

Long Bennington Questionnaire – Free Text Fields.

Question 37 – there are no boxes in the sheet for ‘No more housing’ and ‘No opinion’ so I will leave the results for those answers here:

- No New Housing – 25
- No Opinion - 6

Question 7.

(Those who answered ‘W.I.’ in Other - I have added to the spreadsheet. There wasn’t an answer box for them to tick for that one).

- Private function
- Register my vote
- VPA (Gardening Club)
- Dance show, vets disco
- W.I., W.E.A., History Society, Twinning association, VPA, antiques fair.
- History society member
- W.I., History Society, Gardening Club –VPA
- Village play, Queens Jubilee celebration, garden club, party, wedding party.
- One visit to W.I.
- Fairs and voting
- W.I., History Group
- Gardening Club once per month
- W.I.
- Anglican Church service during winter months.
- Antiques fair, local theatre performance
- Party hired by a friend, fundraising events by various village groups. Children’s party organised by jubilee committee.
- Church services.

- My son is a member of the village hall committee
- Private party/fundraising event
- Private parties (discos for children); bingo night, Abba nights etc.
- Antiques fair
- Harvest supper, drama play
- Church service in winter time
- History society, gardening clubs, bowls, club bingo
- Long Bennington Bowls Club, Christmas bingo
- Village day
- Plant sale
- W.I., Social events.
- Have applied for dance school – on waiting list. Didn't know about Pilates – would love to join group!
- Twinning Association
- History society
- W.I. Social
- Gardeners club, VPA social night
- Twinning events
- Twinning association AGM + twinning visit functions
- Private hire for children's party and village events
- WEA Course
- VPA, W.I.
- Hired for party
- Party + private functions
- Twinning
- Christmas bingo

- Would like to use many of above now settled in
- History Group
- Hope to visit/partake in near future.
- Gardening club, parish council AGM.
- VPA gardening club.
- Flowers shows, Church Christmas markets etc.
- Twinning.
- History society
- Adult dance class
- W.I.
- VPA
- History society, friends of St James Hall
- Parish Council Meetings
- Church in Jan + Feb
- Harvest Supper
- W.I., private event
- Local history group; village show; drama group productions
- Harvest supper
- Parish council meeting
- VPA, Twinning, Church services, Harvest supper
- Local societies, WEA classes
- History society, VPA, secretary friends of St James Hall
- History society
- Children's parties
- Birthday party/history group/VPA, church service.

- Village Hall committee, village produce Associations, History Society
- Village VPA, W.I., Bowls, Bingo.
- Gardening Club (VPA)
- Coffee morning
- Private party, quiz night
- VPA, history society, friends of Village Hall
- History Group, VPA.
- Private event
- VPA activities, parties
- Antiques and collectors fair
- Private function
- W.I. and garden club
- Disco, party
- Antiques fair, voting
- Church service.
- Local history group, VPA, Antiques Fair, Parish Council Meeting, W.I., Village Hall committee,
- Polling station, social functions, W.I.
- Antique fairs/craft fairs and garden show.

Question 21.

- Blossom hairdressers on Wheatsheaf lane
- Chemist/facility to buy flowers
- Bennington Gear Change
- Fitness classes and pavilion
- We are keen supporters of the village shops as this was one of the reasons we moved to the village!
- Garage
- Blossom Hairdressers
- Post office shop
- Doctors
- Bowls Club
- Any introduction of a large store in village will destroy most shops.
- Blossom hairdressers
- Hairdressers (male)
- Methodist chapel
- Hairdressers
- Very useful garage
- Local tradesmen, animal feed supplier
- Blossom hairdressers
- Garage
- Car serviced in village by Ray
- Blossom Hair Salon
- Doctors Surgery
- Doctors Surgery
- My partner uses the blossom hairdressers.

- Only occasionally except for newspaper shop
- Hairdresser (Blossom)
- Hairdressers
- Ray Twist's Car Repairs
- Hairdresser on Westborough Lane
- Local tradesmen (gardeners, plumber, electrician, painter, window cleaner etc.)
- Hairdressers on Westborough Lane
- Started to use beauty salon but was let down three times with cancelled appointments
- Needed in the village
- Blossom Hairdressing
- Hairdresser on Westborough Lane

Question 23.

