



SIBFORDS COMMUNITY PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

TEXT RESPONSES TO Q73, PAGE 23: GENERAL COMMENTS

SIBFORD FERRIS AND SIBFORD GOWER & BURDROP PARISHES

SIBFORD FERRIS RESPONSES

Q're Ref	Comment
F4	Amenity spaces in the villages would benefit from a group of volunteers who could keep an eye on keeping them neat, tidy with an air of being 'cared for' e.g. Village pond area, Burdrop Green, Village Hall environs, church yard. Suggest a 'Friends of the Sibfords Group' or 'A Pretty Committee'.
F5	The clear air is very beneficial to local health – don't spoil it with industry etc. (Illegible) Cull the badgers.
F6	BROADBAND – preferably at decent speed. Sibford is graded 'D' on World average Broadband speed.
F9	Recent arrivals whose views may change
F24	The villages are generally well maintained but some householders are gradually degrading the appearance by putting large and unsightly items in gardens and fields. A practice which is becoming generally accepted
F25	We do not want to encourage more walker, visitors to the village; it is ideal as it is & definitely not businesses or industries.
F26	A bus leaving from Banbury later than 6:10 would be a great improvement – say 7:10pm.
F47	Great idea asking opinions. Thank you. xx
F58	a. This questionnaire has taken longer than 25 minutes. I think that the Question about living in the village should be extended more than 20 years. b. I have lived here more than 50 years! I'm partially sighted & can't follow the lines along to the right box! My main worry is PLANNING. How do some people (e.g. Bishop Blaize) get away with whatever they like? At the very least why can't they be forced to remove the unsightly mess at the bottom of Mannings Hill? It is a Conservation Area. Have the Parish Councils no fight & no teeth?
F62	Bottle bank urgently needed. Extra post box on Hook Norton Road, near school entrance.
F66	Need younger people on the Council too!!
F67	Action should be taken against those drivers taking & collecting children from Sibford School. The majority speed and have little respect for other road users & villagers walking particularly close to the shop.
F68	1. Suggestion: that 'notices and advertisements of forthcoming events are removed as soon as they are no longer valid. They are unsightly, quickly become torn and bedraggled – bad enough on the notice board, but worse on telegraph poles and fences. 2. Observation: overgrown gardens of cottages alongside shop combined with parked vehicles leave little space on the pavement for pedestrians. 3. Houses in Mannings Lane with gardens backing on to Main Street result in overhanging branches, nettles, etc. Any pedestrian standing close to the wall to avoid oncoming traffic can be lost to the drivers, stung by nettles, or ankle twisted because of unpaved roadside is hidden by leaf and rubbish debris and poked in the eye by twigs. The mobile cleaner cannot do its job because of these obstructions.

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F78	This is a wonderful place to live, within beautiful countryside yet good access to Oxford and London and Train services. The mix of people is terrific with a community spirit we have never found elsewhere. There is not too much to change.
F80	School buses to school are coming down Main Street – often speeding and do not give way – In fact have witnessed some close misses.
F87	Sibford School buses not to come through the middle of the village. IF BUSES HAVE TO COME THROUGH BE TIMETABLED NOT TO MEET!
F89	Q69- this would not include a large building project and access roads etc. Q46- The play area in Sibford Ferris is not just for pre—school, it is suitable probably up to age 7/8.
F91	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We would welcome a greater sense of community – especially for young people. 2. Nature development and awareness – talks, walks etc. 3. Re-open Bishop Blaize – family friendly coffee and meeting place. 4. Historical perspective. 5. Picnic spots.
F72	Too lengthy; Badly worded, Bias questions; Limited answers.
F94	This is lengthy and I hope this does not result in a very limited response as we believe this exercise is potentially very beneficial.
F117	Saplings growing by road
F118	It would be great to have a proper village green. We think the community (especially the Ferris side) lacks a meeting place. Could something be done on the ground surrounding Sibford Gower Village Hall?

