

Crewkerne Neighbourhood Plan Community Survey
Findings and Plan Implications
Appendices

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Appendix 1 – Questionnaire Content



Crewkerne Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

Introduction

You might recall that we developed a Community Plan in 2016. A survey in 2014 provided us with plenty of useful information about your thoughts on the key issues in the town and were responded to in the Community Plan.

Crewkerne Town Council is now working with the community to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. A Neighbourhood Plan gives us a greater say in planning decisions than a Community Plan. A Neighbourhood Plan, when adopted or “made” has legal weight in the planning system and will be used by planning applicants and decision makers to help determine the appropriateness of planning applications, alongside national policies, the adopted South Somerset District Council Local Plan and material considerations.

The Plan has to follow rules set by the Government and focus on land-use planning matters. This gives us some opportunities to deliver things we would like to see and to protect some of our key assets and the environment. However, it does not give us a charter to stop all development or change national planning rules or district council policies and proposals set out in the adopted Local Plan (see <https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/your-council/your-council-plan-and-strategies/planning-policy/local-plan/>). For further information on Neighbourhood Plans, please go to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning-2>. There is also a useful short video about Neighbourhood Plans here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SvAHhrKNVt0>. For further information about the Crewkerne Neighbourhood Plan, please go to <https://crewkerneneighbourhoodplan.co.uk/>

We began work on developing a Neighbourhood Plan early in 2021. Since that time, the continuing response to the Covid-19 pandemic meant that we needed to pause work. We are now issuing this questionnaire to re-start the work and re-engage with you and identify and help confirm key issues in the town. This will help us to develop the aims, objectives and planning policies of the Plan.

It is important to note that this questionnaire aims to gather information about planning issues in the town. In turn these will help us to write the Plan and its planning policies which will be used by the local authority when it determines planning applications.

Neither the Town Council, nor a Neighbourhood Plan, can guarantee that the aspirations, projects or ideas identified by your response to this questionnaire will be delivered. We can, however, set out planning policies and community actions in the Plan which support

such suggestions, if there is a consensus of community opinion and other evidence behind them, and their delivery is viable, affordable and within planning rules. It may take a number of organisations and agencies, and the private sector, to work together to deliver improvements and change in the town.

Please help us at this important stage by completing this questionnaire.

If you need more space for comments, please use an additional sheet.

Online copies of this questionnaire are available to complete here

<https://crewkerneneighbourhoodplan.co.uk/>

Additional paper copies of this questionnaire can be requested from the Town Council on 01460 74001 and towncouncil@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk . Completed paper questionnaires can be dropped into a collection box in the Local Information Centre in the Town Hall. Alternatively, they can be posted to Crewkerne Town Council, Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne, TA18 7LN.

The closing date for questionnaires to be received is **Friday 6th January 2023**.

Questionnaire

The Community Plan (2016)

1. The Community Plan in 2016 identified a series of objectives. For each of these (listed below) are they still an appropriate objective for the town to pursue?

- To support and enhance Crewkerne's strong community spirit

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

- A buzzy town centre with something for everyone

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

- Improved access for all with appropriate transport solutions

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

- Stronger partnership working between businesses and local authority

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

- A safe, clean, green and attractive environment

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

2. If you have suggested that they are no longer appropriate, how should they be updated (and should there be any additional objectives)?

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Strong Community

This topic includes questions about likes and dislikes, housing, community facilities, sports and civic (green) spaces.

Likes and Dislikes

3. What are the 3 things that you **value the most** about living and / or working in Crewkerne?

1.	
2.	
3.	

4. What are the 3 things that you **value the least** about living and / or working in Crewkerne?

1.	
2.	
3.	

Housing

The current adopted Local Plan for South Somerset sets out the number of houses which Crewkerne is expected to see developed. When the Local Plan was adopted this was for a minimum of 961 dwellings in the plan period to the year 2028, with 916 already planned for (committed). In October 2022, Crewkerne had seen 1,222 delivered or committed, beyond the 961 minimum. We can, if we wish, in the Neighbourhood Plan, suggest that a higher number of houses is built, but this is not compulsory.

5. Are there specific local housing shortages that need addressing?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

6. If you think that there are, what should be done to help meet local housing shortages?

7. Should areas of land be allocated in our Neighbourhood Plan for more housing than currently committed and delivered through the Local Plan process?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

8. If you think additional housing is needed, where should it be located?

Previously developed (brownfield) land ☐ Greenfield land ☐ Infill in the town ☐ Other ☐ Don't Know ☐

9. If you stated "Other", please state here.

Community facilities, sports and civic (green) spaces

10. Are you satisfied with the range and quality of community facilities in the town?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

11. If not, what community facilities need providing, replacing or improving?

12. Are you satisfied with the level of current health/welfare provision?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

13. If not, what additional health/welfare services should be provided locally?

14. Is there a need for more children's and / or youth facilities in the town?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

15. If there is, what additional children's and / or youth facilities would you like to see provided?

16. Do you think there is a need for more sports and recreational opportunities?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

17. If there is, what other recreation and sports facilities should be provided locally?

18. Should local green spaces such as parks, playing pitches and spaces be protected?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

19. If so, what local green spaces used by the community should be protected?

Vibrant town centre

20. Are you satisfied with the town centre?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

21. If not, what can be done to make the town centre better?

22. Should shops in the town centre be protected from change of use to other non-retail uses?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

23. If not (or they cannot be protected from change of use) what other uses would be acceptable?

24. Which shops, food and drink outlets and other town centre businesses and services do you use the most? Please limit to five choices at the most.

Thriving Local Economy

25. Are more local employment opportunities needed in the town?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

26. What additional types and sizes of business or employment spaces and / or facilities do you think are necessary in the town?

Easy Access to Get About

27. Should there be additional pedestrian and cycling routes in the town?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

28. Where do cycle and pedestrian routes need to be improved or extended, or additional new routes provided?

29. Are you satisfied with public transport services and facilities?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

30. What aspects of local public transport provision need improving?

31. Are there major parking issues in the town that need to be addressed?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

32. If so, what parking issues in what locations need to be resolved?

33. Are there other transport, access and connectivity issues in the town that are important?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

34. If so, what are these issues?

Local Environment

Natural environment

35. Are you concerned about the impact of the changing climate on the town?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

36. If so, what do you think can be done about that locally?

37. Should greenspaces, woodland, wetland and other habitats for wildlife be protected?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

38. If so, which areas, in particular should be protected?

Built environment

39. Is adequate care being taken of the town's historic buildings, civic spaces and character?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

40. If not, do any buildings and civic spaces in the town need protecting better or enhancing?

Please name them.

41. Should 'design guidance' be produced for developers, to ensure that new development is appropriate in terms of character and appearance?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Additional comments

42. Are there any other related matters not already covered, that you wish to raise?

About Yourself

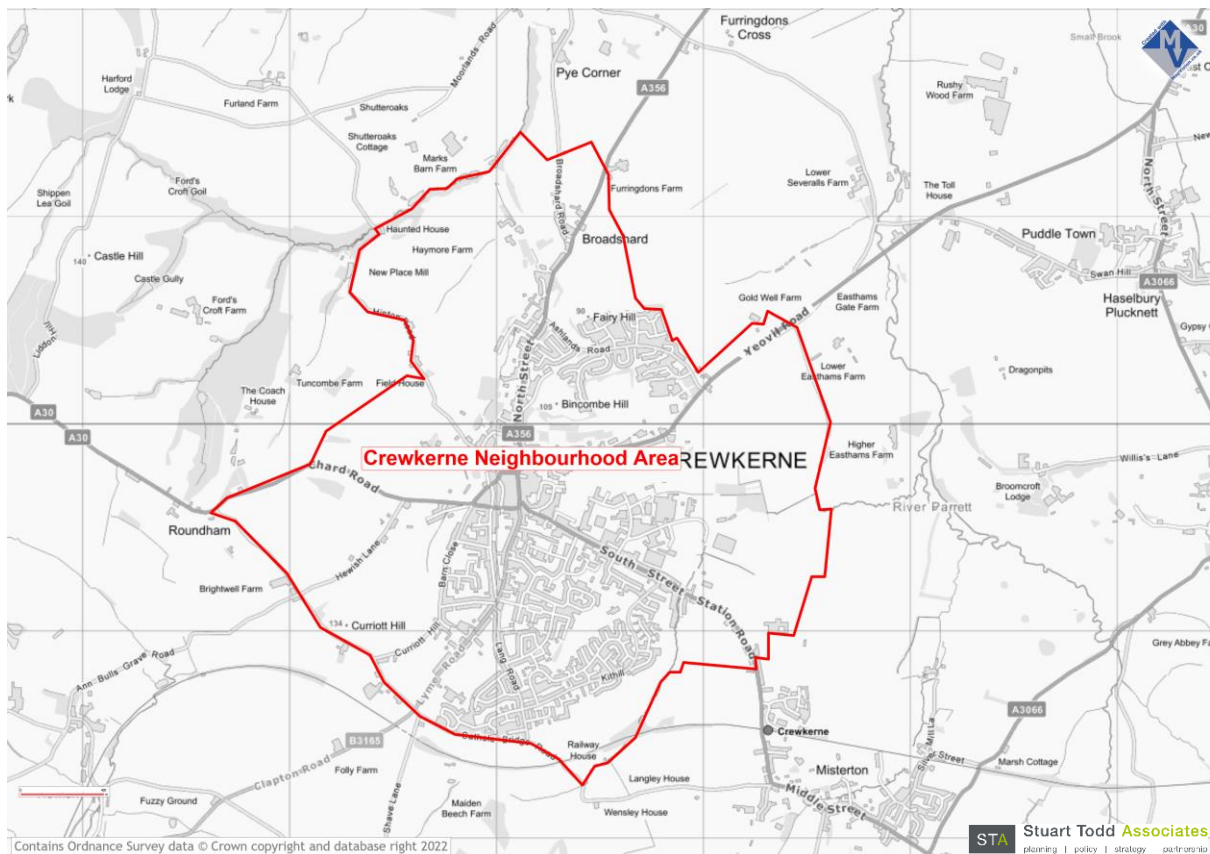
Please tell us a little more about yourself. You don't have to provide us with the information below but it will help us analyse the results of the questionnaire. If provided, the information provided below will not be used for any other purpose than analysis.

Your Age Group:

Under 18 ☐ 18-24 ☐ 25-44 ☐ 45-64 ☐ 65-79 ☐ 80+ ☐

Is your primary residence (home) in the Crewkerne Town Council and neighbourhood plan area (see boundary on the map below)?

yes ☐ no ☐



If NO, please indicate your relationship(s) with the town area:

Land-owner ☐
 Visitor ☐

2nd Home Owner ☐
 Live on edge of town area ☐

Holiday-Let Owner ☐
 Work in the area ☐

Other, please explain:

Your postcode (main residence):

If you wish to receive updates via email from the Town Council on the neighbourhood plan, please leave your email address. Your email address will not be used for any other purpose.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire, your views are appreciated.

Appendix 2 – Community Survey Facebook Post

**Crewkerne Town Council**
22 December 2022 · 🌐

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood planning helps local people shape the future of their area.

A Neighbourhood Plan contains:
The vision for the town
The objectives to see that vision fulfilled
Planning policies to meet the objectives

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led document that sets out planning policies for the neighbourhood area. It is a legal planning document that will be used to help decide whether to approve planning applications.

The first community survey which will help develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Crewkerne is now LIVE. If you live in Crewkerne you should have received a hard copy with the recent town newsletter. If not, or you prefer to do it online the survey is also available here:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CrewkerneNPQuestionnaire/>

Please take the time to respond about what is important to you in our town - a good response rate is critical to getting good policies in place.

The deadline for responses is 6th January 2023.


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Appendix 3 – Comments Made on Community Plan (2016) Objectives

The comments made are grouped by broad topic. Where one respondent made reference to issues which fall under more than one topic, the comment is reproduced under each topic.

Built Environment
Can we push forward the idea that owners of abandoned properties in Crewkerne be made to clear and clean up their properties or be forced to complete building works in a timescale eg 18, Abbey Street and The Royal Oak in hermitage street to mention just two
To protect the wealth of historic buildings in the town and peripheries To protect setting of important building and vistas of the town, i.e. to St Barts from West and from station to Shave Hill and town centre.
Covid has changed everything and perhaps we should learn the lessons of history and, rather than zoning everything, go for far more mixed use of space e.g. residential and business. It is nuts to expect lots of new businesses in the High Street when online shopping has reached new heights. 150 years ago there were no problems seeing merchants' houses alongside retail premises in the town centre and a return to that mixture would be an excellent idea. Safe clean etc should mean that the idea of building on, for example, on Cropped Orchard is ruled out instantly. The old factory in South Street should be far ahead of any green field sites. People before profit and local ideas before centralised planning!
No such thing as climate crisis, so just stop building on land where no previous building/s exist and plant more trees.
Community
I think the townspeople create their own sense of community spirit and in recent years there has been a growing divide between residents and local authority, so I can't see how a local plan can heal that.
Support better communications. No local paper! No one knows what's really happening. Urgent reform of local health services, i.e. GO surgery - a disgrace.
I feel there isn't enough meet up places , I'm in my fifties and lived here for 3 years I still don't know anyone , not even my neighbours and I'm in a cul de sac! I've tried a few groups but been stuck on my own so didn't return. I am friendly and out going (maybe thats the problem !?!?) I don't know ! But yes be nice to have someone to chat to now and then ,
Delivery
All of the above have been objectives for the town but instead all seem to have deteriorated!
All those options are appropriate but what should be asked is why none of them have been implemented or addressed since 2016
Economy and business
As long as the LA works without making local business lives' harder, that's all it needs!
Local authority shouldn't be responsible for business
More local jobs
I believe there is now a business group who are already working on improving the partnership, which should not been neglected for so long in the first place.
General
I think they are all appropriate.
Housing

(Added to last point) So why are so many houses being built across green fields. More pollution, more flooding, more congestion. You fail on so many levels!
More social housing for local families and less housing built for wealthier incoming residents.
My main concern is the huge amount of new housing popping up and the impact of resources such as GP practices and traffic
Slow down on the amount of housing being proposed, instead think of the infrastructure in the town, the roads cannot cope with the amount of traffic now, let alone with more properties. We need more parking for the existing residents. Stop felling trees and hedgerows, once it's gone, it's gone forever. Think hard about what you are doing.
to safeguard the town from overdevelopment
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Natural Environment, Climate Change
Modify last objective to include 'carbon neutral' and 'biodiverse' to align with specific national objectives
The final objective could become two: one about a safe , secure and attractive environment; and the other (which I interpret 'green' refers to) being more robustly focused on our shared responsibilities to address issues around the climate emergency.
No such thing as climate crisis, so just stop building on land where no previous building/s exist and plant more trees.
Town centre
A thriving and occupied town centre seems more appropriate description term for any town centre.
My concern over a buzzy town with something for everything concerns me on two levels: who decides what is meant by buzzy? And how such a decision to make a town more buzzy can be used to over develop the town and just make it more busy.
Not sure what "Buzzy" means, but I agree that the town centre needs at least one shop where one can buy new clothing, including shoes. We have enough charity shops and estate agents. Shame about M&Co but maybe their stock was not quite appropriate for the demographics of the town.
Use buildings not leave them empty
20 mph speed limit through the whole of town centre
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Transport and Travel

Active travel routes
Better time appropriate buses to YDH, S Petherton Hospital and Taunton Hospital direct
Definitely restore an improved bus service
Free parking to encourage use of local shops. And improved traffic flow and improved safety of old/young/vulnerable pedestrians through effective use of one way systems.
Get the one-way traffic system sorted out! After 40 years I have given up hope that anything will be done.
I don't think we've got the transport solutions rights since 2016. The queueing traffic into town along North Street and East Street would suggest this urgently needs revisiting especially if we are going to have a safe clean and green environment
Important to keep local bus services for local people e.g. Merriott.
One way system for North Street and East Street, cycle paths kithill and furlong Road,just a more cycle friendly town ,more trees planted.
To improve the road system around the town to provide a more efficient and effective traffic flow
Too many lorries passing through is not green and ruins the environment of the town.
20 mph speed limit through the whole of town centre

Appendix 4 – Response from Those Agreeing that there are Housing Shortages in the Town

Ensure that builders of housing developments that already have permission stick to the requirements to provide the agreed levels of affordable housing and that more accommodation is provided for single people.
Better regulation of existing rented properties including rent caps and more protection for tenants.
Affordable housing for local families/offspring to buy. Estate agents should prioritise local applications and not just go for the highest bidder
We need more affordable social housing for the younger generations so they do not have to move away.
Not enough social housing & affordable housing are being built under all the new housing developments . Crewkerne seems to be having far too much of the wrong housing being allowed. The housing being built isn't affordable for local people so will be bought by people moving to the area. Crewkerne is unable to cope with the population we already have. We need more infrastructure in place before anymore housing.
Affordability, priority to genuine home owners (rather than 2nd/buy-to-let)
Much more 'affordable' housing. Crewkerne developers get away with building much lower percentages of affordable housing than other towns locally - cf. Beaminster and Bridport. This is killing Crewkerne.
Affordable social housing. There is a huge demand for 3+ bedroom houses in Crewkerne.
Houses and apartments for rental through housing associations.
Developments should provide more social housing and not be allowed to reduce their commitment
Stop adding more houses. The schools are full. The Docs are full and struggling. No NHS dentist. No parking. You are ruining the small town. It is a NIGHTMARE to drive through.
Lots more affordable housing desperately needed
I'm not qualified to comment on housing shortage but with private rent costs I would imagine there are. Which means a need to build more. The widespread problem is that housing developments are permitted while local services are ignored because they don't generate the money. It should be a condition for developers to fund the building of public services if they want to develop here. There should be a new school built. Another supermarket built. A large plot for parking. New Doctors surgery.
There is a huge amount of development going on already, the infrastructure of the area will not be able to manage the influx of people moving to the houses that are already being built. The roads are already busy, it only takes one delivery in town to cause traffic jams throughout the town and main routes in and out. A thriving school was closed despite the new developments nearby.
I know i answered No but Concentrate on the infrastructure of the town.
More affordable housing and bringing brownfield sites and derelict buildings back into use, those there derelict mills would make great homes.
more social/ cheaper housing to keep the younger generation in the town
More housing for local families so they are not forced out to live elsewhere ensure teachers nurses etc have opportunities to live local
There seems to be no option to upsize for those who are earning a decent wage, both working in professional roles as the house prices are so high. Therefore you are stuck in a

small semi, interspersed with disrespectful non working benefit claimants in their paid for social housing. People who are so keen for social housing to be mixed in with mortgaged properties are not the ones who have to live amongst these people, the vast majority in my experience have no responsibility and a sense of entitlement that somebody will do it for them.
Genuinely affordable properties for local people on local salaries, to purchase or rent, which is never achieved as developers claim lack of viability and so reduce affordable housing to the lowest possible levels. I have never understood why their viability reports are not published (as required in the National Planning Policy Framework) and vigorously challenged by both SSDC and our Town Council. Without this challenge developers are succeeding in creating a retirement town which is unsustainable and drives young local people away
Increase the percentage of affordable private housing and eradicate landlords allowing rental homes to remain unoccupied in the short and long term.
I can't know the answer to this as planning permission has already given, and building is underway, on the CLR site. Since the number already built by October 2022 exceeded the original plan, waiting seems the most sensible option
There is a need for low cost housing and decent rental properties
Affordable quality housing needed for local people. Improved local infrastructure to support a growing population, such as roads, health services and transport. A new bypass from A356 to A30 taking holiday traffic and HGVs away from the town centre. Improving pedestrian safety and air quality.
Developers should be made to include social housing on every new development, not just create developments that are entirely social housing as these appear to become "ghettos" of people who have problems.
There is a need for social housing in the right places. Sites where approval has already been given should provide a greater percentage of social housing.
Shortage of cheap housing for young people, council could do more to help this situation
1. Build council housing. These can be truly affordable and linked to local wage rates. 2. Stop making excuses for developers and insist they build the correct number of affordable homes.
There should be provision of more social housing, not less as property developers continually request, with the social housing spread through out ALL new developments, so that certain areas don't become problems with no real integration of people from different backgrounds.
There is no point building more and more houses if there is no additional infrastructure to support them. It is nigh on impossible now to get most household services such as a boiler service, guttering repair or small building jobs, as our local service providers are too busy! The Roads are too full and there is no parking most of the time.
Affordable homes should take priority over second homes. Housing should provide more space (homeworking)/gardens/parking and be in keeping with existing architecture
More affordable housing
Help young families to buy local houses
there should be a lot more first time buyers housing for local people and affordable council housing. (not private owned)
More affordable housing
Only affordable housing to be built over and above the 1222 committed.