- It is a very wide road for children to cross/particularly for them to appreciate how long it takes to cross with regard to oncoming cars. I consider we have too many Lorries parked, particularly near the playing field leading to concern over children's safety.
- Concerned with increase in volume of HGV's at all times of the day. Including the unofficial overnight truck stop which has developed to the North side of the village.
- Too many cars in village.
- As a mother of 3 children my main concern is safety crossing the roads. We would welcome a designated crossing outside the school and at points where secondary school children get off the buses (at school, Village hall).
- The footpath outside of the Whittaker's needs to be clearly defined as vehicles tend to treat it as an extension to the road.
- We need countdown makers for North and South A1 exits (2). Potholes in village mean noisy empty trucks.
- Concern about number of Lorries parking overnight opposite playing fields and lack of toilet facilities for drivers.
- Need for A1 South Bound exit at north end of village.
- Traffic through the village at 5-5:15pm. Parking on junction at Lilley St and Main Road is very dangerous as unable to see oncoming traffic when coming out of Lilley St. on to main road.
- Pot holes accessing A1 North bound are a concern. Pavements/footpaths are dreadful along Main road – potholes abundant. In wet weather it is safer to walk on the main road. Lighting for footpaths very bad.
- Number of parents/relatives parked at peak times outside the school in dangerous positions.
- Solution 2 sets of traffic lights – one near village hall, one near school.
- Dangerously fast at night. Vehicle parking from Reindeer Pub to Post Office. Bad Visibility particularly of large van next to Lilley St.
- State of pavement from memorial garden to past Reindeer Inn. Dangerous for scooters.
- At school time traffic parked around the school causes hazards.

- Lots of trees when pulling out onto A1 Southbound – poor visibility.
- Whilst the speed + volume doesn't worry me I can imagine that the elderly could find crossing the Main Street very difficult.
- Parked cars on Main Road can make it very dangerous when approaching from Lilly Street. Obscuring vision considerably especially if from both sides.
- Too many fast vehicles kids can't safely bike on road to school. Hate 5pm traffic coming through – too fast/ don't care about the village. Dangerous at park. Also bowls club park on path, kids in road.
- Getting out of Lilley St or around school times is awful – cars are parked everywhere and really close to the junction – an accident waiting to happen!
- Parking by the school is terrible and is not safe for the children – considering how close the police office is can they not assist. Speed of traffic by the playing fields.
- School area is very dangerous during drop off and pick up times. Shop area (Post Office/Chip Shop) early, midday, evening – insufficient parking.
- Parking on main Road near village hall/Newsagents makes access to the main road dangerous – vision is obscured by vehicles.
- Accessing A1 South end + North of village
- A Crossing at the school welcome, especially near Wheatsheaf public house for access. Clinic reachable safely by mobility scooter users etc.
- We cannot understand (living in the North end of Main Road) why so much large + heavy traffic needs to travel on the old A1 bearing in mind that there is an excellent bypass.
- Speed + volume of traffic between 4-5pm is very concerning, secondary school children trying to cross road with difficulty.
- Volume of HGV vehicles parked near tennis courts (going off Southbound)
- Signs are too far into the village from South bound entrance. Have complained twice to Tomlinson lorries for speeding
- Very concerned by no. of Lorries parked up, especially near playing fields.
- Concerned with large Lorries taking up both sides of road – turning onto Valley Lane at Sienna's.

- Access to A1 Northbound – find problem on Valley Lane from Main St especially, when large vehicles are parked outside paper shop.
- Very concerned about the cars parking on footpaths all over the village. With young children have to walk in the traffic flow.
- Parking around the school is a big concern. More should be done to discourage this dangerous parking by parents who could walk.
- Lorries parking in village alongside children’s play areas. They should park more appropriately.
- Parking mainly Lorries near/at playing fields. Children/parents crossing between vehicles. Also around Costa Corner.
- The number of HGV’s that park up on the roadside at the North end of the village on the southbound slip road during the day and more disturbingly the night and do not use the parking areas provided on the A1, they transit the village at all hours. Crossing at the early hours of the day – creating a significant noise & safety hazard.
- Church St from Main St to Church Lane speed should be 25mph. Cars speeding at 50mph regularly since more property has been built around the church area.
- Providing a safe place for school children to cross before and after school is really needed. I do not want my child to go to school by himself because the crossing is very unpredictable and cars park inappropriately.
- Slip road onto A1 Northbound at Roselands to stop HGV’s coming through village.
- Excessive speed of traffic on Costa Row and Valley Lane junction. Dangerous crossing Valley Lane from Doctors.
- Some of this traffic is due to shortcut to Bottesford etc.
- Parking on Lilley St + main road very dangerous as view blocked when pulling out.
- Problem with standing water.
- Overnight lorry parking at North end of village.
- Lorry parking at playing fields makes it hazardous during junior football training High speed also makes this worse.
- Safety of Sienna’s corner – for vehicles to Valley Lane/crossing over road also.
- Not happy with where Lorries park – our friend was hit by a speeding vehicle when pulling out from between parked vehicles.

