

# **BOURTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**



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## **The 2nd Questionnaire**

This questionnaire is a follow up to the original, which was completed by residents of Bourton in January/February 2013. It was considered to be necessary because, in the intervening period, there had been significant changes to the situation which applied in some important areas at the time of the first survey and the Neighbourhood Planning Group needed to obtain up to date evidence on the views of residents on these issues.

The 2nd Questionnaire was, where possible, hand delivered to residents by volunteers during the period 13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014. The majority of completed questionnaires had been collected by the end of April 2014, with one or two more received in early May.

Every resident of voting age was given the opportunity to complete the questionnaire and each household also received a map of the parish which showed Parish and Settlement boundaries and Important Open and Wooded Areas (IOWAs).

A total of 713 questionnaires was delivered to 388 households.

A total of 481 completed questionnaires was collected from 277 households.

This gives an individual response rate of 67.46% and a household response rate of 71.39%

Individual questionnaire responses are to remain confidential and no identities or personal details of respondents will be discussed outside the NPG. The detailed information provided will only be used for the purpose of producing the Neighbourhood Plan.

## **The Objectives**

The objectives of this questionnaire were to establish the views of the residents of Bourton on the following issues:

- a. **New Village Hall.** With the completion of the Village Hall Management Committee's selection process for a new Village Hall site, it has been stated that all viable options would involve some level of private housing development to obtain land for the new hall. Would this be acceptable in principle ?
- b. **Housing and Settlement Boundary.** In view of NDDC's emerging Countryside Policy and the number of houses for which there is now planning consent, or support for planning consent, should there be further

housing growth during the period of the Plan - if so, how much and how should it be managed ?

c. **Natural Environment.** With the emphasis in National and Local policies on biodiversity and the natural environment, would you like to see action taken to prepare a local initiative to protect and enhance local wildlife and their habitats? Are the existing IOWAs and/or other open spaces special to you and would you wish them to be assessed as potential Local Green Spaces ?

### **Data Entry and Analysis**

Data entry took place between 9<sup>th</sup> May and 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

Unless otherwise stated, percentages are given as a percentage of the total number of responses received to each question.

A random sample of 10% of questionnaires was cross checked for accuracy. No errors were found.

### **Appendices**

Text responses to open questions have been included in Appendices A to G. Comments relating to questions which did not require a response have been included in Appendix H. All text comments relating to questions have been included and reproduced as written. The map of the Parish is shown in Appendix J

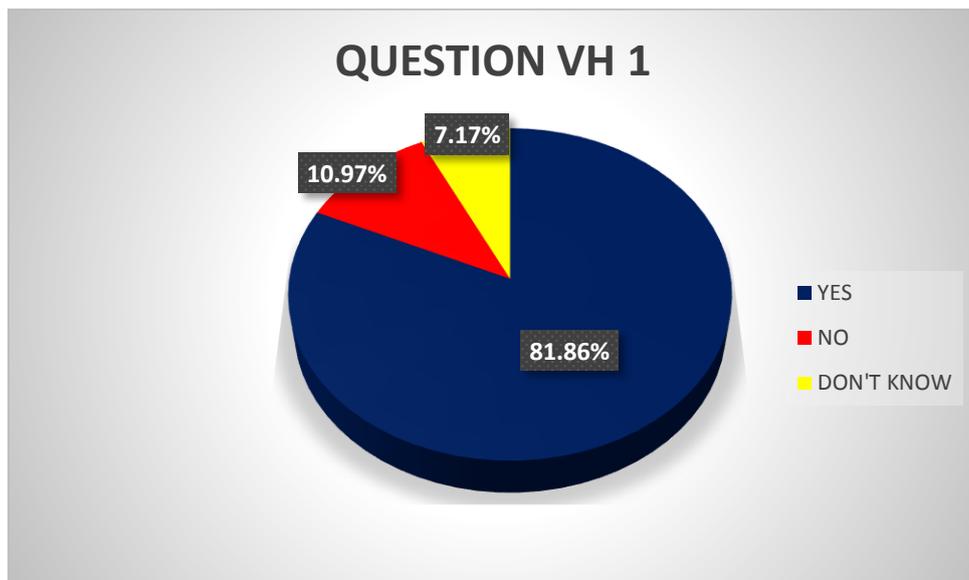
# Survey Responses

## NEW VILLAGE HALL

### QUESTION VH 1.

Would you accept the principle of a small amount of housing development to assist in the delivery of a new village hall and associated amenity area?

<b>Yes</b>	388	<b>No</b>	52	<b>Don't Know</b>	34
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### QUESTION VH 2.

If you answered NO to question VH 1, please give us your views and suggestions on alternative ways of delivering a new village hall and amenity area in Bourton.

**See Appendix A**

### QUESTION VH 3.

Do you have any further comments on the provision of a new village hall?

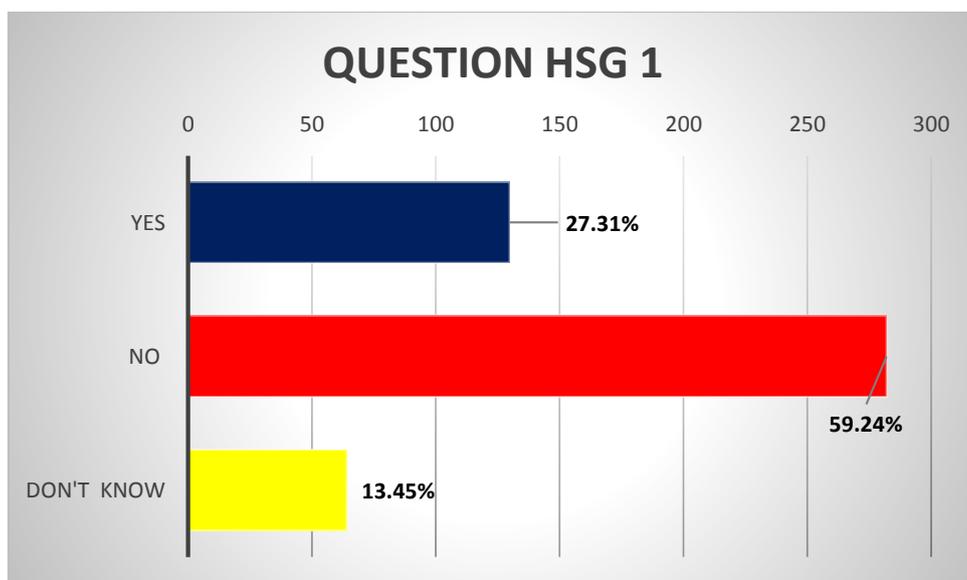
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# HOUSING AND THE SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY

## **QUESTION HSG 1. Should Bourton grow?**

With the exception of any private housing related to your answer to Question VH 1, do you think that the Neighbourhood Plan should provide for further housing growth between now and 2026, in addition to the numbers already permitted and described in paragraph 2 under HOUSING

<b>Yes</b>	130	<b>No</b>	282	<b>Don't Know</b>	64
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## **QUESTION HSG 2. How much should it grow?**

Only if your answer to HSG 1 is YES, how many additional houses do you think should be built and why?

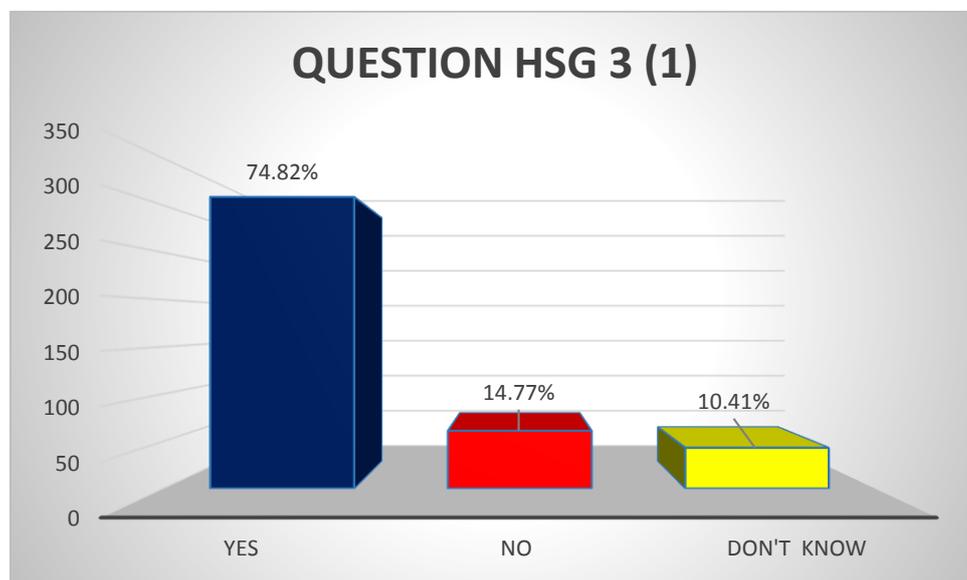
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### **QUESTION HSG 3. How should growth be managed?**

#### **Which of the following methods should the Neighbourhood Plan use to influence growth?**

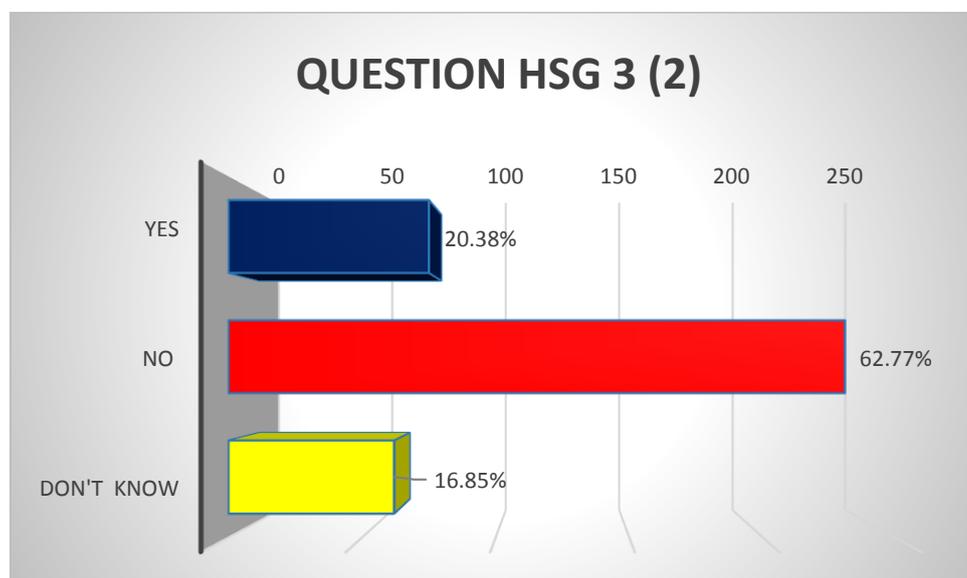
1. To allocate specific sites for development within the Neighbourhood Plan. This means that the only sites for development would, subject to normal planning consent, be those agreed by you in the Neighbourhood Plan and which also meet the necessary environmental criteria.

<b>Yes</b>	309	<b>No</b>	61	<b>Don't Know</b>	43
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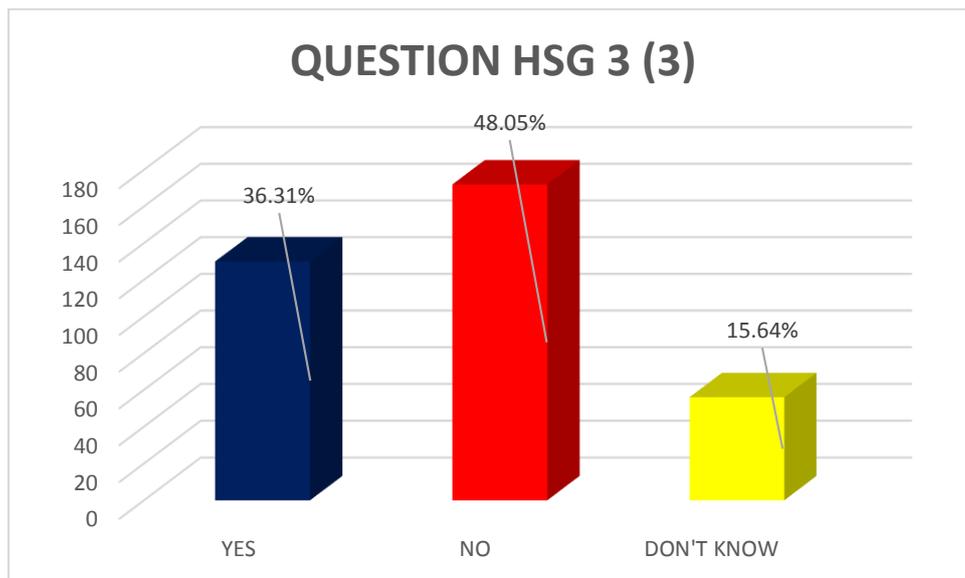
2. Review and re-draw a Settlement Boundary. This means that further infill private market housing development would, subject to normal planning consent, be allowed inside the new Settlement Boundary.

<b>Yes</b>	75	<b>No</b>	231	<b>Don't Know</b>	62
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3. A combination of methods 1 & 2.

<b>Yes</b>	130	<b>No</b>	172	<b>Don't Know</b>	56
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#### **QUESTION HSG 4. GENERAL**

If you have any further comments on Housing and Settlement Boundary issues, please include them.

**See Appendix D**

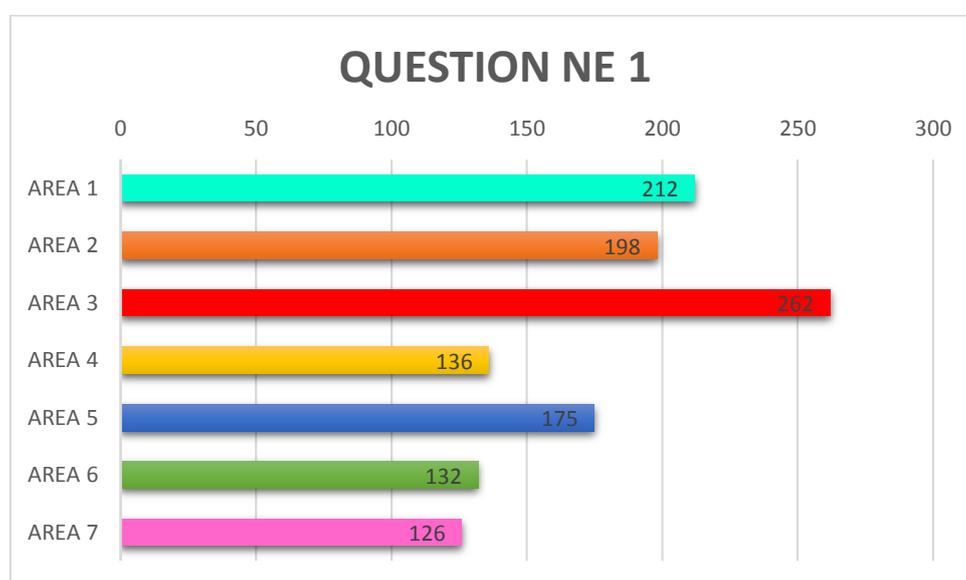
## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

### IMPORTANT OPEN AND WOODED AREAS (IOWAs)

The IOWAs in Bourton, as shown on the map (**Appendix J**), are: the cemetery (1), the field opposite the Church (2), which was purchased for future use as a cemetery, the school playing field (3), the land alongside the rectory and the village hall (4), the riverside habitat adjacent to the former Mill/Factory site (opposite Dovehayes Cottage) (5), and two areas in Queen Oak (6, 7).

