and serious. The play park fire being an example. Of course, the pressures on our already full school and busy health service.

Stop giving permission to developers to build more properties. We won't be a village for long if they keep building.

Increased housing is making the community feel unsafe. Since the new builds have been built there has been an increase in crime. The park has been burnt down, harassment in local shops, more dog poo on the pavements.

I don't like the idea of extending the current development up near the school.

Current building is taking people away from the heart of the village, so new people are using their cars instead of local facilities. Cycle paths away from busy roads will encourage families out of cars. Access to the river for paddleboards / canoeists etc at (What3words) outnumber.muscular.super (free car park can then be used for visitors which will also help local businesses e.g. cafe and pub).

No more houses are needed in Ilchester. There is not enough infrastructure to support further housing. The pedestrian crossing at Northover is dangerous, cars do not slow down. In fact, drivers do not respect the speed limits. More traffic calming measures are vital for pedestrian safety.

The current housing development at Hanbury Meadows is already putting existing village infrastructure and services under increased pressure. Further development no practical and seriously risks Ilchester losing its rural community identity. Significant investment in infrastructure and services required.

The infrastructure of our village is not suitable for more housing. Anymore building should be stopped.

The lack of school places or the primary in Ilchester being pushed to its capabilities due to more housing which brings more children to an already small school.

There are far too many houses being built in the area adding to the already too large volume of traffic passing through the village. Also, no infrastructure to support these extra houses. The school would need to be bigger as well as doctors and dentist. We get promised these things when builders build but they never come to fruition. So, we get all the extra houses but nothing to support them.

There should be no more housing developments as the infrastructure of the village cannot cope now - a closed doctor's surgery, limited school spaces, limited public transport leading to more cars used, increasing pollution and more risk of flooding of existing properties.

We should not have more housing for some years. We have very few facilities and are physically split by the river etc. into old town and newer housing beyond and on Taranto Hill. They are estates with nothing to make anyone feel part of Ilchester. It is very hard to get people to join in village life to make life better.

Ilchester is not far from being a very decent place to live. Sensible planning attitudes would be of great value to the future, but we need to see central government edicts diluted. God forbid that we end up with an estate of affordable housing for woke tractor drivers. It could happen. You read it here first.

Needs to be greater flexibility and common sense to allow current owners to extend properties to meet their needs. Also, to allow planning permission for parking and access to existing properties which would ease parking problems in Ilchester.

I want to live here forever and raise my children here, but terrified the Navy will make us move again, and current state of housing market means we could never buy here and have a permanent home. Planning.

Transport and Accessibility

A designated school drop off car park is needed as parents are using parking in front of private driveways. Grass verges - it's annoying for residents.

Allow residents to install off road parking on their own land if they want!

I have had to privately purchase parking bays due to volume of traffic in Great Orchard. Although green space is a premium, grants should be available to improve parking on grounds of property.

Cameras in carparks or parking space attached to bungalows. Put in gas central heating instead of ground source.

Do away with all the grass verges on Great Orchard estate. As parking is getting a major problem, makes things very difficult for emergency vehicles.

Have there been any further developments re the area in front of the car ports in Ivel Gardens (Owned by Ilchester Angling Club)? This area has become an eyesore and full of litter. Also, should vehicles park on this area? The blue transit van seems to have been abandoned there.

High street parking in Priory Road blocking emergency vehicles. Too many work vans parked overnight. You should approve High Street to install driveways in their gardens.

Keep the free parking in Ilchester and Somerton.

Lack of parking.

Mostly parking. Traffic lights would be great instead of the pelican crossing outside the doctors surgery. My wife is disabled and cannot walk very far. Quite often she is unable to park outside our rented house. Disabled marking on the road would help.

Parking affecting residents. People using high street parking when using local amenities pubs and restaurants. This has knock on issues for resident being unable to park near their homes and parking on junctions etc. has a knock-on effect that has implications on people's safety and welfare. Let high street residents develop their gardens to allow off street parking reducing road congestion. Current development rules are outdated and not in touch with modern considerations and issues.

