

BILSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL – SUMMARY OF WISH LIST SURVEY – NOVEMBER 2003

	Bilsington's Wishes	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Some Comments from the Survey Forms
1	Small housing development including affordable housing to be encouraged to provide for the needs of our existing residents and their families.	17	9	7	6	4will light pollution be a problem?.....outlying properties around Bilsington should not be forgotten...the Government has shown in the past that if you do not agree with their views they will ride roughshod over you.....agricultural workers should be allowed to build on their land...I would love to have mains drainage....has to be a priority.....how do you stop affordable housing being sold on at a vast profit?
2	Improve local employment by encouraging small business enterprises to establish themselves in the parish. This to be coupled with the provision of improved mobile telecommunications and a Broadband internet services.	16	8	9	5	5	There seems to be no viable place to site a cluster of small businesses.....some small businesses can be smelly, noisy and unsightly....Broadband is a priority..... we would not want phone masts erected.....
3	Public transport to be improved to provide a more regular and integrated service between villages and with Ashford.	19	17	6	0	0but would any one use improved public services?encourage cycle paths and footpaths between urban and rural areas...encourage shared transport schemes for rural communities....
4	Road junction improvements at the White Horse and Black Rabbit public houses to improve safety.	25	10	5	2	0Is this realistic with housing being on 7 of the 8 corners?....the White Horse pub is very important though I don't go in much....cars are often parked close to a blind corner....the road junctions are so bad people have to slow down....
5	Improve vehicular access to Cosway Cottages and the provision of a car parking area at The Cross, Bilsington.	9	17	12	3	1if there was a way of purchasing a strip along the back by the Council.....majority of Cosway Cottages privately owned, owners would have to stand part of the cost..... at present car parking destroying pleasant grass verges...
6	Installation of speed control facilities and enforcement on the B2067 through Bilsington Village and on the lanes within the parish.	21	12	6	0	2If speed controls means street lighting we would not be so keen....please no speed humps....chicanes as in Hamstreet....Stone Cross also a dangerous junction, vehicle speeds dangerous to pony and horse riders....large lorries using lane narrowed by overgrown hedges...

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7	Strong greenbelt boundary to separate Bilsington from Ashford's development	38	3	2	0	0	Bilsington is very nice as it is , let's keep it that way.....Bilsington should be left as it is.....
8	The rural and scenic aspects of Bilsington to be protected and enhanced by encouraging residents and visitors to enjoy and respect our ancient woodlands, the Royal Military Canal and Romney Marsh. Trespassing on agricultural land e.g hare coursing to be prevented.	35	7	1	0	0	...this is why we live here....I think that Bilsington should remain very small...Our wish is for the re-introduction of parish policing to provide a safer environment.....quite like it as it is, only newcomers want change.....
9	Rubbish collection to include better provision for recycling. Fly-tipping to be discouraged by improving access to refuse disposal facilities in Ashford.	32	10	0	1	0KCC should remove the height barrier at the dump which prevents some private vehicles gaining access...commercial vehicles allowed access...re-cycling costs outweigh any desired savings....no 'blue boxes' here.....
10	Community facilities to be improved by renovation or replacement of the village hall.	17	14	9	0	2	It is a lovely hall, one of the best in the area....does the present low usage of the hall justify large expenditure?village shop/newsagents??.....