#### **QUESTION NE 1.**

Are any of the seven IOWAs special to you – if so, please indicate which ones below.



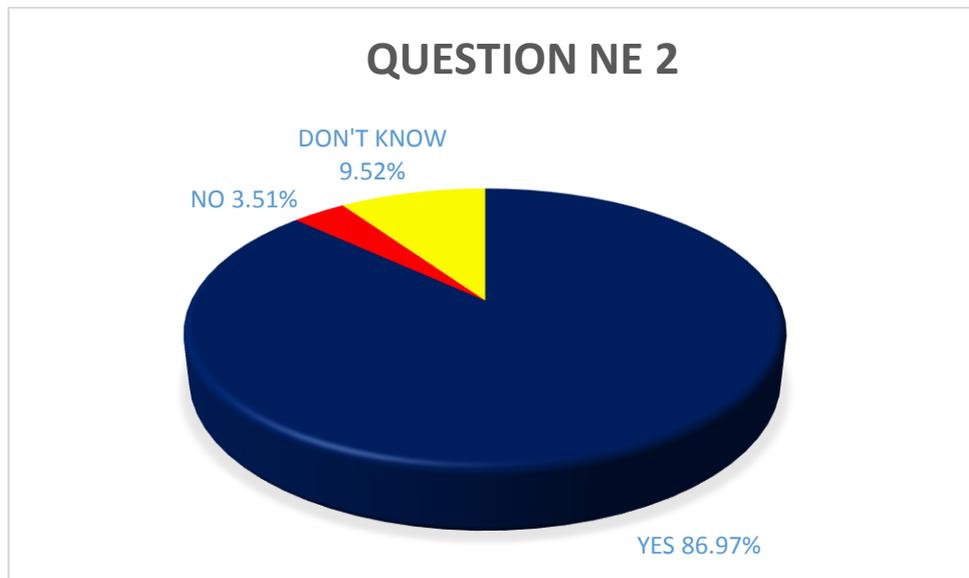
Please comment on why they are special to you.

**See Appendix E**

**QUESTION NE 2.**

Do you believe that the IOWAs you have identified should be assessed as potential Local Green Spaces and, where appropriate, designated as such to protect them from development in the future?

<b>Yes</b>	347	<b>No</b>	14	<b>Don't Know</b>	38
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**OTHER OPEN AREAS**

**QUESTION NE 3.**

Are there any other open spaces (in addition to the IOWAs) within the Parish Boundary, which are special to you and which you believe should be assessed as potential Local Green Spaces and, where appropriate, designated as such to protect them from development in the future ? If so, please mark them on the enclosed map.

Please comment on why they are special to you.

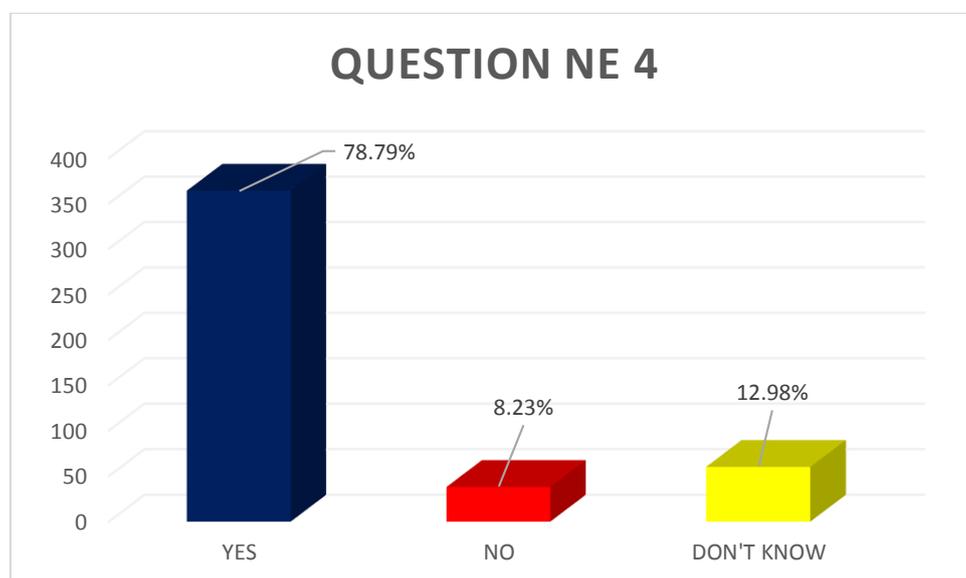
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## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – WILDLIFE AND HABITATS

### **QUESTION NE 4.**

Would you like to see the preparation of a local initiative, in cooperation with landowners and farmers, for the whole Parish, that aims to protect and enhance the wildlife by creating a network of habitats and linking corridors?

<b>Yes</b>	364	<b>No</b>	38	<b>Don't Know</b>	60
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### **QUESTION NE 5.**

Do you have any further comments relating to the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment in Bourton?

**See Appendix G**

Comments relating to questions which did not require a response.

**See Appendix H**

## Appendix A

### Question VH 2.

**If you answered NO to question VH 1, please give us your views and suggestions on alternative ways of delivering a new village hall and amenity area in Bourton.**

Local government, South West is not funded for infrastructure, why no fibre broadband, it is a disgrace. Billions spent in London and even to foreign aid in India.

Local government and community should provide. This is a basic requirement and should be paid under council tax raised.

HSG.1. More affordable houses for local people to rent. HSG.2 As many as needed for the working locals

I am not against this in principal but development in villages over recent years have favoured developers recompense over the needs and necessary requirements of the village, therefore little or no housing is being built to ensure growing families can make closer ties. We should not ransom the village to make reasonable accommodation even more scarce

Where is R2 money currently spent? R2 funds from previous builds have been spent where? If housing built, needs to be affordable starter property, not necessarily social housing.

I don't want to see any more development in Bourton. I think the areas left green now should stay green

It is a village - must stay as. Once development starts where does it stop?

It is a village and must remain so. Once development starts where does it stop?

I don't think a new village hall is needed

Use the old one

The two developments are not linked or dependent on each other

Building a new village hall doesn't have to be linked to housing

The site should be for a village hall and a good safe car park. Not using the space up with houses.

Accept the one offered by the owners of the mill site to include it in the development

What is a "small amount"? I would call 3 houses a small amount. However that is unlikely to be considered a small amount by a developer who is more likely to consider 6 - 12 a "small amount". I could accept the principle if the number of houses was specific but can't accept the principle as it is worded here. The village spurned the offer of a free VH on the mill site. It should not be blackmailed into accepting unwanted housing development as a bribe for getting a new village hall. If the management committee of the VH had undertaken serious fund raising for a hall over the period of the last 10 years we might now be in a better position to negotiate with landowners to get the village a sensible solution to this vexed question. VH could be on one smaller site and amenity land if we have absolutely have to have it elsewhere eg the field opposite the White Lion pub if it was ever available.

What was wrong with the offer of having a village hall built by the developer on the factory site?

I understood part of the justification for the housing development at Bourton Mill was that the developer would contribute towards the new village hall- originally on the mill site, subsequently on the preferred new site. All avenues of getting that contribution to allow purchase of the new site should be exhausted before any further developments are contemplated.

Bourton Mill outline planning approval included a contribution towards the village hall project. That development if built as planned, more than meets projected housing requirements in the village, so additional development should not be allowed unless there is a proven need. The need for affordable housing should also be considered.

## Appendix A

### Question VH 2.

**If you answered NO to question VH 1, please give us your views and suggestions on alternative ways of delivering a new village hall and amenity area in Bourton.**

In principle "yes" but it would depend on how large the developments were.

I don't mind what you do.

Living in Bridge Street we certainly do not want 29 houses on the old factory site ( which is proposed in the plan given active consent ) in exchange for a village hall nearby. If the village hall is situated elsewhere, yes, why not have a few houses too.

Without any certainty as to funding for a new village hall the result will be increased housing with no net benefit to the village.

A new village hall is not a priority for me. I am concerned that without a funding plan in place the additional housing will be built and the village will never gain from this deal.

It would be OK to have more houses but ideally it would make sense to have them next to the new village hall as it would save on land and destruction of the field.

The site which the village hall is currently on has been proven to work. Going blindly into building a new one is not in my mind the right and correct way to succeed your aim.

As the proposed site of a small housing development is on an area outside the stated settlement boundary which also has water issues ( which is stated on your plan) and we have seen first hand, it is an unsuitable site for development, especially as 29 houses have had planning permission granted within the boundary, perhaps the old village hall site could be developed as it is on a brownfield site, rather than building on a greenfield.

I feel that the proposal for new housing to be built in order to deliver a new village hall is purely for personal gain. As a village there is no requirement for new housing. The evidence for this being 20 houses up for sale.

I feel that any housing proposed should only be built on brown field sites. If any housing must be built then I feel it should be built next to or around the village hall. That way only one view will be affected. This also saves any access issues.

This is not the case. The PC did not ask the VHMC to find a site with amenity land. The village hall does not need to be associated with amenity land therefore smaller sites could be considered which were rejected before

I am undecided as what is considered to be a small amount of housing. We need to know that and agree to housing on a small scale and strictly one off condition. I really think we should find another way to get a new village hall before considering additional housing. I was born in Bourton and want Bourton to stay the much loved village it has always been. There must be another way and answer.

A gift should be a gift. It also leaves individuals or organisations open to suggestions of bribery. The way to raise funds is through traditional fund raising activities and gifts and donations of land, materials, labour and other resources from people within the community with no expectation of a return.

Charlton Musgrove built a new village hall using grants available from SSDC and with fundraising. I feel that Bourton could achieve the same thing, especially as it is a much bigger parish.

Is one really needed?

Why is a new hall needed? The old one is little used - expensive. Will anybody be able to afford to rent it?

Whats wrong with the village hall where it is?

Happy with old village hall. This is a sprat to catch a mackerel.

Why not amalgamate into the former mill factory site and forgo business space. Who do we know to have shown interest for said business units?

Only if affordable to locals

Can we not update the village hall we already have

## Appendix A

### Question VH 2.

**If you answered NO to question VH 1, please give us your views and suggestions on alternative ways of delivering a new village hall and amenity area in Bourton.**

Why not refurbish the present village hall. If we had new hall with housing then the village hall site would be built on more housing.

No, because I would rather we use land like the old factory which is an eyesore, rather than leaving this and just putting up new (easy option)

If I understand the question that the village hall needs Private Housing built near it, then the infrastructure of the village & surrounding area is already underwhelmed and inadequate for the populace that already live here. Therefore more people adds to the burden, enough of British Countryside has disappeared under buildings.

Invalid access please

If the amount of houses were limited to four I would agree. But I know it wont. Keep looking out for land with strings attached

A very small amount of houses would be ok, but only three or four, and that is not going to happen, because the land owner will want to build far more

The question is too vague. Definitely "NO" if housing on Green Belt, But qualified "Yes" if Brown Field

No - BUT - Build it out of the way with plenty of parking, so no one complains of noises + sell land of old Hall to build on to help pay for new one. Infill

We don't need anymore houses but we do need more done to the Village Hall. Also we need more homes for the young and teenagers. That to me is important. There is nothing for the young kids to do in the Village, they have to go Frome, Yeovil or Gillingham. We need somewhere to keep the kids out of trouble, when they have nothing to do, that is when they get into trouble

I would like a new village hall to be as central in the village as possible. I would like the school and village hall to be more clearly linked. I would like it to be built on the Churchyard with a gap through the wall to the school and field beyond. The land would be given to the Village.

The Parish Council or VHMC should negotiate with the landowners of the top two or three preferred sites with a view to achieving the best price to purchase a site and then raise funds to achieve it.

**Appendix B**  
**Question VH 3**

**Do you have any further comments on the provision of a new village hall?**

I am aware that legislation will ensure that access to a new village hall premises will be adequate for aged and infirmed people - but similar considerations need to be met for such people who will have to walk to the premises in the first instance - inadequate illuminated walkways.

Concerns re utilities village shop, parking, traffic, school.

Could this not be included in the development of the brick factory site?

As above

Feel it very important part of village life. Helps create a strong community spirit

I consider this to be an important development for the village

It is important that the new hall has found sufficient funds to build, equip and run a new hall. Also any planning should have a proviso that the new hall and its access should be built first or as the additional houses are built

1. Must not be too big. 2. Financially not a drain on the residents of Bourton. 3. Low level. 4. Unobtrusive. 5. Built before the houses.

What is a small development?

When a small amount of housing development, what is small?

What kind of housing are any affordable to rent?

I believe a new village hall is essential but it must be run as a charity to the village and not a business. It is of no use if it prevents non earning users ie small musical groups, local plays, concerts etc from practicing what should be their Village Hall. Running expenses are accepted.

Do we really need a new village hall? Whats wrong with the existing site?

Provide an adjacent recreational facility for under 16's

Play area for children under 16

Given the huge amount of work over an extended period to bring a new village hall to fruition, it deserves to be achieved in the shortest possible time. Inevitably some compromise is needed to make the project worthwhile for the landowner

Would prefer cost not to be included in the precept

Excellent idea

Other sites are available within or just outside the boundary

I believe the best site would be opposite the church

A large enough site to provide sufficient parking should be chosen

I understood that the field behind the new cemetery has been offered as a potential site for a new VH. It has fabulous views across the village and up towards the range of hills behind Mere. There is a small access road already which could be improved using land from the new cemetery, but another could be added across the new cemetery at the bottom beside the new build houses. It could be one way in, one way out. The VH could be "dug in" to the gentle slope and there is amenity land around and behind. The new cemetery land could still be used as a cemetery in years to come with the hedge retained if necessary as a boundary. Other sites may also be on offer. I do not think amenity land is necessary to the delivery of a new village hall.

This voter supports as preferred site the land between Sandways Farm and Flax Cottage including the lower field as selected by VHMC and endorsed by the Parish Council after public meeting held some time ago, minutes of which were never published.

A village hall with much better access and parking would be an advantage to Bourton all round. It would provide better facilities for all ages and pastimes to have a venue.

## Appendix B

### Question VH 3

#### Do you have any further comments on the provision of a new village hall?

Housing development should be separate from village hall provision. It may be tempting to agree on some private market housing as a quid pro quo for land on which to provide a new village hall but this is not an acceptable approach. It potentially leads to a dilution of planning safeguards.

This voter supports as preferred site the land between Sandways Farm and Flax Cottage including the lower field as selected by VHMC and endorsed by the Parish Council after public meeting held some time ago, minutes of which were never published.

