



Pixley and District Neighbourhood Development Plan

The parishes of Aylton, Little Marcle,
Munsley and Pixley

Residents' questionnaire survey

Comment listings

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For Pixley and District NDP Steering Group

Introduction

This document lists all the comments made by respondents to the Pixley and District residents' questionnaire survey, which was undertaken to inform work on the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the locality in March 2017.

The questionnaire included several open questions inviting free-write comments on aspects of development and the environment. These have been analysed and are summarised in the Results Report. The free-write comments are set out individually here question by question. Comments are repeated verbatim and place names are as given.

The Neighbourhood Area, comprising the parishes of Aylton, Little Marcle, Munsley and Pixley, is referred to as "Our Area" for the purposes of the questionnaire.

Completed questionnaires have been numbered to aid analysis, and these numbers are given here. Questionnaires remain anonymous.

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Q1: Do you have any comments on this draft vision for the future of Our Area? This is your chance to tell us.

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11	Caters well for the retired comfortably off population at one end of the scale but not so well for the – usually – difficult to cater for teens and early adulthood age group less financially secure. Not an easy problem to fix, nor is it confined to rural areas in today’s climate. Otherwise a pleasant vision of the area.
16	Could “and rural businesses” be added to the supporting farming bullet point?
21	I would like to know how the draft vision would be put into action in real life circumstances.
35	With regard to any housing development (new or conversion) highest standards of design quality and materials – contemporary or period, but not “pastiche”. With regard to protection of landscape, wildlife etc, reinstatement of lost features such as ponds, hedgerows, footpaths.
36	No.
41	Community transport network is essential. Provision of more services eg P.O. and shop – a community shop (like the Wellington model where all households contributed via a Council tax ‘levy’).
45	It looks very comprehensive to me.
46	Some public transport needed.
54	I agree – I am concerned by the ever expanding polytunnels.
55	An excellent series of objectives for the draft vision.
59	No.
66	Sounds good. Maintenance, preservation, conservation and protection of a unique area.
67	Agree with the draft vision for our area.
72	A place not dominated by polytunnels.
75	I agree with all the statements, especially the last one, but this does seem somewhat at odds with the other 4 points.
78	I agree with all the above.
79	I agree with all the above.
80	I think a thriving local community needs better transport links i.e. a more regular bus service.
84	No major concerns with the proposed vision statement, however I would like to see an additional reference/statement regarding road safety, such as: - a location which promotes and highlights the rules of the highway code so all users are and can move about the area in a safe and responsible manner.
86	Tourism may be worth a specific mention.
89	No.
93	I feel the above “draft vision” sums things up very nicely. I do however object to any large scale housing development.
94	I support these aims for the neighbourhood.
97	Until Ledbury has new facilities to offer the local community ie more doctors, another supermarket with fuel, schools etc areas like Little Marcle should not be expanded. Little Marcle has no pub, village hall, bus routes, all requirements of

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	everyday living is done by car. No more polytunnels should be accepted by The Council encouraging even more workers into the area which is struggling to accommodate. Also effects tourism in the beautiful county of Herefordshire.
100	The vision is good let's hope it becomes reality.
102	Lean towards the family size farms.
109	No comment.
113	No more polytunnels please!! Knock on effect of flooding, topsoil depletion, damage to biodiversity, impact on long term soil fertility, demographic impact on local market towns of this unsustainable method of food production is long term and far reaching. Do we need this quantity of overpriced intensively farmed soft fruit piled up in every supermarket!
115	Think all 5 points are excellent – no. 1 especially.
116	Agree with all five points. I do think the provision of affordable housing for our young people is essential to.
118	Agree with all.
120	The last comment relating to tranquil rural parishes should be placed first in the list. I do not agree with the first comment relating to 'meeting the needs of all ages for housing' which implies future housing development in the parish at an uncontrolled level and at the expense of the rural parishes environment including landscape, wildlife and historic heritage.
121	Too much emphasis on the need for future housing. This is a rural cluster of parishes close to Ledbury, where plans to build hundreds of new homes are shortly to commence. A "tranquil rural parish..." should be at the heart of the Plan which will better serve local rural businesses, local people and local tourism.
133	Sounds great – but how the contradictory needs of housing and protecting the present communities is managed will have to be sensitively managed.
134	Accommodating a reasonable and proportionate level of development is important to ensure that both businesses can thrive and the new generations be housed. However, this needs to be sympathetic to existing buildings and the environment.
136	I support this draft vision.
140	No, the draft contains everything I would wish it to. My own child has, with the other children in the neighbourhood, had a wonderful childhood of fun, fresh air and space to explore. I hope many other generations in the future experience this too.
141	More wildflowers and special habitat areas to save wildlife like bees.
144	You are doing a good job – keep it up and good luck.
148	No.
153	Good.
154	✓
169	As a vision it seems appropriate but it depends on what it will look like in practise. I especially agree with the second, fourth and fifth point.
172	A local park for families would be beneficial for the community.
177	There needs to be more provision for young families – housing – schooling – leisure.

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178	At present the intensification of agriculture, polytunnels, trailers on the road, blocked ditches etc is beginning to have a heavy impact on the area and fair wage employment is being abused and exploited – this will only get worse. The ditches and streams, copses and woods are badly managed. It is not easy for the elderly. The next generation must be involved?
183	Good vision – no further additions.
184	This sounds good.
187	No further comments. I agree with this vision.
195	The 5 points cover the main issues but, as ever, “the devil is in the detail”, and considered and managed delivery is absolutely essential.
207	I agree with the draft vision.
216	We don't to <u>not</u> develop, while the rest of the world does.
224	Listen to local people with local knowledge not to be overridden by bias planning which is remote from the community. More facilities for young people. A community hall.
228	I support the vision.
230	These are very good aims.
233	It is unrealistic to think that the local community could ‘meet the needs of all ages for housing and other services’ <u>but</u> access to services elsewhere is important. Consideration should be given to where essential services are located and how easily these can be accessed by local people.
237	Looks like a good vision.
239	Good.
242	Will be nice if appear a little shop with basic things eg bread milk.
243	All this fine provided businesses are 1. Local 2. Small scale.
245	The allowed speed on A438 is <u>too</u> high for the amount of entrances i.e. drives, roads, farmers gates, orchards etc. There should be a reduction of MAX 50 mph on this stretch.
256	I would go further than the second bullet. Our Area should also be ‘A place in which the current and the next generation can live in close proximity if they wish’.
257	I think it is a great pity we are not allowed to build houses around the Trumpet area – we have an excellent road system, and good public transport while it lasts. This would be much better than putting houses in Putley and Woolhope and then have people driving down our very narrow lanes in order to get to work.
264	The population of Pixley is at two extremes. 1. Wealthy landowners and other wealthy people who have made relatively large amounts of money (elsewhere) and moved to the area 2. Relatively poor people working for those landowners. There is no diversity in Pixley and I would like to see the plan address this explicitly.
268	The landscape, wildlife and historic heritage needs to be identified in order to properly protect it. (Our Area has had some of the largest losses of woodland in Herefordshire).

Q5: Do you have any other comments on housing, including housing need? This is your chance to tell us.

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4	We love where we live because it is beautiful and quiet and unspoilt. This is the only reason why I wouldn't support more housing in my area.
7	I do support the need for affordable housing and should the traveller site be successful I consider that need met. There is insufficient bus/shop/pub service to meet local needs.
11	A diverse range of people requires a diverse range of housing. While social housing is unpopular, the rent is affordable to people on a minimum wage whereas private rent is more often not. This would exclude people in this income bracket from living in this area.
15	I would support the development of Granny Annexes and change of use say to a garage, in order to allow families to care for their own.
22	Public transport is not sufficient to accommodate additional housing in the area.
26	Local residents housing should be addressed.
27	Local residents (including their family) should be given priority when housing is allocated.
34	We do not have the services to support the development of a small site for rural exception housing.
35	See Q1 comments. New development is most sustainable in town centres with proximity to services, employment etc.
38	Affordable housing only leads to an imbalance in the community – the parishes have always had one or two houses built which also needs to happen or it stagnates – no building is bad for a community.
39	A wide variety of housing is imperative.
43	More affordable housing. Less “very” expensive housing. More scope for self-builds and passive housing.
45	Unless we have some new housing young people will be unable to live in the area where they have grown up. Without new housing the population will become increasingly aged.
46	We have to move away from family because there are no affordable houses being built.
47	Yes, if you have lived in the area for years and have grown up children, there are no houses in the rural area that are affordable or size appropriate for a couple or small family. This does need addressing.
50	Work/employment needs to be here before housing what is the point of providing housing if the occupants would be permanently unemployed.
52	By saying this area is “open countryside” and therefore not suitable for more houses it appears to me that we should not be encouraging rural exception houses.
53	In agreeing with the principle of rural exception scheme and the answers as per Q2 I think there is a real need for a development to also closely adhere to Q1 where our draft vision for our area is to maintain village life whilst also improving it for the next generation.

