

## Developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham: Questionnaire Survey Results

Questionnaires were delivered to 246 households. 104 completed questionnaires were returned, which represents a response rate of 42%. The completed questionnaires included a total of 315 comments, a summary of which is included in the second half of this document.

The tables below show the responses to each question. Percentages are shown in italics. (Due to rounding error the percentages do not necessarily add up to 100 %.)

### Roads and transport

Below are the issues people have raised about the roads, traffic and public transport within our parish. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statement below by ticking one box for each statement:

|  | <b>Agree</b>  | <b>Neither agree nor disagree</b> | <b>Disagree</b> | <b>No response</b> |
|--|---------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. The traffic speed through the villages is acceptable                              | 22 <i>21%</i> | 16 <i>15%</i>                     | 66 <i>63%</i>   | 0                  |
| 2. The volume of traffic driving through the villages is acceptable                  | 23 <i>22%</i> | 30 <i>29%</i>                     | 51 <i>49%</i>   | 0                  |
| 3. The amount of traffic using our villages as a route to the hospital is acceptable | 25 <i>24%</i> | 23 <i>22%</i>                     | 56 <i>54%</i>   | 0                  |
| 4. The drainage ditches are adequately maintained                                    | 10 <i>10%</i> | 33 <i>32%</i>                     | 60 <i>58%</i>   | 1 <i>1%</i>        |
| 5. We have adequate public transport   | 25 <i>24%</i> | 39 <i>38%</i>                     | 39 <i>38%</i>   | 1 <i>1%</i>        |
| 6. There are enough bus stops  | 77 <i>74%</i> | 24 <i>23%</i>                     | 2 <i>2%</i>     | 1 <i>1%</i>        |
| 7. The traffic to the new dairy site is not an issue                                 | 38 <i>37%</i> | 26 <i>25%</i>                     | 39 <i>37%</i>   | 1 <i>1%</i>        |

Below are some of the improvements people have suggested to our roads. Which of these do you think would be valuable improvements?

|   | Agree  | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | No response |
|---|--------|----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| 8. safer pedestrian crossing points over the dual carriageway | 75 72% | 21 20%                     | 8 8%     | 0           |
| 9. Footpaths from Nunton and/or Odstock to the hospital       | 78 75% | 19 18%                     | 7 7%     | 0           |
| 10. cycle tracks along main roads within the parish           | 55 53% | 24 23%                     | 25 24%   | 0           |

### Parish amenities

Below is a list of the existing parish amenities which people have said they value, or are important to our villages. Which of these do you think are important:

|  | Agree    | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | No response |
|--|----------|----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| 11. The annual Fete  | 98 94%   | 4 4%                       | 2 2%     | 0           |
| 12. The Village hall (Radnor Hall)   | 95 91%   | 6 6%                       | 3 3%     | 0           |
| 13. Community events (e.g. concerts, raft race, village show, Friday fete dance) | 95 91%   | 7 7%                       | 2 2%     | 0           |
| 14. Car boot sales in Nunton Field   | 78 75%   | 23 22%                     | 3 3%     | 0           |
| 15. Odstock Nursery  | 66 63%   | 27 26%                     | 9 9%     | 2 2%        |
| 16. The pubs in Nunton and Odstock   | 104 100% | 0                          | 0        | 0           |
| 17. Nunton field and the village playgrounds                                     | 101 97%  | 3 3%                       | 0        | 0           |
| 18. News and notes   | 102 98%  | 2 2%                       | 0        | 0           |
| 19. Barker room  | 78 77%   | 24 23%                     | 0        | 0           |

Below is a list of things which people have said our parish needs. Which of these would be important improvements for our parish:

|  | Agree  | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | No response |
|--|--------|----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| 20. The mobile phone signal needs to be better | 65 63% | 28 27%                     | 9 9%     | 2 2%        |
| 21. Broadband reception needs to be better     | 55 53% | 32 31%                     | 14 13%   | 3 3%        |
| 22. We need a village shop/post office         | 65 63% | 20 19%                     | 18 17%   | 1 1%        |

