

# **Droitwich Spa Neighbourhood Plan**

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Community questionnaire survey 2023

## **Comment listings**

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## **Introduction**

This document lists the comments made by respondents to the questionnaire survey which was undertaken to inform the Droitwich Spa Neighbourhood Plan in October 2023.

Several of the survey questions were open, inviting free-write comments or suggestions on aspects of land use and development. The resultant responses are set out in the following tables, taking each question in turn. The comments have been summarised in terms of the main themes raised (see the Results Report).

Free-write comments provided on the printed questionnaires (as distinct from online) were entered onto SurveyMonkey by the Town Council.

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## Vision and Objectives

**Question 2: If you have any comments on our Vision and objectives please tell us in the box below:**

Agree with the vision statement which are general and non specific but do not necessarily agree with the specific vision of reinstated brine baths which might not be necessary for a distinctive spa town sense of place or protected heritage
There needs to be a guarantee to ensure delivery of the vision and objectives - not just empty promises! Droitwich Spa seems to be a poor relation to towns such as Evesham. There doesn't seem to be much provision for young people
To stop the town from spreading further. We are fast losing the sense of belonging. I find the people of Droitwich are kind, helpful and considerate. When I visit Worcester I sense a very different feeling. People in many places seem less friendly and uninterested in their role
I am concerned about all the empty premises in the town centre. The reinstatement of the Brine Baths is also vital for the generation of the town
Sustainability, supporting infrastructure, regeneration of the centre. Spa town character. Should be objectives before housing is developed. Local peoples needs to be addressed and catered for before new communities are offered new housing developments. Family links to residents is key to maintain heritage of this spa town. Newcomers welcome and need to be built on this history before Droitwich is overgrown by housing developments.
How about places to stay for tourists and visitors - hotels, b&b's, self catering units and caravan sites
Some serious work seems to be needed on the traffic lights area by David Neville to prevent flooding in that area.
I hope community facilities includes NHS GP practices
The ridiculous traffic queues at Copcut/Pulley Lane junction/traffic lights must be sorted. Totally unacceptable. The staged road cross at start of Hanbury Road must be sorted when the development takes places. Yes it will cost but so does the everyday problems - delay/pollution etc
To ensure the town has quality and affordable hotel accommodation
Walking and cycling are only feasible for younger people. In an aging population there should be an efficient public transport service to discourage use of cars
I think enough is enough now to many new developments we have enough housing around us
Infrastructure is key to any development and is the only way to assure sustainability but it feels like too often bolt ons are considered adequate (eg disastrous road layout at Copcut and resulting huge change in traffic / environmental pressures)
Droitwich is unique in the fact that it does not have any large chain takeaway outlets & I would not want the regeneration of the town to include those. I think that any new housing should be developed for existing young residents of Droitwich and not sold to investors.
Walking and cycling is unrealistic in a rural town. Do you expect people to walk/cycle miles home with bags of shopping?
The agreement is depending on amount of housing and loss of green belt. Already saturated by new housing, without any additional infrastructure being put in place.
None
We definitely require the return of the Brine Baths. We need the Chateau Impney successful planning application to be implemented without delay. The Chateau is iconic for the town. Infrastructure needs to be in place, PRIOR to any new development.
Not at this time

They are not being met. Shops closing. Empty shop space. Too many houses being built with no increase in infrastructure such as additional doctors surgeries, dentists, schools play areas, nurseries
I would like a central community for people to meet not more houses directly in town centre.
I strongly believe that any future development for Droitwich should be kept to the West of the M5 to preserve the beauty and ethos of the countryside and rural way of life
The brine baths should be a key priority, along with a greater focus on promoting the town's unique history (e.g. Roman era, salt, John Corbett, Chateau Impney). Increased tourist numbers would benefit the local economy. The "spa" should be put back into "Droitwich Spa"! Any redevelopment/regeneration should be done in keeping with the town's heritage. In particular, the distinctive character of the High Street should be embraced - it offers lots of potential for independent shops. Buildings such as the Raven Hotel should not be left to decay. Lessons need to be learned!
I appreciate the need for new development/housing but hope the objectives will hold true to protecting the size/greenness of the town. Many people choose to live here because it is a small market town with plenty of green space and access to open countryside so I do hope this won't be lost in new development.
I think that you are correct to be aiming to concentrate on the historical and cultural aspects of the town alongside important environmental considerations.
Would like a community hub in the town centre that provides opportunities for those who need more support, eg getting back into work or supportive work, eg little coffee shop in the hub. Hub also to house repair centre to help teach people how to fix things, rather than throwing it away. Hub also to be donation station for food, clothing and furniture to help those in need and reduce waste. People can then come and shop for free or in exchange for eg volunteering. Can run sessions here with the social prescribing team.
Please maintain and develop the wide range of leisure facilities that the town has. Support local amateur groups and encourage commercial ventures. Maintain the road network, urban environment and encourage work and business
The vision should concentrate more on offering the community a far better GP/Dentist/School and transport facilities improving it's current failing infrastructure
Can we look after "residents" of Droitwich first before immigrants
You'd better get a move on because the town is falling apart - just a commuter centre
Ensure that brownfield sites are utilised in a way which supports the vision and that heritage is embraced
no
Don't ask for public opinion after a plan has been finalised. Inform how people can get involved in design, give ideas and improvements. Have a body that has some sway to push these ideas given rather than ignore.
Thinking is in right direction
It's all pie in the sky you'll never do it !
Please do not permit building new houses without mandating via s.106 agreements the necessary infrastructure to support new residents.
1. The 1970's precinct is dated & full of charity shops. Depressing. Convert exterior to mixture of retirement housing, offices & craft workshops. Convert internal to sidewalk cafes, restaurants & tourist hotels facing a central grassed square, full of flowers. 2. High St is full of variety of interesting shops; encourage more. Restore 15th century historic buildings on High St. Paint colours. Pave street with attractive stones, erect benches, street lighting and trees. 3. Restore Brine Baths and Raven in a style that enhances character of town. 4. Preserve open green space

of Canal Basin; reinforce its salt heritage. 5. Droitwich is full of 1980-90's "luxury detached 4-5 bedroom" housing. Don't do more! Concentrate new housing on what is missing - retirement bungalows, 1-2 bedroom starter homes, live/work workshops. 6. Reduce parking fees to encourage people to visit/shop 7. Plant flowers everywhere, like the beautiful ones at Lido and Town Hall.
Concentrate more on the history of Droitwich and retaining~SPA. No more houses
Ensure there is additional medical, dental and schools to support existing and additional housing. Improve road design/layout for existing and additional housing. No repetition of the Copcut island debacle.
No
No reference is made to the development of the town centre as an in-town shopping centre, so avoiding the over-dependance and over-development of out-of-town sites
Not really, keep improving
None
The walkway between St Andrews Square and St Andrews St past Humphreys Shoe shop is very dark and can seem uninviting. If it was a glass roof it would lighten it whilst also keeping the area dry and enhance the connection between the Square and the high street.
I would like to see the town with a bit more character something that would fit in with the old black and white buildings I think the shop fronts look a bit boring, something to draw in visitors
Better parking provision to solve workers blocking/ limiting residential access by emergency vehicles and safer pathways for residents
No more housing until doctors, chemists and schools brought up to match current population. At present woefully oversubscribed.
All suitable transport options should be encouraged and promoted not just active travel.
They're fine, but general, not at all specific
Less population growth if possible
YOU NEED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC ON HOW YOU WOULD SAFEGUARD THE FEW REMAINING HERITAGE PLACES LEFT IN DROITWICH. IE.BRINE BATHS CHATEAU IMPNEY AND THE OTHER HISTORIC BUILDINGS TO MAKE TOURISTS WANT TO VISIT
Town centre is a priority for regeneration, need a reason for people to visit. Glad to see brine baths is part of the plan
housing
General agreement but major issues to be addressed
Feel that cycling provision is presently more than adequate. Underpasses need improvement and continual upkeep
No more houses
The revitalisation of the shopping centre is critical. St Andrews Square is no longer viable given the closure of so many shops. Providing a range of shopping opportunities is necessary to keep locals and visitors interested in Droitwich. I frequently drive to Pershore for local providers and variety.
By 2041 no retail will exist, other than supermarkets. Existing electrical mains cables - installed in 1950's now breaking up - need to be replaced now
The history/heritage of Droitwich is essential to attract visitors to the town.
There should be word in both that includes the explicit mention of improving infrastructure - roads, schools, medical facilities and public transport. Housing will impact on all of these and there is no mention of this.
No comments
Traffic needs looking at on the A38 Copcut Island.

Ensure that sustainable energy is a key factor in sustainability objectives
You don't mention crime reduction
None
Seems like a well thought out plan and vision
Don't build on the basin for housing. Build a boat yard. Netherwich Basin is part of our heritage and history of the salt works. Boats were moored in the basin and next to Vines Lane. We must showcase the history of Droitwich Spa to tourists and encourage tourists, and jobs for our boys
Road safety A38 by Westlands it is not safe for people to cross road to shops traffic coming too fast (60mph)
The infrastructure must go hand in hand with further housing. The Copcut traffic situation is appalling.
Utilising existing commercial property for housing should be considered to develop the town centre
As a fairly new resident its exciting to read
None
no
Concerns around road network becoming congested, surgeries struggling to meet patients demands
The infrastructure is not backing up the expansion of housing in the area. If you are going to allow the volume of housing the sewage and drainage also schools should be built to accommodate the extra children being introduced to the area.
With all the new housing we need more doctor surgeries or extend existing ones. Would be nice to have buses that run later in the evening to Worcester
1. I am not in favour of further large scale housing development in Droitwich 2. I would like Droitwich to be a healthy place to live and for this to shape policy decisions, eg monitoring and reducing air pollution 3. I would like the English character of the town to be preserved and for this to be taken into account in the vision and objectives
We all have hope for a prosperous future! I sincerely hope your objectives and vision are achieved.
Something needs to be done about St. Andrew's square to regenerate the town centre without beauty , takeaways and charity shops so people have to use it 2 hours free parking would be a great help
Make the westlands roundabout safe.
Its a bit like every other vision for your typical market town and doesn't seem to be particularly aspirational.
Why hasn't this been done before now? Most other towns have produced Development plans!!
You must have better Highway planning and more doctors for an expanded town.
The V and Os are by nature broad and desirable. The interpretation of them will be more critical.
The objectives are too vague. I would like to see specifics. Also, there has been far too much out of town building for new houses on Greenfield land. If new houses/flats needed the council need to start regenerating the unused land in the town centre ie. the old disused Raven Hotel and land towards the motorway. Also, highways have done a rubbish job at planning the roads for new housing estates around the Copcut. More needs addressing here.
there is insufficient detail



The town is too overpopulated with housing which has paid no consideration to the available services and infrastructure. It cannot accommodate more housing without more schools, GP's, leisure facilities etc. first.
Whatever the vision, the infrastructure must be provided in the form of safe roads and drainage
Only a grammatical mistake, i.e. the word "including" does not require "for" to be used after it.
PROVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES SUCH AS SCHOOLS, DOCTORS AND DENTISTS NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AS THE TOWN HAS GROWN AND CONTINUES TO GROW
More social housing to help meet national shortage
As long as you are taking in problems with very old damaged and blocked drainage at lower end of union lane area that has been going on for 30 years. The extra traffic and road what coming down hill will increase and create more flooding of that are
Roads need sorting before any new housing developments especially the cop cut island!!
Our neighbour hood desperately need a bus route, would like to see this as part of vision and objective. Charles henry Rd
I would choose that the Vision also included better education, both at school age and above.
The vision draft should be accompanied with a more succinct Mission Statement.
When you say infrastructure, does this mean GP surgeries?
No
If you are clear in wanting to achieve more tourism, much more emphasis needs to be given to making the Droitwich canals attractive and welcoming, which they are not at present, due to conflicting aims about environmental issues.
Motherhood and Apple Pie really. Everyone likes the sound of it until the costs and details start to appear.
I agree with all aspects EXCEPT the provision of even more housing. New housing has already swallowed up neighbouring villages and communities which have consequently lost their identities. It has also had a terrible effect on infrastructure and support services which have been unable to sustain it. Please: no more houses.
No
Excellent objectives , maybe too optimistic
You need to sort the road systems out before you start planning on building more houses or traffic in Droitwich will grind to a halt and nobody will get to work.
It should ensure accessibility with venues and services provided with reference to BSI 8300 for disability access.
In terms of additional house building, we must ensure that supporting infrastructure is delivered, at the same time (not as an afterthought, when the house builders have made their money, and moved on).
N/a
No comment
They seem good. A deliverable plan to achieve them is much more important
Key factor will be to ensure that the transport infrastructure is fit for purpose, highways are maintained and traffic flow 'flows' and not disrupted by inadequate traffic control and planning ie the Copcut traffic management creating traffic congestion that builds up and backs up to a main junction! Creating environmental impact on those who reside in close proximity. Speed limits to be reduced & enforced in residential areas '30mph to 20mph, speed & noise enforcement cameras to be situated on A roads. Ensure law enforcement is adequately resourced to Combat crime within this desired vision, stamp out unlawful graffiti & vandalism or this vision will just become another abused development.

It would be great to see a brine baths up and running. There are many new houses in Droitwich but existing services don't seem to have increased at the same rate
Strong focus on a safe future community for our town is vital for it to grow well.
Keep the character of Droitwich & surrounding countryside and avoid overwhelming traffic & current services
When developers leave sites as in the case of Persimmon and Redrow off Pully Lane and Tyson Ridings that they leave them in a fit state. The development which borders Issac Way and the Ridings in places is a disgrace!
Yes focus on history. To many new house and going into green belt and effecting the travel speeds. Getting to the stage that you cant get out of the town in peak times.. ie cop cut shambles
Not enough specific detail - specifically around yet more housing for the town . No mention of housing limits or how infrastructure for current housing , let alone new housing, will be met
Providing they are fulfilled and the Townspeople are kept informed of progress, and any deviations, no problems.
Where new housing is developed facilities for those new developments should be developed at the same time and in the same location reducing the need for travel to, for example, schools, doctors, dentists, local shops
Need to be more elaborate in detail i.e. what shops, what is happening to roads, flooding etc
No
Expansion on town centre with better shops and a new supermarket (Sainsbury's?) which this town is lacking
Current rate of housing development in the area is excessive. Infrastructure is not developed to cope with the demand at which housing is being built. Develop the infrastructure before allowing more houses to be built. Examples are the Copcut roundabout, Droitwich crossroads and Pulley Lane / Persimmon, Wimpey housing development
Keep it within attainable targets and objectives. Great to aim high but very disappointing if any / none of the objectives are reached.
N/A
Are more houses really needed?
My Main concern is the infrastructure to support the New Housing .Currently we fall short I feel
No
We must accept that cars are here to stay and new development should reflect that. In particular with parking and spacing.
I agree with the general statements made in the Vision and Objectives, but would be interested in what the future plans for the station would be. It seems to have outgrown its current, congested site. Additionally, I'd like more specifics about how road networks are to improved. The junction at the Copcut Elm is nightmare, with traffic regularly backing up beyond the roundabout by The Ridings. Finally, it seems to me that local services, (GP surgeries, school provision) have not kept up with the growth in housing developments. All of the above need to be considered if Droitwich is to maintain it's distinctiveness and continue to be a pleasant place to live.
No
Regeneration needs to include High Street to return it to it's former charm, this to include The Raven Hotel
No
Droitwich was a small Spa town which was attractive to visitors & residents alike, with continued development & growth the infrastructure is at breaking point, roads are continually gridlocked around the town which was previously never the case even with a motorway closure. Another cause of concern being schools, for example Westacre Middle school, parents parking on the grass

<p>verge obscuring the crossing area, i have previously written to the head who also has concerns &amp; approached both the Police &amp; council about the dangers when collecting children. I too have written to the local councillor raising my concerns, an easy remedy would be installing bollards the length of Ombersley Way to prevent off road parking directly outside the school, adequate parking is available at the leisure centre.</p>
<p>I agree with respect to the EXISTING community but I don't think that the town and even county can sustain much more new housing.</p>
<p>Suitable provision for state schools and health services must run alongside the increase in housing. Sports facilities and provision for the arts and culture must be prioritised. Dog friendly spaces are required</p>
<p>Important to ensure a full range of appropriate facilities in new developments situated far from town centre.</p>
<p>Reimagine the high street into a buzzing pedestrian area</p>
<p>Stop using green belt land for housing estates. You are ruining Droitwich!</p>
<p>The central business area (ie victoria square) needs re-invigorating and offer wider services</p>
<p>What about the Raven Hotel ? No mention of consideration of restoration plan</p>
<p>With more housing, we will need more medical centres, pharmacies, dentists etc ... It's impossible to get a Dr appointment now let alone more housing occupancy???</p>
<p>Most important to have infrastructure in place before adding to housing</p>
<p>Whilst understanding the need for housing, we must also protect our beautiful surrounding countryside and lanes. Current developments have resulted in roads becoming rat runs which is dangerous for cyclists, walkers and nature</p>
<p>With the amount of new houses being built more schools and doctors surgeries would be good. The reinstating of the brine baths is very important</p>
<p>Good to see the town moving forward</p>
<p>Encourage people to visit the town by being more proactive to encourage smaller retailers and to provide more free parking to make it easier for access to the retailers.</p>
<p>Encourage more restaurants. Ensure house builders improve infrastructure and facilities to meet needs of increased population</p>
<p>Na</p>
<p>The main concern is the increase in housing - building on greenfield sites- which does not have the desired effect of increasing use of the town centre. I believe mostly because of parking charges that don't allow businesses to compete on a level with out of town retail. Also, the aim to create infrastructure before housing development has failed miserably, evidenced by overwhelming numbers at medical practices and pharmacies and enormous traffic congestion and speeding.</p>
<p>New housing must not be allowed to keep growing making Droitwich into a computer town.</p>
<p>Suitable new housing should also take into consideration wider community impact eg traffic, healthcare, parking, schools</p>
<p>Extremely ambitious but potentially requiring significant financial input. Can a small town council realistically deliver this vision and these objectives?</p>
<p>The vision mentions the town centre being a safe and attractive public realm. Why is this vision limited to the town centre? Surely the whole town should be this, and the vision should reflect that.</p>
<p>Infrastructure for cycle and walking provisions. So that means a 15/20 minute town? That's exactly what this means!</p>
<p>Full review of buses routes and times</p>

Recent housing developments around Pulley lane and Copcutt/Salwarpe have damaged the views around Droitwich and also created large areas of tarmac and fencing which is impassable to wildlife. Future developments within Droitwich should be focused on using lots of derelict land within the town environs to avoid further sprawl
No, happy with the overall outline. The only concern is keeping the town as vibrant and interesting as possible with a good range of shops, cafes & restaurants so it fulfils the size of this growing town.
I agree with most of both, but would like to see statements prioritising development of brown field sites and protecting green belt and surrounding countryside
Transport; especially Sunday travel needs to be a higher priority: integrated transport too.
In my opinion there are far too many housing estates/new development areas which are unfortunately not adequate ie the new Cop Cut estate which causes havoc with traffic at the new traffic lights so it has not been well thought through. The traffic management system at the Cop Cut is a total nightmare due to the new housing estates.
Objectives should include protecting green open spaces
I generally agree however do not support any more housing, the current infrastructure does not support the housing we currently have and no redesign will support further development. The current road structure is in a diabolical state and the Copcut Elm lights are worse than ever.
We need to ensure we have action plans in place that are both meaningful, measurable and achievable.
There is a lack of thinking outside the box. It appears bland and safe without originality or youthful vision. Indeed lack of "youth" is a notable omission.
Regeneration of the town centre with a variety of shopping options. Improved disabled access to the town centre from populated areas within the town of Droitwich.
Protect rural community farms, green belt canals
None
More houses need more schools (places in school). Doctor/ medicine facilities. Raven Hotel by 2041 should have been made whole implementing the plans that you have put in place and passed! Wychavon especially (have they got their act in order)
Parking is a problem now and needs planning for the future. Say by making some roads one way and allow parking on one side only such as Littleton Road and Corbett Avenue..
The town centre needs more business, more shops to open.
None
The town needs a theme to attract investment and people basing this around the history of Droitwich is clearly sensible
Whilst I agree with most of the statements, I do not think we need any more new housing to meet our community needs. The recent developments at Yew Tree Hill and Copcut I feel are sufficient for the area. We need to maintain a green belt around our beautiful town
A drop in centre for people with dementia in town where they could safely spend an hour or two whilst carers are shopping etc. More publicity for carers facilities locally
Your vision is inspiring but all the council see to care about at the moment is building more unaffordable housing. No planning whatsoever for infrastructure- mindsets must change dramatically
A bunch of words that express what any community wants and needs.
Need to think of how to regenerate the town centre. Concerns that it is becoming a bit of a ghost town. Review parking charges would help - more free parking would entice people to come in
Stop building new houses we dont have enough doctors/dentists or schools to cope with all the new builds that we have now!