Be more open to planning suggestions and have a more open policy for housing to allow the town to grow and prosper.
Im forced to private rent because even though I am able to bid on council properties there are never any 1 bed ones that I can bid on. My rent has gone up despite the cost of living crisis and me informing my landlady I cannot afford to run the storage heating.
More social housing for local families. Perhaps some new builds that can only be bought by families already living here.
Develop existing buildings e.g. Textile Mill. Build properties with gardens and garages. Those who action new builds need to have higher standards - recent new builds are not aesthetically pleasing and do not promote a green community.
Need more social and affordable houses for our young local people. They are forced to move as a lot of houses being built are too expensive and it seems that mainly people who can afford these homes are people from elsewhere.
Build fewer houses and use brown field sites. Crewkerne is not Yeovil and spoiling a delightful Georgian Market Town to fulfil a plan imposed from outside has, I would suggest, no democratic mandate
crewkerne will have enough houses especially with the new development off station road. in fact I am concerned that the infrastructure will not cope with the extra houses . I fear that all the other proposed developments would turn this lovely small town into an unpleasant place to live.
If extra housing is needed at a later stage then developing the brown fields sites such as the old factory should be the priority. We don't need to lose any more green space
There is a lack of local authority properties but this issue is not addressed properly by the houses planned. Too many houses planned for the infrastructure that is here.
Legislate against second home owners. Ensure new homes are affordable for people with low wages
I think other things need to be looked at before more housing, such as having enough resources for schools, doctors and parking before putting in a lot more houses.
1. Convert unused/empty buildings to accommodation if they cannot be used for anything else. 2. Develop brownfield sites. 3. Infill areas in the town but DO NOT encroach on Greenfield Spaces - e.g. Parks, Playing fields etc. 4. In future developments that are bound to happen eventually ensure that good provision is made for Starter Homes for young couples/families. Not allow the Developer to cut the percentage of this back at every iteration of the Planning Process as happened during the CLR process!!!
Maybe convert some empty shops or banks into housing.
Develop the various properties that are empty but being left to deteriorate by owners. Many of these properties are walking distance of town.
Enough - The town shops, schools and mainly the Health Centre can NOT cope. House owners will be using their cars.
No more development housing. Services and roads cannot meet demand. Need for housing for LOCAL young people. Since Prescott's plan for housing, Crewkerne has always exceeded expected numbers. Enough. Fix services like GP.
I believe more affordable housing is needed
With the high number of dwellings committed, it seems unlikely that local needs could not be met although there probably needs to be more emphasis on low-cost housing, rather than estates that make profits for developers. We should not approve schemes that make the traffic problems worse or that do not meet stringent environmental requirements e.g.

high standards of insulation and sustainable materials as well as safe pedestrian and cycle access to the town centre.
Build more houses. Turn empty buildings such as banks into housing. Buildings should not be left empty to deteriorate.
More social housing - what is the point of developers being told to have a percentage of social housing then when plans are passed - oh der! sorry, cannot afford to build that amount. They are putting their profit before the community that should not be allowed
Need owner occupier first buy flats and flats for over 50s
Many more affordable homes, especially for younger families, either to buy or rent within a smaller budget
If you need to build houses/flats, what about behind the factory shop, build there, not on our fields Have a field for allotments it would help the community
Housing shortages for local population
Not sure but there is probably a need for local young people. If they can't buy, instead of private landlords it should be social housing (not second homes)
More social housing
Allocate out of the delivered and committed total. Some good, cheap new accommodation to be able to offer for rent specifically to health and front line medical staff - to attract them to our town
Agree to new carefully planned housing estates so that the town/ businesses can thrive
No need for more housing unless it will actually use brownfield sites and not be pseudo slums!
Redevelop the factory behind 'Factory Shop' as that site has looked like the Blitz hit it for more than 20 years. Compulsory purchase of site@ 50% below market value.
Affordable homes, rentable, mortgageable for young people Good quality design for all and plenty f green space and access to the shops
Empty shops/ banks could accommodate conversion of 1st floor for people. Ref current closure of M&Co, could floor above be converted flats etc. Empty houses be brought on to the market. Viney Bridge proposals chased.
There are too many housing developments being granted on green spaces without sufficient consideration of the environmental damage and drain on public services e.g. GPs, dentists, schools. Not enough housing is affordable and no attention given to eco-friendly installations etc.
More affordable housing Develop accommodation above shops premises and use of redundant banks, i.e. Nat West and Barclays
Bungalows for the disabled of whom there are an increasing number in town. Stop all conversion of bungalows to houses by adding room upstairs 'Chalet bungalow' just another name for house.
Housebuilding on fields around the fringes of the town will threaten the character of the town and exacerbate traffic jams in the centre. Traffic is already too heavy and there is no suitable space for new roads or extra parking. Even some pavements are too narrow (e.g. lower hermitage Street and North Street).

Appendix 5 – Comments Made about Facilities Needed (Improvements, Replacements and Additional)

Answer	Category																					
	Sport	Community	Health and Wellbeing	Active and safe travel	Parking	Open spaces	Play	Youth	Dog	Young Children	Cinema and Arts	Market	Cafes and pubs	Education	Library	Toilets	Buses	Allotments	Young people	Town centre	Church	Energy
Money into places like the speedwell centre. More doctors.		Yes	Yes					Yes														
Would like to see better arts provision. Also more open spaces - instead of green fields being replaced with yet more housing estates. Residents parking. Better car park provision.					Yes	Yes																
Tennis courts Outdoor gym equipment Safe Cycle and pedestrian routes around town	Yes																					
Tennis courts, youth services	Yes	Yes						Yes														
The George Reynolds Centre is a large facility, very under-used. Properly and PRO-ACTIVELY managed, it could become the centre of community activity as intended when built.		Yes																				

Answer	Category																					
	Sport	Community	Health and Wellbeing	Active and safe travel	Parking	Open spaces	Play	Youth	Dog	Young Children	Cinema and Arts	Market	Cafes and pubs	Education	Library	Toilets	Buses	Allotments	Young people	Town centre	Church	Energy
NHS Doctor/dentist			Yes																			
Improved child play activities in ALL school holidays. Sand area in happy valley needs replacing with a safe surface you cannot hide glass etc in. Pavements are in poor condition and very narrow on school routes. George Reynolds centre needs proper management to stop it being a cost drain on Town Council..		Yes		Yes			Yes															
The GRC should be managed independently of the council and should be run as a sports and social club open to the community.		Yes																				
Under 25s need things to do youth club for under 16s ?								Yes														
Better parking					Yes																	
Make North street safer Need something for teenagers where they can hang out and be safe daily.				Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes												

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Baby changing facility Free parking Dog poo wardens																						
Community cinema/arts centre											Yes											
The playing fields of Henhayes are a great resource but the GRC is a huge disappointment. Some dog walkers do not respect the area or consider the potential harm their dogs' faeces pose to the children and adults who play sports when they fail to clean up after their pets.	Yes	Yes							Yes													
A more reasonably priced gym to stop potential users from leaving town for much better value gyms. More parking, and at a more reasonable price. Investment into farmers markets to maintain good links to history of the town. Cultural events, similar to Bridport would bring more	Yes				Yes						Yes	Yes										

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tourism to the town and getting Crewkerne put on the map																						
I can go to Chard and there is a place which is regularly visited by all age groups regularly,its Wetherspoons. A wetherspoon or other large pub chain similar that promotes this environment would breathe life into this town. Independent businesses can survive with a large pub chain as its proven in chard.													Yes									
Too many daytime clubs catering for retired people. Education courses and courses of interest. Decent places to eat.		Yes											Yes	Yes								
Library needs modernising, new loos are great but we need more as the queues are long, proper bus stops and shelter for waiting. Long					Yes										Yes	Yes	Yes					

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term parking for workers needs to be delivered.																						
Library and childrens at area							Yes			Yes					Yes							
As far as I am aware The George Reynolds Centre is very costly to run and isn't doing as much as it could do for the community.		Yes																				
The GRC has been, is and always be an enormous drain on our precept, partly due to the atrocious lack of diligence when it was built and to the inability of the town council to accept it needs to be rented out for a very nominal sum to a community group who can they run it and apply for any relevant grant funding. I have always considered the building to be a white elephant and in some ways a perverse sort of ‘pay back’ as a punishment to		Yes																				

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the local community who saved the Lucombe Oak when the town council wanted it felled. The building has never, and will never be profitable under town council management and sadly residents pay the price																						
GRC is a disgrace. Underused, poorly managed in the past which led to people finding other ways of recreation. The building should be thriving. The TC approach to allowing it to “leak” money from the town purse is disgusting.		Yes																				
If there are not sufficient allotments, it would seem sensible to provide more																		Yes				
Expenditure and lack of income on the GRC centre, is year, after year, a drain on the pockets of the towns tax payers. Currently to fill		Yes																				

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space community groups are being allowed to use the facility for free, it needs to generate a profit, if not it needs to be sold, are leased out to a profitable business.																						
We have sports pitches and a playground for small children, but we do not have recreational space for EVERYBODY to use in the town centre. There is potential in the old town orchard that runs alongside the Henhayes grounds to create an open parkland area that could contain trees, seating, walkways, static gym equipment, orchard, allotments and parking. This area could then join up with the proposed cycle/walking track into town from the CLR site thus encouraging green travel. The space	Yes					Yes																

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would be an asset attracting visitors to use the space, shops, cafes and tourist facilities in the town. This area is the only "green lung" left in the town centre, an essential respite from the congested roads.																						
More area for rugby/football that are 3 or 4 G	Yes																					
The GRC building is the biggest white elephant I have ever seen and continues to be a drain on the public purse. The council is being stubborn and irresponsible in not managing the future of this building appropriately. It is a vanity project of one councillor and the town's people are fed up with it. It should not have yet more money spent on it, ie air conditioning should not be		Yes																				

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installed. The building should be leased for Â£1pa to an individual/company who is able to run it as a going concern.																						
More education facilities for people with problem conditions i.e disabilities														Yes								
Proper auditorium needed for plays, music and cinema. Redevelop Victoria Hall into multiuse space with raked seating.											Yes											
More fitness facilities	Yes																					
The independently run facilities in the town seem to manage to survive and offer good useful services despite all of them operating on very limited budgets. The same cannot be said of The George Reynolds Centre. Some way should have been found to offer the same facilities utilising the facilities of the		Yes																				

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Aqua Centre and Henhayes Centre, even if alterations had to be made to them. It is certainly not acceptable to expect the Council Tax payers of Crewkerne to have to pay towards the upkeep and maintenance of this building as we are doing now. The ongoing costs are clearly visible in the monthly Town Council accounts.																						
The new public toilets are awful unisex toilets mean that any woman going in has to walk through urine on the floor and on toilet seats.																Yes						
Assets to protect: supermarket, library, pool, post office, allotments, church, fuel station, train station, schools, doctors, playparks, town hall, Bincombe green space More family-friendly space	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes			Yes					Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes	

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to eat out in the evenings would be appreciated.																						
Supermarkets are very poor																				Yes		
sports club upgrade, football and rugby fields need to be in another place (such as station road field opposite railway station). current fields could be enhanced to a well needed night club in the town or maybe a well needed witherspoons, failing that it could be a modern shopping Centre with affordable business rates.	Yes												Yes						Yes			
Lack of pubs and stuff for 18-25 ages to do													Yes						Yes			
Tennis	Yes																					
Cycle path urgently needed				Yes																		
More use of the GRC for community events. More activities for children.		Yes					Yes			Yes												
Aqua centre pool changing rooms seems to need a	Yes																					

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permanent deep clean or upgrade - it smells very unhygienic																						
Nhs doctors and NHS dentist			Yes																			
Free tennis facilities that encourages people to play. All the Crewkerne players at the moment have to play at either Misterton/Ilminster/Chard or Taunton. Quite an embarrassment for a town.	Yes																					
There was to many buildings built on henhays. It would be nice if we could use the football pitch in the summer. Also the GR centre is never open and itâ€™s supposed to support the local teams which of course it doesnâ€™t if it is closed	Yes	Yes																				
We need a family pub/restaurant like the one in Ilminster that we can enjoy. We need a choice of more affordable													Yes							Yes		

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supermarkets. Waitrose is too expensive to do a big shop in. Lidl is not very well stocked. We need Asda or Iceland.																						
Doctors and dentist , I have no dentist (worries me a slightly)																						
It would be good to have cheap accommodation for groups such as the u3a. There is no sports hall in the town. The only one is at Wadham School but it is only opened to the public after school hours. Could the first floor of the GRC be converted into e.g. 2 badminton courts? Or a sports hall be added to the Acqua Centre? It would mean using some of Henhayes Field.	Yes	Yes																				
some type of art project, possibly a premises to facilitate all the huge variety		Yes									Yes											

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of local art and talent. Possibly part run by volunteers but with a definite financial commitment from the council.																						
We have the George Reynolds center that was supposed to be for the community but is never open. The town needs somewhere to hold parties ect.		Yes																				
Sports facilities. The George Reynolds Centre is not fit for purpose, the old sports club was a much better venue. The town should have better sports facilities. A space for teens to use.	Yes	Yes																				
Not enough facilities for 18 - 25 year old.																			Yes			
antique shops and charity shops could do with replacing as there are too many, more								Yes					Yes			Yes			Yes	Yes		

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restaurant/pubs, clothes shops, affordable restaurants, better nightlife, more activities for teenager/younger people, more public toilets,																				
There is very little night life, most of the pubs have been turned into housing and a lot of pubs close really early. Nothing for teenagers, young adults or even for 40 year olds. I think we need a Good family pub, macdonalds, clothes shops, cinema, bowling alley, maybe even a small night club as our last one was closed many years ago. George Reynolds centre, (very rarely open and has nothing going on unlike the old sports club which was open most days and provided entertainment. I think this would bring more								Yes					Yes						Yes	Yes

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employment to our town and make it a more balanced community as I feel that Crewkerne has become a town for mainly retired and elderly people. Not enough public transport, very difficult to get a taxi. Henhayes field has been overbuilt on, need a new sports field, and maybe an indoor play are for younger children. The new car park which hasn't happend yet.																						
Community arts centre for cinema, shows, music, learning, at affordable prices. Community repair and lending hub. Community energy production. Community food hub - growing (ie community allotment/s), preparation, nutrition. The		Yes																Yes				Yes

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Orchard by Henhayes would be ideal.																						
there is not enough for young people to do. we could do with a community cafe/hub.																						
Get ride of George Reynolds Centre. A wihte elephant and unpleasant to attend meetings there.																						
Maintenance of museum, pool and library. Play area for Wadham estate.																						
As a small town, we are well-resourced with community facilities. But many of them (eg GRC, Aqua Centre, museum) etc need ongoing commitment and investment for them to remain viable and fit for purpose.																						
Art centre											Yes											
Permanent manager to run GRC full time. Why do the facilities not have solar?		Yes																				

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Allow Men's Shed to open more often.																						
Locally owned shops, reduction in charity shops																				Yes		
More is needed for 14-18 year olds								Yes														
Green space overlooked from Henhayes and the Aqua centre would benefit from some soft planting						Yes																
More accessible open spaces. Make Henhayes bigger						Yes																
Level, safer paving for the elderly and wheelchair users, please.				Yes																		
GRC needs to be available for use		Yes																				
The library is too small for all the activities it houses. A large 'hub' with library, LIC, rooms for drama, youth, Uni of 3rd Age, etc.		Yes													Yes							
GRC should be more active - community space		Yes																				

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Very unhappy with the direction the GRC is going. Seems to be a lack of support for sports clubs. Not what George Reynolds would have wanted.	Yes	Yes																				
NHS dentist Empty pub closure in Hermitage street													Yes									
GRC should be knocked down as it's a useless money pit.		Yes																				
Crewkerne needs a running track. This would hopefully stop runners using pavements as a running track.	Yes																					
I want a full cost/benefit audit of all council run properties, including Victoria Hall.		Yes																				
But a younger generation may need more								Yes		Yes									Yes			
Would be ne to have a local arts centre/ cafe that is welcoming to all, where people can socialise and											Yes		Yes									

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have access to affordable locally-produced produce etc.																						
Doctor/ dentist availability To see someone at these surgeries needs considerable improvement.			Yes																			
Additional play areas for older children i.e. adventure areas, basketball courts, five-a-side pitches							Yes	Yes														
Bowling green Allotments	Yes																	Yes				
More effort to increase green spaces in the town for use by all residents, workers and visitors						Yes																

Appendix 6 – Suggested Children’s and Youth Facilities

A youth club would be a good start. Opening up the local tennis courts and making it free.
Extend current youth services. Some provision for the difficult 14-17 age group ? Involvement with other community activities.
More supervised and safe meeting places. More security
Anything that interests them enough to stop them hanging around the park late at night.
Indoor space for kids to meet to play pool, table tennis etc and to chat to friends
Use of GRC for more activities, learning etc
Play days in School holidays. Drop in cafe style offering for the over 10s. Something like community Waffle House in Axminster. Warm hub provision for Winter school holidays.
The youth groups currently run at the GRC should run during holiday times as well as term time
More clubs for youngsters to go to other than football.
Ask the kids at wadham what they want
I think they need better advertising
Teenagers are trashing the play park I have picked up matches and lighter fluid bottles from the play park so little ones don't pick it up
Somewhere like the GRC where kids can hang out safely and do activities daily. Soft play Free fun days down henhayes during all half terms
Crewkerne boxing club to be moved into the town. Sports hall at wadham to be used for community sports projects
more youth provision, somewhere for children up to 18 to gather which is safe and dry
More needed for teenagers.
Additional play areas
Perhaps more opportunities for teenagers, a youth choir or drama group would be great.
There is not enough for the mid to late teens to do in the town, although I do feel the œboard house is a good venue. I am certain for the money we currently pay for youth services on one or two nights a week, but only during term time, we could probably employ a youth worker, who could liaise between the youth and the local services to see what could be offered on a regular basis. And the issue of a bike trail has never been addressed, although it has been requested.
Appropriate spaces for secondary aged children to find ways to occupy themselves all year round. Specialist led or nagar dart sport and leisure for them needs facilitation. Family events need to be maintained and possibly increased. Joined up approaches need more transparent evidence.
The Sure Start facility for young families offers somewhere that anyone can take their pre-school child to meet other families/chat about problems/get to know someone/find out where to get help/provide social interaction for parents, carers and children. This way we have a support system early in the child's life when new parents need support but do not always know where to get it. A free provision for all.
The current services provided at the GRC are not adequate. The two groups are only open during term time. Why are they not provided during school holidays as well?
More provision for small children and after school clubs for older children who have working parents,