### Recreation and green environment

Below is a list of the existing recreational and countryside amenities which people told us they value, or are important to our parish. Which of these do you agree are important?

|  | Agree   | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | No response |
|--|---------|----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| 23. The green areas and trees within our villages            | 102 98% | 2 2%                       | 0        | 0           |
| 24. The Jubilee gardens                                      | 93 89%  | 9 9%                       | 1 1%     | 1 1%        |
| 25. The walk along the river Ebble                           | 86 83%  | 10 10%                     | 2 2%     | 6 6%        |
| 26. The calf field   | 64 62%  | 31 30%                     | 8 8%     | 1 1%        |
| 27. Public footpath and bridleways to access the countryside | 99 95%  | 1 1%                       | 3 3%     | 1 1%        |
| 28. Nunton dairy herd  | 67 64%  | 25 24%                     | 12 12%   | 0           |

## Housing and development

Below is a list of the comments people have made about housing, and about potential future housing development within the parish. Please tick one box against each statement, to show to what extent you agree:

|  | Agree  | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | No response |
|--|--------|----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| 29. We need more affordable housing for the young                          | 64 62% | 21 20%                     | 15 14%   | 4 4%        |
| 30. It is important to protect a village identity                          | 92 88% | 7 7%                       | 4 4%     | 1 1%        |
| 31. It is important to keep development from joining the separate villages | 83 80% | 14 14%                     | 7 7%     | 0           |

32. If there were to be further housing development within the parish, what proportional increase in the number of houses in each of the villages do you think should be allowed? (Please tick just one box.)

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Less than 10% increase | 60 58% |
| 10-20% increase        | 35 34% |
| 20-30% increase        | 1 1%   |
| More than 30% increase | 1 1%   |
| Other (please state)   | 6 6%   |
| No response            | 1 1%   |

## Local Businesses

Which of the following do you think are important to our community?

|   | Agree  | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | No response |
|---|--------|----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| 33. Farming and rural employment                      | 96 92% | 6 6%                       | 0        | 2 2%        |
| 34. Local businesses                                  | 86 83% | 8 8%                       | 6 6%     | 4 4%        |
| 35. Opportunities/sites for setting up new businesses | 43 41% | 32 31%                     | 25 24%   | 4 4%        |

## Neighbourhood Plan Survey Results: Summary of Comments

### Roads and Transport

#### Road repair and maintenance

32 comments

Repair of potholes, resurfacing, and better maintenance of roads within the parish, particularly the C12 from Nunton to the dual carriageway, also Nunton Drove and Shepherds Close.

One suggestion that the road surfaces need replacing with materials more suitable for withstanding the high traction forces created by heavy vehicles.

One suggestion to install kerbstones.

#### Traffic speed

25 comments

The need for traffic calming measures on roads through the villages and on the hill to the hospital. Suggestions included lower speed restrictions, road bumps, hazard warnings, rubble strips, pinch points, reflective signs, electronic speed awareness devices, road markings, 'white gates' (comments both for and against these), traffic lights at Odstock crossroads, and 'please drive slowly' signs.

#### Parking and obstruction issues

21 comments

Fifteen comments about cars parking on the road outside the Odstock nursery creating a dangerous obstruction. Suggestions for yellow zig-zag lines on the road outside the nursery to prevent parking, the creation of more parking spaces, and road warning signs to alert drivers.

Comments about cars parked on the road and causing an obstruction outside the Radnor Arms, in Whitsbury Road, and in Shepherds Close at the entrance to the car park.

Three suggestions to increase the size of the Shepherds Close car park.

Two comments about the obstruction/parking issues related to car boot sales in Nunton Field.

#### Agricultural traffic

18 comments

Very differing views expressed on this topic.

Ten comments about the impact of large agricultural vehicles and grain trucks (particularly on Nunton Drove), causing damage to road surface and grass verges, mud on the road, and noise.

One suggestion for a new farm track to bypass Nunton Drove.

