

Sandford-on-Thames

VILLAGE PLAN 2012

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Sandford-on-Thames is a village on the River Thames three miles south of Oxford. Records show that there has been a settlement here since Anglo Saxon times: predominantly a rural, farming community until in 1823 James Swann (of Eynsham) converted the historic grain mill into a paper mill which rapidly provided employment for the bulk of the population. The village continued its welcome to business with the establishment of the Oxford Corporation's sewage works and a brick making business in the late 19th century and then a petrol station and a motor repair garage on the old Nuneham Road (now Henley Road) which was the old stagecoach route to London via Henley.

Hospitality was provided in the 18th century Catherine Wheel inn and then in the mid-19th century The Fox built by James Morrell to sell his beer and provide relaxation for his farm workers. The third public house in the village is the King's Arms beside the lock.

Today the population stands at about 1300 (2001 census), The Fox is now a private residence, the King's Arms is the property of a national chain and only the Catherine Wheel remains relatively unscathed. There is now a large and successful modern hotel (part of the Four Pillars Group) built on the site of the historic Manor Farm (which became the headquarters of the Cowley Knights Templar in the 13th century). A new, specialist residential home for people with Alzheimer's has just opened, courtesy of the highly regarded Vale House Alzheimer's organisation on the site of the Orchard House Home and a new Science Park and the Kassam Football Stadium and leisure complex stand on the old brickfields.

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1 PURPOSE OF THE VILLAGE PLAN

The first Sandford-on-Thames Village Plan was drafted in December 2004 and was intended to cover the period 2005 – 2009. It was produced in response to the proposal of the then County Council in its draft Structure Plan to build in excess of 3,000 houses in the parish 'south of Grenoble Road'. The Plan was published to show what Sandford residents liked about their village and how they would like to see it develop.

In 2010 the Parish Council needed to look at what had been achieved to date and to consult residents to see whether they would contribute to a new Plan which would help develop the village as a community and help the Parish Council when making decisions relating to village affairs.

Key requirements were to:

- Identify what people value most and least in the village and parish
- Provide opportunity for all to contribute their ideas
- Reflect the views and opinions of all sections on all topics
- Prepare an action plan for developments and initiatives
- Provide direction for future thinking about village matters

2 INITIATING THE PROCESS

Analysis of affairs dealt with by the parish council over the previous 18 months was reviewed. Local issues which had arisen, and matters which were helping to build a better community and which were important to the residents were identified. It was agreed to seek up-to-date views from around the village and work with others to help draw up a new plan. This process was a major initiative, involving a lot of people throughout the village during 2011/12. It has provided the basis for preparing this new vision and plan.

3 ORCC GUIDANCE

It was important that the plan be researched, produced and accepted in a format recognised by both the community of Sandford and by the authorities, thus giving it weight and authority as a vehicle for future planning. The Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council (ORCC) gave advice and guidance and their 'The Nine Step Process' was adopted.

4 GAINING SUPPORT AND VIEWS

Initially a group of volunteers from different areas of the village met in May 2011 to consider the process and timescale. This resulted in publicising a public 'Ideas' meeting in the village hall, for all residents to attend and hear about the project and express views. At the meeting the ORCC explained how to approach the planning and what considerations the residents of Sandford-on-Thames might want to offer. The participants provided a large amount of information and ideas to form the basis of the plan.

Also other opportunities were provided for village residents to contribute their views.

1 A leaflet drop was made to all residences in the village.
2 A stall manned with volunteers and questionnaires was present at the annual village fete in July 2011.
3 A second 'Ideas and Views' event was held at a 'stall' in November 2011 at the weekly Saturday Market in the village hall.
4 Throughout the period informal views were regularly passed to the Village Plan steering group.
5 The proposals for the new Plan have been published in the village 'Link' magazine.
6 Summary questionnaires were provided to all residences for acceptance of actions

5 STEERING GROUP

This key group was formed from volunteers who attended the open meetings/events. After the third steering group meeting it was agreed that it should be 'flexible' so that members could step back if necessary and new members could join. In this way the ideas and skills available increased. It was also agreed to respond to immediate requests for new ideas within the village, even whilst the plan was being developed. The group provided a forum which was open to new ideas for community improvement whilst concurrently developing the plan. It was hoped that any new community activities being set in motion would help shape the plan.

Several key community groups were represented during the process, which were:

- The Parish Council
- The Village Hall Management Committee
- St. Andrew's Church
- The 'Talking Shop' Community Group

Outside help was provided by the ORCC - with some informal help from SODC.

6 INFORMATION GATHERING RESULTS

The following charts are based on information collected from the consultation events and show a breakdown of contributors by location and age.