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55	New housing if built well and carefully developed and sited can improve the appearance of the countryside as well as providing essential housing.
59	No.
61	We live in Aylton – we don't have any bus service. Most residents are self employed or retired. The area is not suitable for any such scheme.
66	The less change the better.
75	If "housing need" is just to satisfy central government targets then it should be opposed.
78	More affordable housing for existing residents.
79	I feel there is a need for affordable housing for local residents in Little Marcle there isn't enough of this. Not for bringing more residents to the area.
80	Overall I think that new homes should be built in the urban environment and the green belt/open countryside should be preserved for future generations.
83	Q4 further to comment [difficult to express because we don't know scale of any such proposals] if total no. of houses up to six or so then I would probably support.
86	Soon 1000 new dwellings will be built in Ledbury.
89	No.
90	We need affordable houses for the youngsters who at present can't afford to live in our area.
91	Need cheap houses for our young people – who can afford to live locally.
93	I have heard through the "grape vine" there are plans to develop a traveller site within the area. I strongly oppose this idea.
99	There is no existing infrastructure to support additional housing, especially for younger families.
100	Any additional housing in the Pixley area I believe would ruin the nature and characteristic of the area and would I suggest be contrary to the vision.
102	Houses for family members. Build 10 houses in each parish, small builders not the big firms. Council type homes not "Fortis" run.
104	Housing needs to be available to young families which might be achievable by more relaxed planning permissions together with affordable housing.
109	The parish of Pixley is classified as "open countryside" and hence should not be considering any further "housing development".
110	I think some housing should be allowed where a single house or two is needed. Any more would spoil the countryside in this area.
114	Local people who have lived in area should have more chances to build.
115	Parking should be fully considered. Road access/safety vital – danger of more cars pulling out onto busy Preston Cross to Trumpet road.
116	Property to support young people and local rural workers is important.
120	Any future housing in the area of the NDP should not impinge on the quality of life of existing residents including views, landscape, wildlife and historic heritage. Single scattered housing development is much more appropriate which reflects the pattern of existing houses rather than a new 'housing development' of 2 or more houses.

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121	The open countryside policy should not be eroded. The area best suits individual houses that conform with the existing policy to retain the quality of the rural landscape. New housing should be concentrated in the towns and villages that have the amenities to support them.
125	To allow small dwellings to be built in the parish to enable families to stay in area where they can support other family members.
130	Main stream sewage.
131	Main stream sewage.
133	Re Q3. I have seen a number of so called "local housing dev" for local people – taken up by immigrant workers, problem "townie" tenants – neither of which have any knowledge or affinity with the local area and rarely participate or engage with the local community.
134	Any low cost housing to only be built where demand exists and a waiting list has been established.
135	I would suggest that a village hall or similar is considered for purchase/construction. Location to be central for the parish areas.
137	It is important that farm/forestry workers are able to live near the job. One concern is offering some on the open market would immediately put the prices up which then means low income families cannot afford to live near their work.
140	I do not believe any additional housing should be given permission in Little Marcle. There is not the road, transport or work infrastructure to support any development.
144	Our main road goes in a straight line from one end to the other it's easy to travel too fast (well over the speed limit) so we need a tough policy to force drivers to keep below the speed limit.
148	Schemes such as "rural exception" homes are too open to manipulation by developers who may persuade inexperienced councillors of their validity. Hence it is best to simply say "no".
162	Houses should be available to people who will work in our community and nobody else for example unemployed and the unemployable. People need to become a part of our community using all the local facilities.
163	Most farms and local businesses employ foreign people or self-employed workers. Young people seek employment farther afield.
171	What happened to the housing association?
173	With more housing means a strain on local resources, schools, doctors etc. More funding, and or resources would need to expand to accept this demand.
177	Planning are too restrictive. There should be more encouragement to people to live in the area for those working in it eg agricultural.
178	This form of scheme would only be sensible if there were strictly enforced criteria on values and resaleability. Unfortunately, people are exploiting "loopholes". Most development is people abusing the system to make a profit and not for the long-term benefit of the community!
179	Multiple small developments.
180	Important that they are small – to fit in with existing character of villages and hamlets. Several smaller developments are better than one large development.

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181	So long as it is a very small percentage.
195	The housing policy should positively reflect the draft vision and not be driven by Government and developers "at all costs".
208	It is important that the parish does not become a commuter belt. Houses should be available for young people and local people who want to stay in the area and not be priced out of it.
216	Redundant buildings should always be put to use if they can be.
220	Would like to see 80% of any new homes being affordable for existing family members within the area.
223	The housing needs survey is rubbish. There is a need to retain a rural working population and affordable homes are required unsuitable for retirement and city workers.
224	Provision for young families to live close by other family members.
225	Housing needs to be considered alongside traffic calming, flood prevention, and access.
227	No more houses! I would like to keep a green and pleasant land!
232	Housing priority for people in the village. Young people born and lived in village should have priority.
233	Small sites for housing could be found near existing small groups of housing, rather than in 'open countryside' – so that impact on landscape is minimal.
237	I do agree that more housing is needed as long as it's not too many for our area. We need as much affordable housing for local people as we can so that people born in our area can stay in our area.
239	Field's next to the Trumpet pub, look a sad mess, with all the static homes- how did permission go through for that?
244	Provided the number of houses for sale on the open market formed only a <u>small</u> proportion of the total number.
247	Our roads can't support heavy traffic so I would be against any concentrated development. Preserve the rural heritage with design and architecture. Priority given to locals – not 2 nd homes.
250	I don't have a mortgage for example but I am looking to make one. To build more houses in rural areas is a very good idea. Rent vs. mortgage is not such big difference on money. I think the young people are the ones are suffering more. Rent a house sometimes have the policy of "no pets, no kids". So what should that families do? Who support them?
251	Support families with many children ...
256	I am in favour of rural exception housing in Our Area in the most appropriate locations. I believe it goes against the longterm viability of our communities if some more homes are not made available to the sons and daughters of existing residents, especially those with a generational stake in the neighbourhood, such as farming families.
257	See comment on page 2. I also think, as a Parish Council, we should be allowed to grant planning permission for houses on small pockets of land ie in-filling.
264	Housing in Pixley is at two extremes:- 1. Tied cottages owned by farmers. 2. Very large dwellings typically owned by people who have made their money

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	elsewhere and have no existing ties to the area. There is nothing inbetween for “ordinary” people ie two and three bedroom houses with a small garden for someone to buy outright. This is <u>not</u> the same as your description of affordable houses. It is the “houses for sale on the open market” that you describe above.
267	I do support local housing need but planning should be set in stone not be able to be altered i.e. houses available on open market as agreed!! Not increased therefore decreasing number of available local housing.

Q7: Do you have any other comments on traffic, transport and access? This is your chance to tell us.