Suggestions for road cleaning.

One suggestion that farm traffic should not be allowed through the villages.

One suggestion that the roads need be made wider in places to accommodate farm vehicles.

Three comments that if you come to live in a farming area you have to be prepared to accept the implications of modern agricultural methods.

Two comments that the farm traffic is not an issue at all.

One request for tolerance when farms are undertaking seasonal tasks.

#### The A338 junctions and dual carriageway

14 comments

Comments on the need to reduce the traffic speed on the dual carriageway and improve visibility and the safety of right turns onto and off the dual carriageway at the two Nunton exits.

Suggestions included a speed restriction, cats' eyes to mark the slip roads in the dark, and converting the road to single carriageway.

One comment in support of prohibiting right turns, and three comments against.

### **Footpaths**

12 comments

Eight comments in support of a footpath from Nunton/Odstock to the hospital/towards Salisbury. One comment that this would not be practical.

Four comments supporting improved footpaths connecting the villages, particularly a path which does not involve repeatedly crossing the road.

One comment on hedge-cutting and footpath repair by river next to church.

### **Road junctions**

8 comments

Concerns about dangerous junctions at Odstock crossroads, also at Shelve Lane/Nunton Drove, and St Andrews Church Homington (outside the parish boundary). Suggestions for traffic lights/mirror/road markings at Odstock, and mirror at Shelve Lane.

### **Public transport**

6 comments

Concerns about the infrequency of buses, especially in the evenings. Also the cost of fares.

Suggestions for the Britford Park and Ride to operate later into the evening, and include a bus route to the station.

One suggestion for a mini-bus service.

One suggestion for a pavement from the corner to the bus stop on the dual carriageway.

### **Cycle tracks**

7 comments

Five comments that the roads in the parish are too narrow to accommodate cycle tracks.

One comment regarding the expense of implementation.

One comment that mobility scooters are not allowed in cycle lanes.

### **Road drainage**

5 comments

Concerns about poor drainage and flooding at various locations within the parish

### **Other comments about roads and transport**

5 comments

Two suggestions to create a road link between the hospital and Britford Park and Ride, to reduce traffic passing through the parish.

Two suggestions to restore the missing village signs

One suggestion for a weight restriction on Odstock Bridge

## **Parish Amenities**

### **Village/farm shop/post office**

14 comments

Twelve comments in support of a shop/post office. Suggested locations included The Orchard in Nunton, a pub, one of the barns in Odstock.

Concerns about its viability and the level of community support.

Two comments that the shops in Britford and Downton are quite close.

### **Utilities**

6 comments

Suggestions for mains sewerage and mains gas. One comment that these should be a condition of any further housing development.

### **Nunton and Odstock Fields**

6 comments

Suggestions for greater use of the sports fields: suggestions for a tennis court, a cricket pitch, a hard surface for children to play on tricycles and skate board, and a wider range of play equipment in the children's playgrounds.

### **Village Hall**

6 comments

Three comments on the need for a better/more accessible village hall.  
Three suggestions to extend/improve and make better use of the pavilion on Nunton Field, as a community area/café.

### **Churches**

4 comments

Three comments in support of the two churches.  
One suggestion that one of the churches will eventually be deconsecrated, and that we need to plan how best to use it.

### **Dog fouling**

4 comments

Four comments on dog faeces left in the playing fields, both bagged and unbagged. One suggestion for dog poo bins.

### **Other comments about parish amenities**

15 comments

Suggestions included street lights, more police patrols, recycling skip, bins, allotments, reinstating the mobile library or putting one in the pubs, book exchange in the phone box, and getting rid of the phone box.