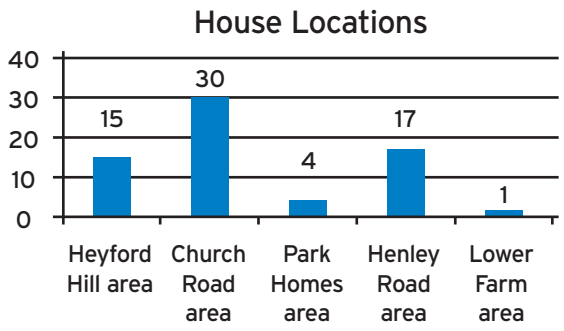


Chart 1 Responses by location in village

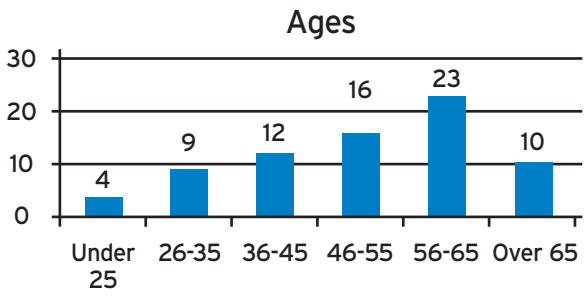


Chart 2 Responses by age range of respondents

The ideas and views have been grouped under headings used at the public meetings, namely:-

Community
Roads, Traffic and Transport
Environment
Recreation and Leisure
Health and Facilities
Crime and Community Safety
Business and Economy
Housing and Planning

These groups are listed in order of the total number of 'comments' for each category which gives an indication of the amount of interest in each.

The ideas and views expressed are categorised in the same way as used at the meetings

The top three in each category are as follows:	No of Views
Like	
Village Shop/Saturday Market	43
The river	23
Rural location	25
Dislike	
Speeding on Church Road and Henley Road	30
Poor playground equipment	13
Condition of pavements	10
Suggestions	
Better bus service	24
Traffic calming by Four Pillars	6
Expand Village Hall and make it more of a community centre	9

The following main themes are evident:

a. There is a positive feeling about the presence of a Sandford community with a desire to improve this, plus ideas for community activities. The Saturday Market/Cafe is greatly appreciated and is increasingly becoming a regular meeting place for Sandford residents and for visitors from nearby villages.
b. The greatest concern was traffic movement, quantity and speed, mostly on the Henley road.
c. The Village's rural and river environment is greatly appreciated.
d. There was a desire for a better bus service.
e. Despite some of the problems they bring, people like the pubs.

Full details of the consultation exercise are included for reference in Appendix A and show both the number of topics which were mentioned in each category and the number of views expressed. The summary for each category is as follows:

CATEGORY	**No. of topics**	**No. of views**
Community	25	158
Roads, Traffic, Transport	28	121
Environment	25	120
Recreation and Leisure	17	55
Health and Facilities	10	14
Crime and Community Safety	12	13
Business and Economy	4	9
Housing	4	6
TOTALS	125	496

A total of 125 individual topics were mentioned from the survey, which have been divided into the eight categories. Overall the topics were mentioned a total of 496 times by those villagers who contributed to the consultation. This provides the basis for the subsequent planning.

7 PRIORITIES FOR ACTION IDENTIFIED

7.1 COMMUNITY

It is important that priorities and actions be set out so that when addressed will actually support the expressed wishes of residents. The physical shape of Sandford is marked by groups of housing separated by busy roads. Five differing housing locations have been identified and following boundary changes in the 1990's the population more than doubling with residents in the outlying locations having longish walks to reach the perceived centre, which is the village hall. There is now no school; the 1990's boundary changes and the closure of the village shop, plus the daily exodus of working parents in families have made maintaining a village community identity more problematic. The survey has shown that there is still a strong, expressed desire for the benefits of community.



Jubillee lunch on village rec with St Andrew's Church in background



St Andrew's Church, consecration of the new burial ground and planting of an oak tree

And so the first priority for action will be to investigate ways of strengthening these benefits and developing Sandford as a community with a strong physical 'heart'. During the last year or two there have been some community initiatives which are beginning to re-awaken a sense of village community. For instance in early 2011 a small and energetic group of people started a weekly not for profit market and café in the village hall as a precursor to developing a community shop in the village. This is flourishing

By developing a stronger and more cohesive community, greater weight of opinion will be generated to support the Parish Council when it negotiates with the statutory authorities on highways, planning and environmental matters.