The preferred site between Sandways Farm and Flax Cottage seems to be an ideal site- I believe much research was done by the VHMC before agreeing this site and it is my view that their choice should be wholeheartedly supported.

Adequate parking area and good access onto main road

Easy access and adequate parking with outdoor area for summer events.

VH1 Don't know. In principle yes but would depend on how large the developments were.

Why do we need a new one? Why not upgrade the old one and do a bigger carpark, if new one is built, what will happen to the old village hall?

Any new housing should be affordable housing for local people only.

The idea of a small amount of housing, as long as priced low enough for village people.

By "small amount of housing" I would feel that 5 houses would be the largest number of houses I would wish to accept

With the proviso that small amount means small, no more than 3 or at the most 4 houses.

The land around the new VH and development should be protected to stop any further building on surrounding land.

Please don't build too many houses on surrounding land.

Adequate parking area and good access onto main road

Can further pressure be brought to bear on the current owners of the village hall site to extend the current lease even if it means granting some financial consideration

I agree the village does need a village hall but im not too happy about the lovely green field having houses built on.

It is essential that a new village hall is given the go ahead. This is a large village with a broad cross section of age groups whose needs must be addressed

The provision of a new village hall is long overdue. VHMC has carefully considered all options and its preferred site has been endorsed by BPC (on 25th June 2013) and has been presented at NPG's Feb 2014 Public Meeting, where the relevant outline scheme received considerable support from those attending. I trust that NPG will not seek to reopen the debate, regarding site selection of new village hall as this would lead to further delays and damage credibility of all involved thus far, including BPC. The amenity area benefits associated with the VHMC/BPC preferred site, adjacent to Sandways, should not be overlooked. The six acres, which forms part of the outline scheme would be held in trust for the village community in perpetuity and would have immense value to the village ( including Bourton School) as recreational / amenity space, in the future

Approaching Wessex Water for support there must be a degree of compensation available for constant disruption and digging up the road

Why can't the new village hall be the old one but renovated? I would like this question answered. Miles Warren. Chesnut Cottage

I'm concerned about the funding and don't want to see a situation whereby houses have been sold and there is no evidence of the village hall being built

As the current village hall is a well known established site,perhaps renovating, refurbishing would be an idea

<b>Appendix B</b> <b>Question VH 3</b> <b>Do you have any further comments on the provision of a new village hall?</b>
Concerned the new village hall won't get funding and houses get built anyway.
Ideally needs plenty of parking and an outdoor area for play / socialising. This would make it an attractive venue for celebrations and generate income.
Not all the sites required private housing. I am informed that Gerald's field at the back of Bourton Garage did not stipulate housing development as a requirement. Why was the offer of Geoff Miller to provide a field free not given further consideration? No housing there!!
Plenty of parking
Plenty of parking off the main road
I hope this can proceed as soon as possible
The site chosen by the VHMC, immediately south of the present VH and the land offered by the owner for approval of a small number of houses, is a 'once in a lifetime' deal.
Will the amenity land to go with the proposed new village hall be large enough to provide adequate car parking for audiences as well as an open grassed area?
To enable people to access a flat entrance and more parking space.
The VH must be of an appropriate size and functionality for the size of the village - current plans are too ambitious and probably not fundable. There must be a robust business plan to back up the size and cost, which should show it is self-sufficient to run and maintain. Its positioning and orientation must have regard to adjoining properties. The design, materials and layout of the village hall and homes should respect the Sandways area and with a "soft" transition between open space and building. The number of houses should be limited to an absolute maximum of six in the most secluded part of the site and transfer of the VH land must take place <u>before</u> the housing development commences.
I hope the VHMC can provide relevant information to help deliver funding for a sensible hall for Bourton. The development land must be small and discreet. The area chosen is the site of a listed community.
Not having been in the village for long, I do not know the layout of the village hall but imagine it would need updating at least.
It should be modern, solar panelled, and energy efficient, catering for all ages to maximise its use.
Provision of 30 plus spaces for parking required.. Either on site or very close by on public roads.
Providing it is cost viable, and used appropriately
Any housing related to the provision of a new village hall should only be affordable housing for rent to young local couples. This would help in balancing the young / old in village
Easy access ie: flat location
As long as it's a small amount
Outside green space as well as indoor space for fetes / events / wedding marquees etc. Could be set up with ICT and provide N Dorset training space / conference cinema etc. Needs decent kitchen facilities.
If it is not built will the £3000 be returned to village precept?
Not much housing
Lets get on with it!
How is the new hall to be funded? Who will pay for its upkeep and the "amenity land" around it? Is there a coherent and business like business plan?
Low cost housing for local people

<b>Appendix B</b> <b>Question VH 3</b> <b>Do you have any further comments on the provision of a new village hall?</b>
Why waste money on a new village hall when the church tells us kids are starving in England?
No further comments
Parking space must be provided &/if possible a small area for village visitors to park when the Hall is not in use
If it is the owners of the VHMC's preferred site that require a level of private market housing, then this could be perceived as them holding the decision making to ransom for their own benefit
I believe that the Village needs a new Village Hall, but that it should be realistic in size and facilities, considering the cost of building and maintenance and potential running costs
Re-use what we have and stop using farm land
The village hall needs to be an entity on its own without any housing built near it, as a compromise couldn't we share with another village hall or combine two village hall budgets
Sound proofing - A good distance from non-identical practices
Ample Parking
It should also be a site to provide fixed play equipment similar to that, or moved from the school playground
No - "Too early to comment"
Orientation of building & roof to make most of environmental procedures ie Solar Panels
Query re Housing Development, as with proposed development of mill site. A maximum of 10 would be better balance for housing in village - adequate parking will be essential, as increased use of village hall will be likely
Suitable to play Badminton
Get on with it - no more delays
Presumably action is in hand to establish precisely what is to be built and a budget
Can a housing development also fund social housing
What is wrong with the old one
New Village Hall is needed
New Village Hall is needed as soon as possible
Sounds like you have found a place for new hall - So why ask
We should secure the preferred site for a new village hall as soon as possible and before the land owner withdraws her offer of land in return for some housing on part of the site.
The need for a new Village Hall has been agreed by a significant majority in Bourton for many years. It is an essential amenity without which the Village lacks a focus. The agreed preferred site near Sandways Farm is ideal. It will allow the building of not only a superb hall but also the space for other, much needed Village amenities such as a football pitch or even some allotments. The price of a few, new homes to obtain such an outstanding site is well worth paying.
Lets hope that the new village hall can now be built as soon as possible
Answers based on the current proposal if changes in any way then I would expect there to be further consultation
Vital for the village & community spirit. Site on offer is ideal and a generous offer not to be missed. Central and easy parking
Why are people against the idea of a combined church and village hall? I believe that it could serve all interested parties

## Appendix B

### Question VH 3

#### Do you have any further comments on the provision of a new village hall?

Perfect site on offer

Fantastic offer on the table. Don't look a gift horse in the mouth

The site adjoining Sandways Farm together with the modest enabling development proposal is a triumph of patient and skilful promotion and is to be commended as the only realistic and deliverable option for these much needed communiuty facilitie has considerable evidential majority support from three previous village surveys; the validated data from those surveys have been accepted by the community and by Bourton Parish Council and will assist and inform the NP group on this topic. The site adjoining Sandways Farm is ideal in all respects as has been demonstrated beyond reasonable doubt through the exhaustive site selection and investigation process adopted by the BVMHC in the furtherance of their efforts to deliver a site as mandated by BPC in the adopted Village Plan

A new Village Hall and the aquisition of amenity land for the Village is surely a priority. The chance to save five acres of land for the Village will keep the open space and view for future generations to enjoy. Every village seems to be getting, or have built a new Hall, why are so many obstacles being created. This has been going on for five years.

To provide as many facilities that could enhance opportunities for people to share & get together over ie Badminton etc - A village hall amenties for all

No. VHMC are doing a splendid job.

The building on Area 2 (which I understand is no longer required as additional cemetery). It is hardly a "village treasure" - thistles and from time to time a few sheep and potential "lamb chops". Houses on here would make a good contribution to costs of hall.

Not users of Village Hall

Not users of Village Hall

Wherever the New Village Hall is to be located it should be positioned within the site so that it does not obstruct any of the existing open views out of the village that the VDS identified as giving Bourton its character

The VHMC have already found a suitable site on the land west of Sandways Farm which is their preferred site - This option must be vigorously persued through the NP process etc. to ensure this site is earmarked for the New VH.

The sandways site seems to be the most preferable - i.e. it is central to most of the village & will provide ample parking and least annoyance to local residents - This would be my No.1 site

Pleasant outside area required, garden, seating, patio area? Better vehicle access and parking than at present.

If the new village hall is at Sandways site a large car park should br provided. Car parked on that side of the road will be worse because of the bend. The amenity land is a bog in the winter.

Who will manage the amenity land until it is developed?

<b>Appendix C</b> <b>Question HSG 2.</b> <b>How much should it grow?</b> <b>Only if your answer to HSG 1 is YES, how many additional houses do you think should be built and why?</b>
I would support the building proposal of 33 plus a small number of 5 - 6 up to 2026
It is important that affordable housing is built for young local couples to get on the housing market. I would suggest that the area could support the 33 plus a further 5 houses in the period up to 2026
20 - 25 This will keep a balance of the need for growth and for the village to thrive but not close its "green" or "village" feel. But must only be done through a neighbourhood plan so the village dictates where when and how many new houses are built.
Not based on a number, but based on areas of growth, ie building on brown field sites and other disused areas are beneficial as it is providing growth but in a sustainable way. Keeping the settlement boundary should be done. Just the density within the settlement zone should be increased
Ideally 3 to 5% growth per annum is a sign of a healthy community. Attention should be paid to attracting business to the village. When Unigate left Bourton the mainstay for income in the village was destroyed. My point is, asking how many residences Bourton should build is the wrong question. The Question should be: How may we safely grow Bourton without destroying its character? Answer: By attracting real work in the area that will enable it to grow to finance the cost of building new homes.
Don't Know
10 family houses with low income to attract younger families.
Nationally more houses / homes required. Builders tending to build larger family homes as more profit. Councils had not been allowed to use council house purchase money to re-invest in affordable council homes. Families grow up and may be fortunate enough to work locally but need their own home. Need to allow for locals to live locally. How many - what can our utilities cope with? - What will the local springs allow to not flood and SEA - What can the builder afford - Density? vehicle parking.
No more than 30 houses. They should be affordable homes.
8-12 To provide more affordable housing for local residents
8-12 Affordable housing for residents
Depends on the need for affordable housing in the future
In principle, given the national shortage of houses and the difficulty for young people in getting on to the property ladder, I see no reason why Bourton should not accept some more building. Whilst there are areas of the village and some buildings that are attractive, I dont think it is true that the village would be spoiled by some new well built and pleasing properties.
Up to 10% To keep the village and its amenities viable.
Up to 10% Maintain and support local services
Only if medical and schooling can cope with additional housing.
Slowly. 1 house per year on average
Only a few houses built as an infill would not detract from the character of the village. If too many are built there is a danger Zeals and Bourton would merge
Every community has to share responsibility for housing the growing population
Normally only sufficient to meet needs of the population to be discovered by a proper new survey to assess need, viz previous survey for excellent Village Plan dated 2008.
I concur with 141.
Affordable housing on the VH site. Up to 10 given ease of access.

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Up to 35. To allow new settlements for those wishing to make a home / resettle in the village, enhancing the rich community that we have already.
100, to bring young life back into the village, for local children to have.
50 - 100 Providing its affordable houses to rent and part buy / part rent, and not executive houses. We have enough in the village already. Any new houses built in the village should be affordable and aimed for local people. Anything from 50 - 100 houses - as for reason why, we've lost one pub, one garage, and two shops. Other reasons stated above. Bourton Mill, the Parish and District Council shouldnt let it off, become the eyesore it currently is. Houses should have been built on the mill site 15 years ago.
Only sufficient to meet local needs, not overpriced housing that locals cannot afford.
Feel unable to put an actual figure on the number of housing. I do feel that only allowing an additional 33 houses in the next 12 years is very limited. I agree that our local services need to be supported and that encouraging more people into the village would do this. I believe there should be the option of further housing <u>if</u> there was the demand on appropriate sites.
This will depend on the size of plot and number of houses on a plot of land. Any development should be looked at by the NPG on how it will reflect on the village and surrounding area, taking in employment and local families.
Would be nice to see decent size gardens and not pushing houses in on top of each other - quality rather than quantity.
It all depends on what kind of housing. Neighbourly housing? Yes say 20 or 30. eg affordable terrace. Large detached houses only affordable pricewise to the rich? Minimal say 10
5 - 10 but only if they are truly affordable homes for young families with a proven connection to the village
The Bourton Mill project should not be allowed to proceed because it is liable to flood and home owners would find great difficulty in insuring their properties. The mill site should be razed and landscaped as soon as possible. It has been an eyesore for 15 years. Discounting the mill projects 33 houses from the overall number where outline planning consent has been granted by NDDC, small pockets of development should be considered. It is unlikely that the mill project will proceed. In order to comply with national policy therefore, a few homes must be allowed to be built providing they do not detract, but enhance the overall look of the village. It is not a chocolate box village and it needs as much help as possible to make it a pleasant place for families to live and work. Some development is inevitable - at least let us determine the type of homes which should be built.
Additional houses should be built but only after you have assessed the impact that it will have on the village amenities and the village itself
I feel it is important we make sure the village can support the current granted extra houses before any addition houses are granted permission. Perhaps one should make sure the villages amenities can support the increased population and help them before supporting any additional housing.
Average of one house per year giving approx 46 housss <i>in total</i> between now and 2026. Growth of approx 10% over the years is sustainable and vital for local business and vital for the country as a whole

## Appendix C

### Question HSG 2.

#### How much should it grow?

**Only if your answer to HSG 1 is YES, how many additional houses do you think should be built and why?**

The assumption that the mill factory development will proceed as envisaged is highly questionable. Siting new dwellings in flood risk areas is being discouraged - however, it is the threat of long term maintenance bills for the dam which will count against the viability of the scheme. If ownership of one of the proposed dwellings on this site came with a share of liability for dam repair, would you want to buy one of these homes? And even if you did, would you be able to get a mortgage and home insurance? I realise that the S106 means that, for planning purposes, this development is 'a given', however NPG would do well to take a more nuanced approach to the Mill site's development. Irrespective of this point - which could mean that the new houses planned for Bourton is reduced by 29 ( plus the 6 affordable housing off site) - the village should be allowed to grow. Carefully sited, small scale development should be countenanced. After all, it is not as if the UK's population is shrinking! The 'enabling ' development housing, which would come with the new village hall is one such scheme which should be permitted, given the immense community benefit associated with the new hall and accompanying six acres of amenity / recreation space. As for housing numbers, discounting the mill site development- which may or may not happen - a further 30 or so houses should be permitted in Bourton between now and 2026

To be flexible and allow for the needs of additional people moving to the area.

Yes we need more facilities

More density and to keep facilities open

As decided with the Parish Council

Enough houses to make up for the shortfall of those which may not be built at the mill

50 - 100 properties. To allow for growth and potential for a more sustainable economy. To allow for first time buyers and those wishing to rent, access to the village.

