

BLISLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

JULY 2019 SURVEY ANALYSIS

Question 6 Comments

‘What other issues particularly concern you about the Parish?’

‘re seems to be a lack of local people willing to get involved in supporting the local amenities i.e. village shop, hall, church and institute either by volunteering on committees or to help keep these open and available to everyone’

‘Traffic! Or specifically the speed people drive especially on the road from the A30 to the village. It is unnecessary and dangerous. Advisory signs could be one idea’

‘Withering infrastructure with a growing population. No close scrutiny of planning applications. Designs not in keeping being ignored/missed and in danger of being allowed. Careful control needs to be in place to ensure Blisland remains the village it is. Some aspects are close to being on their last legs before our carefully balanced village environment is lost forever’

‘If Blisland is allowed to get any bigger, what about the roads?’

‘Blisland needs to be smokeless zone’

‘Concerned about the viability of the amenities in the parish due to the lack of community spirit and peoples’ willingness to volunteer and participate. I have asked the PC if they could take a lead to see how groups can serve the community better but there was little interest shown. Big concern is that in 10-15 years the church may have to close – and the shop’

‘Speeding around village green is dangerous for young children who run across road. Possibly sleeping policemen in certain spots to slow traffic’

‘Visitors who stay do not have access to shop after 2pm, when most cannot check into lodgings until after 3pm they then shop in Bodmin’

*‘So good to have a school, shop, pub and church; they need to be kept running. The natural beauty of the village has to be maintained too. *not in order of importance.’*

‘If minibus in Blisland had a high enough demand then yes, alternatively greater use of other communities.’

‘The roads in general’

'We are worried about future housing estates coming in. We are so grateful to be in and part of an original local village. More housing means less of the village and more car'

'Transport is an area of importance to all. If it was not for the Age Concern bus (twice a week) many would be bushwhacked. I think it is an issue for the parish to support this service'

'I would like to have plastic refuse bins for farmers. Would this help reduce plastic wrapping, feedbags etc in our waterways and disappearing into the ground?. The only buildings which may be required are makeshift and large ones which could accommodate victims of bad weather. Could these double as sports facilities?'

'Temple Fisheries layby is a disgrace. It has become a caravan park overnight at the weekends with occupiers leaving vast amounts of litter behind when they leave and not only litter but animal faeces in black bags strewn all over the road. There is also a dilapidated 'burger bar' set on concrete blocks which appears to have been abandoned and has become an eyesore. Licence must have been granted by Cornwall Council. There is a new stone at Four Winds stating that you are entering an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We know it's there but sadly the Highways have allowed it to become overgrown'

'The management of moorland has become a concern – gorse removal has meant that the horse riders cannot use the area as it is lettered with wood. Also the bracken is out of control, killing the grazing. It has also damaged bird habitat. Don't spoil the parish'

'Condition of roads – being able to see more clearly at a junction. School at Waterloo'

'Shop and its opening hours (not open late enough for working people to make use of)'

'Cornwall Council and the Govt are doing a very good job of destroying Cornwall already so please keep it out of our village!'

'Hedges should be cut sooner around entrances to village'

'Future of village shop is important'

'That with subsequent government's the 'goal posts' might change with regard to planning and building guidelines in AONBs and Conservation Areas, detrimentally affecting our parish'

'Cemetery filling up with people with no connection to the parish i.e. born here'

'It has been a great loss to Blisland losing the Doctor's consultation visit on Mondays in the very adequate recently built facility in the village shop. Blisland has no doctor, unlike St Breward for example. The only way to see a doctor now is to travel by car which nor everyone in Blisland can do'

'Only uncontrolled large scale or industrial development.'

