

Report to Odstock Parish Council:

Key Issues Identified by Questionnaire Survey

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform Odstock Parish Council of the issues identified by the parish questionnaire survey which are not directly related to housing development. It is proposed that the questionnaire responses and comments submitted by parish residents be considered by the Parish Council, and action taken as appropriate. (Some of the issues raised are already being addressed.)

Roads and Transport

Road repair and maintenance 32 comments

Traffic speed through the parish 25 comments

Parking and obstruction issues 21 comments

Cars parking on the road outside the Odstock nursery creating a dangerous obstruction. (15 comments)

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.

Increase the size of the Shepherds Close car park. (3 comments)

Obstruction/parking issues related to car boot sales in Nunton Field. (2 comments)

Agricultural traffic 18 comments

Agricultural vehicles and grain trucks (particularly on Nunton Drove), causing damage to road surface and grass verges, mud on the road, and noise. (10 comments)

Support for farming activities (6 comments)

The A338 junctions and dual carriageway 14 comments

Need for speed restriction on the dual carriageway

Improve visibility and the safety of right turns onto and off the dual carriageway at the two Nunton exits.

Footpaths 12 comments

Support for a footpath from Nunton/Odstock to the hospital/towards Salisbury. (8 comments)

Support for improved footpaths connecting the villages. (5 comments)

Road junctions 8 comments

Dangerous junctions at Odstock crossroads, and at Shelve Lane/Nunton Drove.

Public transport 6 comments

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

Roads in the parish are too narrow to accommodate cycle tracks. (5 comments)

Road drainage	5 comments
Concerns about poor drainage and flooding at various locations within the parish	
Other comments about roads and transport	5 comments
Create a road link between the hospital and Britford Park and Ride, to reduce traffic passing through the parish. (2 comments)	
Restore the missing village signs	
Create weight restriction on Odstock Bridge	
Parish Amenities	
Village/farm shop/post office	14 comments
Support for a shop/post office. (12 comments)	
Utilities	6 comments
Suggestions for mains sewerage and mains gas.	
Nunton and Odstock Fields	6 comments
Suggestions for greater use of the sports fields: 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
Better/more accessible village hall. (3 comments)	
Extend/improve and make better use of the pavilion on Nunton Field, as a community area/café. (3 comments)	
Churches	4 comments
Support for the two churches. (3 comments)	
Dog fouling	4 comments
Dog faeces left in the playing fields. (4 comments).	
Support 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:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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

Keep footpaths clear of obstruction and well sign-posted. (5 comments)

Support for a path along the River Ebble.

Request for more public footpaths giving access to scenic spots within the parish.

Suggestion to replace stiles with gates on footpath to Vicarage corner.

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 Ebble

One comment that the river Ebble 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

One 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

Two comments opposing industrial sites/business parks.

11 comments

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

This is a great initiative - well done!

8 comments

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