

**MEDICAL FACILITIES**

The residents of Ilminster have long felt that medical provision within the town was fragmented and inadequate. While the Town Council has no control over such matters, it would support in principle any plans that would bring the two surgeries together at an appropriate site along Canal Way. The new joint surgery needs to be within easy reach of the centre of town, with a good size car park and on or close to a bus route.

The Council believes that such a facility providing the following services would be of great benefit to the town:

	Green Stickers	Red Stickers
facilities that would allow consultants' appointments to take place in town rather than at Musgrove or Yeovil Hospitals	10	
treatment rooms of a standard that would allow minor surgery to take place	9	
the provision physiotherapy treatment	5	
the services of a chiropodist	3	
Written Comments		
Any new surgery should have 8 -8pm access for minor injuries	1	
New medical centre needs to offer longer hours and a more flexible approach so that the working population can use it	1	

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## **PUBLIC OFFICES**

	<b>Green stickers</b>	<b>Red stickers</b>
Present legislation, for example the new disability laws, make it imperative that the Town Council finds new offices. However, the Council favours the concept of a one-stop shop for all public offices. This would mean having a number of organisations under one roof not just District and Town Council personnel but also the Police, the Local Information Centre and perhaps even the Library.	3	
In the long term, it may be possible to find a suitable site in the Town to accommodate all these organisations.	1	
<b>Written Comments</b>		
<b>Why not use the Co-op?</b>		

## EDUCATION

The Town Council believes that the current schooling arrangements for Ilminster are inappropriate and would press strongly for the introduction of a 2-tier system for the following reasons: 3 green stickers and one red

	Green Stickers	Red Stickers
In the long term, it may be possible to find a suitable site in the Town to accommodate all these organisations.	2	
being educated in one's own town helps create a sense of ownership		
it ensures that young people can enjoy after school activities close to their homes		
the parental links with the school will be stronger		
the whole community would have access to a range of facilities that a secondary school could offer		
Written Comments		
Where's the money coming from? (DG?)		

Of course should a 2-tier system be introduced into Ilminster, Greenfylde Church of England First School would, in its present location be unable to cope with the increase in numbers. The Town Council would suggest that the way forward would be to:

	Green stickers	Red stickers
develop a Town primary school (4 - 11 years)	2	
use the accommodation/location currently occupied by Swanmead Community School	1	1
improve the facilities on that site and increase the size of playing fields		
Written Comments		
What is proposed for Greenfylde when it is redundant		
At present there is a swimming pool on site at Greenfylde. The new pool would need to be at the new primary site so that children can learn to swim		

	Green stickers	Red stickers
build a Town secondary school (11 - 16/19 years)	2	
locate this new school at the western end of town on land that the County Council already owns		
ensure that the new build included facilities such as playing fields, a sports hall and even a swimming pool for the benefit of the community as a whole	5	
ensure that there is sufficient car parking to accommodate the movement of pupils on and off the site	1	
Written Comments		
All educational ideas good and swimming and sports facilities very important and urgently needed		

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**COMMUNITY SAFETY**

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One of the desires of any community is that its residents may live in a safe environment. They want an environment which is free from crime, abuse, anti-social behaviour, vandalism, illegal parking and all manner of petty crime. For that service they look to the police, although there is a tendency to forget that **WE ALL SHARE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR LAW AND ORDER.**

The Town Council is very supportive of:

	Green Stickers	Red Stickers	Meeting Type and Date
the Safer Neighbourhoods programme			
the use of Police Community Support Officers working under a Beat Officer		1	
Community Justice Panel which brings justice back into the community	1		
Written Comments			

The Town Council appreciates that the areas covered by individual police officers and their staff are extensive and the Council would like to see:

	Green Stickers	Red Stickers	Meeting Type and Date
an increase in manpower in the future in actual police officers and police community support officers	10	1	
Written Comment			
We need real policemen. Ilminster used to have 10 policemen and 1 sergeant based here			

The Town Council would like to see:

	Green Stickers	Red Stickers	Meeting Type and Date
community involvement	1		
community support of the police			

	Green Stickers	Red Stickers	Meeting Type and Date
One of the features of modern policing is the use of technology and the Town Council would envisage that, after extensive research and debate, use will be made of CCTV cameras in various areas of town.	2		
Written Comment			
Please avoid using CCTV as a substitute for 'beat' policing on foot/bike/car horse whatever	1		

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## Area A

The decision by Gooch and Housego to take over the former Clarks Factory at Dowlish Ford was a positive outcome for Ilminster. However the development of the old Horlicks site remains a priority for the Town for unless provision is made for employment Ilminster is in danger of becoming nothing more than a dormitory for people who work elsewhere.