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4	The walkways around Aylton have been maintained beautifully with the addition of new gates etc – much easier for little ones.
6	I am very concerned about the speed of traffic on the road between Preston's Cross roundabout and the Trumpet Inn.
7	There are a large number of footpaths and bridleways currently serving the area adequately. Road maintenance is very poor currently, inadequate gritting/grit boxes on rural lanes.
9	I am concerned about the speed of traffic on the road between Preston's Cross roundabout and the Trumpet Inn.
11	Public transport should be a priority. The safety of walkers on the lanes is also of great concern.
19	Would appreciate a bus route round Aylton.
22	Falcon Lane has become a rat run, not currently safe to walk or run/cycle.
26	Baregains Lane – mud on road is at dangerous and unacceptable levels – farms should be encouraged to maintain the road.
27	Far too many taxis congregated at Waller's Green (Priory School) that are causing obstruction to Falcon Lane – drivers are taking rest breaks on lane.
40	Yes need more bus services not just a country bus on a Tuesday.
41	Warning signs re horses and walkers and cyclists. Ideally a separate cycleway.
43	Speeding on smaller roads seems to be increasing.
44	Potholes! Need to be checked regularly. Cycle paths would be a great benefit.
45	Repair of road surfaces is a major issue, as is the speed of traffic particularly on A4172.
46	Motorbikes use the main road as a racing track at the weekend.
47	Pot holes are terrible. When a company needs to dig up the roads they should use a high grade refill not a low grade refill which seems to happen.
50	Traffic on A4172 – terrible. In the evening, early morning and during the night. Most drivers ignore the speed restrictions, overtake recklessly particularly at junctions. A high % of drivers use hand held mobiles and most dog owner drivers do not restrain their animals in their vehicles. If they crash – their animals can rocket through their windscreen and kill someone. Just because we are in a rural area, rules seem to have gone out of the window.
52	Hedges, ditches and drains appear to being maintained adequately. Footpath and bridleway maintenance generally appear to be adequate. Herefordshire trail is not clearly maintained over field before meeting A4172 to west.
53	The above points on facilities for walkers, cyclists and horse riders are important as we need to share our space and indeed, we do so now, but scope for improvement on our B roads is obviously limited.
58	The roads in the area are in such a poor condition as to be <u>dangerous</u> for cyclists. Potholes Potholes Potholes – money needs to be spent! Even car repair businesses report that 70% of repairs are due to potholes. I've seen better roads in 3 rd world countries.

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59	No.
60	Whilst road safety is important for all users, with the Council's budget being cut each year I do not think that we can realistically do anything to help walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Also the main road A4172 would not be safe for other users besides traffic, even with a path.
61	Public transport would be a good idea!
66	No.
67	Adequate parking is needed in Ledbury for the use of Pixley and District residents.
75	Speeding traffic on A4172 is a serious problem – it needs electronic “Your speed is ... slow down” signs. Road from Little Marcle to Ledbury past Redbank/Heineken getting more and more busy and dangerous – needs proper passing places.
77	Traffic calming and lower speed limits cause traffic jams and make drivers break the speed limit. Footpaths and bridleways help keep people off the road.
79	We live on a very fast road. Pulling out of our property can be very dangerous. We have children and pets. Signs and speed restrictions would be of a benefit. Also my son and neighbours have to walk to school buses, there is no footpath. Our property is also just over a brow so cars are not aware our property is even there.
80	In my opinion the general condition of the road network is in a poor state of repair especially the road surface. It needs investment badly.
81	Possible speed restrictions between Prestons Cross and Trumpet Cross would be an advantage for St. Michaels.
83	Traffic still travelling way too fast along A417 and A4172 and too many lorries still along lane → Heineken. Pot holes and flooding!!
84	The current provision/support and execution of road safety, speed reduction and general road maintenance appears to be completely neglected. The maintenance of ditches and ‘run off’ drainage is also a real local issue that is currently ignored.
85	The roads are in dreadful state and drains need unblocking more frequently than current program. A417 is too fast – children have to cross and wait for school bus at an exceedingly dangerous junction. Cars take no notice of speed warnings.
86	Traffic speed between the Trumpet and Prestons Cross is often frightening. The sign saying “Little Marcle Road” (on the crossroad at Little Marcle should be removed immediately). Little Marcle Road ends near the Robinsons industrial estate!!
87	All covered above.
88	More footpaths are needed for residents and if we promote tourism further. Existing paths should be kept clear.
89	The state of the main roads in our area is appalling. More and better maintenance is required.
90	Should be a 50 mph speed limit on the A417 between Trumpet and Preston and more cycle paths.
91	Horse riders should have to pick up their horses poo. The A417 should have a 50 mph speed limit from Trumpet all the way to Prestons Cross. All potholes should be repaired properly not just patched up temporary.

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93	The potholes along the main road from “Trumpet corner” to “Dymock” urgently need attention. Also a “speed calming” device, close to “Newbridge farm park”.
94	Single track roads/lanes should have clearly marked passing places so drivers do not have to drive onto soft verges/ditches to pass other vehicles. Hedges to be kept cut back from road.
95	Improve the roads.
100	No other comment.
102	Should have been a roundabout at the Trumpet not lights. It just seems to bunch up.
104	No.
110	The A4172 is very dangerous fast road. I think there should be a speed limit through Little Marcle crossroads and Newbridge Farm Park. Hfcs Council should do more to maintain the roads/drains.
111	I would like to see local streams/brooks/rivers managed/cleared. Locally our brook is <u>very</u> overgrown causing flooding issues.
114	If more maintenance with ditches and drains less likely to flood (like years ago) how do council workers get trained?
115	Believe Preston Cross to Trumpet should be 50 mph limit – dangerous x roads at Little Marcle and Pixley (by Haygrove) need more limits.
116	1. The road at the entrance to Little Marcle road and old post office should be speed controlled to 50 mph. 2. Speed calming should be added and local residents should be encouraged to help finance if necessary.
118	Speed control at entrance.
119	A4172 past Little Marcle – traffic too fast.
120	Traffic speed on the A4172 needs to be reduced from its current 60 mph limit. It is a dangerous road with a number of poor junctions. The safety of children waiting for school buses needs to be urgently considered. This has been an ongoing issue for decades which has not been tackled yet should be a priority.
121	The A4172 is a fast and dangerous road and not enough has been done to slow the traffic through “black spot” junctions. Opportunities to provide circular routes for walkers and cyclists should be further explored.
122	Financially, tourism is worth more to Herefordshire than farming. There is potential to develop the footpath network to draw in more visitors on walking holidays.
123	Speed restrictions should be in place more readily with regular monitoring by highways particularly Preston Cross to Trumpet road. Roads have areas in desperate need of repair.
125	Public transport to be encouraged with access to Hereford, Ledbury and Gloucester.
126	More parking spaces needed in Little Marcle. A path for walkers and cyclists. At the staggered junction by the old post office in Little Marcle I think there should be a 30 mph sign limit.
127	Traffic isn’t too bad. Speeding doesn’t occur too often.
129	A4172 would benefit from average 50 mph cameras.

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130	The volume of traffic on the A4172 is far too high for a country road. Little Marcle over the last 12 months I have counted 400 vehicles on this road in one hour.
131	The volume of traffic on the A4172 is far too high for a country road like Little Marcle.
132	Absolutely <u>no</u> speed cameras or speed detection on the A4172 which results in constant speeding vehicles. We fear for our teenagers crossing the road for the school bus and for when they learn to drive and have to exit our lane into oncoming speeding cars.
133	With much of our parish being through a main 'commute route' – I think current speed limits are adequate in that balance. Improved road markings and repairs should be prioritised if we are serious about improving safety. Improved visibility splays on some routes could be considered.
134	Facilities for walkers limited to crossings, no need for pavements in the area. Horses and walkers generally should use footpaths and bridleways. Cycle lanes not appropriate.
135	Road condition is quite poor in the area. Speed of vehicles in the area is excessive. More awareness and calming schemes should be considered.
136	What is meant by 'facilities'? If roads were maintained properly they would be safer, and walkers are well catered for if footpaths and bridleways are maintained. With regard to speed reduction, as the main road is very straight, applying a reduced limit in my opinion would not solve any speed issues because those who do abide by the limit would make a greater speed differential between them and those who speed making it more dangerous.
139	As always the junction by the old post office – it's so dangerous with the speed of traffic and school children having to cross it.
140	I have reported several instances of ditch and gully blockage to Herefordshire Council. The system does work, the gullies do get cleared but it's always such a half soaked job eg ditch at bottom of Old Rectory Lane unblocked but material blocking the drain left in a heap in the ditch in front of the drain so next time we have significant rainfall it will wash straight back into the drain and block it again! I was so dismayed I took a photo of it!
141	The road from Preston Cross to Trumpet is appalling. The cars go too fast and it is 100% unsafe.
142	We need consistency of regulation, ie 50 mph on all A roads.
144	I would like our area to be treated as a green belt.
145	It would be good to have a bus route along the A417.
146	Speed and aggressive driving are a major hazard on Roman Road. The railway bridge between Trumpet and Ashperton is a major hazard.
148	I am a civil engineer and have spent my entire career of nearly 40 years in designing roads and associated activities. I have volunteered to be on the steering group, or to be otherwise involved, in the NDP, but have never been asked to do so. I am not sure why this is.
160	Farmers should be held more accountable for the mud and damage to the roads/lanes in pursuit of their business.

