

Retailers

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Lively, independent, good range, market and events	Parking, lack of signage, congested pavements, road congestion at peak times,	Push Bridport as a 'destination'	Public transport, most things that make a difference are not in local control	We are going much more customer service focused and revamping our shop for a better retail environment, so we are providing something different to the internet. We are adding as much added service to our products as possible.	whatever the product or service a business offers - if it is a quality product or service in this town it will do well
market variety of independent shops. St Michaels antique area. arts centre electric palace etc	not enough parking not enough parking not enough parking not enough parking not enough parking not en	more use of the outlying parts - river walk st michaels needs signposting. More signposting generally	Rental costs	The town centre is literally competing with the internet. As retailers we need to focus on what the internet can't provide in whichever retail sector we are in, and add value to the goods/services we offer. As a town we need to provide an experience	our lively street atmosphere, the market, other offerings and festivals which are very popular with the public - bring people into the town especially on Saturdays.
Market and small shops	We MUST have adequate parking - this is essential - Askers Meadow should be used - how can it be a wildlife sanctuary when dogs are exercised there - doesn't make sense!	Collective advertising	Parking	Since covid regs on market, stalls being spaced further away from shops, trade/footfall/visibility for us massively increases on market days.	We are fortunate in having a Town Council which really "gets" the importance of the vibrancy of the town centre. We have a good market with a wide range of different stalls.
Variety of independent business - customers often comment on this	Inadequate parking	SHUT SOUTH STREET, ONLY DELIVERY VEHICLES	Parking, we have seen a drop in sales through August as locals avoid town.	I feel very uncertain about what will happen in the next year or so - Inflation/high prices/ and shortages are uncomfortable companions in a business	I would also like to say that we are fortunate in the team (from WDDC) who clean up our streets when they are covered in rubbish and would not make a good impression -
Sense of Community	Parking	Promoting cycling into the town centre, a lot of our customers are liking this idealistic way of traveling with the cycle paths.	The public toilets in Bridport and West bay are disgusting, especially if you have children. dirty, un-hygienic, smelly and just horrid. Could local plumbers sponsor a loo? or have advertising boards in the loo for local businesses to pay to advertise on?		would also like to say that I think flowers and baskets are very attractive in the town centre - and businesses should be encouraged to do more in this direction,
The community, as a business people trust us and word spreads.	Drug Use	parking definitely needs addressing as it has always done, but maybe by looking at it differently by making walking or cycling more attractive? There needs to be more safe places to leave bicycles	Bridport is slowly loosing its local shops.		Roundabout approaches to town are poorly managed and could be more positive and welcoming.

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Sense of community, Market stalls	Having too many multi nationals/charity shops - Bridport's charm is it's different with independants you don't see elsewhere.	More family friendly areas, more seating in green spaces, more bins, more toilets.	The lack of public transportation from the surrounding villages, and also to the larger towns and education/business hubs is massively detrimental to the area		A few years ago we were told that a 'pay on exit' scheme would be implemented. At the moment we have frustrated customers who are busy keeping an eye on their parking times rather than enjoying our town. Not conducive to persuading folk to part with their money!
independent retailers	Toilets!!!! parking, parking attendants	Parking - new parking areas to be found? areas like where the grit is stored, or the old Hanson site.	Business rates also a challenge as they are not fit for pyrpose		we could do with a policy in the town where we are known for our knowledge, customer service and letting the customer have space to decide what they want. Yes they then might purchase on the internet but not all will. Obviously you can't enforce this, but you can educate.
Great range of independent shops, festivals, wide pavements, street market and atmosphere	parking	Shop local initiatives	The street market is becoming more dnd more a morning market, which ultimately means all the visitors try to arrive in about a 4 hour slot.It needs a radical rethink for the future as to how it is managed. It might seem to benefit market traders but that does not result in day long business for retail.		Bridport has some very unique characteristics and I think we need to advertise the community we have here, especially with the sad increase in mental health issues.
Independent businesses	car parking	More street art, more green spaces, keep the market as it stands today, signs promoting: lower emissions and litter free. more bike racks	Business rates and rents are high, particularly on main streets in town, leading to empty shops.		I do think Bridport Town Council are amazing, and we are very lucky to have such dedicated and hard working staff.
Local customer.great markets	parking fees	Collaboration and community, late night shopping events	Parking and traffic. Especially in summer.		Small business rates should not be based on floor space of the business.
Customer love to support local businesses	Too many charity shops,no young fashion outlets	Free up the car parks. Get a park and ride in the a35. Make the traders on Saturday market then park in the car parks	Shop size		Push forward joined up River work, Fully engage with owners of St Michaels to develop the area
Variety of independent shops, unique	Limited parking	incorporating new areas for art/antiques and create a new reason to visit	Parking		Please do not pedestrianise. We do not have the road infrastructure to cope with any pedestrianisation, this will also affect independent traders with regard to deliveries, on street (stop and shop) parking - we are not all cafes and food establishments

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		A short while ago the Town Council suggested using a small area Askers Meadow for a few hours on busy Saturday mornings as a temporary car park. This eminently sensible idea was greeted with howls of anguish from the people who live in one street across the road from Askers Meadow who seem to regard it as their own personal dog walking area complain with great regularity when this large public area is used for Festivals or gatherings of any kind.			
Independent Retail, Street Market,	need more parking				
Independent shops and variety, cleanliness	market trader parking in turn left lane by town hall creates back up of traffic				
On street parking, good range of shops, lots of independents, market	Traffic, lack of public transport, parking charges,				
High number of independent shops	No park and ride nor really any public transport				
It's small enough to walk everywhere	Growth of chains and 'discount' shops				
Strong foot fall, tourism	Scruffy phoneboxes outside post office, scruffy bins outside arts centre and shabby billboard, same outside museum				
Small traders	lack of parking. lack of signage to parking				
vibrancy of town. Market Surrounding villages use Bridport as their shopping centre					
We have a wonderful much loved town and a thriving centre to that town with many independent shops. WHICH MAKE US DIFFERENT and which people like to visit.					

