

5.3 What recommendations do you have re local job and learning opportunities, types of shops, local health provision

Is the school big enough?

The village bank not opening on a Saturday morning??

Surgery

We need another female doctor now that Dr Casey has left.

Surgery need to employ an extra doctor.

Not sure there are enough doctors at the Practice for the amount of people in the village. Sharing with South Petherton seems to be the problem

Surgery should change system. Impossible to get through or see the same doctor. Obviously cannot cope with growing population.

Need to address the issues of a small surgery (closed Wed pm!)

I don't think surgery should have a half day closing during the week. I also think more residents will need more doctors. I have to drive to S petherton for an appointment when I could walk to Martock surgery.

Generally an unsatisfactory level of communication from Martock surgery to patient

Better doctors

Local health care is good. But more housing would lead to overloading the present excellent surgery and the services it provides

Medical Practice cannot take a greater population probably

Surgery hours should be extended and learning opportunities scheduled to accommodate working adults.

A bigger Doctor's surgery

Doctors' surgery covers too large an area and times are restricted

Surgery appointment system

Doctors need to revise current appointment booking fiasco

Ability to pre-book medical appointments

Better access to GP appointments

Ability to book doctors appointment in the future if an appointment is not available on the day

Doctors frustrating appointments system

Doctors' appointments need updating

A medical appointment system where appointments can be made when needed - not days later

Surgery open at week-ends

A difficult task, but a key one. The Surgery needs to be open all day on Wednesday and the appointments system (a national one) is ridiculous and needs re-visiting

Needs to modernize and improve its appointment system

Adult education info available and provided locally. Far quicker/better access to more doctor's surgeries

More services (eg CBT other therapies) available in surgery, S Petherton is poor for travel and parking

Grocery store/supermarket

More competition for the co-op in particular

Need another supermarket and greengrocer

A food store at the other end of the village

Another grocery store

Model itself on Crewkerne/Somerton. A competitive quality supermarket. Good clothes shop; a del.

Could do with another supermarket to compete with Co-op, which does not have some basics

We need more shops so there is some competition. Co-op seems to rule Martock. We need a Grocer store at the Railway end of Martock.

Bigger supermarket needed but still in village centre

A Supermarket just outside Martock

Get the empty shops and pub filled on a low rent maybe

More quality shops to attract people to Martock

Open up old spar - specialist shop like S Petherton Provender

Larger chemist with better service

Too many charity shops, and not enough special interest shops, or gathering places (e.g tea room/gastro pub) for shoppers and ramblers alike

Better shops! Life is too short for queuing in the Coop!

Chemist needs to buck its ideas up. Prescription service is very poor. They hardly ever have what you need. Prescription is never ready.

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There is less choice of shop now than 20 years ago, but more potential customers in the village
Need shops to attract people to Martock as Somerton/Beaminster
Co-op store is inadequate for size of the village
Encourage diversity of retail eg one charity shop only
Must have vital retail centre, not hairdressers and charity shops
While existing shops are adequate the lack of choice as exemplified by the Co-op is a limitation
That we keep the shops open that we do have. Maybe a further shop in Stapleton area.
Less charity shops and hairdressers
Re-open the old Spa shop
Encourage different shops, not hairdressers!
Martock is no longer a village and needs far more shops to keep a really local atmosphere
Types of shops - antique shops, traditional arts and crafts - to encourage more people to Martock

We could do with a delicatessen and a vegetable and fruit shop
More variety of shops. get in touch with voluntary organisations to help young people with Music, Art and other projects
Produce a guide for village shops - Get more people using them
Need greater variety of shops and directions board in precinct for shops
Better range of shops in the centre
Need to develop a business strategy for Martock to attract inviting shops/facilities
More shops required to support additional housing
No more takeaways, or hairdressers or Charity shops
A good Deli and a greengrocer to attract outsiders. Take note of Somerton or Ilminster
Perhaps another supermarket or a fruit shop?
3 takeaway shops, do not require any more.
A general shop in North Martock which is growing. More contact between MBA and Stanchester and Huish Schools departments
Most people enjoy driving away to work, shop, play and, worst of all to shop for food. Cheap is all that matters, don't care a monkeys what's in the food or where it comes from or how far it is flown or what sort of slave labour picks it or whether there are no food shops left in Martock or how much they pay in rates, so long as it is a perceived bargain.
Improve shops by Paulls side of town
Need a strategy to encourage better quality of shops. 6 Hairdressers and 4 Takeaways and two charity shops says it all.
Bigger shops
Some competition for the Co-op would be useful
Limited shopping facilities

More businesses/jobs

Encouraging a range of businesses to operate from Martock
Attract new business for jobs
Need more jobs!
More shops or jobs
Put more effort into getting empty units on the trading estate up into a business action, which may provide more job opportunities. need a fishmonger. There are no learning opportunities. Use school/Parish Hall/Churches to develop educational opportunities
Obviously have a VG Business Association. Ilminster is a very alive and active small town
Use all units on industrial site
Be creative with young people. Youth work should link with all other facilities and provision. The young people I meet are very uninspired.
Younger people need more opportunities to stay in the village

Activities

More exercise classes in the evenings Gym, swimming pool
Evening classes in Martock, computers, dancing, pilates etc languages
The use of the Market House for more learning opportunities
suitable facilities for evening classes
Maximise opportunities for training/learning in Martock library to enhance its value in the community as a valuable meeting point/resource

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There could be more learning opportunities held at the school

Adult learning classes locally.

Would love to go on more computer classes like the photography one I attended in 2008

Family places

Martock needs some sort of place open in the evening beside the pubs that the whole family could use.

American style diner/malt shop/milkshakes

Be nice to have public house open again

More parking out of town shopping

Consider the 'take outs' move to the industrial area - The kids hang out around there for chips & social life /community too young to drink , too old to stay in !! Martock need as a decent Deli - the Butchers is too far out You have a Post Office - it doesn't attract custom at all - neesas modernisation - dreadful parking for a start Martock loves double yellow lines - in all the wrong places No suitable space at all for a decent eatery - with pavement that isn't monoxied death (e.g old Spar) by traffic .

A family restaurant in Martock would be useful. Martock needs somewhere else for eating and that's not a pub or coffee shop

Comments

Not sure, but sad to see pub and shops closed

None

Yarlington bungalows

Facilities seem to meet the current size of Martock, but more housing would need further development ie traffic solution

None. I think we are well provided for

Martock cannot sustain more housing until its centralised facilities, particularly shops, improve.

Longer credit terms

Link sports shop to Community centre or gym/and cycling. DIY facilities very poor

Local ???????

Use the facilities we have that are empty

Health care

Health Clinic for young people

It would be nice if the bus could go up to the new hospital in South Petherton