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161	The rural roads are too busy already and people who have moved into area drive dangerously fast.
162	There is too much traffic on our rural roads, too many people being dumped in our <u>rural</u> county.
163	Walkers should help to keep footpaths and bridleways clear of bushes etc not leave it for Council and farmer to maintain. More responsibility is needed for horse riders particularly around our narrow lanes.
169	Initiatives to enable children to walk to school through the provision of footpaths near the school.
172	Filling in the pot holes on the country lanes is something that needs urgent attention.
173	Investment in improving road surfaces is a must. Traffic in my opinion is too fast around small country lanes and near schools. I feel this should be focussed on the NDP.
174	Many of our country roads have pot holes. There is a policy of spot repair, but it appears these repaired pot holes are also failing – not good practise, and poor use of funds, having to revisit failed works.
175	Repairs to pot holes on country roads could be better.
176	Better policy for pot hole repairs on country roads, and in winter salting could be improved.
177	There needs to be an overhaul of the roads and better thought out bypasses of towns. Public transport needs more priority.
178	Road maintenance is one of the most important issues facing the Local Authority.
181	There are very little verges left the hedges have been left to grow right along roadside there is nowhere on most roads to get out of the way of traffic. I used to be a keen walker but rarely venture the roads now. Also what there is of grass it is left to grow plus wild plants (weeds/nettles) not safe.
186	Speed on A417.
191	Speed restriction on A438.
193	County wide 50 mph limit.
195	Traffic calming and speed restriction measures should be linked to the issues raised in the remainder of the document.
196	There is a growing need for speed reduction on A438 between the Verzon Hotel and Munsley WI Hall where a 50 mph is already in force. The speed of that stretch needs to be reduced to 50 mph given the increased number of businesses including holiday homes, a garden centre and a brewery which have been set up in recent years.
197	Speed on A438 between Verzon Hotel and Munsley WI Hall needs to be reduced to 50 mph. Several new businesses on this road and lots of near misses as traffic to/from businesses has to contend with heavy, fast traffic.
198	Speed around bridge between Trumpet and Ashperton needs reducing – better signage as there has been more accidents here.
202	The A417 (Ashperton village to the Trumpet) and also ‘the railway bridge’ is not suitable for the volume of heavy goods traffic.

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
203	Stop wasting money on 'anti skid' areas and reduce sign posts and other road 'furniture'.
204	Too many road signs eg between Trumpet cross roads and Preston.
214	A438 needs speed restriction from Ledbury to Trumpet x roads.
215	The A438 Ledbury – Hereford is a very fast road people go over the 60 limit. Speed restrictions are necessary.
219	20 mph school zone – especially since school access is poor and six children catch the JMHS bus from the side of the road. 50 mph limit just before Trumpet crossroads is also ridiculous – too close to lights. Bridge could be replaced with a new one to the right (heading from Trumpet) to straighten road and reduce number of accidents.
220	We do have a problem with traffic speeding as soon as they leave the 30 mph restriction in Ashperton – maybe speed camera vans could be alerted to move to that area please.
223	YES. There should be a 50 mph limit on all major roads and 30 mph on all minor roads.
224	Our area is bisected by two very fast A roads, A4172 and A438. These roads are dangerous to the community due to the number of speeding cars well above 60 mph in a rural area where there is slow farm traffic and a large number of container lorries. Speed limit of 50 mph should be introduced and monitored by speed cameras and checks by the Safer Road Partnership. There has been many accidents on the A4172. Why wait for blood on the roads!
225	Road surfaces, traffic speeds, and large pools of standing water after rain showers make for a dangerous admixture of factors.
233	If footpath no longer serves a purpose connecting places within community and is merely used for recreational access to the countryside diverting it around a field should not be a problem. It would be good to have some new footpaths that are relevant to the area now eg connecting Trumpet crossroads to The Nest, so that people staying at caravan site could walk there – verges very narrow/non-existent along main road. Pot-holes are a safety issue on both main and minor roads.
234	Roads condition in Herefordshire appears to be far worse than neighbouring counties (especially Wales).
245	See Q1.
247	We are a rural community there is currently insufficient awareness of horse riders and dog walkers on our lanes.
250	Narrow lanes to have more lay by as sometimes two cars cannot pass safely or need a long reverse. Some drivers are not feeling comfortable to reverse so long.
252	Pot hole repair in reasonable time. Identification of pot holes using white marking is not enough and gives no prior warning of dangerous road hazards left unrepaired for months.
256	Perhaps it is a subheading under <i>Maintenance of hedges, ditches and drains</i> , but I do believe that the Council's efforts at litter collection, especially on the A4172, now fall woefully short of what is required. It seems to me that HC have pretty well given up on the problem.

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
264	Roads are poorly maintained ie potholes and rough surfaces. Tractors carrying heavy loads are doing a lot of damage to the roads but they pay no road tax which is unfair. Tractors cut up the grass verges but this is because there are no lay-bys or passing places for them to pull into. Passing places for tractors are far more useful to most people than cycle lanes. The only passing place on the A4172 is next to Wattresses Cottages which is very disruptive to the residents. Traffic queuing at the Trumpet crossroads coming from Ledbury is an accident waiting to happen because the traffic queues back to the corner opposite Munsley WI Hall and (lorries cars) from Ledbury are likely to run into the back of the queue. If a lorry did this, people could be killed.
267	Because country roads are so narrow they are not safe for horses and cyclists. These people are using them for pleasure. No problem. But they should have alternative options available.
268	Too much huge agricultural machinery and vehicles on unsuitably narrow roads (maybe result of poorly sited industrial enterprises?)

Q12: Do you have any other comments on jobs and the local economy? This is your chance to tell us.

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
7	I personally believe unless we are going to support in-season local produce we have to put up with polytunnels to provide us with cheap fruit and veg on a longer season.
10	We have enough polytunnels.
17	Businesses that encourage visitors should be encouraged as these in turn support shops and café/pub.
18	Leisure and tourism businesses that encourage visitors into the countryside should be supported. Would prefer small businesses to larger commercial ones and those that use local workers.
27	There needs to be a drive to encourage employment opportunities for local residents. A job centre-drop in is needed since Ledbury no longer has this.
41	Organic agriculture is very important. I'm very aware of use of (illegal? questionably) pesticides and herbicides. This affects us all. As does the illegal practice locally of scrapyards activities. This is never policed!! (apparently). Tourism is as important as agriculture esp in terms of the local economy so we need to protect our environment.
43	Agriculture already receives considerable financial support unlike most other rural industries. It provides very few jobs in return.
45	I support the growth of local jobs, but not those provided by polytunnels. They are a blot on the landscape, and increase flooding and reduce biodiversity.
46	The "polytunnels" do not even give locals a chance of employment.
50	Too many HGV's on small country lanes, road conditions not good enough!! Polytunnels are ugly and seem to be used for fruit bushes – we need food and biodiversity we need to take care of our beautiful countryside, look after the land and control naturally, flood risks.
54	I do not want to see the polytunnels swallow up any more land. I am concerned about the impact on wildlife, use of pesticides and visual impact. Also impact on house prices.
58	Polytunnels seriously degrade rural landscape. They turn countryside into industrial wasteland. They ruin biodiversity and wildlife. They cause water run-off and risk of local property flooding. They are the Devils' work.
59	No.
61	Roads not suitable for HGVs. Country roads too narrow and too many potholes.
66	Polytunnels should be banned.
67	Polytunnels in their current form are a blight on the landscape.
72	Polytunnels need to be scaled back, and a proper planning permission system put in place.
77	The food that is needed to support our ever-increasing population is wheat, potatoes, cabbages etc. and animals for milk and meat are not grown or raised in polytunnels. Strawberries, soft fruit, luxury foods which most people cannot afford is grown in polytunnels. It appears that the vast areas covered by polytunnels are devoid of wild animals, birds, butterflies, moths and bats.