'The speed limit on Trewint Hill is way too fast – it should never be 60mph. I have had cats killed on this road, also I have horses which have also nearly been hit due to speeding. It should be a 20mph limit'

'Future of village shop/post office'

'Development is a value judgmental term for increasing urbanisation. Development feeds demand for further supportive infrastructure, road expansion etc. There is no such thing as 'sustainable development' where natural resources are finite. Country living has its inconveniences, but I personally prefer to deal with those than be in an urbanised location'

'Because residents are becoming very elderly and young families are busy and working, there are fewer people to give time to organise and support activities in the village thus diminishing community spirit. It is being made increasingly difficult for older people or those without a car to access banks, cash, doctors etc because it suits vested interests'

'I think we have enough holiday homes and would not like to see any more'

'Maintenance of historical value – which buildings/trees/sites have legal protection?'

'Promotion of community'

'Defence of village green against misuse 3g travellers en-masse'

'The village school. I feel the parish council should have a member on the Governors so they know what's going on'

'Over development'

'Can Blisland take on any more houses? Farmland is already reduced; food has to come from somewhere, most likely imported'

'I would be concerned to see anymore road signs/yellow paint on the road. So many villages have had character ruined by too many signs. Concerned that too few people go to the shop – need more locals to buy even just a few things a week to keep it viable (as ex treasurer I have a good view of the finances)'

'Disregard for residents' opinions concerning development of new builds and rebuilds. We need to preserve the character of our hamlets and not make them like coastal areas that have been ruined and lost all their character. It is the thin end of the wedge – by allowing one you then set a precedent'

'Lack of programme to keep weeds etc clear from kerb sides and pavements'

'Second homes becoming more prevalent and detracting from the community environment'

'Public house not child/family friendly'

'Be nice to see a Parish development plan including costings'

'Future of Blisland Primary School and the quality of education'

'Ongoing sustainability of shop/post office. Too reliant on volunteers. Would like to see it able to be commercially viable'

'Church attendance poor; would be a shame if this continues'

'Would like to see the shop open more hours. Preferably hold more stock. Promote shop and café more widely. Signage off A30 to affect this change'

'We like it as it is at present and would not like to see it change'

'Being overrun by second homes and holiday lets'

'There are numbers of elderly residents who may be frail and lonely and unable to get down to the stop. Could we perhaps introduce a scheme for supporting them? A30 access roads need resurfacing. Lack of transport to Bodmin. Selfish parking around the green and at junctions – no ambulance or fire engine could get through. Parking outside the shop is selfish and blocks safe view of the road'

'Not maintaining pavements, hedging growing over pavements and trees on the green nor being made safe in case children run into overhanging and low hanging branches'

'My concern is potholes'

'Enhanced broadband connectivity'

'I'm at the age/stage of life where I don't have the time to get involved with the parish so I really can't answer. I feel affordable housing for locals and the young is important and transport to Bodmin and Bodmin Parkway to enable people to

commute easily to and from work. Sympathetic building development is key. I think St Mabyrn did it very well with a nice development and excellent landscaping as you come into the village. A leaf could be taken out of that book if considering building homes'

'Upkeep of the church'

'Keeping our local shop and perhaps the shop being open longer hours'

'Maintaining the high standards of our local primary school in Waterloo'

'The parish needs the post office and shop facilities. Growth with them would help the community. The elderly would benefit from being able to have social times, meals, company. Support the shop'

'Could we update the play area on the village green? Happy to help secure funding for this if it could be a possibility'

'People who don't clean up after their dogs'

'Our hamlet of Temple is within a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Future development plans should provide support to ensure that the values and objectives of an AONB are maintained and applied in our parish. Lack of housing and transport for younger people'

'Second homes'

'Communication could be improved to encourage more support for local events'

'The village green we have is practically the only original village green left (if not the only one left). It's iconic and should be protected'

'Transport (or lack of). Links needed (vital). The GP no longer visits the village on a weekly basis -a loss for the community. What about other services such as a dentist?'

