

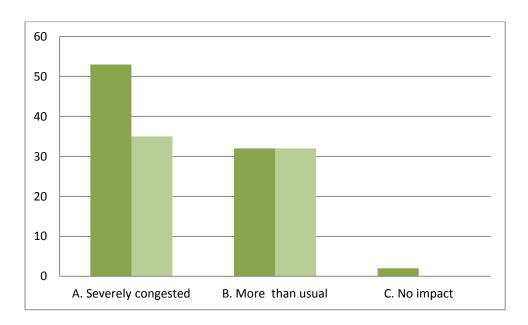
# **MILLBROOK**

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# What impact does tourist traffic have on your area?

- (A) Roads become severely congested & at times become 'gridlocked'.
- (B) There is a little more traffic than usual but no delays.
- (C) No impact on the roads at all.

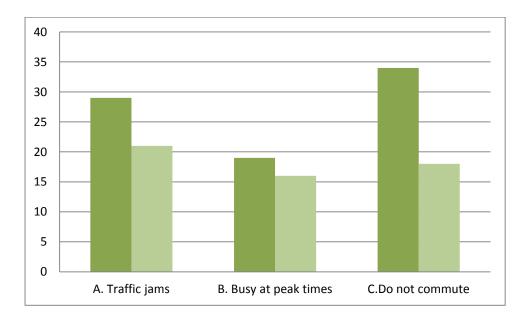


- Area relies on tourism but is not designed to cater for numbers.
- Lack of 'short time' parking.
- Must have traffic to bring business.
- Why can't single deck buses be used not double decker?
- Bad parking is a problem.
- Traffic lights at the top of West St. would be most helpful.
- Increases annually.

- Top of West St. into Dodbrook stand still at times.
- We get tourist coaches passing in the narrows and getting stuck.
- There is occasional severe congestion.
- Not noticed any change.
- · Problem of tourist coaches.
- Hounster Hill and Dodbrook are the worst.
- Parking becomes very difficult.
- Becomes congested due to parking.
- No places to park.
- There needs to be more laybys and passing points in the cliff road.
- Traffic to serve residential needs far out-weighs tourist traffic.
- Large lorries banned.
- Bottleneck at Hounster.
- The traffic calming measures on Hounster Hill, Millbrook and Antony/A374 junction have made matters worse and the areas more dangerous.

## What impact does the road network have on your work?

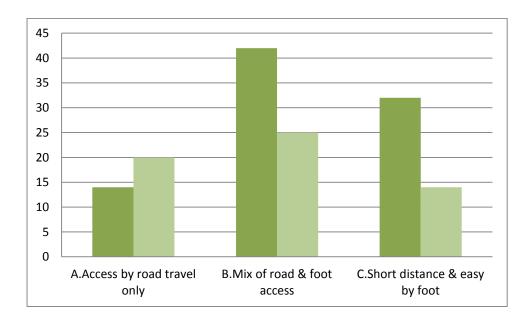
- (A) Traffic jams are often experienced when travelling to work and cause delays.
- (B) The roads become busy at peak times but do not cause problems.
- (C) I do not commute to work so it does not cause a problem.



- Problem for delivery vehicles to businesses.
- Serious delays are quite rare and usually attributable to an event.
- Delivery lorries are too large.
- Congestion at various times of the day.
- Infrastructure into Millbrook needs to be looked at before more new housing.
- Gridlock at random times not peak.
- I regularly get caught in jams on Hounster Hill.
- West St. dangerous for pedestrians.
- I am retired therefore I try not to use the roads during commuter times.
- The peninsula experiences peaks ie. 'rush hours' just like suburban areas.
- Supply lorries delivering to businesses.

## How good is your access to shops, leisure & health facilities?

- (A) No access to any of them unless travel by road.
- (B) Some are easy to get to by foot but most need to be reached by road.
- (C) All these services are easily reached by foot or a short distance by road.