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
79	We need polytunnels to grow soft fruit in our country. Not keen on too many HGV's. Flooding is a problem as we have been cut off quite a number of times in the 30 years I have lived in this area.
80	Investment in traditional industries will not provide the stimulus for the local area especially for young people. We need better broadband links to support people working from home/commuting and people working in a knowledge based economy.
83	Small scale – quality !!!! Why does Verzon struggle and The Nest thrive?
85	HGVs are a danger to a small lane and rarely consider local cars. Understand need for polytunnels but are beginning to mar our countryside.
86	Jobs within our community are vital, but very large scale agricultural industrial development taking place locally is almost out of control.
87	We must protect our agriculture.
90	Polytunnels should be better screened – by pre-planting trees/hedges – should be a condition of the planning permission.
93	We live in a farming rural area. I feel farmers should be supported, and any opportunity to develop new jobs should be encouraged.
98	Polytunnels only where they do not border residential properties.
102	Council should support polytunnels and leave growers alone with their businesses and activities.
104	Local businesses should make more effort to employ local people to work alongside foreign workers for seasonal work.
109	I believe we have enough “polytunnels”.
110	Agriculture is very important to this area and should be supported by the public more. It is very much taken for granted by most but provides a lot of jobs in this area, not to mention food!
113	A proper planning system for polytunnels is needed urgently.
115	Local economy vital. Broadband/mobile reception quality important.
116	We need a vibrant local rural economy and should encourage entrepreneurship and business.
121	The attractive rural setting should be seen as an important asset of Our Area which is a popular place for people to live and work (at a small scale) and encourages local tourism.
122	This is not an area which lends itself to providing large numbers of jobs. Most residents work outside the area and there is no reason to change this.
123	It would be nice to have a community asset such as playing field for sports with pavilion or community hall.
125	All forms of agriculture should be encouraged in this area each application to be judged on its merit.
133	Growth in home-working is positive. Would be good to see if any ‘social’ areas could be created to facilitate ‘communal working’ – ie village halls available for home workers to exchange trades/skills – attend IT courses, finance courses, etc. “A home-workers hub”.
135	We must be mindful of selection and agreement of sites for transient groups. This could have a negative impact on tourism and trade in the area.

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
137	This needs to be “in line” with the vision.
140	No.
146	Our parishes are defined by <u>mixed</u> agriculture ie a combination of orchards, livestock, grain, fruit and intensive polytunnels. It’s important to retain a <u>balance</u> .
148	The main consideration should be their consistency with the final bullet of the vision “tranquil rural parishes ... protected and sustainably managed”.
159	No comments.
163	As quoted in Q7.
169	More support for small enterprises through improved broadband would make a huge difference.
174	Too many polytunnels.
177	More apprenticeship schemes needed, and more encouragement of diversification, to get more people in the area working.
178	Unfortunately the use of polytunnels is beginning to blight the area and will increase until it has a serious effect on people enjoying the area.
179	Fewer polytunnels!
180	Broadband is very important. Phase 1 of the scheme left out too many subscribers. Phase 2 needs to be accelerated.
181	Is it possible or has it been done to offer students in our colleges instead of from Europe – help farmers worried about getting workers.
195	[comment re “Economic need and impact” row option to Q11] This item response can be interpreted as “at odds” with all other items and therefore is confusing and possibly contradictory to the content of Q11.
203	The rural landscape we love is man made, agriculture is a dynamic industry.
208	Broadband and mobile phone reception need to be improved. Brexit may change the nature of our seasonal workers. Where will they come from in the future and how will this affect our local economy?
216	Polytunnel enterprises are needed to produce what we eat, or it would be imported. They create a lot of local employment, the local business in our parish more than any business in Ledbury. We should be careful not to be selfish towards livelihoods or small minded in our recognition.
223	In so far as the electoral role is unrepresentative of those who work here, the PPC has difficulty relating to “Jobs and the local economy”.
224	Economic need should be balanced with the needs of the local community for peaceful enjoyment of their surrounding rural neighbourhood. When economic growth and polytunnel development becomes the main driver in planning considerations, it is the parish that takes the “hit” and none of the economic benefit. For that reason I have ticked the 2 nd box (fairly important) in the first question [first row to Q11, economic need and impacts].
225	It is not clear that polytunnel employment contributes appropriate amounts of Council tax per person employed as a total of people on a site.
227	If we had no poly tunnels we wouldn’t have to make decisions with regard to the above. So let’s not have anymore.

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
233	[Q8] Agriculture under polytunnels – I support this provided extent in any one place is limited, some sites have very little visual impact and I suspect that concerns about effects on tourism are over-stated. [Q9] Changes of use for existing employment sites may be beneficial. [Q10] Camping/caravan sites – I would support a small number of sites, providing that visual impact is minimised by landscaping/planting. [Q11] Should be easier to divert public rights of way, if no longer connecting key places (see Q7).
237	In order to have affordable soft fruit we do need polytunnels, but if possible could they only be granted for 10 years and then moved for a few years before returning.
250	Poly tunnels farming is an essential early fruits and veg production. Do we want to sustain the UK economy and eat UK production fruits and veg or we buy from supermarkets products from Morocco, Spain, Thailand etc. For most of the people polytunnels are a bad thing but polytunnels are playing an important role in economy. As well, do we want to work under the sky, raining 3-4 times/wk or under poly tunnels?
251	I don't have a problem with polytunnels.
256	We are not the Lake District, so there is no essential reason why our scenery should be set in aspic. Yet development has to be proportional, and it is certainly arguable that the coverage of polytunnels has reached the maximum that the landscape of our four parishes can tolerate. In contrast, as employment in towns and cities gives way to a pattern of a more distributed workforce relying on knowledge skills and instant communications, so surely does our neighbourhood need to adapt. Whilst this may not necessarily mean more building, we need three essentials: superfast broadband or equivalent for <u>all</u> locations; a sufficiently well-educated up-and-coming generation; good transport communications in all directions. If these essentials can be met, there seems hardly a better place to work than Our Area, especially if we can meet our 'tranquility goal'.
265	Polytunnels are an eyesore.
267	No polytunnels. Polytunnels are against nature, destroy countryside, no wildlife can exist where there are polytunnels. Polytunnels are for luxury goods.
268	Don't like seeing economy separated from 'protecting the environment'. They should only be considered together especially in a rural location like Our Area. Of course job opportunities are important, but not when the wildlife or visual impacts of particular sites are severe enough to outweigh economic considerations. Traffic impacts also need consideration.

Q15: If there are any particular local features, views or habitat areas that you think should be protected, please describe them below.

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
11	Hop yards – the old tall wire work ones – there are very few visible anymore, yet were once so distinctive in this area. Old orchards – tall trees, trees with mistletoe, not all the same size and shape.
15	The Ridge and anywhere else. I should hate it to go the same way as the polytunnel covered expanse N/E to Trumpet.
26	Polytunnels are having negative impact on the local landscape.
27	Wall Hill woodland should be protected.
35	See Q1 – reinstatement of lost features where feasible eg hedgerows, ponds, standard orchards (grants often available eg ptes.org). Protection of watercourses eg run-off from agriculture and domestic waste water.
38	Yew Tree Farm – large area of wild orchids. Damson hedge at old Castle – ancient Aylton.
41	All of the natural environment.
43	Tourism is a major factor and so preservation and protecting the environment is important. But good sustainable management of our natural environment is essential in its own right.
47	Marcle Ridge. Astwood. Hedgerows in general.
52	Traditional orchards are a very important feature of our Herefordshire countryside and we are losing them. Polytunnels are becoming a new feature which are spoiling our countryside in a number of ways.
58	Traditional orchards are a mecca for wildlife and should be encouraged and protected.
59	No.
66	All.
75	Views from Marcle Ridge towards Malverns, across plain between Ridge and Ledbury. Woodland.
76	View from the Marcle Ridge.
79	I feel it is important to protect Herefordshire as we know it hedgerows wildlife etc we live in a very beautiful place. But polytunnels have become part of Herefordshire they are not to visible from the ground, maybe plant more hedges, better for wildlife too.
80	Areas with ancient woodland and watercourses.
84	Controlling the extent and expansion of polytunnels.
90	No gypsy site at the Trumpet.
91	Polytunnels should have to have tree screens planted a few years before tunnel erection to try to hide them from view, as a condition of planning permission.
93	The area surrounding the “Trumpet public house” (to the rear). There appears to be static caravans being put up. They look terrible!!
94	Views towards Malvern Hills and Marcle Ridge.
102	Owners to control their own polytunnels not Council.
104	Ast Wood.