'Concerns around infrastructure and concerns around too many properties/expansion and location of these'

'Concerns around beautiful our views, nature and footfall'

'Dark skies. We would like to see the conservation area extended'

'It concerns me that not once in this survey has the community shop been mentioned – after all where would we be without it as it is supposed to be the hub of the village'

'The retention of the shop and post office'

'More use made of the village hall'

'How long it (the village) can be kept a 'best kept secret' and resist inappropriate development'

'Love Blisland and the great people; dislike invasion of rude trippers'

'Would like more of the younger generation to be able to live in Blisland and so there would be more children in the village and at the school'

'Condition of the road surface exiting the village towards Bodmin past the post office'

'No change – leave it as is -it's beautiful that's why so many people love it and visit!'

'Short opening hours in the shop'

'Shortage of dog waste bins'

'Housing design. Cornwall Council does not appear to have any idea about the sort of design that suits a rural area/village and whilst traditional design should not overrule new or innovative design, the development of Highclere in Tregenna Road is very inappropriate and a blot on the whole area. Hopefully the Neighbourhood Plan will ensure that any new housing throughout the Parish and, whether or not in the Blisland Parish Conservation Area, will follow the design guidelines laid down in the Blisland Area Conservation Management Plan'

'Proposals and plans are unfair with decisions – these are granted, so it seems, on basis of who you know and back handers. What is rejected and what you see happen and go ahead is a total mystery!! More transparency and lack of peoples own feelings put into decisions needs to stop'

'I would not like to see an increase in second homes and holiday homes'

'Isolation, communication and transport regarding older people and people with disabilities'

'Space it out so that it still feels and looks like a village! Not like a town/estate like what they have been doing lately'

'General road maintenance. Potholes have been a problem'

'No proper drain clearance. There are two drains in the lane where I live. The council do not clear them, and I have to do it, which is not ideal for an 89-year-old'

'Speed – the only speed restriction in the village is 30mph sign close to shop. This means traffic leaving A30 can drive up to 60mph until top of hill near shop...and this they do. Trewint Hill is an example with cars racing down especially. This is the main road into the village used by farm vehicles, delivery drivers, horse riders and cyclists. Recent incident of local driver nearly hitting a horse being led down hill'

'We regularly pick litter up on the roads and wonder if a regular litter pick could be organised'

'The fountain/spring on the road into the village has silted up. It would be wonderful to see it flowing again'

'The tendency to split into factions rather than unite. St Breward and St Tudy are examples of villages which benefit from an abundance of community spirit. I feel sure we can achieve this in Blisland through communication'

'Loss of doctors surgery'

'We have got to keep our young families and promote more moving into the village – to keep the school going and generally keep the population of the village healthy. The presumption against development indicated by the development boundary restriction could mean the end of village life. More opportunities for new housing must be identified'

'The roads during the summer months become very narrow due to overgrowth. Cutting back is needed more frequently'

'How is our local school doing?'

'Internet is shocking and would like some further improvements on this'

'I would like to see some signs on the road warning drivers to cut their speed and telling them that cyclists, horses and riders also use our narrow roads plus walkers and thought and due care must be given to them'

'New buildings that are not in keeping with the village. The use of granite stone for example the houses in Manor Close and also Church Close. I would prefer more land to be used to build properties with larger gardens rather than houses crammed together as they are in cities'

Question 6.2 – What Would You Like to See Changed and How?

'A stronger community spirit'

'Introduce superfast broadband to Bradford would be fantastic'

'Change shop hours'

'Speed of traffic reduced'

'Keep it how it is'

'Research what people want for amenities and work together to see how to provide it. Greater involvement in the village by the 30-50 year olds'

'Happy as things are'

'Change shop hours to stay open to 5pm. We have a paid manager and assistants p/t – could not the manager start later and then finish later which would give more footfall through the shop and help increase sales etc?'

'For me, its those two factors (amenities and natural beauty) that make Blisland a lovely village, so I guess anything that needs to be done to keep it that way'

'Less litter on approaching roads'

'Some form of public transport. My daughter is 15 and basically stranded during the holidays, plus if she misses the (school) bus she has to have a whole day off'

'The potholes in the road filled in. The brambles and the vegetation cut back, especially on the bad corners in the summer'

'Maybe form a network. This would mean a contact person in every commune. They could be contacted when help is needed. These people's numbers and emails could be in the parish magazine'

'Just maybe a small car park somewhere to help with parking'

'If more local and affordable housing is required, why not consider using the airfield on the other side of the A30? It is level ground, has some services and would have good access to work via A30. The aircraft there could relocate to Newquay. This would restore and enhance the tranquillity of the area'

'I feel Cornwall and all the little villages are already being spoilt by too much change'

'This place is perfect as it is, please leave it alone!'