The vision and objectives seem reasonable though I have a general concern about planning guidelines being too much of an impediment to needed development of infrastructure and housing, particularly for the renewable energy transition that will be required.
Housing needs to be carefully thought out and not use the green spaces around Droitwich. There has already been too much development with no change to infrastructure
Its not about the vision and objectives, not many could disagree. However, its all about how those visions and objectives are achieved.
Why is there no mention of the local High School in the plan - it should be at the centre of the plan as it is the only high school in the town - it needs the help of the town to help the young population / next generation form and be part the future of the town
Better planning around new home development is required. The new lights by the Copcut Public House causes long and dangerous tail backs. An example of extremely poor planning.
Impossible to disagree as they are so bland
Education and healthcare must be the priority
Need to ensure the infrastructure of Droitwich is in line with the development & increase in housing & the population
The development of currently unused brownfield sites must be a priority, notably the site near the railway station
Housing for single people is important, as is truly affordable housing.
Make sure any new homes are built according to the agreed plans approved and infrastructure is put in place before any homes are built. We do not want another shambles of a road layout at the Copcut - it is a disaster
"Protect the environment", agree but in such a way that it is a common sense approach and is not a drain on the populate's personal finances
As long as infrastructure is provided it's good development plans.
Any further building/ housing projects MUST include associated infrastructure - hospitals, schools, GP surgery etc
The need to ensure any new building is built as sustainably as possible and that any planning of whatever sort is complimentary to the environment
Before any more development - more infrastructure MUST be in place - doctors, schools, car parking (preferably free), road improvements, utility services etc
You need to have some "strength" behind them e.g. pressure to ensure that historic/important buildings are improved and not just left to decay.
It would be good to have lighting along the main paths in the Lido Park especially in the winter months. It would also be good to see The Raven Hotel restored and the graffiti removed from the upper part of the building.
Agree with the Vision and Objectives, but perhaps worth calling out education and healthcare provision in the supporting infrastructure.
good plan
Great focus by Town Council
Visions and objectives are only reasonable if the majority consensus is agreed. However it's now common, that the minority leftwinged political agenda agitators get the overall decision over the majority. Until that stops whats the point of writing up these visions and objectives.
Droitwich is a small town, we just had 2 major housing developments. No more housing is needed
Include providing more infrastructure as the town gets bigger, facilities fall short in all respects at present
Be good to know what they are

As long as the infrastructure is matched alongside the number of people moving into the area, ie doctors dentist
I believe that creating facilities for the existing community and residents should be priority over creating more homes, although appreciate that this is necessary too.
All good as far as I can see
The employment aspects of the vision seem to ignore key aspects including Manufacturing - specifically including high tech manufacturing, Service industries, Transport and Distribution - a key opportunity for the town given our proximity to the motorway network from the midlands to the south west and south Wales; in addition it also ignore home working in the service industries which will only grow over the next 20 years, but will require greater technology connectivity and its associated infrastructure both requiring excellent mobile phone connectivity which is currently unavailable across the town and high speed broadband connectivity, if we are to prosper and grow as a town we need to include these in our vision and objectives Along with good quality housing our vision and objectives need to reflect the need for the public services infrastructure - inc schools, doctors, leisure services transport hubs, etc, infrastructure to support the additional housing. in addition the vision and objectives ignore our role as a strategic county centre providing this infrastructure to the surrounding parishes and villages, if we do not include / reflect this in our vision and objectives the continuation of housing developments in the parishes on our boundaries will overwhelm our services and make our plan redundant
As you say, as long as infrastructure is in place including roads, facilities. I thought at one time there was talk of a dual carriageway to ease up A38/Worcester Road traffic?
I feel whatever regeneration of the town needs to be done sympathetically, so it doesn't compromise the town's character
Improve current infrastructure of town for all recent housing developments including roads, doctors, schools, dentists before new developments are considered.
fostering walking and cycling must not be to detriment of motorists
None
Too many new housing projects accepted without support infrastructure such as health, transport, medical, school etc support being developed at the same time
The key issue relates to how large Droitwich will be. In the early 1960's the population was around 7,000 whilst it is now approaching 30,000, including the urban extension at Copcut Rise. Further growth is limited within the existing boundary. Droitwich should not be allowed to grow incrementally / piecemeal outside the existing boundaries. It requires a clearly defined, well thought plan as to its future size. This does not exist at the present time.
Service ratio to housing as no new services have been build, though some rebuilt and modernised, though hundreds of new homes being built.
Regarding new housing development, there should be a statement included to cover the need for local shops, schooling and medical facilities.
As long as it doesn't include LTN, ULEZ, 15 minute towns or any others control systems then I'm for keeping the heritage of Droitwich, it's a lovely town.
No
There needs to be a clear reference on the infrastructure built to support the new housing developments: new schools, hospitals, entertainment/cinema, etc
Care should be taken when redeveloping near the town centre to not draw trade from the existing town area. Any extra housing near the town must have full infrastructure. Roads, Shops, Education and most of all expansion to existing Doctors surgeries or new ones built.
The vision of developing the canal side is difficult as it is already largely developed or parkland. I think you need to connect vines park to the town more effectively- it is cut off by roads and car

parks. Some remodelling is required to sort this out and would open up an area to develop between the town and the park, create a new square or piazza etc
Improving roads, expanding parking lots at existing houses, relieving traffic jams at Copcut, new housing estates built all the time, so there are traffic jams when I go to and from work before the new one is built There were no such problems, that's why I don't want to expand the city
There should be no building carried out on the green belt. Any new developments (domestic, commercial and retail), should be built on existing brown field sites to ensure these areas are improved.
Less housing. Desire for the town to be aspirational and attractive to professionals. More high-end eating and drinking establishments, as well as family friendly restaurants to draw a wider range of clientele and to offer an alternative to suburbs in Solihull such as Knowle, which caters for this customer
Very strongly agree with first paragraph, in particular, of "Vision" statement above, and am of the opinion that Droitwich Spa must remain an entity in its own right as part of Wychavon District.
The objectives only seem to address parts of the vision. They contain a lot of phrases that really are not plain English, which make them open to interpretation and difficult to understand.
Build on brownfield sites eg -union lane-and protect our green spaces.
Where is the environmental and social value given priority? The objectives are too general and do not embody specific SMART goals. The statements cannot be measured therefore there is no point in the future when success can be proven.
I'd like to see more shops in the town.
Create a sense of place.... not just a commuter town for Birmingham/Worcester
Need to improve shopping facilities and also create employment in the town generally. Attract new businesses.
I think education needs to be prioritised, too. There aren't enough schools in Droitwich Spa to accommodate the amount of children coming in through the new housing estates
None
No comments
Infrastructure (roads, schools, GP's) needs to be considered alongside any further development. Recent development in the past few years has added over 700 homes. At two cars per household that is 1400 extra cars on Droitwich roads and it feels like it!
The vision, as stated, is very broad and lacks enough detail for us to make a good judgement
Talks with Town Centre Landlord/s to ensure rents for properties are fair and reasonable. Shops / facilities in the Town Centre is underused as a result of many shop closures.
I think education needs addressing as well. It's all very well having enough housing, but we need more state schools as well, as well as GP surgeries, dentists etc
New schools and doctors surgery should be an important part of these plans.
The objectives do not contain any statement on achieving net zero. It should as this is key to a sustainable future.
Your sole vision and objective should be to sort out that Copcut set of traffic lights and to reduce noise pollution by moronic drivers/car owners.
No
Na
I would also welcome mention of a welcoming, tolerant community that works to build connections within the town and beyond and reduce inequalities.
It reads like a wish list. Nothing about how this vision and these objectives will be achieved.
None

No more houses
The town centre needs a major overhaul - it's sleepy, boring with no decent shopping or entertainment. You can build as many houses as you want in Droitwich but people will not choose to come here because there is literally nothing to do other than come here to die in a care home.
Sounds great as an ideal outcome but based on the historical outcomes of plans for Droitwich this is a fantasy. Historical and supposedly protected parts of the town's heritage have been allowed to rot and become lost for the benefit of rapacious developers and which Wychavon, Droitwich Spa Town Council have seemingly been unable to stop. There has been expansion without any apparent improvement of facilities such as schools , health care etc. Talk about hope over experience.
Do not need more housing in Droitwich as what attracted me to Droitwich was that it was small town with a good community spirit
The elephant in the room is climate change adaptation. Within this time period all of the adaption to a future with electric transport and adaption to the coming climate normal (far worse temperatures, rainfall, drought, hail, tornado's and winds) must have taken place. Heating and cooling of all buildings without fossil fuels will be well underway. This implies considerable efforts to insulate as well as change energy sources. NB, also see considerable change likely in the future of transport. Automated vehicles will need more drop off and waiting areas close to facilities. These issues MUST be front and centre in our minds and decisions.
Raven development needs to be done urgently
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N/a
More detached 4/5 bed houses required
Reduce rents for retailers and bring trade back
None
The town shops should be affordable for the business people to make their business pay instead of closing down, it's not very attractive for visitors when all shops closing. What happened to the Welcome to Droitwich Spa Town timber post north side of town by Chateau Impney Gate House?
With growth community facilities must include health services, schools, road management to cope with traffic and car parking.
The reinstatement of the Brine Baths is absolute priority in my opinion
Sounds good. Especially if brine baths are reinstated at The Raven - which badly needs renovating.
There is a need to consider what age profile the town is focussed on. I make no comment other than in general there is a good focus on the needs of the retired community (which I welcome) and this should not be lost
in sufficient detailed information to agree upon
The bigger housing developments in and around Droitwich are too big and not in character of a spa town. The development of places like Churchfields needs to be controlled carefully to avoid theme parks being formed. Traffic in small country lanes is already being tested - cycle routes accidents waiting to happen. Investment into faster rail links to Birmingham London need to be supported - lots of people have adopted hybrid working patterns and need to commute. More



support for schools NHS - schools under funded and doctors are very difficult to see. Litter on country lanes is bad - lots of vapes Mac Donald's wrappers and an increasing trend to stop in lay-bys and leave all your rubbish. Community police visibility in surrounding villages hamlets often targeted by county line drug / theft needs to improve - rarely see police.
N/a
None
Vision mentioned new houses however yet again no new infrastructure of doctors and schools
I am concerned about the amount of additional house building in the area
Care must be taken to ensure the wider road infrastructure can support any new housing developments. In particular the choke points in the town centre and access to the motorway.
Brine Baths are not a priority. Nothing said that will attract inward investment
they are the same cut and paste objectives you see from all councils. good luck though with keeping shops in the centre when you allow superstores on the edge of town
Bear in mind the people who have lived in the town for years. Need a good infrastructure
New housing is fine as long as you have infrastructure to support it. Doctors are already struggling, schools will be become over run. No new housing until this issue is addressed
We think emphasis should be placed on redevelopment of the town centre to encourage the local population to return and support. Suitable living accommodation should be developed within this area.
Sounds comprehensive
Fingers crossed it happens according to plan
No more housing please - all infrastructures are already strained. The town centre needs addressing with so many empty shops.
It would be good to specifically to include an inclusive approach to encouraging teens and twenty somethings to be actively involved in the Droitwich community. This through targeted facilities and services.
It's so important that new housing is thought through but most importantly infrastructure needs to be in place to increase housing.
As regards housing I feel it's important to have sufficient GPs schools transport etc to meet the needs of a growing population
It is nice to have an option to comment on future plans in the community.
I think the key areas to highlight are balancing the need for housing with the need for environmental protection. I would hope the brown land that is in Droitwich would be used before green belts and as mentioned, the infrastructure to support it is in place. How this can be achieved when the NHS and education is underfunded is another matter.
As with all these 'plans', without supporting and expanded public services (e.g. local healthcare GP / NHS Dentist) the impact on the existing community becomes greater and negative. The Town Council may have a control over these vital services but it does have an input on matters which impact them. Without guaranteed increased provision I cannot support town expansion. Past and recent evidence of increased housing development without corresponding service provision proves the point.
As long as this is not a hidden pathway to C40 or 15 minute cities.
Vision would be good if it happens
More affordable rental housing for the retired should be a priority.
Obviously it's impossible to disagree with this vision - which lacks detail - and objectives, which also lack detail.

stop trying to make the brine baths happen again. they were shit. no-one used them. we already have a great lido that people like.
We would like to see the development of the raven hotel site as a priority
The Vision is too far in the future. Ideally should be 2025 but no more than 2030.
Visions and objectives are good but people must be deluded if they believe it will actually happen
Well designed is too subjective as a term so something more specific would be more useful,
Your vision and objectives are excellent but as you can't even sort out the Raven Hotel I doubt you'll achieve any of your ambitions. The Raven is an eyesore and reflects very poorly on the ability of the council to do what is best for the residents of Droitwich.
Although response options are limited, I generally agree with the vision. However, I would like to note that more priority should be given to foot and cycle traffic across Droitwich and when it comes to planning and/or redesigning connecting roads to surrounding towns/villages. Actively encouraging people to walk/cycle more will not only have environmental but health benefits as well. However, given the lack of safe cycle paths and issues with lack of motorist speed awareness, not many people opt to cycle on a regular basis. It is, of course, fine to cycle for recreation purposes but the benefits would be much greater walking/cycling would be prioritised like in numerous European towns and cities.
It is good that you are seeking the views of the residents of Droitwich on its future development
There is a distinct lack of community spirit in St.George's Crescent,Wr98bx ...will these plans help
No
With new building of houses I hope they include adequate car parking spaces as most households own at least two cars these days!
We do not want more housing area is already overcrowded, doctors , hospitals, schools , traffic ! cannot sustain any more population
Stop destroying the town by raising taxes and shops leaving and building houses to houses those in waiting lists from West Bromwich and Wolverhampton.
Be sure services keep up with increase in housing (population)
I don't disagree with any of the vision nor objectives but I am not clear on how you plan to achieve any of this. It's very generic and presumably based on a high level of assumptions.
Strong focus must be on the supporting infrastructure for any new development.
no
New housing development should take into account road access in and out of the town, particularly at the Copcut junction.
More retail outlets
Regarding the regeneration aspect it is important that there is some cohesion between Victoria Square and the High Street. There is no linkage between these two retail areas not helped by the town's layout. Some years ago there was consideration into making the High Street pedestrianised with High Street traders opposed to this as they considered that their main trade came from those who parked up on the high Street and nipped in to one or two shops in the 45 minutes allowed. This is a short sighted viewpoint and visitors should be encouraged to stay and shop for a longer period than the permissible parking time zone. The empty and run down nature of the High Street demonstrates that on street parking has little bearing on economic growth in this area.
Doesn't appear to be anything relating to making roads and places safer. Eg speed enforcement
Ambitious but achievable. I'll be 108 in 2041 but I do hope you will achieve your objectives
Droitwich is dying on its feet - planting trees and placing benches isn't going to help. The four biggest retail units are empty some of which have been empty for over three years with no sign of new business.

The vision needs to be realistic and achievable. I'd like to hear more about the journey to succeed in these vision goals.
Why is there no reference to redevelopment of brown field sites, the plan should be specific in rejecting any future developments beyond the current housing footprint until all brownfield sites have been redeveloped which may involve mixed developments, social housing (good access to transport). Currently the town is like a doughnut, growing in size but nothing in the middle.
Does the vision include making roads safer for everyone by introducing a 20mph speed limit in built up areas? I hope so.
Absolute top priority must be given to adequate provision of basic community services to encompass the needs of all residents ie access to medical services, dentists, schooling etc. Services are inadequate currently to meet needs of the growing population.
Vision and objectives not specific enough. Doesn't make for hard choices. Bit motherhood and apple pie. Needs to be more specific and force hard choices
Priority is to redevelop the raven site and ignore the old peoples views on it as that is incompatible with the majority of Droitwich's population. Make a plaza out of it and put stuff in it like bowling, bars, electric darts, food chains. ANYTHING just not charity shops.
I do not agree with any more suggested housing. There has been too much green space taken already. We have 2 HUGE estates that has impacted on the roads, services etc. This should have been taken into account before ALL these houses were built, not build more and then try and improve community services. These estates have ruined what Droitwich used to be.
The vision and objectives should balance the type and location of development and retail facilities to ensure that the town centre does not continue to become one type of commercial premises
It's a nonsense, you've been in power for decades and it's got worse. We moved here 14 years ago and the decline is astonishing, town centre is a joke, unkept, unloved and out of touch
There must be more of an emphasis on the provision of schooling and medical services within any future expansion of the community
Droitwich misses out significantly in terms of a range of (varied) restaurants and bars to serve the growing community. Residents regularly go to Bromsgrove or Worcester for a drink as there aren't places to go and then eat within the centre of Droitwich which is a shame. The town centre is tired. Same 'type' of shops.
should include restoration of The Raven Hotel
why the vision is focusing on more housing development and not improving the centre of the town for those locals who live here already.
2041? This needs to be happening now!
Ok
Some very good content and objectives . Perhaps add something about ensuring it remains and develops as an enjoyable place for people to live.
Concern regarding the potential of overwhelming NHS services due to the increase of houses
Infrastructure and community services need to be factored in including primary and secondary schools as well increased GP services
Regeneration of town needed, including bringing life and activity back to high street. Including demolishing the awful precinct where rent is grossly overcharged.
Housing is mentioned, but not a commitment to adequate provision of shops, leisure spaces, healthcare centres such as doctors and dentists as well as pharmacies, and other infrastructure commensurate with the increased level of housing.
More new houses requires more and better retail facilities
N/a
That is a long list of objectives to achieve with what I assume would be a limited budget.

Regeneration of the town centre with a range of high profile and quality retail premises is and must be a high priority. The centre is just dying with charity shops and cheap low quality outlets and multiple premises not being taken up though empty for some time.
The importance of infrastructure cannot be over emphasised enough. High school needs significant investment
I don't want to see the town centre de-generate into boarded up, charity or fast food shops like so many other town centres. I would like to see different one-off retail outlets which make the town centre attractive to all that live in or visit Droitwich.
Housing needs to be linked to existing patchwork of developments. Hard to walk through currently
Building more housing when the current infrastructure cannot even cope with existing residents is badly thought out idea. Traffic back up from CopCut island with road users causing gridlock as they sit on the island. In turn drivers find alternative routes often down country lanes that are not designed for heavy traffic. Pulley Lane has gone from a lovely country lane to a dangerous road where people in the new properties speed and throw rubbish without a care for the environment, animals or people. Its a surprise no-one has been killed or injured. There is a proposal to build new homes on open countryside near Hadzor which are home to rare breeds and protected species. Were this to happen the infrastructure cannot support additional residents and this would have a huge impact on local residents and the environment. Apparently thought it was not OK to build on land by the Chateux because this was open countryside yet this plan was far better thought out and better access to roads. Before chuntering on about building and changing the councillors or whoever need to think about the bigger picture and whether or not the infrastructure is in place to support more people or can be put in place. Flooding takes place when there is too much construction and land which previously acted as drainage is no longer free to do so. Water has nowhere to go. Droitwich has always been a small market town and that is why many residents moved there we do not want it to become another Bromsgrove or Redditch with large industrial estates and housing development everywhere to the detriment of nature and the environment. Residents don't have sufficient services and shops as it is with many closing down due to cost. The Drs are full to bursting, I don't know about dentists as use one out of town. As for local hospital amenities I am lucky enough to have private health care however my brother has lost his job and been unable to work for over a year but cannot get an "urgent" appointment and the consultants who have seen him have no idea what is wrong with him. So no sort out the mess we are in before start going on about building more homes and accommodating tourists please!
Get the already empty retail units occupied before building even more.
Tackling climate change, increasing biodiversity and ensuring sustainability need to be first priorities.
We need more of everything to cope with numbers of people now and in the future live in our town/area.
Please ensure any new housing is built on a small scale and make each group of houses of a individual design as far as possible
Having general objectives is all very well but doesn't mention a single specific target.
Excellent and Considerate Plan
It is important that the vacant shop spaces in the Town Centre be filled, and that The Raven Hotel be redeveloped, whilst keeping the iconic historical facade. The new Copcut Estate needs a community centre and some shops. These things all need to happen soon. The Chateau Impney project needs to happen soon too. Things seem to take too long, and leave the impression that Droitwich is a sleepy, slow-moving town.

I'm concerned about cycling and walking as I have nearly been knocked over several times with bikes and scooters on footpaths
Address the issue of only 3 vehicle charging points in council operated car parks
They are limited and don't reflect the desires of existing residents for their enjoyment of place from the engagement work you did. What is the plan on all age healthy places development/ sustainable net zero infrastructure/ cost effective solutions
More facilities ie. Doctors, schools and retail in Town Centre. No more coffee shops!!
None
Take into consideration parking, schools and traffic
Please offer the residents more details about the plans and implications regarding the climate change adaptation.
Look reasonable
The new build housing is out growing the infrastructure. Schools, Doctors, and in particular the roads. The round about by the Copcut during the morning and evening is a mess.
No provision for noise and air pollution caused by the M5 to be addressed. There is a desperate requirement to sound board the M5 as it goes past Droitwich, the open space/park area off Winslow Road is almost unusable because of the noise and air quality since widening in the last few years.
We like the Vision and objectives - we have reasons to doubt if they will be carried out. There has been talk of reinstating the Brine Baths for many years - did we ever receive any compensation when the previous one was closed? The old Raven Hotel is a blot on the town at present and continues to fall into a greater state of disrepair. We believe there are much needed improvement plans for the shopping centre.
Please stick to it.
With regard to the Housing Developments this needs to be supported with additional Infrastructure such as Doctor's Surgery, Community Centre and School/s.
There shouldn't be any new housing built within Droitwich Spa before 2041, because there is already sufficient housing.
Keep new housing to a minimum roads are already to busy and infrastructure. Keep green belt and parks and green spaces are more important than new housing
Keep the villages as they are
It would be great to see more inclusivity for those who are profoundly disabled such as disability friendly parks (with accessible wheelchair swings and roundabouts large enough for adult sized wheelchairs) and warmer swimming pool or hydrotherapy pool facilities with hoisting and changing facilities would be fantastic
That it actually happens !!!! As the town has declined so much over the years and it needs improving.
As well as retail, leisure and tourism, employment needs to come from hi-tech industry, biosciences, healthcare, specialised manufacturing and advanced services plus IT/computing
Need to understand better the development of public services infrastructure such as schools, doctors, dentists etc. Need focus on internal Droitwich public transport and connections to Worcester (bus for those away from the train station which currently ends at 6pm on a Saturday). Understand the need for Droitwich to grow, but how to manage that growth as the town continues to grow southwards away from amenities
It's all very well talking about new development being in keeping but it's more critical it is in the right place and all brown field sites, disused buildings are used before any green field or agricultural land

Does not mention infrastructure such as schools, health facilities. Nor mention of providing a safe environment.
The priority for me as a father of two young kids growing up in Droitwich. Is increasing and improving the provision of family focussed facilities, that are aspirational and drive ambition for young kids to thrive in the community and then the wider world. Sports being the first one. Arts being the second. Environmental health / pride being the third.
This is a vision for a retirement town. Understandable given the demographics but the town needs new life, focus on youth, focus on new manufacturing capabilities to attract more world class companies to the town. Jobs in the kind of businesses mentioned will be mainly little more than minimum pay. Droitwich must have more significant industry here. The location is fantastic. The encapturement area is top tier. We need a vision for youth and wealthy jobs. Models such as Churchfields will decline as the elderly clientele declines.
I agree with some of the vision but I do not agree with any new housing at all. We don't have the infrastructure and I am flat against taking up more of f the countryside for new housing. Other than that I agree with everything else
Comments re housing a concern...concerned that plan will be used by developers to over develop or turn town centre into residential properties
It's important, that to deliver the vision and objectives, strategic and tactical plans, predicted on multi-dimensional perspectives, scenario planning, risk and opportunity modelling are formulated. If this does not happen, in a robust and sustainable way, then the vision and objectives stated will be just good intentioned and lack bite.
I think it is important to build on the strengths of Droitwich such as it's beautiful parks, canal side and bespoke shops.
They both sound rather good from what I've read. It's incredibly important we preserve the unique identity of our town, and our nature, for future generations. New housing must focus on meeting the needs of existing residents, and be accompanied by infrastructure upgrades.
This sounds like political rhetoric which has churned out previously, but has never been applied when the previous large housing estates were built.
Is collaborative work on increasing education/schools and medical facilities alongside new housing development included in the objectives?
The growth in housing needs to be supported by the infrastructure, at present we only have one high school.
Include communities in decisions and get them involved in order to create ambient surroundings to live in.
No reference to adequate infrastructure i.e first, middle or high schools (residents already often have to go to appeal to get a place), doctors, NHS dentists, adequate parking provision.
N/a
No more new houses built
With regards development, much more care needs to be taken in both the size and scope of new housing. Large estates, such as the one recently constructed just after the end of the A38 dual carriageway are too big, too impersonal, and completely out of proportion and sympathy with Droitwich. Many people in Droitwich view the town as the 'go to' area for Wychavon to approve large new estate building. Indeed, Wychavon Council as a whole is seen as out of touch and ignorant of the needs and wishes of the people of Droitwich.
Building more houses will ruin the town and make it even busier. The amount of money that is wanted to be spent on doing up the town 'shopping square' is beyond a joke. Especially with poundland coming in. People won't be respectful and it will be ruined.

Develop town centre and surrounding area with emphasis to allow physical activity. Better pavements, walkways and paths leading into the countryside.
NONE
I think you need to encourage more bigger businesses to come to the town and set up, because your building all these new homes and these no infrastructure or jobs in the town to accommodate all these new people.
More emphasis is required on sustainability and renewable energy, particularly regarding new builds. All future housing should include heat pumps and solar panels.
No
Reduce the speed of the A38 up and over Rashwood Hill.
No
n/a
Let's just make sure it's not rhetoric
I think the cop cut traffic light system has made traffic coming into and out of Droitwich very troublesome, there was never an issue with traffic before like it is now, the roundabout gets heavily congested and the road markings are very poor. A complete rethink or removal of these lights will be welcomed by all
Entertainment for teenagers is essential.
They are too vague and arguable exist now in some shape or form. They aren't measurable
I feel that the High School urgently needs investment as it feels very much in need of improved buildings and funding.
N/A
I don't think new developments are necessary as new estates have recently been built.
You need to reconsider the housing situation. You have allowed too many developments to date. This has resulted in poor public services Dr's, Dental, Schools. The roads at certain times are overcrowded which cause pollution issues and environmental problems. Droitwich Spa is what I would describe as a 'dormitory' town. People only live in the town and go out elsewhere to work and socialise. The roads are busy morning and evening and the town very quiet in the evenings.
Canal paths that are away from the town centre need to be better cared for
No
Whilst I agree in principle with the above, I am very concerned that the huge amount of new builds in the area has not been matched by an increase in facilities and infrastructure. Particularly schooling.
Too many houses being built, draining public services
More emphasis on keeping road networks functioning efficiently. The traffic lights by the cop cut are a disaster. The timings are ridiculous and that roundabout is an accident waiting to happen every morning and afternoon.
Infrastructure should come before any more housing development
All good but please NO MORE HOUSING!
Droitwich has enough small & social housing - we need more large houses to encourage people with money. Forget prioritising walking & cycling - allow free parking in the town centre to encourage people to stay. And forget about anything to do with climate change/net zero - Droitwich contributes nothing to CO2 compared to China, India & the US
Excellent in theory but will there be adherence?
Reinstating the Brine Baths will address the vision and a lot of the objectives. Other key objective I consider to be critical is improvement of the infrastructure.
School provision and doctors need to be improved

No comment
Bus routes need to be sorted and whenever new houses are built there must be some form of amenities must be built to help the community ie. 10 houses = mini mart/post office as is needed in Ombersley or expansion of the local schools also road capacity needs looking at as small village roads are not able to cope Ombersley and Hartelbury had a by pass to help then hundreds of homes are built in these villages just bringing the traffic problems back.
I have lived in Droitwich for 50 years and it has now become characterless and just one big housing estate. No thought is given to existing communities and the impact these developments will have on their lives
Your time scales to achieve both your vision and objective mission statements are too long distant. This need to brought forward by 10 years. Droitwich Brine baths were closed in 2008 and the Raven Hotel was closed in 2010. Dare I ask how long does it take to resolve these issues?
Please can we have more offices to rent or buy in Droitwich. We are a growing business and there is nothing locally.