- Difficult to turn right onto main road Sienna's news at 5pm due to a constant stream of traffic from the industrial estate. Difficult to cross road with pushchair at doctors. Dangerous near Sienna's due to large amount of parked cars making pulling out difficult.
- Volume of Lorries down main road, early morning above speed limit and during day.
- Crossing at school e.g. Zebra Crossing/Lollypop person.
- Potholes outside village. Lack of drainage.
- Parking on both sides of the road outside school is dangerous. Too many Lorries driving at speed.
- Crossroads at newsagent is dangerous. Large trucks using Long Bennington as convenient break from the A1 or long periods (sleep).
- The Parish Council could not manage traffic growth.
- School drop off/collection times a nightmare.
- To get rid of most heavy traffic – slip road off South Bound to new round about and slip road on to North Bond at South end of village. Stop Lorries parking at North end of village and restore footpaths.
- Speeding at South of Village.
- Few lane roads all muddy after farmers harvested their crops, never cleaned, and never removed from few lanes.
- Number of Lorries parking near playing fields must be addressed. Parking outside post office can be excessive at times.
- Concerned about parking on A1 slip road from the North outside the industrial estate during the day. HGV's at night. Further slip roads to A1 needed both North and South to stop HGV's using main road – particularly from Roseland onto A1 North and access to Roseland from the North.
- Night time restriction should be applied to all vehicles over Foston between the hours of 11pm – 6am. Restriction of all heavy goods vehicles parking on slip road entering village. As they start driving through from 3am.
- Some concern about inconsiderate parking of school traffic.
- Possible yellow lines near school or stagger school finishing times.

- Cars parked on corners of junctions obstruct views for emerging drivers. Very bad at school opening and closing on side of streets. 20mph would be better.
- Speed limit signs, 'Slow down' signs, in Northbound, Southbound, centre plus near Sienna's news. Cars approaching junction do go very fast. Sign indicating entry to Dr's surgery because of traffic speed.
- Parking outside school is a joke. People double park/corner of Church St. We would like to see no parking on the main rd to the front of newsagents. Pavements outside senior citizens bungalows a disgrace.
- Lorries parking on either side of the road (Vicarage Lane) - frequently have to pull out into Main Road to see if anything is coming.
- Volume & speed of traffic has significantly increased since the business park opened.
- Parking on grass verges.
- Too many large Lorries parking near playing fields at night.
- Other villages have been successful in enforcing "no lorries parking in village" overnight. We should too. It's an absolute menace, especially as they now park even outside the memorial garden, blocking the view from the junction.
- Drivers who park their vehicles across the pavements i.e. outside Potts, coffee shop etc. blocking right of ways.
- Cars around the school is a nightmare – people open cars onto road to let children out – no concern for others & unsafe.
- Yellow lines outside entrance to Hardwick gardens as people park across it when using Post Office and chip shop.
- Because of the lack of on/off in both directions, at both ends of the village, there are Lorries travelling through the village at all hours of the day and night. Quarter past midnight is regular, even on Saturday night, Sunday morning. Because of the heavy weights, the tram lines seen on the A1 continue through the village. Due to the uneven road surface, caused by services being put in across the road, the Lorries especially when they are empty, sound like rolling thunder. We have lived on the main road 38 years, we used to love it here but the village has been ruined by this rat run.
- Cars parked on pavements
- Generally main road is wide enough to easily accommodate parking on one side unless it is a junction.

- Parking on verges/pavements/blocking pavements. Cycling on pavements.
- Parking around the school + leaving litter.
- Roseland park northbound traffic.
- School parking on Main St. More speed signs.
- Overnight HGV parking.
- The exit signs on the A1 are not clear on both sides, there should be signs – some of the green on the main road should be converted into parking bays.
- Lorries frequently park on the Main Road overnight and drive far too fast through the village. A lorry even knocked a visitor's wing mirror off, driving too fast, too close to the kerb.
- Exiting Pastures, vehicles go unsighted because of hedges to the right. Vehicles are exceeding 30mph speed limit.
- Parking at school drop off times is often a disgrace.
- Very concerned by large Lorries taking up both sides of the road when turning on to Valley Lane at Sienna's.
- Additional access to A1 is required (Northbound at South end of village and southbound at north end) to reduce Main road through traffic.
- Double parking – both sides off narrow road especially when school finishes each day.
- A1 Northbound – through traffic speeding through the village in access to A1 – along Costa Row. A1 Southbound – slip road too short.

Question 25.

- Measures to deter truckers from using Long Bennington as a break/sleep stop.
- More speed checks by police.
- South of village – speed sign is too far into village. Cars speed passed the pastures – pulling out can be park because of speed.
- Road narrowing very important to control speed. The gateway scheme is unsightly and only controls speed at that point.
- Active speed signs helpful but the speed of cars entering the village, particularly from the North, still seems a concern.
- Something on Costa Row Bottesford end.
- Traffic lights or roundabout at Sienna's news would be a master benefit with all the traffic at industrial estate. Driving out of any lane at 5pm is a nightmare.
- Westborough Lane is poorly lit at night. The street lights need improving.
- A school crossing & one/two refuges.
- We would also like to see an end to lorry parking for free at the entrance to the village.
- Speed signs have little effect with 50% lighting up the one near school. In formal survey 3/11/13 at 15:00hours, 20 vehicles observed. Includes on 40 tonne truck lighting up sign.
- Slow buses down to 20mph down Church St/Lane.
- Southend traffic terrible for speed.
- Costa Row needs speed signs.
- Need a deterrent for speeding vehicles i.e. fines for excess speed.
- Other villages have restrictions to their village from Main road. Is there any justifiable reason we cannot severely limit heavy vehicle excess?
- Prohibit heavy goods vehicles in the village.
- Sign should be placed before houses bungalows rather than nearer police station especially when exiting the pastures – speeding vehicles visibility concerns.
- Zebra crossing outside school.