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
110	Valuable farm land should be protected from housing and bureaucracy. They are <u>not</u> making any more!
113	Please stop Herefordshire disappearing under acres of plastic polytunnels. Please can someone start asking about the sustainability of this method of food (soft fruit!) production and its uncontrolled march across farm land. This is particularly important in the Pixley and District area.
115	Marcle Ridge.
116	Marcle Ridge is beautiful and should be protected for its visual impact.
118	Marcle Ridge.
120	Ancient woodland, veteran trees, traditional orchards, hedgerows – native and species rich, ponds and streams.
121	Traditional orchards, ancient woodland and hedgerows, veteran trees, flower-rich grasslands and ponds.
122	Polytunnels are an eyesore when viewed from high ground such as Marcle Ridge. A number of footpaths are also blighted when passing close to tunnels.
130	Pond life.
131	Pond life.
133	With so many beautiful areas within our parish, hard to define one part over another! Light pollution from Alexander Park is an issue and highlights why we need to protect our area from inappropriate development.
140	We have paid inflated house prices to be able to live somewhere that we love. Sadly, all too often, locals are the last to know when land is being sold/developed so have no opportunity to protect our beautiful neighbourhood until it is too late!
163	Please leave features and habitat to the people who have lived in the parish how they should be controlled.
174	Have we not got enough polytunnels in this area, they are taking over our countryside.
175	Too many polytunnels around Ledbury – unsightly!
177	Ditches should be better maintained by council and hedges. Also bridlepaths and footpaths.
178	Local woodland and water courses need more attention.
180	Polytunnels should be reduced. They are an eyesore – who needs (really) that many strawberries.
181	The extensive use of polytunnels is failing to protect the openness and intrinsic qualities of our countryside where are our greenfields (more at Munsley). Soon that is all we see. How can that be allowed. Visitors don't want to see acres of plastic. What of the risk of the run-off water causing flooding.
196	Hedgerows. Where hedgerows are legitimately removed to make new gateways/entrances – redundant entrances are replanted with hedging.
197	Too many polytunnels on landscape.
208	Ancient woodlands and farmland to be protected. This is why we moved here for green countryside. As there is no settlement or proper village hall, would like to protect the churches. Would not want them turned into houses, and as the community is dominated by roads, the churches are a symbol for each parish.

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
	Minimise light pollution. Controlling extent of apple orchards due to light and chemical usage.
218	SSI sites.
222	The rural view of the Area from elevated ground, now blighted by polytunnels, should not be made any worse. It was a bad mistake to permit polytunnels to be erected above the previous height limit as it altered the character of the landscape adversely. No further blight in this area should be allowed.
223	Woodland may be treated as permanent. Orchards are only semi-permanent and should not be subject to control – BREXIT.
224	Controlling polytunnels! 1/5 of Pixley is under plastic! Much of which was retrospective planning permission. The loss of wildlife, risk of flooding, loss of character of the landscape has impacted the parish. NO more plastic in this community please. Also important to protect our trees, woodland, copses and orchards which this area and Herefordshire are so typical of. Let's not lose our beautiful heritage through reckless planning.
225	Whitfield Coppice, Ast Wood, ancient woodlands and <u>all</u> hedgerows.
228	Important rural views in this area are now blighted by polytunnels, both at road level and at elevation. Whilst I support agricultural development, it must be kept in proportion to residential and other uses of the surrounding area, and bring genuine economic benefits to the area. Planning permission should not be given for any more polytunnels in the area.
250	I would give to agriculture business, a bit more space and freedom where the land is available and doesn't interfere with local community. More business, more working place/jobs. Better economy. I don't mind to see a block of polytunnels on the hill 3-5-8 miles away is hurting nobody, unless the view is that important and pay for our food needs. But in the same time protect the environment and biodiversity, trees, forest, hedges, lakes. For example for a certain amount of polytunnels should be planted a certain amount of trees on the same area or on other areas where flat land and landscape could be improved.
251	Trees, forest, lakes, hedges, biodiversity. .
256	Going back to Q13, I believe that any new building which is allowed should be what I believe is called 'vernacular', i.e. its impact should be reduced by using the same local materials and style as existing buildings, and be sited so as to reduce any adverse visual impact.
264	Whitfield Coppice, Pixley.
265	Yew Tree Farm Aylton.
268	The late Dr Anthea Brian of the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust did some work on PONDS – and said this part of Herefordshire has an exceptional number of them. Maybe they should be identified? Map ponds, veteran trees.

Q17: Do you have any other comments on the local environment? This is your opportunity to tell us your views on conserving and improving the local environment.

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
4	I support any kind of renewable energy being used.
41	All future housing development should consider and use sustainable sources of materials, have high levels of insulation, and solar panels. The environment is crucial, and the research and views of local environmental groups should outweigh commercial concerns/be considered as important. Anti-social behaviour should be policed esp where it affects our environment.
43	More controls of surface run-off and soil erosion as affected by polytunnels and increasing drainage.
44	Every new build should feature a renewable energy source eg should have minimum number of solar panels etc.
47	Wind turbines that are noiseless.
54	The speed of cars coming along Falcon Lane.
59	No.
61	Individual wind turbines – would depend on each individual case, site, reason etc. and impacts on the community environment and benefits to the community and environment. Anaerobic digesters.
66	Change as little as possible.
75	Keeping footpaths clear and open. “Litter picks” needed. Fly-tipping sometimes a problem.
86	We are in an amazing area. Sadly there are developments going on damaging our local environment.
87	Wind turbines are not a long term economic solution.
90	Solar panels should be installed out of site – look bad on many houses – AD plants smell v bad and their waste is very unpleasant.
91	Solar panels look bad in prominent positions on some houses – basically a good thing – but in the right place – out of sight. Anaerobic digesters stink and the waste digestate stinks very badly when spread on the land – a very unnatural smell – which cannot be good for the land.
93	We live in a beautiful area. Let’s protect it!!
94	Support the farmers.
104	No.
115	Must work to encourage renewable initiatives.
116	Carbon emissions is a very significant challenge and we must encourage the use of renewable energy.
121	Solar panels, ground source heat pumps and air source heat pumps, these should be small scale individual or community based projects. Farmers should be encouraged to protect the soils, which are a valuable resource, and prevent them from being eroded ... and ending up in the streams, rivers and on the roads.
133	Put no to AD’s as they tend to use food/animal waste and this produces noise/smell/flies etc. The compost/waste plant between L. Marcle and Dymock is one such example of this.

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
134	Any source of renewable energy must consider noise pollution both for residents and wildlife.
135	<u>No opinion</u> as I work in this industry. It's unfair to provide and comment here.
136	The above question needs to be divided up into commercial, private individuals, community projects, as my answers would be different.
140	No.
144	In the course of a lifetime in farming I have seen many cases of really bad drainage from septic tanks. I feel it's a time bomb waiting to explode so I believe that as many as possible of these septic tanks should be connected to small sewage plants. A good example would be at Little Marcle.
148	This part of the questionnaire has been poorly designed. It is not reasonable to expect a single answer covering either a commercial basis or the operation by private individuals. Therefore, because I disagree with any such commercial operations in Our Area, I can only tick "no" in all cases.
159	No comments.
177	More regular waste collection would reduce the problem of waste being dumped in the countryside, and a more efficient waste centre in Ledbury would help.
178	There is a vast potential for the development of renewable energy, unfortunately the "NOT IN MY BACK YARD" brigade will make it difficult and future benefits will probably be lost.
179	Farming will become more intensive post-Brexit. Will need more control of, funding to, farmers to control larger farms mutilating the area.
208	Solar farms and wind farms are ugly.
216	Common sense should apply. We are in a beautiful county, but that does not mean nothing should happen in it to 'preserve' it.
223	BAN the use of barbed wire adjacent to footpaths.
224	Protect sites of ancient woodland such as Whitfield Coppice and Ast Wood. Enhance biodiversity by preventing further extension of polytunnel use.
250	UK have plenty of wind. Wind turbines will have an impact on energy production, green energy, cheap production. Look at the other European countries where motorways are surrounded by wind turbines.
268	Marked increase in light pollution over last 30 years. (Mostly outdoor lights staying on at night). But also Preston Cross roundabout lights (in Gloucestershire).

Q19: Do you think that any of the above need to be improved? Are there any other community services you would like to see provided, if possible? Please tell us how this could be achieved.