Parking at the bottom of West Street is very busy. Also loads of rubbish in this area. People abandon vehicles here for months. Large dog business Paws n Klawz running without planning permission granted.

Parking in High Street - blocking access to entrances could be marked by double yellow lines to entrances.

Parking is a main problem

Parking is NOT the problem, the problem is individual houses with up to 6 cars parked in road. Almost every house has a forecourt and a garage. How many use them? Not many. Allowing dropped kerbs in a lay-by should never be allowed as typically take up 2-3 car spaces to park once car off road.

Parking work vans on multiple junctions is dangerous. Noted daily on the Pilbridge Lane estate.

Specifically priory Road, bishops walk junction.

People parking on the kerbs blocking the pavement for push chairs and wheelchair users

Please consider allowing high at/west street residents to park on the rears of their land. As a local community most of the residents paid into a pot (a considerable sum I may add too) to jointly purchase the ransom strip at the rear of their property's - thus allowing them legal access to their land. The walls at the rear of the property are farmers walls - not Roman walls as some people have said. The council lack of support with this has left villagers feeling frustrated and lack of respect with the council. You ask us what we want/what would be helpful, yet do very little to support us with actioning it. This is not going to get better or go away, if anything it has got worse over the years - please support the bottom end of the village and local business with providing a solution to the problem.

Residents parking for Almshouse Lane, West Street, High Street with loading bays for any businesses. This will provide a service for those paying Council Tax and a source of revenue. There are any number of accredited enforcement companies.

The Limington road car park really needs addressing, it's always full of berry's coach users! And rarely spaces available for Ilchester residents!!!

There are driveways that are too narrow and passing places located opposite which people park in constantly. A lack of double yellow lines allows this to happen. Zebra crossing lights out for months. Badly painted surfaces next to school. No-one stops for them!

Yes. Kingshams is elderly and disabled, the amount of non-residents that block the road is horrific maybe make it a resident only parking, giving the residents parking permits. I had to have an ambulance out and he couldn't park so literally parked in the middle of the road. There's this huge amber on lorry that parks right outside our home loaded

with traffic lights and signage. I asked him to move and he got quite abusive verbally. PLEASE make Kingshams resident parking only, thank you.

I realise Parking is a huge problem but we at the bottom of Eagle Close frequently don't have our recycling taken because the lorries can't get around. We also struggle to get in and out from our driveways due to inconsiderate parking, large delivery vehicles can't get through and emergency vehicles wouldn't have a chance. There is a green area outside the flats that could be utilised for parking to ease the problem?

I think you'll find most feedback regarding parking. Residents need priority whilst improving visitor parking / enforcing use of it. Let's hope this is acted upon and not just another survey to tick boxes. Allow those with big gardens/high street etc to add parking to the back without making a big issue out of it, especially when 50% of people have just done it without asking.

Berry's Coaches provide good connection to London but cars wanting to see the buses leave block up the traffic. A local lady using walking frame last week had someone's car parked in local bus stop to Yeovil last week. Bus was due - it would have meant her walking back to the bus or forward, blocking off Lyster Close. I sent the car on its way. Travellers have knocked on doors asking to use toilets. At that time of morning. There is parking 50 yards other side. Some park in entrance to Lyster Close, blocking entry to those living there. I rang Berry's and most of the replies I had was 'well, that is a policing matter.'

A beacon light is out up by Ilchester Infant School making the crossing very dangerous.

Both Zebra crossings not visible enough to traffic.

By the Italian and Garage - Both zebra crossings are dangerous at times - traffic doesn't always stop.

Zebra crossing by Italian restaurant. To have a post office you don't need to cross a busy road.

Zebra crossing by school very dangerous.

Zebra crossings in the village are very dangerous with road users seemingly unable to see them and the people who use them.

Bridge connecting The Mead to the village is challenging for pushchairs and elderly. Also, often young lads climb over fencing and run across the busy road rather than use the bridge. I'm pleased the football is so strongly supported but it is dangerous when cars are parked along the road and not on the field. I've had trouble seeing people emerging from bridge to cross to the field, and often the footpath from The Mead to village is unusable.

