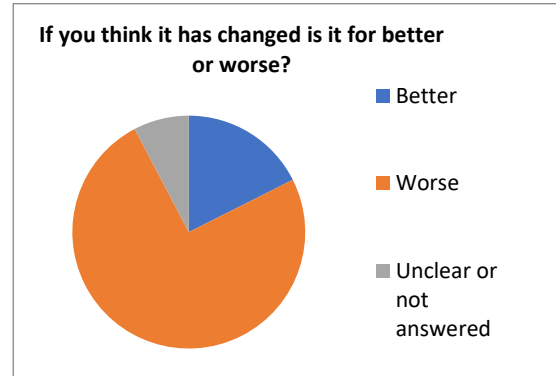
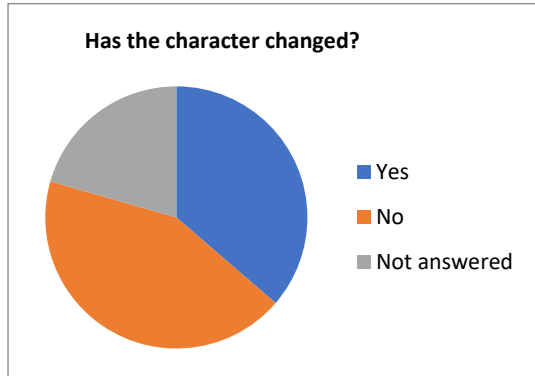


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1.1 Has this changed in the last 10 years and if so is this for the better or worse?

We asked if it was felt that the village had changed in character since the first village plan questionnaire 10 years ago. Respondents were evenly split on whether they felt it had changed or not. Of those who felt it had changed a strong majority indicated that it had changed for the worse.



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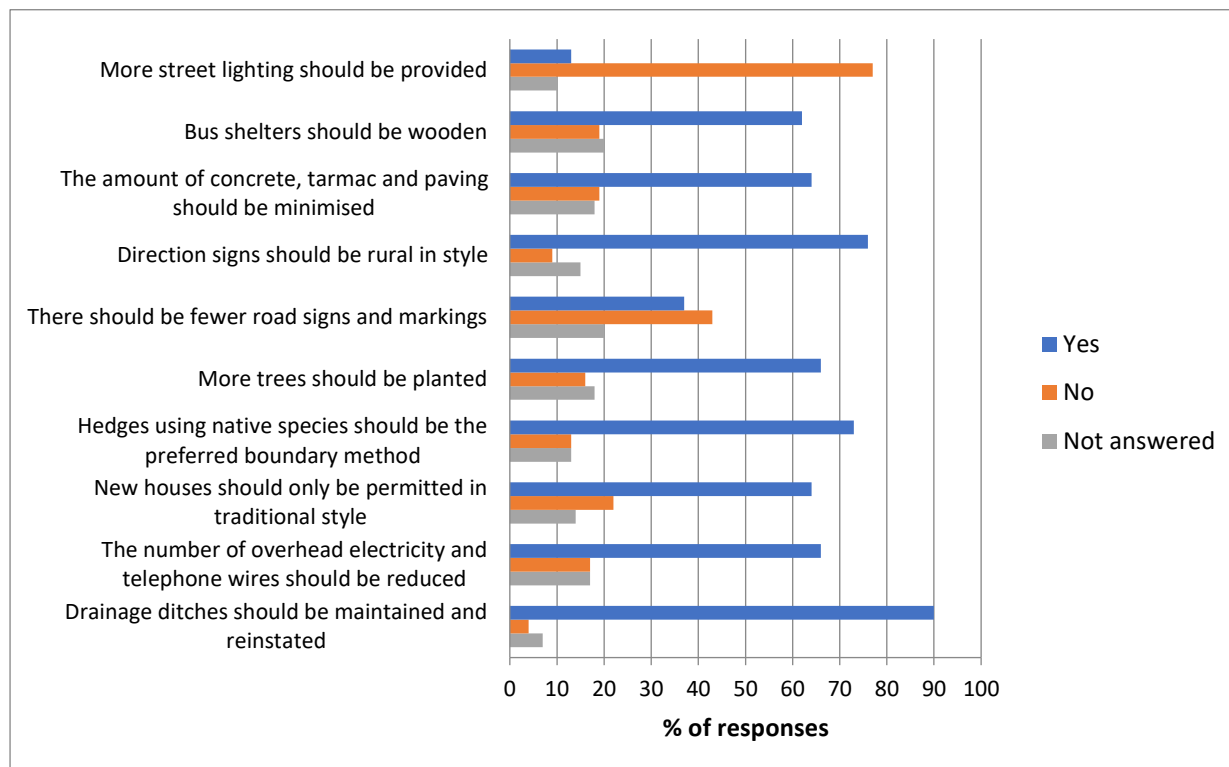
- **Younger families** moving in bode well for the future of the village, improvement of **community spirit**
- **The village merger.** People within the community seem friendlier and there are more community activities
- **Local facilities**, specifically for children, the coffee café, the shop, the recreation grounds and the noticeboards
- **New building developments**, a controlled increase in better quality homes

For the worse:

- The greatest number of concerns related to **building and planning**:
 - Too many houses that are too big and too expensive so children who have grown up in the village have to move away
 - Extending smaller houses
 - Green Hill campsite drew comments about the increased number of pedestrians on New Road
- Issues with **traffic**: increased traffic volume and speed resulting in worsening air pollution and road noise, and danger to residents, cyclists and animals, dragons' teeth on road margins
- **Loss of amenities** - the bakery and the old post office, reduced bus service
- **General feel of the community**:
 - Loss of rural/village character, people who don't understand the countryside and second home owners
 - Increasing number of houses with solid fences and large gates - the urbanisation of the rural village
 - Merging of the villages including changes to the Parish Council
- There were several mentions about the increase in **light pollution** particularly houses with excessive security lights that are permanently on
- An increase in **litter**
- Increasing number of **tourists** being detrimental to the village character

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1.2 Urbanisation



Street lighting. Reduce street lighting (subtle and selected) and also light from houses particularly continuous rather than triggered to reduce light pollution, improve the rural character and better for wildlife.