- Enforcement of current 30mph limit on Main Road.
- HGV ban throughout village.
- Traffic speed at the 'Southern Gateway' to the village is of great concern and is a serious accident just waiting to happen. The problem seems to be ignored by the authorities who appear obsessed with the Northern Gateway which is in fact is inherently safer than this end of the village since the road is straight and wide with uninterrupted vision. Typical speeds of vehicles entering the village from the southern direction are circa 50mph passing the 30mph restriction sign. This is most significant at the rush hour for workers and at school start and finish times for 20 minutes before. For traffic leaving from 'The Pastures' development joining Main Road it is always a very dangerous exercise. This is due to naturally restricted vision hiding traffic arriving from the south, both for Pastures exiting traffic and incoming traffic on Main road, which is greatly exacerbated by the high speed of the latter. The traffic calming speed restriction sign (usually ignored wherever used) is totally ineffective, being located too far from the southern entrance. The only solution that will resolve this is the steep angle chicane type of road restriction severely slowing down traffic in both directions as widely deployed in many areas of England in similar village environments. It needs to be located immediately after the 30mph restriction sign well before 'The pastures' entrance.
- Islands for crossing near shops and school.
- Timed speed cameras from top elm close to A1 North.
- Would rather focus on reducing volume of traffic through village.
- 30 mile speed limit along Costa Row to extend to Albridge
- Improved lighting down Westborough lane – dark in winter for children walking home. Also, measures to reduce speed down Westborough lane as traffic is often very, very fast.
- A speed camera at the North end of the village. The active signs are ignored by most motorists.
- South bound entrance into the village would benefit by road reflectors – at ground level – to make the division better from the A1.
- Main road, the speed light monitor coming from A1 South is situated too far into village. Needs to be South of the pastures – or another one added there.
- Speed cameras at both ends by village Hall.

- Average speed cameras.
- Parking outside the school, especially at home time, is horrendous. On both Main Road and Church St.
- Lorry parking restrictions. It bothers me that so many unknown vehicles park so close to the children's park and playing field. Over the years there have been child murders in similar circumstances. Positioning not appropriate.
- Cars being parked illegally near the school on Main Road and parking too near the junction with Church St and Main road.
- Please slow the traffic – it is dangerous. School crossing needed.
- Police enforcement of a legal speed limit requirement that is already there.
- Please, please, please no speed bumps. They can damage vehicles tyres and suspension.
- I am not convinced any of the calming measures in place are effective. These need careful review. Volume of heavy/speeding traffic is increasing and very hazardous.
- Speed cameras on Northern and Southern entrances.
- Speed cameras.
- Control traffic by school, parents' waylay traffic in groups (jay walk) & park on pavements. Police will not enforce either.
- Zebra crossing/traffic calming in centre of village.
- In some German villages, a reverse D is used to slow incoming traffic.
- Early morning traffic – Lorries etc. 40+mph at 6:15am.
- Irregular speed checks by police & fines/points imposed.
- I've observed 2 Gateway North and South? There are enough bumps and hills in the road without making more bumps.
- I do not wish our village Main road to end up like Great Goreby did which resembled "Toy Town" when they put all the traffic ruling measures in place.
- I am an employee of Torenice and am aware of the issues with traffic + speed which come from inconsiderate employees. More police action at key times.
- Valley Road/Main Road junction changed.

- Slip road from Sewston Lane to North Bound A1.
- Slowing of traffic along Costa Row.
- A path continuing from the end of Costa Row path to the access to Manor Drive.
- Gateway traffic calming to village entrance along Costa Row. Extend village boundary to other side of A1 bridge coming from Normanton, move 30mph signs.
- Speed cameras at Northern & Southern gateways/Costa Row.
- More use of portable speed cameras by police.
- No speed bumps – they're a nightmare!
- Lines printed on Lilley St & Main Road to deter illegal parking causing huge safety risks.
- Zebra/Pelican crossings.
- Enforce ban on heavy goods, enforce speed limit on local farm vehicles. Move 30mph limit signs.
- Need to stop parking from Church St. to Main Road at school times. Bus cannot get through. Stop parking outside newsagents as traffic cannot be seen when coming from doctors.
- Especially near school, very congested at pick up times from school. Traffic potentially dangerous especially parking at entrance to Church Street. Speeding at school crossing.
- Who was responsible for traffic island travelling South through village near factory units. No longer there – complete waste of money.
- Better positioning of speed signs.
- Speed bumps are not good for anyone with painful conditions & create extra noise & vibrations to nearby properties.
- Something to slow traffic to 30mph.
- Ban overnight HGV's near playing fields/industrial estate
- More near to the school
- Speed cameras

- At the bottom end (South) should be additional entrances & exits from the A1, i.e. a Northbound towards Newark & an exit from the A1 southbound. This will reduce Lorries driving through.
- Reminder midway through village.
- Gateway scheme on Costa Row. A police speed trap at peak times.