Footbridge and pavement to The Mead needs better maintenance as is often overgrown in summer so you have to walk on the road. Litter bin at The Mead is rusty, broken and falling apart. Speed cushions by the School are bad for your tyres (inside shoulders).

More maintenance required, roads especially The Mead - verges, culverts, drains. Authorities working together more.

People in The Mead seem to be forgotten. The elderly and disabled unless they can get neighbours, or a taxi are stuck as you can't get mobility scooters or walkers over the bridge.

Pavement to The Mead.

Leave the electronic speed indicator up at all times.

Boy racers down the High Street. Considerate parking. Need a local Doctors Surgery.

The speed of traffic on Priory Road. People driving too fast likes it's a motorway. Worried a child or an animal will get hit with the way some people just put there foot down.

As Hawthorn Drive enters Dragonfly Chase it requires a stop/giveaway painted on the road before an accident happens. The people on the new estate drive straight out into Dragonfly Chase without looking thinking they have right of way. This situation will only get worse as the estate grows.

Road markings are very feint on Almshouse Lane. Boy racers on High Street and loitering at the end of the road.

Road signage needs updating, with trees and hedges cut back on footpaths more regularly.

West Street needs resurfacing, white lines needed on roads coming on to Priory Road and Abbots Road.

Bad parking on junctions needs lines and turnings on this estate.

The side streets need resurfacing. Roads like Lyster Close need resurfacing. These roads are ignored.

Road humps along B3151 are in poor condition - Tarmac is breaking up

Better street lighting, maybe even speed reducing humps as it tends to be a rat run for most speeding through. Also, availability of parking. I'm aware of Limington car park.

Potholes and uneven footpaths.

Yes, fix the potholes.

I thought we were promised a mini roundabout at the junction with the High Street? There is so much traffic coming through it can be impossible to get out of the High Street. The pedestrian crossing in Church Street is unsafe and it has been reported but SCC have done little to respond to me. More public parking is urgently needed due to the people visiting the pubs, restaurants and going on Berry's coach. Resident parking is needed in high and west street and free street.

If the High Street is blocked in any way by Bin Collections or Brewery deliveries etc., there is no way out of the Abbots Road side of the estate in any emergency. There should be another entry/exit.

Heavy lorries travelling through Ilchester village not acceptable.

Just the HGV's and volume of traffic.

More LGV class 1 are driving through the village as a short cut. There should be an auto number plate recording system in place which is activated via a height radar detector.

Traffic noise and volume is bad along main roads but unsure how it could be resolved.

Traffic noise from A37 and A303 is a big concern. Vehicles (including Council vehicles) travelling at high speed down West Street.

The volume of traffic would be a major concern and safety issue, most people would have to travel outside the village for employment. There are no facilities within the village, no Doctors surgery, too small a school to cater for more pupils and need to travel to surrounding towns for shopping and leisure activities.

Just the amount of traffic through the village at rush hour times. Building more houses will put the current road system under pressure along with noise and losing green spaces to the wildlife that surrounds the village.

State of the pavement throughout the village. They are a nightmare to use.

Street lighting - in the present climate could the Council save money by only having alternate street lighting on. Seems such a waste of power.

Streetlights are fixed quickly. Roads in The Mead terrible and dangerous.

Need buses to pass through the village.

Better public transport is needed. I would like more local shops, cafes and restaurants to create more locally accessible activities.

Bring back the other school buses so senior school aged children have a choice of what school they want to attend. Not just one. Make the new houses affordable to local people.

Cycle path and doctors' surgery would be my main priority! Fix the park which was burnt down!

Facilities and Infrastructure

An NHS dentist and GP surgery would be great!

Buttercross doctors' surgery is useless and overcrowded, with more houses being built we need a surgery back in the village for the local people

Doctors and dentist are an issue in Ilchester. Something elsewhere I haven't had issues with. Also, crime is on the up since social housing has been built next to military housing. It doesn't feel so much of a close community anymore.

