

SIBFORDS COMMUNITY PLAN: OPEN DAY

Summary of Feedback at Open Day Event, 19 March 2011

GENERAL LIKE AND DISLIKE COMMENTS

(Put on poster on central table with introductory guidance on Like / Dislike process)

Like	
Village Shop	6
Friendly people and strong community spirit	3
Dark skies – no to street lights	4
Wildlife within the surrounding rural area	1
Village Hall	1
Brilliant Primary School	2
Lovely / fantastic walks	3
Safe community for children to grow up in	1
Wonderful views	1

Dislike	
Traffic speeding	1

VILLAGE SERVICES

(Post it Notes put on Village Services poster in response to comments invited on existing or new services and facilities)

Suggestions	
Children's Play Area in Sibford Gower	3

VILLAGE GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

(Post it Notes put on Village Groups and Organisations poster in response to suggestions for other groups and organisations)

Suggestions	
Creative Writing Group	1
Netball Team	1
Village Astronomy Group (good dark skies in village)	4

ENCAPSULATED MAP

(Request for identification of special places or areas of concern)

Suggestions	
Village pond is special	1
Speeding cars occurs daily on Colony Road – this is a footpath as well; need for traffic calming	2

TRAFFIC AND ROADS (53 Responses)

General Comments and Suggestions

Traffic Speeding	
General concerns and dislike of speeding traffic on roads	13
<i>Specific comments or suggestions on Traffic Speeding:</i>	
▪ 20 mph speed limit in villages	2
▪ Consider a 20mph speed limit between two Primary school buildings particularly as there are lots of after school clubs	1
▪ 20mph speed limit and / or speed bumps on street through Burdrop	2
▪ Speeding traffic in Main Street, Ferris with many drivers talking on mobiles	1
▪ Speeding on the Colony at 70mph – this is also a footpath	2
▪ Encourage and support quiet motorcycle and scooter use	1
▪ Parents drive very fast to school	1

Traffic Congestion	
General concerns about traffic congestion /pollution	9
<i>Specific comments or suggestions on Traffic Congestion:</i>	
▪ Investigate how to ease traffic congestion at Primary School at opening and closing times	1
▪ Encourage parents to walk children to school and stop the traffic jams	3
▪ Suggest arrange 'walking buses' to Primary School from different parts of the villages	1
▪ Daily traffic jams and too much traffic through Sibford Ferris ; restrict traffic through Sibford Ferris by diverting via a new road out	1
▪ Potential for School to start an initiative with pupils in response to traffic congestion problems	1
▪ Too many cars	1

Car Parking	
General concerns about Parking of Cars	9
<i>Specific comments or suggestions on Parking of Cars:</i>	
▪ People with parking spaces or garages should use these facilities and not park on the road	2
▪ Parked cars can help to slow traffic down so may be useful in Main Street	1
▪ Parked cars can constrict access by emergency services	1
▪ Bad parking at School time	2
▪ Suggestion that villagers park in Village Hall overnight for a small fee instead of on road to reduce hazard of parked cars and congestion	2
▪ Suggestion for a wider range of 'community' parking areas – Home Farm, Wheathills, Village Hall, Pub with payment to landowners	1

Traffic Hazards	
General concerns about Traffic Hazards	6
<i>Specific comments or suggestions on Traffic Hazards:</i>	
▪ Dislike lack of pavement along Pound Lane, Sibford Gower	1
▪ Extend footpath at corner of Pound Lane and Main Street, Sibford Gower (Sabin's Barn) to avoid traffic cutting the corner, and resultant pedestrian hazard, especially at school delivery and leaving time	2
▪ Encourage parents to let children out of cars on kerb side of car	1
▪ Dislike school bus stopping on corner of Burdrop – blocks road and is dangerous. Bus should stop at normal service bus stop	1
▪ Pull over on gated road	1

Road Maintenance	
General concerns regarding quality and poor state of some roads and road edges and need for their improved maintenance	14
<i>Specific comments or suggestions on Road Maintenance:</i>	
▪ Repair and management of pot holes a must	3
▪ Improved gritting service	2
▪ Failing edges to roads	1
▪ Need for cleaner roads	1
▪ Grass verges to be kerbed to stop further erosion	1
▪ <u>Please, no</u> to grass verges to be kerbed to stop further erosion	2
▪ Fewer or no kerbs in village	3
▪ Provision of Community Salt Spreaders or placed at agreed villagers' homes in Zoned Areas	1
▪ Improved maintenance of road at bottom of Colony Road to Temple Mill	1
▪ Improved maintenance of road to Epwell White House	1
▪ Concern about entrance to Backside lane Bridleway and instability of embankment through erosion by cars and buses	1

