

(Numbers in brackets in Summary of Comments = Numbers of respondents)

Verbatim comments for Q3 and Q4 are at the end of the summary

Q3 Does the level of traffic in the neighbourhood area affect your quality of life?

Two thirds of respondents said that traffic was not an issue affecting their quality of life. Of the third who said it did affect their quality of life the main issues are speeding on the A354 and within the village, and traffic noise. Parking in the vicinity of the old school was stated as a problem; this should now be negated by the school's move to its new site. The annual Steam Fair traffic volume and its impact were also mentioned as a problems.

Responses:	Yes	42	34%	Total responses 123
	No	80	65%	
	Don't know	1	1%	

Yes - Summary of Comments:

Parking in vicinity of old school site (7)

Speeding on Church Road (11)

Speeding on A354 (9)

Volume of traffic on A354 (4)

C13 – A354 'Rat run' (2)

Down Road / Arlecks Lane bottleneck (1)

School traffic at new site (2)

Anvil road crossing dangerous (1)

Noise (12)

Steam Fair volume / mud (3)

A354 crossing dangerous (1)

Damage to property (1)

No - Summary of Comments:

Steam Fair (3)

Church Road speeding (3)

Don't know – Comment verbatim:

Not lived here very long;

Q4 How do you think matters could be improved?

In terms of solving traffic issues, tackling speeding, the institution of a 20mph zone and traffic calming are interconnected and were the most frequently mentioned suggestions. There is a desire to reduce traffic speed on the A354 and within the village to the legal maximum of 30mph and a possible reduction to 20 mph within the village away from the A354. A pedestrian crossing was suggested on the A354 in the vicinity of the Farquharson Arms. Two respondents specifically suggested the continuation of the 40mph zone from Letton on the A354 to the beginning of the existing 30mph zone in the village as a traffic calming measure.

Total responses:	Traffic calming	33
	Tackle Speeding	67
	Crossing	19
	Improved Signage	23
	20 mph zone in the village	68
	Other measures	16

Traffic Calming - Summary of Comments:

C13 – A354 (8) On A354 (2) By new school (2) Speed bumps (2) NOT speed bumps (2)

Tackle Speeding - Summary of Comments:

'Keep your speed' signs (1) Make Speed flasher reliable (2) CSW (5) Policing (3) Camera (4)

Crossing - Summary of Comments:

A354 Farquharson / Yarde Farm (10) Crossways (1) Across Bypass into Blandford (1)

Improved Signage - Summary of Comments:

On Bypass (1) On C13 (1) On A354 (1) Countdown signs to 30 limit (1) '30' painted on road (1) School sign (3)
Footway / Cyclepath (1)

20 MPH Zone in the Village - Summary of Comments:

Church Road / New School (17) A354 (2) Anvil Road (3) In village excepting A354 (5)

Other - Summary of Comments:

'30' painted on road (1) Down Road / Arlecks Lane one way system (2) Widen Anvil Road / A354 junction (2)
Mirror at Portman road (1) Bypass (1) Cameras (2)
Double yellow lines - Fiveroads (2) 40 mph from Letton to Pimperne (2) 'No through road' – Newfield Road (1)
Weight limit in village (2)

Q5 How happy are you with the current level of service provided for IT and media?

Just over half of respondents said that broadband and mobile telephone services were good or satisfactory. However this leaves more than a third of respondents reporting poor service. Just under three quarters of respondents reported good or satisfactory TV reception; for some this was as a result of subscription to satellite services rather than reliance on terrestrial transmission. This leaves just under one quarter of respondents reporting poor TV reception. Radio reception was reported as good or satisfactory by two thirds of respondents, leaving just one under one quarter reporting poor reception.

	Good		Satisfactory		Good/ Satisfactory Combined	Poor		Don't Use		No response		Total
Broadband	23	19%	47	38%	57%	44	36%	6	5%	3	2%	123
Mobile	25	20%	44	36%	56%	48	39%	1	1%	5	4%	123
Television	46	37%	44	36%	73%	28	23%	2	2%	3	2%	123
Radio	34	28%	48	39%	67%	34	28%	4	3%	3	2%	123

Comments:

Broadband: no satisfactory explanation for excluding DT11 8XL from BT fibre optics; Talk Talk appalling signal; less than 1 meg; I have had to use service of Wenex Broadband to get adequate speed; optical fibre finishes 200 m down Salisbury road!