Shoppers

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Car parking is terrible, especially in the summer,,	try closing south Street for a few Saturdays in the summer	Like all the independent shops and hope they can keep going.	Less frequent visits to supermarket & farm shop, for which I take the car, as I can't carry everything. Otherwise, I've gone back to how I shopped before 2020. Have gone back to cafes, which I missed, but not on Saturdays	Great effort by the Town Council and the "direct Labour" team who are very evident (or at least their work is) at all the events in town and the grass cutting. Thank you.	More frequent bus service between Bridport and Burton Bradstock	Pavements round the Town Hall are disgusting and an insult to the many visitors who use them/why never cleaned??	I have moved to Bridport recently because of its thriving arts scene, the fact that everywhere is within walking distance and I feel safe with teenagers going out at night.
On street parking by people with Blue Badges could be carried out more considerably by some drivers!	Traffic survey to ascertain why traffic driving into town centre to make correct changes to reduce traffic congestion	More clothes shops for younger people	I wanted to support our local businesses so I now do all my shopping in the town, and only shop online when I can't find things locally, and only use the supermarkets when the local greengrocers/butchers etc. don't have the items.	Great having the Tourist Information Centre under the Town Hall for easy access to local and visiting people.	We need a better bus service connecting Bridport and surrounding villages so people don't need to use their cars, and a park and ride for visitors might help.	We need more toilets.	It caters to the tourists and the elderly. Which is fair enough, as they're clearly the biggest chunk of the economy. But I'm unfortunate enough to live here, am not rich and am in my 30s, so for me, its bland, overpriced and offers little. I imagine it offers teens and those in their 20s even less. The nightlife is a dreary repetition of excessive drinking in unexceptional pubs. There is a lack of public open spaces and those that do exist seem underused and dominated by dog walkers, and offer little space for socialising in groups.
Car parking spaces are too small and some drivers struggle to park. You never see a traffic warden . Disabled drivers seem to abandon their cars where ever they want and often very dangerously and blocking side roads.	Phasing and speed of response on traffic lights at T junction at South/East/West Streets would be a huge improvement.	Primark!	During the pandemic had no choice but to shop online. Back to shops now lockdown lifted	Please train the staff in the Tourist Information Office to be friendly. The atmosphere is never welcoming and one rarely gets a smile or a Hello, May I Help You greeting. It would also be helpful if they sold postage stamps to go with the cards on sale.	Make buses to Dorchester more frequent (half hourly?) to encourage people out of their cars.	want to thank the fantastic street cleaning team and refuse collection teams, who do SUCH a good job of keeping Bridport clean and tidy! Special mention to Steve!	Love it, feel exceptionally lucky to live here.
More parking on the edge of the town required. Land next to Morrisons behind the eyesore of Mountjoy??	traffic and pollution is by far the worst part of the town centre. A partial pedestrianisation where shoppers and diners get to relax and experience the town much more safely would make the two a much more vibrant place.	We are in need of an affordable clothes shop that caters to the whole family right down to underwear and shoe	People seem to think this pandemic has gone away. We would spend more in town but sadly it is becoming a bit grim and the hygiene message has been lost	Could the Town Council organise/fund large scenic posters to fill the windows of empty shops, so they don't look so grim?	It's a great place, it doesn't need 'improving', just better public transport. Please don't ruin its history and heritage.	Wld like cleaner pavements and roads resurfaced.	More bike racks. (You could remove car parking spaces to create a bike shelter. Maybe one with a roof to keep the bikes dry in wet weather) <a href="https://www.nobutts.co.uk/Cycle-Shelters-Storage/Cycle-Shelters">https://www.nobutts.co.uk/Cycle-Shelters-Storage/Cycle-Shelters</a>
Park and walk	Make Bucky Doo Square pedestrian - at least on market days	Attract more individual shops rather than more chain stores, fast food and charity shops.	I prefer to shop locally but avoid the town during the summer months because not many people wear masks when it's crowded.	Bridport Town Council workers have helped make our Town very inviting to Holiday maker's. This Summer Bridport has had an amazing Buzz with all the events.	Bus services to the villages are poor or non existent.	It would be better for many of us if there were more, cleaner, public toilets please!	Now that most local shops are doing delivery, it would be good to look at a zero carbon delivery system like a fleet of cargo bikes or milk float type electric vehicles that deliver across town and to surrounding villages. Perhaps shop owners and traders could come together to provide something of this sort, rather than each having their own van?