SIBFORD GOWER & BURDROP RESPONSES

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G1	Please keep Sibfords / Burdrop area as they are now. Thank you We moved to Sibford for its beauty and quietness. There have been quite a few changes and there is no need to spoil something beautiful. Please keep our village / Burdrop free from development and big alterations.
G4	I feel very strongly about the road parking in both villages.
G5	I have filled this in but was not at all happy about it. I think it is important to remember that England is made up of villages. This is what gives it its specialness - its Englishness. If we expand these – England as we know it, and love it, will disappear. This 'bureaucracy survey' left me with a nasty feeling. Change for change sake, because it has been decreed by a government that has little interest in the beauty of this land – no aesthetic taste, no desire to leave what is good alone. It is a subtle trap, which allows the 'people' to agree to covering the land with houses <u>we do not need</u> . I could go on.
G6	I know there will always be change BUT the Sibfords are well known and are well loved for what they are and where they are. They need no advertising – nor embroidery – they just want protecting gently but firmly.
G17	More salt bins for use in Winter.
G24	Don't live here since very long, so can't comment on some questions. It is a lovely village!

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G31	The Sibfords have a unique 'feel' about them and it is my opinion that any larger scale development of 'affordable' housing would have an adverse effect - I would prefer development to concentrate on larger towns such as Banbury or Chipping Norton that have the necessary land, infrastructure and facilities already in place to accommodate the extra housing needed. This would be a much better solution environmentally due the housing cost, jobs available, shorter commute and availability of public transport.
G36	I would not like to see any building of new housing in the Sibford area as it will spoil the tranquillity and countryside setting.
G37	Scale of footpath map not good enough for some appropriate marking.
G42	The look of the villages has deteriorated over the years. They look 'tired'. They are not pretty and should not be considered as part of the Cotswolds.
G45	We believe that rather than working against each other, the PCs should combine to provide a louder voice for concerns such as housing.
G46	No explanation of affordable housing. Encourage use of the milkman is not included.
G47	Q18: New housing should only be available / target families with children - need to protect the future of the village and demand for the Primary School.
G52	Do not want the nature and 'feel' of the village to change. Views are fundamental and <u>all</u> must be maintained. Broadband is intolerable.
G55	The Sibfords have been over-developed in recent years. There are already <u>too many houses</u> . The rural feel of the villages is being eroded by too many houses, cars and litter. Developers will destroy the Sibfords if they are allowed in. Please do not be fooled by terms such as 'eco-friendly', 'sustainable', 'community' etc. Do no destroy our village with more houses!
G58	If houses are to be built could they not be different ie 1 or 2 big, 4 smaller detached, 2 terraces of 8 each anchored around a green. That is immediately 21/22 residences and new buyers can aspire to upgrade in the same community.
G60	Any new houses to have off road parking.
G64	It's a lovely village and we should enhance / protect it from through traffic ie - Sibford Friends School- by improving access both sides of the villages and infilling with homes suitable for first time buyers / renters for the young of the village.
G69	With reference to response to Q45: Opportunities should be considered for landscape enhancement works within the villages and to supplement / ensure continuity of tree cover. NB Village Hall field could be enhanced through further tree planting - currently bleak and exposed character. Future housing to north of village field (G4) could create a 'village green' to north of Village Hall. Ensure valley between the Sibfords remains open and undeveloped.
G73	Thank you for the opportunity to express my wishes.
G79	We think this is a magical and very special place just as it is now. We feel privileged to live here in this beautiful environment and warm hearted friendly community. Long may it last!
G 82	Villages such as Sibford need more housing to encourage new people into the village. There should be a mix of development: affordable, bungalows, single / double bedroom houses (not flats) and larger houses.
G92	I hope that not too many trees died for this questionnaire. I am really looking forward to seeing the results of the NIMBY type questions eg Q16 and how people park off road or are non- car owners answer Qs 25, 26 and 27.
G98	Maintenance of the roads during the snow this year and last year very bad.
G99	Person B drives to work but not from here as it is a second home.