ACTION 1: Develop the village hall site into a centre capable of serving multiple users designed to be as sustainable (in energy terms) as possible with improved facilities suitable for existing and new, local users and designed to accommodate the Market and Café.
With an improved hall serving multiple users the village would have greater foundations for community building - local groups would have a place to meet - new groups might set up - thus bringing people together and increasing opportunities for community - as shown to be greatly valued in the surveys.

7.2 ROADS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

Over the years the main complaints frequently brought to the attention of the Parish Council by parishioners have related to highways matters. Particularly volume and speed of traffic and the poor state of repair of roads and pavements.



Rock Farm Lane from Henley Road



Heyford Hill Lane

Thoughtful and successful development of the hall could enable it to become the 'centre' of the village, changing movement through and in the village (i.e. pedestrian, cycle and car) and providing a basis and an appetite for imaginatively rethinking traffic management - in particular along Henley Road and Church Road (key issues for residents surveyed). For example community groups could then start on village led road design with 'Sustrans' to create 'liveable streets' and resolve some of the problems.

ACTION 1: Continue negotiating with the highways authority and the police to reduce the high number of speeding vehicles along village roads which are seen as being anti social, worrying for residents and pedestrians and create an unsafe road environment in the heart of the village. Continue lobbying for speed restricting features at key points along the roads.

ACTION 2: Devise and implement a plan that will restrict the high level of parking on roadsides and verges, particularly the Henley Road. This will involve community co-operation

ACTION 3: Address the problem of very poor condition of some footpaths, road surfaces. The poorly maintained footpaths are dangerous for pedestrians and discourage people from walking. Well maintained public areas help in sustaining a pride in the environment and encourage proper use.

ACTION 4: Continue lobbying for a good and reliable bus service, including at evenings and weekends when it is difficult to get back to the village. Encourage local people to use the existing service which will provide an incentive for the operators to improve the service and will help to reduce car journeys.

7.3 ENVIRONMENT

The survey confirmed that the quality of the natural environment is a matter of considerable importance to Sandford residents. The presence of the river and the local 'green' areas of countryside are of prime importance to many people and the opening in May 2011 of the Oxford Preservation Trust's wetland area to the public has proved to be very popular and encouraged local walking.



Heyford Meadow Nature Reserve



Geese on the river by the Four Pillars

Also a group has formed (Sandford Hydro CIC) to develop a scheme for generating electricity sustainably at the large weir on the Thames and this has started an interest in sustainability which it is hoped to build on. An emphasis on sustainability (something shared by the weir project and The Talking Shop project) and energy saving would create a momentum for safeguarding and improving the environmental aspects of the village demonstrated by the surveys to be prized by residents.

ACTION 1: Develop the visual appearance of the village hall as a village centre with improved landscaping possibly in conjunction with the Four Pillars Hotel and include the whole of that area on both sides of the road to give a sense of value and importance.

ACTION 2: Investigate the potential for development of unused green areas of the village as community wood, community orchard, wild life areas etc. with the view to encouraging interest in the natural world and walking.

ACTION 3: Promote with other groups and businesses the continued use and good upkeep of the river and its immediate surrounds, walkways and meadows including the problem of litter dropping and fly tipping.

ACTION 4: Give support to larger environmental schemes such as hydropower, solar panels and energy saving to improve the carbon footprint of the village/parish and create a 'green' identity for the village.

7.4 RECREATION AND LEISURE

The responses from the consultation focussed mainly on the village hall, the pubs and recreation facilities. There was recognition of limited opportunity for some and this was a priority category for many respondents. In addition to the survey many comments have been made about the village by visitors staying at the Four Pillars Hotel which offers a potential for improved tourists levels if the village locality can respond to their ideas.

ACTION 1: Make the village hall a main centre for activities, events and recreation in the village by encouraging its flexible development.

ACTION 2: Make sure the various play and recreation open spaces are kept in good condition and are attractive for young people and families to want to use

ACTION 3: Work on schemes that will help to keep the pubs open and make them a greater part of the community in recognition of their great importance to the village.



Children playing in the Rec



Dressing up at the Jubilee lunch

7.5 HEALTH AND FACILITIES

There was a limited amount of response to this subject, mostly related to lack of facilities and opportunity to encourage generally better health and well-being.

ACTION 1: Recognise the benefits of the village hall being used for healthy activity and leisure pursuits and develop the potential to create a drop-in facility for a range of health and related matters, particularly for young and older residents. Encourage walking for enjoyment and safer cycling particularly along Sandford Road and Henley Road.

7.6 CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

This appeared as a low priority due probably to the current low level of crime and social problems as expressed in regular police reports and PCSO visits.