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
4	I think a pub in Aylton/Putley with a children's play area would be great for our communities as the closest is the Trumpet (on a main road).
7	Local bus service very poor. School bus service to Ashperton and John Masefield excellent.
10	Munsley WI is only important because we have nothing else – (the facilities awful) need a proper Community Hall for the Parish.
12	Broadband could be improved but I feel it has come a long way.
15	Scheme to tackle 'loneliness' such as a meet once a week at one of our local café's with transport sorted between users.
22	Both the local buses and broadband need vast improvements.
28	Bus service needs to be improved needs to go back to twice a week due to none driving elderly residents.
29	More daily bus services.
32	Rural bus routes (more of).
38	Local bus service – Sunday service and late night bus not late enough.
40	Need more bus service around Aylton due to there only being one bus that runs on a Tuesday.
41	Community shop (see previous comment) maybe along the lines Wellington model, where everyone decided to contribute to funding it. Communal open space eg a green (behind village hall?).
44	Local bus services – a bus service to Ross-on-Wye would be great, instead of having to go to Ledbury for a bus that only comes on a Thursday and doesn't return the same day. Broadband. Mobile phone reception.
45	Broadband and mobile phone services need to be improved.
47	Hard to run a business without good mobile reception and broadband.
50	Mobile phone reception – is not good here. However, phone masts are ugly. Land lines and broadband much more important.
52	Having a local church is very important, however, 4 churches in our neighbourhood – possibly not important. Munsley WI Hall – I have never been to an event at this venue. I would support a local community facility if I could walk or cycle to it (1-2 miles).
53	For a balanced and forward moving life that will cater for all ages and abilities all of the above facilities need to be maintained and improved at all times to keep the area a loved place to live and work.
58	Would support a community shop at Putley Green, anything over a mile away or on the main road it is only safe to go by car so might as well go to Ledbury.
59	Mobile phone reception.
61	Local bus services – do we have one! Hotels/pubs etc – the Nest shop – private businesses it is up to their owners to make these ventures successful.
66	Local bus services would be good.

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
72	I would like to see a community building in Little Marcle – maybe church use diversified into a community use building – otherwise our communities have no focal point and risk becoming dormitories.
75	I tend to use Putley Hall for events/activities (eg Prancing Pony) rather than Munsley WI Hall. Churches should be more available for community/non-religious use.
79	More local buses for non-drivers and young people.
80	Local bus services are too infrequent. The broadband is unreliable and not fast enough.
83	Wasn't even aware that Munsley had hall – we seem to gravitate towards Putley for such events appropriate for village hall. I think main road inhibits community leisure activities – danger for walking and cycling – folk seem to drift towards Ledbury or Putley according to which side of the road they live.
84	As per earlier comments the road/safety and access services need immediate focus.
85	What bus service?
86	Perhaps more community events would help us all understand more how lucky we are.
87	A community transport system.
88	Little Marcle needs some sort of bus service a few times a week for shopping and leisure. If it cannot be provided by the bus companies, maybe a community bus paid for when used.
90	Broadband and mobile phone reception.
91	Bus stop at Little Marcle by the old post office.
93	The “Trumpet tea rooms” is a lovely place. They provide a comfortable setting for local people to meet up. However, they would clearly benefit from more support, especially free advertising.
94	Broadband Broadband
99	Broadband speed and mobile phone reception.
102	Bus stop outside Trumpet pub for Hereford (shelter and seating).
104	Bus service is inadequate for people travelling to work and do not run at suitable times and therefore people have to use their cars. Broadband speed is very slow and probably not suitable for today's business needs.
110	Broadband here is very poor, it keeps dropping out! Mobile phone signal is good in some places and poor in others.
113	Little Marcle needs support for a community building of some kind – diversifying use of church may be one idea.
114	(Broadband) (Mobile phone)
115	Keen to encourage community – a thriving, vibrant community will require volunteer support.
116	We should encourage community services provided by charities, the church and social enterprises. We can't rely on local government and we should get active to support the elderly, young people and disadvantaged.
118	Broadband and mobile phone reception.
120	Bus services are currently very limited – there is huge scope for change here.

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
121	The bus service is very important but is currently insufficient to meet the needs of the communities. The service has to be effective and efficient to be used.
123	A community/village hall would enhance our parish – a central hub for local events, classes, playgroup etc.
125	Broadband – not sure this can be achieved.
126	Broadband and mobile phone reception.
130	Local bus service into Ledbury and Hereford.
131	Local bus service into Ledbury and Hereford.
133	Munsley WI Hall in need of massive update. In fact – is there a more central, larger site available for a new communal facility? Funding would be a big issue of course! Meetings held at ‘The Trumpet Inn’ could be an alternative.
134	Fibre has vastly improved internet connection in Little Marcle, not all properties within the parish have this yet?
135	Mobile phone reception is woeful. It’s a necessity of modern life now. We should become a centre of excellence for rural communications, it would only benefit our area for safety, tourism and local residents.
136	Mobile signal strength seems to be getting weaker/worse – whatever provider. It did not use to be a problem but there are more ‘dead’ areas now.
137	Is there a hotel?
140	Open spaces for the children to play on. The local boys have, for a number of years, played football for hours on end at Little Marcle Glebe. Sadly with the sale by the diocese this won’t be possible for future generations. Such a great shame.
144	Yes – mobile phone and broadband.
146	A community hall would be good but Munsley WI Hall is blighted by v. limited parking whilst being on a main road.
148	With reference to the second row, I am not aware of the existence of a hotel in “Our Area”.
149	Mobile phone reception is poor.
153	Fibre available to all properties. More facilities at Little Marcle Church to allow for more uses.
163	More support for local activities ie cricket club, old people’s meetings, churches and fund raising for good causes.
169	I’ve never had a reason to use the WI Hall but perhaps with investment and marketing it could become more of a useful resource like Ashperton Village Hall.
171	Ledbury railway station must stay open. Herefordshire Council may not have anything to do with the running of it – <u>but</u> could be a force to counter any future closure plans.
172	Munsley WI Hall needs to be improved so people choose it rather than a competing hall. We chose Ashperton Hall as it has lovely facilities for a children’s birthday party. Have more local events at the Hall. Improve broadband so businesses are encouraged to stay in the area. We need a park to encourage families to the area. Set up a local business breakfast for companies in the area to network and support each other (Pixley Berries, Alexandra Park, Newbridge Farm Park, Trumpet Garage, Mum2mum Herefordshire (I have set this up from home), Mike’s Meadow, The Nest, Trumpet pub, Trumpet tea rooms).

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173	Broadband is still very slow compared to city use. Investment to provide rural communities with fibre optic is essential for future growth.
177	Local bus service needs improving. The Munsley WI Hall would benefit from an uplift/redecoration etc and maybe increase its useage, for the benefit of all the community.
178	Broadband, mobile phone reception and a local shop are important. The rest are not as the useage is minimal.
179	Broadband improvements to ensure the <u>whole</u> area has decent connections. Much depends on this. It's a question of fairness. Probably need a plan for the churches. Beautiful and historic buildings that need to be preserved/used despite smaller and smaller congregations.
180	Broadband is essential for development poor quality will become a disincentive for the sort of small business development discussed in this plan. It's already a problem for three local businesses in Munsley.
181	Broadband, mobile phone reception.
183	Broadband is slow and impacts my working in the area. Mobile reception is patchy and of low grade.
187	Broadband is slow and can be intermittent. A faster service would hugely benefit local businesses.
195	Munsley WI Hall could do with a facelift – particularly in light of its apparent increased usage for a range of local activities.
196	Mobile phone reception requires improvement. An outdoor recreation space, suitable for all ages, would be welcome. Failing that perhaps landowners could allow for more footpaths linking up 'our area'.
201	Munsley village hall needs to be updated so it would be used more often by Aylton, Little Marcle, Munsley, Pixley.
202	The 4 parish group require one community hall. Munsley parish needs to be replaced by a modern facility.
208	WI Hall in need of a re-fit. No focus. Parish churches are lovely. We need to keep them. Cafes excellent. Playground would be nice. Cycle tracks, off-road, would be great too – something for the weekend and the older children. Parish walks map also would be great. More community events. Path from Ashperton to Trumpet would be great, either off road or on verge to gain greater access.
212	Village hall needs definite improvement and extension of car parking.
216	Why is the Nest shop in here? <u>Very odd</u> to single this out. It makes me question the motivations behind.
219	Money invested to make the hall more appealing. One local pub left.
223	FIBRE!! Sack BT. Community mini-bus/taxi service. Community nursing service. "Meals on Wheels" etc.
224	Not only in this area, but throughout the UK, rural communities have been thoroughly let down by BT and Open Reach in providing "fastershire" broadband. The rural economy needs a switched on broadband service to provide economic growth and jobs. Munsley WI falls <u>very</u> short in providing a community hall. This area needs its own parish hall to bring local events, classes, youthclubs for the community to be a part of. There is no provision for the young in this area to meet and socialise and have fun. There is no play ground for young mums to take