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G100	I have included 2 extra sheets. The values I have now are the values we wanted and felt fortunate to find, to be able to enjoy and bring up our family.
G105	We need more council houses for our children and families to move back to the village.
G118	Very poor road signage and road safety markings on Main Street at the Village School to stop speeding after clubs are finishing. Should not be 60MPH on road in valley between Burdrop and Sibford Ferris as we walk this road between the villages.
G122	Q17 Unclear
G124	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I feel very strongly that we need affordable housing - we have enough high cost houses and more than enough holiday homes. It is important for local people to be able to live here. 2. The bus service is vital but we could do with a later service for Banbury. We should resist ANY efforts to reduce it. Many older and younger people use it regularly and for us old ones who can no longer drive it makes it possible for us to remain here.
G126	I found the location questions relating to additional housing provision difficult to answer. To be frank, I would only feel able to comment meaningfully on which locations I would prefer to see 'developed' if I had more information on scale, design and density issues relating to a proposed development. I realize that at this stage this is impossible to provide but thought I would make this point in any event.
G127	Hopefully the bus route will be gritted this winter, if not we should encourage a member of the County Council to take up residence in the Gower; failing this we would consider moving to the Ferris to avoid being 'snowed in'.
G132	We'd like to see the Sibfords more environmentally driven, taking a lead in the area for this. If new houses are to be built then they should be with minimum impact on the local environment and as environmentally friendly as possible. Move towards a community village shop with local seasonal produce.
G136	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COMMENTS ON HOUSING: It is impossible to comment objectively or in isolation from how services provided by the Surgery or School, or road usage will be affected. No one likes to be next to new development unless they are making a lot of money from it. More houses need more infrastructure. 2. SPEEDING: Traffic restriction measures would be a priority if commercial use of the Bishop Blaize were to be made. Also parking and parking restrictions would need consideration so Burdrop residents can park near their homes. 3. BISHOP BLAIZE: This building has class usage which means it can be used as a shop, for an accountancy practice and other uses without planning permission changes. The Question 56 does not reflect the basis of planning usage currently available to the building. 4. INCREASING BUSINESS: This is an incredibly difficult planning issue. As soon as a building is used for commercial use it requires a change of use and business sites are payable(?). I have a barn which could be great for a number of projects but these hurdles present a huge financial risk. 5. LEISURE & TOURISM: Don't know how to respond to these questions as I am not involved in this industry.
G140	Q69 – not enough detail depends on sort of business
G141	The current owners of the Bishop Blaize are blighting Burdrop causing bad feeling with development without planning permission, parking trailers and container in illegal way, ignoring the fact that they live in a <u>pub</u> not a house and we want that pub back.

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G142	We think the community spirit and general friendliness / neighbourliness of the Sibfords is exceptional. Obviously we shall have more houses built of, hopefully, all descriptions to suit all needs. We would urge that planners integrate these into the villages in single plots or small developments of say 3/4 units per site and not create a separate 'out of town' development of 20/30 houses. Thanks for the Survey.
G145	<p>Would like to see a campaign to use shop – should not be allowed to close and should be dialogue with current business owners at all times.</p> <p>Would like second pub – was perfect having two 'types' of pub that could be walked to.</p> <p>Solar Panels - However 'eco' these may be, the grants available may result in many eyesores ruining the rural nature of the area – the latest (very large) solar panel in The Colony should never have been allowed as now the valley is scarred forever.</p> <p>Thank <u>you</u> for your efforts!</p>
G148	<p>We moved to Sibford Gower 4 years ago due to the quietness and tranquillity it offers.</p> <p>We would regret any major change to the village which would impact upon this.</p>
G151	<p>Q21: We would only accept building alongside existing roads where we have marked 'A', this would mean acceptance of only small scale development.</p> <p>We've marked map with locations we'd accept.</p>
G161	It is a perfect size. Big enough to be a vibrant community, not too large to lose the sense of togetherness.