ACTION 1: Maintain effective liaison with the police and ensure an adequate police presence to keep or improve the low levels of criminal and anti-social activity.

7.7 BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

This received a low level of response, indicating limited interest in the village which perhaps fails to acknowledge the contribution businesses make to the village community.

ACTION 1: Actively promote the good businesses that work in and/or are located in the parish and encourage the village community to use them and thereby help sustain them.

ACTION 2: Village groups to maintain good and effective relations with all the businesses and encourage business involvement in village activities and events.

7.8 HOUSING AND PLANNING

This category caused little interest at the consultation stage. Sandford is a village in the Oxford Green Belt and therefore subject to stringent planning restrictions but there is still the on-going threat of major development on the parish land south of Grenoble Road, which was not welcomed prior to preparation of the last Plan. A development of such large scale would occupy the major part of that parish land and lead to great - and possibly irresistible - pressure for boundary change to include Sandford within Oxford City.

Over the past 20 years or so the main, larger housing developments in the village have been in Rock Farm Lane and Heyford Hill Lane after the latter was put into Sandford at the boundary change made when Greater Leys was built in the north eastern part of the Sandford parish. SODC has generally supported Sandford well in planning matters.



Burra Close



Main Avenue – Park Homes

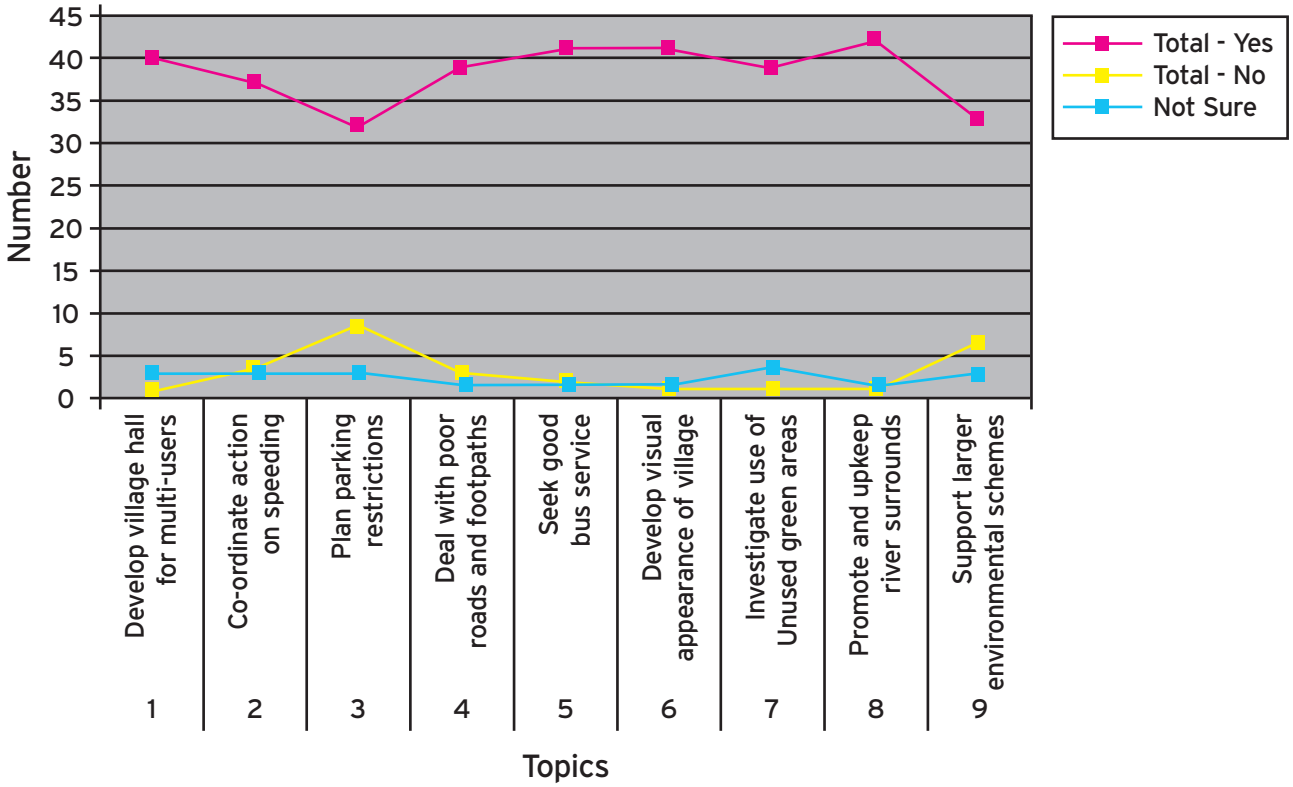
ACTION 1: Continue liaising with SODC in planning matters and welcome some 'affordable' housing should a suitable site become available.