Question 27.

- The road is marked up this is NOT SAFE! – I know, opinion of an ex HSE inspector.
- Near post office/fish and chip shop.
- Key crossing routes as shown, school, village hall + winters lane
- Sight lines are normally good, but turn off point is vulnerable especially for elderly people.
- Post office.
- Across valley lane at Sienna's.
- "pott"/fish and chip shop always busy with parked cars – then reversing/moving back into main road – not sure how problem resolve but seems a "danger hotspot".
- Doctors for elderly.
- Outside fish and chip shop.
- In between village hall and sienna's news a pedestrian crossing.
- Near the Wheatsheaf public house for access to the north side of valley lane avoiding the junction.
- The dangerous crossing from costa row to valley lane used a lot by people going to the medical centre. The footpath ends and there is just grass and a big step to cross the road.
- To be discussed
- Near post office
- Valley Lane at Sienna's
- Valley Lane at Sienna's
- Valley Lane for Doctors
- At Costa Corner would be safer when villagers walking to doctors surgery or playing fields.
- Zebra crossing outside post office.
- Just put a 25mph sign through the village and speed camera.

- I feel these options are too intrusive & urban.
- Between butchers and post office.
- At least one crossing would be good for children, maybe more at strategic school bus stops.
- Near chip shop and post office.
- Zebra crossing between Acklands Lane and Elm Close
- Near Potts stores/Sharricks
- Concerned regarding all the parking outside school at drop off and pickups.
- School bus stop locations.
- Not needed, road too long and people cross where they want to. Slower traffic needed.
- Would need additional pavements here to permit crossing safely.
- Consideration needs to be given to provide safe pedestrian access to the doctor's surgery.
- Valley Lane/Costa Row junction.
- Outside post office
- Best places possible to get to doctors as village people are older and more wheelchairs are being used.
- Near to post office/chip shop.
- Near Wheatsheaf no pedestrians and scoots can cross for surgery safely please.
- Should be central Islands throughout the village.
- There should be more control on vehicles outside the school on Main Road and side streets both in parking and driving.
- On surgery side of road – have difficulty crossing road on my mobile scooter i.e.: traffic from A1 and business park.

Question 32.

- Near to Elm Close and Acklands Lane.
- Westborough Lane, near entrance to Riverview.
- Grantham end of village – very end.
- Riverview for school bus.
- Post Office
- Doesn't matter. North/Middle/South should be enough. Just need signs and a shelter or two.
- Bus shelter sited in the village.
- Their absence retains character.
- This caters for major spur road (Church St).
- Keep as now. Hail the bus.
- Make bus stops more visible.
- There are nil signed bus stops that we are aware of.
- The bus service is a hail and ride service. If you put bus stops in it would stop only at them and nowhere else. This would be more difficult for the elderly.
- Between school and vicarage lane.
- Bus stops are not required.
- Actual bus stops/not just places where bus usually stops.
- The bus will stop on demand throughout the village.
- Bus stop at Reindeer pub as very convenient for us.
- Near Elm Close
- Bus stop outside Sienna's is too dangerous.
- None.
- Bus stop junction Church St /Lilley St.
- Don't know where bus stops are apart from one outside Riverview.

- Bus stop but no shelters!

Question 35.

- Regularly walk in the dark and have no difficulties. Brighter lighting is not necessary in a village, one can carry a torch if you feel the need.
- We have to provide our own.
- Lighting and the state of the pavements along main road is positively dangerous in the dark. After the rain the pavements consist of puddle after puddle.
- Several dark spots on Main St between Royal Oak and Reindeer is not completely lit.
- Main road plus one extra light in blind spot in Westborough Lane.
- Consider LED – more illuminating and less power.
- This is a village, not a football stadium. Do we really need it to be flood lit? Lighting on the Muga playing fields would be good.
- Sparrow Lane
- Wheatsheaf Lane – dreadful. No good lighting and poor footpaths.
- Dreadful down the pedestrian passageways in the Pastures – very intimidating
- Westborough Lane can be quite dark.
- All ok for a village environment.
- Lilley St – poor.
- From the far end of the Pastures on the walk way through to main road the high conifers need cutting back as they obliterate the lighting there.
- Lilley Street.
- Poor further up towards Pavillion.
- The meadows.
- Wheatsheaf lane – very poor.
- Drury Park – too bright.
- This is a village; it should not be lit up like a town centre.
- Elm Close – satisfactory.

- Westborough Lane near to junction with Main Street is very poorly lit. Needs improvement.
- No street lighting on Main Road end of Wheatsheaf Lane.
- One light out on Lilley Street – is always quite dark.
- White lighting is much better and brighter than our current orange lighting.
- All back streets are very poor.
- I walk in middle of road as lighting + pavements poor.
- Village lane – poor.
- Westborough Lane/back lane – poor.
- Dangerous from Reindeer to Acklands – path very dangerous
- Particularly poor between The Royal Oak & top half of Westborough Lane – help if all lights worked.
- Wheatsheaf Lane
- Wheatsheaf Corner
- Don't know not visited any of the others
- Sparrow Lane has one light – dreadful.
- Pavement lighting is poor along main road.
- Light pollution is a real concern any additional lighting should take this on board.
- Need more lighting around school & memorial ground. Very dark when walking at night.
- Lilley Street (poor)
- Winters Lane – dreadful, very dark.
- Unable to comment on other roads.