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The car parks fill up very early on Saturdays could Fisherman's Arms 'make' a new car park.	Stalls need to go back to using pavements now that hardly anyone is wearing a mask or social distancing. The roads are getting too congested with slow moving traffic and emergency vehicles can hardly get through. We do not need pedestrianisation in Bridport. Leave the town as it is.	We are losing some of the important shops to bespoke high end retail	People in Bridport town centre have appeared to be very lax about COVID safety in terms of distancing and mask wearing almost all the way through so we tend to prefer other towns where fewer risk takers are seen. We love Bridport and wish we felt safer there.	We need to keep Bridport Tourist Centre always ready to help and always busy.	More people would use the town centre on foot if the public transport was more consistent and reliable, especially from the Westbay area where bus services are very poor, any level of heavy shopping make returning home a nightmare.	The public realm could do with a bit of a tidy-up and refresh.	It was great to see the local shops rise to the challenges of lockdown - most of them immediately set up a delivery service and everyone has been unfailingly friendly throughout. Well done Bridport!
Also allowing public parking in resident spaces after 6pm and for an hour at a time through the day effectively renders the East Street parking permit bought useless.	Close the top of South street, have the market stalls down there, make buckaroo bigger for music, eating/drinking ect	Try to boost the market	I am avoiding visiting Bridport Town Centre at my usual times, sometimes completely because it is too crowded with holidaymakers and dogs.		Bridport is a brilliant town to live in, but the public transport to get out is virtually non-existent, particularly compared to Axminster, Dorchester and Weymouth.	As a newcomer. The town is well cared for clean and fresh and a pleasure to live in. Hardly any litter. Beautifully maintained public spaces and well sign posted. 10/10!	The centre is great - easily accessible on foot for most residents; the shops are varied and comprehensive with plenty of independents; a wide variety of cafes and pubs; entertainment and a range of restaurants. I live on the edge of town and am able to do all my shopping, except clothes, on foot.
I am one of many people from outlying villages who do not have public transport access and therefore rely on driving to get to Bridport so reducing parking is not the way forward for a town with a large rural hinterland.	Pedestrianisation of South Street would make it a safer place to shop and enjoy events and outside seating.	Bridport has lots of independent shops and we can buy most things we need. Does get busy on market days and was difficult to socially isolate. Has a good range of shops and restaurants.	If I'm in a rush, I cannot get everything in a short time. Dogs on long leads strung across the pavement and families wandering slowly strung across the pavement, then can't overtake by stepping onto the road because of the traffic!		There is no late bus to West Bay and surrounding areas outside of July and August	Having more rubbish bins but designed so that rubbish does not come out once it has been deposited.	Something needs to be done about the amount of dogs that are brought into the town on a Saturday - we're having to avoid stepping in dog mess, tripping over leads and being snarled at.
I don't tend to go into Bridport on a Saturday anymore as parking is always an issue.	The junction by the Town Hall makes for an unpleasant pedestrian experience. Look to other town models and think about pedestrianising that from Town Hall to Gundry Lane, down South Street. Even if only on market day.	Clothes shopping for younger generations is very poor.			Public transport a big issue!	More accessible public toilets please - I don't think it is up to retailers to have to be a public service!	Bridport is a vibrant market town - this must be protected.
Car parking is under huge pressure and it feels stressful and difficult to get a space, a bit chaotic. Parking charges are good and keep me coming to Bridport rather than going to another town.	Less congested with cars. Easier and safer to walk around.	Disappointed we have lost some of the shops I liked (especially Frosts, Reads) and hope we can keep independents in business. I always try to buy in town if I can and only resort to online if it's not available.			Definitely need more public transport, especially early evening, and keep cars to a minimum.	I am a local resident and am impressed with how clean the streets are kept. Thank you	The town centre is based on a very old street plan, possibly even Medieval. I believe it can cope with increased pedestrian traffic, but not motorised traffic. There is not enough consideration of this issue in planning for future building development. Bridport TC and Dorset Council must address this.
More on street disabled parking spaces required, East Street area removed was not replaced.	Often walk in to town but when shopping dictates I drive and parking can be a problem.	Love it just need more variety of shops			Improve public transport (bus availability),	Please appoint a Dog Warden to make sure people pick up after their dogs make a mess.	The town always makes an effort with banners and bunting for festivals.
By giving people 1 free hour, it just encourages people to race in and out, which is not beneficial to retailers.	South street road closure on Market days would help with the overcrowding on the pavements	Ugly modern fascias should be discouraged eg Smiths.			Shopper bus to outlying villages to help the aged and car-less.	Cleanliness is obviously a problem especially after market days. Weeds growing everywhere especially backstreets. Perhaps a little more of our (pretty high) council tax needs to be spent on these issues.	public spaces like Bucky Doo Square are great as well as Community Orchard

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Create a scheme whereby shops reimburse parking charges to customers. Council must stop treating parking charges as a cash cow. Encourage visitors with a fair parking scheme.	Pedestrianise the centre on market days. Have lived here 15 years and simply can not understand why it has not been done.	A 55 year old woman would probably find a range of good options for buying clothes, a 25 year old man, much less so, for example. On-the-go food options are very poor (both in variety and quality) and shut half the time.			Buses are unreliable and there is little or no transport to surrounding areas.	Public toilets are grim by the bus station - would not take much to keep them clean	Install FREE charge points for electric vehicles (15a on lighting columns, minimal cost, max 'brownie points'!
Parking spaces could be a bit wider for the larger cars that are about and go back to the old style ticket machines.	Would like to see traffic calming and pedestrian crossing(s) at lower end of South Street and on A35 to improve pedestrian safety and access to town centre	I love the number of independent retailers and feel this is a feature of the town that should be encouraged. However, it is also useful to have a couple of large clothes shops from a national chain so I don't object to those.			One of the major issues is public transport. I cannot even consider going out to evening events in Dorchester or Lyme Regis because there is no way to get back past 6pm or so when bus times change again.	The state of the loos is deplorable and disgusting they are too far from the centre and give a very bad impression of the town for visitors arriving by bus and coach. They are unhygienic and not serviced properly as well as very badly designed.	Ban dogs on market days.
Do not build any multi-storey car parking as it will ruin the character of the town.	I would like to see top part of South Street, possibly all, closed on market days, but not the rest of the week.	I would be really concerned if Rope Walks car park was built on as I think Waitrose would suffer as many people would be less inclined to go and it is great having a supermarket in the town itself.			The town centre is really being let down by continued cuts to public transport resulting in more cars clogging the streets and filling parking spaces. If the bus services returned to those 10 years ago there would be little need for more parking.	Rubbish needs to be collected regularly Seagulls are a problem in Bridport.	Ban retailers from displaying sandwich boards at kerbsides on pavements.
Protect the current parking facilities.	Commend council for efforts to accommodate cyclists.	I would love to see undercover municipal shared space made available for new/startup businesses in town - new producers, retailers etc - who might not be able to afford or commit to a town centre rent at first but who would benefit from trying out their idea first in an affordable environment (plus network with other small producers/startups). This would add further diversity, help keep businesses in Bridport and encourage a pipeline of businesses moving toward renting in the town as and when they have first tested out their idea/concept/product.			Improve public transport links and car parks	The pavements need to be power washed and weeds and litter removed from pavements and shop fronts and guttering	Sometimes it is hard to get by on the pavement because of these tables and chairs taking up so much room especially when occupied.