## Community facilities

**Question 9: If you have any other suggestions for how the Town Council could improve community life in Droitwich Spa, please tell us below:**

<p>With regard to a youth club, which we don't appear to have. Think it would be good to engage the young people in the planning prior to opening. needs someone who is especially keen to inform the youth by a meeting to hear what they would like. Posters could be put around the town to advertise a meeting. Also if the person is able to go to some of the places that the youth congregate eg outside Morrisons, in precincts or walking the streets, they would be given the chance to have their voice heard. there are a lot of young people who have nothing to do, nowhere to meet and some activities are too expensive for them. Nice young people who have no opportunities. Involve them in all the preparation. The meeting and form a committee of leaders and young people may need have a couple of small events to raise money, but any decisions must include the youth.</p>
<p>A good hotel within the town or just beyond would improve the town image. Better facilities for additional doctors services</p>
<p>clean replace road signs as they are seen every morning going to from work showing Droitwich as a dirty neglected place. in town replace broken slabs/block pavers alike with the same not a dob of tarmac again shows no one cares about town. these are simple fixes that can up lift the town like the nice displays of flowers and hanging baskets that have been done already. I don't know who the hell thought it was a good idea to rip up all the cobbles that have been down for years and years that are low maintenance and very hard wearing compared to tarmac that will need resurfacing from time to time I can only think someone has made a bloody fortune on those cobbles may be a corrupt council or back hander?</p>
<p>More accessible parking bays for people with disabilities. Opportunities for self help groups and volunteers within new project areas within neighbourhood plan to be involved from beginning raising awareness, having new ideas</p>
<p>The market should be in the precinct. There is enough space with all the vacant shops. Give the market traders a chance. They probably won't last long in Victoria Square</p>
<p>The Raven Hotel is increasingly attractive to vandals and graffiti impairing the appearance of the town centre and adding nothing to amenity. Completion of the restoration of 31 High Street would add to the attraction of the town centre</p>
<p>Engage school children to answer the above questions. My world (80 years) and theirs are two completely different places</p>
<p>To make more of a shopping area, to bring Droitwich to how it was, a lovely place to walk around a place to enjoy fun activities such as dancing, tea dances</p>
<p>No empty shops and free parking</p>
<p>Continue parking for cars</p>
<p>Indoor and outdoor activities for children and young adults.</p>
<p>Crack down on criminal activity and drunk and disorderliness. Safe to walk at night. Stop allocating housing hotels for immigrants</p>
<p>keep character of Droitwich and adjoining countryside</p>
<p>The more recreation and leisure facilities that you can provide for the youth of the area in particular, the more likely it is, one would hope, that Droitwich will remain a pleasant and relatively safe and crime free place to live.</p>
<p>See previous comments about community hub</p>
<p>Reduced charges for OAP's at leisure Centre Gym</p>

Community allotment, coaching, labour and produce. Improve the skate park. Provision for off road cycling, dog agility space/playground
Introduce a community group covering all socio-economic sectors of society A, B, C, D&E which would monitor progress of planned developments
Look after Droitwich's history i.e. look after buildings - Chateau, Raven Hotel, Richards House
a support community based activities for all. b support all items mentioned above as each item mentioned worthy of consideration
Please address the infrastructure of e.g. schools, doctors, NHS dentists and a large supermarket eg Tesco, Sainsburys or Asda before bringing in thousands on new residents
Pavements in Droitwich are in poor condition and there are plenty that should have been built joining estates and services, some go back to early 70's. I would like to see someone in charge of them who has to walk and report on all footpaths and condition on a yearly basis.
No
Listen and communicate with the residents
More provision of pedestrian crossings
A Sean statue
Police / community officer patrols
The town needs a good hotel (ie The Raven is in a perfect position) to attract tourists and locals alike with the added pull of an updated Brine Baths (in order to 'take the waters') putting Droitwich back on 'the map' enhancing its history and present day vibe.
Concentrate on improving roads and access
Parent and Child parking or mixed use with disabled spaces in Council car parks
We need to make sure that we hang on to the banks that we now have and also the post office.
It would be nice to have the High Street pedestrianised because it is not easy if you are disabled to walk down it as the pavements are too narrow you have to step into the road to pass people and I am sure it would be better for the shops to have more footfall.
No concerts, theatre, cinema etc. We need No 8 like in Pershore Norbury Theatre should be in proper use - updated with programs all time
prompt action on derelict properties/shops etc
Modern entertainment facilities for young people and families are needed both indoors and outdoors. E.g. Cinema, mini golf, climbing wall, bowling alley.
Invest in "detoxification" of the land between the train station and Saltway and build affordable housing!
Community cohesion work with large population of newcomers into new builds with existing residents of Droitwich
local transport around estates. Call a bus type schemes. currently NO EVENING BUS SERVICE to anywhere. what is there for teenagers to join or do ?
Please remember that older people may not be able to travel easily to central areas for doctors, dentists etc. Now that Droitwich is becoming larger perhaps facilities on the outskirts could be considered.
The town centre needs new shops not just cafes and charity shops - independent stores to interest people into town. More local shoppers as travel is dire. Reduce the number of houses being introduced to the town as the roads and infrastructure are not coping already.
Make people proud to live in droitwich
no new developments to be allowed without a dedicated doctors surgery on the estate. each estate should have a doctors, small corner shop and meeting space.
see summary

Introduce a tourist attraction to bring in tourists. Salt Living Museum including working Salt production (to be sold)
No more houses and please sort out traffic at copcut
A town centre community facility similar to No 8 Pershore - cinema, adult ed courses, cafe/ attractive meeting place would be well used in my opinion
Maintain what you already own/have, eg bus shelter by Ren Lion opposite BP M&S Garage Worcester Road, and its local area. All an awful advert for town. Shelter is dirty, plants growing in rain water and adjacent area a tip
Be open and encourage public involvement.
Improve the roundabout and timings of the roundabout by the copcut. It easily and quickly gets congested.
Stop allowing new housing estates without have better rates infrastructure not enough drs schools etc to cope with the huge amount of new houses built
No suggestions
More bowling, cinema, restaurants - basically a mini Birmingham/Worcester/Redditch. At present, we hardly use Droitwich as we find there's nothing there for us to see/shop/do.
Improvements to Droitwich heritage centre - potential temporary exhibition space that could host local and national touring exhibitions.
Stop building more residential homes, as infrastructure cannot cope at present, as not enough high schools, doctors and only Worcester Royal Hospital that is already bursting at the seams! Copcut development is huge and still ongoing, it's like a small town in itself, ridiculous! It seems that developers greed is far more import than existing Droitwich residents!
Provision of safe boarding areas on country bus routes that elderly people feel safe on grass verges while waiting for bus
None
No
Open med centre 7 days a week its a medical centre, not a shop for ill people. Salters and Corbetts
Road safety
Indoor bowls facility
None
no
When deciding on future changes to the town you should consider the cost of maintenance. The fancy block paving of the high Street should not have been carried out as the tar mac doesn't match with the style of the paving
A better bus service on some estates where I live no bus after 6 or Sundays
The Library or Tourist Information should have an uptodate list of all clubs/meeting places etc that can be accessed easily. Not allowing people to cycle on pavements unless on a designated lane
1. Droitwich Leisure Centre would benefit from being thoroughly cleaned regularly 2. Droitwich Library would benefit from being redecorated 3. Find a way to deal with the problem of graffiti which is badly affecting the town
Droitwich Spa magazine - articles, adverts, newsletter
Repair the pavements and also free parking to encourage people to go into the town centre
Make the westlands roundabout safe.
Improvements to pedestrian linkages have long been an issue in Droitwich. The crossings from the Westlands to the retail park over the A38 are needed because that's the shortest and most direct route. It needs to be traffic light controlled. The pedestrian links to the Lido Park need to be improved dramatically as does the link from the railway station to the Kidderminster Road. Why hasn't the

<p>Legion site been developed? It had planning permission? Or are the council making it difficult again? The town needs more housing close to the retail core, rather than more housing miles to the south where new residents are more likely to disappear to Worcester for their shopping. There should be more development to the north of the town. The Raven needs to happen - why is the council holding things up? The developer should have started the build out by now, but as time has gone on and the council have delayed things, the cost of building has gone up and house values have started to go down. Will it be left to rot because of the council's delays? We talk about no more green field development, but the council make it too hard for brownfield sites to come forward, or it would have happened by now. We desperately need more affordable housing in the town and we really need to look at how the Westlands Estate can be improved because its design is letting it down, as is the quality of the housing there. We need to think about pedestrianizing the high street, even if its just on a Saturday as its such a nice place for people to visit and linger - if cafes could safely spill out onto the road (when closed) it would provide much more of a destination than it currently does. There is little opportunity to stand and appreciate the beautiful architecture if there are cars in the way and the pavements are far too narrow. Trial a Saturday road closure and give those who need it (i.e. shopkeepers) free parking that day. What happened to the last neighbourhood plan? We came to a couple of meetings but then nothing happened for ages. Why is one being prepared now as there have been missed opportunities to influence development at the Raven and at the Legion.</p>
<p>The town council should ask and listen to the views of Droitwich people. This current survey has taken too long to appear.</p>
<p>Canal basin development</p>
<p>Free parking</p>
<p>Fill the empty shops.</p>
<p>Don't hid the historic features of the town. e.g. The distortion of buildings twisted by subsidence should be highlighted with different shades of paint. Increase the size of the museum. A lake-side visitors centre to be developed at Netherwich Basin; including moorings etc for the Pamela May trip boat. And more as listed in the Town Plan</p>
<p>Improve the railway station to have better services with less crowded trains and better drop off facilities on both sides of the track</p>
<p>More cost-effective cafe facilities in town centre. Organising volunteers (or those who have to do community work) to help with traffic, litter or other necessities</p>
<p>Do not allow 15 minute city's</p>
<p>More electric car points, copcut island needs sorting traffic and congestion is a joke. More facilities for older children including parks on new developments</p>
<p>Keeping the community involved in all the decisions and allowing them to participate</p>
<p>By making new developments feel like satellite villages, with a shop, a nursery, a "village" hall, so people there connect and aren't having to drive into town for everything.</p>
<p>Reduce business rates to attract small businesses into the town and reduce the size of the town centre (i.e. demolish part of the modern complex opposite The Raven to make the 'heart' of the town more cohesive.</p>
<p>Focus on road infrastructure particularly congested road sections. Also increase in number of park equipment areas for children.</p>
<p>There are no bus services from Worcester after 6pm - how do workers get home? More please.</p>
<p>Outdoor Table tennis tables in the park</p>
<p>Make the raven a community space</p>
<p>N/a</p>
<p>None</p>
<p>Low impact lighting on the main path in the Lido park, from the bowling club to St Peter's Church.</p>

Our ideas are worthless if the council can't do the current basics and allow the town properties to become dilapidated, utilise the space currently afforded by derelict buildings (Raven) to be developed into affordable housing and community area.
When builders are allowed planning permission they should begin by building community contributions such as new school or medical centre to prevent overloading the town's existing facilities and ignoring the vast overloading their new estates will add to our already financially stretched local services. They should complete walking and cycle links to the town before they sell all the houses and leave some new arrivals marooned. Think of mobility scooter users: they need to be located suitably with proper pavement near links to town so their batteries don't go flat before they get home and the pavements do not 'run out' on the new estate roads.
Keep golf clubs tennis & swimming facilities, keep open space avoid too many houses that would overwhelm infrastructure, safe walking & cycling maintain canals
Less new housing. More activities for all ages
If you saw the chaos created by Copcutt traffic lights yesterday (20/10) the last thing you should be considering is more housing ! A38 gridlocked from Ombersley island -NOT due to accident or flooding on Pulley Lane! Sons who travel that way daily despair with that road, island and traffic lights. It is IMPOSSIBLE to book NHS dentist or secure GP appointments - how will current services cope with more housing ? Where have all the monies from current developments gone ? Brine baths - still no progress . Raven - still no progress . Why do you allow developers so much power - Pulley lights are a prime example ! Our son and partner, both grown up here, have made a conscious decision to purchase their first home outside Droitwich for all of these reasons, and moved to Worcester. We moved to the area almost 2 decades ago and you're still talking about the same developments - Raven , Brine baths, youth club , improvements to skate park, keeping shops open in town. The only visible thing are the numerous housing developments and worsened traffic and access to services!! We have loved living in Droitwich, but the continued developments are diluting the many qualities that we moved to this Town for.
Probably not in your scope but, for a town which has expanded enormously over the last 30 years a man 24hr Police Station and NHS "Cottage Hospital"
Bring droitwich together with the new estates feels like it is becoming separated and not a whole
No
Bigger supermarket such as Sainsbury's
Slow / stop the current rate of housing development until the infrastructure is sufficiently developed to cope with the current amount. Too much has happened too fast and currently the roads, GP surgeries etc are unable to cope. Ensure that infrastructure improvements are handled prior to allowing any more housing development.
Improved access to town centre through cycle and walking crossing facilities at Primslan Way
More pedestrian zebra crossings on Primslan to connect the town and make it safer for people to get to the town centre (shops) and schools.
No
Continue to publicise events using notice boards and information centre.
Regeneration of town shopping centre
Promote more canal side and street fare events, ie beer, wine and food festivals, demonstrations, music events, childrens entertainment events and promote a community website and facebook group to advertise. Create a heritage trail with maps and plans to direct you around the many opportunities with numbered information panels at each location to impart information regarding the location and suggested routes around Droitwich to include all of the historical sites

Further develop the library as a community hub. We are lucky to have a library in the centre of town, in quite a big building. Maybe better use could be made of the big room at the back of the library for this purpose.
Projects that encourage all age groups to meet and take part. Where older generations can be accepted and helped by younger generations, and vice versa.
No
Better control of speeding in residential roads
Adequate off road parking around housing estates
No
Why is most of the questions so far about new housing? Presumably you will continue to ignore the local population and just keep building massive characterless estates bringing crime and traffic chaos into the area.
Close the private hospital and move it nearer to the railway station. Re-use the site for local amenities for local people and visitors
More group or meeting facilities, make more use of common rooms for teenager and young people clubs, more community events using the parks to include the use of town centre roads and shoo involvement and
Provide free parking near facilities. Crazy charging for parking in lido park on Sundays
Traffic calming measures along Salwarpe Lane. Coordinated Festival at Vines Park instead of lots of little ones. Clean up graffiti. Encourage creative independent businesses.
The youth need something to do but whatever you do to improve their lives, would they take it
none
No hotel provision for immigrants
The graffiti issue
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lower speed limits on roads around schools at appropriate times.</li> <li>2. Enforce building &amp; land maintenance on empty properties that become eyesores.</li> <li>3. Provide park warden(s) weekends and evenings in periods of good weather to deter bad behaviour and littering.</li> <li>4. More speed control measures around the town, especially during morning &amp; evening rush hours.</li> <li>5. Improve communication and advertising of community facilities and events.</li> </ol>
Cars able to park off road keeping them off pavements and roads
Sufficiently resourceful staff that build community by understanding what is needed and signpost to existing services. Encourage younger councillors who understand the needs of the growing town.
I would be pleased to see more pathways in the lido park made more suitable for walkers. Drainage is a big problem especially in winter months. The mud is dangerous as very slippery.
Clean the road signs, remove the weeds.
Not to turn Droitwich Spa into a 15/20 minute town as that's what looks like it proposed here on all these questions!
Open Brine Baths
Improved policing on the streets, resolving parking round schools
Stop charging for parking in town centre
Amenities need to be truly part of the community, e.g. the swimming pools should be easily accessible to anyone. Shops and amenities should also be retained in the town center and not relocated out of town - this was done in Banbury and the town center is essentially dead.
None
Sunday transport

A 'Town Square' to provide a central meeting place and hub of activity with restaurants / cafes and outdoor seating; to include small retail units / workshops encouraging small traders selling craft type or locally made items - perhaps located where the Fire Station is to take advantage of the views across Vines Park towards the church.
None
Yes, do not build any more houses and make it easier for shop owners to open a variety of shops in the town.
We need a fundamental rethink about how the town centre is used, and its overall impact upon the sense of community people hold. I believe money should be spent on creative consultants, outside of the old, rather staid town council, without political agendas, to make bold and radical changes to the centre attracting people for multiple purposes, not just failing shops.
Communication could always be improved.
Avoid traffic problems
None
Places to sit. More things to do in town
Bus service definitely needs expanding
No
Increase in weekend policing
See comments re dementia & carers. Maybe a pop up coffee and chat facility in town, for both
Key community events. Trails in the park. Shop front competitions. Saltfest floats celebrating clubs, charities, schools, home etc. Services and facilities to be Dementia Champions. A better arts space - update the Norbury to be more like No 8 Pershore
Extended parking in lido park
Get WDC employees to do what the residents want, rather than doing whatever whim appeals to unelected staff. Residents in my area have been asking for the same thing for 20 years, we are just ignored.
More schooling facilities particularly high school
Develop within existing town centre boundaries and not by extending into green or white belt areas. Replace the loss of the Raven Hotel, the brine baths, the Chateau Impney and before that the Worcestershire hotel. What have we got left?
Provide far more social housing but make it sustainable; improve access across the dual carriage way for Westlands residents, improve local facilities in Westlands and other estates, improve insulation and alternative forms of power in all housing and facilities
Reduce levels of traffic around Droitwich. Roads are so busy now, lots of people drive too fast for the conditions. Reduce speed limits and encourage walking and cycling more. No more houses until infrastructure, GPS and hospitals can cope.
Discuss changes well in advance so that for example the installation of the forest of digital fibre poles would not come as an unwelcome surprise after the decisions by the nameless grey faces have take place
If you bought back the Brine Baths it would generate more tourism. This would solve the empty units in the town centre as retailers would find Droitwich an attractive location because of the increased footfall
Try to reduce empty shop spaces.
Farmers market improvement
involve schools with projects to prevent litter, vandalism and hopefully instill some pride in their town and environment
Encourage daytime (rather than evening) activities

On the Worcester road, approaching the Red Lion Pub and the BP garage, there needs to be some "sleeping policemen" or speed cameras introduced to stop people speeding and prevent potential accidents from happening. The implementation of the "full fibre poles" is a blot on the landscape. There needs to be an investigation into running them underground.
More town centre dining options, both targeted at adults and families. Currently have to travel outside of Droitwich to find suitable places to eat!
Provide training for Councillors - particularly Labour and Lib Dems
Stop Political disagreement . The Liberal Democrats & the Labour Councillors create many problems , contribute nothing and waste tax payers time and money .
More CCTV cameras especially in specifically vulnerable areas.
Add a full basketball court.
Include all DROITWICH SPA residents when providing information, particularly free newspapers would be gratefully received by Westlands residents, greatly missed and a little unfair we are not included in the distribution. Any information would be appreciated on current events in DROITWICH, preferably in printed form or advice where to get relevant info on line
Needs to appeal to younger professional people to encourage them to move here. Nice bars and restaurants in the town would be good. Better access from town to train station.
Fill the empty shops that are appearing in the town centre
Provision of tarmac foot paths on Doorstop Green
Create more cycling lanes
Renew the closed section of the shopping centre in Saint Andrews street opposite the Raven hotel site
Droitwich at the moment is at great risk of being over developed, lack of nsh services needs to be improved, roads will not be able to cope with the extra volume of traffic
None
Fully support Norbury Theatre to expand their events to include more music and film. By the way keep the Welcome to Droitwich signag'e's on approach to town clean and clear of graffiti and overgrown vegetation
Need to ensure future technologies are encouraged.
Re generate the town centre and minimise developments to the south of the town
Remove all graffiti within 48hours and prosecuted those defacing the town. Remove all drugs from the town.
Make sure any new road structure changes work, and give people time to get used to them before changing them and causing more mayhem!
To promote the town and its strengths better (A lot of people haven't heard of Droitwich). To try to avoid the loss of important town assets in future (like the Raven Hotel, the Chateaux Impney and the unforgivable loss of the Brine Baths)
Promote vibrant town centre eg salters shopping centre as place to shop/meet by encouraging shops/markets/community events.
The Local Authority and similar groups should improve communication with residents i.e. be more visible.
Make developers contribute significantly (based on their profits) to infrastructure and facilities. And make them do so before they start building
No additions but Norbury could be a real draw for the community if it was developed correctly. Could show more independent film and be more like Birmingham Mac/Malvern Theatre on a smaller scale but with a Art Deco interior
Renewable energy



Graffiti and antisocial behaviour prevention by use of more patrols of open spaces etc
Most of the "above-5-maximum" boxes in the questions above. I have found it well-nigh impossible to prioritise satisfactorily.
In general I feel the Town Council balance a lot of different aspects for Droitwich for the benefit of various backgrounds and age groups, keep up the good work on a balanced approach to the community
Droitwich already needs more Doctors and Dentists, Pharmacies, pubs, and services. How can you build more houses until these are built first?
Better facilities and access for disabled people in the town, more and better positioned dropped kerbs, more disabled parking spaces.
Improve tourism. Launch a community buy-out of chateau Impney and create jobs running, maintaining, and opening major events at the park. Stop housing planning on greenbelt, use the extensive brown land in droitwich rail area to create a new retail town area but balance the whole scheme with tourism in the old town by an open pedestrian highway from the chateau to the new retail area. Old town becomes the restaurant and leisure area.
Housing suitable for the disabled. Filter lane off A38 to north Droitwich.
Resolve the congestion caused on the island because of the copcut lights. This was badly designed and causes a lot of issues.
Create a sense of identity for Droitwich Spa
Heat the lido pool
More schools and shops are needed to accommodate the influx of families coming to our town.
None
Events such as food festivals in the town centre not on the fringe of the town
Provide an ev charging station on the Berry Hill estate or on the estate with Screwfix and Toolstation with refreshment facilities
Employ someone who knows what they're doing with traffic management and how to set the timing of lights suitably for the road.
No
Na
Please, please help the raven before it is lost. Address graffiti quickly as it's increased since covid. Address behaviour of dog owners (poorly trained dogs off-lead, poo bags and fouling). Anything you can do to encourage and diversify town centre pub provision (we don't really have any that serve coffee, dinner etc.) it would bring more people to the town. We have some wonderful pub buildings but too many are drink-focused and we have to leave for hadley, ombersley, Worcester for good lunch/dinner. We go along to support the local festivals but the layout and appearance could be improved (last festival seemed to be all metal barriers and was hard to navigate, stages small and hidden with no central area to draw people in) and would love to see more traditional stuff e.g. flower and produce show to draw more outside visitors rather than just locals.
The issue of The Raven Hotel is a huge issue and must be addressed. The whole character of the town is at risk if this is not addressed properly.
Encourage more shoppers by reducing/removing car parking fees. Fill empty shops with a more diverse range of shops to suit all in the community. If necessary offer inducements to retailers. More people visiting the town centre would help improve community life - by encouraging ages/social groups to mix more.
No
Wider choice of restaurants
All public council meetings should be streamed and archived. All public documents should be available online and via an open archive. All items above should have a focus on climate adaptation

and mitigation. The earlier this is done (really starting twenty years ago would have been great) the less expensive and disruptive the changes will be. Becoming a community of walkers, cyclers and public transport users (including autonomous vehicles) is the only way forward. So all facilities need to be made resilient to the changes to come and to anticipate the climate changes that are predicted.
Reasonably priced art workshops
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Improved number and more sensible location of dropped curbs to improve accessibility to the town centre and surrounding area - eg travelling at the junction of Bainbrigge Ave / Holloway across to Mayflower road; there is no suitable dropped curb here for mobility scooter access, requiring you to travel along the road.
More events at library for different hobbies or better marketing of any of these types of events
More larger houses for large families
More consideration on new build planning. Respect Green belt more. Our infrastructure is not capable of supporting. Our roads are not suffice enough for more traffic
None
Parking should be free and/or on street parking in the town centre should be for much longer than 45 minutes. It is no wonder shops are shutting /not opening because those who need to use a vehicle to access the town centre can only stay for such a short time. There is no time to enjoy browsing and making unplanned purchases because the parking wardens are so fierce. Their salaries should be saved to use on encouraging people into the town. The surrounding countryside and small villages should be protected from further housing development. It is shocking that many hundreds of houses have been built on detached greenfield sites and the concentration should now be in the town centre and on brownfield sites so people can walk and cycle to shops and amenities.
Improve access from surrounding villages such as Ombersley by bus for the elderly who can't drive.
No further comment
become engaged in local social media outlets ie facebook "spotted droitwich" "droitwich past " etc.town council post pics etc and events from the past and present.get to know who the public are ,and what interests them .
None
Attract more retailers, chain cafes, it is sad to see shops closing such as Wilko, M&Co, etc. full of take aways and pizzas/kebabs that don't help with city centre image.
N/A
Improve the centre , bring in shops to help the town to survive
Concentrate on the current housing and amenities as currently overstretched before embarking on new developments
More facilities for young people
More use of redundant empty shops
Policing and law enforcement - speeding, motorised scooters, anti social behaviour
More festivals as it brings the community together
Better facilities for basic needs.... schools, doctors, dentists.
Road improvements to include dedicated safe cycle/ walking path ways
No