Bus shelters. Some favoured wooden design, others felt modern ones had better visibility and safety. Don't light them at night as there's no night service.

Concrete and tarmac. Mostly wanting less or porous surfaces used instead but some want additional pavements. Existing pavements should be better maintained

Direction signs and road marking. Split between minimising the number of signs or having more for safety, particularly near the schools. Generally supported - signs having a rural character where appropriate. Signs should not be allowed to become overgrown by hedges and trees.

Hedges as boundaries. Most favour use of hedges as property boundaries with criticism of high/solid fences, gates and walls. Outbuildings on the roadside boundary resulted in an urban feel. General support for the use of native species of trees and hedging. Hedges should be better maintained.

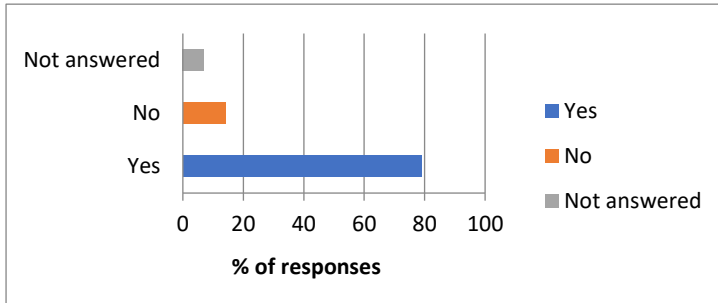
House style. There was a range of opinions, with many preferring traditional designs. Significant number disagreed and felt other designs were attractive, might be cheaper, that there is a mixture anyway or that we should be more progressive. There were comments about what is meant by the term traditional. There was some criticism of the number of front gardens that had been paved over and of properties with high front walls, solid fences and large solid gates.

Overhead wires. Most comments were in favour of reducing the amount of overhead wiring but there was also concern about how practical it would be.

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Ditches. Important to maintain the drainage ditches to prevent flooding of roads and properties. Dragon's Teeth should be removed.

1.3 Is being part of the New Forest important to you?



A striking majority indicated that being part of the New Forest National Park was important to them.

What changes, if any, would you like to see in the relationship between the Parish and the New Forest National Park?

Communication and collaboration. More collaboration between the NFPA and the Parish Council and local residents needed. Park Authority is not interested or in touch with the views of the village residents. We are on the edge of the NFPA and therefore less important. Need for better two-way communication of views and decisions.

Planning. Many of the replies ask for more local control of planning, listening to the opinions of local residents. Others, however, want the village to be treated the same as the rest of the New Forest, instead of being used as an area where the rules are more relaxed and inappropriate developments allowed.

Boundary. Several comments requested that the parish becomes a full part of the New Forest District Council.

Environment. There were comments expressing the importance of the environment and that there should be more joint action on protecting and maintaining the natural environment.

1.4 Should the Building Register be expanded to the whole of the new Parish of Landford?

Two thirds thought the building register should cover the whole of the new parish.

YES

What building or feature should be put on the register?

Nomansland Reading Room (23 mentions), - The War Memorial (13), - Nomansland Chapel (10), - The Cuckoo (8), - The Lamb (6), - The Mill at Lyburn (3), -The Red Phone Boxes (2).

Others mentioned once: Landford Church, the gates at Landford Wood, Landford Village Store, Lyburn House, Road Sign at the cross roads, Landford Wood House, Hamptworth Lodge, Cricket pitch, village schools, Pound Cottage, Broomfield Terrace, Manor Cottages Terrace, Broomfield Cottage, Latchmore Cottage.

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It should be noted that the Nomansland War Memorial, The Cuckoo, St Andrew's and St Peter's Churches, Landford Manor and separately its gates and Plaitford Manor are already Grade 2 listed buildings along with others in the Parish. Most of the nominated locations in Landford itself are already on the existing Buildings Register.

Our Aims

- 1. Promote and maintain the village character**
- 2. Reduce light pollution**
- 3. Improve communication between residents, the Parish Council and the NFNPA**
- 4. Expand the Parish Buildings Register to include the whole parish and include some of the structures nominated**

AIM	ACTION	BY WHOM?	TARGET TIMESCALE
What we can do as individuals			
1	Use forms of paving and fencing sympathetic to the environment of a rural village	All	Ongoing
2	Avoid the excessive use of garden lighting	All	Ongoing
What we plan to do as a parish			
2	Parish Council to publish guidance for reducing residential light pollution particularly related to security lighting	Parish Council	6 months
3	Bring communication concerns to the attention of the PC and NFNPA	LPCP	Within 3 months
4	PC to review and expand the Building Register	Parish Council	6 months
What we are asking others to do			
1	Planning authorities to specify or publish advice on surfacing of drives and front gardens	Wiltshire Council	1 Year
2	Bus shelter lighting is turned off after buses stop running	Bus operator	6 months
3	NFNPA to hold meetings in the Parish to discuss local issues	NFNPA	Ongoing