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More disabled parking bays.	We need lots and lots more charging points for EVs	Bridport has an excellent selection of shops and services and a lovely feel to it			I think a shopper bus which runs on a circuit from the outlying villages and areas to the town centre and passing through the furthest reaches of the town eg Pymore , say at 10 am every day and returning about 3pm would be a boon for local shoppers who can't walk or cycle. It could be a large mini bus size bus and initially funded by the shops themselves on a trial basis.	Lack of toilets in the centre is a problem	The Ropewalks Carpark, access road and alley way to Waitrose possibly needs improving. The trolleys could be stacked from the other end to avoid a bottle neck at the narrow part of the alleyway near the Waitrose side door where people are trying to turn their trolleys round.
Do not reduce the existing parking capacity	Pedestrianise south street	We need less charity shops, hairdressers, and cafés and more clothing shops for younger people like new look			Get Dorset Council and First Buses to improve our public transport	More public toilets.	I wouldn't want to make major changes to Bucky Doo Square. It's historical and a great meeting place. But lately, having to push an elderly relative in a wheelchair, we have noticed that Bucky Doo Square is not wheelchair-friendly. The cobbles make it difficult to push him around. There was no way to approach the Tourist Information Centre without bumping over the cobbles. And we had to take him, in the wheelchair, into the TIC because we wanted to use the lift to go up in the Town Hall.
More charging points for electric cars.	Stop traffic turning right from Downes Street	More clothes shops and less charity shops. More public toilets. Better variety of restaurants to enhance the nightlife of the town.			coming from a local village I would love the option of affordable public transport.	The main streets are consistently grubby - litter, seagull feathers, weeds and moss make the town centre look very unkempt.	Thriving and inspiring, but still needs support, public and individual
Definitely need more car parking especially during summer months. A multistorey at the back of Waitrose including a taxi rank might not go amiss.	Stop ANYONE parking on the left filter lane heading towards the centre traffic lights so the traffic has two lanes going west and not one!	Bridport is a lovely market town with a reasonable variety of independent shops. So many towns no longer have a number of butchers and fruit and veg shop (thinking of Dorchester).			Public transport is increasingly important as we are encouraged to use cars less coupled with an ageing population. Need improving!	More public toilets!	I love the St.Michaels trading estate and the saturday markets, its some of my favourite things about Bridport
Better signage for the existing car parks.	Better separation of traffic and pedestrians. Bridport has both pedestrian and traffic congestion which makes us feel unsafe. We used to shop here at least weekly but now only come if we really have to and can be sure it is not too busy.	Concern at loss of small shops eg country Casuals Frosts but some others excellent.			A better bus service, so you can rent out/drive without taking a car, also the theatre.	Toilets are an absolute disgrace ...Toilets only smell if they are dirty and Bridports generally stink .	I hear proposals then nothing happens, make Bridport a leader in climate change and moving away from car use. Thanks

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Reduce parking fees after 3.30pm. The town gets quiet late afternoon and this would encourage parents with kids to visit town after the school run.	Please do not pedestrianise south street	Less charity shops please			Better bus service to and from outlying villages,	signs requiring motorists to turn engines off when idling to would achieve cleaner air for all, but especially children, who are in direct 'line of fire' in pushchairs and buggies (and because they are small).	Great place just needs some more new shops that are not cafes or charity shops.
Please DO NOT impose charges for on-street parking; it would be disastrous. At the moment, people are not selfish and move on after they have done whatever is necessary, so there is a regular turn-over of spaces.	Traffic congestion - shut South Street on Saturday.	Online shopping has just led to more visits to Bridport post office or Footprints to return unsuitable items!			The council should urgently address this by lobbying Dorset Council to provide a regular, year-round and cheap bus service between the town and surrounding area.	the public toilet facilities are letting the town down. I am fully aware that this is (shamefully) not a mandatory service by any council and that the Town Council is not currently responsible for their cleanliness, but in this day and age it is not acceptable for any visitor, or resident for that matter, to be unable to use a clean, and accessible loo and this is even more important in the tourist season	Less street furniture/bollards/flower tubes etc. The pavements are really cluttered and it makes walking on busy days difficult. In fact all of the pavement could be redone - they are very uneven and difficult to negotiate.
An overflow car park maybe in Asker Meadows on high days and holidays especially Saturday Market in the summer. Properly manage this would reduce the traffic which goes round and round and round looking for a space to park. Better signage for the current parking would help.	Only getting worse in terms of volume of traffic and number of visitors - mad this summer!! But, it is good for business and it's not a usual year.	Bridport town centre is in danger of allowing poor low cost chain shopping stores and charity shops to take over the high street. We need more independent stores and need to support existing stores to survive.			more evening buses taxi's are expensive if you live outside of the town centre, ie. Eype, Salwayash etc then you need to get a taxi to and from town especially if you are meeting people for a drink etc.		Some of the buildings in the town center look really unsightly. More parking spaces for bikes and at least some attempt to make the center of town more bike friendly (perhaps have a bike strip painted on the edge of the road to help encourage cycling
parking for disabled vehicles in car parks is limited, which means disabled drivers park on the road, causing chaos.	More electric car chargers are desperately needed, as are road signs telling through traffic that the town centre is out of bounds during peak times. The pollution for shops and market stalls along East and West Street is of concern as queues of stationary traffic are evident all day every day.	I can find pretty much everything for my everyday needs and only buy clothes online			Public transport urgently needs to be sorted/re-thought to incentivise many more people to use it.		It would also be good to bring back the previous way of advertising events around Bucky Doo Square; having to put things behind glass discourages people from advertising.
Holiday season - parking for visitors and residents is a big problem especially wed and sat.	South Street needs to be pedestrianised.	We appreciate our local shops and want to ensure that we don't lose them.			The bus stops need tidying up and the timetables more uniform and consistent so people can more easily find the information they want - I travel by bus frequently and spend so much time watching people so confused by the X51/53 timetables.		The alleyway from the Waitrose car park to the main street is horrible. It is dingy and often dirty: it needs painting white, and/or much better lighting. The shopping trolleys parked against the outside wall of Waitrose obstruct people walking through the alleyway.