Somewhere that teenagers and younger adolescents can safely go without fear of getting stabbed. Somewhere where they have room to enjoy their hobbies.
Covered outdoor space for teenagers. Playpark closer to Wadham estate.
Places for young people to meet up
Something for yonger kids workshops for kids to learn new skills
snooker club, bowling alley, sports club that is always accessible.
Sports facilities for teenagers
Youth center.
Indoor play equipment. More clubs in Crewkerne for us that can't drive.
Indoor activity for children Socialising for adults and children
Wider variety of sports and creative opportunities and youth clubs
Youth clubs
Indoor facilities that are free or at least very affordable. These facilities must be designed by people with a lot more knowledge than the designers of the , 'White Elephant' commonly known as the GRC.
There doesn't seem to be anything much for the youngsters teenagers mainly maybe a centre where they can go which doesn't cost much , with a pool table , snack bar and other stuff that they like doing
Henhayes are very good but would be nice to have more entertaining or picnics on the green , lovely park by henhayes that isn't really used , we had teddy bear picnics where I came from which was popular
? BMX bike trail
For the youth somewhere where they can play pool ect. and hold dances and a coffee bar. An involvement with the young would help.
Parent and child wellbeing centre
A youth club
Youth club , drop in centres. Arts clubs
Social clubs
Speak to children and young adults - visit our local schools to answer this question.
arcades or bowling alleys etc, for recreational activities aimed at teenagers, bigger play park in henhayes for younger children, maybe a fast food type restaurant
Somewhere affordable where teenagers can go, restaurant, night club which could provide a night for young ones. Indoor play area.
youthclubs, youth workers
There seems to be plenty of activities available but maybe more promotiionn of what is available is needed. Also more funding for existing local groups to enable them to keep their membership fees low.
I don't know of any youth facilities. There are childrens play areas.
Something like the Huddle in Yeovil. Sheltered playing space for teens
Re-develop or vastly improve the Scout Hut then more groups/associations could use it.
a youth club
More sports/ dance/ gymnastics groups to help children socialise and not hang around streets. Also a youth club - youth activities
There is plenty of empty halls where you can start a group (Speedwell Hall, Dance House, GRC)

Larger skate park Play equipment for older children at Henhayes
Youths have nothing to do and need youth clubs etc. instead of causing havoc round town
The more the better
Permanent, lit football/ rugby pitches and cheaper swimming. Make better use of schools in holidays.
The more houses that are built in the area it is obvious more facilities are going to be needed.
We need more parents taking responsibility for their children's actions. Get parents involved in running a youth club ... no wait, you already closed the West One!
It seems to be adequate?
Dancing club Cafe for young people More support play group Enclosed play area for Happy Valley as at Henhayes rec.
The young have clubs but where do the teenagers go if they are not sporty?
Social areas where teenagers can meet up and buy non-alcoholic beverages and snack in a safe, welcoming, inclusive environment.
Indoor cafe/ space - using existing facilities but encouraging young people.
As question 11 also a centrally located skate park.
Child-focussed meeting spaces (cafes, play centres, etc.) Soft play centre in town centre?

Appendix 7 – Suggested Sports and Recreational Opportunities

Tennis courts.
Tennis courts
More evening classes
Subsidised prices for swimming for poorer people.
May as we'll be able to use the tennis courts that exist
Virtual golf Table tennis Air hockey
The GRC should be run properly and should be working with the sports teams in the town to generate / encourage bigger crowds of spectators
As above, plus access to an athletics track
skate park
Tennis.
We have lost the 1610 centre.Would like to be able to attend yoga or netball with my teenage daughter something like that would be great.
Extended gym opening at weekend would be helpful
I understand that at king last we may see the tennis refurbished, but this facility should be free to use, without booking, along the lines of Merriott. It is astonishing that both Misterton and Merriott can offer better sports facilitiesâ€¦free of charge than Crewkerneâ€¦yet another sign of the stagnant town we have become
Table tennis, boules, outdoor draughts, large scale games equipment as was available to people in Street during the summer. Plenty of sites in town where they could be utilised. Tennis courts need better planned freely available access. GRC should be available for use for families in non term time slots throughout the year. Outdoor events such as Park yoga, walk groups etc should all occur from the GRC to make its existence more widely available or advertised. Outdoor free access gym facilities.
More green space in the centre of town, such as the proposal (see Facebook) for Cropmead Orchard
Indoor bowls facilities
Recreational facilities for everyone outdoors in the town centre. Somewhere to garden/walk/sit and chat/use outdoor gym equipment/meet with friends away from traffic in fresh air. This would encourage people to walk. We seem to be catering for organised sport, but many either do not want organised physical activity or are unable to access anything appropriate or cannot afford to pay for a club membership. An open space offering various choices would encourage a fitter population, both mental and physical.
The only sports facility which would benefit the town is if the GRC was run as a sports and social club. The old club was very popular and always well used and brought the community together
Somewhere for children to get interested in different sports
Free outdoor fitness machines
A proper park!
Possible users of squash court, climbing wall, gymnastics facilities. Would love to see an art gallery. A planted park area could be nice, feature trees and beds.
as stated previously.
Tennis. Sports centre

Different sports and fitness opportunities eg hockey / netball / tennis that might appeal to more women or those who don't wish to play football / rugby
Youth clubs like we had years ago. Tennis for recreation. Someone years ago thought that everyone in Crewkerne liked skateboarding for some reason?
Football pitch all year round.
Sports Hall (see above). What is now happening with the revamping of the Severalls tennis courts? Could the hut of the Bowls club be used for the tennis club too? More varied classes at the Acqua Centre. It looks like there is nothing in the afternoon. It is quite expensive too.
4g football pitch. We have a growing town football club with 7 youth teams but limited facilities to train during the winter months. Tennis courts
Far more sports
Tennis, all weather outside gym
Snooker/pool tables Social clubs
Outside free gym equipment - preferably at Henhayes - use the Orchard green space. Or at least at Bincombe and/or Barn Street. Free/cheap tennis courts and lessons. More allotments.
tennis courts at lang road needs to be updated without delay. outside adult gym equipment at henhayes.
Not new provision - but could the school tennis courts be opened up to the public during school holidays?
Art gallery
Tennis has been woefully neglected for some years, maybe only now being addressed. Courts should be available in Severalls AND Wadham.
Would like a weekly class for the over 55s that is not too high impact.
The more sports that are available to children/ people the better but it is getting people to run these that is difficult.
The tennis courts need sorting.
More recreational activities would be good, think there are some in town but poorly advertised.
Two tennis court need to be upgraded
Some of the parents of the younger football teams have to drive miles for play and practice what about using Henhayes or Maiden Beech
Younger people might tell a different story
Indoor bowling facility
GRC needs reopening for sports clubs and fixtures etc.
Minority recreational sports
Support needed for clubs, especially with GRC as a base and those clubs pushing youth sport
Badminton Court dance classes
More sport the better for the youngsters to keep them off streets
Crewkerne youth football and rugby are by far the worst facilities on match days across Somerset/ Dorset and as a parent of both I am not the only one of this opinion.
It seems to be adequate?
Wadham School sports facilities are these dual use? Do they need to be advertised/ adapted for greater use?
As above, for the young adults

Youth clubs
Refurbish Lang Road tennis courts
Would be good to have more activities for people who aren't particularly sporty but who are interested in participating in physical activity for their physical and mental health.
Bowling green, allotments, zip wire
We have two lawn bowls clubs, but no indoor rinks for use from October to April. (The town has a large population of elderly people)
Cycling, walking routes away from the busy roads. Something similar to Yeovil Ninesprings.

Appendix 8 – Suggested Green Spaces which should Receive Protection

Henhayes playing fields, Barn Street Recreation Ground, Bincombe Nature Reserve, Happy Valley Park and skate park.
Bincombe, Henhayes, and surrounding fields and meadows.
Bincombe Beeches nature reserve. Barn Street rec.
All public parks and sports grounds
Happy Valley; Bincombe Beeches; Henhayes; Mill Pond fields and any other current areas where local people undertake leisure activities.
All the green spaces
Henhayes Bincombe Beeches
All of our green spaces should be protected.
Bincombe Beeches, Henhayes, Happy Valley, Barn Street. There should be a green lung of green space with a cycle path to join the CLR with Henhayes/town centre.
Henhayes, bincombe beeches
All of them. There are barely enough for the expanding population. There is insufficient infrastructure in the town for the existing population and developers never produce the facilities they have committed to at the approval stage. This is a critically weak area of Town Councillors' performance. Too often we hear excuses about it being SSDC, not CTC, who is responsible for planning: well, Crewkerne has representation at county level, but our councillors wave everything through at county level and do not hold themselves accountable to the town community for their indifference when questioned.
All green spaces
Henhayes Bincombe beeches Happy Valley Barn Street park area.
Henhayes should be protected. Little bits of it keep being reallocated for other use. Bincombe should be protected. The valley behind the church also
Henhayes. Bincombe. millpond area.
Protect them but also update them. Bincombe is lovely. The space by the hospital could be updated
All!
Hen hayes
Henhayes. Bincombe. The park off Barn Street.
Henhayes. Happy Valley. Bincombe.
All of them, Henhayes, Happy Valley, the tennis courts, Bincombe.....
All
Happy valley, bincombe, henhays, misterton rec
All the ones we have currently and any pin pointed for future development.
Bincombe woods and area round Maincombe
any area with trees and wildlife
Parks. Country walks around Crewkerne currently under threat by builders again.
Ensure existing green spaces such as Henhayes, Barn Street and Bincombe are protected for public use in perpetuity.

Bincombe Beeches, Henhayes sports pitches, Barn Street Recreational Park , Lyewater Community Green Space.
Henhayes, Bincombe, Happy Valley, Barn Street Recreation
All of them they are all important to different members of our community
Henhayes, Bincombe, Happy Valley, Millpond etc
All
Henhayes, Happy Valley, Bincombe Beeches.
Henhayes recreation ground, barn street. Sloped field off of cathode bridge rd leading to railway track
Why is this even a questionâ€¦..of course whatever green spaces we have left should be protected, as our surrounding countryside has been sacrificed to inappropriate development due to lack of diligence by our local council and a total lack of integrity from our local planning authority, who should have been challenged on more than one occasion, but of course, never have been
All that currently exist! There needs to be a plan to increase the diversity of equipment type and use of open spaces available.
All of them
Henhays ground and all the surrounding green space, including Bincombe.
All of them! Bincombe, around the church, behind leisure centre etc
Bincombe Beaches, Barn Street Recreation Park. Cropmead Orchard and the Millers Garage should not be used for development. It will yet again reduce the amount of green space within the town This should be set aside as a community amenity area locals to relax and enjoy.
Henhayes was given to the town and should remain for the town. Bincombe Beeches is a wonderful facility that should be protected, sadly it is not easily accessible by foot to all so we need a town centre alternative. Barn Street could again become a "greener" area with more planting of trees and shrubs (Woodland Trust have great offers), but it is not in the town centre. All of the town green spaces should be protected against housing/commercial development.
Henhayes area
What a stupid question. Of course they should be protected. Henhayes should remain as it is and should not be whittled away anymore than it already has been. Bincombe, obviously. Happy Valley and the Church valley should be protected. And also the orchard below Easthams Lane should remain a green space.
Keep dogs away from sports locations for health reasons
All of them! Odd question
Bincombe
All
All green spaces used by the community should be protected. The Town Council owned land should definitely be protected but so should other areas of the town. The Green Lung which extends from north of Henhayes eastwards to the taylor Wimpey site is going to be essential, both to those living on the new development and those living in the town who have used these routes for access to the countryside.
Barn Street Recreation ground, Henhayes playing fields, childrens' playgrounds

Bincombe Beeches is a key asset to protect. Green footpaths should be kept. Playparks should be maintained. Swimming pool is one of the reasons I settled here. Pitch for informal ball games is important. Seperate areas required for dogs.
No dog walking on pitches
i think we need more football fields on the outside of town.
All of them
Happy valley used to be a football pitch now look at it. No where to go after sports the GRC is a joke
Henhayes happy valley.
All That are used
All
Happy Valley Henhayes
All of them
Henhayes Happy Valley Bincombe Beeches
Henhayes Bincombe Fields behind church
Henhayes cut tree down for no reason ment to be done for the carpark in miller's garage site ,that hasn't happened more tax payers money wasted
Millpond, the area opposite the Station, cathole Bridge Road, Happy Valley, Bincombe.
Henhays, happy valley and all our fields
Bincombe beeches Barn street recreation ground Henhayes
Bincombe Beeches Happy Valley Henhayes Field Barn Street Recreation Area All schools playing fields Any green areas in the town or around the town not currently developed or earmarked for development
Definitely the Beeches, Henhayes and surrounding area. Barn Close. Area surrounding Townsend Cemetery.
Henhayes Barn Street playing field and Happy Valley.
Shady Bincomr Happy valley
Henhayes Millpond Happy Valley Bincombe
All of them!!
All that we have nowâ€¸. And old tennis courts
All of them!
Sport fields, field at Towe Hill Road
Absolutely. We seem to be hell bent on doing that which is cheap, easy and delivers maximum financial benefit for the various strata of local government or private developers rather than doing that which maximises the cultural and life-enhancing benefits for the people.
All of them of course! And more provided especially within and beside the new developments and including currently planted informal areas such as West St car park triangle etc. Bincombe Valley by St Barts church particularly important as currently privately owned(?).
The land around Crewkerne where footpaths are situated
all of them and more could be created. there are a few neglected areas in the town which could be enhanced to make them pleasant places to sit ie the larde tree behind the library, the tree opposite savers.

What a question! Of course!!!! Every existing space should be protected. Find a place separate from the town to build all these proposed houses. As suggested above, simply create a new town outside Crewkerne
All of them
All current green spaces should be protected
Bincombe Beeches Happy Valley Henhayes and the field behind it where the horses graze. I'm told that visiting sports team like the fact that Henhayes doesn't feel enclosed. The field behind the Trading Estate where people enjoy walking their dogs.
All those that remain
Bincombe, Henhayes, SSSI, Vinney Bridge river area
All of the current ones, especially Bincome Beeches
Bincombe Beeches Severalls Park Happy Valley Henhayes Playing Fields Barn Recreation Ground
Henhayes; Bincombe; BARN street rec; Happy Valley
Bincombe Henhayes
All existing green spaces to be protected in perpetuity. An expansion of rights of way to connect up Kithill to the station more directly. Protection for current route of footpath 27/21
Dogs should be prohibited from the playing fields at Henhayes. Perhaps a fenced perimeter path for dog walkers could be provided.
All of them
Henhayes Park, Barn Street Rec.
All sports pitches should always be protected. The more the better.
All of them!
Various parks in Crewkerne. Litter and dog poo
Henhayes, Bincombe, Barn St, Severell's, Happy valley, all of them. The community, not the council own these. The council has the privilege of managing these.
All currently in Town Council ownership Areas such as Cropmead Orchard should be protected as should the green finger of land between the town and the CLR site.
Bincombe Hill, playing fields at Henhayes
All the green spaces should be protected and used to support recreational and well-being needs. They should also support aims for carbon-neutrality and biodiversity which are national priorities.
All
Parks and sports fields. People need to be able to let children run and play safely. Teams need to train, fetes need locations.
All
Happy valley, Henhayes, Barn Street, Bincombe Beeches, and the area at the top of Kit Hill (now building land), where wildlife habitat has been destroyed. We need to protect wildlife and bees etc.
Bincombe Beeches
Bincombe Hill, Happy Valley, Barn Street rec, playing fields
These need to remain - Henhayes, happy Valley, Barn Street
Bincombe, Happy Valley, Severalls, Henhayes
We should not be building on any local green spaces - too much building already.
Recreation ground Cropmead orchard

All
All of them
All green spaces should have been protected, especially at Kit Hill being the last bit that side of town before the border with Misterton. Favourite of many walkers, especially dog-walkers
Bincombe Henhayes Happy Valley
Henhayes Mill Pond Easthams Lane
All
Henhayes Park Bincombe Beeches Happy Valley All dog-walking areas All 'rambling' areas around Crewkerne
Bincombe Henhayes Mill Pond
Henhayes, Happy Valley, Bincombe, all small children's areas, e.g. housing estates at Crewkerne station, up Kit Hill, Southmead
ALL!
Bincombe Hill Henhayes Happy Valley Barn Street rec Any that are incorporated into the future development of the town
All the present ones with an emphasis on stopping badgers destroying facilities, e.g. Henhayes, Happy Valley
ALL
All of them
Keep all park, council not allowed to take away any more to make into car parks again. Henhayes was left to the people of Crewkerne
Henhayes Bincombe Barn Street
All school, park and nature reserves
Definitely the field at the back of the GRC(Henhayes) and also the skateboard area and the children's play area (Happy Valley)
All of it!
ALL
All of them, with armed guards and dogs.
All of them
Everything that is now green - Henhayes, Bincombe, Barn Street, Happy Valley. New parks in new housing. Green field between Easthams Rd and Cropmead (compulsory purchase)
ALL. and more designated/ extended viz. Henhayes rec ground where P.O.S lost to development - the 'horse field' (aka. Cropmead orchard - PL)
All of them
Bincombe beeches Recreation ground
Happy Valley Bincopmbe Henhayes Barn Street rec Local footpaths and nature reserve
Henhayes Barn Street rec. Happy Valley Spaces e.g. Easthams Lane along Henhayes.
Henhayes Bincombe
All green spaces
All
Bincombe Beeches Henhayes Park
All of them
All, including access to footpaths around the edge of town.