Young people are currently left out. Inclusion is a priority.
Make Droitwich a safer place. Crime is on the up.
Public transport improvements.
Maintain existing parks and recreation areas to a better standard. e.g. Copcut Linear Park planned tree management non-existent. Make better and quicker use for community benefits of redundant brownfield land laying vacant. Give up the fantasy the Raven hotel building is salvageable and put something of use in its place to the whole community before it becomes dangerous to the public.
Clearing domestic hedge rows so footpaths can be accessed freely on the Ridings especially.
Table tennis tables in the Lido park or other park area
Get the empty shops units filled or else the town centre will die on it's feet
More for teenagers to do
Fete and themed carnival every two years
Watch the latest movies at Norbury
you have brazenly let the raven fall into a state beyond repair, as you have done with other buildings in the past, in order to profit from backhanders from developers who will build ugly and barely-fit-for-purpose modern flats on the site, when the original building could have been used years ago much more cheaply. knowing the way Tory minds work, you probably don't even think you've done anything wrong, so why I'd suggest anything is beyond me. sack yourselves.
New leisure facility to be a hub for local sport and activities
Improve town centre by bringing in more well known stores to reduce people having to travel elsewhere
Free parking,more sport facilities,encourage enterprise,lido re-vamp,better football goals,Saint Andrews overall,use of the main high street plaza,
Leisure Centre needs redevelopment- the road network at the Copcut is farcical and needs addressing immediately
As noted above, further developing the minimal cycle path infrastructure would have great social and health value. It is insufficient to have cycle parking, cycle roads also needs to be built and cycle parking monitored with CCTV cameras.
More diverse or family restaurants
Do not overdevelop the town centre. Enable the public to move around the town centre easily and keep traffic free areas
It is critical to ensure that enough extra provision is catered for in relation to Doctors surgeries and schools are increased to cater for an increase in the population of Droitwich Spa.my surgery Droitwich health centre in Ombersley St.is already overloaded and getting to see or speak to a Doctor is extremely difficult.Also with the closure of Argos,M and Co,Wilco,Carphone warehouse plus many more is turning the town centre into a "ghost town "
None
No more housing ! Too much traffic ! Unable to get hospital appointments as it is ! Not many places left for dog walking droitwich has gone very sad and changed drastically not for the better !
Fix the dreadful traffic on the a38 but copcut, too many houses and no road structure to copy with it.
Reduce rent for empty shops
Do not support planning applications that divide up existing plots. Play a more active role in escalating planning enforcement and safety issues to the county council. Reduce rent on shops to attract tenants.
N/a
Use empty shops. They are an eyesore & do not encourage people to visit town centre.

It's essential that the Raven Hotel site be developed. This has become an eyesore. It's also very important that there should be adequate facilities for the young
Droitwich has no family entertainment space - cinema, bowling alley, outdoor sports facility etc. People have to go out of town to find this type of facility and you need to ask why. Why aren't this type of organisation attracted to Droitwich - the demographic is there but they clearly don't find the town an attractive option.
Communication is key and a creation of a working group that is willing to volunteer to help the town improve and modernise.
By reconfiguring Hermitage Way, St Andrew Way, to become a one way system (driven from Ombersley Street East towards St Andrews Road) Victorial Square could become pedestrianised making the square more pleasant to shop, allow pop up events etc but a general focus on pedestrians would be a big step. Additionally, if High Street was closed at its junction with Queen Street again this allows pedestrianisation. Both of these would improve the users experience in walking, shopping, socialising in the town centre, promote by default the use of car parks.
Make a modern plaza out of the raven estate. Its rotting and looks awful.
Make parking free for 1 hour. Regenerate canalside to attract in diverse commercial enterprise
Stop building houses that create large traffic congestion and will lead to children having air pollution diseases in the future
Crack down on youth crime, no youth centre, young people are resorting to terrorising houses etc. For entertainment. Also litter, I've reported fly tipping To the council multiple times and no resolve still
Try to encourage more use of ring-road, perhaps by making A38 less amenable to traffic by discouraging entry near Chateau Impney.
reinvest in the town centre making it an attractive, economical and safe place to visit. Make the town centre look appealing for all. Stop all the building of new houses until the infrastructure is considered, the roads are assessed for traffic - Tagwell road too narrow for more traffic and buses and not safe for children to cycle on it.
None
I believe key issues are there
Litter patrol and graffiti clean up - visual presence of policing. Improve the smartness and appearance. More trees. Better town centre and fewer empty units.
Not sure
Campaign for improvements to the road near the Copcut Elm which is a health and safety issue!
Na
Concerted involvement from all town councillors
Regenerate the town centre and insist on urgent timely development of the crumbling Raven and potentially beautiful Chateau sites
Make it mandatory for dogs to be on leads in lido park and vines park so that everyone can visit the parks comfortably
Sort out the drunks that hang around the town centre. Waitrose car park this morning several drunks loitering around. Ensure safety for all genders and ages. Too many reports of unsolved crimes, can't prosecute, sexual and violent offences. Increase local policing
Difficult but progress must be made
If we are going to have more people in the town and surrounds we must have more doctors, dentists, schools and sports facilities.
Encourage developers of houses and other facilities to support a small country town feel when designing houses, parks, canal area etc.

Less public Art Schemes - The murals and Arts Network projects are an acquired taste and sometimes diminish the natural environment . Street art is not an attractive feature, lowers the tone of the Community and encourages Graffiti .
The new Copcut Estate needs a community hall and some shops. Maybe a pub too?
Focus on policing, anti-social behaviour and removing graffiti
Addressing repetitive drug use and nuisance neighbours, subletting council/housing property
Have 6 monthly open forum for residents to agree to changes being made to the proposed development plans
Maintenance of community pathways/alleyways to make safer for residents. Open green spaces to be improved eg. Doorstep green, Primslad Way
None
Restrictions should be applied immediately to HGV traffic entering the town and fixed cameras installed to reduce traffic speed and improve the safety of the Droitwich community of traffic travelling in built up areas.
No housing for refugees
Open space for contemporary art installations.
Ensure that 30 mph Speed limits are strictly applied, particularly on the outer edges.
The children need bigger parks to play on. The lido is too basic and lacks equipment. Two baby swings and two child swings is unimpressive. Malvern, Stratford, Cheltenham (Pittville Park) are excellent examples of childrens play parks.
Protect what we have, build on brown field sites like union lane and put sound boarding along the M5
There must be traffic plans clearly stated and enforced before any planning permission of any kind is given for new developments The Copcut traffic problems are witness on a daily basis to a lack of foresight or adequate enforcement of what is needed. Developers should be required to plan and fund adequate infrastructure e.g. GP surgeries, schools and pharmacies before any planning permission is granted. Present provision in the town of GP surgeries and pharmacies is totally inadequate and provides stress on a daily basis for many of the people living in Droitwich Spa.
More organised events in Lido park such as Food Fair
Please see answer to question 2 - thank you
Reduce rent for businesses to fill empty buildings
The brine baths and restoration of the raven would really help. Turn some of vacant shops into more diverse dining / meeting spaces
Attract bigger shops to the town try and retain shoppers with evening entertainment spaces for the upwardly mobile community and not falling to the lowest level
maybe the wrong place to put but to decide what kind of town Droitwich is to be: a dormitory for Worcester or Birmingham; or small rural town or thriving centre attracting visitors
Young family focus. Target these people and you'll get advocacy not just with the parents but also children growing up here. A curated family resource to advertise what great, clubs, facilities, schools for young families in Droitwich.
Attract more industries: manufacturing and IT. Bring jobs to Droitwich which create wealth and prosperity not just existence
Focus on green issues. Improve air quality for residents. Improve health facilities for local residents. Regenerate brown belt land. Attract tourists bring money into the town.Ensure there is easy access to the countryside. Get the brine baths open and develop the Raven Hotel site - the brine baths pipe runs under the Raven so don't let developers building it till the baths are sorted. Improve facilities for people who live in Droitwich- doctors, schools etc. Do not build any more houses. Sort out the mess at Copcutt with the traffic

Improved leisure facilities which meet the needs of the size of population. Better provision of schools for Yr 5 upwards. Grammar school
Nightlife improvements. Our town has some great pubs, but not much else. I'd love to see things such as a jazz club, a cocktail lounge, or even a coffee shop with late closing hours. Sophisticated, diverse additions for adults of all ages, without disturbing the peaceful atmosphere of our community. Supporting prospective venues such as these would be fantastic for our town and the local economy.
Don't just talk about these things, actually ensure they are put into practice.
Sort out the Raven Hotel and the empty shops in the centre.
Stop using housing estate entrances as day long parking and parking on pavements
Work closely with local communities. Be visible. Don't just talk- deliver.
N/A
Better pavements and safe crossings of busy roads
NO
Graffiti within the town and canal network is really getting out of hand and giving a very poor impression to visitors.
Volunteering hub for antisocial behaviour - those that make a mess physically, socially or emotionally for others, can help benefit the community in other ways. And should be encouraged as part of after schooling or clubs. Mix of older and youth volunteers so the ages can learn off each other.
Widen the path along the A38 between the bus stop opposite the Chateau Impney and Starbucks which is extremely narrow (less than 0.5m) in places.
n/a
Crack down on anti social behaviour and damage to property
Repair shop style shed, to encourage people to help others & work together.
N_A
Have more festivals etc in the lido park as well as vines Park to encourage tourists and to bring the Community together.
Need to reduce or completely stop the development of new homes. If they continue need to be geared to local young Droitwich people being able to purchase in their home town. The applicants need to be means tested to ensure properties are not purchased by persons from out of the area. Need to ensure applicants are Worcestershire born and still reside in the area with parents or in rental accommodation. This would mean agreeing to development of small homes/flats to allow young generation to get on property ladder. These homes need to be eco friendly also, put a stop to large detached homes being purchased by persons with no attachment to Droitwich.
Brine baths would attract lots of people and business
Better maintenance of canal paths outside of town centre
Better traffic management
Lower rent for more empty shops to become occupied with a range of shops, too much competition between shops atm
Crack down hard on people smoking weed - the smell around green spaces is hard to miss. It is an anti-social crime. Perhaps that's why we never see the police around because they would have to do something about it ...
Better communication for events etc either via website or town centre notice boards. Everything is advertised very last minute. The section below will ONLY ACCEPT 1 tick!!!!!!!!!!!!
No Comment
N/A
Make sure this survey works properly before sending it out

More shops with lower business rates to give them a chance of lasting - to avoid people going miles out of the town to spend their money
Work with LEA to ensure improvement of school buildings, additional high school within town.
No you don't listen
Both Vines Park and the Lido Park are a credit to both the Town Council and Wychavon District Council. Further provision needs to be made to create further parks which are maintained to the same standard.
Please can we have more offices to rent or buy in Droitwich. We are a growing business and there is nothing locally.
Other towns of a similar size, demographic and development have focused on independent, local businesses to form the bulk of the retail/services in these towns. With larger chains being external to the center of the town. This is directly the opposite of SHP who have tried (and failed) to make St Andrews a chain business centre. The result is the "hub" of the town is off putting and demoralizing. Others make these settings a destination and from that grows the community benefit.
Outdoor gym equipment in the park, that's free and accessible for all

## Netherwich Canal Basin

**Question 12: If you have any other suggestions for how the Netherwich Canal Basin should be developed, please tell us below:**

More seating where people can relax and enjoy the scenery. This helps to promote a feeling of realm and well-being
Offer craft course, artists studios and small cafes, shops to attract the community and tourists alike & parking facilities near to centre
Floating market stalls. Sculpture installations. Xmas festivities. Wildlife & canal opportunities
Heritage, council museum, visitors centre, retail, housing
Whitley Bay developed that quayside area and hen and stag parties are banned!
There are plenty of excellent examples in adjacent towns and cities both good and bad. Go forth and learn.
None
Not at present
Overall goal development of brownfield and unused site adjacent to basic
Signage from the town centre to direct people to what is currently a relatively forgotten area.
No
Street furniture for pedestrians and dogwalkers and cyclists
Ensure the canal and it's facilities are a haven for wildlife, flora and insects to foster and grow in numbers and diversity
To be kept tidy and advertise the scenery
On no account should there be any retail or housing development on either side of the basin. It needs to be an open space with just sufficient dev for explanatory purposes only- to be linked with the few existing salt memorials in town
Have an area which can be planned for public access and use overlooking the canal and one which can be used for open-air entertainment e.g. story telling, circus ie stilt walking, mono-cycling, "gentle music" and outside bistro style eateries
If you have nice catering areas like the Gas St basin at B'ham or Merry Hill that would attract people.
no
on any new development deter from making them self contained and bolt on to main roads. Allow traffic to flow through from existing developments. This reduced traffic congestion and pollution.
Please keep it as Open Space. Please do not build housing and retail shops. Do not concrete it over. At most, emphasise its salt heritage.
Not to encroach on Vines Park
More ducks
Develop it as an attraction to canal users, not use it for housing. Do not destroy it
Do not build anything if liable to flooding
no
None
ensure mooring and facilities are provided for the community boat the pamela may 2
Canal does not inspire people to Droitwich
public toilets
imaginative modern architecture and design to demonstrate droitwich is a town with a future not just past. please not a boring estate like copcut surely we can do better



Canal side restaurants
Arts centre - replacing Norbury Theatre which needs updating
This scheme is pie in the sky - it will not happen. better car parking for railway station. Low cost housing on old chemical works site. Upgrade North Street estate - or move it away from town and put housing instead
What is the objective?
No suggestions
Needs to cater more facilities for younger/middle aged. Maybe some more bars, cocktails bars, nice restaurants and a variety! Maybe mini golf etc
Union Lane needs developing.
None
No
Develop a boat yard in Netherwich, WR9 9PA where the slipway is and toilets. Jobs for our boys. The underground gas works there will be no go for housing anyway
None
no
The only safe access to the basin is as it is now. I can't see how you could open this up for more public use. The basin was an industrial site, so doesn't lend itself to being anything more than it is now.
No
This is a difficult site because its small and not within an area where there are lots of people walking past. It needs to become a 'destination' in its own right. The council should provide grant funding to create spaces for community use, as well as a place to have a coffee/meet up with friends. To make it less likely to feel 'abandoned' at night, some affordable housing/flats could be added as well.
Bars / restaurants and bowling alley / family activities
make it an interesting place for visitors
Retail on this site will decimate the high street further. Fill existing vacant shops before building more. Retail is in decline so other uses should be encouraged
Do not build above two story and provide on site parking for property
Waterside cafe, a gift shop, paved area for meeting.
Definitely no more shops as that will again dilute the already depleted town centre economy. provide an easy way to walk between the town centre and the area.
No
Make sure there are better facilities for visiting canal boat users - it is not attractive at the moment!
No
N/a
None
Accessible by bicycle or on foot including by pushchairs as well as by car would be a priority
Preserve leisure facilities
Not more new housing.. town losing character due to too many housing
Why would you build more houses on this site ? Just no !
Canal side development to include light industry, retail, housing (with boat moorings) and hospitality
Ensure parking for all and access to roads safe and not congested
No
N/A
No
Allow access for anglers

Create a heritage trail and enhanced visitor facility to encompass the rich history of Droitwich and the canal network
Make the basin more of a marina with outside bars and cafes to create a leisure/tourist attraction
No
If there is to be any retail development, it must not compete with the town centre or prejudice the chances of retailers moving into vacant town centre units. Any retail should be small-scale and limited to uses associated with the canal basin e.g. chandlery.
Hope not losing any existing parkland
No
Better access and provision for parking
No
Link to the rest of the community. Clear transport/walking links to town /Station.
Leave it as it is do not need any houses built on it or near it
none
Na
Reflecting the character and history of what was once such a great town!
The whole area of land between the railway, Union Lane and canal should be developed into a sort of garden village (for want of a better word), canal facilities down by the canal, and then small (2 to 3 bedroom) semi detached or terraced houses (with off street parking) as starter homes, This is a once in a generation opportunity to create a cohesive community rather than a lot of houses plonked in a field. The area immediately next to the railway needs more parking for the station and double yellow lines used to eliminate parking on the street in the area.
None
I have no idea where this is: it would be inappropriate to comment. Which bus route accesses it?
None
To encourage the redevelopment that shows sympathetically the importance/history of the canal to Droitwich.
Not a priority - ok as it is
None
Eg. Brindley Place, Birmingham and Exeter riverside
Make the basin a happy place for all
None
Make it an investment priority
I do not think that there needs to be any more housing or retail facilities at Netherwich Basin. It needs to remain a natural open space for people to enjoy. There is enough empty, unused retail space in the High Street and St Andrews Shopping Centre. The leisure facilities on the canalside is already there. Enjoy the walking, taking photographs, bird watching, childrens play area, park, pubs
Droitwich is so much more than the canal!!
Ask the boat owners and users what they want to attract them to Droitwich Spa.
No
Don't provide retail facilities - encourage the use of the town centre. Do we need even more homes in Droitwich. Make this a heritage centre relating to the history of Droitwich - make it a tourist attraction.
None
Use for leisure should be priority with sensible and restricted development. Improved access and leave it natural.

Bird watchers facility .
Any development should be to the effect of reducing the impact on residents already suffering from the over whelming trade already ongoing with the current business in operation there. Further industrial or other businesses will dramatically increase this already over used area. From Kidderminster Road through Hampton Road and onto friar Street its a valley of human and vehicle traffic which at night time can seriously disrupt local residents more. Or is this the plan to get rid of the 8 two blocked terraced houses to build apartments to over look the basin in the near future?
Provide interest and access for all ages, remembering over 60's are keenly interested in merging past + future
Use Brindley place in Birmingham as an example of what can be done
None
Look at successful development of similar sites in other locations.
Provide a Droitwich Aire beside it for motorhomers so bring more revenue into the town.
Make sure it is attractive to both local residents and tourists plus make sure it is promoted
Needs to be developed and linked to the town centre
Affordable housing must include space for families to store their garden tools/equipment and outdoor toys etc. Currently, too often these items are left abandoned in public spaces causing safety concerns for walkers and cyclists.
N/A
As before, the prioritising of only five choices inadequately reflects my feelings on these subjects. It does NOT follow that what I have not chosen matter little to me.
Limit low cost bargain shops, residential, care homes. Instead, encourage high-end retail, cinema, leisure, hotels.
Connection to the railway station and more parking at the railway station to stop parking on the streets
N/A
N/A
None
Nothing to add
Destination waterside venues could be included like restaurants and bars.
No
Na
Make it interesting, smart, fun, relaxing. Tall order but one size doesn't fit all, likewise one ethos doesn't suit all
Ensure that the retail does not duplicate what is already in town, to encourage people to visit both areas.
No
Having a safe launching and retrieval zone for local model enthusiasts to use would be great. Reopening the canal path south to Worcester from the basin itself (under the bridge, towards the tunnel). In my youth this was heavily used and as it fell into repair it was a pity it was never reinstated.
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None
Make it joyous!
Maybe developed a little bit like the Digless basin
No further comment

How about a restaurant hub with independent restaurants (not chains)
parks / area warden
None
None
Increased connectivity with the town centre
what area, exactly, is the netherwich basin? it is a canal mooring.
N/A
No
None
None
If the Council wishes to support new housing in an area it also purports to develop as a tourist attraction (contradiction in terms) a far greater 'problem' posed by traffic noise from road vehicles should be prioritised over that from the few trains on the neighbouring railway. Elevated (because the railway is) screens / baffles will be an unsightly blot on a pleasant landscape as viewed from the canalside park and town centre. Those moving into property next to an existing transport mode should be prepared to tolerate their neighbour.
NO
N/a
Include more community events such as reinstating bonfire/fireworks
Bars there,more attractive, facilities,
It is a green space near the town centre which acts as the lungs of the town, do not overdevelop it with too much housing or buildings
No
I would rather not see it developed for housing
More benches to be able to enjoy the area
N/a
Preserve the area for walkers and extend hard base to paths
There are no obvious retail or leisure facilities evident in the area - poor by comparison with neighbouring towns
None
Industrial styles flats but of a larger size
Please can we start being considerate of Saltway residents, the diamond bar has no regard for this
I've lived in Droitwich for years, I don't even know about this... surely that is answer enough about opportunity within the town.
Leave large park area around the basin so that it remains a rural rather than a built-up area
None
Improve and clean up the nature and wildlife
Turned into attractive waterside properties- houses rather than flats.
Na
Public toilets.
I do not believe the canal basin should be developed for housing.
Stop developing on open spaces!
Anybody falling into the canal by accident or design will have little or no chance of survival - barriers or 'escapes' need looking into.
None

Again make sure we have the infrastructure to cope with more people.
No murals or Street Art. The Arts Network attempts in the past have been an eyesore
No more housing infringing on open and green space eg canals
None
More organised events
I don't think there should be any development at the 'Netherwich Canal Basin'
No
hi-tech or science facility or learning centre
No more housing development!!!
Youth facilities.
The whole area right up to the old Baxenden site needs cleaning up and brightening up.
N/a
This is a prime example of a site which inappropriate building design and construction could have a huge detrimental impact to the town of Droitwich. Indeed, it should not be built on at all but developed into a leisure/nature area in keeping with the surrounding canal and parkland area. Building on this site is another example of squeezing more unnecessary housing into Droitwich at the behest of Wychavon Council, which has little or no interest in our town, save for using it for as much housing development as possible.
No retail centre please. It would detract from the town centre retail. A small cafe only.
NONE
If it's one of the first things people see when they come to Droitwich, then it needs to be a priority. Vibrant, leisure and retail in a wildlife and natural setting. Who wouldn't love that?
n/a
No
N/A
I disagree that we need new housing
Facilitate fire station to industrial area
No comment
Make it upmarket and affluent; encourage rich people to come to the town to spend money
It is not possible to select more than 1 question in Question 10
No
N/A
A place for tourists to stay, eg hotel or guesthouse

## Environment

**Question 15: The Neighbourhood Plan will be able to identify locally important views, for example of the surrounding countryside, for protection. If there are any such views that you think should be protected, please describe them below:**

Protecting green space and wildlife
All the above points that I would like to tick. However, protecting existing wildlife must be a priority. Water pollution in local rivers and ponds etc should be avoided at all costs. Hides in countryside to watch birds can be encouraged
that balls up of a traffic light system at cop cut pub it a joke queuing all the way round the round a bout back towards town every working morning thanks yet again another quick buck made in housing development and after thought on traffic organisation curupt council or back hander?
Hanbury Church. TV masts are iconic Upton Warren. River Severn & canal waterways/ countryside supporting biodiversity and enhanced landscape views
View of church on hill iconic to Droitwich town high street also iconic especially at christmas
I, as the 1000's of others disagreed with the Yew Tree Hill development (an absolute horror) but it made no difference. An arbitrary decision by an out of area/retiring politician overrode everyone. So what's the point (yes I am still very upset - no I am not personally effected - its diabolical)
make sure we keep our countryside
All of the countryside is important for future generations
None
Most of those that presently exist
Keep our countryside and blend housing not have completely built up areas with no green areas.
Countryside is crucial
Hadzor and surrounding countryside views, canals and other small villages Avoid destroying hamlets and villages
Restrict development in pulley lane area to protect views from the top of the hill
Views towards the Malvern Hills, where they exist, should be protected as these contribute to the general character of the area.
Beautiful views of the countryside south of Pulley Lane
Canal towpaths, Hanbury Road (Chateau Forestry), Hadzor Hall, Gaudet Luce, Salwarpe river valley, Westlands/westwood forestry underdeveloped. Community woods
The idea of a community group would also monitor traffic increase and it's effect on the environment and the population making positive measures to control such adverse traffic situations
Scenery explaining Droitwich history to be protected i.e. Chateau & Raven
Water Tower Hill/Primsland is a dessert. Developers MUST provide adequate road access in the future - any Planning Permission in future MUST include this provision with NO escape clauses
St Augustine's church, St Peter's church, Oakley Woods, Wychbold Masts, Golf courses, canals, views to the distant hills from higher ground e.g. Rebecca O S, Spring Meadows O S, Yew Tree Hill O S, etc, Road gateways at Chateau, Westlands, Copcut, Droitwich Woods
Countryside by the road to Ombersley, Cutnall Green, by the Golf club, any rights of ways in the countryside around Droitwich
no
Church on Vine Lanes hill. Canal basin. High Street shop fronts.
Our local history.