'A village allotment area?'

'Improved play area on the village green to attract more families, which would roll over to the shop/pub/church's benefits too'

'More communal use of the village green'

'Very little'

'Speed limits on all the roads in and around the village'

'Why is there a bus to St Breward, St Tudy and St Mabyn but not here? People parking better'

'Proper road surface repair, not the 'spray tarmac' which disintegrates quickly'

'Stop incessant barking dogs'

'More rewilded areas/Blisland churchyard rewilded sympathetically/hedgerows managed in line with Cornwall Hedge Group best practice guidelines/encouragement of wildlife and accessibility to wildlife by parishioners eg bat boxes and bird boxes of appropriate designs'

'The active prosecution of those involved in illegal hunting'

'Not a lot please. I think Blisland is a very beautiful place and wonderful community'

'A minibus service – possible share of St Breward and pick up in Blisland if pre-booked. Car share scheme. Fish service for older residents. Grit containers strategically placed in winter'

'Little bit more seasonal activity on our beautiful green'

The community shop is an asset, but the café part is under used. It would be great if lunches could be cooked on the premises, not just coffee'

'Tregenna Road widened by buying some small parts of the roadside fields. Public transport vastly improved'

'Maintenance and control of second homes'

'Nice as it is'

'I think the village favours the elderly over families, and the village green only has one set of swings. Whilst I understand residents want quiet enjoyment, there should be a playground built somewhere near the green for children to play and families to get together'

'Removal of rubbish/scrap vehicles that litter the roadside in the village of Temple'

'Better support for the shop, Use it or lose it!'

'More community spirit by encouraging people to get involved in various community activities'

'Nothing; after searching for along time we chose Blisland because of how it is now'

'I would like to see the return of transport to the village (very isolating for those who do not/cannot drive such as two of my family members due to additional needs). This greatly impacts on isolation and work opportunities without being completely reliant on others (lack of independence)'

'Some form of public transport'

'Not so many holiday homes clogging up properties for locals to buy'

'More locals supporting the shop'

'More support for the church'

'Nothing substantial – it's a haven of peace in an unsettled world'

'Only the roads, the rest is perfect'

'More affordable housing for the younger generation'

One committee for whole village – church, shop, village hall, Institute and a rep from each to all "work together"

'I am against the surge in property being bought/built as second homes. It really has taken away the opportunity for those locals, especially the younger generation of having the chance to live in their own community'

'Houses not crammed in'

'Nice gardens/private park/play area for kids to play outside instead of indoors on computer games etc all the time. Kids need stuff to do else they are going to grow up not talking to people'

'It would be great to transfer a section of the village green converted to a wildflower meadow and the same of the churchyard'

'Sensible speed limits applied. Cars should not have priority at cost of safety'

'Wild flower strip for bees either near bus stop or close by'

'Restoration of Bilsland's Duck Pond'

'Nothing – it's a wonderful village'

'The formation of a community task force to tackle everything from litter to kerbside weeds and overgrown hedges. It could help forge stronger community ties and be cross-generational'

'Those that have no cars find it very difficult to get to shops and doctors as no public transport available'

'More affordable houses'

'Sympathetic development of affordable housing with CIC contributions used to enhance infrastructure, alongside community services e.g. doctors and improved internet connections'

'I would like to see the appalling state of the approach roads sorted by lobbying Cornwall Council to use some of the monies allocated to them for roads'

'More thought into the building of properties more in keeping with the village, both for the aesthetics of the village and for the people who live in the properties'

'New swings/play area for the children'

Offer from Manor Close suggesting updating play area and offered to help secure funding'