

Issues identified following the initial public consultation

The main issues were:

- Maintaining the existing, very attractive, rural environment including opportunities to enjoy it and the peaceful ambience of the hamlets.
- The much- valued services in Pontesbury village and the need to retain and enhance them.
- The risk of future over development in Pontesbury village.
- The problems posed by increasing traffic.
- The relative lack of employment opportunities.
- Facilities for younger people including affordable housing.

The challenges involved in addressing these issues include:

- Better parking provision
- Improved flow of traffic
- Encouraging more walking by providing safer footpaths
- Assisting the long term viability of farming as the main custodian of the landscape.
- How to engage with local community and in particular young people to find out what facilities they need now and to keep that dialogue open so that appropriate services and facilities are developed.
- Developing employment opportunities within the village
- Ensuring that information about housing need is kept up to date when applications for development are received.