I think that we need a new doctors as not everyone can get to Somerton and just think it's really inconvenient that it's so far

I've lived in Ilchester for 37 years, we have lost Doctors Surgery, 3 shops, PO relocated, an additional increase of 100% in Married Quarters and now a new estate being built East of village, IMHO we have too many houses for the local amenities and School, we cannot absorb more unless there is a plan to reopen Doctors and ensure that the School can cope.

It is vital to have a doctor's surgery which is open throughout the week, every week!!

Local services like doctors, dentists already stretched by influx of people to new houses in Ilchester and Somerton. If it continues without improving facilities and services, it will all break down completely. Please reinstate doctors surgery and more visible checks from police and PCSO.

The current housing being built have made no contribution to the village with respect to medical care (dental/doctors) and therefore will only result in the already overstretched local amenities becoming worse. Most people in Ilchester choose to move away from Yeovil for the rural peace and quiet which is being eroded by large greedy developers. With flooding already being an very increased risk for the village additional housing will only make the risk higher as we remove natural drainage.

To have Doctors surgery back. Zebra crossing outside the Italian restaurant.

We need the doctors back in the village, most people do not drive and are old. I think opening the doctors here again would take more stress off Buttercross, they are already struggling with the amount of people. Surely this would help?

We need the local surgery being manned by doctor(s) as it isn't helpful to have to drive to Somerton for medical reasons and not useful if you don't drive!!

Demographic is older people who now have to go to Somerton for medical appointment. Public transport not regular and new housing by married quarters compounding problem of health care and infrastructure. Parish Council apathetic. Needs new members who will bother and bring fresh ideas. Xmas light prime example of apathy - villagers gave time and own money to fund, now not working because Council didn't prune trees. No attempts to bring in trade to village, compared to Langport and Somerton who host regular fairs and events, our village is a joke. Traffic issues highlighted to Council but little interest, no action taken.

We need more dentists and GP for the new houses. Also, we have had increased crime since the new social houses.

More shops needed in Ilchester, proper shops offering bakery, fruits, vegetables. Just Londis and garage here offering very poor variety of products. If I need bread, I need to go to Yeovil. I don't drive. You cannot rely on buses coming late. Maybe some farmers can come to the village once a week with fresh vegetables for a market.

The Post Office is extremely poor. More flowers, like on the roundabouts. St Andrews Church triangle requires improvement and colour, it never looks good, unkept and uncared for.

We need more shops, a small supermarket would help.

More litter picking please.

The rubbish on Roman Road that has been created since the development of Hainbury Meadow estate. Builders seem to litter there daily (it was never this bad before) and the road is covered in mud. I moved to Ilchester 6 months ago and love the area. However, I noticed very quickly how much litter there is on the verges and around the village. I would be happy to join a regular litter picking group if this was set up officially via the Council.

The amount of mess/rubbish that gets left behind after the rubbish has been collected, for example, not enough care is taken by the people emptying the bins/recycling boxes.

Recycling collections leave too much mess. Ilchester has become a dormitory village that has lost facilities as the years pass. eg shops and proper doctors surgery.

Community recycling points for paper/cardboard, glass, plastic bottles and clothes would be very useful and reduce issues created by limited roadside.

Ilchester is looking very tatty and worn. The rusty signage for Limington is shameful, there are no flowers on grass verges and the ham stone sign is filthy. All this leads to a lack of pride in the local environment and a noticeable increase in littering, including dog fouling.

Ilchester Town Trust has a field at The Mead. It's full of animals, that is OK but it looks like an eyesore and could be a lot cleaner.

Many more trees needed to enhance the area. More bee friendly flowers to enhance the area. More rubbish bins to discourage litter. More dog waste bins - dog poo is an issue.

The footpath and the bridge from Ilchester to The Mead needs to be maintained so people can walk on the path not the road, and the drains cleaned.

With a little thought footpaths can be joined up to improve pedestrian safety and quality of life. For example: Along the main road running up the hill to school, from the junction of Great Orchard by the roundabout, is a paved footpath that runs parallel to the pavement on the roadside behind the hedge. If a cut through was made at the top end then pedestrians would be able to walk to and from school in safety in front of the bungalows. If a small footbridge was constructed over the Yeo joining the fields either side to the North then you could walk from one end of the village to the other without going anywhere near the roads. It would improve the quality of life of residents no end.