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A closer park and ride on the east side of town would be good.	Closing off the top of South Street to vehicle traffic.	Bridport town centre is a unique place to visit and shop. Shops are generally local selling local produce which I like			Transport form outlying villages very poor to nonexistent		The Saturday and Wednesday markets are good and the bands playing bring people into town.
People with disabled badges should not be allowed to park on double yellow lines at traffic lights	I'm keen to keep supporting local retailers and do not feel supportive of the plan to limit access to South Street, which I feel has a wonderful feel to it.	I would like to see more high street shops opening up in the town centre. It is harder for younger people to buy clothes in Bridport.			How about investing more in public transport?		Increase cycle parking.
More car parking needed particularly in the summer. Reduce parking fees	Remove the road narrowing outside the Market House and get two lanes of traffic flowing again to reduce tailbacks and crawling traffic and pollution levels.	I like that there is a variety of cafes but we need less charity shops and more high street chains. Younger people do not shop much in Bridport for clothes, shoes etc.			look at local transport - young people or those or cannot drive or can't afford to drive desperately need a good bus service in order to work in and use the pubs and bars in town.		Love the town centre and all the events that take place
I totally support the Blue Badge for disabled drivers, however, there should be a time limit on double yellow lines near traffic lights.	Possible pedestrianising of Bucky Doo but concerned abt traffic/Gundry Lane.	More real traders less charity outlets.					Would love to be able to walk safely from Burton Bradstock to the town centre (not enough footpath or safe cycle ways from Burton Bradstock
here needs to be a park and ride for Saturdays. Also, personal ask: resident parking bays in East Street car park - 4 hrs max for ticket holders, to allow easier parking for resident permits maybe? i have to pay to park there because no parking on king street. It's expensive compared to other areas, and finding a space has become more and more difficult.Thanks for the chance to give input :)	More cycle lanes. We have very wide streets so a protected cycle lane should not be beyond the wit of man.	There are many Charity Shops but these do aid re-cycling, shopper affordability and fill empty gaps, so care need not to complain about them too much!					Also need more public toilets!
Often quicker to park in Jessop's and run into and out of town. A decent, cheap, out-of-town carpark to the East of town would be nice.	Trialling pedestrianising South Street would be good.	Better selection of independent shops and retailers selling a variety of items					Tourist info centre is a great resource, but a bit of a waste of that lovely central building -
The parking ia appalling, the Town Council are trying to encourage local, independent shops but if there's nowhere for people to park they won't come to the town and support local independent shops!	Close the top of south street permanently and discard traffic lights at Town hall so traffic does not cause problems and flows better	Waitrose is usually a good shop to bring in other investment, unfortunately our branch is rubbish and obviously forgotten by head office. They need to improve or hand it over to the likes of M&S who are moving more into food courts.					although the town as a whole seems to prosper and has a successful market There seems to be no improvement in making the shops accessible. only a few of the cafes and restaurants have accessible toilets. as the majority of the community is elderly this should be a priority.
Car parking on right side from town hall to bus stop should be prohibited...causes traffic snarling when lights change and some one is trying to park	Possibly look at a one way system for cars to ease the flow of traffic. In doing so extra pavement space could be considered in front of certain pubs and coffee shops to allow more outside tables.	Help keep rents low to encourage independent shops. Not chains.					Sad that trees on South Street were cut down.

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Parking needs addressing. Plenty of people have to drive in as public transport is a rarity in surrounding villages where many of the town's customers live. But finding a space is difficult in the mornings and if you leave it until the afternoons some of the shops have limited goods left (thinking mainly about fresh produce like bakery, greengrocery etc. but also stalls which pack up early afternoon).	The main issue is traffic - East & West Streets often have long tailbacks, car parks are reaching capacity and the air quality on still days is getting worse.	I feel we would benefit from the inclusion of 1 or 2 big names to draw in regular visitors from surrounding towns, who would then spend money in other shops. For example an M&S foodhall.					Nice wide pavement.
Fields open for parking and park and rides work well for this type of thing in other towns.	We would like to see the top of South Street pedestrianised so that Bucky Doo is quieter, less polluted, and safer for events and music.	There needs to be a way of encouraging and maintaining independent shops in Bridport. Sadly, we have lost many local independent shops in Bridport over recent years,					Bucky Doo is good!
We need more car parking spaces. Those of us who live in outlying villages with zero public transport have no choice but to drive in and even in winter car parking spaces are hard to find	make the top part of South Street pedestrianised. I know you have done a survey and the retailers didn't like the idea but when you consider how many people jam into Buckdoo whenever there is a live event and the crush there is on the pavements on market days - surely it makes sense to do this?	Reduce business rates to encourage more people into the town centre.					More community Art - Art trail/sculpture trail - not just recognised artists. Would attract visitors as well as making the locals smile!
On market days the vans belonging to the stallholders are often parked too close to road junctions, for example at the end of Downes Street, making pulling out of the side roads difficult and dangerous. Same goes with them parking their vans close to the various zebra/other road crossings - pedestrians can't be seen clearly enough. I do not see the need for their vehicles to be parked next to their stalls all day which many of them are. Can they not be allocated somewhere to park?	Be bold and do us all a favour by pedestrianising South St down to the Gundry Lane turn (with delivery access in the early part of the morning)	I feel that the town could look a good deal better. Some shop fronts are ugly and so is signage...whoever allowed the monstrous sign at "Guns" for example?					More seating - or maybe what I mean is places for pedestrians to pause and talk (always feel i'm in someones way!).
It's a pity the pedestrian crossing points don't have audible warnings	Make the area round the main junction (east/west/south streets) more pedestrian friendly, improving the road crossings.	We are not going to be the hub of the modern world so surely we must look for the rural, quaint and artisan plan so that people visit with that in mind and we become renowned for that type of shopping experience.					More greening up of town centre - soft landscaping and other environmental schemes (replant the trees on the pavement in South Street please