All, plus the provision of more multi-use areas for cycling/ walking etc. that is accessible from the town centre, similar to Yeovil Ninesprings

Appendix 9 – Reasons given for why People are not Satisfied with the Town Centre

Alleviating traffic would help but is difficult to do. Compulsory purchase of the old Nat West bank building or enforcement action on the owner to ensure the building does not deteriorate any further following the fire. Avoiding the further proliferation of 'A boards' on pavements and an improvement to the pavement surfaces.
Make it a one way system. Discourage HGVs from coming in and through the town. Plant more trees
Try and get the hideous Falkland Sq improved - maybe lobby new owners ? Try and improve London House - who owns these scruffy empty shops ? Can anything be done to redevelop? Former Nat West Bank - is listed so push SSDC to serve enforcement notice on current owners to prevent further deterioration of building. Bus shelter - we should have one at least ! Get rid of heavy traffic going through Centre of Town - which could lead to wider pavements, easier for pedestrians and more trees and planters so improved air quality.
The traffic system needs overhauling and more one-way systems
We need a much more diverse high street etc., with a range of shops such as greengrocer, baker perhaps another butcher, etc. We seem to have too many charity shops and hairdressers with itching to attract locals and visitors to use Crewkerne as a shopping venue.
Falkland Square could be made more attractive
More varied selection of shops and no empty shops
Not allowing empty buildings to fall into disrepair
One way system. Widen North St and Hermitage st pavements. Pedestrian crossing outside Ashlands School to Brickyard Lane.
If businesses cannot afford shop rental, consider shared properties. Bank/other services hub
Fewer charity shops, estate agents and hairdressers. More small retail units selling local produce. Ilminster, South Petherton and Beaminster manage to strike this balance, so it is simply a matter of priorities for CTC. Falkland Square and other central rents are too high and discourage people from setting up businesses.
More choice of shops for clothing, toys and food.
Parking free after 1 pm on Saturday to encourage footfall One way system. Updated map of facilities in Falkland Square.
More independent small shops required and empty shops should be maintained to prevent them falling into disrepair
More clothes shops
Return the markets to Falkland Square. Try to retain banks/ building societies. Make provision somewhere for a bank hub which can be used by all the banks one day a week in rotation.
Too many charity shops and antiques. More main stream shops and restaurants needed
More free parking
Safer pavements. Very dangerous outside The George. Traffic improvement One way system! Fill the empty shops - they are an eyesore
Too much traffic congestion. Need more shops to encourage people to shop in Crewkerne.

Make town centre one way or have a bypass
Attracting more businesses, on a Saturday afternoon the town is hardly bustling
Traffic management needs improvement, With illegal and obstructive parking, educate the ignorant and fine the arrogant.
Bringing in chain companies to bring trade to town Better traffic management, such as the proposed bypass to be made a reality. Better markets
Spring and summer the town looks good but winter is found wanting especially xmas decorations. A great effort is put in which we can see but look at Ilminster ,Beaminster and Chard we are lagging behind.
Falkland Square needs improving and traffic flow needs to be better
There should be an initiative to encourage more businesses and popular retailers into the town
Less charity shops, more attractive places to eat and drink. Less people hanging out of Bilbys window!
Deal with traffic, improve pavements, bring in a one way traffic system in the centre of town to allow wider pavements, encourage and foster new businesses such as the Board House
More greenery, wider pavements, cafes, independent shops
To fill the empty shops.
If a ring road cannot be achieved then mandatory 20mph speed limits be applied. More pedestrian areas.
Lots of empty shops. Lots of litter especially behind and around the bins near the back of M and Co. Dog poo is also an issue.
Affordable Clothes shop would be useful
The town looks and feels uncared for...the pavements are atrocious, the roads are congested, and our once thriving high street is all but bare. I realise we have a difficult few years, but the decline had started long before that, and I do feel the 'œ open up the high street' funding was largely wasted on websites, social media, photographs and an event which may well have been enjoyable for those attending but which had no short term benefit, or indeed long term effect on the town centre. The money should have been spent on longer term improvements, such as cleaning up neglected areas, to give a sense of pride in our town centre. We need to start promoting our history as a tourist attraction to bring people in
Demolish London House - make that a pleasant landscaped area as a breathing space. It's an ugly and now empty remnant of poor past town planning and development. Increase the urgency to help protect or revive empty town buildings eg Nat West building. Greshams looks ugly and tatty yet is the focal point for driving through town. It's disgraceful that these buildings and others in town eg building in Abbey St are left to rot with owners who use them as dormant investment and then won't support their preservation.
If possible, more proactive work should be done to attract retail businesses into Crewkerne. In addition one of the empty banks needs to become a banking hub, such as has happened in other rural places. Also more parking spaces are needed.
There is very poor access to the town centre with the current level of traffic. The area is therefore underused.
But, could have better traffic flow & a decent (non pub) restaurant
Reduce traffic and prevent on pavement parking

Owners of empty buildings should be identified by our Town Council, and contacted individually to make them address the appearance and state of disrepair. Many of the historic buildings have been land banked by those who have no connection to the town. They are left to deteriorate, which is destroying the heritage of our town Traffic, pedestrian safety and air quality is bad, I very rarely now frequent the town due to this.
We need an attractive recreational/park space. Most towns have a park, but we only have sports pitches and children's playground. There is no easily accessible space to walk to that would provide a quiet, pleasant area to attract visitors to the town and somewhere for residents who have no gardens or for groups to visit to observe a green environment. The traffic system needs to be changed to a) slow the speed to below 20mph throughout the town b) create a One-way route with traffic calming to make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists. Waiting for the link road on the CLR site is not satisfactory, this may not happen for years, or never at all. We need change to the travel of traffic now!
The town is drab and uncared for. It needs an injection of money that can be spent on refreshing and improving buildings, pavements and roads. The council should be applying for grants to do this. Chard have received grant money, as has Yeovil. Why not Crewkerne. We have so many beautiful listed buildings in the town and owners should be encouraged to maintain them. The Nat West building is a case in point. The London House is an eyesore and is one of the first buildings that visitors see when approaching from the West. Landlords of Market Street buildings and Falkland Square should be encouraged to work with the town. The Farmers' Market would be much better off it was able to be held in Falkland Square.
Too many shops have closed, additional businesses need to be encouraged to use the town centre and fill out some of the unused buildings
Use empty property - Lloyds, Barclays, above Natiowide, NatWest, above 31 Market Square, etc. Is local authority using all powers at its disposal to encourage landlords to make use of empty buildings?
Falkland Square update + divert the through traffic
But looking ahead, support - inc financial will be needed as economy shrinks
Far more effort is required to make the town centre comfortable for pedestrians. Repairing/widening pavements and better drainage of water, especially on westside of Market Street
It is often very dirty and noisy.
Clothes shop needed
Parking- Need new car park in East street
Less charity shops no more hairdressers!! Clothes shoe shops more affordable shops shops that you would want to visit
less food places, charity shops & antique shops. more pubs, clubs and quality shops such as Primark, wilko's new look, currys, halfords, ect.
Incentives to fill empty shops
To many empty shops compared to chard it is rubbish
Closed shops reoccupied
See previous comments. Mostly decoratively
Better shops chard is way more forward than we are they have some great shops .
The pavement is very slippery.walking down through preicent. Drains are loose more lighting is needed in parks etc .

More variety of businesses and keeping them
More independent shops with subsidised business rates
Improved / more /free short term parking spaces.
Should be made one way
We are a town of hairdressers and charity shops.
To many empty buildings, it would be nice to have a weatherspoons in town as we have lost so many pubs, more clothes shops as our only one is closing maybe one which isn't so expensive. Less charity shops,
Outside savers / library there is a lovely area people could sit and natter , could also have flowers / plants there it has alot of potential
Reduce the amount of traffic by making it a one way system Reduce the speed limit to 20 miles per hour More safe crossing places for pedestrians Increase the width of pavements in North, West, East and South streets More car parks, free for example on Saturdays to increase the footfall in Crewkerne and benefit shops and pubs There is one public toilet only next to the library. Having another public toilet at another end of town, e.g. near Happy Valley?
A proper bypass around the town - not just the new road about to go from the A30 to Station Road. Encouragement (perhaps through lowering rates) for new shops and far less charity shops.
More shops and bars that actually open most days and do not shut at 10 o clock.
Some attractive street furniture
Improved shops
Reduce rents. Buy property off pension funds who own them. Arts facility for courses and community projects
Bring more high street chain shops More places for socialising
Every shop/building needs to be occupied. Shop fronts need to be aesthetically pleasing.
there are not enough shops of different varieties, especially now m&co is gone.
Better shops, more pubs, especially a family pub. Lots of empty buildings or charity shops, antique shops and hairdressers. Could do with more useful shops.
The traffic is often horrendous and the one-way system in place from time to time seems to improve things but then is not continued with.
Control the traffic better - one way system, more traffic light pedestrian crossings on main high street with lights prioritising pedestrians not traffic. Wider pavements. More diversity of independent shops eg plastic free refill shop for organic food including fresh fruit and veg, redesigned and repurposed textiles/clothes, fresh (local) food market weekly and large enough to generate regular attendance by shoppers.
Huge vehicles not allowed through the town centre Clearer Designated crossing areas
Falkland square is dire and needs a facelift. empty shops need to be filled. the 4 empty former banks need to be preserved and turned into a feature in the town. the old Barclays bank is particularly unsightly.
We have descended into a town of charity shops, estate agents and a couple of grocery stores, which, thank Goodness, still exist, along with one butcher, a library, a post office, a couple of chemists and optometrists, etc all of which I hope will survive. But we need a clothing store (poor old M&Co) and wouldn't it be nice to have at least one bank?
Falkland Square is an unattractive 60's space that needs updating Empty properties that have been purchased need a time restraint for refurbishment

It would be good to have the pavements swept more often and dog-owners strongly encouraged to pick up after their pets. Are there any plans for encouraging more traders into the empty shops?
Lower business rates and rents to attract more shops.
New clothes shop
Make use of the empty Shops and Buildings e.g. the old Banks. #See also the answer to Question 23
more investment and support for local producers / shops; Falkland Square could do with a make over to make it more attractive; What actually is the centre of town? Arguably, Market Square could / should be. Permanently pedestrianising the short road between the town hall and parade of shops, Oscars etc would make it more appealing and safe, particularly for community events, farmers' markets etc - would give Crewkerne a central focal point and identity.
Traffic is terrible
Once the new eastern relief road is in place, a one way system could be put in place with wider pavements and pedestrian-friendly enhancement on all central thoroughfares.
Exclude heavy traffic develop Market Square for a range of leisure/ recreational activities, sitting-out area, coffee, etc.
Something needs doing with the empty banks and shops.
More retail and less charity shops
A bypass - which obviously unlikely to happen.
Make less congestion Improve parking
Make managers of Falkland Square allow the traders to return. Support small shopkeepers. Keep the main street smart.
Pavements very uneven and so many empty properties
Crewkerne has a pleasant town centre with fine buildings and good access to the rec. It is blighted by the heavy traffic and consequent noise and pollution. Ideally the whole town centre should be pedestrianised.
Attract local owned shops, cafes. restaurants etc.
Less charity shops. No Costa - local alternatives only.
More independent shops More places to eat
Improvement in shops - lot of charity and antique shops. We have small shops that could be good for independent traders - look at Tavistock booming small independent trade and one-off shops. Need good advertising. A more affordable supermarket.
Major concern about existing empty business units and their future use. Lack of variety e.g. no more charity shops or hairdressers
Council need to give incentives to new retailers coming into town to fill empty shops
We need less charity shops and more independent trades like shoe shops, men's outfitters, another chemist shop other than Boots
There is four shops empty - should encourage new businesses
It's a shame M&Co are closing but i would like to see more small start-up businesses encouraged with reduced business rents until really established.
It's probably tool ate to do anything. I do understand that rent and rates are enormous so a reduction in them might help.
More smaller businesses, i.e. independent shops rather than bigger stores which leave a big gap on the high street.

Shoe shops, clothes shops for men Indoor market to encourage shoppers all-weather use - Town Hall? Free parking Saturdays, one week day
Falkland Square needs to be tidied up and made attractive to increase footfall into the town from the main car park/ Waitrose etc.
OK but a lot of potential to develop. More specialist/ independent shops
Better variety of shops Less charity shops Closed shops put to use
Not so much traffic
Too many empty shops Encourage more business
Mostly OK but needs cleaning up more often Drains cleaned out monthly to stop flooding
Pavements dangerous Volume of through traffic make crossing hazardous
Attract new business, 20 mph speed limit, update the shopping area
Not really but I don't think that there is very much that can be done about it. The pavements in the town area are in a terrible state, especially at the back of Waitrose and the Telephone Exchange
Compile a list of empty buildings available to buy/ let and let's get these filled and make our town wake up.
Central bus stops
Force empty units above shops to be converted to flats if unoccupied more than 5yrs.
More support for current and prospective shopkeepers; it's them who make the town centre. Increase the parking
High quality security cameras (street locations)
The town centre has lost much in the last three years, bookstores, banks, small stores
More shops
One way traffic system or traffic lights controlling entrance/exit North Street
Need more useful independent shops instead of so many antique shops and places that sell over-priced nick-nacks.
Encourage people to 'shop local' . We are well served it's just that people go out of town. Improved market, especially green grocers.
Bypass for traffic. Fill empty shops spaces. No more charity shops or antique shops
One-way traffic - north to south in North Street. Easy done and not expensive but no one is listening.

Appendix 10 – Suggested Provision of Additional or Improved Pedestrian and Cycling Routes

There is little scope for providing dedicated cycling routes along the main roads around the town but there is scope for a cycle path up Kitt Hill where the road is wide enough. If North Street ever becomes one-way then a cycle-path could be created there. The creation of a dedicated footpath and cycle path from the major Crewkerne Link Road development into town would be a great addition as it would allow residents there the real possibility of walking or cycling into town. Walking routes through town suffer because inevitably the pedestrian has to cross a busy main road. A crossing or pavement build-out at the bottom of Brickyard Lane to cross North Street (A356) would be good as well as a build-out at Courts Barton, crossing Gouldsbrook Terrace (the A30).
Ideally, yes, but realistically with the current weight of traffic and in the town and space, where would they go?
Are there any ?
Of the traffic flow system was thought out properly, cyclists/pedestrians should be safer
Hermitage Street needs better pedestrian safety as the pavements are too narrow and the traffic too fast.
Both need to be improved in the narrower parts of town.
North st West st East st South st
Some paths too narrow for pedestrians. Use of cycle lanes, speed limiters, chicanes. Cycle routes off road or thru quieter roads
Cycle routes need to be improved everywhere.
Hermitage street pavement is narrow and in poor condition and is being used by children from 4, plus the new development off Lang Road. Remove gate from cut through from Lawrence's to Henhayes or extend unlocked hours. Instate footpath at Abbey Street, North street junction.
There should be cycle paths from the CLR site into town and pavements should be improved
One way traffic would help pedestrians and traffic jams
Let's make the roads safer for ALL
North Street!!!!
Ideally all through the town. But a link from East Street to South Street (across cropmead) Kitt Hill, Furland Road. All housing estates should have them. Also need good cycling/walking infrastructure to encourage people not to drive cars to town.
To station and through the town centre
North Street needs urgent attention. You have Ashlands school there and fast traffic with Wing mirrors rushing within centimetres of children's heads.
North Street needs improvement, it's very dangerous walking along especially between Ashland's Primary school and town. Trying to cross over to Brickyard Lane is an extreme sport.
Main roads leading in to the town centre. Please give attention to the ILLEGAL cycling on pavements.
Crewkerne station, kithill, hermitage street,
Pedestrian access i feel is ok but i'm not sure of any cycling routes as i'm not a cyclist.
Do we have any cycle routes if not would space allow?

All roads in & out or a shortcut cycle route from East Street into town without the need to build houses for profit to get it! Use our money for us living here and make an attractive route for walkers & cyclist in and around greenery.
The short answer is everywhere. It should be possible for a bike to traverse the town in at least the 4 principal compass directions without tangling with traffic and pedestrians. Pedestrians need decent pavements, paths, lighting and signage to avoid them being run over by cars or bikes.
on routes into town with more cycle parks
North street, east street, west street have inadequate pavements for pedestrians, pushchairs and wheelchair users
Pedestrian, crossing over South Street to St. Barts school
North street pavements due to traffic. Town centre
Again another odd question!..WE HAVE NO CYCLE ROUTES which are safe to use, the only people who would suggest otherwise are developers, their agents and local authorities who obviously have never tried to cycle through CREWKERNE. We have done nothing to encourage cycling in our area. And despite many attempts by local people to get improvements our pavements are an embarrassment and are dangerous and the one piece of land which could help provide genuinely safe walking and cycling routes from Mount Pleasant, East Street, Wadham Park, South Street and Station Road is now in danger of being built on as one of our own TOWN COUNCILLORS wearing his District Council hat proposed a 'land swap' which will open it for developers. To sacrifice Cropmead Orchard in this way is disgraceful and for the town council to sit back and allow it to happen is quite simply unforgivable, but sadly not surprising .
?? Almost impossible to answer. The towns population is going to increase by at least 10% as the current developments fill. As the town then tries to manage 8,000 inhabitants it needs a sensitive carefully thought through, objective overview plan going forward to ensure safe and accessible movement, that reduces the need for car transport, but allows public transport, pedestrian and bike/mobility vehicles to travel across and through town as comfortably as possible. Taking account of the mediaeval layout of the centre and not putting that heritage under more or undue pressure.
Pavements need to be widened in North Street and East Street. Although I cycle regularly, I cannot see how a cycle route would be possible, either in the town centre, or from town to the station.
Needs to be easier/safer to cycle to the train station
Cropmead and Millers garage site, green space providing a new footpath from the new housing developments along station road to the town centre. Cycle routes are not suitable on narrow very busy 'A' roads which all traffic uses to enter and exit the town. The only solution is a bypass for the town, not a one way system.
Provision of a recreational space alongside Henhayes could link to the CLR proposed cycle and walkway into town. There are no safe cycle/walking routes so these should be put into every planning application and enforced. Even the CLR development has one shared route for pedestrians and cyclists - incredible that this has been permitted on a new large housing development. Surveys on safe walking routes are in existence, none of the ideas expensive, and small alterations to pavements or the access to road crossings would make it safer for pedestrians.
Routes to Ilminster, West Coker and Chard

What cycles routes????? There are no cycle routes and footpaths in the town are not adequate. There should be a cycle path and footpath between the CLR site and the town
No room to cover these activities.
There are no cycle routes! North Street should be made one-way which would provide better pavements, space for cycles and an improved street scene. Pedestrian crossing Church Path - Court Barton.
We do not know about any cycle routes here in Crewkerne
North Street
AS much as is possible, in such a confined area, away from the main through routes to keep a distance from the heavier vehicles. From new housing developments into town centre.
Wheel-friendly route from Wadham to town centre (e.g.better crossing at Ashlands school to Brickyard Lane, and maintenance of path between wadham/westover terrace). Wider pavements on North Street (near town centre) and Hermitage Street.
North Street- crossing from Westover view to North Street blind.
North Street near the school.
Pavement up North Street - too narrow
At the bottom of North Street by the town hall
We need a cycle route as we have nothing in this town
Everywhere no cycle paths here .
Throughout town
Road crossings for school children Bottom of Hermitage Street Crossing between James Hardware and Hairdresser
We haven't got any cycling routes in the town ,
It would be easy to do if the town was made onto a one way system. This would cure the traffic, cycling, parking and pedestrian issue in one go.
The pavements are too narrow to make these improvements and there is too much traffic through the town
I enjoy cycling but don't go in Crewkerne the roads are too dangerous
There are no cycle routes in the town at all! If the town centre was a one way system only, it would allow for wider pavements (safer for pedestrians) and cycle lanes.
Impossible question - wherever there is room in the old narrow streets.
Cycling lane on all roads out of Crewkerne - encourage e-bike use to Yeovil Bridport etc
The pavement by 2 Abbey Street could be widened. Rather than having 2 small pavements, have one wider one?
pavements often very narrow, could need widening if possible in areas, especially nearer to town where it can be busy.
In the centre of town,
East and North street need wider paths. Cycle routes everywhere make roads single carriageway controlled by lights at outskirts of town and use extra space for cycle and pedestrian routes. All new development must provide really good pedestrian and cycle routes, not just minimal provision. and must take every opportunity to join up with existing networks.
Safer crossing places
there are no cyclepaths in town,
Not sure about routes, I just would like to be able to cross South Street at juncture with Market Street without taking my life in my hands.