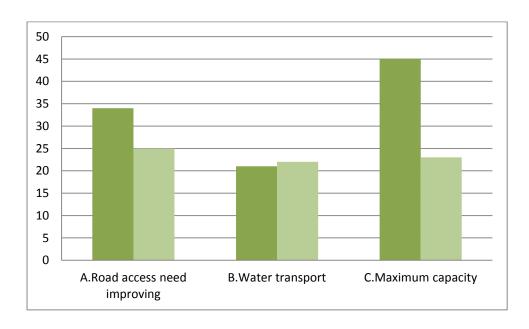


- Most local facilities are within village but greater choice further afield.
- Unable to walk far so car is essential. Parking a local problem.
- No leisure facilities in village.

- Difficult to drive from Southdown area via road alongside Millpool because of parking.
- A direct bus between Millbrook & Torpoint.
- Doctors is down the road, hospital would need to travel and leisure in Torpoint or Plymouth.
- Most things need to travel to Torpoint.
- Shops and health easily accessed but leisure facilities need a car.
- Information about access to health and leisure facilities could be improved particularly emergency health services.
- No parking outside Cawsand surgery. Not good for disabled people.
- You can travel okay but where do you park?
- This is a choice you make when you decide to live here!
- Buses are much underused and should not be seen as a solution to difficult access problems.

## What is the impact of living on a peninsula surrounded by water?

- (A) Road access needs to be improved.
- (B) Greater use of Water Transport & Ferrys.
- (C) The area has reached maximum capacity.

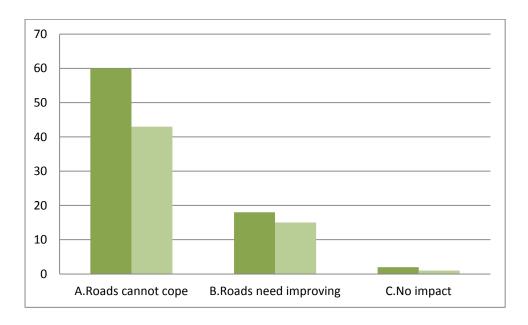


- No problems.
- Even with road access improved and greater use of water transport.
- Hedge rows and water ways need attention.

- No more roads thanks.
- It's a lovely area but the lanes are bad for the amount of traffic.
- Needs improved roads for more people.
- Keeping natural beauty is more important.
- I would like to see improved ferries.
- Stop building more houses.
- You can't travel by water as all landing points are in private hands or are marinas.
- Poor access is part of living on the peninsula. Congestion is worse but access the same.
- Use water transport for heavy goods (eg.roof trusses)

#### What impact would new house building have on your area?

- (A) It would be bad for local people & create extra traffic that the roads cannot cope with.
- (B) It would be good for local people but the road access would have to be improved.
- (C) It would have no impact on the area or the roads.

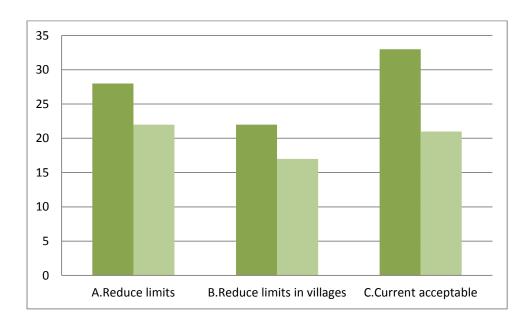


- Increase in population puts a strain on existing reserves.
- New road to Insworke is a nightmare.
- The only way we will get better roads is to increase number of housing.
- Horrific. At present almost impossible.
- Unable to comment. Depends on proposal and how managed.

- I think it would be good for local housing but other infrastructure is at capacity.
- We should look at a local lettings policy.
- Local feeder roads too narrow for more traffic.
- Infrastructure should control developments.
- With limited employment here, new houses and accommodation should be restricted and prioritised to those in work.
- Social housing should not be subsidised for those who can afford to pay a market rent.
- Improved road access risks spoiling the character of the area.
- · Lack of other infrastructure to support extra housing.
- It has to be the right sort of 'low cost' local housing.

## Speed on the A374 (Trerulefoot to Torpoint Road)

- (A) Speed limits need to be reduced along the route.
- (B) Speed limits need reducing through villages only.
- (C) Current speed limits in place are acceptable.