Other comments:

- Need to identify all activities which take place in the parish: WI, Tiny Tots, Farm Open Days, Weddings, Church groups and activities.
- Would be nice to have a pack for new parishioners to tell them about all the amenities listed in this questionnaire.
- Sunday not a good day for car boot sales. Sunday afternoon would be better than morning.
- Valley has super-fast broadband
- The villages collectively benefit from their events and activities; we should do everything to increase the appeal and encourage participation and organisation of these.
- Farms will support village activities as much as possible
- News and Notes is essential to village life
- The two pubs are very important

## **Recreation and green environment**

### **Rights of way**

15 comments

Five comments on need to keep footpaths clear of obstruction and well sign-posted.  
Seven comments that a walk along the River Ebbles does not currently exist (contrary to what was implied in the questionnaire). Suggestions that it would nonetheless be a welcome development, if practicable.  
One request for more public footpaths giving access to scenic spots within the parish.  
One suggestion to replace stiles with gates on footpath to Vicarage corner.  
One suggestion to keep 4 wheel drive vehicles off bridleways.

**Dairy herd**

7 comments

Two comments in appreciation of the farm/dairy herd/calf field

Two comments in support of the herd but expressing concerns over the consequences of increased size.

One comment in support of the herd but not the smells from the slurry lagoon -

Suggestion for a cover over the lagoon.

One comment suggesting that a bigger herd would cause problems for Nunton Drove residents.

**Fly-tipping**

4 comments

Concerns about fly-tipping. Proposals for better prevention.

**Other comments about recreation and green environment**

6 comments

Two suggestions for a community orchard or garden.

One suggestion for better conservation and protection of the River Ebbles

One comment that the river Ebbles floodplain meadows need drainage ditches.

One proposal to bury some of the overhead wires which criss-cross the countryside.

One comment on need for protection of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

**Housing and development****Village character and identity**

16 comments

Comments ranged from a desire to keep the villages as they are, to a view that the villages need to develop and change, with all views in between.

There is a consensus that any housing development should be in keeping with the rest of the village and with the rural surroundings, should be of high quality architectural design, and should have plenty of green space.

One suggestion that something similar to the Old Dairy development would be appropriate.

One suggestion for small closes and cul-de-sacs.

One suggestion for developments restricted in size to a maximum of 10 houses.

One comment in support of diversity, with houses for all age groups.

**Size and style of new properties**

17 comments

A strong consensus of comments in favour of 'affordable' housing for young people.

Several comments that any new development in this parish, however small the houses, will probably be beyond the means of most young people.

Comments that 'buy to let' should not be permitted, that affordable housing should be reserved for young people with connections to this area, and that planning permission for extensions should not be allowed on small properties.

One proposal for no social housing.

**Location**

11 comments

Suggested locations included behind the A338 slip road, on farm land on the south side of the parish, the Old Dairy site, and on the field opposite Nunton Cottage.

Comments against new development on Nunton Field, the water meadows, near the road through the villages, or Bodenham (unless it was exceptional in design and character).

One suggestion that only brown-field sites should be used.



### **Other comments about housing and development**

12 comments

Four comments that there should be no development at all

On comment that there should be infill only

One comment that development should be less than 5%

Three comments expressing concern about the effect on local traffic

Two comments expressing concern about the effect on flooding risk

One proposal that further development should be conditional upon traffic calming, road maintenance and a shop/post office.

Two suggestions that the overall increase in housing should not be distributed equally between the three villages.

Two comments emphasising the need for public consultation.

### **Local Businesses**

11 comments

Two comments opposing industrial sites/business parks.

One comment in favour of an industrial estate

One suggestion that any new business should preferably be located in existing buildings

One suggestion that people should be allowed to run small businesses from their own homes.

One comment on the importance of opportunities/sites for setting up new businesses

Comments in support of farming and rural employment, the pubs, the nursery, and the village volunteers.

One suggestion to improve advertising for and awareness of local businesses

### **Other comments**

8 comments

This is a great initiative - well done!

With thanks to the steering group and parish council

Support for Orchard community

We would like to do something to promote the village community

Do not alter much, the villages are comfortable as they are.

The Hunt is controversial, causes unacceptable disruption and should be banned from meeting in the village.

Hedge trimming well done but debris left on paths, especially towards Odstock crossroads

The farm site at Odstock could be tidied up - rubble deposited when Nunton Farm was developed