Footpaths need checking they are either blocked or gates are locked some people have to lift big dogs over five bar gates.

Locals don't accept outsiders, public footpaths restricted by locals. Cars driving and parking on grass areas, ruining green areas.

Keeping hedges and pathways clear.

Trimming hedges and keeping paths clear for pedestrians required more attention. Also clearing weeds and grass on approaches to junctions to ensure clear vision for vehicles.

Upkeep at Pilbridge Lane bridge. Hedges and bushes need to be kept tidy and road needs upkeep.

The hedgerow cutting leaves children / dogs vulnerable to sharp splinters. Cyclists regular punctures due to debris left. Lack of adequate street lighting. Public transport shocking making it impossible to find alternative employment for youngsters and those who do not drive.

Pillbridge estate very neglected - weeds everywhere and footpaths a patchwork. Weeds down house fronts in High Street. Just makes everywhere look shabby and uncared for. A real contender for 'worst kept village'.

Gutters and road edge are seldom, if ever, cleaned and maintained by the Council.

A lot of small watercourses require dredging i.e. the one adjacent to Lyster Gardens.

Please would you put a seat in the bus shelter opposite Great Orchard. Thank you.

Policing and behaviour generally

Disappointed that this survey doesn't include local crime/anti-social behaviour or public transport, both of which are issues.

Poor policing. Have to go to Yeovil for anything.

Policing seems non-existent.

Rise in ASB throughout the village. On going traffic / parking problems. More shops needed.

Old Road towards Mead turning circle used nightly for meets of anti-social behaviour and drug taking please move gate s not able to access turn circle rubbish condoms drug paraphernalia often seen down there.

There has been an increase in dog mess and arson (Tall Trees Park) since the new housing estate has been built.

Fires and lack of knowledge of what not to burn in back garden. Rubbish kept in the back gardens e.g. sofas that are then burnt and not properly disposed of.

Gardens are being used as rubbish tips. Please is unsightly, structures e.g. sheds, conservatories are up and are too big (planning permission?). Rubbish bins in front gardens when rear access is available.

Try and get Abri to deal with un-roadworthy vehicles in parking areas on their estates, especially Great Orchard. I have tried on three occasions, but nothing has been done (dead cars not taxed for 2 years now). Cars on ramps etc. where children play.

There are too many wood burners on the Pillbridge Lane Estate! The smoke and smell lingers in the streets, gardens and it gets into your home. This is pollution and the air quality is not good for anyone. My neighbour. [x 2 respondents]

Children and Young People

More youth services for ages 11-19. Nothing currently available and increased antisocial behaviour.

Youth activities and support, to be run by residents of the village, if they do not agree to help and support youth provisions then they cannot moan if they don't happen and they cannot moan about the youths causing mischief etc. would be happy to help set up and support if a suitable space was found, perhaps more of an open doors for young people rather than a set day/Time, 'youth club'. Provision for youth groups and support to improve current provision, especially scouting and the Mead area.

Children need safe places to play. Opposite the shop (Co-op and next to the little children park there is empty space where children like to play - but it needs to be adjusted for them. It is very dusty in summer and needs proper playground flooring as a bare minimum.

The children parks next to the Ilchester primary school was arsoned long time before. But it is not re-constructed yet. Hence children can't use/play around there. There is not any grocery shop so have to drive to Yeovil.

We are blessed in the village to have so many parks for the children, especially around Dragonfly chase end, however following the arson on the MOD play park my a member of our community is there any scope within the council to ensure its rebuild? Road sweeping around housing estates. I don't know if this falls under the local council remit? Esmonde drive area would benefit from this.

Business and employment

A small business park would give local employment.

No business premises. We need a bakery etc.

Some starter workshops for rent.

Community and Parish Council

Ilchester village does not stop at the northern roundabout, residents and associated amenities in this area appear to be forgotten by the council.

