

	Issue	Comments
1	Improve footfall by getting much <b>better signage</b> at the approaches to Wincanton to tell passing motorists that this is a great place to visit. We are a Historic Town with great shops and free parking.	Eastern Gateway to Somerset! Make more of Discworld twinning - for Pratchett readers/fans (and there are lots of them), it's a big thing.
2	Strategic plan to <b>seek out new shops/ businesses</b> to attract footfall in the High Street. Businesses that will complement and further improve the quality and ambience of the High Street.	some well-known stores alongside niche shops: M&Co, Costa, Waitrose, Sainsbury's Express. we haven't got any great shops. More upmarket shops & restaurants needed. Menswear. Coffee shop. Fruit & Veg shop. Everyday clothing items. Sensibly priced clothing. Shoe shop. Need more fresh food. more variety ie £1 shop, cheaper hairdressers, other charity shops. Encourage new types of business, not more of the same. Ask Bill Hopkins to lead on new town centre dev. Competition for Coop. our shops are specialist - more mainstream shops needed to attract more people. More upmarket shops a la Cary. Must realise younger generation use internet for shopping - will have major impact on what works in town centres. Approach Edinburgh Woollen Mill, Lakeland Plastics etc. General quality improved. Lack of interesting shops to browse around. Boots v limited. Mobile phone shop. Loyalty Card for town shops. Bakers, greengrocers - fruit n veg a big gap that forces you to shop elsewhere. craft shops like Cary or Shaftesbury to wander around - pleasant. Quirky, interesting shops needed. Develop Pratchett link to bring more footfall.
3	There is a <b>lack of medium-sized shop units</b>	Use Alldays site.
4	Create a <b>High Street Business Hub</b> that could be converted to multiple small units offering retail and office space on short term rentals. This would allow low cost space to potential new businesses to test concept.	Green Dragon had the right idea (?). Easy In/Easy Out hub needed. Love the idea of a small business hub, affordable rents to new businesses. Good idea x3. Much needed.
5	Further to above, are there <b>any changes of use</b> we could allow to support a thriving High Street?	Change shop use to residential. Interesting places to eat.
6	A <b>weekly market</b> would help to create a more thriving town centre	Let's have a real market. Not on Sundays. Grant use of space in Carrington Way for a weekly market. Weekday market x3. Saturday market. Sell fish, fruit n veg. bread etc. Viable for stallholders?
7	Improving <b>pedestrian experience</b> of the High Street	Pavements dangerously narrow (eg Natwest). Wider pavements = more jams. Build-outs would be good for pedestrians.
8	Define <b>new employment sites</b> to develop the town's <b>industrial</b> infrastructure. This would lead to new job creation and bring balance to the town's development.	Business parks increased for office/retail/industrial. More local jobs = more local spend = thriving town. Demolish Cow & Gate site for new business units. Use superb spaces in Cow & gate for biz units and events. Use Cow & Gate for new retail park & cafes - would help to show a thriving town. Develop Bennetts Field if you can.
9	Many commercial buildings on estates <b>could have solar PV panels</b>	need more solar in town. % for the town council to improve town.
10	Broadband - we need <b>high speed broadband</b> in Wincanton sooner than later.	Why is Bennetts Field being left out of SFBB?
11	Develop as simple, clear and efficient <b>mode of communication</b> to ensure that the business community receives all information relevant to them.	Chamber of Commerce needs to do this. Lots of biz's don't know who to turn to.
12	How do we make the <b>best use of the A303</b> and the on going publicity?	Signage! Push for dualling entire length of A303
13	<b>Public Transport:</b> due to cuts in services and position of Wincanton, <b>improvements needed</b> in coordination and possibly in <b>more space at 'bus hub'</b> . Also the CAT bus is an essential service and we need to protect its finances.	CATBus is very important esp as WHC is difficult to access. Evening service to Yeovil. Circulator bus. Increased routes, service poor. Protect CATBus finance. Can the CATbus operate an hourly service around town? Need better services within the town. Protect/encourage Berry's.
14	<b>Access:</b> The town is built on a series of hills which pose a problem for non car travel. There is a steep drop to the river and conversely a steep rise to the shops. We <b>need better cycle ways</b> and provision for electric buggies.	No safe routes for cyclists. Some cyclists go wrong way round one-way: dangerous. Cars parked across dropped kerbs. More cycle routes around Wincanton. Make old train track into cyclepath.
15	<b>Pavements:</b> Pavements are <b>too narrow in places</b> for pedestrians and pushchairs to pass. We <b>need build-outs</b> to protect pedestrians with wider pavements which in turn will <b>reduce traffic speeds</b> in the town centre.	Widen some pavements. Would cost too much. Build-outs hinder traffic. More dropped kerbs. Pinch points at Natwest & HSBC. Unless pavements & traffic sorted, all other efforts are wasted. Need wider pavements in town centre x3. Wider pavements needed - I've seen 2 cases of pedestrians being struck by cars while walking on pavements. Outside HSBC.
16	<b>Speeding:</b> excessive speed of some on High Street and elsewhere	Bayford Hill particularly bad after Common Lane. 20 zone should be extended further up High St. Traffic calming on West Hill needed x3. No signs ending 20 zone on South St. Speeding on West Hill x3, traffic calming needed. 20 zone on High St x2.
17	Parking: <b>illegal parking</b> on narrow pavements causing problems	need double yellows at bottom of church st. report it to SPS. More officers would help. Stop parking outside Natwest. Parking along Common Road on corner dangerous. Natwest - remove cashpoint?
18	<b>Cycle parking</b>	waste of money - noone with decent bike would leave it anywhere
19	<b>Public Transport:</b> local bus services depend on several companies and we need to coordinate <b>better</b> .	Any Sunday services? Bring back Sunday buses.
20	Parking: <b>Parking free</b> in car parks and <b>extended on-street parking</b> , but a positive system of action against illegal parking on both roads and pavements.	parking poor in town. need residents permits in parts. need allocated parking at Mundays Mead. Double yellow lines needed at Rickhayes/West Hill. More short stay on-street parking will encourage shoppers and help to slow traffic. Make some existing parking in CWay & Mem Hall for shoppers (short-stay).
21	<b>Local people not getting affordable housing</b> in new developments	Do not need more social housing; need private housing that people work for & maintain. So many houses for sale already. Don't provide for unsuccessful families from elsewhere. Sad use of social housing for outsiders resulted in negative impact on town. local people should have all social housing. Cheaper housing attracts less desirable people.
22	Need for a choice of <b>suitable housing for older people</b>	in my experience as an estate agent; older people in larger houses want to downsize but there are no bungalows. Build more bungalows x2.
23	Need for <b>suitable housing for young people</b> i.e. smaller, less expensive homes	low cost housing for local young people. More affordable housing for young families. Provision for first time buyers.