70 plus. More houses to ensure continuity and existing services, school etc and to perhaps bring the village to a size where a shop or shops might be viable again

Maximum of 40 additional houses. Numbers must increase in order to maintain or improve facilities already existing. ( school, medical services, small businesses)

10. For sustainability of the village amenities. Shop, garage, church, pub etc.

Affordable housing, so as local people can stay in the village where they have lived all their lives, instead of having to leave the area.

No more than is necessary to maintain the status quo.

I would suggest no more than 20 - 30 houses to try to keep the younger members of the village here.

As many as required to support local businesses, and allow younger first time buyers to remain in the village.

25 to 30 houses ( for the young people of the village) If the trend continues this village will become full of old f\*\*ts

25 to provide possibility of our children buying homes in Bourton.

It is known that we have a shortfall in housing in North Dorset and Wiltshire. Every effort should be made to progress on this to include social housing for local folk.

10. The growth proposed in paragraph 2 under Housing represents a 10 % growth. I don't think the village should grow by much more than this over the next 12 years. The primary school is already full!

40 (inclusive of those outlined in housing on previous page) - reason - to allow gradual development.

To be guided by NDDC on amount

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10 to encourage the village to grow enough to support a local shop.
(2014 - 2026) approx 10 - 15% growth, to include approx 30 houses at the mill / factory site that is currently an eyesore and health hazard. Slow consistent growth is better than being designated an area that "needs" an extra 100 houses by NDDC
40 on top of current plan. 50% should be housing trust.
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To be honest I am not sure. No more than 20
Where there is sound reasoning Yes.
With care and consideration. My "yes" is qualified- we only need to build more homes if population continues to expand. As explained there are already approx 20 homes for sale"
This should be low cost housing for local Bourton people
No more than 50
5 per year or 36 overall
It depends where the houses are built and what the plans propose. We are living in a growing population and must move with the times and help provide houses for those in need.
The need for low cost housing is a must as the average price in Bourton is now out of reach for all but the rich and famous.
No idea how many, but think its important to keep village life as is housing. Hopefully will encourage younger people to stay. Protecting rural traditions, life.
As many as required to make it possible to regenerate the former Mill / Factory site
50 maximum. To allow sensible growth as the nations population increases, whilst retaining the rural nature of our village with its views and breathing spaces retained.
50 to year 2026
Depending on size of development - type of homes etc, all to be carried out by local builders using local labour. Single / double plots not mass housing!
This depends on the type and scale of sites / houses where building takes place? The emphasis around the country is to build 'lots' of houses (100 - 1000) by major house builders. We would like to see smaller developments by local builders using local labour with suitable design / style of houses! What is wrong with various sites containing 1,2,3 - 6 homes on smaller parcels of land?
20 houses. This is enough for a new development helping families and the gentle growth of the village
20 Houses to bring prosperity to the area
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Affordable houses should be provided for the descendants of the current population and to ensure future attendees for the school
Houses should be provided for the current residents. Perhaps a small development of "starter houses would allow more of those children to stay close to their roots"
We need cheap houses for the young people to stop them from leaving the village, perhaps say thirty houses
A few to enable the New Hall to be built

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Providing the housing is what is wanted i.e. Not 4 Bed Det.
10 -15 to support requirements of village young people especially affordable housing
If the Mill development does not go ahead we may need more houses
I feel the current proposed number of new houses is suitable
No more than 2/3 per year
5 -10 %
Central Government are encouraging housing growth to help sustain economic property so Bourton should be involved in a limited development including affordable element
It should be social housing, surely this is the greatest need if young people are to be able to live in the village
Less than 20 over & above those permitted already
Less than 20. No growth could be limiting but too much deployment could spoil the rural character. No large blocks of housing i.e. less than 6
Small infill plots of family affordable houses to complement our amenities - school, shop, doctors etc.
small infill plots for affordable houses
Infilling in the right places with proper consultation.
4 or 5 Houses yes, but no more
Small developments of 1-4 houses. The development at the Mill/Factory site may not happen for many years if at all and we need to keep some flexibility for growth within the village between now and 2026.
It is less a question of numbers and more the appropriateness of the site. I would not be against the odd home or two provided the site was suitable.
Only if the need is there.....(the need for affordable housing for people who want to stay in the village for example, and taking into account the importance of preserving the beauty etc. of the village)
50 - This is enough to keep the rural housing balance right
It all depends whether the Mill gets developed or not.
The numbers do not include the Mill site. 29 (+4), this should therefore be the maximum number until 2026 - but to be reviewed should it be required - in theory this will allow (33+20 ) = 53 available - far more than were needed over the last 10 years
Small limited group of housing, but need to establish where
A little
Limited small number
We should build affordable family housing to enable young couples to stay in the village and to raise their families. A development of houses to buy at affordable prices coupled with those on a part buy/part rent scheme + rentable housing for those with difficulties raising a mortgage
A total of between 40-50 houses over a 15 year period, spread throughout the village. (Will the Mill be developed without continual requests for more houses? Any one can see that with all the problems of Flooding, Insurance and pollution and site clearance it is not practical. The roads and access and Village do not want more houses on one site. The School is full and will struggle with numbers). So a plan for more houses is needed if Mill fails. Small infill numbers of 2 or 3 houses over several years. Even more important to protect the remainder of the field at Sandways as it could become an alternative site.

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Perhaps a well chosen few !
The previously designated Settlement Boundary, properly reviewed in accordance with the provisions of the draft Care Strategy. A detailed report on housing growth in the village over the period since 1990 would provide a more representative basis for informing participants to a survey than reliance on figures derived over a short period that includes an extended period of recession. From local research it would appear that in normal economic periods, new market housing at a rate of up to three new dwellings per annum would be required in order to provide a steady supply and variety of new homes or say 50 to 60 in total over the plan period to meet the reasonable needs of the local population. Reliance upon 29 houses at Bourton Mill would leave a shortfall in meeting need and should it not be delivered for any reason, or be materially delayed, then the village will be at risk from opportunistic speculative planning applications and unplanned development unless an appropriate Settlement Boundary has been retained.
Up to a dozen or so.
No more than 25
No more than 20 due to lack of facilities, i. e larger shop and pupil numbers the school could cope with
"how long is a piece of string"
I am happy with the proposed 33 houses. I would not be unhappy if it was around 50 houses
Max 30 affordable houses
It doesn't matter how many as what sort is built. More affordable for the younger families
Not much. But more affordable housing

## Appendix D

### Question HSG 4.

If you have any further comments on Housing and Settlement Boundary issues, please include them.

I think with "at least 33 new houses being built" over the next 10 years we will have done our fair share for a village. If we did something to stop the relentless rise in buy to let properties and second and empty homes, there would be more properties available for young people to buy, and less competition keeping house prices down and more reasonable

As above

Important to be sensitive to build houses which blend well with existing buildings and enhance what is already there

All housing development should fit the nature of Bourton in terms of design and style

No expansion of Bourton please. This is a rural village, lets keep it that way.

No expansion of Bourton please

Increase population density within settlement boundary. Changing the boundary will create urban sprawl and change the rural environment. But the parish should grow.

HSG3.1 Arbitrary and no real growth in this plan. HSG3.2 Abolish the settlement boundary, it is unjust to split the village this way. HSG3.3 The council should still review any proposals and stop inappropriate developments. They should also encourage good ideas for development wherever. HSG4. Abolish the settlement boundary. There may well be good proposals in the next 12 years involving innovative design energy saving and work that could involve the village., Why no power plant at Bourton Mill. Bourton could produce all its own power with the right investment.

HSG3.1 Subject to include the needs of the village. Sustainability must be to include the need to keep growing families closer

Consideration should be given to first time buyers and smaller properties. Too many of our young are being forced out of the village, this is their home and they have the right to remain here

One voter currently working in New Zealand. Where will she live when returning home?  
No affordable housing in village

I presume that any review of the settlement boundary would involve consultation and approval by the community.

I don't know a great deal about planning, however, I would express my concern on some planning issues experienced in places like Norton St Philip in Somerset near Bath where it appears money speaks louder than common sense as far as government planning policies are concerned. Norton St Philip has been / or is about to be ruined by an enormous influx of new build - something I would not like to see in Bourton. That said- a sensible amount of new build is necessary with low cost housing included.

No growth

No growth

I do not believe the settlement boundary should be changed

Im happy for infill towards the A303 instead of building on the IOWAs or any other existing green spaces within the existing settlement boundary

I would rather see properly planned and managed development in the village than hotch potch infilling of village gardens which leads to a cluttered, disjointed and unruly look where everything has been crammed into a small space.

Brownfield sites where appropriate

How would this affect applications for extension / improvements to properties within the Parish boundary?

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See comments under questions VH2 and VH3. Key questions are what housing is actually needed both in terms of number and type. Affordable housing requirements need to be addressed.

The draftsmen of this questionnaire have stated that the existing settlement boundary will disappear. The new settlement boundary should of course include the site of any new housing on the land between Sandways Farm and Flax Cottage and as envisaged in document dated 2 February 2014 headed "Bourton New Village Hall- Update" published by VHMC, which document should have accompanied this questionnaire. "1" No owner or occupier of land adjacent to the said preferred site between Sandways Farm and Flax Cottage should be or become a member of NPG. "2" It would be ridiculous not to permit a farmer with a barn or other outbuildings within or outside any new settlement boundary not to be allowed subject to planning consent, to convert such buildings (a) for use by, say, craft industries or (b) into dwellings for tourists. "3" To have an increase in population from as many as 29 new dwellings on the former mill / factory site or any other site in the parish would cause immense problems for the continuing excellence of the Village School.

I concur with 141

We would like to know where the access road to the proposed Mill / Factory site is intended - Mill Lane, on Bridge Street, which we feel would not cope with the increased volume of traffic?

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I don't mind what you do.

Provision of more local bungalows for older residents who wish to stay in the village.

Review and redraw boundary to support the new village hall site

If more houses are built in this village they should be only two bedrooms as there are far too many estates with 4 or more bedrooms.

There should be a small amount of specific sites for development for younger population at affordable price.

Growth needs to be restricted in order to guarantee that the "village" identity can still be used

Too much growth in Bourton would lose its rural village identity which is why many people choose to live here.

I think a potential of 33 dwellings is the maximum this community could absorb over the next 12 years. That could be 100 people or something like a 10% to 15% increase in population. I think it is important that some dwellings should be built for older / elderly people, to allow present residents to "downsize" as they age, but still remain in the village.

1 Yes. However a limit of specification should be put on each site - eg limit of number of housing. 2 No until a new one is proposed with everyones agreement - rather than just drawn up and approved with no village input.

Allocate sites but allow development within the settlement boundary. I think development should be able to take place within the settlement boundary which could be extended around the village without losing the larger green spaces.

Why not allow the village hall to expand into the land alongside which is currently designated as an IOWA rather than relocate?

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The village should rely on NDDC's countryside policy apart from the small VH "enabling" development. The siting of any required affordable housing needs careful consideration as this will undoubtedly be in Countryside Policy areas. Potential sites include additional land beyond Millers Close, where roads and services are already laid, and on the site at the corner of Church Track and West Bourton Road. This adjoins other affordable housing.

The permitted development on the Factory / Mill site must be closely monitored to comply with design issues identified in Bourtons' Village Design Statement. It must be environmentally friendly, with detailed attention to wildlife habitats. It needs to retain its historical significance to the village.

Ensure that smaller affordable housing is available to help keep a full age range within the communities.

Kept in the terms of a village community.

Whatever happens "sprawl" must be prevented.

The removal of the settlement boundary is a very clever move by NDDC

My answer is a combination of 1 and 2 because whilst I think that there is no need for more brand new dwellings than 33 (per para 2 under housing), there may be circumstances where households want to do conversion work, small extensions to existing dwellings etc and this might be impeded if option 1 above were followed. How on earth could specific sites for development be identified to cover all such circumstances?

The planned housing at the mill site will be more than adequate to 2026 increasing population by more than 10%. Bear in mind the school is oversubscribed.

I see no reason why settlement boundary needs to be changed.

I feel Bourton village has enough housing in it already. Why would you want to ruin a lovely little village with all its history?

We have too much traffic through Bourton now, so no more houses.

Surely the parish boundaries have to be redrawn to include the new village hall, and why not at the same time make the three areas into one.

I am concerned that housing development does not go ahead without careful consideration being given to appropriate infrastructure, for example the school

Small selective development by local (small) builders using local trades etc !

We would like to see smaller developments say 1 - 20 homes by local builders ( single / double plots ) using local labour. Building of homes is for all builders not just major house builders

I assume that No.1 is voting for the Countryside Policy

I believe that NDDC's Countryside Policy should be adopted for Bourton

Most of the houses built in the last 25 year are out of reach of the villagers

This area is developed enough and if there are further developments, then the rural beauty will be lost.

See NE 1

No Further Comments

Lets keep Bourton a friendly Village

Unsure of the need after the housing goes in at the Mill site

Without spoiling the character of the Village

Bourton should only build a small amount of houses, over the years. For instance if someone wishes to build one or two houses on the property/garden. Bourton does not require development of estates of houses of 10 or more. I have seen this happen and the area is ruined

<b>Appendix D</b> <b>Question HSG 4.</b> <b>If you have any further comments on Housing and Settlement Boundary issues, please include them.</b>
What does the NDDC Countryside Policy state and will it be in violent or subject to possible variation in the future. We should retain the current Settlement Boundary
If we are having extra houses at the Mill site and possible new houses at the New village Hall and also infill houses, why do we need further spaces?
Bourton has a unique character. Mass development could spoil this, and Bourton does not have sufficient infrastructure to cope
The questions are far too general in their nature. Answers could be misinterpreted to represent any view chosen by the Council
If the village is to be sustainable in the future it needs to provide houses for young/local people, not just middle class/middle aged or retired people
New permitted development orders e.g.. For farm buildings will allow some more houses - suggest any block is limited to 5 max
I found this question (HSG3) quite confusing. Would like to see possibility of small developments being available in case of need over next 10-15 years and particularly if the Mill Site development does not materialise in this period.
I am still unsure of the relationship between NDDCs emerging Local Plan and the Countryside Policy. I do not believe that the Neighbourhood Plan (or any Plan) would be capable of deciding on <u>all</u> development for the next 10 years. A degree of flexibility will ALWAYS be required. It is difficult to make decision before details of NDDC Countryside Policy is known.
If the settlement boundary is to be retained. Then this should be the current boundary, not a redrawn one
Wonder where boundary lies? Or where houses go?
A full and detailed background paper to adequately inform participants is needed in order that the community can give due and proper consideration before being expected to respond on the vital topic of providing the growth necessary to maintain Bourton as one of the most sustainable and vibrant villages within North Dorset.
I think large developments as proposed at the Mill are difficult for a Village like Bourton to assimilate, they create a separate community and put huge pressure on the School, local roads, and services. Settlement Boundaries give a guide and focus on carefully planned modest developments to meet future needs. The N.P. must not fail to provide specific sites for affordable and social housing otherwise there is no prospect of community involvement in determining such sites - they could be imposed through exception policies by NDDC.
No more building or intake of pupils into the school - Noise/Traffic congestion (AM&PM) - Parking esp. with heavy farm vehicles trying to do their work - West Bourton on road up to B3081 is a chewed up rat run ---Why
The housing foreseen is adequate until the end of the plan period. Until then we should go with the countryside option
Separate sheet enclosed- See details in " Additional Comments"
As I do not believe that there should be any further housing development in addition to that already identified it follows that I would not support any of the alternatives that presuppose that such development would be allowed. An 8.5% growth in the size of the village over the lifetime of the NP is an acceptable evolutionary rate. The Settlement Boundary should be retained as currently drawn and there should be no further development sites identified within it.
More old peoples bungalows.