Views of Malvern. Views of the green area between Copcut and Martin Hussingtree. Views from Pulley Lane and Copcut Lane.
Sean Nunns
Develop the canals. footpaths as ways to get into the centre of town. Separate pedestrians from all wheeled traffic. Protect foot paths
improve green areas, more tree planting. Trees are the lungs of the world after all
None
Dodderhill Church
The open spaces and parks are an asset to Droitwich - certainly preserve these and look to green other spaces where practical
All have already gone - look at the Copcut mess for example ie Pulley Lane etc. Do not concentrate on town centre - consider whole of town
The Raven and other listed properties
None
We like to see Dodderhill from the town.
Water tower. Marinas. Chateau Impney
None
all countryside should be protected
None
no
No comments
yes developing brownfield sites before greenfield sites
1. View of Westwood House from the town 2. View of the church at the top of Dodderhill from the town 3. View of Chateau Impney and the views along the stretch of the A38 as you approach the town from the North
Maintain the existing parks and green spaces
Views of Westwood House (there are very few), views of the Chateau and views over the gap between Droitwich and Hadzor are key.
Camouflage the water tower
Any new development should be well screened by trees and main road connecting these new developments should have pavements for pedestrians to the town
Ability to see the water tower which is at the top of Yew Tree Hill
There is a lot of brownfield areas which should be used before anymore green field. I appreciate developers prefer not to use brownfield because they want to maximise profits. This is where the council should make it more advantageous to go brownfield.
All established trees
More trees to be planted
Chateau Impney Hotel. Always looks inviting when approaching Droitwich from motorway
Avoid any development linking Droitwich to surrounding villages.
No
no
N/a
All of them
View from Oakley Woods.

Dodderhill Church, Chateau Impney, Malvern Hills. But all development should be low impact and never a repeat of the monstrous Kay's warehouse from years ago.
View from top of Primsland/Newland towards all the surrounding hills and the top of Yew Tree Farm hill so it does not disappear as a town landmark altogether under houses.
Views across canals footpaths fields hadzor
Ensure the planning department recognises protecting building covenants
Stop building on green belt
All of it !
As above, minimize light pollution with sympathetic low energy down-lighting of the correct light frequency (not LED!)
Ensure walking routes still in place and safe for all
No
Pretty much all in the area are at risk of being blighted by excessive house building
Iconic views of the water tower Views of hanbury church
No
The view of open fields from the bridge at the Eagle and Sun, looking down towards the town. It is currently inviting and offers a warm welcome into the town.
Area surrounding gartet Luce golf club to include better access for walkers.
No
View of Chateau Impney across Impney park from A38. View of Oakley Wood from Pulley Lane and surrounding area.
More interested in protecting wildlife and encouraging more biodiversity than a view of something
No
Stop building on green belt!
No
Views across Vines Park
Already spoilt by the Yew Tree and Copcut developments unfortunately.
King Georges playing field and Vines Park should be left untouched
none
Na
Please consider use of local green spaces. Too many allowed to be redeveloped for housing
The promised protection of the skyline view of Yew Tree hill has already been broken. Salwarpe village is being boxed in. We're losing countryside to the south, the increased noise of the M5 is horrendous. How much more of our green fields can be developed?
Protection of parks and encourage dog walking routes to keep people octave and connected.
View across Yew Tree Hill, Dodderhill Church, Chateau
-Views of Dodderhill Church from the town centre -Screening of town centre from Westwood park area to maintain rolling rural landscape. -No deterioration of the existing town from Hadley (Pulley lane development is already obtrusive). -No further deterioration of view from Hadley towards Wychbold, and the Clent and Lickey Hills
Local wildlife & inhabitants
The views towards St Augustine's church and from it across Droitwich Spa
Droitwich Lido and green space's.
Protect local countryside



None
Water tower. Dodderhill church. View to bandstand from St Peter's Church. Scout hut towards Chateau.
Keep Droitwich green
View from upper High Street to St Aubustines Church at Dodderhill
No
The views from Hanbury Church looking towards the Jinney Ring
Definitely not the water tower.
Stop extending boundaries by building on green belt land! We will soon be a concrete jungle!
Lido park & swimming facilities
The views to Abberley, Malvern and across the Seven Valley which are in danger due to all the development South of Droitwich
None
Pulley lane has noise and pollution issues. Too much traffic and construction traffic. A speed limit should be imposed. 30mph would be fast enough
There are 4 locations where specialist homes development can take place that could promote. The canal basin, all the businesses along Ombersley way , redevelop local road structure and promote more railway use over vehicles.
More trees.
Protect the countryside but make it accessible
All the surrounding countryside should be protected
not sure
All remaining green belt land should be protected at all costs
The countryside.
Ensure approaches to the town are at least maintained if not enhanced.
None
The area around the wonderful canal on it's way through the town and surrounding area should be enhanced where possible and not hidden behind any new developments
Views from the south over to the Malverns
Preserve Droitwich as a standalone small town and not an extension of Worcester by maintaining a distinct area of green belt between the two and redeveloping existing sites and buildings for housing and employment rather than developing new land.
The area to the rear of the Lido park should be protected.
N/A
Dodderhill church and adjacent area which is a landmark. Woods and fields adjacent to Newland common
The existing approaches by road to Droitwich Spa are generally delightful, passing through verdant countryside. Please ensure that they are all kept that way.
The chataue, malvern, canal, salwarpe, pulley lane & copcut
N/A
N/A
None
Vines Park area showcases Droitwich as an attractive place and also supports a range of, diverse recreational events
Protect as much as the countryside as is possible
The local countryside should be saved. More emphasis is required on Net Zero in the plan

No
No
Oakley hill view of the malverns and over to abberley
V difficult to answer this question without a guide on what locally important views may be. My overarching comment would be protect what's good, productive and inclusive.
The water tower.
No
You should not be building more housing as Droitwich services and roads are already at breaking point
Yew Tree Hill Open space towards Abberley.
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None
The countryside area around Salwarpe and the village itself should be protected. It is a lovely, historic village, accessible on foot from the town centre with fine views of Salwarpe Court and other listed and historic buildings. The Roman villa (and its mosaic in Worcester Museum) at Bays Meadow should be celebrated and promoted far more.
No further comment
None
More dog waste bins along the canal
Maintenance of public footpaths
what does this question mean?
N/A
This whole survey is just based on building new houses which I don't think people want until the issues are addressed. I just hope you listen to the answers in this survey.
Proper long term maintenance is carried out on existing trees and open spaces to ensure that they are not detrimental to existing homes.
No
None
None
Those surrounding Vines Park canal side / allotments / St Augustine church threatened with ideas for development and associated mitigations adding to development 'clutter'. Droitwich Spa Signal Box and adjacent rail infrastructure bridging the canal as viewed from the Town Centre. Wider land surrounding the canal through to Salwarpe which quickly transforms from an urban setting to a countryside environment once out of town beyond the A38.
All land from pulley lane and Salwarp lane to Fernhill Heath
Surrounding countryside. My view is that Droitwich has already had enough new housing built over the last few years and I really don't want any more of our beautiful countryside spoilt by more houses
N/A
Na
Reduce speed limits in countryside areas to improve air quality
Main roads
The view of Dodderhill Church and the retention of the historic parts of The Raven Hotel and High Street. The Lido Park, St Peters fields, Chateau Impney and the Water Tower are part of Droitwich's history
None
Countryside and wildlife should be protected

Stop destroying the countryside pulley lane and copcut have ruined this town
Anything within the parks
N/a
none
Derelict land at the rear of saltway retail units. Start up business units.
Just to make sure when any new development is planned that views from local residents and business are valued and potentially work with them on the development to make sure it's in line with the vision.
Demolish the raven its an eye sore and rotting
All views should be protected!!!
Green space, you've killed plenty of it already
View over canal basin to Dodderhill church
Protect the countryside and not create bland estates like the new ones
Protect countryside, develop deprived and under utilised brown fields sites first.
Na
Widen road from junction 5 to make dual carriage way past the Chateau into Roman Way.
Re-develop and re-purpose existing buildings instead of new building. Try to reduce the de-generation, which has already started, of the town centre.
Ensure that open countryside is protected. Ensure homeowners who purchased in Hadzor for its open countryside views and rural views retain those views and their rural location. Ensure that protected species and the environment are not impacted. Hadzor has all sorts of protected species, animals and plants where will these go if the land is build on? They will be lost. Hadzor is NOT even in Droitwich it is outside the border and we DONT want to be part of the town centre. The M5 is the boundary so please DONT expand beyond this
The Country
N/A
Garage blocks need to be protected, not enough carparking as it is, not everyone is able to walk, cycle to work or to the local shops or bus stops, please consider us too x
None
Stop building new build houses on Greenbelt areas
The view of St Augustines church
Like to see the view of Abberley and Malvern Hills and would hate those to be lost. Canalside also attractive.
Historic buildings
Not that I can think of
If people have field views from their homes they should be kept as such, that's why we buy on the edge of village/town to keep the space and not feel hemmed in
I think more need to be created! Also advertised to all.
Views from Hadzor overlooking Saltway looking over farmland
More supporting infrastructure for the existing new housing estates on the south side of Droitwich.
Wildlife on the canal and on the Salwarpe. Improved walking routes to take in our heritage. Assure older buildings are preserved for the future.
N/A
No more development, protect the countryside
Enhance green spaces and improve access to these.
NO

We should not be extending in to green field land to build new housing but use brown field
n/a
Do t build on green belt
N/A
Protect nature
I disagree with using green field sites before brown fields.
Should not be allowing any further large housing developments into green areas. Projects like Cop Cut rise etc should not be authorised in the future.
Parks and open spaces, such as Vines park and Lido Park. The Raven Hotel. St Richard's House and gardens
No comment
Dodderhill Church
No Comment
views from the hill at bottom of Pulley Lane looking south towards Fernhill Heath and Worcester
No
The continued urbanisation of the South of Droitwich has increased air, noise and light pollution and traffic congestion. Going forward more serious consideration needs to be given to these issues and ensuring that future development increase biodiversity in accordance with the statutory obligations of the Environment Act 2021.
Local scenery should de-faced for example, the graffiti on the tunnel/A38 overpass, on the canal just outside Salwarpe
Protect parks and open spaces

## Local Green Space

**Question 16: Are there any areas of land in the town that you think we should seek to protect by designation as Local Green Space? If so, please describe them below and explain why you think they are significant.**

Both our parks should, and St Peters playing fields. Leisure Centre surrounding fields. Playing area and field in Steynors Close. Schools playing fields
No specific areas but we need to preserve all local green space for people to access
Droitwich Woods close to Chawson because of its recreational value and richness in wildlife. Brownhill Common and areas around Pear Tree Inn. Trees on the Hanbury Road are beautiful - please leave! More trees needed in town for carbon absorption
I don't know if the greenspace on left as you turn at the island (after Lido Park traffic lights) to come into Droitwich town to continue A38 Worcester Road is a designated space for community wildlife-grass, lovely trees and other planting. if not please can this be included for squirrels and birds. Floral entrance into the town makes such a difference. Land development along the railway, old firm left years ago. It was going to be new units of Ombersley Street/ North Street but fell through. Some of this land could be made designated green spaces incorporated into area. Near station that should have some safe green spaces wildlife hedgerows. Keep station office, baskets, troughs to present good welcome to Droitwich entrance towns history
All your green spaces should and must be preserved especially as they are the lungs of the town ie the super park where the Lido is one across from Waitrose, one down the canal over to the Sports Centre etc etc
Maintain green space adjacent to Addyes Way and Showell Road, Primsland Way with provision of benches for use by people with walking difficulties
Waste of time really but: 1. All of Droitwich Community Wood (better access to and from new and old housing developments) 2. All of canal corridor 3. The Pulley Lane green corridor 4. The marshy/ salty pools adjacent to Pulley Lane 5. The grounds of Chateau Impney the adjacent hill on its south side 6. The grounds of Westwood Park 7. The land to the south of park on the other side of the road to Ombersley High Park
all existing green space should be protected
None
The countryside around Westwood house
Town centre does not to be completely covered in houses as we need green spaces.
Keep current green areas green
Hadzor & surrounding fields, canals, views. Avoiding too close to canals, rivers & historic areas & buildings. Avoid flood plains
Vines park. Lido Park & St Peters fields
Pulley lane woods, droitwich community woods,m
The accessibility of canal towpaths must remain or improve as these are a "gateway" to all the features mentioned in the question.
The woodland area at the back of the high school

Land to the south of Pulley Lane - many fantastic footpaths and opportunity to come across wildlife such as deer, badgers and insects such as butterflies, as well as a wide array of bird species.
Boycott farm building, plus surrounding green area. Vines Lane/St Augustine church onto canal. Community woods from King Georges to Chawson and Pulley Lane
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Library - centre of learning for all sectors of the community</li> <li>2. Re-dev the Raven - eyesore, terrible sight in the town</li> <li>3. Historic Buildings - particularly in the High Street</li> <li>4. Tourist Centre - develop a strategy to make it a centre of information, currently not used to full capacity</li> <li>5. Brine Baths - Re-open and promote as part of tourist plan</li> <li>6. Lido &amp; Lido Park - protect and develop</li> </ol>
All land surrounding Chateau Impney. All land immediately surrounding Droitwich. Protect our Wildlife
All existing open green spaces must be preserved. The flood plain must not be developed apart from possible excavation to provide water sports/fishing/wildlife areas. It would alleviate potential future flooding problems caused by new development. Potential development of the Chateau Impney site should be monitored and controlled
Droitwich Woods and green areas Chawson, Leisure Centre, environmental maintenance policies and access. Golf Courses- public access, footpaths, breathing spaces, environmentally friendly. Canals, leisure, walking, boating, fishing etc, environment, breathing spaces. Footpaths - especially where development is possible or taking place - footpaths need to be retained in a wide green corridor, not subsumed into the development and "retained" as a pavement - Yew Tree Hill is an example - the Wildlife estate having well placed and environmentally friendly footpaths and the adjacent development using pavements as the public footpath replacement - surely this must not happen again in new developments!! Open spaces on new developments MUST NOT later be viewed as potential land for development
Lido area is the only large site left so please keep it. ideal for walking near the town for social purposes
no
Doorstep green& spring meadow & all of the green spaced attached to existing housing estates. Vital for sense of well-being.
Very little local green space aside from the Canal basin and Vines Park/Lido. Please do not build on them.
Keep the old town the same historically.
cricket pitch, Lido park, Vines park, what's left of Yewtree Hill,
Sean nunns
Canals and footpaths. Great for recreation and health, and can be a good way to get into town. Develop a network based on housing / shopping / working needs
Green spaces off Addyes Way and Primsland. Woodland near copcut
Cant think of one
None
Vines Park should be protected because of its industrial and Roman heritage. Also the Gardens attached to the Raven because of their proximity to the town centre and the possibility that they could be brought into recreational use. If possible the front landscaped area of the Chateau should also be retained as its a very attractive approach to the town.
All green spaces should be protected in Droitwich
Parks, sports facilities, canalside.
lido park vines park copcut woods westlands community woods

Local parks and woods, if not already protected. Future generations might like to see what a squirrel looks like, for example!
anything adjacent to the River Salwarpe or Canal
Lido
Lido park obviously, and all areas such as Bowden green open space off Primslan and those off Celvestine Way
No opinion
Lido Park, St Peter's Fields, Vines Park.
Lido and St Peter's fields; Vine's Lane park; Kingcup Fields; St George's fields; Droitwich Golf Course; Gaudet Luce Golf Course; Copcut Golf Centre; Chateau Impney Park and Pridzor Wood; Community Woods; Copcut; Clover Ridge; Trees along Pulley Lane; Wildlife Way, Squirrel Bank and Weasel Avenue; and land by the reservoirs?
Vines Park, Lido Park. It seems that planners wish to develop Droitwich town into a somewhat larger town, so I feel that these 2 parks should be given Green Space status, to avoid development!
Hanbury Woods. Nature at its best. Wines park. Farmland along Hanbury Road - not to be built on for housing
None
Wildlife in abundant amounts is found in the sanctuary of canal basin and the protection is there. Along with the protection for private boats, drowning kids, vandals etc. But it should be designated as green space. Fish breed, swans nests and ducks birds etc have peace that is why its no access in the Basin. No fishing, people have payed for it to the CRT. private peace. Boats and the wildlife leave alone. Sanctuary for wildlife.
all land areas need to be protected for nature and people
Vine park. Lido park
All local open green spaces should be protected. Worcestershire as well as Droitwich has become the largest building site in the country just look at Redditch.
The wooded area between the railway line and Ombersley Way. It is beneficial for wellbeing to be able to walk in woods and it is rare to have access to them in a build-up area. They provide screening of the view of the railway line and enable pedestrians to walk long distances without being near traffic.
I would like to think that all our existing green spaces are protected - no building
Meadow fields on primslan way
The work done on the last neighbourhood plan covered this, we remember being at a meeting when it was discussed. All parks and known land included in new residential development should have Local Green Space designation including smaller areas that may have been forgotten. It doesn't have to be play areas or sports fields, it can be small pockets of green space too.
Lido park and Vines park - important open spaces for residents and visitors. None of these areas should be lost to development to make a 'quick buck'!
Lido park, Chateau Impney,
Make use and restore the Roman Amphitheatre at the top of Impney Way.
Vines Park should be preserved
~Spring Meadow on Primslan Way
THE LIDO PARK AND ASSOCIATED FIELDS
Lido park, canalsides, community woods, local countryside
All existing green spaces within the town with the exception of the space Mayflower open space.
No
Vines Park

All parks should be protected
The Lido park, as this is well used by many families, and must be protected against any development
N/a
All of them
Lido Park and St Peters fields, Vines Park
The area surrounding Oakley Woods. This includes the walks through the farm fields that provide views and recreation.
Lido Park (if it isn't already), Vines Park and all canalside areas, the Doorstep Green and all other community spaces.
Top of Yew Tree Hill site land around the Water Tower and associated footpaths: local landmark and remaining green space needs to be preserved to absorb rainfall water, for local wildlife and not covered in any more houses. The woodlands beyond the new Persimmon and Redrow estates should be left alone as they are a lung for our town's air. Hay Lane should be left undeveloped as it provides locals with a destination walk/bike ride to local attractions Hanbury Hall and the Jinney Ring.
Hadzor, including estate surrounding fields and woodlands canals golf clubs parks cycle & foot paths
Lido Park and St Peter's Fields
Green hedgerows alongside the A38 Roman Way
Stop building on green belt.. no more new developments except on brown field
Any green space left - of which , there aren't many !
Land to the south of the new ribbon development should be protected and reduce pressure on local road and access, (A38/Pulley Lane restructuring is a continued disaster!)
The land at the back of tagwell road onto new estate the woods opposite copcut
Lido park. Is a big part of our life, we take our little girl there and it's a fantastic park
Vines Park. Lido Park. Tagwell open spaces.
St Peters Fields and Lido Park, along side the Chateau Impney estate
I've seen a mapping exercise take place in other areas where all pockets of green space are mapped and a master plan developed for low impact maintenance of all of these areas. It picked up little corners and strips of land. Some were adopted and managed by the local community and others were designated for different purposes (eg wild planting, textured landscaping, seating etc). It made a bit impact on the overall look and feel of the area at a relatively low cost.
Lido park. Vines park
Canal footpath as it promotes exercise and health and visitors
Vines park and the lido park.
Area and canalside by Leisure Centre
The area around St Richard De Wyche Church, Hadzor and Hadzor village, particularly the lane from the church to the village and walking from the village to the canal. Similarly, no more development towards Salwarpe. We were fortunate, during the pandemic to be able to walk from our homes to relatively unspoilt countryside. I think access to the areas referred to above, should be preserved as much as possible and their current environment retained as much as possible.
All the parks and land surrounding the canal area
St Peters Fields/Lido Park. Vines Park. King Georges Fields
Anything brine related
Droitwich Park
Community Woods and Meadows. Lido Park and St Peter's Fields. Copcut Park. Addyes Way open space. Biden Green open space. (Reasons - beauty, tranquility, biodiversity etc)



The use of green space for development can only lead to more air & river pollution as green lands are nature's natural soak aways reducing pollution & carbon footprint.
All existing parks and green spaces, central strip of Roman Way, protection of allotment sites...
No
All existing green spaces plus some incorporated into devts in the area opposite the railway station
All parks, chateau impney grounds and buildings and canal areas
Lido Park and Vines Park
Same as above
All current green spaces should be maintained. The lido park and its surroundings are essential
The playing fields on the flood plain
Na
Field off tagwell road. This green space is important to local residents. Redevelopment for housing will have a major impact
Lido Park. Vines park
Protect Lido Park which is a very well used area of the town.
Copcut park, adeyys green,
Vines Lane park and Lido park are both invaluable to Droitwich. Netherwich canal basin development would enhance further our enjoyment of canals and open spaces.
-Existing parks. -Wooded areas fringing St George V playing fields. -Westwood Woods.
Vines Park & lido park both very well used by local communities.
Surrounding countryside for recreational value as walking routes including those joining to canal routes and routes off Pulley Lane for example. All main and local parks in town.
Vines Park, Netherwich Canal Basin and Lido Park because they are vital to the identity of the town, connect directly with the Town's History and provide a habitat for flora and fauna. In particular any development of Netherwich Basin must be sensitively handled and not driven purely from a financial investment standpoint.
The land off North Street.
Droitwich park, Addyes Way, Primslan Way, Vines Park
Plough Meadow, Tibberton. Rear of Plough Pub
Area around Hadzor Hanbury Road. Canals. Countryside for walking and leisure, farmland, beauty, tranquillity, wildlife
Droitwich Woods
gardens of St Richard's House. Areas outside library, paving kept in better repair
Keep existing.
Lido park
Getting bored with this lengthy survey
All existing parks and public open spaces
The Lido Park, St Peters Fields, Vines Park, Community Woods
All the areas of countryside surrounding & beyond Hanbury Hall. All areas of land from canal towards Porters Mill
All existing areas of green space should be preserved for quality of life and good mental health.
All current local parks, eg Lido, Vines, Copcut etc
Vines park & canal area brings significant business to the town & hosts our local festivals