Question 40.

- Long Bennington is a village not a town.
- No jobs in village, limited public transport.
- No work
- No work
- Let's try to retain what little character remains in the village
- It would no longer be a village
- Long Bennington has already lost its character, but would like a halt to this change.
- Too much back lane development with the loss of all green areas within village.
- All subject to being addressed.
- We are gradually losing the green fields in the village side of the river Witham which is a great loss to future generations' access to nature and the character of the village. As great as playing fields etc. are it isn't the same through fields looking for the wildlife that lives in these areas.
- The village reached its full capacity, more will lose its character
- Not against but concerned about
- Infilling undesirable with the loss of gardens and gives untidy and unplanned look to the village/disastrous to wildlife.
- Sad to extend housing and lose the 'village' feel. I don't want Long Bennington to become an Urban Sprawl. It is important to recognise villagers and not to lose them through greed of developers.
- Already losing village status and soon will be a small town with no centre.
- Long Bennington is a nice village, would like to keep it that way.
- Drains/Sewers.
- More people will mean issues. Me and others have had to call Anglican water
- Overcrowding – garden fill unseemly + sad for village – we are suffering & our outlook has changed from what we bought 7 years ago.
- Village life will turn into town and life.

- Serious concerns on increased traffic from people working in village.
- I now regard Long Bennington as a very large building site
- Loss of countryside
- Crime and litter
- It's a village!
- Too many three story houses in the village – require more bungalows
- Not against but the builders should have to contribute something to enhance the quality of life to the village residents – for example more playground equipment - tree and bulb planting – public seating. Green area/landscaping.
- There is an abundance of Brownfield sites in Grantham and Newark crying out for development that would enhance those areas. The increased traffic would put more traffic on village roads.
- Already losing it?!
- The existing drainage in some areas of the village cannot cope with heavy rain and without adding further pressure on it, it will be the older pavements which suffer with flooding and not the new development. The whole of the current village drainage system should in our opinion be renewed before further housing development is permitted.
- We have one child and can't get our child into the village school! Additional houses on a large scale would put extra pressure on this already limited facility!
- Pressure on doctors, village already expanded enough.
- Some new housing is ok.
- Expansion of villages is not on good regional principle.
- Sewage services
- There is a major imbalance of types of ownership i.e. "affordable" housing.
- Too much non-village traffic comes through village already
- At what point will Long Bennington lose its village status?
- No job opportunities in village, limited public transport.

- Concerns even though I am not against further development. Sewage concerns. All utilities.
- Not against housing development. Just no oversized houses please.
- If both councils refuse planning, secretary comes along passes it.
- The village is becoming a “commuter and selected school” village.
- It has had its fair share already.
- Long Bennington already lost its original character. Major drain work is needed – especially Winters Lane – since the flats have been built it has been horrendous – sewage also needs major development.
- Long Bennington has lost some character with infill not with likes of Riverview.
- Infrastructure + drainage/sewage concerns are the main
- Long Bennington is a village not a town.

Question 41.

- A safe bridge over the River Witham to allow circular links.
- Circular walk around village.
- No point in more footpaths they only turn into Car parking areas although Church Lane should have a footpath as well as Costa Row to A1. It is a great pity we are not able to have a cricket pitch in its centre.
- Cycle paths.
- I think things are fine as they are!
- Village needs allotments.
- Ok as it is.
- Flower bed with seats near
- Teenager play equipment/area
- Footpath that can be negotiated with a pushchair around Witham.
- At southern end of village.
- Some planting of roundabout.
- Circular village walk at opposite end of Village to existing one.
- Ability to walk along river from bridge opposite Woods Close to Westborough Lane.
- Equipment a marvellous idea – particularly if it includes equipment for less mobile.
- To walk safely out of village across A1 from village towards Bottesford.
- Adequate green spaces in future development.
- Don't play cricket – but it does bring revenue to business.
- Minor areas in south for both adults and children.
- I think it is fine as it is
- Circular footpath around village access to back from Westborough lane.
- We would like to see the footpaths and bridleways made possible.
- A central green area (park), perhaps where the old Bennington Gearchange garage is, or make more use of village hall area.

- Village Green.
- Riverside Walks better upkeep.
- Look after footpaths i.e., Wheatsheaf lane to Kirkton lane. Wheatsheaf – Westborough back lane.
- Create green spaces by reducing Main road width. By narrowing the main road you can achieve speed reduction and improve the appearance by creating more green space!
- A path along the farther side of the river with access by bridge at both ends.
- Cycle route or cycle lanes marked long Main Street.
- Costa Row extend footpath from last bungalow to A1 bridge of round bends on Vicarage lane.
- I'd like to see all the existing public footpaths improved we cannot use them because of the mud in winter or nettles in summer.
- Dog walking routes.