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Once changed will creep out into Greenfields and eventually will lose the small village character

If Bourton is allowed to grow - it will merge with Zeals & if too big will not be a village - just become another town

## Appendix E

### Question NE 1.

**Are any of the seven IOWAs special to  
Please comment on why they are special to you.**

This is a private garden. We are the owners of IOWA7 at Ashgrove Lodge. The designation for the purposes of affording greater protection from development seems to us to have been made with no knowledge of the site. The IOWA is all of our garden to the south of the terrace, an area of about 1/2 acre in total; a lawn is bisected by a spring fed stream which runs into a pond of about 1/3 acre. The pond is up to 4 feet deep. The whole site does not lend itself to any development. If anyone were foolish enough to contemplate a development it would immediately be ruled out by a Strategic Environmental Assessment. This site is a permanent home to animals protected under Schedule 5 of Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, is known to the Environment Agency and is carefully managed by us to enhance wildlife. It exists in isolation because of our efforts. We note wildlife sites should be "in close proximity to the community they serve", this site is on the edge of the village being within one of the small distinct hamlets planners and community are keen to preserve. It is not a feature of central Bourton. We do not need an IOWA, it serves no useful purpose. There are many larger private gardens in the village, why were three picked out at random? To fulfil some quango set target we suspect. IOWA designation infringes our right to privacy encouraging passers by to attempt to peer into the garden and is a nonsensical concept; it is there to benefit the village yet nobody has access, nobody can see in, nobody from village nor NDDC monitors what goes on inside the garden. It is a stupid box ticking exercise.

This is a private garden. Do not see its purpose

See enclosed 3 page letter and 2 maps

6 and 7. They back onto our property and provides a beautiful haven for many birds and wildlife ( and selfishly I want to keep it ) 3, I think it is important for our children and our future generations to have a safe playing area

Area 6- Very local to us and good for wildlife and provides an open space for this part of Bourton. Area 2,3,4 and 5- essential to maintain our open spaces which gives us a country feel to the village, space to breathe, better outlook and views etc. Area 7- this appears to be our neighbour's garden with lakes! Definitely special to them and to us and the village. Do we really want to become a village with every available space filled with houses?

as above

I believe and would wish that "Queen Oak" retains its identity as a hamlet

To preserve the identity of Queen Oak as a hamlet

All areas are equally important to preserve and protect in order to maintain the essential character of the village

All areas are vital to this area. Do not bring in more houses, cars. There is no supporting infrastructure. Retain character of village please.

There is no infrastructure in place to support any development at this stage. Bourton will grow naturally. Please retain this character, it is special and will thrive in the future

Mean to lose playing fields

All seven as they are important green spaces that should be retained as part of keeping Bourton a village to be proud of.

Area 7 was converted into a pond and is not available for public use for over 30 years. Area 6 is inaccessible and has been ever since water was diverted to serve area 7 over 30 years ago. Please review, no development as these ex watercress beds are a floodplain.

<b>Appendix E</b> <b>Question NE 1.</b> <b>Are any of the seven IOWAs special to</b> <b>Please comment on why they are special to you.</b>
Area 2 use as a cemetery if needed. Area 3 keep for the children
They all need to be protected against development.
Because they are all important to the village
To encourage wild life
To not plan ahead for future burials in the local community who wish to use Bourton Church as their final resting place would be short sighted, let alone the disturbance of the already interred. They are integral to the history and future of the village. The school playing field, other than being an important resource for the school itself are an important tool to encouraging safe outdoor play
All areas have been green since I have been living here (1989)
They are places that are part of the villages' history and character
Somewhere I can take my daughter to play. ( Safe and sound)
I used to play there as a child. And now take my own daughter to play
Area 3 4 6 7.Nice
All areas are special and important to me as they are all areas which keep the village green and provide important habitat for wildlife
Cemetery, playing field.
Village amenities needed by all - if only in the after life!
It is a place we pass regularly on our walks and enjoy the wildlife we have spotted here
Area 3 5 6 7 These are areas specific to us with children and views. Although all areas are important for wildlife and the unique feel of the village.
Area 3 5 6 7 I believe all areas are important to the village for everyone to enjoy.
Intrinsic parts of village and wildlife habitats
Area 3 - Health of school children- sport and recreation facilities. Are 5,6,7 - I frequently walk these areas with my dog and they give me great pleasure. Area 1 and 2 - are important as a buffer north of the new road
I consider any of the IOWAs worthy of retaining
All open spaces are important for conservation and to minimise development.
For the reasons they are protected
For the reasons they are protected
I like wildlife
I like green spaces and wildlife
Area 1 Our house overlooks this area.
Not special
Area 5 We overlook this site. It provides a good boundary for development of the factory site
Area 1 Sacred Ground. Area 3 Allows for extension of school as area develops and is needed for school use to encourage outdoor activities and exercise.
Areas 1 - 3 established open spaces with historic usage and access. Area 5 - important open space and wildlife habitat.
Im happy for infill towards the A303 instead of building on the IOWAs or any other existing green spaces within the existing settlement boundary
Area 1 Cemetery should be protected for the benefit of families. Area 3 for school use. Area 5 Local amenity.

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Please comment on why they are special to you.**

Area 1 2 3 5 6 7 These open spaces contribute to the rural feel of the village and help preserve rural views. Without protection it is almost certain they would fall victim to development plans for housing. Area 5 needs to be protected to ensure a childrens play area is included in the mill development and that the land is not used for further houses. The cemetery and new cemetery should be protected because of what they are and what they will be used for respectively. However the new cemetery land could be used at the edges ( top and bottom) to improve access to the field behind if this site was ever considered for a new village hall. Area 3 - the school playing field should be protected for future generations. Children should be able to play safely outdoors. Area 4 - This land is not seen from the road and therefore is not so crucial in my view, however I believe it may be very wet and boggy in which case it is probably unsuitable to be anything other than a safeguarded habitat area. Area 6 and 7 - Queen Oak is a special unspoilt area of the village with limited vehicular access and lovely walks for pedestrians and should be maintained as such.

Area 5 Blue hatched lines on map should be made into a local green space

Area 5 Near my house

Area 5 It has been proven that there is a large variety of protected wild life and plants in this area. Eg water vole / bats/ otters etc. I fear for the ongoing protection of these species when development starts.

Although it is stated on the plan that there are 7 IOWAs, this voter thought most of them were not IOWAs. Who decided the cemetery and school playing field are IOWAs? Area 5 is most unattractive and needs to be made attractive and able to be walked in by the public. Can Area 4 be enjoyed by the public? None of the stated IOWAs should be built on foreseeably, except for a pavilion or shelter on the playing fields.

While I am surprised that some of these areas are designated as IOWAs, I think that any IOWA is special by definition! And should therefore be protected. I agree with comments of voter 141

Valuable open spaces- especially Area 3 for childrens play area

Area 3 important for village activities and childrens play area. Area 5 - important habitat for wild life including deer, otters and glowworms and plant life.

Unfortunately we have not been in the village long enough to answer this question, but we do realise the importance of these areas, and would support any move to protect them.

Area 5 Live near to.

Unfortunately we have not been in the village long enough to answer this question, but we do realise the importance of these areas, and would support any move to protect them.

Area 4 5 6 7 Wildlife and natural habitat.

Area 4 5 6 7 All of these areas provide a refuge for wildlife within the settlement which is lacking in the surrounding farmland. There is a population of glowworms that will be lost by any development or change of use in area 5

Area 1 - 7 I live in this area for its natural beauty fauna and natural flora.

Area 1 The cemetery. Area 2 Land acquired for new cemetery. Area 3 Obviously the school playing field, play equipment, and village functions.

Area 1 local people are buried there. Area 2 land bought for new cemetery. Area 3 Obviously the school and other village functions and play area

Area 1 2 3 Loved ones buried there. My daughters old school so no building on it. Leave it for the kids to play on.

In order to preserve our rural heritage all open spaces are special.

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Areas 1 - 7 All IOWAs important to keep
Area 3 Lots of time spent here with generations of family, fond memories of village fetes.
Area 1 - 7. Area 1 we might be buried here. Area 2 3 heart of the village.
Area 1 Family members buried there. Area 3 Important to have open space for the children to play in. Integral to the school for outdoor sports and activities. Area 5 Important to the history of the village.
Area 1 Cemetery. Area 2 Land acquired for cemetery. Area 3 The school playing field and village functions.
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Area 1 Should be respected as a true part of Bourton. Area 3 Central to the village and have always been a field for children to play in.
The preservation of "open areas" in a village is essential.
In order to preserve our rural heritage all open spaces are special.
None are particularly special to me. I feel they are all important as they all serve a purpose.
All areas are special to me as they are in our village!
They all are, but we must remember we are all surrounded by fields and trees. We must all take care to protect all areas.
All. Bourton is a beautiful place and needs to be kept this way.
Area 5 is an essential natural habitat between existing Bridge Street housing and the proposed " urban village " (developers own description) on the old factory site.
Valuable open spaces- especially Area 3 for childrens play area
All green spaces in the village are important to its character and if possible should be protected.
All green spaces in the village are special and define its character.
Area 3 is a special area as my children are at this school and they need as a school, a playing field. Area 4 is special as the proposed site for the houses is right opposite my house. I think a open green field where children can play and special areas are important for the village also to maintain wildlife and a village atmosphere.
Natural landscape which ought not to be built upon and which offer refuge and habitat to wildlife. If viewed from the escarpment above the village ( ie Kites Nest to Chaffeymoor) those areas add significant value to the overall beauty of the village and where it sits within the Blackmore Vale
Area 1 Cemetery - character to be maintained as is. Area 2 - Should be retained as prospective future extension to cemetery. Area 3 - Essential recreation area / playing field for school. Comment on Area 5 - Suggest that flexibility is adopted reference this IOWA. Should the mill site development proceed then this might be better utilised as open recreation area, especially given the high density of housing envisaged on the mill site.
Area 1- Obvious reasons. Area 2 - Creates open space and a village open character on entering the village from Wincanton. Also school commemorative jubilee tree planted here. Area 3 - part of school playing field. Primary school is very important and focal part to the village
Area 2 part of village life. Area 3 school open spaces are key.
Yes all areas as Bourton is a beautiful village and shouldn't be ruined by personal financial gain
Area 1 2 3 5 provide important amenity spaces / habitats for wildlife
Vicarage is a private garden

<b>Appendix E</b> <b>Question NE 1.</b> <b>Are any of the seven IOWAs special to</b> <b>Please comment on why they are special to you.</b>
Area 3 We moved here to live in a village. The green areas being top of our list. By removing them you will be ruining everything that makes Bourton so wonderful to live in. I am struggling to comprehend why this is even being considered to be reviewed.
A country village should have open spaces. Therefore all open spaces are important to the village as a whole.
Areas 1 - 7 I enjoy visiting these areas while walking my dog and appreciate the wild flora and fauna
Area 1 Cemetery should be protected. Area 3 This should be maintained as an outdoor area for the school. Area 5 Nice quiet countryside.
Areas 1 2 3 5. A cemetery is sacred. I love seeing the sheep in area 2, a massive plus for the village. The children and school are vital to the area. Area 5 is / could be a lovely natural habitat
Area 1 2 3 4 5 for peace and tranquillity therefore also good as natural habitat.
Area 1 2 4 They keep the views open to all.
Area 4 Not of interest to persons in Bourton as they are private and part of the vicarage garden
Area 1 2 3 Neighbouring areas to where I live but also areas that should be protected for moral reasons.
Area 1 2 3 Cemetery valued and expected and needs expansion potential. School field-children should have access to outdoor space. I do not believe the other areas should be returned as IOWA - as the village is surrounded by countryside
Area 1 2 3 seem relevant as 'community' open spaces but the other 4 areas no 4 - 7 seem to be random choices. If 4 - 7 are relevant why not most gardens in the village
None - all are inaccessible / limited accessibility to the general inhabitants.
Area 1 and 2 necessary for burials and should be retained, The area 5 should be retained if there are 29 houses at the mill site, it would look urbanised if removed. Not familiar with 6 and 7. Area 4 cannot be accessed and cannot be seen from the road so not special except it makes the walk to the garage along new road seem more countrified so keeps the rural character.
Area 3 Children need somewhere to play. Area 5 wildlife need somewhere to live. Area 1 and 2 are places for burial
Area 1 and 2 are places for burial. Area 3 need somewhere for the children to play.
Area 1 necessary for the village. Area 2 Reserved for future cemetery use. Area 3 school playing field essential for the school. Area 5 Desirable to retain some green areas when developed
Area 1 and 2 burial grounds and place for future burials. Area 3 play area area for the children
They are all lovely areas that shouldn't be built on.
They are all clear unbuilt areas.
Area 3 Great to be able to talk grandchildren in safe area to play. Area 5 Nice area to walk the dogs.
Area 5. It would be a loss if the riverside habitat was built on and urbanised
All of them because they are green areas so should be preserved as such
School field backs onto our property.
They are all special in their own way and make up the characteristics of the village.
It is vital for Bourton to retain its open village look
Area 4 Visible and enjoyed from my house.

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Please comment on why they are special to you.**

Areas 1 and 2. My husband, brother and mother are buried in Bourton Cemetery so it is a special place for me from a young age. It is a haven for wildlife as the deers visit early in the morning and it is calm, peaceful in this busy pace of life today. There are lovely views of the countryside and one place untouched by time. Area 3 The school playing field must be kept as the only remaining link with the old school which stood there before. I do not think the plans for the present school were thought out well and allowed for growth in pupil numbers. Area 4 and 5 - Places which have always been special to Bourton people.

I just feel that we need small special sites that can't be built on and ruined, and just to break up the continual flow of buildings. It doesn't want to seem a long drawn out village. These areas all have purpose which we need.

They are all important to the village

They are all important to the village

Area 2 On moving to the area 3 years ago, I was delighted to see sheep / lambs grazing next to the main road. Passing motorists must be just as delighted. Area 3 It is a joy to hear the children, both from the school and at weekends, laughing and having a joyous time themselves. Also for village functions, fetes etc.

It is important to keep these, and other "green fingers" of open spaces in order that Bourton maintains its rural character.

Area 1. Essential. Area 2. Green finger of the village. Area 3. Essential to the health and well being of the children. Area 4. Important to wildlife - close to AONB, supports deer, water birds and natural. Area 5. The river and the wildlife already there. Area 6 and 7. Queen Oak gardens are beautiful habitats with water.