- There is a perception that speeding occurs where it does not and traffic calming that is unnecessary adds to congestion but does not make much difference to speed.
- 50mph max and speed cameras.
- Speed limits need to be reduced due to the number of accidents.
- Bendy roads and people go too fast.

- It's not the speed limits, it's the idiotic drivers.
- It's very difficult to exceed the current limit due to road conditions. Those who ignore speed limits probably cause the accidents so the former would be expensive and to little effect.

## Additional comments regarding traffic and transport issues in the Rame Peninsula.

- Money wasted on unnecessary speed humps and traffic calming could be used on other things.
- Maintain and keep public rights of way for all users.
- 20mph in villages and Millbrook.
- The new road from Millbrook Quay to the mini roundabout towards the football club is abominable. The spaces between the parked cars do not provide ample opportunity to allow traffic to move freely. The parking spots could easily be reduced as most of the houses along that road have rear parking. Also why did the planners for that road provide huge 'dog toilet' verges each side of the road. Parking slots (probably better the angled type) could have (should have) been a major concern/consideration. I think no consideration given to the ever-growing population in the Insworke area which eventually (and soon) will lead to accidents, road rage and an almost inevitable accident involving children accessing the parks/play areas. Maybe a fatally injured child would make someone in authority address the situation.
- West Street has a lot of children who have to cross the road to go to the park etc. and people speed along the road too fast. There are not even any signs warning children in the area and to go slow.
   Can't West Street be made residents and deliveries only apart from exiting the car park.
- A one way system in Millbrook would be of great benefit.
- The bus services changes from Millbrook to Cremyll ferry are a disaster, also the bus leaves Cremyll about 3 minutes before the ferry arrives from Plymouth most of the day. Why were the bus times changed so as not to coincide with the ferry tomes? Is the bus company trying to deter people from using the service so they can scrap it? Local villages ought to have 20mph limits as the streets weren't built for 30mph.
- The youth have a wonderful skate park yet still use the roads and pavements. They carry no 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance and don't pay anything towards road maintenance. This needs attention in my opinion.
- Speeding through the village and the new road past the lake has always been a problem. Why has nothing been done. Speeding occurs during the school drop off and pick up times and going to and coming from work (not hard to carry out speed checks). Problems with 'boy races'.

- FIRST bus take people from Millbrook to Plymouth go all over the estate in Torpoint, Crafthole and Polbathic, adding quite a bit of time to our journey and passing other buses doing the same journey and picking up few people.
- The bus network helps to keep car traffic down and gives wider access to those without cars. It is very important that the council continues to find the bus subsidy. A bus service to St.Germans rail station would help reduce car journeys over the ferry and bridge. The Rame community bus provides a valuable service to both car and non-car owners with monthly shopping trips to Saltash, Truro, Tavistock and Totnes. This also reduces car journeys, therefore subsidy or grant help for community bus is money well spent.
- Parking is a big problem so any more new houses would have to address this problem.
- 20mph through Millbrook should be enforced.
- Whenever A374 Trerulefoot to Polbathic is blocked, access to the peninsula is very difficult. The coastal route cannot handle the increase in traffic.
- Look at the bus times in the Rame Peninsula they miss the Cremyll ferry.
- Drive steady and you see this lovely area.
- From Millbrook to Torpoint should be wide enough for 2 way traffic for the full length.
- The huge problem with the flow of traffic entering and leaving the two parishes have become worse since the changes at Dodbrook were made. The traffic flowed easier before the changes were made and Dodbrook is now even more of a bottleneck causing congestion. Parking along New Rd needs to be stopped and also at Jackmans Meadow in Kingsand. A route through St.Johns/Southdown would ease the Dodbrook situation to the Rame Peninsula.
- Traffic should be barred from Ninny Lane. The lane is full of leaves (& mud in places) causing cars to slide as they brake.
- Need a direct bus service from Millbrook to Torpoint. Improved bus service where buses are on time
  and turn up. Ferry from Southdown/Millbrook to Plymouth would be fantastic. Local minibus
  company offer a service to Torpoint charging per head and cheaper than FIRST bus. FIRST charge
  the same price to travel Torpoint as it is to Plymouth.
- We need a bus service to St.Germans station and a car park. We need the police to stop closing the A38 for 6 hours every time there is an accident as it causes chaos on local roads. We need parking on double yellow lines to be dealt with more efficiently – it causes problems for the 81c bus getting through. In Millbrook we need bus timetables to be available when they change – not a month later!
- No buses from Millbrook to Cremyll between 9.18am and 13.39pm.
- The narrows between Hounster Hill and the one way system is virtually impossible to use safely.
   Totally unsuitable for artic lorries and coaches who should be directed to use the quieter coast road.
   Commuter traffic is virtually stopped each day and more houses would mean more vehicles. Parking along one side of Millpool makes traffic from & to Southdown area very difficult.
- Increasingly the number and/or size of commercial undertakings on the peninsula should be
  avoided as this increases not only the number of private car journey's on the peninsula but also the
  frequency of visits by large vehicles. The existing roads are not suited to the latter but we consider
  that improvements to the routes would be counter-productive affecting both the visual nature of the
  peninsula and inviting higher speeds from larger numbers of private cars. In addition, increasing
  resident population by the introduction of more new housing will, once again, increase pressure on