Given restriction of road widths it would be difficult to incorporate separate cycle routes in town centre. Shared pedestrian/cycle routes in the town centre would be impracticable.
If a one way system was created with traffic coming into Town down either East or North Street and out through the other then there would be scope for making a cycle route. If Town was all 20 mph and it was enforced then it might make pedestrians feel safer on our narrow pavements. I have often felt intimidated by speeding vehicles on narrow bits of pavements in both North Street and East Street
There are no cycle routes, many pavements uneven.
Pram friendly path from wadham to town centre e.g. improve brickyard lane link and sort the crossing here.
bottom of North Street
Pavement widening to enable safe access by pushchairs/wheelchairs throughout the town and up to the station. More connectivity between Kithill estate and the town/station.
A traffic free cycle route to Yeivil would allow cyclists to commute in safety. Pedestrian crossing needed at North Street with Westover View/ Brickyard Lane.
Urbanises town/ road markings awful. Need to attract more visitors by making the town prettier.
There are no cycle routes!
Access using the green finger of land from the CLR site to the town centre. The current proposal exiting the CLR site onto the A30 is not viable. Unsafe, unsustainable and most unsatisfactory.
Just about everywhere in Crewkerne due to the traffic problems. Some pavements are in poor condition. The surfaces of some footpaths could be improved to provide alternatives to walking along the busy roads.
Pavements very narrow in Hermitage Street, West, South, East, North Streets, particularly near Ashlands school.
Would be a good idea but imagine one is South St & hermitage Street - with parked cars just about wide enough for vehicles without taking a lump out for a cycle lane
Pedestrian route avoiding the dangerous, narrow North Street into town from Ashlands area, also East Street
Cycle route and pedestrian route between CLR and town and not along South Street.
I am not a cyclist so I don't really know but so many people that i do know are desperate for more cycle routes.
Zebra crossing by what was the Station tavern across to Kit Hill
Fine as it is
Arte there any now? Because of the narrow streets and busy roads where can they be?
If only it were possible to create safe routes into town from North Street, South Street and East Street!
Anywhere would improve it
Additional new routes for pedestrians: The pavement walkway north end of South Street is not suitable for pedestrians. It is extremely dangerous it was designed in the time of the horse and cart - not speeding modern traffic. A safe route into the centre of town should be provided for pedestrians.
Wherever paths can be widened cyclists and pedestrians share Cycle lanes along all roads would ensure all traffic is 20 mph Cycle lanes on roads around Crewkerne to encourage the activity

From East Street to Blacknell Lane trading estate walking and cycling then continuing through new development down to South Street/ Station Road and up to cemetery.
It would be possible to make a safe walking route to North St/ Ashlands School by improving and extending the footpath from the Hinton Road
South Street and North Street especially
More pedestrian crossings
Are there any cycle routes?
Cycle route waste of money and not needed
Hermitage Street
Pedestrians only on pavements
There aren't any cycle routes in Crewkerne. Where can families cycle safely?
The narrow sections of pavement in South Street. I should not have to run the risk of being hit by HGV wing/ side mirrors because they overhang the pavement.
Lyme Road and Lang Road. Both are the main access to Maiden Beech school, yet neither have speed or parking restrictions or safe crossings.
I think it works reasonable well in its own chaotic fashion. More legislation will inevitable bring resentment. But cycle routes for the new housing.
East Street to South Street, incl lighting. North Street to Merriott - Crewkerne to Misterton - George Lane, lighting
Mostly our streets are too narrow for any more change.
Wider pedestrian pavement North Street
Pavements in Hermitage Street and North Street are too narrow in places making them dangerous for pedestrians. Cathole Bridge Road v. dangerous for cyclists and walkers.
Improved pavement, esp. East Street and North Street
Crossing North Street from Tannery Court to Ashlands School can be dangerous. Narrow pavement bottom of North Street where it enters town.
There is not room for cyclists in the town centre which is frequently blocked with traffic who pay tax for the privilege.
Narrow pavements in N, S, E and W Streets, Market Street, Hermitage Streets. But you can't demolish adjacent buildings.
Cycling routes to town centre/ schools. Cycling/ walking routes from Henhayes rec.

Appendix 11 – Reasons given for Dissatisfaction with Public Transport

Buses are becoming increasingly infrequent. People struggle to get to other places for work or college and so, where they can, they use the car.
Buses - more regular, running later & to more places
Bus services are appalling. Glad I can drive and have a car - otherwise I wouldn't be able to go anywhere ! As an example - only covid jabs were at Martock - impossible to get to without a car. Neighbour had to pay for taxi to get there !!
Bus services to start earlier and end later to allow people more flexibility
We need more buses. The current service has more than halved in the past few years.
The bus service is reliable but needs to be more frequent. A dial a bus service for the elderly.
Very limited public transport. Difficult to get anywhere without a car.
No Sunday bus to Yeovil. Would def use instead of car if more frequently served daily
Bus services (and destinations) are so few that even in the town everyone needs to run their own car.
More buses/taxis
The bud services to yeovil and chard are seriously lacking. As someone with school age children who doesn't drive the current 96 timetable is very limited
Buses
Evening bus services. With Octagon theatre redevelopment there is no access without a car.
Frequency & destinations of busses
I don't use public transport so can't really comment
Bus
Bus services need to be more regularly and have better connections.
Bus service and train service
Week day buses that serve passengers. Weekend buses to and from Yeovil & Taunton and surrounding areas.
Apart from services to Yeovil, other routes are poorly supported.
Better access to large towns like Taunton More frequent busses to serve Bridport
I only use the train service now and again no other public transport.
Evening services and better links to other areas
More buses needed in the north of Crewkerne. Ashland's road does not have a bus stop, pick up & drop off is in town. Bit unfair Iâ€™d say!
Better and more bus routes, frequency of buses and investment in new vehicles. Too much of our service is a bad joke. Twice in the 30+ years Iâ€™ve lived here we have got to that hallowed state where we had adequate buses tied to train times and both times it has been swiftly lost. The train service is abysmal now, my former commutes would no longer be possible.
Unable to say as never use public transport,
more frequent buses
Buses need to be more regular to destinations such as west bay, bridport, Yeovil chard and Ilminster
Bus

I don't use it so can't comment.
Againâ€¦there is no genuine local provision. We do have the railway station, but inappropriate development was allowed on land which should have been a car park, so train travellers park on the roads The buses are dreadful, as they are not regular enough and our bus stops are disgustingly dirtyâ€¦there was a glimmer of hope under a funding scheme, but that was rejected as â€œArea West had plans for bus servicesâ€â€¦and yet here we are with nothing again as Area West didnâ€™t do anything about bus services in CREWKERNE. People donâ€™t shop here from surrounding villages as itâ€™s easier to drive to Ilminster or Chard.
Increase the timetable for buses. Maintain pressure for manning the Train ticket office to rail companies. Look to support CVT further. Itâ€™s a vital service.
More frequent buses and a link from the station to the town to coincide with train arrival times. Whilst I realise the station is outside the scope of Crewkerne's neighbourhood plan, it is heavily used and provides a vital link with many towns between Exeter and Waterloo, as well as connections to all points beyond London and Heathrow Airport
Bus connections to surrounding towns and villages
Bus to Taunton Later trains to/from London, Sherbourne, Exeter
More frequent bus services to Yeovil
A regular, reliable, frequent bus service is needed. A small bus service around the town to link town centre shops /railway station /villages that runs at least hourly. An efficient public transport system would encourage greener travel, less use of cars.
I am lucky enough to not have to use public transport but I am aware that the bus services are not good enough
Public transport has decreased considerably, especially the buses and really needs improvement.
More buses. Connect them to train services.
More buses, cheaper trains
More routes and improved frequency
Bus services and one central bus stop which all bus services use.
Bus services, especially the service to and from Chard
Better links to train station and evening/weekend buses to Yeovil. Timing for buses to Yeovil/Musgrove Park
Buses- We talk about saving the environment but bus services in this area are terrible.
Buses more frequent
better bus service aswell as better taxi service
What public transport??!!
Frequency of buses to Yeovil
Don't use public transport so can't answer.
Frequency and accessibility
No buses weekends need bus every hour for shopping etc Monday to Saturday.
Bus provision
More frequent buses from villages to and from Crewkerne
With less and less buses running a timetable perhaps consider a community transport scheme that could be a profit making business for the town running to all the local villages maybe 2 to 3 times a week.
More often service

More buses to different towns.
If you need to get a bus to Yeovil you can't get another one back for quite a few hours, they are not frequent enough and we need a bus to and from merriott the bus service in the area is shockingly bad
What public transport? I work near Chard and I there isnt any buses I can get to work and back on.
Bus services need to coordinate with train services
I don't drive so public transport is important to me , I can't get to see friends in Dorchester cos the train route is so bad when I get to yeovil, and the buses aren't regularly enough to get to other places
I do not take public transport but would use it to go to Yeovil, Chard and Taunton if it was better advertised. Are there any bus shelters anywhere? I am not sure what the provision within the town is for people with no transport who want to go shopping, to the library, to recreational activities. Is there only the 16 seater voluntary community transport? In which case, this is not enough.
Bad bus service in Crewkerne. Worse than other small towns. Not often enough and no bus service to South Petherton for hospital appointments.
Better bus service
More buses to more places, difficult to get a taxi so additional buses or mini buses would definitely be used, later buses and more often
Bus services, taxis
Bus for EVERY train to/from town centre. Through busses to Taunton and Bristol minimum as too difficult by train. Preferably also to Bath, Swindon. Frequent busses to Bridport, Lyme Regis, and importantly the coast. Easily booked affordable community transport for people without cars in small numbers eg one person to go shopping in Houndstone - on shared basis so more than one travelling in a car/minibus in lieu of good bus provision.
Train excellent, buses seem sparce
unreliable trainservice
I understand that the frequency of buses is probably the best they can do at the moment, but it would be lovely if there was better coordination with the trains. Getting to medical appointments in Taunto or South Petherton takes some planning or help from others if one doesn't drive.
Bus services
More frequent buses.
Would welcome a shuttle bus
1. Provision of a Bus Shelter somewhere in the Town Centre. 2. Possibly a taxi rank at the Crewkerne Rail station OR 3. A small Minibus to run from the Station to the Town Centre and vice versa.
more connecting buses to Yeovil, Chard and Taunton
More frequent buses and more direct to Chard
More frequent buses to/from Yeovil and Taunton. Proper connection to Beaminster and Bridport.
Very difficult for young people to travel anywhere without a lift.
Bus services to Yeovil and Taunton need to be upgraded to persuade drivers to give up their cars.
Bus services

Better bus connection to Taunton (there used to be one to Musgrove Park Hospital).
We have a bus stop in Ashlands Road but NO bus, although many bungalows for older people.
Buses are not regular enough for a sensible return trip.
More buses!
Rail workers should try working. Buses shocking. Need local minibus service doing figure of 8. Merriott to station via x and y
More frequent buses using smaller buses.
Car owner
Bus services are very limited, which adds to the traffic problems. Links between the town and the station need improvement
Station not close to town centre Access to major cities e.g. Birmingham etc.
Evening routes
Bus service would be good if they ran at sensible times Crewkerne/Yeovil bus 4.30, none after that until 6.15 - might get more cars off the road if there was a 5.15/5.30 bus so office and other workers could use them.
Bus service is disgraceful
Everything. More frequent buses to places that people want to go to. Train and bus co-ordination.
Buses - you can only really go to Chard or Yeovil
More buses
As long as they don't cut any more it's OK
More buses to more destinations
Transport to other towns esp. for hospital appointments, e.g. Yeovil, South Petherton and Taunton. More frequent buses.
More buses
More buses. Later and some on Sundays
Problem solver:- 2x electric bus routes to cover the outlying parts of Crewkerne for the future as an alternative to using our cars and connecting to a 'park and ride'.
Regular mini-style buses around the estates during shop-opening hours OR bus stops in easy accessible areas for the buses pick-ups
The train is too expensive, it is twice the price of taking the car to Exeter Regular bus to Yeovil and Taunton
Yeovil to Chard route needs to be hourly (This would make links to the railway service better too and give new residents on Station Road a service into town.) A weekly (?) bus from Misterton through Crewkerne, Martock, Longwood, Long Sutton to Somerton would be a treat!
More regular buses please - to Yeovil, Lyme, Exeter, West Bay, Dorchester, Taunton
More regular bus times i.e. Yeovil bus from 14.30 then 18.05 (crazy) More buses to Bridport
Service to Bridport No 6 return last one at 1.00 another needed around 4pm as they used to by people can get to West Bay etc.
More bus and train services
Better bus timetable to Yeovil Buses to Taunton hospital and S Petherton Hospital Stopping at hospitals
Hopefully when more housing running, we can have a much better bus service.
Trains are shocking and buses barely running.

We need a bus from Bridport around 17.00 - 17.30 time. Currently the last bus from Bridport is 12.56. This is jo good for visiting the coast which we are told is supposed to be good for our mental health.
All public transport
Its about OK but if you really have to rely upon buses and trains its actually quite impossible given times and frequency.
Bus shelters in town - rationalisation of bus stops, Market Square and Market Street. Direct bus links to Taunton
More long-distance travel for those of us getting on.
Buses
Improved bus services and rail links to Taunton, Bristol and Bath would be welcome.
Bus services to Yeovil, Chard, Taunton and Bridport. Bus services to coincide with train times.
Buses to continue local area - it would be good for a few more.
More buses accessing places like South Petherton and around the town.
Poor service during the day No buses in the evening.
Bus connections between town centre and railway station are infrequent and don't relate to train times. Station parking is expensive. Could there be a small shittle bus for those too poor for taxis.

Appendix 12 – Concerns Raised about Parking Issues in the Town

There is a lack of parking and people often end up using the pavements. The town was promised an extension to the long-stay parking at Henhayes in 2014 but this has not materialised.
East Street car park - why does it take nearly a decade to get this built ??? Still no answers. We now need further parking in North Street area - Highways have taken away lots of on street parking over last few years (AbbeySt, Rose Lane, Brickyard Lane) and only car park in Abbey St is always over full. Opportunities to acquire land have been missed (eg Brickyard Lane). North Street one way system - desperately needed and could provide additional parking space but always excuses from Highways â€¦.
Millers Garage space needs to be an additional car park rather than more housing Viney Bridge site could also provide long term parking
East Street Residents are still awaiting the long overdue long stay car park.
More parking at the railway station - always very little, or indeed none, left after the commuters have parked and left in the morning.
Anywhere around the take away shops most evenings. Bincombe lane and the pavements outside these shops are always obstructed by cars. The parking spaces by the mini roundabout often cause problems with traffic flow too, particularly for lorries.
East st needs the millers garage site car park built to ease residents parking issues. Hermitage st is a nightmare. North st dangerous for children walking to school.
Lack of long stay parking and difficulty for residents without parking provision.
Use land off Cropmead trading estate as park-and-walk. Other sites walkable , make them reduced/no cost
Long stay parking within the town centre is very limited.
More short stay free parking
When is the East street car park happening? An item on Facebook feared a map too small to read.
We must have the promised long stay parking on the Miller's site
Long stay/short stay. As Waitrose uses a third of their carpark for delivery vehicles!!!
Parking along mount pleasant is getting out of hand and causing dangerous issues. Parking too close to junctions at the top of kit hill too
It's hard to pop in for a pint of milk or post a parcel. More free parking is needed.
There isn't enough parking
All of them. Lack of parking. Over priced parking. Need more free parking Rose Lane - make it private for residents please.
Need more car parking for when the new estates are built.
Now and with new housing there's not enough space for parking. Also expensive. More disabled parking needed
Abbey street should be used for workers commuting to crewkerne for work purposes. For shoppers. Rose Lane should be for rose lane residents to park. Instead, workers and shoppers park for free outside residents homes such as rose lane and residents have to pay every day to live here. We already pay council tax. Why can't parking permits be offered!!? I would have to pay Â£12 a week to park near my house so that the owner of the chip shop

owner could park directly outside my house. Its wrong. Repeat argument for many other roads near the town centre. The council don't care but it really should be addressed.
Tackle those motorist who think its ok to park on yellow lines, pedestrian crossing zig zags, no loading lines, bus stops etc. This is abused for the sake of picking up a paper , packet of fags or a takeaway.
More parking, cheaper parking rate
Parking in laybys near the train station
Abbey street insufficient spaces. East Street needs car parking. Cars of main through route. Lack of short term free parking
A provision of more carpark spaces than are currently provided by Waitrose etc.
Limited number of all day parking spaces
Car park that was promised from east street. Don't need houses. Need the car park! Where is it??
Long term i.e. all day parking.
More spaces for people who need to leave cars all day, because of work.
not enough long stay parking
More parking needed for residents
Few more parent child spaces would be useful, a lot of the spaces are very narrow
How about a LONG STAY CAR PARK IN EAST STREET, so residents and workers have somewhere to park&oh yes I forgot, that has already been identified somewhere around 2006, land was purchased around 2014 and yet somehow there is still no car park. But then given the decline in shops, I would image a short stay shoppers car park, could be reused as long stay now
Parking in public car parks needs CCTV to protect vehicles parked away from homes and begin to apply residents only parking restrictions for specific areas. Impose a restriction in the area around Furland road which is a 'green island' now being continually used as a car park. Impose further traffic calming to manage flow and impose the one way system utilising Ashlands Rd around the THall.
The Henhayes long stay car park, Abbey Street car park and the Lidl car park are often completely full.
On streets where there is no parking for houses
More carparks that residents can use to relieve East Street, South Street etc
Long stay car park, and stop on pavement parking
Stringent traffic enforcement of illegal parking by visitors and residents. Clamp down on delivery vehicles who continually park illegally, whilst unloading causing long delays from traffic trying to get through the town and beyond. For 8 years Crewkerne have been awaiting a new car park, to alleviate the parking on East Street, now it is to become a housing development.
Shortage of long stay parking. Many residents cannot park outside their properties. A One-way traffic system may offer opportunities for more on street parking and make it safer when driving through town for everyone, including pedestrians and cyclists. Return to charging for car parks from 9am-5pm to encourage shoppers into town at the beginning and end of the day. Free parking on Saturday afternoons and Bank holidays.
We were promised a long-stay car park on the old Miller's Garage site but one of our district councillors seems to have sold us down the river in that, although I'm sure he would not

agree. We have been lied to by the council about that car park and the likelihood is that there never will be a car park on that site.
There are enough spaces in town if the bottom level of Waitrose carpark is used. Stop cars parking on pavements.
Make payment for parking easier for frequent users eg pre paid in and out swipe card (cp London Oyster)
Too much on street parking on main through routes although this does help restrict traffic speed. New carpark proposed for East Street which hasn't materialised!!
Wessex Water to leave our pavement alone for a few weeks! More short-term parking spaces?
Better residential parking needed, espically insufficient offstreet parking at Kithill and Furland Road. New developemnts must require more spaces. More longer-stay 3/3+ hour spaces in Abbey Street/Lidl car parks
Additional long term parking- proposed car park East Street
More long term parking for workers
Take all them trees up they ant doing nothing except dieing! Make more parking everywhere make it inviting for people they may want to visit then! The town hall is wasted space put it back like the older days . Crewkerne has become an awful town nothing there !
the whole town needs improve parking
What happened to the car park in east st As promised but never happened
Free parking. 65p is such an annoying amount. Much better for local businesses if it were free. Open up space off East Street for parking. Allow ticket machines to issue 1hr free parking to avoid abuse of system.
More parking spaces are needed.
More parking places
Lidis carpark need more lighting
Parking in some roads out of Crewkerne stopping traffic flow
Free parking is needed to encourage shoppers to stop as is the case in Langport
The town centre is lacking in space numbers and marked out bays. Also the bays along market street are difficult to get into a lot of the time. After the lights heading out of town towards slit Street the bays could have at least 5 or 6 more spaces added if they were marked out as a drive in reverse out bay set at an angle. This would reduce congestion and add spaces .
Parking on the road though the town centre shouldn't be allowed
The town centre. In every other nearby town it is possible to park free in the town centre for five minutes to get what you need. In Crewkerne you have to use Amazon.
We need residential parking for all of us that live in the old part of town, it is a struggle to find anywhere to park and maybe instead of building more houses somewhere for existing restaurants to park would be much better
East street car park
Too much parking on pavements
No enough parking spaces in the town. The major car parks are always quite full. There was plan for an extra car park off East Street but nothing has happened and I have heard that the space was now allocated for a housing development. Reason? Why have not the people of Crewkerne been consulted about it?