8 THE FINAL SAY

As a last step before preparing the final plan a further questionnaire was delivered to all households giving a summary of the main outcomes of all the previous consultation and asking whether the outcomes which were been summarised and which would form the basis of the plan were supported or not. The overwhelming response from this final consultation was a resounding 'yes'. As a result the planning group knew that the plan could be finalised and made ready for publication and launch.

A chart showing the final responses is shown below and full details of views given, warts and all, are shown in Appendix B

Responses to Village Questionnaire



9 SUMMARY

The preparation of the Plan has involved people from all parts of Sandford giving time and energy and working with officials from ORCC and South Oxfordshire. It is hoped that we will have started a process of working together and co-operating between the various groups who live in the village and that good things will flow from this. We repeat here the vision of the Sandford-on-Thames Parish Plan:

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9.1: RESOURCES AND FUNDING

The actions outlined above will need resourcing. In particular, major resources of funding, people and skills will be needed to develop the village hall, which would be the cornerstone to much of the plan that can be achieved. The Parish Council has already set aside some funds for this and applications for grant funding will have to take place when the project reaches the planning permission stage. Fund raising in the community will have to contribute and it is expected this will build interest and community spirit. All this will rely on business and funding application skills and experience, plus sound project management.

ACTION 1: Seek interested people to form the Village Hall Development project team, ideally with project management, business and funding application skills.

ACTION 2: Keep all non-village hall related actions in view and seek to properly liaise, fund and action these as circumstances and resources allow.

9.2: IMPLEMENTATION

When agreed and published the plan will form a basis for decision making in all the areas covered in that is has been formulated in accordance with approved methods and under the guidance of the appropriate authority, the ORCC. The implementation will need to be guided by the main groups in the village and will require regular communication and co-operation. The parish council will monitor progress through its normal monthly meetings. If funding applications are successful these too will need to be properly implemented and progress tracked and reported.

ACTION 1: Agree a formal launch date for introducing the plan and hold a meeting for villagers/residents to discuss the plan and help set out a framework for its implementation.

9.3: REVIEW

The adopted Parish Plan should be reviewed at intervals and progress noted and publicised. If changes to the plan are required to keep abreast of local needs these should be agreed at properly constituted meetings and decisions noted accordingly.

ACTION 1: Agree a process for review and reporting progress



River View from across the river



The Kings Arms and Sandford Lock

10 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The grateful thanks of the Steering Group are offered to all who have contributed to the consultation and development of the plan and, in advance, to those who will bring the plan and vision for Sandford-on-Thames to fruition over the coming years.

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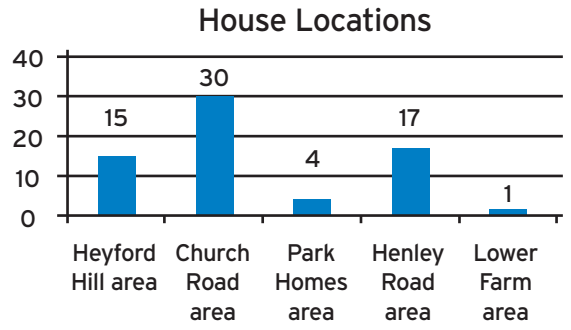
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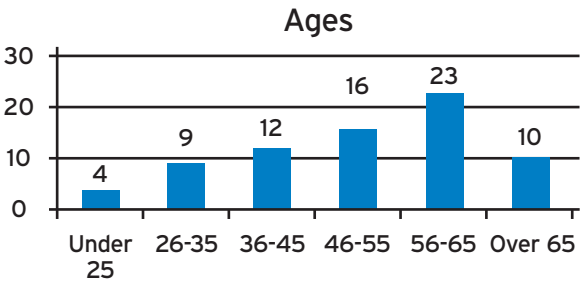
DATA ANALYSIS

Sandford-on-Thames

Attendee house-locations	Total
Heyford Hill area	15
Church Road area	30
Park Homes area	4
Henley Road area	17
Lower Farm area	1

Age Range	Total
Under 25	4
26-35	9
36-45	12
46-55	16
56-65	23
Over 65	10





	Community	Total
J	Village Shop/Saturday Market	43
J	Friendly community	14
J	Bob Morgan (and Pru and Liz)	13
J	Community spirit	13
?	Keep the pubs open	11
?	More community events	11
J	The Church	7
J	Use of the Village Hall	7
J	The 4 Pillars	6
?	Increase shop/café opening	5
?	More community activities, to include children	4
J	The Link	4
J	Good mixture of people	4
L	No "centre" feel to Village	3
L	Flower beds	2
J	Choir	2
J	Churchyard	1
?	Consider joint projects with Littlemore	1
?	Make better use of local businesses (eg building trades)	1
?	Skills exchange	1
?	Monthly Sunday Lunch for old and young in Village Hall	1
?	How do Park Homes join in?	1
?	Youth club	1
?	Increase power of Parish Council	1
?	Adopt St George's Park	1
	Totals:	**158**