the infrastructure and adversely affect the natural environment, which is after all, the peninsulas most important asset.

- If there is to be more housing (social & private) in Millbrook the B3247 needs to be improved and a direct bus service run at peak times between Millbrook and Torpoint for working people starting with a pilot scheme using a single decker to see the uptake. Lastly, can anyone resolve the bottleneck in Millbrook!!!
- Parking on New Road.
- Crossings needed along St.Johns Road to the school also crossings at either end of the park. I
  would also like to see speed bumps along Southdown Road (especially on the turning to the football
  club as it is very dangerous.
- Speed bumps on Southdown Road.
- Possible traffic lights by the Heart & Hand to limit big traffic problems.
- Parking in Millbrook bad.
- Affordable housing for local people needed but improvements needed for infrastructure and road access.
- The cremyll ferry has been the main route for local workers for many years and the local population do not want it to change. It's run by local people and that's the way we want to keep it.
- The top of Blindwell Hill by Millbrook school is getting more congested local residents find it hard to park. Cars park on either side of a narrow road and bigger vans/lorries get stuck frequently.
- The state of the roads are quite often to the point of being dangerous!! Too many large vehicles coming through small lanes cause congestion and damage!!
- A footpath is needed from Parson's Court down to the corner of the football and play area.
- I think the natural environment here is a big draw card and it is a delicate balance with the needs of local residents but I do think the villages will struggle to accommodate more traffic and car parking.
   Public transport is good here for the main destinations like Plymouth but limited elsewhere which means it's of limited use for most people.
- In Millbrook we need pedestrian crossing from GP surgery to the new chemist, pathway from Parsons Court to the tennis court, local lettings policy for all social housing, planning policy to minimise inappropriate development and second homes and joined up bus & Cremyll service.
- Bus service to Plymouth needs to go via Anderton, parking at the doctors surgery should be for the
  people visiting the surgery only, double yellow lines should be painted by the lime kiln corner lower
  Anderton Road and again between Millbrook Quay along Garret St to Pottery, traffic calming island
  on Hounster Hill to be removed, road between Tregantle and Millbrook should be widened and
  improved.
- While more and more houses are being allowed to be built here in Millbrook on every bit of land that gets permission, the problem will only get worse. Even if building were to stop overnight, the amount of younger people getting their own transport will continue to rise. It is accepted as the norm that most homes now have two cars and with the children adding there are now many cases of 3 or more cars per family. There is no way the council will put money into road improvements.
- In village speed needs to be reduced especially where houses open directly onto the road. Ie.
   Newport St and parts of West St. Traffic calming needed in the narrow parts of these roads. Where

roads are only one car wide some traffic increases speed, making stepping out of the front door (at some houses) <u>very</u> dangerous.