More parking Needed off the main A30 in East Street. Parking restrictions should be put in place on the A30 opposite the cemetery in Mount Pleasant. There are frequent 'bust ups' but there will soon be a real accident
Could do with a residents parking scheme in town as commuters working in the town park on the streets causing chaos for town residents. A new car park is needed for shoppers and workers .
Not enough long stay parking
The new disabled parking spaces at Buncombe beeches are generally underused, meaning that fully able people who wish to use the beeches cannot park. Utterly ridiculous waste of space and puts people off using the space, including myself. I used to use it every single day, now only once every few months.
Abbey street , Gouldsbrook terrace and all around thereâ€™. People park there cars there as it's free parking and live elsewhere â€™. Abbey street has turned into dumping ground for vans and cars â€™ eg one person parks his 4 cars in Abbey streetâ€™ he only uses one at a timeâ€™ and lives in George precinct
Not major. However, the car park at Waitrose needs to change. I would use our local high street far more if parking were free. If this is not possible, maybe it could be free from 4pm onwards. Perhaps the first 30mins could be free? Maybe change machines or ways of using chip and pin for actual time spent could work? I am often put off parking because I do not have spare change. Perhaps the council could trial it for a month?
car park promised on east street that still hasn't been added, would help for people who live in town.
Lyewater, West street, Hermitage street, East street, very limited parking spaces
The pay car parks are inconvenient to use as to the payment system. The East Street car park should have been delivered over two years ago without the disastrous idea of building on Cropped Orchard
There are usually enough spaces for now but layout of spaces very badly designed. Very difficult to access right-angled parking spaces with a large car
parking should be free to encourage shoppers like they have in somerton and Langport. we need more parking on the edges of town so that shoppers don,t need to drive into the centre. the old Millers garage should have been turned into a carpark years ago.
Certainly not enough parking for the town centre. Also, cars parked on narrow streets like Hermitage Street holds up traffic. Full time parking on the street should be taxed. In addition, even without parked cars, heavy vehicles on our narrow town streets are a menace.
The promised car park off East street has not happened. More parking will be needed for the new inhabitants on the new estates.
Mounr Pleasant/East Street car park need s to be started Parking at bottom of Hermitage Street/Market Street is sometimes dangerous
The car park that was promised when the Council bought the old garages on East Street needs urgent action. It needs to be at the top end of the plot to encourage use and get cars off the road.
On street parking in the following areas, Court Barton, Lang Road, Hermitage St, Kithill. Its all like one big car park, don't know how the bus gets through. Should be no on street parking in Market St instead the first half hour could be free in car parks, unloading only in Market St. This would alleviate a. lot of the hold ups through the town.

Dangerous at end of Flaxfield road More parking needed on kingswood road development.
I live on North street and parking is a nightmare. The local carpark fills up over night quite quickly. Double lines are being added to local housing estates meaning parking is being further reduced. I may have to park outside someone elses house which leads to rude notes being left on or cars being damaged. Its a daily fight to find somewhere to park which is very stressful.
1. Market Street - make the spaces Loading and Unloading only. A Lorry unloading/loading here snarls the traffic up through the Town. 2. Make parking in Car Parks FREE for the first hour. Other towns have successfully used this tactic to encourage trade/visitors. 3. Provide a large dedicated ALL DAY Car Park for those who work in the town and those who need more than the 3 hours permitted at present.
On street parking
Parking charges to be curtailed earlier in the evening, say 5pm not 6pm. Free Saturday afternoons and Bank Holidays. Parking machines to take contactless with awkward 65p amount in place.
Residents in the town centre have almost no options. It is a daily problem.
Any additional parking would be welcome so that houses with no parking could use them overnight so they don't park on the sides of the roads causing jams.
Where is East Street car park? Promised and essential.
Where is the proposed new car park?
Get East Street car park open on the old garage site.
Residents' Parking. Shouldn't have allowed some of the developments with inadequate parking.
The Millers Garage should be implemented forthwith
Parking for residents
Stop people parking on double yellow lines when using take-aways. Stop people parking on junctions, e.g. Tower Hill Road
Someone needs to look at Furland Road Orchard Rise junction - bad parking along there. Also no-one seems to take any notice of how near road junction you can park.
There will be when new housing numbers are reached.
Millers Garage should have been built years ago. We need long stay parking off East Street.
Sometimes the car parks are full - need extra space
Orchard Lane
There always seem to be spaces available in the car parks but some people who visit the town don't want to pay. Maybe some residents only parking?
Most streets around the town are used as parking for residents and many workers. No free parking for a quick visit to the shops
New car park on the East Street site
Pavement parking On bend of Mount Pleasant
There is a major parking problem waiting to happen if there is not an alternative made for all extra population with the planned housing in Crewkerne. Electric buses to the centre!
Waste land area next to Henhayes Park perhaps. More homes needed in Crewkerne therefore parking near town a real problem ... small park and ride with Mini-bus service into town? A 2-layer parking facility but I don't know where ... so difficult
All Crewkerne congestion caused by people trying to park in free spaces. If all parking was the same pay and display or free most of this would go away.

Develop the site bought for parking adjacent to the A30 Yeovil road would help that road from becoming gridlocked - some allocation of spaces for cars of local terraced housing would be needed
More free street parking would be nice
Kit Hill Lang Road Park View Health centre and hospital East Street / Mount Pleasant South Street
On-road parking, especially South Street
Car park at railway station always full
Kit Hill down by the school and Factory Shop Lang Road
Vehicles parked on both sides of the road in some parts of Lang Road thus reducing width to single lane. Some cars park on pavement.
East Street proposed car park alongside of Wyvern Court (council did state when purchased that is why purchased for car park but it was really just land banked to when field adjoining developed then sold for vast profit to council.
Should be discouraging parking More people could walk into town
I think parking in the main street should be taken away and I think buses would be better served if both buses to Chard and Yeovil should be together by the butcher's shop. That way people can find where they want to go much easier (especially visitors to the town).
Town centre parking often unusable due to roadworks, SSDC car parks often full.
South Street - stopping a certain business parking up to six vehicles at a time would help.
East Street - Where's the car park? Lyme Road, in fact any road with on-street parking (our roads were not designed for the volume of traffic we now get)
The car park in East Street
The proposed enlargement of Henhayes from East Street is a necessity.
Action on Miller's Garage site (but no two-way traffic link. Beyond to Henhayes car park etc.) Better use of Waitrose ground car park i.e. is it ever full up? Mini-roundabout incl. South Street and Bryant's Row to improve traffic movement. Parking for coaches
Mount Pleasant and anywhere else where folk have to park in the road. They have to be able to get to work.
Additional parking
Proposed East Street car park
Parked cars in Hermitage Street create bottlenecks and danger to pedestrians.
Free car parking. Barn Street and other areas be made permit holders only.
Another car park for long stay e.g. East Street
Lack of parking at peak times Proposed car park in East Street
Trees were removed from Henhayes to provide access road to new car park - where is it? You have failed on your promise. What have you done with the money?
What about the car park in East Street? Street parking throughout is a problem but the town wasn't designed for cars etc.
ON-street parking in and around centre contribute to traffic hold-ups. We do not want a multi-storey car park however.
More short term free parking as per other local towns would be helpful (30 mins/ 1hr free)

Appendix 13 – Additional Transport Issues Raised

The developers of the Crewkerne Link Road Site need to be held to the requirement to build the link road.
Having a car share - electric car, owned by the community, this was on the cards at one point, what happened to that?
Get the heavy traffic out of the centre of town. Reduce speed limit in Town to 20mph
Perhaps a shuttle bus from the train station to the town centre
Too many lorries coming through the town centre, entering and leaving via roads that are unsuitable for their size.
You would struggle to work without a car in crewkerne
Traffic is becoming an increasing problem, leading to many areas becoming very congested. An increasing in housing is exacerbating the problem.
Regular Mini bus to Station
At least trial the one way. Please listen to the town!
The often talked about "one way" system, at least needs trialling.
Linking bus to train times Bus routes v limited- access to Taunton and Ilminster poor
Traffic in town centre is horrific, get the A30 bypass sorted asap
Not really addressing the above question but i feel we could do a better job of advertising ourselves as a town. We have various entry roads to Crewkerne where we could advertise what we have in town such as major stores etc and when events are on to maximise catchment for local shops . Especially in summer when traffic passes through to get to various beaches. We need to sell ourselves.
A provision of some form of local transport for non-drivers
Are buses linked to train time tables?
Thinking about it a major overhaul for traffic and pedestrians in the whole Henhayes/Waitrose/Aqua Centre area. Navigation difficult for vehicles and pedestrians at present.
Heavy traffic having to come through the town centre to reach South Street and on, towards Dorchester,
need more links to the station
Need more taxis in town for impulse journeys or evenings out
There are too many heavy and large vehicles using our narrow streets and making it unsafe for pedestrian use. North Street and Hermitage Street are especially problematic.
The Green travel Corridor from the CLR site back to townâ€¦ will it ever happen, and if yes howâ€¦ given the Cropmead Orchard may well be a Stonewater housing estate
Getting to and from Bridport. Yeovil. Taunton and beyond is ridiculous. The routes need to be delivered at least for the times between 7am and 10pm the routes to the coast should run more comprehensively in seasonal timetables.
The narrow town centre pavements are not wide enough for wheelchairs and mobility scooters. It is also impossible for two baby buggies to pass each other in North Street without going into the road. This is particularly dangerous for parents and children going to and from Ashlands School

If Crewkerne is to endure more housing development, the road system needs to be addressed as it is already inadequate.. The town either needs to change its HGV weight restriction policy, or lobby for a bypass from A356 - A30- A356
Trains and buses - we need a service that links the two to encourage use. The villages need a frequent bus service to encourage people to come into Crewkerne to shop and work.
There should be connectivity between the CLR site and the town via footpaths and cycle paths.
Not enough areas to cover these activities
Noise in town centre from modified cars. Traffic calming measures on Market Street (one-way) and West Street (chicane).
As mentioned before - public transport to station to connect with trains
Safe walking/cycling routes to and from all schools
There is no public transport between the Town Centre and the Railway Station (Not that it matters at present as there are no trains running anyway!)
Cracking down in speeding and dangerous driving/inconsiderate parking
More buses to train station
Make more disabled spaces
Service from train to bus to town would be nice.
A shuttle bus to and from the train station. Also as more housing estates are built on the outskirts how about a shuttle bus to and from town
Access
To much traffic the bypass which has been talked about for years is needed
Bus services need be regular and reliable
I have not seen recently any of the electric scooters, which is a good thing as they are dangerous.
There is very little connectivity issues but the trains are good and run more often than the bus.
No transport to Dorchester, limited transport to bridport, Taunton, Chard etc
Traffic seems to flow better when there's a one way system in place - perhaps trial it for a month?
no taxis, hard to walk in from merriott as road can be dangerous and hedges often overgrown, also no streetlights
The train is immensely important if only the unions / company could sort themselves out. Dualing the 303 will be a great help
Replace stiles on PROWs with kissing gates except the historic metal ones where a kissing gate could be provided in addition.
the traffic in town at times is a nightmare. the road layout needs to be looked at with a view to creating a one way system. the pavements aren't safe to walk on especially up Northstreet.
As mentioned above, better coordination between buses and trains. Also, access to any other towns other than Yeovil and Chard is very difficult. Bridport, although not far away, has limited access to Crewkerne residents, and to go anywhere north of the A303 means a lot of time and several changes.
One way system through town would alleviate many problems North Street/East Street/Market Street junction is dangerous Speed limit in vicinity of Maiden Beech Academy is 30mph. All other local schools have 20mph restriction

Safety of cyclists and pedestrians Speeding vehicles
As previously stated in other questions.
Connection to medical facilities
speed restrictions in Hermitage Street
River Parrett to have a right of way all along its length, plus frequent access points from town and villages.
Heavy traffic through the town centre potentially damaging historic buildings/ homes.
Crewkerne to Merriott road is poorly lit at night and dangerous for pedestrians. A cycle path would be a great addition.
Better bus and train station service to link up with train departures and arrivals.
Station is an absolute boon. All should be done to ensure this service is maintained. Railway essential!
Make Market Street one-way
Access to London if not train or car. Difficult to get to Bristol Airport. See Crewkerne mini-bus service above.
Generally, there is no encouragement at town level for people to walk or cycle to reduce car usage. There re no public facilities for charging electric vehicles as far as I know.
What are not the issues?
Trains are excellent
Large lorries should not be allowed to come through the centre of the town
Would help to have a regular service to the station to make access to trains easier.
Safer footpaths and pedestrian crossings
Crewkerne station is way out of town. It would be very useful if the bus timetable coincided with the train arrivals.
Parking restrictions on Ashlands and Fox Meadows ignored at school times - makes access very dangerous. One child has already been knocked down and it is just a matter of time before there is another.
Access to doctors, dentists, no public transport to get there. Hard for elderly and disabled or people with children.
Reliable trains!
How to keep the future increased population shopping in Crewkerne. Answer! Electric buses and free park and ride.
Wheelchair access - small firm ramps into shops would help. Non-slip. Realise some shops are far too small/ doors too narrow
Traffic backed up down South Street could be relieved by making the 'One Stop' area of Market Street one way so everyone turns left out of South Street and round the block.
Better (more) parking at Crewkerne Station
Easing traffic flow through the town
Definite need for completion of the link road
More buses to Bridport
Just service no 6 as far as I know
Bus DIRECT from town centre to Yeovil, not going all round the houses
There are five main arteries into the town, maybe a ring road to remove centre congestion.
There is far too much traffic passing through Crewkerne on a daily basis. Something should be done about it. Small children breathe in fumes from vehicles because they are walking too close on the pavements because the streets are so narrow.

Having bus times that connect with other routes, at least in Somerset.
A connection to the station at train times.
One-way system required town centre - speed limit 20mph? Repair pavements viz. East Street, Furland Road. Better mini-roundabouts South Street junction/ Industrial Estate and thence to CLR site. Street signage i.e. car parks, toilets etc. Defibrillators. Link Millers Garage site to industrial estate/ South Street?
Too many big lorries going through town causing congestion and pollution
Smaller buses to take people to other areas
Buses
Increase in heavy and long vehicles coming through town.
Connect Ashlands Road to Station Road to ease congestion through the town.
A pedestrian crossing where South Street joins Market Square (near James store) would improve safety.
Narrow pavements on most routes into town. No crossing provision at the bottom of Kit Hill.

Appendix 14 – Suggested Actions which could be done Locally in Response to Climate Change

Answer	Category																								
	Open space	Traffic	Trees	Greenfield sites	Buildings	Flood risk	Energy	Recycling	Trains and buses	Ecology	Hedgerows	Lighting	Waste	Pedestrians and Cycling	Local produce	Insulation	Economy	Delivery	Composting	Sust. grounds maintenance	Education	Impact overseas	In Bloom	Other	Grey water
All open space that currently exists close to the town and its periphery that does not already have planning permission for development should be protected until the impacts of all those sites with development underway or planning approval can be assessed.	Yes																								
Cut down on traffic, particularly heavy duty traffic coming in and through the town.		Yes																							
Reduce traffic in town centre. More and urgent tree planting. Stop building on green field sites in and around town.		Yes	Yes	Yes																					

Check on subsidence on older buildings Don't build on floodable land					Yes	Yes																		
Plant more trees Stop building on fields			Yes	Yes																				
Encourage take up of solar panels (on new homes?)							Yes																	
Better flood warning communications. Cutting back of trees and bushes to help keep drains clear.						Yes																		
Floods by Texaco garage						Yes																		
The recycling centre could be open more regularly to help with responsible disposal								Yes																
Bypass to reduce co2 from idling vehicles, better train and bus services		Yes							Yes															
Limit street lighting during night and planting of more trees			Yes								Yes													
Signposting of good practice in energy use and conservation and providing information on financial or other help available to allow us all to save money and the planet.							Yes		Yes															

Increased biodiversity through imaginative planting. Crewkerne in Bloom doing an amazing job																								
if there were more buses then less use of cars make the centre of the town and the major roads into town 20MPH		Yes							Yes															
Too many houses being built. The character of the town is being lost.					Yes																			
Ease traffic flow, divert tankers and large vehicles away from the town centre.		Yes																						
Please grit the residential roads, especially Kithill		Yes																						
How about planting trees, then actually caring for them, so they don't all die like the ones at Severalls tennis courts. And how about demanding action at the local planning authority so they put retention notices on important hedgerows and actually enforce them and make			Yes							Yes														

developers respect TPOs on significant trees. Better to save established hedges and trees, than plant new ones which are not looked after, so die																							
Ecological approaches need to be managed better. Effective rapid EV Charging points increased. Traffic surveys and green space protection need to be in place regularly.		Yes				Yes			Yes														
Sort through traffic & make market Square/Street a circular flow so less queuing traffic		Yes																					
Halt any planning application that doesn't include solar panels in the plan.						Yes																	
Dealing with traffic issues which is causing poor air quality within the town. Our town and district council should be lobbying constantly for a by-pass Building on brownfield sites only, not encroaching		Yes	Yes																				

on open green spaces which are the lungs of the town.																								
Traffic - creating a more efficient flow of traffic (one-way system/lower speeds) Encourage use of public transport. Encourage walking/cycling by creating safer pavements and off road areas to walk and separate cycle tracks. Retain green spaces. Encourage and promote shopping locally. We have space in the town for small businesses but they need support to flourish. Include young people and families in developing ideas to give them a sense of belonging and vision.	Yes	Yes						Yes					Yes	Yes										
Mandatory 6 PV panels on all new home buildings							Yes																	
Buy land and plant trees. Limit vehicles through town centre. Community energy scheme to build		Yes	Yes				Yes																	

windturbine big enough to power Crewkerne.																								
Allowing to insulate homes in a more efficient way															Yes									
Preserve woodland, sustainable planting, rainwater butts			Yes			Yes				Yes														
Ensuring that all watercourses are monitored for there efficiency as our system in the town centre is now very old.						Yes																		
Encourage more recycling. Help people read the schedules for Waste and recycling collections!								Yes				Yes												
Crack down on businesses manufacturing /retailers creating waste. Providing shelter/rest/storage spaces for walkers/cyclists. Ensuring public tranpsort contracts are awarded to genuinely "green" providers. Requiring developers to build-in renewable							Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes										

of developing or town it is killing it																								
Stop building on the fields				Yes																				
Keep the mature trees instead of chopping them down for more development			Yes																					
Yes only because its affecting businesses so badly , which affects us !																Yes								
Planting trees in all green spaces. If not enough space, then planting bushes and flowers. There is very little rubbish on the streets and what there is has probably been blown by the wind from dustbins but it would be good to have a monthly volunteer day organised by the council for picking up the rubbish.			Yes									Yes												
Flood prevention matters should be inspected regularly in						Yes																		

the known vulnerable areas.																									
So much traffic going through town. We need a bypass.		Yes																							
Listed buildings and those in conservation areas to be able to have solar panels, double glazing sympathetically incorporated into renovations.					Yes		Yes																		
Firstly, be aware of the number of trees, shrubs, ponds, small and large habitats that have been destroyed this past year alone. It is both heart-breaking and shameful. Stop using chemicals to control roadside verges etc. Establish wildflower habitats and wild corridors for our local wildlife. Get children and young adults involved.			Yes							Yes	Yes							Yes	Yes						
I am much more concerned about climate change affecting the third world																				Yes					