The Parish council to get more involved with the community.

The Parish Council needs to be more proactive. Particularly in making both parts of the community one. Currently The Great Orchard part of the community regards itself as apart from the Town Hall part of the village and vice versa. Much of this appears to emanate from the Tall Trees Centre which holds events that never appear to be advertised in the other end of the village.

Think the whole of the village should be classed as 1, there is a divide between the top & bottom.

Parking issues crime at the top etc do not come under military so should be addressed by the council too. There needs to be something /somewhere for teenage children to go, the skatepark doesn't cut it and quite frankly it's in an isolated area of the village. Maybe open the town hall/tall trees for 90mins a week, the teenagers can hang out access the Wi-Fi play online games together, do homework or find a councillor/youth support worker to chat with. To many teens are wandering the village unsafely.

Improved communications online about what is happening in the village, greater visibility of which the elected town councillors are and they're assigned duties and a bi-monthly update on how each councillor responsibility / action is progressing (not just meeting notes). Improvements to allotment boundary fencing and internal front fencing. Deal with significant infestation if rabbits and rats that eat through wired fencing. Hazard of traffic hitting pedestrians at the road bend at Ilchester memorial as passes the old farmhouse corner, at the end of the High Street junction. Buses sweep around the corner at 25-30mph, and I've seen, and myself nearly been hit as walked out of the end of the lane. One day a car/lorry/bus will clip a pedestrian if mounts pavement, or worse. Work with SCC to slow the traffic before this point, please.

The forced activity (annual) on homeowners in High Street when we don't want events that close our road. We are ignored, never asked. We have a very good sports ground and Pavilion going to waste. Why can't the event be moved to the sports ground at The Mead, play park for children, free parking open spaces and affects no-one. No road closures causing traffic disruption less disruption. Time and again we keep reporting the owner of 3 vehicles driving on French plates for over 3 years now, nothing gets done. Police or parking enforcement don't want to know. It's simply not fair. We all pay road tax, question on insurance i.e.no registration, no tax, no insurance. The garage at the top of High Street keeps taking up all the parking with jobs pending vehicles. He has no off-road parking himself but chooses to make our lives a misery for weeks on end. Parking is bad enough as I've indicated. Do something.

Not worth the effort because they are only interested in subjects that affect them.

New people on Council, current members make no effort for big events (Remembrance Sunday and Christmas) & more. Drunk fight outside Bull!! Always trouble in the Bull & drunk people just chucked out and cause trouble and drink drive.

Generally

Thank you for your constant concerns for the community and all you do. Keep going.

Thanks for the questionnaire :)

Appendix 3 – Full survey results tables

Q1. What do you like the most about living in Ilchester Parish? (choose your top three)

Answer Choices	Responses	
Living in a rural area	73.5%	238
Easy access to the countryside	45.4%	147
Local facilities e.g. pharmacy, school etc.	31.8%	103
Feeling part of a rural community	29.3%	95
Local businesses e.g. shops, pubs, post office	26.2%	85
Low crime rate	25.3%	82
Close to towns	18.2%	59
Close to work	17.9%	58
Village activities and community groups	17.0%	55
Commuter access to major roads and rail	15.7%	51
Public transport	7.4%	24
Local employment	3.4%	11
Other (please tell us)		5
	Answered	324
	Skipped	4

Q2. What do you think about the amount of housing currently available in Ilchester parish?

Answer Choices	Responses	
About right	43.6%	143
Too many already	33.8%	111
Need a few more	19.2%	63
Need a lot more	3.4%	11
	Answered	328
	Skipped	0

Q3. If you support more housing in the Parish, what are your main reasons?