	Roads, Traffic and Transport	Total
L	Speeding on Church/Henley Road	30
?	Better bus service	27
L	Condition of pavements	9
L	Too much traffic	6
L	Potholes	6
?	Traffic calming by Four Pillars	6
L	Church Road parking	4
L	Car sales on Henley Road	3
L	Parking on verges	3
L	Parking generally	3
?	Bridge over River from Heyford Hill Lane	3
L	Henley Road parking	2
L	Street-lighting on Henley Road	2
L	Parking on Oxford United match days	2
?	Road-sweeping for side-roads	2
L	Traffic lights not mini-roundabout in Henley Road	1
L	General appearance of Henley Road	1
?	Safe crossing for children on Henley Road	1
?	Speed bumps on side roads	1
?	Mirror for traffic avoidance on Church Road	1
?	More drop-kerbs for wheelchairs etc	1
?	Limit weight of lorries	1
?	Make Armitage Road open both ends	1
?	Permit parking system	1
?	Pedestrian crossing near Recreation Ground	1
?	20 mph speed limit	1
	Roundabout at Church/Henley junction	1
	Traffic wardens to visit	1
	Totals	**121**

APPENDIX A

DATA ANALYSIS

Sandford-on-Thames

Recreation and Leisure		Total
L	Poor playground equipment	12
J	Kings Arms	5
J	River Run	5
?	Proposed Activities:	3
J	Quiz Nights	2
?	The Recreation Ground	2
L	Recreation facilities for children	2
?	Make local pub part of the community	1
?	Kids football team	1
?	Bridge club	1
?	Sewing/craft group	1
?	Cookery group	1
?	Gardening club	1
Totals:		**55**

Business and Economy		Total
J	Local Garage	4
?	Faster Broadband	3
L	Not much local employment	1
?	Networking opportunities for people who work from home	1
Totals:		**9**

Housing		Total
L	Lack of affordable housing	2
?	Protect the green belt	2
?	No more intrusive housing development - buy land to prevent it	1
?	Don't be NIMBYs	1
Totals:		**6**

Crime and Community Safety		Total
L	Lack of police presence	4
L	Dog fouling	2
?	Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	2
L	Road safety	1
L	Dangerous dogs on leads	1
L	Petty crime	1
?	Get police cover from Littlemore	1
?	Get police cover from Cowley	1
Totals:		**13**

Health and Facilities		Total
L	Lack of after-school activities for children	3
J	Vale House	2
?	What healthcare?	2
J	Greater Leys GPs and Health Centre	1
L	No local hub or meeting point	1
L	Lack of doctor's surgery	1
?	Put Village Hall and playground together	1
?	Check how older people manage	1
?	Invest in the Village for younger people	1
?	Drop-in centre	1
Totals:		**14**

Environment		Total
J	Rural location	25
J	The river	23
J	Close to Oxford	11
L	Noise from the river-discos	10
J	The meadows	8
J	Oxford Preservation Trust involvement	6
L	The King's Arms	6
L	Dog mess	5
L	Litter	3
?	Litter picking, to involve children	3
L	A local school	2
J	Path from Broadhurst Gardens to main road	1
L	Motor cycles from Kennington	1
L	Noise from the Four Pillars	1
L	Fly tipping	1
L	Noise from the Four Pillars	1
L	Availability of grit boxes/grit	1
?	Recycling facility	1
?	Repaint the railings around the playground	1
?	Hydropower scheme	1
?	Solar panels on the Village Hall	1
?	Cut back overgrown hedges on Church Road	1
?	More plants in the plant-boxes	1
?	Remove telephone box at head of Church Rd	1
Totals:		**118**

APPENDIX B

QUESTIONNAIRE

Sandford-on-Thames

SANDFORD-ON-THAMES VILLAGE PLAN - ANALYSIS OF QUESTIONNAIRES

No. of Questionnaires returned:42

Question	Subject	Total Ys	Total Nos	Not Sure
1	Develop village hall for multi-users	40	0	2
2	Co-ordinate action on speeding	37	3	2
3	Plan parking restriction	32	8	2
4	Deal with poor roads and footpaths	39	2	1
5	Seek good bus service	41	1	0
6	Develop visual appearance of village	41	0	1
7	Investigate use of unused green areas	39	0	3
8	Promote and upkeep river surrounds	42	0	0
9	Support larger environmental shcemes	33	6	2
	Totals	344	20	13
	Percentage	91%	5%	3%

	LOCATION				APPROVE/DISAPROVE OF ACTION								
No.	Heyford Hill	Rock Farm	Henley/Church	Park Homes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	/				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	/				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3	/				Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
4		/			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5	/				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
6	/				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
7	/				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y/N
8					Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	?	Y	Y
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42			/		Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Keep the village dog friendly.