Improved local employment will help to reduce employees travel More initiatives on recycling, bringing residents and local traders to look at ways as a group they can help reduce landfill usage		Yes					Yes								Yes								
Avoiding new building on green spaces Addressing the problem of queueing traffic and the pollution this causes Requiring all new builds to be fitted with solar panels Keeping drains cleared to avoid flooding issues		Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes																
Ensuring greenfields aren't developed. Encouraging local and sustainable consumption through provision.				Yes										Yes									
continue to explore and implement the actions proposed as part of the environmental public consultation meetings 3 or 4 years ago. more action planning, public consultation, awareness																	Yes						

The town needs an initiative like the previous 'Make Crewkerne carbon neutral effort launched by Ben Harsthorh. Things can be done at a local level to raise awareness and make local improvements.																				Yes				
Keep open spaces for drainage etc. Stop building to eliminate 'hot areas' that occur in built-up areas.	Yes					Yes																		
Stop ripping out hedges and cutting down trees. Take note of ecology reports.			Yes						Yes	Yes														
Flood risk						Yes																		
We must do everything we can to protect our green spaces and trees	Yes		Yes	Yes																				
Building houses, the cement causes greenhouse gases - need more electric charging palces					Yes		Yes																	
Street lights turned off after midnight as in other areas. Verges left uncut for wildlife No further large-scale				Yes						Yes		Yes							Yes					

building projects taking resources																								
Plant more trees and no more green field development			Yes	Yes																				
To stop destruction of green spaces, trees, hedges etc. for building. A big detrimental effect has already been caused.			Yes	Yes						Yes														
Impose a vehicle weight limit (4 tonnes) through the centre of town (except for deliveries)		Yes																						
A huge problem as traffic is the main cause. Long, huge lorries have to drive through Crewkerne ... do they really have to? Talk of a ring road impossible.		Yes																						
Air pollution - stop/ limit lorries etc. going through the town centre		Yes																						
New-builds should be able to withstand storms. No building on flood plains. If trees die in summer drought, replant with other species			Yes			Yes																		

Resume 'green' group meetings																	Yes							
More support for initiatives, especially recycling and litter							Yes					Yes												
Plant more trees			Yes																					
Recycling of plastic bags and wrappings Flooding on various roads					Yes		Yes																	
Too much green space being taken for houses				Yes	Yes																			
Plan carefully with the environment in mind									Yes															
I don't know what can be done about it, except getting quite a lot of traffic out of the town.		Yes																						
Stop cutting down trees unnecessarily and leave land that floods alone not building over it.			Yes			Yes																		
Keeping surface water drains and gullies clear not like South Street (Furland Road junction) drains blocked for the last ten years resulting in a torrent of water going down the side of my road!						Yes																		
Stop spreading misinformation. Grow more trees - a fruit tree			Yes																	Yes				

with every new house/ flat, minimum																							
Stop the gas turbine plant. Solar panels and grey water to all new housing and commercial developments.						Yes																Yes	
More worried about the effect of nuclear disaster																					Yes		
I think we need to continue to plant up spare spaces.			Yes																				
Flooding of lower East Street					Yes																		
Not allowing developers to build on green spaces. Protecting wildlife and natural habitats. Improving public transport to reduce dependence on cars.				Yes				Yes	Yes														
Improved recycling collection facilities in the town.							Yes																
Make sure all drains are kept clear to reduce the risk of flooding. Plant more trees.			Yes		Yes																		
Do not build on green spaces to prevent flooding. Keep drains				Yes	Yes																		

clear of debris. East Street and South Street turn into rivers when it rains. Our winters are only going to get wetter.																								
Sort the town centre traffic out. It isn't that hard. That deals with the pollution issue in the centre of town.		Yes																						
Retain/ create new wooded area. Make it easier and safer to access town centre facilitates by foot/ cycling.			Yes										Yes											

Appendix 15 – Suggested Green Spaces which Need Protection

The 'green lung' that reaches from the new CLR site almost into the centre of town. The footpaths around the town that are bounded by trees and hedgerows, for example the footpath from Easthams Lane and the paths through the land to the East of Kithill and into the countryside beyond. Bincombe Nature Reserve and the SSSI to the west of North Street.
All of them! Including the lime trees that are currently under threat by Taylor Wimpey.
Bincombe Beeches and all adjacent land Barn St rec East St Orchard site and adjacent fields.
All areas of natural woodland and plantations should be monitored more closely. More education as to the benefits of caring for our wildlife
All areas which are currently undeveloped.
All the areas!
All our hedgerows Trees Stop building on fields Orchards
Bincombe Beeches. (What there is left of) the low-lying land south of the A30 between Crewkerne and Haselbury - Easthams and surrounds.
Wimpey are trying to cut down numerous very old lime trees, having already destroyed large areas of hedgerows. Council seem unconcerned by this and take little action
Bincombe beeches, Barn street. Henhayes. Hedgerows around the town and adjacent to new developments.
Bincombe Barn Street rec Local wildlife sites
Mill pond.
Bincombe beeches
All but especially somewhere as special as Bincombe.
All of them
All of them
Bincombe
Any area where wildlife should take priority, ban or control dogs
Anywhere that is used for recreational space at this moment
All of the above
Bincombe woods and Maincombe
ALL
The land off of North street (next on from cemetery) is beautiful with deer and barn owls, foxes and badgers.
Each and every one of them. In no particular order Bincombe, Barn Street, the new areas being created within Wool Gardens. We really do need a green belt or lung system to prevent accidental merger with the surrounding villages.
Community greenspaces eg Bincombe Beeches.
Bincombe Nature Researve, Barn Street Recreation, Millpond
All as they are important for the town, the community and its wildlife
Bincombe, Millpond, land off of Easthams
All of them

The proposed site on Kithill area that Tilia homes wish to built on contains many important habitats that could be in danger such as hedgerows and badger setts. These should be protected.
Fields off of cat hole bridge
Whatever we have leftâ€¦.which isnâ€™t much given we are a rural town must be protected at all costsâ€¦..and especially the Cropmead corridor CR2 and CR5
Anywhere those descriptions apply!!
Bincombe Beeches in particular, but I believe we should protect all current green spaces, as in some way they all shelter wildlife to an extent. Please also see my comments above about the Cropmead Orchard proposal.
All green spaces surrounding the town and within the town centre
See before... repeat question!
Too many new developments encroaching on the the towns open spaces, affecting woodland, wildlife habitats that can never be replaced once gone. Refuse Tree Felling especially on those issued with TPO's which are frequently allowed to by taken down, by town and district council approval, which allows planning applications to move forward. All new developers should be forced to deliver the wildlife mitigations and landscaping that was promised at the application submission and then subsequent approval. No planning applications should be allowed to change the character within a conservation area i.e. Bincombe Beeches, as has recently been allowed at Westover view, Brickyard Lane.
All of the green spaces - Bincombe Beeches, Barn Street, the old orchard site that runs alongside Henhayes. There should be no more building developments permitted from this point on. As mentioned at the head of this questionnaire - we are up to quota! The villages are close to Crewkerne and we need to retain the green spaces between the villages and the town.
Existing green space and Bincombe area
What wetlands? Maybe you are referring to the houses on the Taylor Wimpey site. Of course areas should be protected for wildlife. The council needs to wake up to what is happening around us and ensure that these areas are protected before developers destroy what little green space is left.
all areas that protect wildlife should be carefully protected and monitored
Bincombe
All
All the river valleys within the town even where the river is now piped. The Green Lung from Easthams into Town Centre and Bincombe.
Bincombe Beeches, Barn St Rec
Bincombe beeches, parrett tributaries, sssi areas, green lung are linked to henhayes. Lucombe oak.
Bincombe beeches
Bincombe beeches
Henhayes
happy valley, Bincombe, barn street playing field, Henley
Bincombe. Millpond.
All
Bincombe.
Bincombe Beeches Any existing green spaces

All areas that are natural habitat for trees and wildlife. Our existence as a species depends on it.
All our fields and woodland, crewkerne is a small market town and we don't want it growing any bigger
Bincombe beeches
Bincombe Beeches, Happy Valley, Barn Street Recreation Area, Henhayes Field, all schools playing fields and all green areas in town and around the town not at present developed or earmarked for development. It would be good to have wild flower meadows in some of them. It would be excellent to have enclosed marked areas where dogs can run around and defaecate and outside these areas dogs are on a lead. I have seen dogs defaecating in Henhayes Field where on Saturday mornings young children practice football. Even if it is picked up, there may be a residue. It just is not hygienic!
Bincombe Beeches
All areas. I am very concerned that permission is being given to build on green fields against the wishes of the residents.
Bincome Fields Gould's Orchard
Millpond Bincombe Happy valley Henhayes
All
Where all the new builds are going. More care of the ancient trees and hedgerows..
Bincombe
All natural environments should be considered. Trees, hedgerows, shrubs and 'wasteland' have been 'developed' with little care or thought to the natural environment. The area around the refuse site is a prime example. Trees need to be planted a.s.a.p. Hedgerows and corridors need to be created and protected. Ponds and wetlands developed too (perhaps linked to flood prevention.) If local people (like myself) ask the council to plant wild flowers (primroses etc.) they should not be killed off with weed killer within the year. Education is important.
Bincombe Beeches, land to the west of St Bartholomew's church, Cropped orchard, Frankly, ANY existing green lung of open space. Learn from cities like Sydney which encourage fingers of the countryside to come right into the heart of urban areas and insist that houses are built on decent sized plots.
All! However where there is a conflict on other existing ecosystem services there needs to be some leeway eg trees harming designated historic environment assets.
Spaces where inadequate surveys have been carried out. Trees should not be removed at all
all of them but in particular the beautiful countryside around crewkerne which is under threat of housing.
A bit too late to be asking that question, is it not?: At least Bincomb Beeches has so far been left alone.
All of them.
All current areas
Bincombe Beeches Happy Valley Henhayes and the field behind it The field behind Cropped trading estate
The hedgerows on the Kithill site. Millpond. Taylor Wimpey site (should be made to adhere to agreements). Public access. Bincombe beeches.
Bincombe, henhayes green corridor

Bincombe beeches
Bincombe Beeches Severalls Park Happy Valley Henhayes Playing Fields Barn Recreation Park
Bincombe, Barn Street rec
There are too many houses being built especially the development near millpond
Mill Pond either side of the railway line. River Parrett corridor to Haselbury Mill. Pople's Well.
Bincombe Extend opportunities for allotments
Bincombe Beeches
All
Barn Crescent Green Space
All areas around the town need protecting.
Fields and areas opposite the Wadham School area.
All
Bincombe
Bincombe
Bincombe, Green Belt around Crewkerne, Bar Street, Happy Valley, Severalls, Private Nature Reserve at Popleswell, etc.
Bincombe Beeches and other areas in Town Council ownership and Cropmead Orchard in order to protect the Henhayes recreation ground.
Green spaces, woods, recreation areas
All of them. the council should make this a priority for all land it controls and a key objective for all planning applications. It should also work with local landowners and farmers to ensure that woodlands, wetlands and other habitats are protected and expanded.
Hedgerows and all existing spaces. We need bio-diversity, we live in the countryside, not in a city.
Bincombe Beeches
What little seems to be left that is not going to be built on. Hedges in Happy valley, trees at Bincombe and the remaining trees in Station Road
The 'green lung' and "orchard" in the centre of town and the lime trees along South Street/ Station Road
Wayford woods , Bincombe Beeches, Bar Street rec
All around Crewkerne
Green spaces on the edge of town should not have further development. More should be done to use existing property for development.
Cropmead Orchard
All existing sites should be protected but new ones created too. Housing estates need more trees.
All of them, especially Kit Hill
Too late for some areas, e.g. Taylor Wimpey site but Kit Hill and Millers Site should be protected as should other proposed sites.
Bincombe but really anywhere that wildlife uses
All - retained, managed and protected
Bincombe Beeches All woodland, wetlands and hedgerow walkways

There are some great walks and green spaces around the perimeter of the town that I would like to see retained for walking and cycling, linking up areas of town
Bincombe
Climate change can be helped by protecting these areas
All
As 19, also any areas affected by any future development
Bincombe Barn Street
All of them
All the fields surrounding Crewkerne Footpaths Bincombe
All existing areas
All which have not yet been given planning permission to develop
All existing green spaces
Bincombe to be managed for wildlife NOT a recreational park or dog-fouling/ training area
Bincombe Beeches
CLR, land rear of Station Road, Millpond, Bincombe, Easthams generally
Flood plain towards River Parrett
All of them, especially the hill, mistakenly referred to as "Bincombe"
All of them
It occurs everywhere. Bincombe, Henhayes, Barn Street, Happy Valley, hedgerows, wild meadows etc.
Fields to west of St Bartholomew's church, listed buioldings and setting Fields to south of Station Road
Broadshard Long Strings Lane
Kit Hill/ Happy Valley footpath and surrounding green spaces, hedgerows, trees etc. Bincombe woods and local footpaths
Barn Street rec. Bincombe
Bincombe Beeches, Fairy Hill, Barn Street rec, Henhayes, Happy Valley.
The paddock area between Henhayes Park and East Street.
All of them
Bincombe Beeches, meadow below west end of Church Road, pastures off Station Road, Yeovil A30 and overlooking recreation ground (Cropmead orchard? PL) End of Lang Road
Those that can be of benefit and used/ accessed by all. Bincombe Beeches etc.

Appendix 16 – Suggested Local Buildings of Historic and Heritage Importance

The old Nat West building in Market Street. The setting of the conservation area along East Street from the south and eastwards. The derelict garages within the conservation area at the old Millers Garage site need to be removed or the car park built.
Royal Oak on Hermitage Street comes to mind. The factory on south street.
Nat West building ALL older houses, mostly the historic North, South, East and West streets. Almost derelict house in Abbey St next to car park, being left empty and deteriorating by owner. Former pub in Hermitage St - as above. Former hall in Church st.
Harts factory site Old Drs building Abbey st Nat west building Royal oak hermitage st Cemetery lodge & chapel
Some buildings i.e. burnt out Natwest building need specialist care and bringing back into use.
Viney Bridge mill. The old HSBC building. Falkland Square needs a major face-lift. The land between North Street and Bincombe Beeches - the green space is being destroyed without opposition from CTC.
Doing their best on a limited budget.
Owners of historic buildings should be made to maintain them
I think too much care is taken I'm not saying destroy it but loosen up let things change or crewkerne will become a dead town
Not all. Buildings like NatWest bank or the old factory on south street even when derelict need maintaining to retain their value.
Restoring the stone of some of crewkerne high street looks great and should continue with more buildings being restored/cleaned/sandblasted.
Lloyds bank, Nat West Bank
A one way system and wider paving would provide a better setting and help to protect our historic town centre buildings from vehicle vibration.
How was permission ever granted, for the development of Falklands Square, looking the way it does? The buildings around it are beautiful; the square is ugly.
the Nat West Bank, Liberty Hall, the old School house in Abbey Street, and the buildings at Vineyard Bridge
All of them. Stop the horrible modernisation of the town especially the horrible cheaply built houses.
Sadly very little is ever done to protect empty buildings or to demand enforcement and to use a non conformist chapel which is listed, including the interior, as a mower store is disgraceful, by any standard, but when the people responsible are your own town council it gives a clear illustration of all that is wrong in our once beautiful town. I do not know anyone who feels this is an appropriate action by a town councilâ€¦I am broken by the town councils lack of regard for our heritageâ€¦.shame on them
The public have repeatedly informed the TC about these issues. Empty heritage has already been lost - Viney Mills. Cllr Best was aware and b did nothing to protect them. Nat West building is in a terrible condition. The Cenetsryy lodge and Non Conformist Chapel are being neglected by the CTC - damage continues through inappropriate usage by TC employees being asked to store mechanical equipment in the Chapel despite information about

existing risk of damage to the flooring Planned protections are not applied or evident. Greshams- Lloyds building - St Martins building adjacent to Car park in Abbey St now has broken windows and ingress of water from multiple areas. All frontages and buildings within the Conservation area need preservation . Outside of this - eg historic footprints, layouts and buildings that are now becoming significant in their type or use (as WAS the case with the NWest building and Viney Mills) , need professionally advised and applied protection planning.
Please, please protect the old Nat West Bank building, which is historically significant.
A lot of Market Square needs exterior cleaning inc the church. Buildings like the old Nat West one should be put to use
Owners of derelict and empty buildings, especially those listed, should be identified and fined if applicable for not keeping them in good order. Stop allowing land banking within the town. Historic buildings need to be protected from large HGV's and Agricultural Vehicles who shake and cause damage to them.
Nat West Bank - preservation needed, to be followed by development. George Reynolds Centre - should be handed to a trust set up by sports club and become their financial responsibility and not that of the town council, and so the people of the town. The house at the cemetery should be sold and proceeds used to maintain cemetery chapels. Support and encouragement given to anyone renovating/rescuing an historic building by way of small grants/support to apply for other funding.
The council do not care about our historic buildings. The cemetery lodge needs massive repairs, but according to one councillor (who is not a builder or a surveyor as far as I know), only minimal repair will be carried out. The non-conformist chapel will continue to be used as a store room for dirty gardening equipment, even though this is a listed building. Again, this is a project of just one councillor.
All the older buildings in the town should be protected and kept up to date to stop them from deteriorating. Nat West building is an example, also places like the Liberal Hall which has been in a state of repair for years now. Ex factory buildings should be looked after and not left to deteriorate like the one at the bottom of South Street.
Yes, all listed buildings. SSDC are failing to protect listed buildings that have been damaged without planning permission. This includes 1 and 4 Abbey Street but many others such as 2 Church Path.
Natwest Bank, Lloyds Bank, Building on Abbey Street by Carpark entrance Royal Oak, Factory at Viney Bridge
I wonder how M&Co 's closure will affect the maintenance of the building they currently occupy.
Requirement should be made for new developments to be in keeping the the hamstone character of the town. Schools need investment to ensure appropriate space is available. Library is starting to look a little tired.
The Natwest Bank
The old Nat west bank
Empty factory space near the station. All the old buildings need protecting.
George Hotel could do with a facelift
There are many buildings in the town centre that are very historic and are being left to decay.