Question 44.

- Very difficult to get dog owners to clean up! Dogs off lead are also a problem. Try on the spot fines.
- Some areas are littered with dog mess but this is presumable due to the dog owners' inability to clear up.
- Pavements too narrow. Surfaces poor.
- Dog owners being more considerable – difficult to police!
- More effort
- Most pavements are good. New ones needed on Costa Row to bridge and on right from the Pastures to valley lane. Also need one on Main Road from Westborough lane to field opposite playing fields + measures to stop Lorries parking overnight.
- Dog mess becomes a problem when the nights are longer, dog waste bins needed.
- Ban car parking on green verges – not necessary because of width of main road.
- Not enough dog mess bins. Owners are often the problem – they have responsibility to clean up. Cars to park on the road not the verges.
- Flower beds.
- Pavements deteriorating/breaking up Church Street grass encroaching into pavements causing them to narrow.
- Grass verges cut more often and people who leave dog mess named and shamed and made to pay fine!
- There are no pavements in certain parts of village i.e. church street, church lane, costa row, which makes it hazardous to walk.
- The entrance to and from the village totally tidied up – the long grass cut – more trees planted, those in such tidied. Lower branches cut back, missing trees replanted. Perhaps an avenue of trees either end of village planted orderly. The new 'big' roundabout to the South Access cut back and planted perhaps sponsored by local company. Bulbs planted on verges in and out of the village or tubs of flowers/bulbs.
- Resurfacing pavements with a higher quality material.
- Additional litter and dog waste bins.

- Outside the chip shop cars continuously churn up the grassed area. This should not be allowed, other than the flowers 'The Reindeer Pub' exhibits, the main street is rather bare. If there were planters I would volunteer to fill and maintain them.
- Management of dog mess – disposed and emptying of dog bins.
- More bins for bags.
- Where are the flower beds? More dog mess only bins.
- More dog mess bins.
- More dog waste bins.
- Dog waste bins needed.
- Dog bins should be provided.
- Public footpath not well maintained, footpath from Westborough Lane + Wheatsheaf lane has been overgrown with weeds and nettles throughout the summer.
- Dog mess is a problem with walking children to school. And careless owners
- Please stop Gary Clarkson taking his dog on football field on Sunday football patches.
- Enforcement of people cleaning up after dogs.
- Much tidier verges (grass clippings removed) trees and hedges managed so they don't encroach on footpaths and pavements.
- Pavements not wide enough.
- Dreadful dog mess especially in Church Street. Very hard to avoid especially on pavement.
- Some footpaths very uneven in some areas.
- More litter bins needed.
- Some pavements are downright dangerous – need more dog bins.
- Pavements particularly poor for wheelchair & pushchair users – especially along Church Street where they are narrow.
- The Parish Council appear to do a good job. But please address the speed of traffic through the village/large Lorries that pass through. Very large vehicles parking on seasonal plants outside chip shop/post office area. This could be more attractive.

- Pavements need attention.
- Repairs and installations of pavements in new areas.
- Better upkeep of verges, more flowers beds in village.
- Dog fouling on Riverside terrible. I have made this known on more than one occasion to the District Council
- Catch the fly tippers
- Parking on grass verges near school + shops etc. turns grass into a mud patch and it is unnecessary since the road is very wide.
- Extend hours of bus service.
- No more housing development.
- Tesco express or Sainsbury's local store required.
- Pavements need to be evened out.
- More dog poo bins.
- Dog mess! I have ticked satisfactory however you would expect it to be poor with little facilities for dog waste provided. Therefore plenty of signs for dog waste but no bins!
- Paths on Main poor at South End.
- Not seen where the flower beds are? Nice if there was a display on village entrances.
- Good repairs to all pavements, more litter bins (large and secure). Dog mess bins & warning signs.
- A dog bin sites at the river view entrance to the riverside walk as some irresponsible owner keeps hanging them on a post!
- Broken state of footpath from Elm Close to post office
- No dog bins, especially near Riverview where there are no ordinary bins either.
- Dog bins
- More colourful flowerbeds.
- Pavements (especially main road) need resurfacing.
- Up & down water stands in hallows.

- Westborough Lane path in poor state. Path opposite playing fields poor.
- Infill builders responsible for level safe paths that they destroy! Good surface on pavements.
- Remove “Gear Change” eyesore, especially old tyres.
- More litter picking on valley lane + village access routes.
- Litter picked down valley lane and certainly over the A1 flyover.
- Give the village warden more hours – he makes a big impact on the litter problem.
- I have to clean out ditch outside my house regularly as lorry drivers throw litter down there.
- Dog waste boxes, action against irresponsible dog owners.
- Verges in poor state of repair outside Sienna’s (opposite)
- More dog bins and notices for owners.
- Prohibit parking on pavements by adults. All pavements right into Foston.
- Frequently because of work & building being done.
- Dog bins, bridges and turnstiles etc. for the river walk.
- Pavements very variable in their condition. Verges in village ok, but poor on North and South access roads. Lots of litter from fast food dropped by HGV drivers.
- More dog litter bins – dog owners to be more responsible. Pavement quite shabby.
- Rebuild footpaths on Main road as water stands on both sides after rain.
- Costa Row – Vicarage Lane footpaths need to be extended to prevent pedestrian accidents.
- Northbound leaving village, litter dumped everywhere.
- More litter bins required in the village.
- More frequent cleaning schedule.
- Stop cars parking on green verges within the village especially between Telephone kiosk and Royal Oak.
- More pressure to make dog owners clean up.

