

Neighbourhood Plan – Community Consultation at Village Day (16/7/16)

The Ruishton and Thornfalcon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group took a stall at the Ruishton Village Day in 2016. It was the first public event regarding the neighbourhood plan and was designed to raise awareness of the project rather than to elicit specific information.

The stall was manned by Doug Lowe and Jim Claydon from the Steering Group, and by Andy Boway of the Parish Council. Approximately 50 people engaged with the Steering Group, mainly asking questions about the A358, future housing development and the proposed employment site at the M5 roundabout.

Participants were invited to register, on cards, their views under the headings in the table below where their responses are recorded.

What do you like about your Parish?	What don't you like about your Parish?	What would you change in your Parish?
Community Spirit	Schools! Ruishton is full and Heathfield is under pressure.	Affordable housing in Ruishton? Doctors, buses, shops, schools?
Sense of Community	The traffic leaving Ruishton is a nightmare!	Shops and child-friendly pub.
I love living here. Superb friendly village.	Threat of flooding.	Cyclepath along river from Ruishton to Hankridge.
Village Day	Traffic on A358.	An astroturf with football posts.
	A358 nightmare! Air pollution, noise, traffic, rat run down Stoke Road/Haydon Lane. Flooding!	One-way system along Ruishton Lane? Footpath along Ruishton Lane. Cross roads danger at Lipe Lane/Stoke Road needs traffic lights or roundabout.
	Rat run on Ruishton Lane. No footpath.	Ruishton Lane footpath. Improve cyclepath to town (J25 deathtrap & field route boggy).
	Traffic to school.	Separate vehicles from foot/cyclists.
		Cycle route into Taunton
		Cycle route to town.
		Please can consideration be given for primary and secondary schools. And can be implemented before lots of houses go up.
		Can we please have more frequent bus services between Creech and

		Taunton. A high number of local residents are of an older age group – having to wait 2 hours for a return bus can be exhausting and very traumatic for disabled and visually impaired.
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Jim Claydon 18/6/16