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Written Comments		
Station Road needs improving given that the changes implemented by ITC means that most of the traffic coming into town will use this route. There is no path on one side of the road (where Wadham pupils have to catch the bus) - no crossing and the road is so busy the older citizens of Home Farm Park are unable to cross safely. More business will mean more traffic in that part of town		
If ITC wish this site to be redeveloped why did ITC vote against the application to redevelop it?		

For that reason, the Town Council wishes to see the area developed in a way that is both forward-looking but also sympathetic to the town. This will require:

A flood alleviation scheme that:

	Green sticker	Red sticker

with judicial use of flood berms, and where necessary, raised defences, flood walls and banks will create a scheme that is beneficial for the area as a whole	5	
will allow whatever wild life inhabits the river, at present, to continue to do so		
will not impact on settlements further down stream		
Written Comments		

**A system of roads that:**

	Green sticker	Red sticker
will be built to an adoptable standard and will allow access to all areas of the site		
will provide a smooth transition between the A358/A303 and the site		
will not impede the flow of traffic into the centre of town		
will make provision for pedestrians and cyclists	1	

**The built form that:**

	Green sticker	Red sticker
will be either single or two storey and no more than 13 metres in height	1	
will, wherever possible, have pitched roofs and use building materials suitable for the area	1	
will have signage that is an integral part of the building, especially if illuminated		
will have lighting that is of an adoptable standard on the main routes around the site and is low level for such areas as walkways and car parks		
will use hard paving materials for pedestrian and cycle routes around the site		
will provide car parking, avoiding the use of tarmac, to meet the needs of each building	1	
will provide cycle racks		
ensure adequate provision for the containment of refuse		
Written Comments		



The landscaping of the area that:

	Green sticker	Red sticker
will improve the overall appearance of the area		
will create an attractive gateway to the town	1	
will ensure that there is a graduated transition from Business Park to open countryside		
will ensure that trees and shrubs native to this area are used in order to maintain the character and composition of the local landscape and to preserve the habitat of local wild life.	1	
Written Comments		

The type of commercial enterprise essential to the future of Ilminster:

	Green sticker	Red sticker
those that will provide maximum employment		
those that will complement rather than compete with the town centre.	1	
Written Comments		

## Area B

	Green sticker	Red sticker
A potential Site for Light Industry, seen very much as secondary to the development of the Horlicks Site.	3	1
Written Comments		
Huge need for small business units 100-200M <sup>2</sup>		

# Area M

## Commercial and retail businesses within the Town Centre

The Town Council is aware of a growing number of small businesses within the town and the surrounding area that are looking for premises. They are also aware of government guidelines that advocate not 'only residential but also office development should be encouraged' where possible above retail outlets in town centres.

With that in mind the Town Council would like to see:

	Green sticker	Red sticker
Possible provision of offices/shops in premises such as the Gooch and Housego buildings	3	
Bespoke office facilities with central reception services	5	
Written Comments		
There is a need for affordable office space for small businesses with central service		
I am sure there will be quite a few shops becoming available sooner than you think		

To ensure that the commercial/retail future of Ilminster is secured, the Town Council will be:

	Green sticker	Red sticker
<p>promoting the advantages for businesses to relocate to Ilminster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. excellent transport links</li> <li>ii. availability of sites</li> <li>iii. easy access to major roads</li> </ul> <p>a good quality environment</p>	3	
working with existing business and the Policy Units in South Somerset District Council to use the strengths of the area to encourage relocation to Ilminster	1	

Written Comments		
It is surprising that no mention is made of targeting high value adding industry requiring high quality labour that will generate and circulate wealth in the town		
How about an emphasis on less transport, more local business. How does sustainability fit in - if at all?		

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It is almost inevitable that Government pressure will result in further housing in the town.

If that happens:

	Green stickers	Red stickers
it must be controlled	1	
there must be increased employment to match such development	4	
the infrastructure must keep pace and not lag behind as it does at present	1	
Written Comments		
Housing on its own is useless. By all means ADD a selection of 'community shops'		

## Area C

This area is currently a site for light industry. Once the Horlicks Site has been developed, the Town Council would like to see these businesses relocated to the edge of town. We would then propose this brown field site be used for housing.