24	<b>Location of any future developments</b> – Local Plan doesn't identify these – and density.	don't build on greenfield sites, just brown. Use old industrial buildings as homes. Most popular direction of growth is to the west. Note: Trott's highlighted benefits of their site and neighbours, and supplied contact details of all neighbouring sites owners along the hill. Why not expand villages? No more housing until infrastructure in place, inc a school to cope with numbers. Stop Hopkins building on every bit of green land. New housing after services improved. Verrington Hill houses empty - reduce house building on rural parts of area. Build on brownfield if poss. No dev in inappropriate areas eg Dancing lane, Windmill Farm - any more in New Barns (if needed). Ensure well-lit paths & cyclepaths are built at the start of
25	Recent developments have put strain on local services & infrastructure – <b>future ones will affect quality of life.</b>	
26	<b>Design Quality</b> of new developments	Stop building horrid pre-fab homes and use local stone. Decent size homes not tiny boxes. Latest builds will be slums of the future. Define characteristics of the town's buildings & townscape and force developers to follow guidance. Some larger houses needed to give broader range of
27	<b>Insufficient capacity within Primary Care (Wincanton Health Centre)</b> to meet both existing and future increases in level of demand from patients.	Second GP surgery required (x4). Use previous premises! WHC needs more GP's. Sat AM opening is good. New booking system unsuitable for vulnerable people. No phone = no good. Extended hours needed. Has SSDC allocated enough land for Health Centre?
28	<b>Potential loss of in-patient beds (and other services?) at Wincanton Community Hospital (WCH).</b> Increased threat of unwanted residential development adjoining site. Failure to make full use of X Ray and Scanner at WCH.	Vital to keep WCH, protect it from crowding development & worse access. Hospital must be kept open - don't allow more houses around it. WCH is a lovely peaceful place, much nicer than going to Yeovil, but appears underused. Could be used for more, inc proper MIU.
29	<b>Health Centre less accessible</b> on new site.	Its out of the way. People forced to pay for taxis or CATBus. Its more accessible as has parking and pharmacy. Esp less accessible for older people. Bus service provided to reach?
30	<b>Insufficient Community Care provision</b> to meet both existing and future increases in level of demand from patients, especially older people and their carers.	Nationwide problem - Symphony will help.
31	<b>Lack of a fully operational Minor Injury Unit (MIU).</b> Existing GP led Minor Injury Service cannot offer the full range of MIU services and is closed in the evenings, at weekends and on Bank Holidays. Patients therefore have a 30 minute journey to access MIU or A&E services at	Extended MIU hours needed at evenings & weekends. Lack of service over lunchtimes. WCH needs this. Have MIU open til 10pm and at weekends, and bring it back to hospital.
32	<b>Lack of a clear strategy for health education,</b> involving CCG, SCC and local voluntary sector organisations.	
33	<b>Lack of accessible and community mental health support services</b> that offer an alternative to or complement medication. Lack of social and therapeutic support for young people's mental health	
34	Encourage <b>local cafés to extend their opening hours</b> especially late afternoon and evenings	Evening opening been tried many times. Limited places to eat.
35	<b>A programme of community events</b> for the community and visitors	Keep positive. Local history walks, festival days, events. LIC needs to open on Saturdays. Town Council should support events. Organise town events on Race days. A summer event needed to get the calendar.
36	<b>Farmers Market</b>	A suitable space has been a problem. Mem Hall Ctte stopped previous. FM to link with WI and weekly market.
37	<b>Promote Wincanton Area</b> – Local Food/Arts and Crafts Day	Heritage Trail idea info with CW. Town a s a tourism base for area (Stourhead, Camelot etc). Agree, but need good accommodation to attract
38	<b>Tidy up empty shops</b> – put some art work or something in windows	Yes but not like the Green Dragon. Listed building owners forced to improve. Are we not doing this already? Owners should keep shops tidy.
39	<b>Public Toilets provision</b>	Toilets not accessible in car park (Churchfields?). Toilets at Rec Ground. New toilets in Carrington Way please. More WC's please. Public toilets at town Rec.
40	<b>New Primary School</b>	Why not build it at Sports Ground? X2. The new Primary needs to happen; it was being talked about when I was on the PTA 27 years ago. I know children are going to Templecombe Primary because no space at Winc. New school was promised.
41	<b>Sixth Form at King Arthur's</b>	Vital for aspiration.