Answer Choices	Responses	
New housing will bring more community facilities	40.0%	44
Better for local businesses / employers	19.1%	21
Protects services e.g. school	17.3%	19
Renting want to buy – up to 2 bed	16.4%	18
Renting want to buy – up to 3-4 bed	16.4%	18
A more diverse community	10.0%	11
Other (please tell us)		25
	Answered	110
	Skipped	218

Q4. Which types of housing, if any, does the parish need the most? (choose no more than two)

Answer Choices	Responses	
No more homes needed	45.9%	124
Affordable housing (for local people who cannot afford to buy or rent on the open market)	25.2%	68
Low cost/starter homes (for purchase)	20.0%	54
Medium homes – 3 bedroom	18.2%	49
Bungalows	8.9%	24
Low carbon/Eco-friendly housing	8.5%	23
Small homes – 1-2 bedroom	7.4%	20
Retirement housing	7.0%	19
Rented accommodation	6.3%	17
Sheltered housing (for older or disabled people)	6.3%	17
Large homes – 4-5 bedroom	4.8%	13
Accessible housing (tailored for disabled people)	2.6%	7
Self-build homes	2.2%	6
Flats	1.1%	3
Answered		270
Skipped		58

Q5. What concerns, if any, do you have about any future housing development in Ilchester Parish? (choose your top three)

Answer Choices	Responses	
Traffic congestion	58.0%	189
Pressure on health services	44.5%	145
Effect on parking	38.3%	125
Loss of green space/rural space	37.1%	121
Road and pedestrian safety	31.3%	102
Pressure on school places	31.3%	102
Risk of flooding or drainage problems	25.8%	84
Increased crime	19.3%	63
Impact on sense of community	16.0%	52
Increased noise	14.7%	48
Houses not suitable for needs of community	10.4%	34
Poor design	7.4%	24
Changes in property prices	6.8%	22
None	2.2%	7
Other (please tell us)		14
Answered		326
Skipped		2

Q6. What are the main traffic issues in the Parish currently which affect you? (choose your top three)

Answer Choices	Responses	
Speed of traffic	62.50%	200
Volume of traffic	57.5%	184
Parking availability	50.0%	160
Pedestrian safety	36.9%	118
Heavy Goods Vehicle traffic /tractors	22.2%	71
Visibility at road junctions	21.3%	68
Traffic noise	18.1%	58
Air pollution/fumes	17.8%	57
Damage to verges	8.4%	27

Answered 320

Skipped 8

Q7. What do you think are the best ways to reduce traffic problems? (choose your top three)

Answer Choices	Responses	
Lower speed limits e.g. 20 mph limits	43.5%	140
Physical traffic calming measures e.g. road humps	34.2%	110
Electronic speed indicator signs	31.4%	101
More public parking spaces	31.1%	100
Improved public transport	28.3%	91
Better provision for bicycles e.g. cycle racks/cycle routes	27.6%	89
Widening of pavements	15.8%	51
Changing junction visibility	15.5%	50
Improved footpath access for disabled people	15.2%	49
Improved street lighting	11.8%	38
Improved road signage	11.5%	37

Other (please tell us below) 33

Please tell us the best location for any of these solutions 119

Answered 319

Skipped 9

Q8. Does Ilchester need a new doctor's surgery?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	87.5%	286
Don't know	7.0%	23
No	5.5%	18

Answered 327

Skipped 1

Q9. Are Rights of Way, footpaths, cycle paths, stiles and gates well maintained?

Answer Choices	Responses	
No	44.9%	146
Don't know	27.7%	90
Yes	27.4%	89

Answered 325

Skipped 3

Q10. What recycling and refuse options would you like in the Parish in addition to existing household roadside collection?

Answer Choices	Responses	
I think existing roadside collection is sufficient	49.1%	156
More bins for dog waste	43.7%	139
Community compost scheme	23.6%	75
Answered		318
Skipped		10

Q11. Is your broadband connection adequate for your needs?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	64.8%	210
No	28.7%	93
Don't know	4.6%	15
Please tell us if you think improvements are needed and suggested locations where appropriate:		102
Answered		318
Skipped		10

Q12. Are there any other issues you would like to highlight to the Council?

Answered 151
Skipped 177

Q13. What is your postcode?

Answered 316
Skipped 12

Q14. What is your age?

Answer Choices	Responses	
18-24	2.5%	8
25-44	30.2%	98
45-64	36.9%	120
65-74	16.6%	54
75+	13.9%	45
Answered		325
Skipped		3

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