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	their children to locally. To achieve this community hall, grants are still available for such projects and its one that the NDP should make a priority.
225	Munsley WI Hall is a disgrace. It needs to be totally renovated if it is retained. It needs to be investigated for asbestos.
232	No public transport unless near the Hereford to Ledbury road A438.
237	Bus services, phone reception.
242	Maybe some playgroups for children or some places where they can develop or spend time in activity.
244	Bus services, particularly in winter could run later.
250	Internet and phone reception are under expectation compared with other countries, poorer countries than UK. Here is a lot to be improved.
251	Internet, phone reception.
256	Munsley WI Hall is quaint as a throwback to the pre-war era. But we really do need something more comfortable in this day and age!
257	I think it is essential we try and get a new village hall.
264	The bus service is inaccessible to me because it is too dangerous to walk along the A4172 to reach the bus stop at The Trumpet. There is no footpath and the grass verge is very uneven, I cannot walk on it, it is a trip hazard and traffic drives too close. There is no bus shelter or seat to use whilst waiting to go to Hereford. Although there is a bus shelter to use whilst waiting to go to Ledbury it is solid brick without any windows so if I were to sit inside (which I need to do) the bus may not stop. There is no way that I can cross the A438 safely to reach the bus shelter.
266	Broadband speeds could be improved.
268	More field margin strips for wildlife – eg wild flowers, insects etc.

In this questionnaire we have tried to cover what we think are the main issues affecting the future of Our Area. If we have missed anything you think should be included, please tell us below. Remember, the NDP will be in place up to 2031, so it is important we make sure that everything is covered.

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6	We are very concerned that there are not any affordable homes for our children to help them to stay in this area.
7	I strongly feel that we all have a tendency to move to an area and want it to remain static, forgetting that changes that were made in the past enabled us to live in the homes and environment we do. A dynamic area is one that changes.
15	Extraneous variable: the state of our lanes are exceptionally poor, to the extent that <u>some</u> people filling in this Q may not ✓ to support further activities or commercial enterprises etc for fear roads not up to it.
27	There needs to be restriction on polytunnels in the area, the landscape is dominated by them.
41	Control of anti-social and polluting activities ie scrapyards. Possibility of community shop. (both mentioned in this questionnaire by me).
43	More control over anti-social behaviour and also pollution by burning and dumping.
47	As the A4172 is a major road used by hauliers it should be kept in pristine condition. It just deteriorates rather than being regularly upgraded and repaired. Cats eyes that work as there is no street lighting on main roads.
54	Great questionnaire – thank you.
58	Our area is dominated by the A417/4172. It needs: footpath/cycleway, potholes mending, speed restriction 50 mph.
66	Maintenance, preservation, conservation and protection of a unique area.
77	Cider apple trees seem to cover many thousands of acres so that an alcoholic drink can be produced. After Brexit we may have to consider using these acres for producing food.
90	We are very worried that there may be a gypsy site at the Trumpet either at the newly built campsite or the old pickling plant – hopefully at neither site!
91	No to any gypsy sites at the Trumpet. NO NO NO NO NO NO!
93	My two main concerns are the state of the main road from the Trumpet to Dymock (including some people driving dangerously fast), and the proposed traveller camp. Both these things have or will have a hugely detrimental effect to our community.
94	This form is very complicated should be simpler.
98	Thanks for getting our opinion.
110	Litter on the sides of our country lanes seems to be getting worse. It is a shame people do not respect the countryside more. Perhaps more education is needed?
115	There are a number of children in the parish cycling to keep fit and/or attend John Masefield or part-time jobs in Ledbury (eg Homebase/Tesco). We should look to encourage a safe cycling route especially down Little Marcle Road. We need a safe collection/drop off point/s for the school buses – it is dangerous at the moment at the end of Little Marcle Road – safe pull in? – traffic calming. If

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	we really want to encourage families to live in the area and use local schools we need to look at these points along with a play/recreational area. I understand schemes (Govt loans) are available and we would be prepared to support these through personal involvement or increase in our Council tax. There are many local examples (Stroud) of community traffic calming schemes that could be investigated.
117	We should get local communications flowing and encourage more community activities and enterprise.
125	Facilities to keep young people in the area, activities for younger, housing and employment for slightly older (young married couples).
129	Protect what is important, but where it's not, develop it efficiently, sustainably and in keeping with our area.
136	Thank you for putting this together and working on it. I am opposed to more development in Little Marcle – it has seen a lot of development in the past few years and because of there being bad drainage (for septic tanks) and the fact of the lanes being single track, I feel any more development is unwise (by development I mean new housing).
142	Improvements to road and rail services, especially to Ledbury station and road surfaces.
149	Well done so far and good luck!
171	Will there be a meeting with the results of this questionnaire?
172	Lottery funding application for a park/playground which is free to use, and attracts children of all ages.
174	Are we able to influence the NDP of Ledbury, as this is the nearest town serving our area. We need more retail choice – especially in the food sector. More competition should be encouraged.
175	Would like to see better evening economy in Ledbury for young people. I have to go to Cheltenham, Bristol and sometimes Hereford.
177	There should be more sports facilities and more focus generally on sports – especially for young people – in schools, too.
178	Decisions must be made and quickly. If not we will have creeping developments. Unfortunately, there is not the “will” to take and implement decisions properly which is a shame and will be reflected in the future!
196	The proposal for a Travellers’ site within the area defined as ‘our area’ would be a development out of scale with the community of the Trumpet nearest to it. Aside from the size of the site there is no evidence of a perceived need for such a site within the parishes of Pixley and district.
197	Concerned about the proposed traveller site near to the Trumpet. Cannot understand the need for such a site as locally seasonal workers housed at place of employment in the past as now. Also size of site (7 vans) would be out of scale with Trumpet community.
224	Pixley is a medieval, non nucleated settlement. It has only just started to have a thriving centre based around The Nest/garden nursery which greatly enhanced local employment, tourism and residential amenity. Projects such as these should be encouraged and needs sensitive handling by planners. Encourage community cohesion.

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225	Consideration should be given to opening an 'open/on demand' halt on the railway line between Ledbury and Hereford to improve local access and promote economic activity.
233	No mention has been made of traveller sites. I understand that consideration is currently being given to use of field close to Trumpet crossroads for this purpose. I think this should only be permitted if there is proven <u>local</u> need and the NDP should include a policy to this effect for the future. Also, should stipulate that any sites are small-scale and carefully controlled.
234	Concerned about prospect of traveller's site at Old Pickling Plant – future sites should be for local need only – small scale and controlled carefully. Many local traveller families are now housed or have their own <u>single</u> sites.
249	I would <u>not</u> be happy if planning permission was to be given to caravan sites that are <u>not</u> related to farm work. <u>Example</u> the caravan site beside the Trumpet public house.
250	Thank you for including me. Well done for initiative.
251	Thank you.
256	Inevitably I fear that Herefordshire Council have already predetermined the future in our parishes in terms of housing, transport, environment and job opportunities. It would be gratifying if this exercise in localism was to come to anything, but I am not optimistic.
264	There appears to be unlawful development at Pixley End caravan site (next to The Trumpet Inn) and this seems to be going ahead unchallenged. There are rumours that the former "Tar Tank" between Pixley End caravan site and Whitfield Coppice is going to be used to house "troubled families" which would be a disaster and would make me feel very unsafe.
268	A lot of respondents to the last community plan identified "wildlife, landscape, woodlands, trees, heritage" etc as being important to Our Area. This questionnaire also (rightly) acknowledges that these matter to a lot of people. It would be good if the Plan could take some time and funds to identify these assets more specifically. I enclose some overlay maps of Our Area in case of interest.