Mobile: Tesco ok but comes and goes; Vodaphone good; Vodaphone satisfactory; No O2 reception in village; depends on your provider; EE and O2 poor

Television: No O2 reception; only satisfactory because we have Sky; only with Sky do we get reception; Sky; Freeview; Satellite good; terrestrial poor

Radio: Sky fantastic but without we had only 3 TV and 10 radio channels; VHF and DAB poor; poor DAB reception

Summary of Comments:

Broadband – Access to fibre optics (2)

Mobile – Talk Talk, EE, O2 poor (3); Vodaphone good (2)

TV – Sky good (3); terrestrial poor (1)

Radio – DAB/VHF poor (2)

Q3 and Q4 Comments verbatim

Q3. Yes – Comments verbatim:

School parking- or lack of parking. Hopefully now eliminated with new school;

Speeding on Church Road and A354;

'rat run' between C13 and A354;

bottlenecks on Down Road and Arlecks lane means being held up every time. Affects peace and quiet too;

so many cars parking on the road. Looking more like a parking lot and giving problems getting into your own property;

I live right next door to the current (soon to be old) school. The parents block our road and park on corners!;

congestion on access roads;

noise;

I walk to Pimperne from Letton frequently and the speed and amount of traffic on the A354 is quite frightening, although the bus depot doesn't immediately affect us the excessive lighting of it at night does – spoiling the the once 'dark' skies. Can this be curtailed?;

once the new school opens we cannot expect to be unaffected;

driving too fast through village;

we live on the main road and cars often speed and it's noisy. Also Steam Fair traffic causes lots of traffic and mud on road;

we live just off the A350 on the Salisbury road, we need a speed camera or 'keep to speed' signs at the hill coming down to the village from the Salisbury direction. A very bad accident occurred recently. Also the garden, trees, hedges and fencing at No. 50 Salisbury road that protected us from the main road was cut down and burnt over a year ago for development. Nothing seems to be happening, we now have to watch and hear the busy traffic from our house, where we were shielded from the road prior to that;

parking of school run vehicles;

traffic too fast and heavy on A354;

no pavement outside house, speeding cars make it dangerous to cross road (DT11 8UQ);

reasonable amount of traffic – no more;

because large households have more than two cars and only one space;

noise level from fast traffic approaching 30 mph limit sign by Taymix;

noise;

speed of lorries and other HGVs on Salisbury road past nursery and bus stop. Difficult and unsafe to cross at times. Note – normal pick up times from nursery are during peak periods (and drop off!);

new school has increased traffic to our end of village and at times high speed of vehicles on Church road; the A354 is noisy;

steam fair traffic;

steam fair traffic through village – road disrepair – road noise - Salisbury road;

The a 354 from Pimperne to Blandford is partly a 60 mph zone which causes noise;

it's a race track; Church Lane – school run;

we live at Letton – the A354 is becoming increasingly busy/ noisy/ dangerous;

noise and volume;

the route through the village (not the trunk road) is a rat run – needs 20 mph; to a certain degree, traffic speed, noise and pollution aspects as judged by current road system configuration;

the amount and speed of cars create noise, dangers and holdups (heavy traffic);
school traffic;
drivers do not observe 30 mph limit;
school run times, cars parked everywhere. Also speed on Church road;
cars park in front of my house due to school, where now will funeral cars park?;
the speed of large trucks, tractors and other agricultural vehicles along Church lane is worrying especially in the summer;
peaceful village. Not much traffic;
traffic using the village as a 'rat run' between the upper Shaftesbury road and A354 is a hazard;
excess speed in Church road;
large influx of lorries and buses causing damage to property – many occasions;

Q3. No – Comments verbatim:

Reasonable except for Steam Fair. Occasional problems with speeding;
except during the Steam Fair when it is horrendous;
very quiet at moment; but wouldn't want to see it increase;
Berkeley road is a cul-de-sac; but we await the opening of the new school;
apart from the Steam Fair; I live on the village boundary; live in cul-de-sac, don't hear the traffic;
living at Letton it is rare that the Salisbury road traffic is intrusive;
the only bugbear is the number of vehicles parked alongside the roads;
at moment no. but new school not yet open and traffic may be problem then?;
normal amount of traffic;
too many exceed the speed limit on Church road;
apart from speeding traffic from much of the village in Church road. I am waiting for an accident to happen as I turn into Hyde Gardens from Main road / Church road as it is blind and we cannot see traffic approaching at speed from Church end as one turns into Hyde Gardens. Sight line is ?? are non-existent for seeing cars etc breaking speed limit!!;
we all need our transport!;
live at top of village – away from main road;
the A354 is not busy 24/7, minor roads quiet;
but traffic through village is often too fast in Church road;
but it would if I lived in church road or Anvil road;
house is located on unadopted no through road between A 350 and A 354;
live in a close;
don't live on the main road;
not now the school has moved!;
not near main roads;
but if you allow all the developments put forward in this questionnaire this could rapidly alter and so would the character of the village;
comparatively little traffic in village;
but it may well do with the increased traffic from new school;

Q4. Traffic calming – Comments verbatim:

Not necessary since only an occasional speeding problem;
no to sleeping policemen;
in vicinity of school – might reduce volume of traffic taking short cut between C13 and A354;
the school run is horrendous;
this tends to work only at the point of the ‘measure’ – either side cars speed up;
by flashing 30 mph signs; possibly in Church road either side of bend near school; along Church road;
along A354;
may need speed bumps in road either side of turning into new school;
needed in Anvil road which is used as a ‘rat run’ to Salisbury. Also children crossing at Fiveways school times – they have to look in 5 directions before crossing;
no – it ruins cars;
could help with speeding;
calming with speed humps would slow the traffic down too much;
not a positive move;
Church road – whole length;
on Salisbury road through village;
cars travel too fast along Church road;
near new school;
speed bumps;
near school;
works well in other villages;
general statement about the A354 – it is a retrograde step to impede traffic volumes on this major road;
at top of Newfield road to stop it being used as a rat run;
please do not introduce speed bumps, these destroy the chassis of a car etc;
sensible measure to slow traffic down in the bottom of the village;
along Church road;

Q4. Tackle Speeding – Comments verbatim:

Especially female 4x4 drivers;
not really serious;
20 mph will achieve this;
ensure speed flasher is working reliably, more frequent speed patrols;
traffic going to and from work too fast;
more policing;
the main road is constantly having its 30 mph speed limit broken;
mainly on Church road;
not enough speed checks;

no problem;
by Farquharson Arms children crossing main road at school times;
the 30 mph limit is constantly ignored and needs to be stricter;
can the speed checks be extended to cover Church road from Manor Farm close to Newfield corner where cars often go too fast;
particularly on A354;
lots of motorbikes speed past our house. Maybe a speed camera should be put in;
speed camera or 'keep your speed' signs on A 350 into the village from Collingwood corner. Bad accident on that hill coming into the village recently; community
speedwatch;
along A354;
Church road used as rat run from upper Shaftesbury road;
on the A354;
too fast through village;
connect Southern SID(?) to mains power supply so that it is always working;
works well;
traffic approaching 30 mph sign by Taymix - quite dangerous;
use the mobile speed camera on Church road (2 responses);
since new school ?? traffic for ?? South Church road;
CSW/ Police enforcement;
Church road frequently too fast. School children now present;
would like to see mobile speed traps from time to time near the bypass roundabout;
more people involved in speed watch therefore more sessions;
speed camera?;
there is a constant speed/ noise problem at the Letton Park section of the A354, no deterrent, no police activity!;
not slowing to 30 mph entering village;
main road;
radar in preference to bumps etc;

Q4. Crossing – Comments verbatim:

Pedestrian crossing needed on main road eg especially for pub and nursery;
this would be a good idea then people with dogs / children can cross more safely;
needed by Farquharson arms, this would slow traffic on approach to village;
for Yarde cottages;
not needed; on main road;
at Crossways – the point on Anvil road where meets Church road traffic and splits to Down road;
not really necessary; possibly?;
at Old Farm Gardens and Farquharson Arms;
Yarde Farm across A354, roundabout at Letton into Blandford;
a proper crossing by the Farquharson arms would be good;

by Yarde Farm; crossing the main road is risky on foot;
no safe areas to cross main road;
where? How many? Seems a bit of a silly proposal;
on main road by bus stop;

Q4. Improved Signage – Comments verbatim:

Only on ring road where names have deteriorated;
cleaning and vegetation clearing on top road;
renovate bus stop. 'Dorset signage' on/near A354;
school sign;
painting speed limit on road is more effective than signs;
pointless;
new school sign needed;
too many signs are ugly;
not really necessary – just more clutter;
mark down boards – similar to those used on motorways coming into the speed limits;
not sure would be beneficial;
CSW and school signs to new site;
throughout village;
especially on the Pimperne – Blandford cycle path;

Q4. 20 mph Zone in the Village – Comments verbatim:

Sensible speed on Church road and new school – should have been considered with new school location;
Church road;
30 minutes either side of school pick up times ie. Morning/afternoon;
no need 30 mph adequate;
especially in Church road and anvil road;
good idea and to include roads to just beyond village houses/buildings;
School and church areas in particular;
20 mph is impossible to keep to and would only get ignored;
people frequently seem to be exceeding 30 mph when I'm walking;
20 mph on roads approaching the new school please!;
especially near the school;
around new school;
20 mph zones are being introduced in most communities in UK;
near new school;
on the A354;
possibly due to non villagers speeding;

could help with speeding;
20 mph off the main road;
particularly around the village shop. I worry about crossing near there with the children;
maybe along Church road between the new school and main road;
especially along Church road near school;
roads are too narrow for people to ???;
within Church road and Anvil road;
not the A354;
at Old Farm Gardens and Farquharson Arms;
albeit difficult to enforce;
yes;
20 mph is fast enough for village traffic;
Church road – Anvil road;
people ignore the 30 limit what hope is there they will respect a 20 limit;
this is definitely required;
village is becoming a rat run and used as a cut through;
the school should have 20 signs;
in the village;
20 mph ok in the village but not realistic on Salisbury road;
especially along Church lane;
possibly on approach to new school;
Church road;
enforced by police held radar or speed camera or both;
people drive too fast;
Anvil road and Church road;

Q4. Other measures – Comments verbatim:

One way system Down road / Arlecks lane;
policing of cars parked on bends within the village – a constant danger;
widen 'Anvil Corner' to allow vehicles to freely enter / leave village (slows traffic down on A354 both ways);
one way system perhaps going down Down road and up Arlecks Lane;
cameras in place;
road links have to change with increased housing;
double yellow lines on the junction Down road, Anvil road, Church road;
enforce the law – stop loud exhaust noise;
vehicles exiting Damory coaches damaging grass verges by Old Bakery Close;
I think we don't have any problems in these areas;
yellow lines on the corners of Church road – Anvil road; electric speed warning;

coming from Salisbury the bend at the Anvil is dangerous for those turning right as drivers don't expect to see you stopped;
40 mph restriction from roundabout into the village;
limit parking on roads;
40 mph sign between Taymix and turn into Hammetts Farm;
average speed cameras in village;
the only traffic problem I perceive is school traffic. The siting of the new school is unlikely to solve this although should be better than current jams in Anvil road;
more road markings (on road surface) right through 30 mph zone – especially towards Anvil bend and beyond – at present only signs at start and end of zone;
weight limit from Bushes Cross into village (both ways);
40 mph from Pimperne to Blandford;
I am happy with traffic as it is;
Stourpaine signpost on corner village hall. Dead end or Farm only at beginning of Newfield road;
weight limit on vehicles;
think seriously about a by-pass for Pimperne! As in most villages / townships in France for example, create a by-pass for the A354 around Pimperne;
more parking at school;
install curved viewing mirror at bottom of Portman road, vehicles frequently speed along Anvil road with no regard for cars trying to exit Portman road safely;