	Green stickers	Red stickers
this would be a long term project - allowing the existing businesses time to relocate	5	
this would be in keeping with the area	5	
Written Comments		

## Area D

	Green stickers	Red stickers
An area of land adjacent to the food store development has already been allocated for housing. And the Town Council feels that, if in the long term, serious consideration were to be given to the creation	3	3

and the Council would advocate the use of such guidelines together with the Detailed Building Recommendations to be found in the <i>'Ilminster by Design'</i> statement.		
Written Comments		
New buildings should be more environmentally friendly		
Would like to see policy reflect the need for more environmentally friendly buildings		
In light of climate change, performance of buildings even more important than design. Local materials etc also desirable of course		

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### Cleaner Neighbourhoods

A critical feature of the well being of a town is its appearance and general 'feel'. With the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 now in force and the possibility of Somerset becoming a Unity Authority with devolved powers being given to Town and Parish Councils, the Town Council can see a future where they could take over the following functions:

	Green sticker	Red sticker
street cleaning	5	
street cleaning	10	
parking enforcement once parking has been decriminalised	3	
Written Comments plus stickers		
The laws are in place unfortunately no one is enforcing them or obeying them		

The Town Council feels quite strongly that policies should pursued that:

	Green sticker	Red sticker
would encourage recycling	4	
would encourage the use of green energy sources	5	
would discourage light pollution	3	
would discourage noise pollution	3	
would discourage anti-social behaviour	4	
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Written Comments plus stickers		

The Town Council has, over the years, always taken great care of the open spaces under its control and will continue to do so. However, there are still some public areas that are in need of upgrade and enhancement.

	Green sticker	Red sticker
the provision and maintenance of open spaces in future housing and industrial developments will be encouraged	5	
sponsorship from businesses will be sought for planting and maintenance of roundabouts and other areas suitable for enhancement	1	
Written Comments plus stickers		
Keep your lovely green spaces		

## Areas F and G

It is proposed that the main town football pitch and associated buildings be moved to Brittens Field.

The advantages of such a scheme?

The site is large enough to:

	Green stickers	Red stickers
accommodate the building of a new Sports Club complete with changing facilities etc	7	
allow for future improvements such as the enclosure of the pitch and provision of floodlights	7	
provide parking for all users of the Recreation Ground	3	
Written Comments		
The town needs a full size astro pitch - the $\frac{1}{4}$ size one at Swanmead is a missed opportunity		
What would happen to the present facility on Brittens Field? There is insufficient space		

	Green stickers	Red stickers
A pitch on the Recreation Ground would remain, but with the removal of the present buildings and the planting of one or two trees, the area would have a far more 'green space' feel to it	5	
Written Comments plus stickers		

## Area I

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The Town Council would like to secure ownership/options on the land running up to the northern edge of Herne Hill as they believe it is essential to secure a buffer zone between any building to the south of Canal Way and to ensure the integrity of Herne Hill and its historic importance as being all that remains of the deer park that existed in mediaeval time.	9	
Written Comments plus stickers		
Good point! Need a 'green belt' of inviolate countryside round the town		

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## Area H

This area of ground is part of the Horlick site development. It is an area that is part of the river corridor and because of this is not really suitable as building land. The developer was proposing to develop it as a recreational area and then hand it over to the local community. Green Stickers 13

If this was to occur the Town Council felt that:

	Green stickers	Red stickers
its development as a 'wetland site' would be appropriate		
it would provide a natural link between the business park and the countryside		
if maintained properly would provide another recreational resource for the town		
it would link with the Sustran Cycle route and a number of local footpaths		
Written Comments plus stickers		
Wetland would be lovely. How about water sports facilities		

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A historic market town with a conservation area is ill equipped to cope with the communication needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Town Council feels that the situation could be improved by:

The creation of an eastern relief road along Shudrick Lane to join the Crewkerne/Whitelackington roads, which would: Green 8 Red 1

	Green stickers	Red stickers
ease the pressure on the mediaeval road system in the town centre	3	
provide drivers wishing to get to the south side of town with an easier route		1
enable, at some time in the future, the centre of town to be pedestrianised	6	2
Written Comments		
In conjunction with reversing Ditton Street one way		
You can't build your way out of traffic congestion. We need less traffic not more roads. This does not preclude town centre enhancement		

Before any move could be made towards pedestrianisation of the town centre the following points would need to be addressed:

	Green stickers	Red stickers
provision of more off street parking/car parks	3	
provision of a more extensive bus service in and around town	1	
provision of coach parking facility in the town	3	1
provision of more cycle tracks, including cycle racks, and footpaths around town	5	
provision of arterial routes to and from the surrounding villages to ensure that the connection between Ilminster Within and Ilminster Without is not lost	2	
Written Comments - plus stickers		
20 mph speed limit should be enforced - cars speed along Silver Street		

Coach/bus station needed with in easy access to town centre		
A local transport system (rickshaw equivalent) needed fro car park to town centre		
Car parking should be free	1	

Some work can be done in advance of pedestrianisation:

	Green stickers	Red stickers
the amalgamation of the Greenfylde School 'keep clear' in Silver Street with the bus stop to give a better 'pull in' facility	1	2
provision of 'off loading' bays for retailers pre 10.00 am and post 4.00pm - available for on street parking at other times	1	2
move taxi ranks to the west of the Market Square - the present rank is poorly positioned and quite often interferes with movement of buses in and out of the area	1	1
Written Comments		