All areas are special to us and should be left as they are.

We need open spaces.

Opposite our house.

Opposite our house.

Area 1 2 3. We live very close to all three listed.

Area 1 2 3 they all surround our house.

They are all special and should all be retained

All should be retained

Area 1 / 2 needed for cemetery. Area 3 playing field - needed for recreation, essential to school.

Area 1 Cemetery - obvious! - historic value to village. I'd rather maintain cemetery than have more houses built there. Area 2 Cemetery - obvious! - needed in village. Area 3 School playing field / swing park - obvious! - provides space, entertainment for village children. Much needed space opportunities for school.

Area 3. My two children attend the school. The playing field is used constantly by children and parents.

Area 3 Look out onto it and nice to see trees opposite. Should be used for school.

Area 3 Nice to look onto trees and look out opposite to it. Should be used for school

Area 2 Allows a field to give a feeling of space near the church and school. Area 1 as a consecrated place for burial. Area 3 Important for school and area for sport etc.

Area 1 2 3 4 5 Look Nice. Cemetery obvious reasons. School playing field - local events here. Area 2 nice sheep.

Areas 1 2 3 - vital for village life. Area 5 - to retain some open land alongside the mill development.

Should not be touched.

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Area 4 5 They are places I enjoy relaxing in.
Area 3 My nephew uses the area when I have him to stay
Areas 1 2 3 are an essential part of the village ( area 2 will be in the future, assuming it becomes a cemetery) Area 5 should be retained as part of our heritage associated with the mill site.
Area 1 and 2, hope to be buried there and have friends already there, and if I am not in there would like to be in field opposite church. Area 3 important for school recreation and village church events. Area 5 important wildlife there - must be concerned.
All these open spaces act as punctuation marks and prevent the village being one slab of building.
Area 2 3 4 7 To be left as they are for the natural beauty and purpose.
Areas 2 3 4 Areas to be left for obvious reasons.
Area 1 2 They retain a bit of rural character along the main road west of the village.
Areas 1 - 7 open spaces are important for wildlife
Area 5 wildlife area
Area 5 wildlife area
Areas 1 - 7 as they all contribute to the character of the whole area of Bourton, they all are special places.
All of them should be protected
Area 2 just a lovely open space in the village, and when it has sheep / lambs on it really adds to the rural character of the village on what is otherwise a very built up main road. Area 3 hugely important to the school, used a lot by school, by families after school, in the holidays particularly when the pool is open. Area 5 a real wildlife haven and will be particularly important to retain this if the 29 houses ever get built.
Area 1 3 5 Astonished to hear the school field is an IOWA, thought it was owned by the church! Area 5 down at the mill site is a fabulous nature reserve already with many species and should not be lost.
Area 5 concerns about extent of mill development.
Area 5 concerns about extent of mill development.
Area 3 Essential to maintain sports and recreation space for school. Area 5 borders the River Stour. Always been a green space. Manage as natural environment. Area 6 Wildlife area.
Area 3 Children need space to play.
Area 3 It is vital that the school has a playing field.
Area 2 currently always adds / provides a pleasant break in housing, in particular when animals are in the area - appreciate its potential use as a cemetery. Area 3 Important for childrens development. Area 5 Open hillside, important given factory area development.
Area 2 Nice break of grass area within the village. Area 3 Good for schools to have a playing field for the children, but also for the use of the whole village. Area 5 and 7 Good walking and wildlife.
Area 1 and 3 Every village school needs recreational playing field. Cemetery, many long term residents have been buried there and possibly will be in the future.
All areas. They are all special to everyone and should be left, regenerate only on sites that are not IOWAs.
I feel that is a stupid question - so there is no answer to be given.

<b>Appendix E</b> <b>Question NE 1.</b> <b>Are any of the seven IOWAs special to</b> <b>Please comment on why they are special to you.</b>
Area 3 Ideal for children to play in.
Area 3 I take my grandchildren there.
Areas 1 - 7 Important to keep green spaces
All areas
All areas. To keep Bourton a green and open land as nature intended. Remember open space was put here for all of us, not just those that inherit it.
Keep open spaces.
All areas are special. They are crucial to the very nature of our village
I consider them essential if the village is to continue to be a village rather than becoming like recent development in Gillingham.
They all provide a "breathing space" between existing developments and enhance the village environment.
Area 3 and 5 Both my children went to the school and it was and is vital that the school has a field they can use for recreation and sport adjacent to it.
I have known all these areas for a long time having lived in this area for many years. Each has its own special property and I would wish to see this protected.
Area 1 Relatives buried here.
Area 3 I use this playing field for playing football with my younger cousin who lives in Bourton also.
Area 1 Relatives are buried here.
Area 1 2 4 5 Open spaces are important to the community of Bourton
All Areas. We young need open spaces to think!
All Areas. All these areas are special, open spaces are important in this busy world we live in.
Area 3 - Regularly used
Area 3 - Regularly used
Area 4 - The old hall is next to this area & when it's finished with, it would be a suitable location for a visitor centre with a tearoom for people to find out what to visit & its history etc? The green area could be fitted out with Park Benches & Picnic tables etc.
All provide an enhanced provision of calm & natural beauty and recreation for the Village population and protect the wildlife habitats
Area 1 & 2 - The community needs somewhere to bury their loved ones    Area 3 - The Children of the Village need somewhere to meet & play
Areas 1,2 &3 are all for a special purpose, therefore special
They give open vistas throughout the village maintaining the rural identity of the village
Areas 1,2&3 provide valued open spaces and should be used as intended.    Area 4 provides valued open space.    Areas 5&6 are potentially important wildlife habitats & open spaces.    See also Comment on NE3
1 & 2 Essential to the Village    - 3.Absolutely essential for the Children of the Village - 5. Possible Park or recreational area
Cemetery is special to me, I have relations buried there,    School Playing Field are special to me, as a child I spent a lot of time playing there and I sure a lot of other children will too
1 & 2 Essential to the Village    - 3. Essential for the Children of the Village - (5) ??? Possible for a recreational area

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Area 1 - we have a lot of relatives in the cemetery and enjoy the quietness and locality Area 2 - I enjoy the sheep within this field, it gives the villager an open feel. Area 3 - the children need an open green area such as this, it is a valuable piece of land.
Not one in particular, but all small areas that should be left undeveloped
Area 2 - As I drive through the village it nice to see the animals, gives a village feel rather than rows of houses down both sides. Area 3 - Have grown up in the village spent many years playing up there.
They are all special to me as I am an enthusiastic walker, Area 4 is important for the healthy sports playing of the local children. Area 5 is important to me as I strongly believe that we should be protecting our wildlife/river habitats.
An ideal central area for the Village Hall - Can the settlement Boundary next to "Sandways Farm" be extended to allow space for the Village Hall site (including parking)
Ideal if Grand Children visit
Nice area for the kids
I know that Kitty Mead and Church Field that runs along side the river is privately owned - <u>BUT</u> it would be horrible if it was built on.
Area 1, 3, 6 & 7 Should be <b>preserved for the village to maintain its character</b>
Area 3 - Offers area where children can play safely with supervision Area 5 - Offers opportunities to see wildlife (deer etc. & insect/butterflies)
Children's play area, important for grandchildren when visiting
Children play safely here
Area1, 2, 3 & 4 - They provide the space which gives the Village its special feel
Area 3 - Because the Children playing there
Area 3 & 4 - My daughter attends the local school
Area 3 - Spaces for children should be protected. No access to Areas 4 & 5, why are they so important?
Area 3 - Spaces for children should be protected. We are unsure of the spaces at Areas 4 & 5 there is no access to these and can't be important
I feel they are all important to keep now and for the future
It is important to keep these to maintain the character of the Village
Area 1, 2 & 3 - They maintain Village atmosphere, Development would make the area densely built up.
Area 1 - Village of social history. Area 2 - Future. Area 3 - Necessity for young children. Area 5 - Wildlife conservation
Area 3 - Areas for children to play
Area 3 - Park area for children
Green areas are important in Bourton - the Village needs to be kept rural and it's characteristics as it is
Area 1 Graveyard - therefore sacrosanct Area 3. School Playingfield - Must be kept for its original purpose. Area 5. This could end up being the only open space if the Mill Site is developed as currently planned therefore it is important.
All of them! They determine the nature of the area ( and have a significant impact on it)
All of them! They don't amount to much
Area 2. I contributed money to buy this land to enlarge the cemetery. A site opposite our lovely Church should NOT be built on. Area 3. The children clearly need a proper space to play in and the Village needs a central play park. Area.5. It is vital that his IOWA is maintained to ensure the whole area around the 29 houses is not covered in concrete.

<b>Appendix E</b> <b>Question NE 1.</b> <b>Are any of the seven IOWAs special to</b> <b>Please comment on why they are special to you.</b>
Unable to comment individually - all green spaces are important
We should look after more banks for wildlife
We should replant more banks and rare species
They are valuable pieces of ground which we need and breaks up the continual rows of buildings which are not filled
Area1 & Area 2 - Both sites border a property where I have a personal interest, in my opinion these site are unsuitable for any other use
Area1 & 3 - They are critical parts of the Village
This is a central area that can be used for all sorts of village events & pastimes e.g.. Youngsters playing football, village fetes, dances etc.
Area 1 & 2 - Cemetery/additional Cemetery - It is important to have local people laid to rest within their community if that is their choice Area 3 - The school playing field has been a very significant meeting place - for the school, for the village events, such as a Annual Village Fete, for National Celebrations, such as Millennium & local events such as the Bi-centenary of the church. It is a most important & valuable space
Areas 1 to 7 All of these spaces contribute to the environment of the village. The proposed Countryside Policies in the NDDC Draft Core Strategy will provide all of the protections that may reasonably be required for any such areas considered important by the community.
Areas 1 to 4 - I was not aware all these were official IOWAs. Obviously cemetery, school playing field are important and already protected. The land opposite the Church was sold to the Village with covenants. Countryside designation will protect areas. Covers NE2 as well.
All local facilities can't cope with more houses. Shop/ PO/Garage need help in sorting out their stopping & parking (Mud Curbs) School overflowing with cars
It might be important to have open wooded areas around our living areas for a sense of balance in our overcrowded world and is so important for our wildlife.
Areas 1 - 4 Proximity, and vital green areas between housing.
Area 1 - 2 because we live near to it. Area 3 because the children use it daily.
Areas 1 - 3 Because the School and the Church are very important parts of the village.
Area 6 & 7- Both are just natural unspoilt natural spaces
Continuation of Separate Sheet - "Additional Comments"
Area 1 - 4 Important open view from village Area 5 Wildlife area Area 6 Important open view from village Area 7 Restricts "back garden development
Because our village is "split" either side of the main road, it is vitally important to maintain as many "Green Areas" as possible as Views/Vista to stop it becoming a long line of ribbon buildings
It is important to preserve all open spaces along the road through the Village, in order to keep its "rural" character and preserve the precious "green open spaces" for all residents of Bourton and future generations to come. Once spoiled it has gone forever!
Area 1 - 7 all these spaces construe " Bourton Village "and further green areas should be added i.e. the fields opposite and around the main road & Bourton Bridge +Telephone exchange+ Tan Lane to the motorway - NO ribbon Development should be allowed.
School playing field is essential for sport, PE, games and play, both during school hours and at weekends, afterschool etc. Great to have a central, open space for our children to meet and play

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Please comment on why they are special to you.**

Areas 1 & 2 Obviously spaces for the Cemetery Area 3 Children need the "School Playing Field" for school use and recreational, safe, outside activities

Area 6 & 7 - We frequently walk in these areas and enjoy the peaceful, natural beauty therein

Area 1 & 3 - A school needs a playing field and a village needs a cemetery ! Both these sites are also essential "green Lungs" in the village

Area 1, 2,& 4 - All these areas are special and should remain as they are.

Area 3 - It should always remain part of the school

Area 1 7 - Just don't build on any of them!

Area 6 - 7 - Nearest to us, an area where we walk

None are special to me

No map Included

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## Appendix F

### Question NE 3.

**Are there any other open spaces (in addition to the IOWAs) within the Parish Boundary, which are special to you and which you believe should be assessed as potential Local Green Spaces and, where appropriate, designated as such to protect them from development in the future ?**

**Please comment on why they are special to you.**

Chaffeymoor Farm. I love the views coming into the village. A typical village view with the church spire rising above

I think there are three fields in Queen Oak which deserve to be assessed as local green spaces. They are presently outside the settlement boundary. Again providing that open area aspect so important to a village. I have marked them on the map, together with the land on the opposite side of the road. The Golf course must also be kept from development, such an attractive landscape and somewhere to be proud of in our village. Also land by Forge Lane and High Street, further open land that deserves to be protected from development

as above

This is a beautiful village which has remained the same for many generations. People will arrive and that is good for the community, maintaining flow of money. This village has to remain as it is.

Wildlife, beauty of natural areas. This must be protected at all costs.

Field opposite and around White Lion Inn

No development here due to Old Oaks with plenty of wildlife and its habitats

No development should be allowed due to the age of the oak trees and wildlife and its habitats

The field to the west of the High Street (A) offers one of the best views in Dorset, in my opinion, and as such should be preserved for all. On a more personal note, the area between Tan / Fantley Lane and the A303 (B) is an area I worry will disappear under housing, and which will turn our rural cottage into an urban one, our SW boundary has already been filled within my lifetime

Well I live there but it is a lovely lane that lots of villagers enjoy walking down with their families and dogs.

All the fields within the parish boundary are special- particularly the field opposite the White Lion. The fields within the boundary endorse the rural feel of the village

Field below High Street bordering New Road and view from High Street. Maintains rural aspect

View across the vale from High Street across to the A303, hatched on map.

If development was granted on the two hatched fields we would lose our personal open view and space and future development would mean cars accessing New Road on a not very straight road with a crossroad adjacent.

All areas without buildings especially those with public footpaths. Minimise further development - allow walking

See previous reasons. No future development.

See previous reasons. No future development.

Im happy for infill towards the A303 instead of building on the IOWAs or any other existing green spaces within the existing settlement boundary

The bridlepath adjacent to Breach Close and footpath to Clay Lane and across the field to the ford.

This is the only area where pedestrians can enjoy an unbroken view across the countryside.

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**Are there any other open spaces (in addition to the IOWAs) within the Parish Boundary, which are special to you and which you believe should be assessed as potential Local Green Spaces and, where appropriate, designated as such to protect them from development in the future ?**

**Please comment on why they are special to you.**

The area between Kites Nest Lane and the Parish boundary ( marked pink) Fabulous views from Forge Lane across Bullpits to this landscape. The area of land going uphill behind Old Pound Court (marked pink) same reason. The field in front of the White Lion pub-if this was developed the lovely aspect would be spoiled. It would be village amenity land, great place for a skateboard park. The field in front of the White Lion pub really ought to be bought by the village if it was ever for sale as it would ruin the aspect if it was built on. Being adjacent to the pub means it is ideally situated to be a childrens park area for rounders matches, and similar, there is space for army assault course type equipment and a skateboard park which has already been eloquently requested by the younger generation at a PC meeting earlier last year..