- The local roads are unsuitable for the larger delivery vehicles currently operating in the area. The
  use of double decker buses tends to cause additional congestion with the exception of the school
  buses, there are not the passenger levels to warrant such large buses. Imposing lower speed limits
  in local villages would be a preference however, without enforcement they, like the current limits,
  would be ignored.
- I think that Millbrook suffers terribly from too much traffic as it is the gateway to Kingsand/Cawsand, Cremyll, Mount Edgcumbe and Southdown. The improvements at the top of West St/Hounster Hill haven't really solved anything although it is a little safer for pedestrians. Large vehicles become jammed and traffic blocks up. Cars still have to squeeze in and park in the 'narrow' or go onto the pavement at Belle Vue. It is unacceptable for the present volume of traffic to pass through the area. Also, by the Tanyard/chemist corner is a difficult area large buses could become mini buses but delivery lorries are still too big to get into West St by the D&C. It is a big problem.
- Main focus should be on the safety for pedestrians. Press Highways for strategic traffic solutions now not in 3 years. Highways should give more weight to local opinion.
- There can be a big problem with traffic in Millbrook, usually on the 'old bank corner' and the Tanyard but all the relevant people know this. Increasing the number of houses would only increase this traffic jam. Doctors and school are at capacity but this has also been pointed out by villagers before.
- New road to Millbrook would be good. Lorries delivering to local shops and tourists hold up traffic.
   NO new houses due to congestion and infrastructure around the area.
- Parking reduced by Millbrook chemist or road widened as visibility when driving can be hazardous.
   Traffic lights by the Heart & Hand pub may help traffic congestion on the bend.
- Extreme difficulties for people who live in Millbrook who have no parking facilities and have to use the car park. Paying a reasonable fee for a parking permit is OK even a reasonable rise but a rise of at least 12 times the original fee is disgusting for local people. Also the parking that's allowed on Kings St in Millbrook is stupid and madness. The bus and delivery vehicles have extreme difficulties getting through this part of Millbrook. Due to these difficulties lorries and buses do damage to properties in Kings St. Also the speed of some of the cars that go through Kings St are concerning people coming out of their front door who are at risk of being hit.
- Please improve the disabled parking in Millbrook. One space outside the Spar shop, three spaces in West St. The car park is too far from the shops. Look after the local people who pay their rates. Cars are needed when people can't walk too.
- Do away with pavement around the Tanyard and reroute through the Tanyard. Make New St one
  way and open up exit onto New Rd. Put laybys along New Rd and a possible 2 speed humps.
  Pavement from Parsons Court to the playing fields. Widen Rd to Foss Mill. Have all commercial
  developments at Southdown that did not have prior planning permission removed (ie large boat
  shed and expansion to Marina) as they have a direct increase in traffic from Millbrook to
  Southdown.
- No more housing what has been allowed in recent years has been ill considered. Many houses in Millbrook do not have parking and now through thoughtless planning, new housing is not taking into account how many cars their residents have, therefore, making life difficult for long term residents who have no choice but to park along the road.

- Educate people in cars that a pavement is not a car park. Cheaper transport needed (eg buses to and from Plymouth & Torpoint.
- Have to walk in the road because cars park on the pavement in Millbrook.
- The traffic outside my house is very bad especially during commuter times. The vehicles carrying provisions and building materials are or seem to be much larger, sometimes scraping the side of the houses as they pass by. It is very dangerous for families pushing prams or with toddlers, especially the narrow strip at the beginning of West St. The recently created traffic calming measure and priority arrows are a waste of time and money as nobody can see around corners.
- The priorities indicated by the traffic signs at the bottom of Hounster Hill are confusing and need removing.
- Millbrook is not suitable for big lorries. There should be a tonnage limit. Double decker buses go
  past my property regularly empty so why not use single deck buses. Traffic light system (as
  Gunnislake) could be an answer to congestion from churchyard to top of St Andrews St.
- Bus services very badly timed as do not coincide with Cremyll ferry, routes far too long need to reinstate triangular service (Cremyll, Anderton, Torpoint). Think small small buses, small lorries, small routes.
- Needs sorting out at the bottle neck by the Heart & Hand. Improve and use existing resources.