

Appendix 3. Environment

Below are additional comments made in relation to the Environment section of Wiveliscombe Community Plan Consultation March to May 2022

- **Asked: Please use the space below to tell us about anything else related to the environment:**
- I care passionately about the environment. We derive most of our domestic energy from renewables. This is for reasons of economy and convenience. In my opinion none of the above measures would have the slightest affect on global climate.
- Wind turbines and solar panels in fields damage the environment and deplete good land that should be used for food production.
- Environmentalism is very important but it's more important to make it accessible to all. If some feel it's only for the few/ wealthy, then fewer people make environmentally minded choices. To enact change on a larger scale include everyone.
- As a dog owner it really annoys us that other people don't pick up after their animals. Its unsightly and unpleasant and shows a lack of responsibility and pride in our town. Bagging it and throwing it in a tree/ hedge or by the side of the road is a bit pointless too. Just putting up signs is no deterrent as they'll just be ignored - just like the parking issue.
- Litter on the routes used by schoolchildren (and others) - cans, bottles, sweet/crisp/sandwich wrappers etc - is also unsightly and shows a lack of respect/pure laziness.
- Bin collection day generates its own litter issue as rubbish is often blown about.
- Wivey has brilliant local food options - butchers, market. We haven't needed to go into a supermarket in Taunton or Wellington for 4 years
- additional recycling, particularly for items not taken by local council, pharmacy and school
- I don't believe in a so called 'climate emergency'. It is propaganda and unscientific.
- To see the graph, click the link below - This is the latest January temperature record produced by satellites accurately taking global measurements on a 24 hour basis. It shows barely any deviation last month (0.03°C) from the 1991-2020 average as shown by the blue line. The 13 month red line average reveals movement of just over 0.1°C. Furthermore, the satellite record is now revealing no global warming for seven years and three months.
- See more here <https://dailysceptic.org/2022/02/04/this-is-the-satellite-temperature-graph-google-doesnt-want-you-to-see/>
- Reducing speed limits from unrestricted to 50 on all roads.
- Concerned with fuel costs we bring food in from around the world, local grown and sold would be best but the amount of solar panels going up on good land is crazy.
- New homes & food should be higher level authority not Town Council.
- Wivey Council should provide better greenspace for community including larger accessible area like Stogumber have done recently
- Bring in a 25mph speed in Wivey.
- I believe wivey has the potential to lead the way in environmental terms. Enough cheap throwaway housing developments. Time to build something we can all be proud of
- We could do with more litter bins, there are less than there used to be.
- What a pity the new school building doesn't lead the way with ground source heating and solar panels
- stop "tidying" verges etc, allow weeds to grow and provide habitat, stop wasting resources keeping our environment as a sterile garden.
- It is the most important issue we face. Most people unaware and not acting accordingly.
- More electric vehicle charging points will reduce legal parking further

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- The council just want to build house anywhere in wiveliscombe with out any though for anyone
- Promote buy local (not on internet) helps social interactions well as reducing transport ad aids local businesses and economy
- Pursue the recently published idea for shared surface in the Square
- Pursue the refurbishment of the Town Hall for Community Use
- Wivey has a strong community spirit despite it's problems and has an opportunity to look at how it makes all community decisions baring the environment in mind
- Sorry I can't volunteer
- Why no solar panels on new housing
- I'm shocked that planning went ahead for the new houses with no sola panels on the roof. Are they going on the new school building?
- Derelict buildings - High St & Sq
- Footpaths not cared for
- Litter The Square
- Pavements are very very bad all over
- Street Furniture and Street art is very tired
- Dgs mess Gadds lane and footpaths
- Pavements by White Hart
- weeds everywhere
- Sorry unable to help at present due to caring responsibilities
- Help, advice for insulation, solar panels
- Look into anaerobic digestion from animal waste, manure, crops to generate renewable gas/electricity for Wivey. Example - South Molton
- How can a parish council declare this? I'd very much like to see their evidence. And what fo they hope to achieve with declaring this? Do you realise how much coal China burns? I've ticked planting trees because trees are great full stop. But I'm the grand scheme of things building an eco home or putting some solar panels up you might as well pee in the ocean for the good it'll do.
- I would like to see more flower boxes and trees
- Solar panels on all new homes
- Dog mess - North Street, Cut Throat Lane - I clear up after other dogs
- Litter The Square
- Weeds - aroudn Rotten Row, The Square
- Litter blows everywhere. There are too many people here now for the facilities and infrastructure. Everywhere looks dirty and littered. The refuse collectors drop litter everywhere when emptying.
- Local education opportunities in permaculture, transition engineering, including organised visits into local school, could benefit the residents
- Historic Environmen also important for the character of the town. A Conservation Area and numerous listed buildings. Choice of sustainable materials for repairs, roofing , replacement windows etc
- Location of new housing by pig factory is not sustainable and is likely to result in increased levels of car use within the town - with impact on the town's carbon footprint
- No more electric charging points taking away from parking places please
- Please no more houses. EVCP - not necessary.
- Thoughtless cyclists riding 2 abreast along our roads, holding up traffic and hence increasing massively pollution. Also make them pay road tax and third party insurance

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- turn the thermostat down and wear adequate clothing. When I was at school (1950s) 60°F (16°C) was considered a normal temperature for school buildings (boarding school)
- Need to link green/woodland/wilding etc to create nature corridors for wildlife biodiversity and increase local food production + improve & protect waterways
- All new houses should have solar panels fitted by law
- Wilding is counterproductive
- I can help with organising and fundraising & making cakes for occasions
- Wilding does not mean letting it all go
- Why are all these homes built without solar panels
- Derelict building 2 Langley Cross. Large empty house, almost empty, disgraceful
- A meeting by 'greens' to explain reason for and approximate cost of solar and other green sources of energy for home owners
- Teach cookery to appropriate... gardening
- Wivey Way could have a circular walk
- The Parish should have a policy not to use Glyphosate (weed killer) and use only Peat free compost
- There should be solar panels on all new build
- Best without any of the suggestions
- We need to improve public transport and end our reliance on individual cars
- I think we should open our eyes to what we have here in Wiveliscombe. 12 miles from Taunton it should be the place to go for a day out. I think instead of always thinking industry we should think tourism. For what it is worth here are my ideas:
 - 1) Wivvy becomes the gateway to Exmoor with footpaths clearly identified
 - 2) The Old Brewery becomes a Museum to brewing with the tunnels opened up
 - 3) The fields behind Southfield and Beech Tree Close, which currently soak up all the prevailing weather and rainfall from the hills are developed for day trippers. Streams opened up, ponds created, Oak trees planted. This would link with the Recreation Ground and onward to footpaths through the woods.
 - 4) The footpaths to other villages clearly marked, for example along the valley to Watterow and across the fields to Milverton & Fitzhead
 - 5) Have some imagination when designing a new square, think about those lovely piazzas you see in Italy.
 - 6) Re-locate the Gun shop and extend the co-op into somewhere that is of appropriate size.
- If we start doing these things we will encourage people in to town to visit, more shops will survive and open and improve our carbon footprint with the new trees.
- More verges should be left uncut throughout the summer with wildflowers planted in them. Recycling bins provided in the square and rec
- The village is untidy with littering and graffiti a bit of an eyesore.
- Above a bio-digester was not mentioned. I would like to see the idea explored, and farm and household waste put to good use in generating methane-something very much in demand at the present time.