Plant more trees and consider noise and pollution reduction devices along the road banking behind Keene Close due to very high traffic noise and pollution.

The pavements from HHL towards the village are very dangerous, narrow and uneven. I have nearly tipped my 6mth old baby into the road after hitting pot holes. Improve this so that we can all walk safely to the village. The pavements are also very low and could be easily mounted. The curbs at theFour Pillars entrance are a nightmare with a pushchair.

It seems to me that speeding cars are a problem in HHL, a road in which families with young children live and often are at play. Too easy for a child to run in the road for a ball.

This is very important. I am a deaf person who cannot phone for taxis and rely on buses

Not if this means yellow lines around the village or to make it difficult for residents to park outside their homes: ?= Would not want to see everything formalised!

Please please no more traffic calming humps and obstacles - enough is enough. The road between Littlemore and Sandford (centre) could hardly be called 'built up' urban and 30-40 mph is a safe speed here. Limits of 20mph need to be enforced in Church Road which is residential and dangerous.

The two water meadow enhancements (off HHL) are super! All are doing an amazing job! The priorities are surely right and comprehensive. The market is great. Astonishing actually!

Serious considerattion needed to improving footpath between HHL and Four Pillars. It is narrow, full of potholes and dips and encroaching verges. This with speeding traffic makes it very uncomfortable and potentially dangerous, especially for older residents and mums with children. It makes it difficult to feel integrated into Sandford village itself.

Woffle! Platitudinous! Cars are not anti-social! How (to restrict parking)? Really! Even distribution of timetables (for buses); Window dressing (village hall); Details? (orchards etc); Need greater penalties for fly-tipping! (Finally, on environmental schemes) Pseudo-scientific hokum!

I am in favour of reducing speed but not by over-use of chicanes as in Littlemore. These make it difficult to get around at certain times and also push cyclists into the path of oncoming traffic.

We need salt bins in Broadhurst Gardens and have asked previously. This is more important that the Green identity of the village!

Large environmental 'green' schemes are good in principle but not a priority when there are more vital issues such as road safety/traffic calmimg, potholes, (poor) footpaths etc. HHL needs traffic calming urgently, before someone is seriously hurt!

Parking not a problem; (restrictions) not needed; (they would be) burdensome!

Potholes in the road need better repair. Limiting parking could affect visitors to the area!

Get a Zebra/Pelican crossing on Henley Road (near the Fox PH?)

Good luck with this!

But this will have an impact on traffic and parking; N = Definitely NOT - this produces an ugly eyesore environment! N = This would have to include Church road too and this would affect park-ing for church services etc. We have to accept that cars are a major part of society.

The proposed actions are very broad in nature and we would hope the final consultation document will break these down. E.g. we do not agree with the hydropower proposal but would agree with at least important to stimulate groups to use the (village hall) facility as to provide the facility itself!

Cycling is dangerous on Henley Road - lots of potholes and often a lot of loose grit in the gutter. Many cars do not leave cycling green area free at traffic lights.

1) Ban the sale of cars on Henley Road 2) Ask BT to repair or remove the phone box at Church Rd and Henley Rd junction.

Repair the main road through Sandford for the benefit of cyclists, for whom the very poor surface is a hazard. I have come off my bike as a result and sustained a broken wrist (Nov 2010)



Vanity on a frosty morning. Photo: Ian Roxburgh

Keep the verges on both sides of the (Henley) road near the village hall and alongside the green and exit to by-pass as natural as possible. Some native shrubs and flowers which require minimum maintenance could be planted e.g. whitethorn hawthorn, valerian, cowslip, bluebell, campion, cornflower etc. See www.floralocale.org and www.wildlifetrusts.org; wildflower shop.co.uk

It would be great to create/promote existing pedestrian routes through the village to join up the different residential areas. Nurturing community wild spaces and green areas would bring people together and strengthen the village community.

The 'Talking Shop' project should have its own space; it would add enormous value to the (village) hall site and enable things already achieved to be built on for the long term. Playground in the rec should be developed with an overall design in mind.