Land between Bourton and the A303. To safeguard Bourtons rural setting.

Area north of the village and adjacent to the AONB, alongside Long Lane and Kites Nest Lane. Important because of the views across the village and Blackmore Vale

The fields from the north north west of Kites Nest House to Chaffeymoor, as the public footpaths across them provide magnificent views which are enjoyed by residents, visitors and tourists alike.

The fields north north west of Kites Nest House to Chaffeymoor as the views offered by public footpath access are wonderful and looking up from the village below the tree lined pasture lands affords a beautiful rural backdrop - Also whole area a paradise of wild flowers.

Land adjacent Old Tollbridge Cottage, Bridge Street marked 8 on plan

Land adjacent Old Tollbridge Cottage, Bridge Street marked 8 on plan

East View Farm should be kept for agricultural purposes. Too much farmland has already been taken up for housing in the village. Build the proposed houses on the factory site which has been an eyesore for far too long.

Everybodys view is important to them, but keeping the area shown as a green space maintains the open rural character of the village

Just beautiful child and dog walking areas.

The southerly part of the area marked provides wonderful views from much of the eastern part of the village, looking from Bourton Bridge for instance

1 Adjacent Clay Lane - small low lying field with rushes, indicating damp conditions. Could be developed with more wet loving species. 2 Wooded area on slope to the north. Difficult access but appears to have a good range of trees and shrubs

All of Chaffeymoor, Kites Nest area and Brickyard Lane- good walks and spaces. It is possible to walk to the doctors, the shop / garage etc through the fields and not use the footpath alongside the main road which is over used at high speeds by a high volume of traffic.

Open ground to the north of the main road should be protected from development, especially if visible from afar ( to the south). Unique character of Chaffeymoor, West Bourton, Brickyard Lane, Clay lane and Queen Oak should be preserved.

Wonderful views and a place to reflect. Excellent habitat for wildlife, including a woodland walk. Many walkers use this on a daily basis. The surrounding countryside is what makes Bourton special - if I wanted to live near / on a housing estate then I would have chosen to live in Gillingham.

## Appendix F

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**Please comment on why they are special to you.**

Splendid views. Community space enjoyed by many. Lots of local natural wildlife - slow worms for example

The areas on the map as they are beautiful to look out on and are one of the main reasons we moved to the area

As previously mentioned we moved here for the village open spaces. This field made the decision for us. It is lovely being able to look out of the window and not be looking at houses. Building there will lose the village feel.

We spent a lot of time finding a suitable home which backed onto an open field and the countryside. We didn't want to be fully boxed in by other houses and love the village feel.

Views into countryside - broke up linear development

The fields on the right as you go up factory hill / mill lane - lovely quiet walks

Because of the views and walks

I would like to see all the areas within the parish boundary protected but especially the small area at the top of Breach Close which is probably the nearest thing we have to a village green. Where else could we put the Christmas Tree?

Lovely views, full of wildlife.

No - I believe growth is important and there are areas of green spaces surrounding the village.

Village Green where the Christmas tree is erected annually. We must keep the space for the Christmas tree. All of the areas around the village footpaths. Primrose Farm - Kites Nest Lane and surrounding fields. Christmas trees on Millers Farm from settlement boundary to long lane. Golf Course. Area around the Mill and off Brickyard Lane

The attraction of Bourton to us on retirement was largely the open countryside enabling us to walk without first getting in the car and also the lovely views.

Land identified on Map 7 of the Bourton VDS. The land offered to the NVH, much of which will be formal / informal "open" space for posterity.

The ancient copse areas at bottom of Brickyard Lane and Clay Lane, Kites Nest no development. The places where generations of families have always walked for pleasure and to enjoy the outdoors. It would be a big mistake to let changes occur in either area.

There are certainly areas that retain the open rural character of this village. For example: opposite the lane up to the village hall and the fields opposite Bourton Timber.

Land between IOWA4 and Sandway House should be retained as further open space for wildlife habitat.

Next door to my property and contiguous with IOWA4

All open spaces between clusters of buildings. In particular, space adjoining IOWA4 up to the ponds / lakes on Primrose Farm from the main road. The land remaining between the proposed new VH and Flax Cottage. Also the land adjoining Adcroft House which contains the public footpath and the land bounded by the Main Road, River Stour and Brixeyes Farm. All coloured Orange land at Queen Oak and Brickyard Lane on the attached map.

1 Solid Green on the map at Dovehayes bordering Kites Nest Lane. For wildlife and habitats. 2 Solid Green on the map at land adjacent to Rugby Cottage and bordering the West Bourton Road. For green space for those residents in the area, also habitats and hedges.

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The field opposite the pub. It adds to the rural feel of the village.
The fields at the end of Woolcotts Lane ( Mr Millers) also adjacent Mr Gibbs fields, the most lovely views as far as the eye can see to Mere Down and beyond.
The field belonging to Mr Gibbs which borders Long Lane, There is a footpath starting at Kites Nest which offers tremendous views towards Shaftesbury and Mere Down.
Provides large green field views between houses and roads. Provides habitats for a large variety of wildlife.
Its another valuable green space (free from more houses) that provides a habitat for wildlife.
I have marked the meadow opposite Church Track. The meadow is full to bursting with flora and fauna. I feel it is very important greenspace. Pippistrelle bats are inhabitants here. The beautiful large oak trees all have tree preservation orders on them. Planning for housing to be built here is constantly being applied for.
Retained for views, feeling of not being hemmed in and for animals / farming
Village 'Green' site opposite Mill Rise. Christmas Tree site.
Christmas Tree woods between Chaffeymoor and Long Lane. Land alongside Brickyard Lane, Bullpits Golf course.
They are all special because of the wildlife habitat they provide - green corridors are vital to link woodland to woodland
I have marked quite a lot of fields that provide rural views when driving or walking through the village, or from key spots ie: the pub. Not sure if this is what is meant - but I would hate to see them built on.
I understood that the green belt land itself is at risk with the current government so it seems a risky route to follow to redesignate the IOWAs to be local green spaces.
Area A East of Bridge Street. Area B Kites Nest Lane and north - wildlife and countryside access
Area A on map - East of Bridge Street. Complements the IOWA by factory and protects Upper Stour banks. Area B - Kites Nest Lane - mature trees, wildlife banks and field on north side of Kites Nest Lane.
Fields to the south of the garage and Bourton Fencing up to the A303 - very pleasant to walk over and view the surrounding areas.
The golf course.
The golf course.
Our field - Beautiful view from our house. Nice walking pretty meadow land.
Going up the High Street, to your left: the fields that overlook the village and beyond are special.
Field opposite doctors surgery. The road at present cannot at times cope with the traffic now.
Field opposite doctors surgery. Road already far too busy.
See map
Yes - The View from Kites Nest Hill side must be protected
Would retain green space for natural / grazing purposes in an area unsuited for development. Could help establish wildlife corridor.

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To stop light industrial business units blighting residential areas, and to keep extra vehicles away from no through road.

Field opposite Silton surgery provides grazing for animals (usually sheep). It is also used by dog walkers when sheep are not present. Any development of that site would cause traffic problems for patients attending the Silton surgery and recycling area at end of road.

Everywhere currently not built on. They are part of the landscape and views which make Bourton special

Village Green - The Community needs somewhere to meet

1. Area east of Primrose Farm to Kites Nest Lane - Wonderful wildlife habitat in a very steep location frequently overlooked by walkers using the Lane and Long Lane Track. Any development would have a serious effect on drainage & water table of the surrounding area -- Risk of flooding 2. South of Bourton Bridge due to drainage & increased risk of flooding

Village green because it needs central green area as a focal point

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No Thank you

Opposite School playing field - Open space with footpath - good space between houses

As noted above, it is the open spaces between clusters of houses that give the village its special rural character, which is much valued throughout the community

This area of open land was built for the houses of New Close, it is now maintained by the people of New Close, with wild flowers and open habitat for wildlife for all to enjoy.

The piece of land next to No.8 New Close I think should become a local green space, as it is a permanent walk through and any houses built there will cut out the beautiful view from the back of houses 4-8 and stop any maintenance needed to be carried out on the rear of the garages.

Adjacent No.8 New Close a path into Mill Lane. This path has been used for 25-30 years, but planning permission for 2 houses have been put in twice SO FAR.

Green areas accessed via Kites Nest Lane, to elevated levels where extensive views and open walking can be accessed. It is beautiful and an area unique in the Parish/Dorset/Somerset/Wilts borders. Wildlife, freedom, to walk the paths is such a bonus for walkers & nature enthusiasts alike, lets keep it that way.

The fields below Long Lane. The view from Main Road to the North. The wildlife flower & fauna with the ability to walk up the hill on footpaths is very special

View from the main road to the North in the area from Chaffeymore to Bullpits

See Map - This a v beautiful open area providing marvellous walk-in a peaceful setting, back from the A303, and a good grazing for livestock

Area 8 (New) on the Map. Land adjacent to Badgers Close & Breach Close. Currently outside the settlement boundary & should remain so. This open space was the only reason we moved to Bourton 8 years ago

The highlighted land is important to the rural effect of the village

Land adjoining properties in Breach Close and to the rear of Sandways Farm. It would spoil the open views from our properties & be very noisy for any occupants of new development from A303, should it be allowed

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Land to the North of the main road.

IOWA 4 is out of sight, therefore there is no reason for it to be an IOWA and should be removed from the list. - The fields around Bourton Bridge are key for countryside views and green spaces within the Village

The whole areas special to me that is why I have chosen to live here

No special places

Please see the response to NE5 below

I hope common sense will protect Bourton

All areas special:- Dog walking - Natural habitats - water logged areas - Trees to absorb carbon dioxide - Farming

This area provides a very pleasant open view from the road. it has a FP running across it which provides greenland with potential for wild flowers and the planting of several mature tree species to further enhance the vista and wildlife habitat \* See Below  
In addition to the area described on the form and marked on the map, I think it is vital to protect the entire open area surrounding the village. In particular there are two areas that I would like to highlight. The first is the green area whose boundaries are defined by the existing properties on the main road, Chaffey Moor, Long Lane and Long Lane Track, and Kites Nest lane. This is the most important area upon which any development would have a serious adverse effect on the character of the village, uniquely set in Dorset on the edge of a superb escarpment whose origin is in part due to the well-known Mere Fault. Notwithstanding my approval for land proposed for the new village hall, its associated amenity area, and houses as suggested in the questionnaire, the second area is bounded by the existing main road, the A303, West Bourton Road, and the Gillingham road. This provides open views to the S from many places along the main road and West Bourton Road. If retained, its character could also be potentially improved as a habitat for wildlife.

Land North of Old Pound Court which provide open space/country views

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The five areas I have indicated are important open views from village

See Additional Comments sheet

See Map - 1. Land North of OPC - open spaces/ views 2. Samways Fields -open spaces/ views 3.Telephone exchange fields - open spaces/ views

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As mentioned previously ( Quest. NE1)

Land behind Orchard Cottages/Breach Close, fields behind Old Pound Court and Olde Fairfield

## Appendix G

### Question NE 5.

**Do you have any further comments relating to the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment in Bourton?**

More trees planted please. Fewer street lights, may have been needed when the main street was the old A303, but do we really need them now? Noise reduction from the A303- more trees planted alongside the A303

as above

Lets retain the beauty of Bourton yet make it a desirable area of Dorset for future generations to enjoy!

This is a lovely place to live- lets keep it that way

The regular upkeep and maintenance of public footpaths

NE4. NO. Too late, damage already done. NE5 Local environment artificial for over a thousand years. Please be realistic.

To assist in the support of older children in the village there is a desperate need to provide them with an outlet! In looking in the PC archives from the WW1 to the early seventies there was a Band, Football Club, Scouts, Rifle Club and a general sports club. What happened?

This is more important than a village hall or more housing.

Retention of the grass verges within the village

Bullpits ( not in settlement boundary) Land behind Mill Rise

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I fear if these corridors are set up they would become overgrown and unsightly

Completely unnecessary. Animals and birds happy as is ( for hundreds of years)

I really need more information to answer this question. Who would be in control of this "initiative" ? Is it enforceable? If it is prepared, who implements it? Field margins, verges and hedgerow planting are all to be encouraged but I am wary of enforcing policy for verges besides roads. If allowed to grow and become unkempt it would give an unsightly impression for visitors to the village, it could be hazardous if it obstructs views out of junctions and if people dont understand the thinking behind it, it could encourage the proliferation of litter throwing because it could be mistaken for neglected land rather than "environmental habitat" It needs to be properly managed with a team of knowledgeable hands on people who would be in charge of planting, thinning, weeding etc on a monthly ( at least ) basis and how would that be funded? It is a big ask for volunteers to do it!

I still find it hard to come to terms with 29 new houses etc on the mill / factory site. The access is atrocious and dangerous now! without development, due to parking in Bridge Street which is not controlled. I also fear for the preservation of wildlife.

NE 4 Yes only if badgers are heavily culled by gas or otherwise, allowing hedgehogs to reappear. NE5. (1) Yes. Dog walkers who do not remove from public areas their dogs' poohs should be actively identified and prosecuted. (2) The highway verges need to be mown regularly so as to be attractive.

NE4 Yes but badger population is out of control and unless they are culled ( severely and efficiently) all habitats and their wildlife are threatened and or destroyed. Generally the village verges and roadside look unkempt. Yes, Dog walkers who persist in ignoring polite requests, plus very serious notices from farmers re their livestock, should be identified and prosecuted - some fields with public footpaths including narrow "pathway " areas are a disgrace and massively unpleasant for everyone else. \* **This is a very serious health hazard\***

I don't mind what you do.

<b>Appendix G</b> <b>Question NE 5.</b> <b>Do you have any further comments relating to the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment in Bourton?</b>
I am aware that there is a working group already established and I sincerely hope that they will be given all the support necessary to achieve their aims.
As we wish to retain and enhance our rural status it is important that we do everything possible to encourage wildlife and try to support endangered species.
Housing developers to be encouraged to do so in the "scandinavian way" ie respecting and preserving existing fauna and flora, rather than the usual 'scorched earth' / clear everything philistinism which dominates UK housebuilding.
Very pleased to see the banks in the village cleared of brambles. They look lovely.
This is already happening, albeit on a small scale from Beechcroft (bank) to the garage. Wild flowers planted and verges carefully nurtured etc.
Noise reduction surface is long overdue for the A303, to improve the tranquility of Bourton. Solar arrays risk blighting the much treasured views from the top of Bourtons escarpment ( adjacent to Long Lane)
Access to lakes.
Access to a natural wildlife environment at the lakes behind Primrose Farm
I believe that a slower pace of life contributes to the enhancement of a natural environment, therefore reducing the speed limit in the village would benefit. (even though- technically- its not a planning issue).
I am against housing at the mill. It should be pulled down and the area left for public access. It is a FLOOD PLAIN. The green spaces give the village its rural character and should be kept. The verges should be left uncut when flowers are blooming and I am for further beautification of verges by wildflower planting.
No not until I've seen the local initiative plan for Question NE4
It must be in the interests of both existing residents and potentially new ones, to preserve as much as possible, the rural charm of not only this village but all villages. Just ask Campaign for Rural England.
I would like to see the newly formed group for wildlife habitats flourish and expand. I want to see the River Stour protected.
Keep as many of the existing green spaces.
Not for Otters !
This type of work should only be done by people who really know what they are doing.
Parts of it are <u>unique</u> - we have redpolls, great crested newts, and 62 species of garden bird. All thanks to our precious rural surroundings.
Encourage wild flowers and plants that attract bees, provide education / seeds to increase bee population in Bourton.
Just think Highways should start looking at resurfacing. Some of our local by roads, lanes etc. Especially road to the doctors surgery which everybody uses! About time.
Best wishes with this crucial work
Footpaths must be maintained in a better condition if walking is to be safer. My eyes and skin are in constant danger due to overhanging brambles etc. I always carry secateurs in my pocket!
Encouragement to maintain hedges, gardens and boundaries, surrounding properties would hopefully lead to a higher standard generally. Perhaps a village competition for "best kept boundary" would be an incentive to trim hedges, pick up litter and sweep access points.
Very important

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Although we are a lovely rural village with great views, we have little village "green space". I would like to see some more land set aside for the community, perhaps for an orchard or adventure playground.