- Pavements need to be upgraded. Grass is overgrown into pavements. Educating people to pick up dog mess.
- Get people to clean it up.
- Repairing all footpaths
- More/some flower beds.
- Repair footpaths
- Dog poo bins at ends of village
- More dog litter bins or fines for those who leave dog litter
- Pavements along Main Street are poor (dangerous in parts for children and the elderly. The Pastures and Manor Estate are good).
- Measures to manage dog mess (particularly in Winter months) on path to River down Church Lane (perhaps more signs). Pavements need attention i.e. uneven surfaced +potholes need to be repainted.
- An improvement on where I've ticked.
- The pavements on Westborough Lane are very narrow and in bad condition in places. Vehicles often park blocking the pavement which means if the children are on bikes they have to go on the road. We have also experienced this when using the push chair when the children were younger.
- More dropped kerbs and pavements resurfaced. I'm a mobility scooter owner. I can't get to the far of the village (doctors) without going out into the road.
- Potholes and blocked drains should be attended to.
- Pavements would benefit from re-surfacing. They are currently poor and are in need of remedial work before they become dangerous.
- More thought and care from the inhabitants in caring for their village. Some areas and pavements very difficult to push pram/push chair over.
- Tidiness of verges south of tennis courts is dreadful because of HGV's parking – should not be allowed to park in the village.
- Verges are not mown satisfactorily. Always lots of cutting left. Not a good job done. Very few flowerbeds.

- General control of litter is good, but I feel the exception is the hedge/footpath between the North End industrial estate and playing field.
- Better maintained pavements
- Litter on A1 North slip road is profuse and unsightly.
- Poor footpaths, more fines for dog mess.
- Where houses have been built pavements have not been sorted on Main road – cars parking on pavements do not help.
- Whatever the parish council agree to do, it must be done sympathetically and not at a price.
- Wasn't aware there were flower beds, quite a lot of dog mess on Church Street.
- More dog bins
- Pavements, particularly on the West are broken and uneven. They flood and fill with mud – level and relay. Verges are used for parking. Litter put in parking bay at present.
- Resurface pavement between Church Street and Bennington Close
- Improve them
- Prevention of cars etc. parking on edge of road and the grass so turning it to mud, especially on the slip road in village from A1 North. Opposite Sienna's on Main Road and both sides near school.
- Dog owners to be more in control of their animals.
- More litter bins, some bins for dog mess.
- Some pavements are covered in vegetation.
- Owners picking up dog mess. The path to the river from Church St is awful. The pavements down Church Street are very bad.
- Footpaths on Main Street are not good.
- Several significant pot holes on road and approach to the A1.
- Entrance to the village roundabout could be planted and sponsored.
- Some footpaths not negotiable in dark – accommodation works in Westborough Lane properties leave something to be desired. Early dog walkers do not clear up.

- Use of resources to improve the issue.
- The verges at the entrances of the village need sweeping.
- Dog mess is a problem regarding younger people, who do not gather sufficiently and discard chip papers/cones near bins.
- Composite maintenance/renewing of pavements.
- Main Street footpaths let village down. Water/dirt on road at both ends dreadful. Poor drainage system.
- Improve walkway from manor driver to main shops (footpath).
- The paths are dreadful, especially where builders have broken the surface and have not made good again. Also verges which have been very badly eroded in sparrow lane.
- Footpaths are dangerous and uneven.
- Removal of grass verge and raising of kerbs on main road, from Vicarage Lane down towards the school. Sparrow Lane footpath is urgently in need of repair. Management of dog mess is non-existent along field paths where dogs are let off the leads.
- I myself clean litter and dog mess down Costa Row.
- Pavements are difficult to manage with wheelchair, particularly on Main Road. Perhaps a dog mess bin on Church Street.
- Responsibility of dog owners to take care of dog mess. Around the school area especially kids are always getting it on their feet. Someone clean it up.
- Pavements cracked – edges not tidied, weeds galore and bushes from houses overhung. Down from Church St. down to the river. The bin outside the school (bear) is very often overflowing with litter – for days on end.
- Pavements (Church Street) kept up to a standard.
- Paths to the shops from the chapel on the RHS very uneven for the elderly.
- Provision of plenty of dog waste bins.
- Verges across meadows overgrown and footpath between meadows close and Lilley Street. Overgrown during spring/summer – difficult to use footpath with kids and dog.