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Get the Dorset Council Parking Enforcement Officers In a bit more often to ticket the constant offenders who seem to think they can park where and when they like including on the pavements constantly causing an obstruction to other road users and any poor pedestrian with a child in buggy or people on mobility scooters etc.	Dissuade so many cars from travelling through the centre of town	Some of our shops are already good looking buildings but others have garish, gaudy colour schemes and unpleasent 60s style frontage!					More of a variety of acts in Bucky Doo Square. More young and innovatory acts on Saturdays.
Additional parking impossible Wednesday and Saturday. Definitely do not remove the parking we have.	Remove the cars, the pollution is awful when walking round. At least on market days have it traffic free. I avoid going when it's full of cars as all I can taste is car fumes. I feel sorry for people who have to work in those conditions.	Lower business rates to encourage local shops to compete with online retailers. Beware of chains coming into to take over premises and the uniqueness of town centre will be lost and it will become like any other nondescript town centre.					Don't want to just be seen as a middle aged/old age town on a Saturday!
More parking needed on market days!	Better cycle parking facilities and a safe route to the town with joined up cycle paths	The mix of shops is excellent and envied by many other towns. It would be a great pity if costs such as business rates drove some of these trades out. We have already seen one or two independent shops lost which is a pity.					This is a lovely vibrant town - lots to offer. Including its historical history. Need to retain this use it to attract more people.
Car Parking is impossible and this has on occasion meant driving further afield to purchase shopping	Block off South Street, remove signals which only stops traffic, increasing pollution!	Sad to see some old established shops close down. Frosts, Music Shop.					Uneven paving, need more rubbish bins, seats, signs for toilets
free car parking would encourage people to stay for longer - they wouldn't rush around with time restraints.	On Market days it would be better if South Street were to be closed to traffic, from the Town Hall to the Church Street junction, from 08.00 to 17.00 and the stall in East Street and West Street relocated into closed off section of South Street. This would increase the safety of pedestrians visiting the Market Stalls and the smaller shops South Street, plus ease the traffic congestion in West Street and East Street,	The closure of banks that over the years have made millions out of the town and have just closed leaving people without a essential local service. Now these organisations are putting pressure on the Post Office which may lead to their closure.					Some more flowers and greenery would be nice. The pavement needs cleaning (it used to be yellow) It would also be nice to have some more trees.
	East Street very often sees queues of traffic from the Town Hall back to Rawles or further. This creates unhealthy traffic fumes. A solution to this would be valuable (stop engines when idling? make lights more efficient?) - tricky one.	The strength of the town is in keeping the smaller shops which actually meet the needs of the local population.					The town centre is easily the healthiest locally, and two important factors for this are not mentioned: 1 The number of events held in town, and 2 the thriving local market.

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	There are often tailbacks of traffic in South Street because, if a car/van is double-parked in order to deliver, some car drivers are reluctant to drive through the resulting narrowed lane. Would it be possible to widen the road by taking 2 or 3 feet off the pavements? Permitted parking should not be stopped and retailers should not be stopped from receiving deliveries, but widening the road by a small amount would help the flow of traffic.	We do not want smart glitzy shops selling bric a brac and "gifts", or bigger shops which destroy other traders.					We have a fantastic sense of community in the town, which is not present in other towns.
	Remove traffic on market days as it's horrible walking with all the traffic fumes from cars stuck in traffic also reduce speed to 20 mph. Make it quicker to walk or cycle in town to get people to leave cars at home. Make as many side roads traffic free zones.	Would really like to see more variety of shops. And a larger Waitrose. Lots of independent shops but we miss out on the bigger retailers. Brilliant charity shops but we need High Street retailers too.					More flower displays and roadside trees
	More 'special days' where south street is closed and there are activities etc. Like christmas cheer and hat Saturday.	Fewer charity shops - need more clothing retailers.					Improve and enforce quality of shop front design and materials.
	Implement a one way system so allowing much wider pavements/cycle path etc. This needs some bold and visionary thinking of course - could tie it in with the developments at vearse farm if it ever happens.	We have lived here for 13 years and it is an amazing community. The number of local small shops are precious, rather than chains.					More benches, places to sit.
	Pedestrianise South Street	I think the issue of rents for shops is a big issue, and makes their viability difficult.					I would like to see more events like the Jurassic Fields music festival, food fest, folk weekend etc. making use of the open spaces in the town and bringing in people from elsewhere to spend their money with us.
	We do appear to have a constant problem with the flow of traffic through the town.	Reducing the rates on shops, less charity shops.					The town is too much of a magnet for incomers retiring or taking early retirement here which has lead to inflated property prices. We need to keep young people in the town to look after all the old wrecks! And we need some affordable (cheap) shops in the mix for young families who cannot afford designer priced clothes and trinkets.
	With more and more mobility scooters in use, market days, Saturday in particular, are quite problematic. I have no solution, but ask for scooters to be given some consideration when discussions are taking place.	Too many of the same types of shop i.e. hair dressers, cafe and charity shops.					There is not a lot of activities for young people unless you like going out to the pubs.
	Finally, please do not re-visit the nonsense of closing the top of South Street to traffic. On big occasions only!	Too many coffee shops, not enough reasonably priced evening restaurants (not pubs)					With people increasingly turning their backs on consumerism it would be worth considering a change of use to residential where shops fall vacant, especially if near existing residential blocks. You should preserve the shop and shop bays.