The land alongside the M5 and Tagwell Road which should remain green fields. The amount of houses already in South Droitwich are too many. traffic house now become problematic in surrounding country lanes
None
All current green space.
The area around Westwood House against any further development this provides a beautiful and safe3 refuge for wildlife and has ancient pathways - some which have been blocked!
Green areas around Copcut. These are important to provide easy and safe access to walk in and seen nature which are close to peoples homes.
There is but will need proper assessment and serious investment to prevail.
Lido Park. Canal side
All of Vines Park, canal, walkway, All of the towpaths along the canal. All of the Lido park and associated fields.
N/a
All green spaces should be protected if at all possible
not sure
See above answers, Droitwich will lose it's charm and character if further development of green belt is allowed, as I have stated the road infrastructure would suffer
I think all green spaces within the town should be protected.
Understand a survey has already been undertaken which should be endorsed where applicable.
Lido park
All existing parks and open spaces
All the green areas around and along Addyes way
Lido park
All current designated green space areas.
Lido park. King George's playing fields. Oakley woods. Pulley lane woods and open spaces around the Ridings
Protect all present
Areas off Crutch Lane leading to Elmbridge should be protected as Local Green Space, if it isn't already protected.
The copse behind Sandles
Lido park and surrounding meadows.
Lido park a local landmark and tourist attraction. Newland Common Woods and fields which is nearest countryside to those enjoying walks on south side of the town
Please refer to my reply to 15, above !
Unfortunately the places that need protecting are the greenspaces already marked for developement. Droitwich is big enough now.
Pulley lane and Worcester road. These areas are now major A Roads and are dangerous for residents as well creating major pollution, noise, and cutting off natural species migration.
No
All the woodland and open green fields and spaces
Woodland either side of celvestian way beside copcut allotments.
Lido park and cricket club
All the green land to the existing boundary of the town. The town has already taken its share of development and housing needs to use existing brown field sites and investment needs to be made

into the infrastructure to cater better for the extra demand on roads, gps and schools etc that the recent development has added.
Vines Park - Lido park - canal pathway
Vines Park and the green spaces by the canal
No
No
Lido park for all reasons listed above. Rebekah gardens as new houses have massively encroached on countryside.
Protect parks, from devopment/changes to encourage small businesses. Parks should stay parks but protected from vandalism.
The Pulley Lane and Newland Common Road areas.
The lido park - it's an important space for the local community
Existing parks and open spaces
All green space in and around Droitwich should be left alone
Winslow Avenue and May Tree opens spaces (both areas and the link area). A green lung against the motorway and noise. Yew Tree Hill opens spaces for the landscape views of Malvern through to Clee.
Lido park area
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St Peters Fields and all parts of the Lido Park
Lido and St Peters. It's a beautiful green space for all to enjoy. It enhances our spa town
Don't know
As above - the area around Salwarpe village (including and beyond the existing conservation area) to include the fields either side of Chawson Lane (from the bridge carrying Roman Way) and up to the railway line below the new houses.
Protect exiting parks and green spaces on the exiting housing estates. Don't allow these areas to be filled in
Lido park. Walking distance from the town.
All parks and gardens
protect all existing local green space
Canal areas Salwarpe Ladywood areas of countryside and beauty
Vine Park, trees by the canals
None
Swan drive footpaths through to château
Lido park, cricket pitch, Saltway
Lido Park and wetlands: central, accessible and popular - this is the very definition of the local green space!
Lido Park and St Peter's Fields
the canal corridor should be maintained and not built on, made wider if possible. current green spaces in the town should be protected and enlarged if possible.
All parks and anywhere where there is gren land
All of the green space in and around the town??? Surely??
All existing parks
No
Parks. Any space already not built on

Spring meadow green along primulas way. Actively used currently by community for recreation and socialising.
Lido park, vines park, fields by pulley lane
see response to Q15.
All current existing green spaces such as Vines Park, Lido Park, neighbourhood green spaces etc
The Lido park, Vines Park,
N/A
Lido park, vines park, scrubland by station to be redeveloped as green space
N/A
Lido park, vines park
Pulley Lane Wood and Copcut Woods. These provide a vital green corridor for plant and animal species and a connection for residents to the surrounding countryside
Vines Park and the Lido Park and St Peter's fields. Also Spring Meadow Park
Green space by Emmanuel church, Chawson. Local kids have played there for the 37 years Ive lived in the Copcut area
the parks, king George's fields
Westwood Open Space - well used by dog walkers and children
Vines park, lido park ! Not much else left you only have to look at pulley lane !!!
None you've built on most of them. Protect what's left!
The parks and canal sides which are important recreational spaces for the community.
The canal basin, High St, Raven Hotel, Brine Baths, Lido.
none
Lido park. Vines Park & canalside. Droitwich community woods.
Don't know the area well enough to comment
Lido Park is key when talking about local green space, this is park brings in tourists and is a special place for young adults and kids.
Nil
ALL green spaces should be protected!!
Everything that is left
Hadzor Hall fields - historic significance, richness of wildlife
Canal environs. Avoid infilling and tidying up too much. Allow space to allow evolution rather than characterless, inharmonious blocks.
The lido park historic park and unique leisure facilities
At Peters fields & Lido park. Vines Park. All Salwarpe valley
There are many existing green spaces that should be enhanced - as has been done in recent years by the council
Area between Droitwich and Fernhill Heath otherwise it'll merge into one.
A further Central Park would be great. Either off netherwich basis or empty industrial land off train station
Na
Existing parks (e.g. Lido and Vines Park), Droitwich Community Woods, land to the west of Westlands and (undeveloped) land adjoining and connected to the canal towpaths.
Pedestrianize Victoria Square.
Lido park
Lido park, Vines park, the canal in and outside of the town. The playing fields.

Much of the green spaces are being built on take Pulley Lane & Pulley Woods. The road has become a race track. The land around Hadzor, Hanbury Rd, Green Lane, Gaudet Luce, Oddingley, much of this is countryside. Please keep it that way
Land alongside the canal on the way towards Salwarpe. Significant for recreational value/wildlife/beauty.
Not at the moment
All of it cause its all going
Both green areas at both of our local parks and canal areas.
Land each side of Chawson Lane from houses up to and including area of land between Chawson Lane canal and Salwarpe hamlet. This to retain a breathing area accessible from edge of Droitwich with maybe additional walking paths.
The playing fields around Droitwich Community Woods should be made open to all - while used by all, there is signage to discourage this.
You've already built on it
St Peter's Field; Lido Park; Doorstep Green; Copcut Park; Vines Park. All key open spaces that give the town a pleasant character.
None
Winslow open space through to cockshute hill needs sound boards fitted
Lido Park, Addyes Way and canalside green spaces should be preserved at all costs.
All local green spaces within 'Droitwich Spa' should be protected
Existing parks
The area around the water tower. Great viewpoint and while it's brutality concrete it's quite the symbol
Agricultural land, especially where keeps boundaries between towns and villages. Definitely fields down. Narrow lanes that get congested when motorway snarls up. They can't take anymore traffics and are dangerous to dog walkers etc. Eg. Crown Lane Wychbold
I think as long as new spaces are created then older ones can be adapted or changed.
Lido Park & Vines Park
All land on the southern side of Pulley Lane must be preserved as local green space. Copcut and the area has been over developed without adequate services and amenities: new schools, roads, pavements, fast car speeds, no additional doctors, dentist and so on. The area has become a sprawling mass of houses with very little to satisfy inhabitants needs except by driving somewhere else
Lido Park, King George's fields
Area around Hadzor. Area around Churchfields's. Area between Droitwich and Fernhill Heath. In fact all areas around Droitwich.
Lido Park, vines Park.
Lido park, vines park, chateau impney
Most of them have already gone!
Vines Park and the Lido Park should remain as local green space.
The area from King George's right along the river to Salwarpe church. Assure no devimation of either the Vines or Lido Park. The area between Hadzor and the Eagle and Sun should be preserved as green space.
Hadzor woods
NO
The canal sides.
n/a

The whole of the lido park. Vines park. Addyes way open space
N/A
Vines park. All along the canal up to the worcester canal for its natural beauty and protection of wildlife
Salwarpe valley and canal
The coppice next to bays Meadow and dodderhill church. Lots of wildlife here, although small has a wide range of wildlife.
Chawson Valley playing field. Open space enjoyed by walkers , youth football teams.
Vines and Lido park
Canal paths, outside of the town centre upto salwarp
Land alongside railway track from station towards Worcester.
No comment
Salwarpe Lane.... leave as a lane, no more houses please
All the parks - we need more of them not less. And all of the existing green spaces - I don't want vast expanses of new houses to look at.
All of the existing parks
All existing green spaces within and surrounding Droitwich.
No
I cannot identify any specific areas but would urge you to adopt a balanced approach so that new woodland areas are created in all parts of Droitwich. These could be created on a large and small scale but the overall benefit could be considerable.
The lido park
Vines park, st peters fields, lido park, canal footpaths etc due to social and economic benefit and recreational value
Na

## Infrastructure

**Question 19: If you have specific recommendations for improvements, please give details of what and where below:**

Clearing pathways linking Burrish Street, Albert Street and Miller Street
Access to Spa/ Salters Medical Practice. Elderly and disabled are trying to dodge cars, taxis, buses and other traffic on a blind bend. The path down from the Old Library car park must surely contravene health and safety standards and there is no pavement around the Covercroft Centre.
At the Copcut junction (which has become a bottle neck) please allow more time for cars on the A38. The traffic light sequence allows only a short time, causing build up of traffic on Main Road/ A38
Car parking in High Street endangers pedestrians when transport heavy lorries appear
How about bus service to Corbett Health Centre? It is far from the town and has a big hill for elders to climb!
At the Copcut crossroads why on earth was the short footpath from Pulley Lane to the bus pull in removed? Folks have to cross the A38 instead now. The pedestrian lights would be better by M&S garage!
Its a shame graffiti can't be removed quickly as the evidence shows it reduces it. Its also a shame that the beautiful timber building in the High Street appears to be just sitting empty
I am new to the area so am unable to fill in the questionnaire. I am appalled that I have to pay to shop at Waitrose and know it comes off bill but have to go to Post Office regularly for pound coins. I have come from a town very similar to Droitwich and we had resident parking which was excellent - that town was Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire. Traffic is very speedy and after 2 + years I have yet to see a policeman on foot!!
I have recently moved from Central London to Droitwich, having very regularly visited here by train for the past three years. I appreciate the breadth of topics being surveyed here. Of note, it is very striking how car-centric such a small town is on a day to day basis. It hugely impacts on the likability of the place as well has clear tangible effects on the overall disparity between the priorities given to pedestrians, cyclists, vulnerable road users and car drivers in particular. Given the prevalence of primary schools, independent shops and percentage of residents aged over 65s is surprising that the majority of the town is not with a clearly demarcated 20mph limit once off the A38. Instead, many roads are quite wide (Saltway, B4090 and others), there are little to no convenient pedestrian crossings. A lack of calming actively encourages overspeeding throughout - if a road feels like an expressway rather than the entrance to a small town, drivers will treat it like one. It is worth noting that very few speed limit (& repeater) signs exist within and surrounding the town. In conversation, common sentiments from elderly neighbours, middle-aged acquaintances and other faces about town include the propensity of cars to be treating roads 'like racetracks' particularly around 0800-0900 and 1500-1700. Pedestrians including school children are routinely not given right of way at numerous intersections, including where very fast vehicles are attempting manoeuvres (e.g. A38-Stoke Road-Worcester Road interchange). See also attempts at walking along Kidderminster Road in the direction of Westlands or vice versa, as if certain communities are not already isolated enough. Pavement parking occurs on most residential streets, evidently causing mass damage to existing pavement infrastructure but also daily obstructions to pushchairs, cyclists avoiding cars, dog walkers and other vulnerable parties that is otherwise shrugged off. Many public residential streets are littered with boxes of metal private property that force active traffic to slalom or encourage them to drive aggressively to clear a length of uni-sided obstructions. The large area of car parking provision around Morrisons and Waitrose provide sufficient storage for those who wish to drive into town. The lack of foot traffic by locals to the leisure centre, railway

<p>station and other local amenities is astounding. Safe and segregated cycling lanes that are more than simply white paint do nothing to encourage healthier and more direct commuting within the town. Newer build estates including around Newland Road are a testament to induced demand - informal on-road parking dominating otherwise walkable/playable family neighbourhoods. Finally (and kudos for reading to the end of this car-edged diatribe), the failings in infrastructure are plain to see when one attempts to walk the length of the Saltway, watch an older person meander with bag of shopping to get home, or cycle to the Leisure Centre, or lock their bike securely whilst popping into town. Fundamentally, Droitwich Spa is a place built for people and has much potential to encourage the very many people who (in many other towns and cities) would be ordinarily expecting to use reliable public transport, walk/cycle to local amenities and experience their neighbourhood up close. Thank you for being part of the effort aspiring for better.</p>
<p>Crossings between railway station and town centre, rather than an underpass.</p>
<p>There ought to be a direct bus service from Droitwich to Birmingham to provide an alternative to the train. People should be discouraged from parking in residential roads close to the town centre. To this end, there should be more double yellow lines and increased parking facilities in the town centre, while encouraging people to leave their cars at home through improved public transport.</p>
<p>Need to reduce speeding</p>
<p>As soon as a vehicle gets to the top of Pulley Lane / A38 or top of Copcut Lane / A38, the traffic lights on the A38 turn to red. Make them wait longer to give the A38 traffic a better flow. VITALLY IMPORTANT.</p>
<p>Public transport needs to run to other local towns with a much better service. Bus services have particularly been cut in this town. Therefore we have to use our cars more frequently.</p>
<p>enforcement of no parking on double yellow lines. no parking at corners at road junctions</p>
<p>A direct bus service between Droitwich and Birmingham should be reinstated so that public transport users no longer have to rely on trains.</p>
<p>Community group would again monitor in conjunction with councils road-transport issues</p>
<p>Medical services are suffering due to housing developments. Schools and Doctors are IMPORTANT</p>
<p>Flooding is an issue and is likely to get worse with climate change. Do not permit development on land which has historically been a flood plain. Use of land at Chateau along the R. Salwarpe to be reinstated as a flood plain. Lighting, pavements, road maintenance, traffic calming each contribute to safe walking a cycling opportunities - they are interdependent , and improved public transport will enable many more to travel in an environmentally way.</p>
<p>The road design disaster at the Copcut Elm traffic lights should never have been allowed when there would have been a very good alternative route. Almost all manhole covers on the roads around Droitwich seem to have been placed where truck and car wheels need to pass over them damaging or sinking them. Who ever allows that to happen should go to Wales to see that they have very few on their roads, all being off grass verges. Cyclists have particular problems on the A38 due to the raised road surfaces by drains and very little consideration for pedestrians or cyclist paths. try walking from the station to the A442 or the A38.</p>
<p>no</p>
<p>Both Pully lane and Copcut lane A38 access should have been diverted through the housing developments, very poor planning and missed opportunities. These can still be done with a bit of work. Can make them entrance only for example. Make new housing developments one way, you can then use 45 degree parking on one side of the road. Do more one way traffic so 45 degree parking can be used. Much safer and easier to use. Almost all traffic lights can be converted to peak time use only. They do not need to be on 24/7. Look at removing lights and replacing with roundabouts. Extend road to Land opposite David Neville shop, a round about can then be used and the lights removed. New</p>



Salwarpe Roundabout was placed over a nature walk, the end of the walk now has no way to get to or out. Can this be looked at please?
Traffic calming along primsland way and permanent speed cameras to reduce speeding and aggressive driving on the meadows estate.
The town centre roads, inside the Saltway and line of the former A38 (Queen Street and Worcester Road) should have a speed limit of 20mph.
DSHS bus bay flooding and the path on spring meadow
Priority to A38 traffic at Copcut lights. Reduce traffic speed on Copcut Lane and Pulley Lane to increase pedestrian safety. Yellow box at this Addyes Way Junction with Copcut island and improvements to the lane markings on Addyes Way - make outside lane on Addyes Way clearly remarked for traffic going onto dual carriageway and town. With increased traffic on Primsland Way provision of pedestrians crossings. Permanent speed cameras on Primsland Way. Pedestrian crossings from Westlands to Home Bargains retail area.
Bike storage
Develop a footpath and cycleway network connecting where people live to amenities and work places
The area in most need without doubt, is the quality of road surfaces, not just in Droitwich , but surrounding area. EG, arriving in Fernhill Heath from Droitwich. Disgrace
A crossing on Worcester Road near BP
There needs to be some facility to allow people to get across the bypass road system more safely from the Westlands to Aldi retail park. When approaching the roundabout its actually dangerous to stop for pedestrians due to the speed of the traffic on the roundabout.
bus shelter Primsland Way opposite M&S is needed to be improved
Maintain road/street signs/improve signage generally
roundabout instead of lights at pulley lane copcut .its a farce .cure flooding on tagwell road and hanbury road lights
re-introduction of the 144 bus to Birmingham, liase with Worcester to reinstate Park & Ride especially to the hospital
None
Traffic chaos and dangerous practices around Sainsbury fill up station on Worcester Road
Existing electrical cables in road wearing out now, let alone 2041. Provision of soakaways even to existing housing - as to avoid rainwater/sewage being pumped into our rivers (nationwide). House owners could be given grants to help with provision
No comment
Timings by the copcut elm are not correct, and were placed too close to the roundabout. This means that traffic builds up around the roundabout. The timings need to be altered.
No suggestions
Copcut Junction is a real nightmare, build up of traffic, absolute disregard to road markings.
Where there are narrow pavements on Main Roads these should be widened to allow elderly unsteady people to feel safe walking - Hanbury Road to Droitwich
None
Footpath maintenance Ombersley Road from the schools to New Chawson lane very shakeing buggy ride all the time uncomfortable
Speed on A38 by Westlands should be 40mph. Speeding cars and trucks going at 60mph to roundabout by Westlands
None
no
No further comments

We need passageways from Westlands to town sorting. Nettles and weed growing over paths so almost impossible to walk on. Seems to me that as long as town and parks are nice, the rest of the town doesn't count. We all pay our Council Tax!!
A regular bus service into Birmingham
Damaged pavements need repairing
See comments about crossings from Westlands and pedestrian links from railway station and into and from the Lido park.
A38 Copcut Lane junction - still a shambles. Queens Street/Saltway/B4090 - requires total re-design.
Many footpaths are in for condition with surface trip hazards and overgrowing vegetation, e.g. path from pedestrian crossing near Westacre Middle School that leads under the railway bridge to Ombersley Road. This is used extensively by children and parents going to and from local schools
none
Copcut junction is causing massive traffic problems and holdups on the bypass. It is only a matter of time before we have a serious/fatal accident at Copcut roundabout resulting from the consequent traffic jams.
Railway access, drop off etc. Better service with seating for all at busy times
Going into Droitwich past the Chateau Impney there should be a decent town sign indicating both heritage and place it is twinned with
Copcut /Pulley Lane junction has been a disaster ever since it was installed . It has led to serious queuing in mornings and evenings , leading to often dangerous driving as drivers try to negotiate the main island which prior to this shockingly poor new design was rarely an issue.
Traffic reduction/calming through Ombersley
EV charging points at railway station and more in town centre
Drainage. Road water does not go down drains as they are restricted on the junction of union lane Hampton Rd Kidderminster Rd seven Trent as usual do nothing about been a long dispute and any building will only increase problems around this area
Double lane road by the copcut
A bus service to cover east side of Droitwich
No
No
Pulley lane needs addressing now, if the M5 has to divert or close the island will be effectively blocked which will stop emergency services getting through.
Better parking / road crossing for footballers who park on Ombersley Way
None
To encourage less vehicle use, the footpaths must be maintained in good order.
Cars are still speeding along Primslan Way and Tagwell Road. It can take ages to find a time it is safe to cross Primslan Way for the school kids. Parents are scared their kids may get hit and so many drive their kids to school. Many also speed along Primslan Way with their kids in the cars. Look at the section between the May Tree Hill junction and over the rise towards Yew Tree Hill junction. Cars speed up once through the trap outside the Old People's home now! Another speed trap is badly needed before someone gets knocked over. Sorry to drivers who like to go too fast but safety should be central to decisions. The poor lady who has to keep mending her garden fence because of speeding and crashing motorists on Primslan Way should be able to sit in her garden in safety! The current new road markings have helped a bit but it is now evident that we need something like on the Warndon Villages (Blackpole, down the hill past Sainsbury's) with bollards, coloured road tarmac and multiple easy pedestrian crossing points to slow the speeding drivers down to the speed limits. Try to cross Primslan Way during the morning or evening rush on the section between Holly Close and

down the hill towards Yew Tree Hill. It is quite challenging when you are an able-bodied adult. Imagine if you are our neighbour on their mobility scooter with his dog...
Need more banks
Make the lights at Pulley lane only allow access up the road not join the A38 (i.e. one way for a section).
Electric vehicle charging points in residential areas without off-road parking
Pulley Lane and Copcutt Junction
Paths on worcester road from oaklands ave to red line in poor state of repair
Enforcement of regulations prohibiting parking on pavements.
Gp, dentist, schools
Drainage and preventing flooding in areas that continue to recur year after year being detrimental to the businesses that are affected and have to pay out every time to resolve ...
No
Copcut Junction requires a roundabout. The existing lights are a bottleneck. The whole Pulley Lane junction has been an example of poor, ignorant development.
Tagwell Road has now become a "racing track" Enforcement of traffic speed limits necessary.
Alternative road layouts eg for the new development at Chateau Impney. This needs a roundabout and road widening. Various other roundabouts are notorious traffic jam points in rush hour and will become unsustainable over the longer term. All of the A38 becomes an alternative M5 when there are issues on the motorway.
Better bus service between copcut and Worcester, with priority to help relieve pressure on the A38 / Pulley Lane junction
Medical facilities
The road drains are not cleared/suctioned any way near enough. This leads to local flooding and blocked road when we get heavy rain and is becoming more and more prevalent.
Speed restrictions in general but particularly on the A442 Kidderminster road. Since Amazon moved onto the Hampton Lovett trading estate, it has turned into a racetrack. Another problem that has recently reappeared is the use of the A442 as a racetrack for 'boy racers' between the A38 and the Pointon Way roundabouts
Improved pedestrian safety including lighting at roman way roundabout adjacent to westlands and the retail park
Speed reduction measures in Tagwell Road
The pedestrian subway beneath Saltway, close to the Saltway/Worcester Road roundabout, needs to be improved, with better pavement surfaces, more attractive walls, replaced handrails, better lighting and improved drainage.
Plant more NATIVE trees
No
Utilize the former industrial space in the area by the railway station for private hospital and Droitwich medical centre. Thus freeing up 'town centre' space for business/retail/leisure services
Currently no bus service between ombersley and Droitwich
Bus services we have none after 6pm not good enough! More taxi firms locally,
The most important factor by a long way is the provision of NHS and schooling facilities
Traffic calming measures along the lanes that surround the Copcut and Pulley Lane developments. Salwarpe Lane is unwalkable in the mornings with speeding traffic going to Worcester the back way trying to avoid the lights at Hungry Horse.
none
The roundabout traffic towards copcut its horrendous now.