No Comments, as we are moving from Bourton

No Comments, as we hope to be moving from Bourton shortly

Rural views, wild flowers and hedgerow conservation necessary

I believe that the identification, protection and enhancement of wildlife habitats and the creation of corridors should be a high priority in this rural community

I am concerned about the current numbers of dog walkers and their lack of respect for farmland in the removal of dog faeces from the land causing illness within cattle. Also the spread of TB and badgers, care in opening up farmland needs much consideration

We have lots of Public footpaths in and around the village. Concerned about the number of dog owners who have no respect for the area they live in or land owners.

Encouraging animals including badgers + spreading TB destroying farms, and people having no respect for farmers already this is only going to make the problem worse. - What's wrong with the footpaths we have ??

It would be great if we were made more aware of the wildlife that is in decline, I for one would like to be hands on in any conservation of at the very least the passage of information.

Foxes and particular Badgers - Numbers need to be reduced drastically (badgers annual damage of gardens in this area)

It would be good to link with our border counties and work closely to enhance the overall location, and for economic benefits, as well as improving community/co-operations. We have a great and precious landscape on our doorstep, which we have the pleasure and responsibility to protect and enjoy

Important to ensure maintenance of all public footpaths throughout the area

Don't forget all wildlife and habitats can start to be protected by everyone, its as simple as starting in your back garden. Many land owners/farmers do considerable amounts to maintain wildlife & habitats.

Some Farmers/Landowners are already doing lots of schemes to encourage wildlife and habitats. Our wildlife has increased not declined

We must keep a wholly rural feel to the village. Change for change sake should be avoided

See NE3 above (copied over) See "X" on Map - Field west of Fiburts Farm is called "Moat Hill Piece" - it was the site of a Saxon Moat - the then form of local government (See the Antiquaries Journal Vo7.93 2013) - short extract attached

Less light pollution by removing every other street light now the A303 takes the bulk of the traffic. It would feel more rural.

Keep Badger numbers down by culling or inoculating against TB. Encourage Hedgehogs to return by showing how use of pesticides can be avoided in gardens and other ways. More nest boxes around the village. Compost heaps for slow worms.

Of course we would wish to support the wildlife. But I am not convinced ideas above will work. Areas of habitat - yes, but linking corridors - these are the hedges !!

The village has been generally well served over time by landowners and local farmers. Awareness of ecological matters and environmental initiatives are well known and patently being implemented; the village should stand back from appearing to wish to interfere with current beneficial management practices.

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Areas neglected by man always provide for masses of wildlife, Bourton is not a manicured Village thank goodness!

More tree planting - too many being cut down - blown down by storms - various tree diseases killing them off

To offset the ongoing loss of native trees throughout the country, and in addition to the existing and ongoing improvement to our grass banks and verges, I would like to see all hedges within the parish improved by the addition of a clearly identified native British tree sapling wherever there are gaps greater than 40m. These should be excluded from hedge-trimming activities and allowed to grow to maturity. The long standing demise of Britain's Village Ponds is a well-documented natural disaster. In Bourton, we should make every effort to help offset this, thereby setting a good example to other villages. This could be achieved by the creation of our own carefully managed Village Pond, ideally placed within the amenity area that it is hoped the parish will acquire for the new village hall. Together with the addition of native trees and the creation of a wild flower meadow on the proposed land, this could provide a beautiful recreation and relaxation area for everyone in the parish.

As soon as "linking corridors" are made human footfall follows and obviates the intention

The creation of new hedgerows and the protection of those that exist needs to be a priority for the Natural Environment section of the Neighbourhood Plan.

I hope that notice will be taken of the collective answers given by Bourton Villagers to their wishes for a future healthy green village for any future generations/new arrivals to enjoy.

With 20 houses up for sale & the 33 at present proposed that is enough to be going on with over the next decade

## Appendix H

### Your Views & Suggestions to all Question not having a Comment space

HSG 1. NO. Only concern can the Primary school cope with this growth? Parking here is already an issue, village shops closed, traffic already quite heavy.
HSG 1. NO. Local government would support via council tax. This is a basic community requirement. Why is there no funding for rural areas!! Millions spent in London.
HSG 1. NO. Bourton should retain its character, people will arrive from London and suburbs as they will receive unimaginable growth in population. New technology and fibre broadband plus a good rail network will ensure Bourton as an extremely desirable location in the future. We do not want to grow into another Gillingham!
HSG1. NO. 20 plus houses for sale, factory site plus 20 houses, plus new ones 10 ? On promise- 50 houses available. Plenty, no more needed
HSG 1.NO. No village should grow beyond its capacity to support itself unless more facilities and jobs can be found, any more growth in Bourton is unsustainable
NE.2. Presumably they are all registered as 'village greens'
HSG1. NO. Provision for 33 houses already exists.
NVH. How can they "require" this given planning regulations? You cannot go forward on this basis. You have not provided enough information here for informed comment. I have now searched all the minutes available and there is additional information not included here and, in some cases, not publically available. These VH questions are therefore misleading.
There seems to be no mention in this document of the importance of providing recreational land for use by the public, especially teenagers. HSG1 NO. I think there is sufficient scope for natural and usual expansion within existing plans - Above this Bourton will lose its rural disposition.
VH1 YES. No problem at all - it would provide some desirable new housing and relieve the need for further new housing elsewhere in the village additional to what is required.
HSG1. NO. There are a number of empty (longterm) medium priced / sized properties for sale in Bourton already. Surely more is unnecessary!
Not interested.
VH1YES Providing the over spillage of sewerage at Millers Close @ No 3, which floods the drive should be sorted out before the village hall and upflow of houses which to be built@ Sandways and other marked places in the village.
HSG1. NO. I have answered no because I think there should be a period of time allowed to see how the 29 households proposed for the mill / factory site integrate with existing villagers. EG would it not be a good idea for another comprehensive independent shopping facility as competition to the garage shop to encourage more people in the village to get their main weekly food shopping in the village rather than in Mere or Gillingham
HSG1. NO. Feel that there is probably enough new proposed housing.
HSG1. NO. An additional 33 houses will already represent significant increase in numbers and any further growth will put the rural character of the village at risk.
HSG1. NO. No identified additional need identified over and above the mentioned previously and with 20 for sale.
NE 2 - YES - With exception of the above quoted - need for a Visitor Centre
Q VH 1 - Definitely a "small amount"
VH 1 - Yes if small & less than 10 houses
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NE 1 - Area 4 isn't seen by 98% of the public	
Front page Notes - What do Bourton think of amending our village name to "Bourton on Stour"? We already have Milton on Stour.	
HSG 1 - 33 additional houses will represent at least 100 villagers. Brown field sites need to be used first for any growth!	
HSG2 - No - If the Mill Development does not go ahead, we may need more houses	
HSG2 - Don't Know - If the Mill Development fails, then clearly more houses would be needed somewhere in the village	
NE 2 - Yes - Area 3	
NE 2 - Yes - Area 4	
VH 1 - Don't Know - Depends what level 2/3 at the most      HSG 1 - NO - People moving into the Village cannot get into Local school - an important factor for moving somewhere. Its full. Increase in traffic. If I wanted to live in a heavily populated area I would move to a town	
HSG 2 - NO - 4 or 5 Yes, but not anymore      HSG 3 - Not on green Belt Land	
Housing & Settlement Boundary - (there are currently 20 houses for sale) see following - ? evidence for this figure at end of April 2014. There are many reasons why properties remain on the market - state of repair, over-pricing etc. This statement is not relevant to the development of Bourton over the next 10 - 15 years as it could change at any time.	
HSG 3 - para 3 - YES - this depends on the Settlement boundary. In any decision to retain a boundary the current boundary should be.....	
I would love things to "stay as they are" but we live in an ever changing world; otherwise mankind would not have got as far as the wheel. Bourton is a community with excellent communications; 4 mins from the 303 and 10 mins from a main line railway station. It must grow and change or become a geriatric dormitory, with no one to help when we get past the healthy retirement stage! A prolonged look at the supplied map shows a lot of "abnormalities": a settlement boundary that does not join up - a parish boundary that is equally uncohesive. Surely this is the moment to correct these aberrations? Question? What does "20 houses for sale currently" have to do with requirements in the future? Next month there may be only 4 (it probably means the current "housing boom" has not reached Bourton yet/what is on the market has not the required configuration/badly marketed. The IOW's - 1 & 3 obviously have to stay, though only the cemetery is really viable. 2. size Q. VH3. 4 Ideal building site, for the future - cannot be viewed from anywhere bar Primrose Farm. 5 have you looked at the mess this site is? And who views it but the inhabitants of Grixey? This would make an ideal site for some limited commercial concerns - to bring employment back to the Village. (The site I live on, 100 years ago, employed 15 people. The cheese factory must have had employees). (this view is put forward as it seems that there are only houses to be put on the old Cheese factory site). The only real "Bourton view" is from Bourton Bridge area, back towards Sandways land. The other vista views to the hill behind and the expansive south view. Already, in the village, there are areas of unmaintained land and in particular, foot paths which have areas of swamp, which need filling. b. A potentially attractive small area behind the garages of New Close; currently being turned into a bonfire/compost site which could be made delightful with the addition of Canadian style picnic tables and sympathetic planting. I have not viewed area 6 & 7 and trust someone adjacent has made some useful comments.	
HSG 3 - para 1 - YES - Within current settlement boundary - Controlled & limited	

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HSG 1 - Changed from YES to NO - NB Changed on reflection because not confident local infrastructure, school places etc. could cope with anything more than is currently envisaged

HSG 3 - para 1 - YES - Current boundary

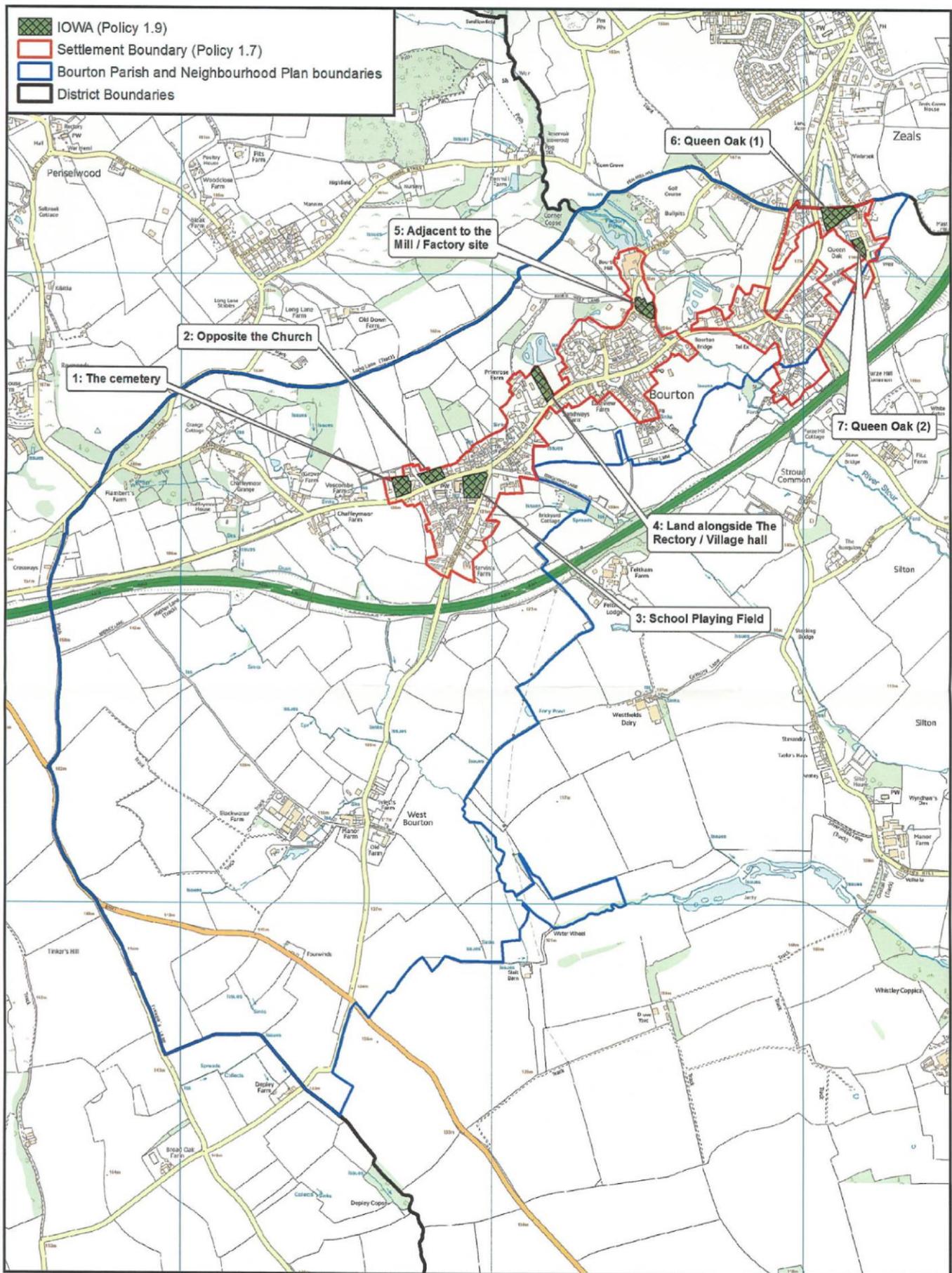
HSG 1 - Possibly look at the idea of some growth in that timescale but in a small way

NE 3 - Have a look at wording - All that area encircled by the the By-Pass and the Northern Boundary of the Parish, which is outside the current Settlement Boundary

NE 4 - Would need further explanation of "Limiting Corridors"

HSG 3 - para 1 - YES - But retain current settlement boundary

NE 4 - Photovoltaic panels should only be allowed on Brown sites & Not on green food bearing land



**Important Open or Wooded Areas (IOWAs) and Significant Boundaries in Bourton**