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	Traffic is an issue, always will be and its better moving than belching out fumes stood still.	Put displays about Bridport in closed/empty shops temporarily, to improve their appearance.					You don't ask about all the cultural venues - they contribute a lot to the vitality of the town and you should look after them.
	a crossing reinstated where it was before in East Street to stop the awful "jaywalking" that goes on, and that includes me.	I think Bridport has a good selection of shops. The charity shops are good and there is a great selection of independent shops. Although I would hate the town to be spoilt with a lot of well know chain stores I do think a couple more would be helpful eg Home Bargains					The pavements could do with some attention so as to resurface some worn areas.
	West street pavement towards bus station not really adequate, esp when coach load of visitors disembark an head for the town.	Another small supermarket would be good for those who cannot afford to shop at Waitrose.					A great town centre, let's just hope it stays that way.
	20 mph speed limit across all of Bridport. Car free Sundays leading to Car free Saturdays.	Bringing more places to eat and drink, leisure activities for younger people and more shops (particularly clothes shops). At present I am having to shop outside of the area/online to meet my needs.					More plants and trees where possible.
	Although pedestrian access is generally excellent, the pavements on market days, particularly in Summer get VERY congested.	Its vitality and popularity is because of the small independent shops . Small independent businesses need encouragement and preferential treatment. More of Auto-Bitz and Naturalife (small businesses owned by local for locals) for example and less of 'The Works' which just lowers the tone and is a mess as it spills out on the sidewalk.					less clutter on pavements in West Street it's becoming an obstacle course with tables, chairs, A frame notices, cyclists and badly parked mobility scooters and chairs.
	Reduction of people driving through with their caravans and motorhomes, would also like to see a reduction of HGV's.	Bridport is a fantastic town, the local independent retailers need all the support that they can get to continue the thriving tradition they have.					Improve condition of pavement/paths which are very uneven but preserve cobbles etc.
	The car dominates and shouldn't!!	Shops are overpriced and not enough shops people actually use. Get a white stuff or something. We don't need all the charity shops and the individual shops are empty and overpriced. This is coming across as a town only catering for over 50's think about all the young professionals there please. We don't need another health food shop					Get highways to improve roads and footpaths, (too many potholes in roads and pavements!).

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	Feel for the market traders and cafe goers sitting in the car fumes!! Not enough provision for cyclists - disjointed cycle paths.	Different varieties of shops that people with limited funds can use eg pound shop and a shoe shop that is affordable would be nice eg shoe zone					Beautiful friendly town, very proud to be from Bridport. However new buildings need to be carefully thought of prior to consent.
	The crossroads in the town centre is difficult to negotiate. Pedestrians should be able to walk diagonally - the road should be marked in such a way as to show the pedestrian is the priority!! Can be impenetrable at times.	More shops needed like peacocks....shops to cater for younger generation....less charity shops...					Keep it 'quirky' not too tidy.
	Pedestrianise South Street so you can get rid of those horrible traffic lights in the centre of town.	I would love Bridport to have more independent shops (a bit more like Frome/Totnes). It's inhabitants are quirky and a bit bonkers, I'd love the shops to reflect that.					Keep the music going.
	Provide a dropping off area and turning circle in South Street for disabled to access the street.	The local farmers market used to be thriving in Bridport and won awards but it has gone downhill. There are a number of farm shops that have sprung up on the back of those which is a good thing but these aren't in the town centre.					Let St Michael's stay the same and improve coach park area.
	1 day a week traffic free except for those parking.	I would like the town to promote local goods more. I would like to see a shop that sells only local goods - We have lots of small businesses who produce items/food that could not run to having a shop to themselves but who lose out too much when they are sold on to someone else who adds their profit on					The coach station is a let down for visitors as a first view of Bridport if travelling by public transport. It needs an overhaul and needs to look a more safe area and welcoming.
	Some pavements needed to be made safe.	It is a fantastic town to live in and I love that there are so many good shops. I worry that these may disappear. Maybe there should be some more.					Information about our wonderful town and how to access the different areas from the coach station should be better signposted as well as information as to how to use the public transport we still have to travel to local towns and areas.
	Occasional closure of South Street for shopping.	Incentives to shop locally (eg. a late night shopping once a week and mid week meal deals at pubs etc.					Bridport is a very lively and vibrant town altogether, well managed, and a great place to be.
	Encouraging people to cycle to towns providing more spaces to leave bikes.	The shops are a bit of a let down as there are no decent shops to buy clothes from, I would like to see a few more high street brands, and no more charity shops.					What has gone downhill is the not the town centre proper, but St Michael's (with implications for the town's overall retail and leisure offer). It is not just the impact of the fire. The whole trading estate has an air of disuse and is not the fun quarter that it was. Such a shame and a wasted asset.

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	Safety crossing A35 lights needed at Asker Meadow	An increase penetration by chain shops - though these are better than empty properties of more charity shops it would be good if the council could encourage more independents to take units as they become available.					The overflowing of market stalls onto the pavement area is a real problem if you are using a wheelchair or pushing a pram or pushchair. The disproportionate amount of dogs being dragged around on busy Market and event days is also very problematic.
	People want to be able to drive into Bridport and then be able to park instead of trying to negotiate the congested traffic also trying to park	Reduce commercial rates for local and independent businesses.					No centrally located play facilities for kids. Dorchester has borough gardens near to town where one parent can play with kids, whilst other family members shop, we need something similar.
	Pedestrianise East Street from East Street car park upto the town hall. Also down south street to the one way street. Also west street from the town hall to Victoria Grove	Bridport is going downhill like most small towns - giving more support to the little shop owners would help a great deal. If it wasn't for the Saturday market most of my marks would have been a lot lower.					Fill up the empty retail premises with exciting produce. No more cafes charity shops or beauticians/hairdresser
	Reconsider pedestrianisation of some of South Street	I like the variety, the non-chain shops, decent tourist information, proper post office. Keep them!					Stop people moaning about noise at night that have chosen to live in town. In the general town is safe and not noisy. Be more progressive with business model
	Bridport would benefit enormously from being more pedestrian friendly - they're the ones visiting the shops	I would like to see shops have their doors closed in the winter for eco-friendly reasons and for the comfort of the shoppers					More restrictions on noisy motorbikes and noisy specialist motor cars include speed checks East Street, East Road and West Street.
	The light-controlled crossings by town hall take forever, and the ones on west street are ugly, over-engineered, and take so long to change that people just dart through the traffic, as on east street, where the crossing was.	The one thing that does need improving are the shops, for the younger generation the only shop to buy clothes/shoes from is Peacocks. It was a shame that New Look went.					
	Making the area outside spoons no parking EVEN for blue badge holders would do more to speed thru traffic by unblocking the left filter lane and reducing queues, and also pollution from standing traffic.	I like the independent shops in Bridport. They often cost a bit more than B&Q etc/the internet, but I don't mind too much, especially if the service is good. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. Perhaps there could be some efforts to encourage good service, e.g customer service of the year etc?					
	Still like the idea of South Street being pedestrianised.	Moved here 8 months and so far finding good range of (independent) shops and post office and places for food and drink. In general town seems fairly litter free.					
	really do feel Bridport would benefit from a proper bypass or maybe roads that are of a suitable standard to enable traffic to access the norths side of the town or when accidents occur on the A35	Stores such as old Frosts and This & That very much missed!					