#### **New/other issues not mentioned above**

**Appearance of the town, esp approach from A303** - rundown/derelict buildings, untidy. Gives poor first impression.

Improve landscaping. Trees, trees, trees! Hopkins site (cement works) needs a complete renovation/tidy up. Use trees & shrubs to hide Hopkins site. Area around Wagtail & Travelodge a disgrace. Facelift needed. Green Dragon an eyesore. Demolish house by Wagtail x3. Demolish Cow & gate site. If you were a visitor coming off the 303 would you return? High Street shabby, yet has some lovely buildings. Biz park in Station Road looks like a bomb site. Entry to town near Morrisons has improved, but derelict house and Cow & gate site awful. A few trees in the town centre would help. Many years ago a paint supplier created a decorating scheme for the High St shops - could the Council support it now? Old house by Wagtail.

**Primary school needs more space/needs to grow**

Smaller class sizes needed. Keep school in the town. Expand existing as more accessible on foot than New Barns.

**ASB** connected with loitering & drinking in town centre  
**More activities for young people**

It's a disgrace. Visible police presence needed - we pay for it!  
Social activities for young people (beyond sport) - arts, drama, dance. I worry that youth has very little facilities & support centres. Youth Club for 11-16 yo's so not bored. Youth theatre.

**Children's play park needs improvement**

Please make the childrens play area more up to date. 40 years of neglect of play area.

**Better use of facilities** inc Mem Hall, Rec Ground, Town Hall for more entertainment, events, parties tec

Mem Hall is good as a music venue.

**A thriving town needs green spaces**

Fiddler Hayes has planning for 18 houses but a small green space here would be great, or older persons housing. Land for sale at Balsam Pk. use old Rochfords site?

**Safe play area for smaller children**  
**More Adult Education courses**

More **proactive effort to attract new businesses** (grants, promotion etc)  
**New roundabout** at bottom of South St. **needs improvement** Several near misses.  
**Lack of meeting places for families** (outdoor seating etc)  
 New Recreation Ground (**Cale Park**) - **where is the plan?** Do we need to include this in NP? Protection?  
**Sunny Stores an eyesore**  
**Lower Business Rates**  
 Develop a **sense of identity all can be proud about/Celebrate the town** Celebrate its history, longevity & diversity. Lots to be upbeat about. Use ideas here to improve.  
**Clearer signage for one-way system**  
**Land for self-build** required  
**A 'proper' museum** - good to attract visitors Café on-site?  
**Cemetery needs CCTV** Better CCTV required. Visible police presence.  
**Old Gas Works** site is now a **tip**  
**Create drop-off/loading bay** on Carrington Way outside Carpet shop Will keep High St clear  
 Offer Wincanton as a **support town for Yeovilton expansion**  
**Refuse bins** left in High St  
**Business rates** also to blame for demise of shops (not just Listed Bld status)  
**More frequent CAB service**  
**Bennetts Field has poor access**  
**More nursery places needed**  
**Interpreters** needed for **new overseas pupils** at schools  
**Create a middle school**  
**Old surgery needs a use**  
 Improve **signage on A303 to deter HGV's from using Bayford** to access town centre  
**Quality of townscape**  
**Resting places for older people**  
**HGV's flouting 7.5tonne weight limit on West Hill**  
**Joint working** - regular liaison between town team & orgs in town  
**Spring Clean worked well**, example of joint working, though traders didn't get involved  
**Traffic congestion in Balsam Fields**  
**Litter in town centre**  
**A small, quiet park** would a useful amenity.  
**Dilapidated & empty houses** - Councils should liaise with owners