Miscellaneous	
Graphic map of each village to help visitors / delivery vehicles etc identify unnamed and unnumbered houses	2
Dog litter – please pick it up	1
School access behind London House	1

HOUSING (47 responses)

General Comments and Suggestions	
No development in the valley	7
No large new housing estates	14
Yes to Affordable / Social Housing	25
No to Affordable Housing	1
<i>Specific Comments on Affordable Housing:</i>	
▪ Provision for Young and Elderly	3
▪ Only Green / Passive (Eco) Housing should be considered	5
▪ Use of Local Builders, not national builders	5
▪ Young villagers could have a plot and build their own	4
▪ Develop only on Brownfield sites	1
▪ Not outside existing village limits	1
▪ Some Social Housing, controlled by Parish Council not Cherwell DC	3
▪ Parish Council could take letting control of say 2 'Charter' (Affordable) Homes in each village	2
▪ Comment of 'No to Affordable Housing' attracted 'Shame on you'	3

LEISURE AND RECREATION (63 Responses)

General Comments and Suggestions

The Bishop Blaize	
Bring back the Bishop Blaize	20
<i>Specific additional comments related to Bishop Blaize:</i>	
▪ Consider a Co-operative Buyout	1
▪ Refurbish and Control who buys it, to run as a pub;	1
▪ Examine Local Authority regulations that apply to property falling into disrepair and how these relate to Bishop Blaize;	1
▪ Allow Bishop Blaize to be developed as a private house;	1
▪ Do <u>not</u> allow Bishop Blaize to be developed as a private house	2
Show extra support for Wykham Arms, and help demonstrate need for 2 pubs;	6

Allotments	
Provision of Allotments either within each village or one large one for both villages	12
<i>Specific comments or suggestions about allotment provision:</i>	
▪ Use of Glebe Land behind the Rectory	1
▪ Pairing with elderly residents who can't manage their gardens with benefits of free allotment space, companionship for elderly, and who also receive 'payment' in vegetables for use of their land;	5

Community Sports Ground	
Provision of Large Community Sports Ground for Village Cricket Team, Football pitch and general recreation / kickabout area	5
Suggested on perimeter of village(s)	1

Sports Facilities and activities for Teenagers	
General requests for provision of Sports facilities and activities for Teenagers	4
<i>Specific suggestions about Sports Facilities and activities for Teenagers</i>	
▪ Establish a Sports Youth Club	1
▪ Establish equipment (for use by teenagers) next to the MUGA in the Ferris	2

Other Sports related comments	
Have the other half of the MUGA available for use	1
Provision of Gym Facility at Sibford School	2
Provision of Village Play Area for Smaller and Larger Children	1

Footpaths and Bridleways	
Extend and link existing footpaths and bridleways with more circular paths through establishment of permissive paths; check if any have lapsed;	1
Use of small gates rather than stiles covered with barbed wire	1

Other	
Show current movies on Film Nights	3
Establish a Drama Group	2
More music in the village including classical	2

COMMUNITY (15 responses)

General Comments and Suggestions	
Community defibrillator	3
Closer involvement of elderly with school	2
'Buddy' scheme between young and elderly	2
Men's Breakfast Club	3
Home Workers Club	3
More activities for youngsters: archery, fencing	1
Closer links with neighbouring villages	1

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY (22 responses)

General Comments and Suggestions	
Faster Broadband	14
<i>Specific Comments on Broadband:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6Mb is available on BT and most problems are caused by the connections to the property and within the house. 	1
Suggesting an Oil Purchasing Syndicate	2
<i>Specific Comments on Oil Purchasing Syndicate:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One is a member of an existing syndicate 	1
Improved village Business Directory to generate more business for them. Compare with Hook Norton.	3
Request for Mains Gas	1

ENVIRONMENT (67 responses)

General Comments and Suggestions	
No street lights	42
<i>Specific Comments on 'No Street Lights':</i>	
Asking that the needs of the elderly are remembered in the consideration of no street lights	1
Low Carbon Plan, as Hook Norton	10
Filling-in the Gower pond	2
Not filling-in the Gower pond	2
Dog poo bin near the school	1
Keep Sundays quiet, less use of mowers and like	1
No development in the valley	8

CHILDREN'S COMMENTS (10 responses)

General Comments and Suggestions	
Like the views and the open spaces	4
No Playground/Area in the Gower	3
Failure of dog owners to clear up poo.	2
Sports clubs for children.	1