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	shops get their deliveries done by 8am or after 6pm	- Keep rates low to single companies to help them to survive.					
	Pedestrianise South Street. Enforce speed limits, maybe reduce to 20mph.	Encourage more independent retailers.					
	Don't pedestrianise it...unless major infrastructure (ring road and out of town parking) are provided first.	It is vibrant, friendly, not too many 'chain' stores and plenty of local shops, which the community supports and therefore helps to keep the money in the town. Love having 3 butchers and several places to buy fresh fruits and vegetables, local bakers too. Great to be on first-name terms with the proprietors, which makes one feel very much at home, and shopping is never a chore - it becomes a social occasion.					
	Encourage pedestrians and cyclists more by reducing speed limits and including cycle lanes .	Better selection of shops and while there is a great amount of places to eat, there needs to be more places offering varieties of salads and healthier choice foods.					
	Downes Street needs to be made "No Right Turn" permanently, Don't pedestrianise South Street unless there is a way to stop vehicles travelling down narrow Gundry Lane.	The variety of shops are quite poor, too many charity shops if you need to buy any mens clothes for example it is better to buy elsewhere where there is more choice. We often visit bigger shopping places such as Bournemouth, Poole or Exeter					
		Need to keep the diversity of local retailers - try to keep chain stores out.					
	Victoria Grove 1-way system, No right turn out of Downes Street	Talked to the proprietor of the fish shop on South Street before he closed some years ago - rent problem.					
	Shhhhh - I'm pro - pedestrianisation of South Street!	More clothes shops are needed to cater for the maturer generation e.g. Edinburgh Woolen Mill, Cotton Traders etc.,					
	Pedestrianise South Street to Follymill Lane, it would make the town centre a lot safer for pedestrians						
	lose off south street to vehicles as the traffic with all the crossings is a nightmare						
	A pedestrian only area at the top of South Street would help and reducing the number of delivery vehicle dropping off during working hours would hugely improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety. Other town manage it why can't Bridport?						
	More pedestrianisation especially Bucky Doo area of South Street						



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	Pedestrianise South Street at market times.						
	Like parts of other towns and cities except for public transport and taxis pedestrianize it.						
	Pedestrian south street, more cafe, music, tables etc, even if it's just market days						
	Pavements need improving for wheelchair use - very uneven.						
	It would be good if the town centre was not as busy with cars or even more pedestrian areas (Wed and Sat only maybe).						
	Pedestrian access can be tricky on Saturday mornings (ironically because of the market). Pedestrian crossings in clock tower area can be confusing.						
	Pedestrianise South Street on market days.						
	Having a traffic free area at top of South Street.						
	Traffic is also a consistent issue, particularly in the tourist season. The tailbacks make the town centre unsafe for cyclists and mean that air quality is bad.						
	No right turn from West Street into South Street. No right turn from South Street into East Street, will allow free flow of traffic without traffic lights.						
	20 mph speed limit.						
	Closing the top of South Street to traffic (for pedestrian access reasons and for health and safety reasons.)						
	It would be great to pedestrianise it a bit but don't know how this could be done given roads traffic etc.						
	Pedestrianise South Street to Gundry Lane turn.						
	I think the experience for the cyclist needs improving in the town centre.						
	Concerned about traffic and pollution in town centre especially in view of anticipated increase in traffic in future (Vearse Farm etc).						
	Pedestrianise South Street to Gundry Lane						
	Less traffic.						
	Better buses.						
	More pedestrian only areas.						
	Pedestrianise South Street.						
	Make an 'Archway' as the entrance to West Street - East Street to slow traffic 20mph limit on town approaches.						
	Make pedestrian crossings more pedestrian friendly.						
	Pedestrianise South Street						
	Introducing shared space rather than traffic lights at junction of West St and South St by the Town Hall.						

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	Adjust pedestrian/vehicle balance - particularly at pedestrian crossings at the Town Hall. Pedestrians have to wait two minutes for the green man to appear and then have just five seconds to get across.						
	My preference would be to pedestrianise South Street.						
	Priority to public transport, pedestrians and cyclists. Cycling has increased enormously and the welcome bike stands are now insufficient for demand.						
	make decisions with climate crisis at the forefront pedestrianise centre						
	Make the top end of South Street a more pedestrian friendly zone. Cars could still have access, but would drive at slower speeds through a raised ramp section where it is obvious that pedestrians have priority.						
	I would like to see 'shared space' between vehicles and pedestrians, which imo would keep traffic moving more smoothly. This would support the Rights Respecting (with responsibilities) ethos of the town,						
	Think traffic is a big issue, as more houses are built, congestion and lack of parking will be significant.						
<b>44 responses</b>	<b>123 responses</b>	<b>85 responses</b>			<b>29 responses</b>		
Important issues espe given poor public transport optiond from rural hinterland	confirms traffic is the key issue identified by shoppers	independent shops clearly part of Bridports USP - support for resources and promotion			Agreement that current public transport provisoo very poor esp given the rural hinterland fo rthe makret town.		
suggestions for a Park & ride option at least in the summer on Market days	congestion	varied responses as to whether range retail offer adequate					
support for electric vehcles	pollution and health issues	Agreement that retail offer for young people is poor, esp clothing					
Expereiment with free parking days or afternoon to spread footfall	call for more pedestrian friendly measures						
	call for more cycling priority						
	Call for some form of shared space in south street, esp on market days						
	action to address volume of through traffic						
	experiment with 20 mph						
	bus and delivery						
	4 strongly against any pedestrianisation						