The cutback to the 144 bus service has had a detrimental effect on my freedom to travel. The last bus between Worcester and Droitwich leave early evening making events such as cinema and restaurant use limited. Reducing speed limit within town down to 25 mph would help keep us all safer.
Traffic calming measures are required at the junction of Corbett Avenue and Lyttleton Road. The "lazy" corner there only encourages speed. It is a regular place to observe speeding traffic.
At the Copcut, remove the pelican crossing, extend the footpath to the traffic lights, widen to make a cycle/walking path & change the traffic lights to incorporate a toucan crossing
Copcut/Pulley Lane is a nightmare and needs reviewing. Getting onto the roundabout from Celvustone is sometimes impossible. The traffic lights need to favour the A38 traffic more or a roundabout needs to be installed at the Pulley Lane junction.
-Provision of sufficient car parking at railway station. -More undercover standing space at station (canopies) -Ability to get buses to major locations (including reinstatement of buses to Birmingham).
Cop cut lights traffic volume increase due poor layout. Cars finding other routs past 2 schools , increasing air pollution due to queue of vehicles, vehicles queuing in all directions
None
I am very concerned about the zebra crossing on the Worcester Rd next to the junction with Oakland Avenue. Cars often don't stop especially going south - sometimes even crossing when you are on the zebra. ? Pelican needed or siting changed. This crossing is used by a lot of school children and is for some reason, perhaps the location next to junction and bus stop, unsafe. Also the railway footbridge near the Doverdale pub is not lit. This route is used again by high school pupils who. Have stayed late for after school clubs and feels unsafe because it is difficult to see the steps in the dark and because it is difficult to see other bridge users
Integrated transport
Copcut junction is a total nightmare for all drivers. Should never have been allowed to happen
General maintenance of the footpaths which then offers a much safer way of walking for the elderly, young people and Young families.
keep Droitwich safe
None
Street cleaning I.e. grass in gutters, moss on pavements, overgrown hedges etc.
Make the town centre parking easier and free
None
No
Pulley Lane itself in hazardous now due to increased use. It needs widening & straightening out. It will become an accident black spot otherwise
Public footpaths need to be cleared regularly. So overgrown at moment
Copcut junction is a super example - somebody / some people got paid a lot of tax payer money to design that and it is a very large fail which all the locals said all along would be the case -please can improvements be made in the planning and decision making process as in this instance it has quite clearly simply failed on every level - just a bit of 'common sense please.
Traffic management measures on the roundabout on Worcester Road leading to Copcut and Primsland Avenue
Copcut/ Pulley lane, too much heavy traffic used this road. Noise pollution
schools encourage parents and children to walk to school
Evening bus service to Worcester

Pathway walking down towards Busy Bees nursery. The fence has collapsed onto the bank and restricts the use of the pavement to a single person... not ideal when walking to nursery with a toddler or a pushchair. Modernisation of underpasses.
Solar and EV are not sustainable and blight the landscape
EV infrastructure is a waste of time and cannot be sustained . Fossil fuels will prevail in rural settings
I do but this section isn't big enough to list.
5G would be good
not sure
Worcester road needs to be made safe for pedestrians -walking and crossing road. Pavements overgrown and dangerous(Robin Hood pub area)
Re surface Belfry Road, it is long overdue and looks like a patch work quilt because you keep wasting money filling holes. It needs resurfacing!
Improve provision of footpaths on roads such as Celevestune Way and Primsland Way. Many areas were planned without footpaths in the "New Town" expansion era
None.
Install footpath at the far end of Primsland Rd for pedestrians coming in from Tagwell Rd. At the moment it is a dangerous self made muddy path which has the potential to slide walkers into the road .... Very dangerous
Broadband development.
Internet speeds are vastly slower compared to anywhere else I've lived. I currently live in The Worcestershire flats and get very slow speeds of 40mbps and according to internet providers it's the fastest I can get living in this area.
The Pulley Lane Junction must be used as example of how not to do things. It is the only daily traffic Jam. Its ugly. It took far too long to install. Its not good at manging traffic flow. Solutions need to be found before allowing major building works.
Some paths are not suitable with prams for example overgrown hedges, not enough dipped edges, people parking on the pavement. Whilst this is an inconvenience that can be overcome with a pram, it would be very difficult for wheelchair users.
None
There should either be more parking near schools (including existing ones) or a scheme to encourage other ways for children to get safely to and from the school
Banning HGV from travelling down Worcester Road unless they have permit (E.g carrying fuel to petrol stations)
Children living on the new Woodland Way estate don't have a safe cycling/walking journey to school
Speed limits should be enforced rigorously, or scrapped. Those that appear to be habitually ignored, as those on the Holloway, Tagwell Road, Primsland Avenue, come instantly to mind.
Better provision for disabled accessibility - specifically for wheelchairs and mobility scooters who use the pavements. Better attention given to level and even pavement surfaces, with better placed and more dropped kerbs in and around the town centre so people on scooters and wheelchairs have better accessibility.
Worcester road at copcut is a major issue caused by greater traffic volumes. Pulley lane is a ratrun for the villages beyond Droitwich trying to avoid the 6 ways island. Pulley lane needs to be made a one way road with noise barrier fencing on the residential side. Noise traffic cameras now being tested in France need to tested on pulley lane.
Copcut roundabout is a disaster!
N/A
Copcut junction and roundabout is a traffic jam and the junction is dangerous

None specifically
Recent development of circa 700 homes has in reality added circa 1400 cars to the roads of Droitwich (two per house). The investment into roads has not been at a level to manage this volume and we constantly see delays around the Copcut / A38 area due to poorly designed and implanted section 106 solutions.
Triple the timing on the green light for A38 and reduce side road green light by half.
No
No
Sort out Copcut junction as a priority before building the already agreed units on Copcut boulevard.
Train services reduced and much more unreliable but expensive.
None
Broadband reception
It is very inconvenient that you can't get a bus back from Worcester late in the evening.
The train station has terrible access compared to the volume of those that use it. On road parking clogs up the roads in and around the station throughout the day. More reasonable parking options are desperately needed for that area.
No
Lorries using the Hanbury Road should be stopped and should use access via wychbold and motorway
Twenty is Plenty - everywhere. Saves on traffic calming, road maintenance, traffic volumes, encourages cycling and pedestrians. Might save a life one day too!
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No
Hanbury Road junction needs rethink. Possible need for "No right turn " when turning from Saltway onto main road as just one right turner holds up everyone else sometimes thru more than one light change. Square up the whole junction-really should have bought up and flattened the old car showroom to make the necessary improvements to the junction
No further comment
Make a38 a dile carriage way from droitwich to the motorway junction.
All new buildings must have solar panels installed especially larger developments
Plan properly and consult on road changes. Pulley lane/copcut junction is a fine example of how authority suggestions alone do NoT work.
none
None
Traffic calming measures are desperately needed near Lidl, towards Kidderminster road and proper traffic lights on the Salwarpe road, speed cameras would be ideal. I live nearby and it is great we have a solar speed sensor now but cars are still speeding and ignore over 30 limit, crazy drivers at the roundabout
Improve road safety
Hanbury Road will regularly become overwhelmed addition drainage is required
If Droitwich Spa is seeking to put itself on the map as a tourist destination the railway station needs a complete re-think from a visitor and commuter perspective to take advantage of the improvements to the wider regional network. Plans should flow out of this rather than assuming there can be no change. A vision of this kind is beyond the remit of the Town Council.
reduce speed limits on housing estates. create a safer way for westlands pedestrians crossing at dfs roundabout.
Better cycling areas

The traffic lights outside the copcut elm are a disaster and make the roundabout dangerous. This is exactly my point about new housing and not considering the wider impact on the people who pay the towns council tax.
Improved facilities for car, pedestrian and cyclists access at the train station.
No
None
None
Copcut / Pulley Lane junction has been a disaster to local residents (Chawson / Ridings) since commissioning despite several attempts to 'improve'. Traffic routinely becomes stationary blocking back to Copcut roundabout and beyond presenting a hazard to those trying to access local estates from town direction. A significant increase in pollution impacting nearby housing MUST be a result. Removal of the dangerous merging lanes was a good start. Better phasing of the red light sequence is now needed to give greater priority to traffic on the A38 during morning, evening peak flow and PM school run to prevent estimated 400m long traffic queues. Surface signage at Copcut roundabout to instruct drivers to keep sections of road clear are routinely ignored / worthless tokenism.
The Copcut junction falls within Salwarpe- any work on the junction should involve strong liaison with Salwarpe PC
N/A
The last bus back from Worcester is now 6pm. That should be shocking.
N/a
Improve footpath maintenance, increase footpath cleaning
Option to request traffic calming measures in minor roads where traffic is high volume and drivers tend to go over the speed limit.
The walkway from Tagwell Road to St Peter's School past St Peter's Church is poorly maintained and is unlit, making it unsafe during the winter for pedestrians accessing the school, church, park and town centre
Roundabout at the junction of Tagwell Road and Primsland and widening of Tagwell to improve safety of traffic flow.
REDUCE SPEED LIMIT ON B4090 FROM 60 TO 40MPH. BETWEEN HANBURY WHARF TO VERNON PUB HANBURY
Cut parking charges in town centre , save the cost of employing traffic wardens ! Resurface roads which need doing rather than roads which don't,
More public electric vehicle charging using ANY credit or debit card.
Copcut Junction is a total mess. You had it working better before then you closed the right hand turn lanes for straight on traffic that meant better initial flow when the lights went from green to red.
Traffic approaching the Westlands roundabout from A38- needs to be slower on approach - maybe 20mph to allow for pedestrians to cross safely whilst keeping traffic moving
Flooding measures
Traffic lights on the a38 roundabout may slow the idiots down, our town is a race track!
The Raven Hotel eyesore - how many more years do we have to wait, it's a disgrace and a direct reflection of the abdication of council responsibilities over so many years
Footpath to Cutnall green. Lower speed limit on A442 between droitwich and Kidderminster.
Pulley Lane is a disaster, delaying hundreds of people and forcing traffic to divert through the villages. A classic example of poor planning and design.
tagwel Rd floods
Footpath maintenance can be as important as road maintenance. Some of the footpaths in Droitwich are dreadful. Made worse by pavement parking.

<p>Tagwell Road is severely impacted by vehicles going to and from the new developments on Pulley Lane. New VAS signs have been installed but to little effect. In areas along Tagwell Road there is flash flooding and some of the houses near the Lyllelton Road junction can experience back wash from inconsiderate road users travelling too fast for the road conditions. For many years the Westlands area has been cut off with no footpaths on the Westwood Road. Pedestrians walking from the Westlands to the supermarkets off Kidderminster Road have to experience the fast ring road of Roman Way. For years this has been unacceptable and nothing has been done by WCC to address this. This area is known for deprivation and residents in social housing or home owners alike in the area are treated in an inferior manner to other areas within Droitwich. Use some of the s106 funds / CIL to improve pedestrian links from the Westlands to the town centre.</p>
<p>More frequent local buses to save car trips in to town. Example Cockshute Hill was hourly now none. Why not twice daily?</p>
<p>Speeding traffic from the Hanbury road traffic lights past the lido park car park to the island. Elderly people crossing and children coming out of park. Accident waiting to happen.</p>
<p>Limit traffic travelling along Worcester Road which is a residential area by encouraging through traffic to use A38.</p>
<p>Please look at available empty structures which are eyesores before agreeing to build more empty structures. Modify/adapt what's available. There are derelict heritage buildings in this "historic" town that you refer to which is appalling. I moved here in 2017, seven years ago, and nothing has changed during this period. I have two roads which I can use when I walk into town and the trees have all been removed in both and the landscape is now completely barren on these roads. Empty shops, empty offices, empty hotels so why would you choose to build more? Putting planters, benches and trees will not attract retailers, shoppers or businesses. Poor, intermittent bus services will never encourage people to use public transport (if fares weren't heavily subsidised as they are currently it would cost £8 to travel to the nearest local towns Worcester or Bromsgrove) A railway station where the lights are turned off while evening services are still running risks people's safety, passengers &amp; taxi drivers inc, every night of the week but local council have done nothing about this. A total void of any type of entertainment facility will never encourage new residential uptake - no cinema, no bowling alley, no dance hall, no multi-use entertainment facility, no outdoor sports facilities but be assured extra benches and planters will never help save this one horse town from dying on its backside. More needs to be done to encourage business development [I moved here in 2017 and am now moving out in November]</p>
<p>Linking the attractions is key, Town Centre, Station, Bus stops, Lido park etc.</p>
<p>Traffic calming measures are required on Pulley Lane, try riding a bike down there between 06:30 and 09:45 without fearing for your life. Additionally, parking restrictions needs enforcing outside of schools as current drop off / pick up creates hazards to pedestrians and road users. Install a natural barrier (grass bund, tree planting, intermittent hedges) along Ombersley Way as the verges are destroyed every winter by casual car parking by those on the school run. actions should be taken to promote healthy lifestyles - walking</p>
<p>I would strongly support a 20mph speed limit in built up areas</p>
<p>Stop the traffic calming. Its distracting and they always park and destroy our green areas by parking camera vans on it.</p>
<p>The amount of traffic in and through Droitwich is ridiculous. It's gone from a pretty spa town with character to just a bland thoroughfare. Nothing to do for kids, nothing to see for adults, awful retail, terrible pubs and not enough character. Sad</p>
<p>Improved parking provision (as well as active travel) at the railway station, perhaps using some of the old Union Lane site—could be subsurface to residential development or compact two-storey.</p>
<p>Provisions for safe cycling</p>



It is currently dangerous for pedestrians negotiating the roundabout at the A38 junction with the Kidderminster road to get to Aldi etc
Improved TV reception (Droitwich has to rely on several transmitters (Bromsgrove Stratford Malvern Ridge Hill Sutton Coldfield) depending which part of the town you live in, with varying signal quality) Why not use one of the decommissioned masts at Wychbold to cover all of Droitwich
I remain concerned about traffic levels and safety on Tagwell road which is inadequate after years of additional housing development that uses this road. The mess created at Copcut does not help
Safe pedestrian crossing (bridge) from Copcut woods to celvustune way estates. Safe crossing near M&S
We should look to remedy sections of roads without pavements, for example sections of Tagwell road, Primsland etc, as well as the section of the Saltway between the roundabout, past the fire station, down to vines park. Also, my concerns about infrastructure are that new housing will increase volume of traffic beyond that which current road sizes can accommodate.
Campaign for improvements to the road near the Copcut Elm which is a health and safety issue! It is a serious issue - just visit it between 8:00am and 8:30am on any weekday to view the chaos that takes place (which did not before the changes)!
Na
Too many properties allow overgrown hedges to encroach pavements
The Raven Hotel site needs complete redevelopment as a prime spot in the town centre. Its crumbling state sad reflection on local council management and is an eye sore that detracts from the amenities available to citizens and visitors alike.
Traffic calming desperately needed - car speed around our town is really dangerous
Restricting the size of vehicles coming through the town. Making cycling and walking safer.
Potholes please repair them properly. I see roads being closed all the time but the pot holes remain or are fixed only to reappear again. Pulley Junction is a joke it was easier to get out when there were no lights. Traffic certainly didn't back up past the M&S garage. This needs some serious thought on how to address this. I am not a Highways Officer so not in a position to comment but it needs to be sorted out. Its been altered multiple times at cost to residents yet it is still a mess. Traffic calming measures down Pulley Lane before someone kills someone or hits a horse or pedestrian.
Keep mobile reception high
3
N/A
Do not penalise motorists. Many people prefer diesel and electric vehicles in the Rural area for practical reasons and choice. EV,s are not to everyone's taste and are proven to be unreliable , under provided for and a false economy. EV,s improving environmental impact is minimalistic and their manufacture process is very carbon intensive.
The Copcut junction (Pulley Lane/A38) causes traffic bottlenecks 3 times a day - morning rush hour/ school leaving time/ evening rush hour. This is unacceptable. A mini-roundabout should be investigated as an alternative.
Alleyways and paths on Primsland Estate.
No
Turn the round about by the copcut into a spiral roundabout, the same as sixways to stop people cutting in and making it dangerous. Make the lights at pulley lane another roundabout.
Sound boarding the M5
Widen and straighten Pulley Lane
Better bus connections into town from South Droitwich and later running of the 144 bus. Some footpaths are very uneven.

Junction of Crown Lane / A 38 / Chequers Lane in Wychbold is as bad as Pulley lane junction and will be worse if more housing built in Crown Lane
Start again with the Copcut/Pulley Lane junction trying to remove as a main access to and from the new housing developments on either side of the A38, Provide an underpass or flyover at the Kidderminster Road/Westlands island.
All of the walk ways around Chawson Barns are terribly rough and not safe for young families. There has become a natural 'rabbit run' for cars down the Chawson Road past Churchfeild's to the main Copcut traffic lights. No safe walking space to Churchfeilds, encourages car use. Should be able to walk/cycle with some form of direct way from one end side of Droitwich to another. Absolute warren of old paths and quick roads.
Copcut junction is a total embarrassment to the whole community. The town allowed it to happen and the alterations have been a joke followed by another joke. Developers must be made accountable before AND after they have taken their monies from new residents
No more housing development. Protect Green Belt! Improve health and safety for existing local residents. Improve health facilities
Crossing for children on Primland Way at junction with Yew Tree Hill.
Complete pavements on both sides along Primland Way, and pavements along Celvestue Way where possible. It is impossible to walk to the station or some bus stops along Celvestune way without entering the housing estate.
Grass cutting on roundabouts to improve vision when driving wychbold island not been cut for years
N/A
Traffic calming through Wychbold on the A38 as the majority of drivers do not respect the 30mph signs
Increase number of pavements/footpaths along busy roads and safe crossing points. There are no safe crossing points along primland road.
NO
COULD DO WITH A FLYOVER BY WESTLANDS ISLAND SO TRAFFIC GOING OVER ISLAND TOWARDS A38,M5 GO OVER FLYOVER AND WOULD NOT HAVE TO STOP AT ISLAND CAUSING TRAFFIC TO BACK UP ON A442,A38 etc
A pedestrian crossing on A38 near BP garage and on Roman Road at Kidderminster island. These areas are accidents waiting to happen.
n/a
Copcut pulley lane junction needs revamp
Build either houses or employment/commercial land near the existing Hampton Lovett Ind Est. Great access & out of town so no congestion. Either side of the A442 road by Doverdale Lane would be ideal.
You can't get bus services out of Droitwich past 6:30pm this needs to be changed. The copcut/ pulley lane junction is atrocious. The traffic backing up round the roundabout is terrible and people are driving dangerously and erratically to try and get round it as well as blocking roundabout exits
N\A
20mph zones on residential streets away from the main roads
The waste land near railway station needs utilising for parking for rail users. This would take cars away from local streets if free or economically priced.
Traffic and Copcut roundabout needs to be addressed before there is a serious accident, especially at busy commuting times.
Improve maintenance to the canal paths outside of the town centre up to salwarp
Cutting back hedges so it's easier to walk on the pavement

Full Fibre Internet
Cop cut roundabout and traffic lights a disaster. Could be improved overnight by changing the timings to favour more flow on the main road. Accident waiting to happen. Inexcusable waste of money. Environmental impact on local air quality.
Solve congestion problems at A38 traffic island, caused by new Pulley Lane junction
Keep cycle lanes as cycle lanes, keep cars off them, it is dangerous cycling when cars are parked there for dropping off school children.make proper pull in layby
Get rid of traffic lights and use roundabouts instead to improve traffic flow. Don't build any more houses - we don't have the infrastructure.
Copcut junction is still not right, there is a lot of queuing traffic as priority seems to be in favour of pulley lane NOT the main road as it should be.
No comment
Linking Droitwich with the out lying villages via public transport (haveing to use a car to go to local villages because no bus is not ecco friendly and only the council can sort this so no point building ecco friendly houses and such if the infrastructure is not in place to help save the environment)
More doctors and dentists
No
Going forward I would like to see a more coordinated approach that looks at the un intended consequences of muddled and ill thought out planning decisions. For example the decision to build industrial units on Copcut Rise creates more air, noise, light pollution and traffic congestion when we have a large industrial estate on Berry Hill. Your own policies and decision making creates some of the very problems you state you are trying to address,
Although traffic cameras are a blot on the landscape, their deployment would go some way to deterring anti-social drivers and motorcyclists who treat the A38 and the B4040 road out of Droitwich as a race track. Noise abatement measures would help too - many cars are speeding on Droitwich roads fitted with loud, aftermarket exhausts. Traffic congestion, noise and antisocial driving are amongst the biggest gripes of my neighbours and others I have met.
Please can we have more offices to rent or buy in Droitwich. We are a growing business and there is nothing locally.
Pulley lane - decide on layout and stick with it! HGV - the volume has increased - make certain main roads through town HGV free except delivery. Other - the one way system is illogical in the town centre, to access parking you have drive down it which create more traffic, reversing the flow would reduce traffic

## Many thanks for getting this far

**Question 20: If you believe there are other matters relevant to the Neighbourhood Plan that you think we have missed, please tell us below:**

<p>Victoria Square could be planted with more trees and bushes. Top priority needs to be given to the renovation of the Raven Hotel. The art dec building in the Lido complex could be developed into a Spa for massages, saunas and beauty treatments. Failing that, a restaurant overlooking the Lido pool. Lower rental charges to encourage more small businesses and shops to encourage tourism. Please please keep Droitwich train booking office open at the train station, its vitally important to have a human being to discuss train journeys with. The ticket machines are frustrating, sometimes don't work and certainly don't deal with complex journeys.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Redeveloping the Raven Hotel site would give a major boost to the town centre and rid us of the biggest eyesore.</li><li>2. Need some press releases/ information in the progress/ lack of progress on this site</li><li>3. What are the problems</li><li>4. Are the council taking any sort of lead/ initiative to get it moving?</li></ol>
<p>Having lived here for many years (1940 - how many of you have) I am sorry to say in respect of that time Droitwich is now considered a bit of a dump. Nothing here, High Street dead as a dodo, precinct nothing there worth bothering with, no classy shops now (except Humphries Shoes). Rubbish strewn in streets empty or full bottles for example. Trees are an eyesore, they need pollarding everywhere. Queen Street a mess. Telephone exchange grounds (overlooking Main entrance to Droitwich) an utter disgrace, the alley at the back of St Georges an eyesore. So very sad. Come on Councillors, get to work (never see any of you anyway - do you exist? AND YOU WANT A PAYRISE - HAHHAHAH. The Raven Hotel is a disgrace to you all - you should be ashamed</p>
<p>Hadzor Lane forms part of a popular walk/cycle route on the East side of the town. There is a listed (grade 2) dovecote at New Court Farm which has fallen into serious disrepair due to neglect. At some future date the land may well seen as a site for housing development, in which case the dovecote would make a good focal point and design cue. (I know there have been planning applications regarding the buildings at New Farm dating back to at least 2016 but nothing comes of them!)</p>
<p>You must be joking! If this space was smaller I might! Oh yes! There's too many empty shops and those of goods of inferior quality. The town is short of shops like Dunelm, Next, Bon Marche etc. This would bring people in and the smaller shops of quality would also thrive. How many undertakers do we need? There's at least 3 at present. No more shops for ladies and gents clothes. Theres also 10 empty shops including 2 banks, a restaurant and we get a £1 shop!</p>
<p>I have seen folks crossing the A38 by the M&amp;S Petrol Station, and it looks quite a complicated manoeuvre, specially for the elderly folks. Are they awaiting for an accident to happen before pedestrian lights are installed for crossing there! The authorities need to ass the situation beforehand.</p>
<p>Every time I walk along Lyttleton Avenue (I do not live there) I am saddened and appalled that the newly built houses do not, at all, blend in with existing houses. Action to stop this happening elsewhere would be a priority for me. I hope housing includes apartments - suits many. Thank you. Rather you than me! Prioritising is very difficult. Thank you for all the hard work you do. It is appreciated. Droitwich is the best place I've ever lived!</p>
<p>The main road approaches to Droitwich should be visually improved. The verges should be planted with daffodils, Solihull has done this extensively in last 5 years - splendid in Spring. The large traffic roundabouts should be landscaped and planted as show pieces perhaps tree trunk sculptures as in</p>