The old webbing factory down south street seems to be rotting away maybe could be developed for housing instead of building anymore, also loyds bank, NatWest bank and Barclays Bank that looks a eyesore.
The old NatWest bank Market square Viney bridge mill
All looks good to me
What is happening with the National West Bank and Arthur Hart's factory? A one way system through town would mean less traffic, less pollution, less blackening of the beautiful ham stone old buildings have been built from.
St Bartholomew's Church
The buildings that were banks are suffering especially the old Nat West building.
Old Council Offices Former NatWest Bank
Some buildings are an eyesore.
Think its too late as I think our old coaching inns should have been protected but sadly a lot of them have already been turned into housing
You can't freeze-frame history so any preservation has to be realistic. I know this from experience in churches....the best way of preserving the building is to have a lively viable congregation inside it. The same applies to the town hall or Henhayes. These need to be well used for modern needs.
Old Nat West bank. Empty shops and banks particularly Greshams bookshop, the building opp the old firestation on Gouldsbrook Terrace, the empty house on Abbey Street, buildings at Bincombe Mill (the mill at the bottom of the steps from St Barts), house at top of Church Street - old council offices, The Bull.
the old bank buildings, the Royal Oak in Hermitage street, former St Martins school building in Abbey street. the sandwich shop next to the old Barclays bank, Gresham books.
The Royal Oak on Hermitage Street is terribly neglected and may even be dangerous. Viney Mills may be past saving.
Some properties in the conservation are not maintained to the standard expected. Likewise the old NatWest building in Market Street.
Natwest building. Lloyds building. St Martins abbey st.
Museum library pool
Buildings in the Town Square (Not the Town Hall which is excellent) Others include Lloyds Bank Barclays Bank Nat west Building Gresham Books
enhance Falkland Square and the area outside the town hall (see earlier point)
Large vehicles shake buildings
Town Hall, St Bart's Church
The George Hotel and empty banks.
Viney bridge factory MUST be preserved. Flats with cafes, shops under?
Falkland Square
Demolish Barclays
Former Nat West Bank and Gresham Books
Looks well kept to me
Generally buildings look run-down
A lot of older buildings in town need protection from modern traffic. We have some beautiful buildings when you look up above eye level.
Nat West Royal Oak
Viney Mill, Royal Oak in Hermitage Street, Empty Nat West building

All buildings should be protected
I hope so, it's essential. Museum much improved and needs protecting
Old Nat West bank and factory in South Street
Nat West bank, Barclays Bank, Old Gas showrooms and many others
I hope so, although the old Westminster bank looks very sorry for itself.
BUT, the curved building which we believe was Barclay's Bank in Market Street needs demolishing and replacing with a sympathetically suitable period building in keeping with the town.
The old webbing factory is deteriorating - the roof tarpaulin is in tatters. It looks an ideal spot for housing.
Many empty shops in need of enhancement Historic buildings such as old Nat West bank and Lloyd's Bank
The Royal Oak in Hermitage Street
The old webbing factory South Street
East Street and North Street road-water spray damage to buildings re bad drain maintenance affecting listed properties.
It would be a good idea to convert all the banks into flats - too many empty, useless buildings.
Nat West, Lloyds, Gresham Books, ex-Barclays.
Only you know that
Nat West, London House, Gresham Books, Abbey Street, Court Barton
Church Road, paved access and steps to church, Nat West and Lloyd's Empty and vulnerable, Viney Bridge site
We need care with guttering on old buildings.
Heritage Centre
Church Hall, Town Hall
Nat West Bank, Gresham Books building, Lloyd's Bank
Arthur Hart's webbing. Tidy this area up it's a mess.
Royal Oak pub, Arthur Hart webbing in S Street. Former bank buildings apart from the one opposite the church (too ugly!)
Nat West building, Lloyd's bank, Gresham's Books

Appendix 17 – Additional Comment Made

There needs to be an overview of the situation regarding the cumulative effect of having so many separate applications for housing development, even if a case can be made for a development in isolation. Similarly, unless there is a wider view taken in regard to transport generally, there will not be any headway in creating the walking and cycling routes that everyone, including the government, wants to see in order to help improve the general mental and physical health of the population.
Stop over developing Crewkerne. Put the environment higher on the agenda. Listen to the locals. It's not about not building houses, it's about not over building at the expense of those who already live here & the environment.
Enforce wheelie bins and recycling boxes not being left out permanently on pavements - especially in older parts of town where pavements are very narrow. More and safer crossings for pedestrians- especially near schools.
Perhaps a "Pride in our Town" campaign so that young people learn to respect all aspects of living in a community which isn't for them to trash on a whim! Honesty and openness from the Local Authority down to the person on the street.
I feel there is a lack of involvement and response from the town council
The chance to opt in to an electronic copy of Town Council newsletter should be set up to cut printing and delivery costs and reduce paper use. Town Council to be commended on support for Queens jubilee. Should seek more use of Victoria Hall for cultural events Welcome pack of information for houses in new developments.
The main issue for me is to let the town develop try new things let companys come to crewkerne people drive through give them something to stop for
Ashlands road side of town would benefit from a convenience store. The roadworks have been really difficult to navigate and uncoordinated this year resulted in the same roads being dug up more than once and more than one major route at the same time. That's in a town already suffering with traffic flow. Revisit the one way system!!! Thank you for asking.
Sort out the issue of dog poo along pavements it's disgusting every walk to school we have to dodge the poo and the walk up to ashlands school is very dangerous as people speed through and large lorries mount the pavement especially by the funeral parlour
Stop charging so much for people to have a stall at the farmers market. We want people to come here not stay away. The market needs to be somewhere where more stalls can be added. In side the GRC during winter. Do free stall opportunities. The current farmers market is poor.
Control or educate irresponsible dog owners. I cannot understand why dogs are allowed on playing fields. Also the "No Dogs" signs have vanished from the fenced off Small childrens play park in Henhayes. Dog owners believe that everyone else loves their dogs and feel they can take them wherever they please. Cafe's and pubs are being spoilt now.
I reported a blocked road drain 5 years ago to SSDC and this has still not been cleared and no water is able to run through this drain which could increase the risk of flooding somewhere else where not expected. Drivers increase their speed as they travel up Lyme Road and a 20 mph should be considered and warning signs of school close by at top of this road.

Yes too many builders are getting permission to build around Crewkerne and ruining the landscape increasing the traffic flow and pollution. Doctors are in a terrible state and the car park off of East Street has changed to building houses. Not good enough.

Stop building poorly constructed, crammed in new builds on lovely green spaces

I appreciate my comments have been largely negative, and I have no expectation they will taken seriously but without passion and drive our town will slide into an abyss which it cannot recover from, and we are at that pivotal point. I cannot believe we have gone from a once proud market town to the shell we now have, but no plans, no matter how well thought out will change anything unless there is a change at the heart of our town council, who will say they are only "statutory consultees" and have limited powers. That may well be true, but that's more than the general public have, and it is no excuse for not trying to achieve better from all developments. I understand the effort and hard work that volunteers are putting into this Neighbourhood Plan, and I thank them for that, but their efforts will be in vain if there is no determination and genuine enthusiasm from those in authority to live up to the aspirations. Recent experiences give me no reason to hope that will be the case

Many of the questions in this document are restrictive. Questionnaire design is important to allow the widest trawl of creative input. Closed questions limit the responses possible or channel peoples ideas along suggested thought lines. Any questionnaires document can only offer insight if designed with as open a perspective as possible. The limits of public consultation still lie with the questions asked in this document.

Without wishing to repeat myself, if Crewkerne is to remain an attractive and pleasant place to work and live, there need to be vast improvements to the services provided for the existing residents - mainly doctors, dentists, transport and parking - before considering more housing development beyond that already committed to. Also, in many other towns and villages, spaces have been set aside for community use. There is one such space between Barn Street and Lyewater, another in the Barn Street Rec, but I believe there is the capacity to provide more open space in the town centre, rather than cramming in more housing.

I am disappointed that our town and district council have allowed Crewkerne to be taken over by large profitable developers who have run rough shod over approved planning applications. Mitigations for wildlife, biodiversity, tree felling to name a few, have not been adhered to. It is frustrating that on numerous occasions, our town and district councillors have not always responded to matters, that their electorates are concerned about, one recently being the change of use of Millers Garage site car park, now been earmarked for more development? Crewkerne, more that ever NEEDS a forward thinking council, with keen individuals within it, that are willing to stand up and have a voice, driving new ideas forward. For Crewkerne to have a brighter future, we need this to happen or I am sorry to say, we will stagnate.

Crewkerne is a beautiful, historic town with a strong sense of community. In recent times we have seen Chard and Yeovil receive large amounts of money to "refresh" or enhance these towns. Where is the money to do the same for Crewkerne? There are many organisations in Crewkerne that are run by volunteers or a combination of paid and volunteer staff. Take that element of volunteering away and this town would be dead. No Crewkerne in Bloom, no theatre, no cinema, no museum, no children's clubs, no food bank, no adult's groups, no dementia support, no charity shops, no British Legion, etc etc. We need our town councillors to shout for Crewkerne. Forget political allegiance and look at

what the town needs before any more businesses close, before our health service collapses through overwork and inability to attract doctors, before someone is badly hurt when walking along these narrow pavements by a passing vehicle. Every time we have requested simple things - safer road crossing, better signage, safer routes etc we are given excuses. Just before the pandemic this town was on its feet and there was a sense of optimism. Now is the time to be more radical in the way we do things and rescue Crewkerne before it slips away.

The council need to learn to listen to the community and not follow one person down a rabbit hole. There is little or no meaningful engagement with the public. This questionnaire is all well and good but if the council do not agree with what the public want then nothing will happen, as usual

Not that come to mind at present.

Yes but after this stage has been written up and circulated.

Speeding cars and motorcycles, total lack of road side speed indicators. All the surrounding small villages have at least one indicator, why a town of this size have only one mostly placed in unhelpful locations?

Noisy dogs, neighbours who engage in DIY every weekend (and drill holes in my Kitchen wall!)

We have a huge space in front of the town hall that is hardly used. Why?

It has become a ghost town nothing for younger people are first time buyers today are encouraged to live here

Street lighting needs to be looked after better. I live in oxen road and the street light opposite my house as not worked on and off for years. Have reported it more then 30 times. And after 7 years the council finally emailed me saying what the issue was and when it will be fixed. Shouldn't have taken this long to sort out. Crewkerne council should check the street lighting on a monthly basis and the town council should report it not members of the public as I pay my council tax so the crewkerne council should be more in too of it.

Design is important for enticing customers. The square really needs updating . It could be a welcoming hub but at present is just an access route to the high street.

We need more decent shops we are so far behind other towns people are shopping in other towns who can blame them

The parking outside schools need to have traffic warden also pavements north street and hermitage Street.

I would love to see a weekly market and the farmers market in the street through the middle of town MARKET STREET. Not hidden at the bottom of the car park or hidden around the town hall. Make the streets look busy for passers by and they will stop and or return to see and be part of it.

Our generation have to be really careful that we do not leave an embarrassing legacy. We owe this to the many people that have poured money into the town and committed their lives to Crewkerne's prosperity. A debt is also owed by us to the Crewkerne inhabitants who, with many others, have given their lives for the towns very existence. We need to be able to hold our heads up and say "We did it for Crewkerne". We should not feel guilty that we did not look after our green spaces, woodlands and wildlife. We should not feel guilty that we have no shops, no sports facilities and no health or transport services and left the town as a flood plain. We should make sure that Crewkerne is in a better place than it was before our generation succeeded the last one. Most of all we need to be proud of what we have left when the future generations take over.

I think most things are covered
There are not enough safe pedestrian crossing places in the town. The worst crossing is from Brick Lane going to the pavement the other side of North Street. Visibility is poor. When children and adults are on the North Street pavement going to the primary school on North Street, there is not enough space on the pavement for two way traffic of pedestrians. This is dangerous! There is already a couple of small pedestrianised shopping areas. It would be good to have more.
More publicity needed re. matters and meetings etc. Not just Facebook as many older people do not follow this.
The town is very old fashioned. Although we are an ageing town this is made worse because everyone young is moving away because of the lack of facilities. The town needs fresh ideas with families in mind, it needs modernising. Ilminster has a great community spirit and they do lots for families. Crewkerne people want to support the town, the streets are filled during events such as lighting up and pram race etc but there is nowhere for families to go. The GRC should be perfect for this but is a complete waste of space.
Growing concern over amount of dog poo left on street walking tracks, churchyards etc.. CCTV.. greater fines.. Neighbourhood poo watch.. It's a disgrace and I'm a dog owner. Knot weed at No18 abbey street reported 7 years ago. Environmental issues at 18 Abbey street not resolved despite numerous letters to SSDC and local council
Thank you for giving local people, like myself, a voice in these matters. Miss J.Hamblin.
Think its wrong when places like the kings arms is shut and hasve been just left for years doing nothing
I am concerned about the democratic deficit in local government. Yeovil seemed a long way away. I think some of the councillors in the new authority in Taunton might be hard-pressed to find Crewkerne on a map much less understand its needs and the temptation for our own reps to vote on party lines rather than community needs must be enormous. My fear is that our lovely town will have more things imposed upon it that it neither desires nor needs but which are determined miles away in Taunton or London and that would only be to the detriment of our delightful town.
There is a lot of expertise in Crewkerne and willingness to help as the group Ben set up through the council looking at more sustainable practices for the Town Council to look at showed. Restart this and ensure it is on a longer lasting basis than before - seed fund an enabler? You did not ask about more provision for other groups in the community, only young people. What about opportunities and lack of provision for older people, disabled, multi-age and ability groups etc.
With the proposed development of so many houses what is the council going to do about inadequate medical facilities and probable shortage of school places? If all these areas are covered in house dog walkers for eg will have to drive to walking areas. Who is protecting old trees, ancient route ways and animal habitat?
I am very concerned about the lack of action by the Town council to stop the excessive proposed housing developments in town. each time I drive into the town I am struck by how small the signs for Crewkerne are, they are all very insignificant. most villages have larger signs with more impact. it feels like this reflects the regard the town council has for our town.
It might be a good idea to have an annual open Council Meeting to which all residents should be invited. This would need to be done through the Crewkerne news as not all residents have access to the internet I would hope that Crewkerne Town Councillors would

represent the needs of the Town in whatever forum they find themselves I believe that there is a suggestion that the field behind the Henhayes should be turned into a public amenity space - with trees and benches. This would be an amazing addition to the Town as the one thing we don't have is a park where people can meet up outside in a traffic free, level access, green environment.
The ecology report (that is flawed) on the Kithill site. Greater transparency from the Town council.
Other than parking issues i feel the only other things is the maintenance of some of the "no mans land" areas. No one seems to take responsibility of them and over the last 9 years of living in Crewkerne have started getting very overgrown and difficult to manage for people living near by.
Provide signage to Severalls Park and the War Memorial. Ref Questions 21 & 23. Efforts should be made to promote and let out empty shops at reasonable rates to get businesses in to revitalize the Town Centre. Particularly important as we have now lost M&Co.
New developments don't need to be 'Georgian' or fake historic - modern architecture and materials are welcome, but they need to be well-chosen to be in keeping - local stone, wood, eco-materials, etc.
The footpath between North Street and Ashlands Road is partially lit at night but an additional light is needed for pedestrian safety at the northern end where trees obscure the lighting.
How can the current infrastructure cope with more housing and population?
Keep the 'contemporary' out of Crewkerne. Crewkerne is Beautiful; very easy for it to be ruined. Plastic windows are not environmentally friendly - no historic buildings should be allowed them. TOWN HALL !!
No banks, no local paper, no doctor, no dentists, Lidl's rubbish stock-wise. Road department is utterly incompetent. Why Ashlands one-way on the only weekend we have a one-way system for the carnival because of road works? Planning, duh!
The last 20 years have seen a steady decline e.g. closure of Bakers. Waitrose decimated the local market etc. etc. Banks etc. etc. Repairing these is a challenge and now M&Co probably closing
I love living in Crewkerne. I think it should not get much bigger because the infrastructure cannot support it and it will change in spirit. I would like to say thank you for everyone's hard work who looks after this lovely town.
Will anyone take any notice of these questionnaires as not much seems to have been taken notice of in the past?
Traffic problems need to be addressed. We need one way system or 20 mph through town with traffic calming measures.
If you don't build any houses the developers don't need to be involved. Crewkerne should be left alone.
Crewkerne is a lovely place to live but it is beginning to change by over-development. More needs to be done to retain existing countryside for the benefit of both the people and wildlife.
Make the town of Crewkerne one-way. Reduce speed of traffic
No forethought seems to be given to the effect of one thing affecting other things. One thing that should be addressed is where the link road (T&W site) is going when it gets to South Street/ Station Road. I believe the idea was for it to come up Kit Hill and through

what is now Kingswood but the route has been built on. Notifications by TC and other bodies are missed by many people without the internet. (There are many in Crewkerne)
We thank the council for all their hard work on our behalf. We love Crewkerne and wish to keep it attractive for all those who will be living in it.
Road marking repainted regularly, flat roundabouts so difficult to see when raining and dark. Crewkerne could be an example of road safety in a busy Somerset town ... zebra crossings etc.
Street parking is becoming an ever-increasing problem in the town. As a Park View resident this is becoming a safety issue in residential areas. Kit Hill has become a commercial vehicle car park. Could On-street parking charges be applied. This seems to work in other towns. It is a problem that will only get worse.
Lack of trees, any grass verges or green spaces should have trees planted.
Main concern get GPs to see patients because it is just not acceptable
Cyclists using pavements at speed when traffic queues daily and motorists mounting pavements daily as roads too narrow for wide modern vehicles to pass.
It would be really nice to be able to have a local paper again. I feel this town is left out on a limb when it could be much improved in many ways.
A general note that with a little more publicity the town would look better on the whole and attract better business. Let's use what we have instead of destroying nature and adding additional pressures on already struggling facilities.
When is Crewkerne going to get a by-pass? HGVs, volume of traffic is killing it.
I was never asked to vote for the town mayor, i.e. taxation without representation Stop making lists, just honour your promises Resign, all of you, now. Thanks.
Crewkerne Centre is a conservation zone, so make sure developments are in keeping. The green open spaces are a real asset - protect and expand these into fields currently in 'no-man's land'.
Upgrading and extending security cameras Regular cleaning of street drains Proper repairs to surfacing and footpaths and roads - not small fragmented patching when need for larger longer-lasting surfacing needed When will the local authority have finance for many proposals?
Conserve the character of the town
Lack of public rubbish bins around the town leading to increased littering. Fly tipping in Shaves Lane seems to be a recurrent problem.
It would be good to do some community projects to bring the town together, ref pom-poms!
Why the delay of the installation of the electric charging points at Henhayes car park.
Building houses between East Street and Henhayes SHOULD NOT take place when housing is already committed in our surrounding fields. It will add even more congestion to East Street. The town needs green lung areas!
Guidance is wrong and already provided by government. Regulation and sticking to rules should be enforced. We had a say in the key site - fat lot of good that did.
I feel there is a grave danger of destroying the charm and character of this lovely town. Too much desecration has already taken place. I know there is outside pressure for more housing etc. but the quality of life of existing residents should not be sacrificed lightly.