Lido Park and good quality flower beds as per sea side towns - this is a SPA town - make it look like one!
Again if we could have Brine baths back, as it has been such a long time for anything to be done, always discussions but no actions!!!
No suitable crossing by Marks & Spencer. Traffic parked on the road, blocking view from Marks & Spencer. Primsland Way is being used as a public carpark and is also dangerous.
Direct bus route to Worcestershire hospital
Public transport to local hospitals directly as no point in driving as we cannot park there as not enough parking at them.
Immigrants and gypsy's in the area. Not happy
Please keep the unique character of Saltway, Droitwich, Hadzor, Salwarpe, and surrounding countryside, footpaths, canals & views
put more emphasis on public and open space users to show more respect and take their litter home
There is a currently an issue regarding people parking in residential streets close to the town centre. There should be more double yellow lines in those streets to prevent this parking. Parking facilities in the town centre should be improved, but people should also be discouraged from using their cars.
I'm not sure if it has been covered but the provision of comprehensive signposting around the town pointing out places and proximity of public and/or historical interest and relevance or maybe a history trail for tourists to the area and the town.
Please introduce the community group idea. It would cover most points in this documents and give power in the community to monitor council actions etc
Each year new housing developments are made BUT we suffer accordingly with doctor's appointments greatly lacking and schools overcrowded. There must be re-thinking and planning for a better Droitwich. We need new thinkers and planners
It has been touched on but the brownfield sites like, Whitco chemical works, the old boxing club, the old Underwoods coal staiths, The old British legion and an alternative location for the oil terminal and of course the Raven. All good location for trains, busses and shops in the town center. It seems that the council waits for planning applications rather than leading what is wanted and asking for applications. Perhaps covered parking areas with solar panels at areas like the supermarket car parks could be used, roofs on the shopping centers, not just for electric cars but to feed back into the National grid to generate electricity to reduce costs for Droitwich Council and inhabitants. No more concepts of pedestrian only areas that killed the shops in the High Street. More free parking to stimulate town center shoppers rather than them all going to the out of town locations which are free. Encourage better range of Dentists, pharmacies, and medical centres.
no
Better windows
Develop the Raven and the brine baths as a single entity
More Police on the beat, and Police station to be manned 24/7
None
yes I am sure you are aware of the plot of land at the top of Tagwell Road going towards Pulley Lane on the left hand side which I believe there are designs to build on which we have objected too. Would it be possible to put some fast growing or mature trees in there sometime soon to deaden some of the noise coming from the motorway. We live in Nightingale Close and the noise pollution is getting worse. You cannot have windows open in the summer because it is so noisy we can still hear it with the windows closed. I dread to think about the air quality I know we get a lot

of dust coming across and I have to use inhalers so that doesn't help my health and as for sitting in the garden not good. Thank you
More social housing. More starter homes less 4&5 bedrooms houses. Small industrial units for small businesses at affordable rents
Worcester Road crossing by M&S it is a busy road to cross please zebra crossing with lights needed. Small towns need small businesses shops - also brine bath would bring people to town - it is no attractions in town - expensive car parks puts people off to stay here. We just seem to have more charity shops.
Reinstate police station. Community hospital - local out-patient appointments at Corbett Medical Centre. Tackle parking issues/parking/free. Publicise activities available.
The climate crisis is real. The Town/District/County Council must understand that they cannot keep allowing the building of shoddy, poorly-insulated houses for which 2+ cars per house is a given. New housing MUST be well-insulated (solar panels mandatory) and new estates must not be allowed unless public transport connections are compulsory!
Antisocial behaviour and intimidation
a small town which needs to pull in people to shop use cafes and experience a pleasant atmosphere would steal a real march on other towns if it offered free parking on selected central sites or money back off shopping if paying to park to stop all-day parking by workers
Droitwich's problems are the same in every town in the UK at the present time - urban decay, apathy and the progressive decline of town centres. There is a proposal to spend £20M re-developing St Andrews Square but this is just not practical until the problem of un-used vacant retail premises is solved. My guess is that currently 50% of retail space in St Andrews Square is empty. Ok we are getting Poundland to replace Wilko and this is welcome news to fill what would be just another empty closed down shop. But Poundland isn't exactly Harrod's. This is just a never ending race to the bottom. Re-developing the canal basin is a great idea but deluding yourself that it will ever be another 'London Docklands' or 'Liverpool Waterfront' is pure fantasy. Why? Because the population just isn't proactive - there is no nightlife - no charm and no will to succeed. Now onto the Residential Development. Until all the brown field sites such as North Street etc are totally used up there should be no new build anywhere on any newly requisitioned land. Droitwich has Copcut and Pulley lane already and both were built without any additions to the infrastructure such as schools and health services. Pulley lane traffic is a nightmare. and now there is a proposal for another 400 homes on Hanbury Road on virgin agricultural land. Why don't developers such as Persimmon use brown field sites? Simple answer - they cost too much money to clean up. Its cheaper to dig up another agricultural 10 acres. Not a spade should enter the ground in Droitwich until every square meter of un-used land has been fully exploited. Severn Trent can't cope now with sewage disposal and it will take 10 years to restore these underinvested water company services to stop sewage outflow. It amazes me that sewage isn't pumped into the canal network. Sadly none of your endeavours will prevail. Objections will be upheld until the matter arrives on the desk of the Minister of Housing etc who will simply sign the proposals off as passed. This is exactly what happened in Ledbury. The whole town was eventually flooded with raw sewage. Droitwich is quite a pleasant place to live. It is clean and crime rates are low. Infrastructure and civic services can just about cope. But any more housing needs at least one extra doctors surgery and primary school. These should be built fully staffed and be fully running before any dwelling houses are built.
Tram link direct to Worcester to reduce Car usage
2041 is a long way off. DSTC could do more NOW - for example keep its assets in good condition (bus shelter by Red Lion Worcester Road and the bench opposite). Street signs could be kept clean (WDC say DSTC should do it they have more cash than they have). Flowers tubs not only in centre but all around the town - traffic islands etc. Grass could be cut less often - save time petrol for

cutting machines and encourage biodiversity. Reduce 30mph roads to 20mph, for example Worcester Road, Primsland Way, Celvestune Way, Addyes Way and all roads within 1/2 mile of schools
No comment
No suggestions
I feel there are plenty of housing developments in Droitwich and a concern I have there are no plans for GPs/dentists, schools and of course increased traffic on main roads. I also feel the facilities need to be improved and catered for more younger/middle aged people. There is a lack of entertainment in Droitwich and I feel this pushes a lot of people to go elsewhere for a nice meal, something to do and shopping.
No chopping down trees. Support wildlife
None
Bring Droitwich Spa to glory with some tourists coming into the shops. As it now after 12 years an insignificant spot on the canal water ways. Owing to having nothing for boats. Not even a loo. No 1, hampton Road, with slipway also toilets 3 outside not being used and everyone is desperate. Boats have now abandoned us with no loos for them or nothing else. A boatyard will bring them in give our lads a job a chance to learn crafts. The old gas works under the ground will not be ok for houses anyway. But a boatyard would only have one housing and a shed and outside space and maybe a craft place for repairs to boats but jobs would be coming into Droitwich along with tourist. I think this is a very good plan. I have never seen a fishing bailiff outside.
Road safety A38 Droitwich going past Westlands estate
no
No comments
We need more doctors and dentists into town. The housing has at least doubled over the years, but the above has not. I also notice in this questionnaire that most questions relate to Vines park, Lido Park and station and brine baths. There are the rest of Droitwich areas which could be just as nice if looked after.
No cycling on pavements - seem to be more people doing this and they have no regard for pedestrians and do not slow down or no bell ring
Further new housing should be minimised. Droitwich is a very civilised place to live. I believe that this is connected to its size. If it grew further and become increasingly more urbanised and popular, the civility of its citizens would diminish. A rising population would also lead to a worsening of air quality due to the associated increase in vehicles. Air quality already exceeds safety limits in some parts of the town. Countryside needs to be protected from developers as there will be precious little of it left for the future generations. We also need farmland to grow our own food instead of importing it
John Corbett was a prominent figure in the town. It would be good for him to be recognised in some way - statue? Years ago I was involved in the discussion to create plaques/ information for significant historic buildings - one was placed at the Old Cock. The historic Droitwich project produced information which could be useful for this exercise.
Council and landlords need to think outside the box to bring retailers the public want into the town centre as there is Les and less reason to do so
Please don't make this a plan that just repeats what is already included in the SWDP. It should be much more specific about design and it may be an idea to use local architects to help create a design palette for the town as there isn't the skill set within the existing town council to do that. Also - where is the mention of net zero? Surely the town council accept the requirements that the government has signed up to in respect of this? So why aren't new homes and employment policy not including net zero? This should be at the heart of the neighbourhood plan.

Why only allowed 5 boxes to tick? Surely I should be able to list them in priority order, then you would get a true reflect of needs.
Finish the development of No. 31 the High street.
Finish the flyover over the Kidderminster roundabout so that more drivers use the ring road instead of cutting through the town
There should be no building on architectural sites like Waitrose which was built where there were Roman remains
Bus service for this side of Droitwich , We have a very steep hill to climb. Large elderly population, who feel abandoned by the council .
NO
No
Ensure the access needs of disabled people are built into developments
N/a
None
Continue to improve road calming along Primsland Way. Focus on the section between May Tree Hill and Yew Tree Hill for crossing school children, elderly adults on mobility scooters and the lack of a safe crossing place as cars heading on the high school run speed down the slope, well out of the new speed monitoring zone by the old people's home. The undulating design of Primsland Way make this a very dangerous section for pedestrians.
Please be sure we have access to banks as many have been closed & current empty buildings are used before building more & use industrial area by station to increase housing first. Please do not destroy the countryside
Too many new houses. Town losing character due to losing green belt
Virtually no accommodation choice in Droitwich for visitors. Look at developing an 'aire' type facility to draw in tourists in motorhomes and campervans . Space for 5 vans, clean water and toilet emptying facilities . Could this be developed inline with canal facilities/ developments?
Planning Approvals should be adhered to and any deviations should be exceptional and made more public.
The redevelopment of the former works on both sides of Union Lane leading up to the Railway Station. What an eyesore to greet any visitor arriving by train!
Town centre has not changed in the 30/40 years I have lived here shops are left empty for too long and decisions are places like raven and brine baths take far too long to resolve
Housing development needs to be stopped until the town centre, infrastructure is developed / improved sufficiently to handle any increases in population.
N/A
More school provision especially for the older children
N/a
Development of green belt land should be refused as a default. Many brown field and previously used sites should be developed as a default
Attracting Retailers to the Town Centre thereby encouraging people to use the town centre thereby improving local economy
Zebra crossing by BP garage
No
The plan should consider a shopfront design policy, with the objective of protecting existing traditional shopfronts and re-creating a traditional look for new shops - tackling issues such as the size of the fascia (and entablature in general), the size of the stall riser, control over projecting box signs and the use of illumination (or not) in signs.



No
Reiterate that we really need more school provision and medical services to match the amount of new residents based on the mentioning all the way through the survey of new home developments!
The development of the large brownfield site between the railway and road and along the road from the station
Thank you for the consultation.
The parking outside all of the schools it is a nationwide problem but some parts of the country have closed all roads by the schools, at the start and end of the school day, forcing people to park and walk or better still if possible walk the children to school, Save energy and get a fitter body
none
Graffiti issue
Incursion of hedges, trees and overgrowth which restricts width and use of footpaths should be death with by using the existing procedures to oblige homeowners to cut back to their property line. Some 'cut through' paths need resurfacing and regular maintenance (e.g. the very well used pathway from Tagwell Road to St Peters Church and school and the park is often in a deplorable and unsafe condition).
Prevent over development
Life is changing rapidly and we need to prioritise future use of the town probably very different from when it was first built. Use of existing empty buildings should be a priority. Do not leave empty buildings to rot. This helps no one and the overall effect is detrimental to Droitwich's character.
Road signs should be cleaned - use volunteers if necessary. Graffiti should be removed. The streets and pavements ought to be maintained to prevent growth of weeds. Encourage business owners/residents to help with the summer display of blooms, which is generally very good. More police/community support patrolling parks and underpasses at night.
Not to turn Droitwich Spa into a 15/20 minute town.
Reintroduce a Saturday market & look at a new market hall
-Policing for surrounding areas. -Repair of items damaged by ASB (including removal of graffiti). -Banking provision for the town.
None
I feel that Droitwich needs to take itself more seriously as a potentially attractive town. Redevelopment of the shopping centre to be more in keeping with the high street would be very positive. I know funding is tight but grants for improving shop fronts on the high street would smarten it up. It would be great if we could regain our identity as a spa and canal town
Improved policing in the evenings would have an impact on the safety aspects across the local areas.
Please do not approve developments that will spoil the wonderful countryside and lovely town of Droitwich & surrounding areas
None
keep in mind at all times the beauty of our town, its quaintness and history. Don't spoil the town and other areas by building things that look an eyesore. Get the Raven Hotel works done now 2023/2024 before it is vandalised more or falls into even more of a derelict building. Currently it lets the town centre down. Less talking more action!
None at moment
No

New bus routes that have pick up/ drop off points, near to roads where people live and are not very mobile eg Elgar Crescent. Possible extra mini bus service for local housing routes. Bus services to Worcs Royal Hospital that are easily accessible
Copcut junction do something. Pulley Lane is now a race track for noisy vehicles.
AS said before - very disappointing how little attention the local high school gets in the overall plan - considering it is THE CENTRE of attention of all the local 12 - 18 year olds - big miss in my opinion; it needs addressing.
The town centre needs updating. If the current owners won't facilitate this something needs to be done to force a change. The shopping centre is struggling to attract good quality shops. It looks and feels tired and old.
1. Attract more individual shops to the High Street including high class ladies wear. This would help tourism 2. Use all brownfields for redevelopment 3. Concentrate all new house development to the North of Droitwich
No
Markets etc held in town centre feel very dated. Looking at other farmers markets locally and further afield there could be improvement in both size and offering which would increase foot fall into the town centre and helps with community feel. Kings Norton farmers market and Moseley farmers market being prime examples. Opportunities for 'dining club' events like held in other towns
Currently, there are a 'few' protests regarding fibre poles. Fast fibre is/will be essential for future comms and is/will be a household benefit when marketing domestic properties
Fencing between footpath/A38 by-pass at the underpass off Parklands is continually being removed Could this be replaced by railing such as used near railways and/or install cameras
Why did the Lib Dem election manifesto for 2023 insight criticism and negativity towards the Neighbourhood Plan?
Political disagreement within the Council wastes time and money for tax payers.
I think there's a major opportunity to improve recreation, special housing development, business restructuring development, road network restructuring development, public safety and anti social behaviour improvements. Who , how do I get to speak to and express my interest to?
Please create a new 50m pool.
N/a
Droitwich is a lovely town and care needs to be taken to keep it that way
I have been shocked at the huge increase in graffiti all around our lovely town. People's acceptance of it and the lack of removing it. Lack of street policing gangs in the parks and on the streets not what I expect in this town.
not sure
Remove all the ridiculous telegraph poles installed without listening to the objections of residents
None.
Don't let go of our remaining heritage
Garages should be larger to accommodate current cars.
None
Try to make the town and area more of an attraction to tourists again as it once was
Big development companies are not clearing rubbish when building these houses. They are also not considering environmental impact/factors. Parks that they put in for children on these sites are small and poor quality considering the huge profits that they make. The children's park on the redrow/taylor wimpy site is poor/hardly any play equipment and full of rubbish/building rubble

and is unsafe for children. Not enough street lighting or litter bins on the new housing developments. Houses are squashed together for maximum developer profit with little green space.
N/A
All new builds to include solar water and solar power. Grants for all houses to install solar. "Make Droitwich the eco hub for Worcester " as quoted by someone else the cheapest power is the power you don't use. But even cheaper is to generate locally.
Biggest problem is poor NHS healthcare provision as the GP & dentist facilities are not increasing with population increase and the population is ageing too
Town centre is scruffy because Wychavon have granted permission for secondhand shops to become pervasive. There are already too many Care homes with raven set to become the next bank of flats encourage low income residents into the town that will end up working in Worcester and Birmingham. Tourism offering great hotels that partners with canal cycling and walking as well as great restaurants could bring Droitwich on a par with Stratford. It was the 2nd capital of Britain in Roman times!! The chateau is in danger of being lost to private residential instead of benefiting Droitwich residents as a world class events centre with a 5 star hotel part owned by Droitwich residential partnership. The lido and spa are not marketed enough as unique history like Bath or York. We need to encourage investment by creating our own blackpole retail centre and connecting it to the old town. There aren't enough circular cycle routes that would encourage tourism to bring families to circular routes around Droitwich canals ending with a great meal and drink at the end of their trek.
All existing views of the Chateau Impney. View to the south from Pulley Lane and view from Oakley Wood. View from Copcut Lane.
The state of the town - The Raven - derelict, shops empty, poor choice of shops, The Chateau Impney (closed)... gives the impressions of a town that's lost soul/purpose
We seriously need to attract mainstream retailers to the town centre such as M&S and yes even McDonalds as that is what brings people of all diversities to the town.
Enough new development please! The character and appeal of the town is being destroyed. Let's focus on improving the town rather than adding more houses.
More good quality state schools
Consideration should be given for a foot path along celvestune way and crossings
Droitwich has already gone too far and is now ruined. That's why we're moving out of the town.
No
No
There isn't much about culture or the arts in the plan.
Just to reiterate, brownfield sites should be prioritised for new housing, along with empty first floors above vacated shops etc.
Stop building on green belt land. We need more schools, dentists and community halls to cope with the extra housing being built.
Unless your 70 plus there is nothing for you in Droitwich. Please do not build any more residential care homes. It's the last thing Droitwich needs - they are absolutely everywhere and prohibits any advancement to the towns local amenities for young / working families. Droitwich is in the perfect location and has a great opportunity to be a vibrant town; but what is here for families? Pretty much nothing
No
Building of more services to support the many families that live on the new housing estates yew tree Hill and Copcut as existing services are at breaking point

Free spaces for clubs and societies to meet have a significant effect on quality of life. The more we work from home the more significant this becomes. We have an aging population. Dropped curbs and good crossings increase the quality of life for older residence (on foot or on personal mobility vehicles). Internet connectivity out of the homes (public wifi and or 5G) are critical. The center of Droitwich is currently worse than Nairobi! Dog walking is a major activity in the town. The number of bins provided and management of these is insufficient. Community recycling and sharing points (e.g. place to leave an old bike for someone else to use) are insufficient.
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In Ombersley traffic speed cameras and a stop sign not a give way sign at the roundabout entering Ombersley. Traffic approaches too fast
Don't know
Parking on Holloway makes driving up and down awkward. Cars parking on pavement on Holloway make it difficult for pedestrians and mobility scooters. For any new housing roads need to be considered to prevent rat runs. The estates off Pulley lane should never have been allowed without improving the width of Pulley lane and its junction with the A38. Whoever ok'd the junction at Copcut should be sacked and put in the town stocks (if we had some)
No further comment
The scant regard for historic building preservation and enforcement is a disgrace. The Raven is a good example yet again of an owner leaving a site open to vandalism and actually actively encouraging to the end means of demolition.
none
None
None
Additional infrastructure with doctors and schools for the existing community before extending the population is urgently required
I cannot emphasize enough that the Raven Hotel is an eyesore in it's current state: this building has a lot of history and potential that is rotting away! If Droitwich wants to promote it's well-deserved heritage angle, this is where it must begin.
Stop roadside parking in town, it looks scruffy and detracts from the towns appearance. speed cameras, that work, on the main roads.
No
Please stop building loads of new housing in a town that can't support it at the moment
No
None
None
NHS NHS NHS! Education Education Education. No expansion in services - no support for more housing.
N/A
N/a
Doing more to address Net Zero. To suggest more and/ free parking is contrary to this.
More well known stores, restaurants to be bought into town

It is important not to overdevelop Droitwich. It is a Spa town with a wonderful history and historic buildings. Too many of these buildings have been lost in the past eg Worcestershire Hotel, Brine Baths and Winter Garden.
If the town continues to grow at pace GP capacity which is already stretched will get worse.
Pitiful number of affordable plots for self-build available in the area. If you allowed more self-build plots then you'd get far more interesting housing than the usual dull Big Housebuilders brick rubbish (I live in such a house on the Copcut Estate - only affordable option available!)
NO MORE Housing or population in droitwich
Stop building houses for out of towners
The Raven Hotel eyesore - how many more years do we have to wait, it's a disgrace and a direct reflection of the abdication of council responsibilities over so many years
N/a
I was alarmed recently to be told, by a local Councillor, the Raven has had three owners. Apparently they simply sell it on, no doubt making a profit when they do. If that is the case when, if ever, will the site be developed and are the local authority powerless to do anything about it? It is a dreadful eyesore in the centre of town.
Stop builders cramming in new builds with disruptive off road parking.
There needs to be an increase in GP services in Droitwich before we start building even more houses & increasing the population.
Nothing more to add
The plan is devoid as to how the connection between Westlands and the Town can be improved without addressing the connectivity between Westlands, The Town and Berry Hill the area risks becoming isolated. Currently the link between Kidderminster Road and Saltway is poorly signed, footpaths blocked by parked cars, grubby underpass, pavement width restrictions due to overgrown vegetation. This link needs improving in terms of lighting, appearance, safety, accesability to allow both halves of the town to join.
Demolish the raven, attract more mainstream food chains, re-open a luxury brine bath for tourism, speed up redevelopment planning of barren brown land. I mean its not really that hard is it.
What has happened at the copcut has highlighted the ineptitude of this council, taking the money from housing companies and thinking we are idiots. Typical Tory way of thinking, profit before people. Just look at the state of the town, it's embarrassing. People are unhappy with it.
Please keep the provision of medical services and education top of your list
The reinstatement of a brine baths and the regeneration of the Raven Hotel are vital to the future of the town. The title 'Spa' is currently a misnomer and is, frankly, an embarrassment.
We definitely need to ensure that before anymore houses are built that the infrastructure is in place to cope with the increased population- ie Roads, Schools, Doctors, Dentists & public transport (currently ridiculous that last bus service from Worcester to Droitwich ends just after 18:00 in evening)
No
Campaign for improvements to the road near the Copcut Elm which is a health and safety issue!
Na
Roadside parking on residential roads and not parking on pavements
Make the town centre buzz with quality retail, tourist and heritage interest as they do in other Spa towns.
Parking on roads within walking distance of town and schools is really dangerous. Both middle schools have loads of land and consideration should be given to creating car parks

Ensure that with large housing developments appropriate extra services such as schools and doctors are also developed.
DO NOT BUILD ON OPEN LAND BY HADZOR IT IS NOT EVEN WITHIN THE DROITWICH BOUNDARY
Not now
More facilities for more people
There have been 3 significant housing developments in the last few years, with very little extra support services such as new schools, new GPs, new shops, community centres, parks, play areas, or better landscaping. This needs to change. Developers must not be allowed to ride roughshod over agreed plans. If 700 new houses are being built, such as in the Copcut Estate, where are the new green spaces, play areas, community facilities, schools, GPs, shops, pubs, etc.?
No
Sound boarding the M5
Take into account number of cars passing through Droitwich when frequent problems on motorway. This causes build up on roundabout on A38 and cannot get out of Addyes Way.
Many residents commute to Birmingham, I live just on the edge of the town and cannot use the train any more as access to the station is poor and services too infrequent. This needs to be addressed
Keep rural areas rural. If building new housing DO NOT put 100% social/ affordable housing on developments. It should always be a mix of private with element of affordable. Need to keep diversity on housing estates and have something for people to look up to. Never build social opposite very expensive existing houses as you will devalue people's houses they've worked hard to achieve.
Reconsider whether separate facilities such as health centre and school should be provided on the new developments on the Worcester side of town. Keep green belts between Droitwich and Worcester and Bromsgrove and along the canal and river Salwarpe
Inclusion. The leaflet to fill in this form, was the first I'd heard about any of these visions or objectives. Where is this information and how is it accessed and how do you inform people it exists at all.
Bring new jobs. Bring high value and prestigious jobs. Stop making the town a retirement home. Make it vital. Attract
Who measures air quality around Droitwich Who measures noise pollution
Improve pedestrian crossing point outside the BP/Marks and Spenser Garage on the Worcester Road. It is quite difficult to cross when it is busy.
When infrastructure is implemented it should be fit for purpose - the cycle lane on Ombersley Way is useless as cars park on it just when it is needed for the children attending the three closest schools. It is therefore dangerous for any child using it and is contrary to the Highway Code which states that parking on a cycle lane is illegal except in an emergency - picking up your child from school is not an emergency. It would be good to be assured that money will not be wasted on schemes that do not work.
Schools!!!
Increased capacity for GPs and other NHS services including Dentists. Improved insulation for existing homes
More and better designed information on local walking routes and public right of way to encourage use of countryside.
NONE
Anti-social behaviour in the town.
Droitwich high school needs help with building repairs, heating, cooling, and massive influx of new pupils - also keeping the youth occupied, engaged and happy with derived and activities. The

building, parking, and facilities are run down and cost too much to run for the school. All 3 of my kids have attended this school and in the last 3 years I have noticed massive decline in upkeep of facilities. The building is looking wrecked. Is there anything that can be done to help?
n/a
Make a decision about the raven and deal with it once and for all. Either knock it down and develop, or regenerate. It's dangerous and an eyesore
N/A
We need to encourage a better selection of shops, consider opening of Brine Baths, supplying affordable housing for local young people not 4/5 bed detached homes. Improvement on Dr & Dentist services as house building has been allowed but no improvement to public services. Make Copcut junction improvements by giving A38 priority timings on traffic lights to free up congestion on the roundabout at top of Primsland Way.
Full Fibre Internet
More say in what businesses go into town centre premises.
Increase NHS GP/Dentistry facilities
Improve the schools provision - especially the High School. Scrap the Middle School system and bring in a successful Academy group to get educational quality up to scratch
The economic growth and well being of the town and it's people requires the bold but vital decision to support the reinstatement of the Brine Baths. Droitwich "Spa" is nothing without them. Come on support the town
Maintenance of existing council woodlands
Please read and take on board some of the ideas you have asked for don't just fob it off because it seems to difficult to stand up and be different to other gov.departments.
Cannot input 5 ticks for one question (10)
No more ribbon development along A38 north or south and no further increase to the size of the greater Primsland Road area estate.
The impact on existing infrastructure is never taken into consideration. The Copcut Pulley Lane junction is a prime example. The length of time spent on it and it's still a nightmare.
Droitwich Railway Station and the adjacent brown field site needs to be redeveloped. This issue like the Brine baths and the Raven Hotel has been outstanding for far too long.
Please can we have more offices to rent or buy in Droitwich. We are a growing business and there is nothing locally.