The playpark needs improving but with an overall 'grand plan' in mind so that the result is tasteful and inviting, rather than 'bitty'. It would help to spend time looking at other good parks and getting details of manufacturers. There are some amazing parks which have been well thought through. The market & café have had an amazing, positive impact on the village. A permanent seating area inside and outside would be great, opening onto the green (rec?) could use these for travel to and from Oxford.

Try to get the Reading buses (X39 and X40) to stop at Sandford on Thames so that residents

Pavements are too dangerous for elderly or people with push chairs

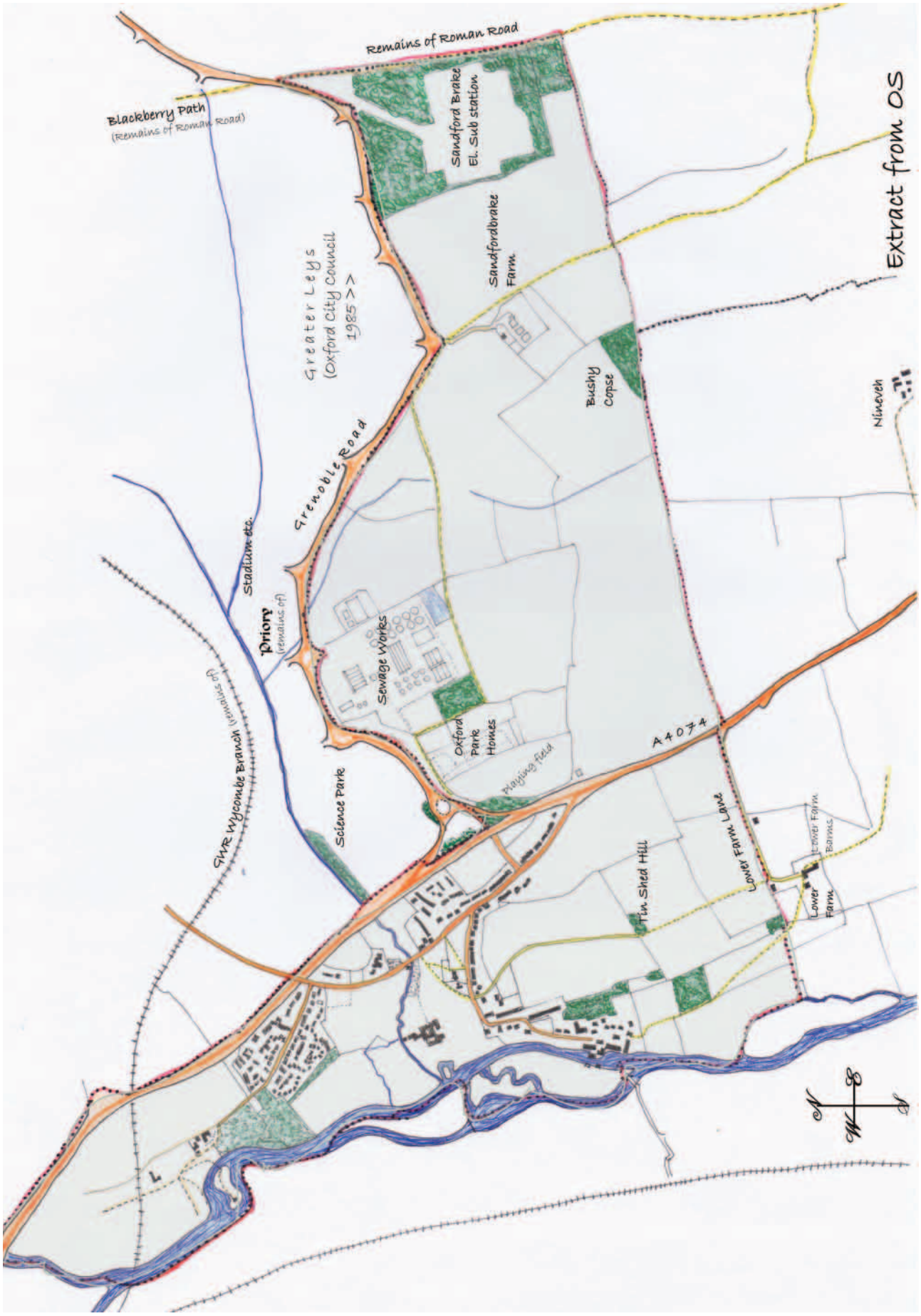
Please do something about the overhanging trees on the unnamed exit road from the Park Homes

Would like a daytime lunch club in the village hall one day



Village Hall

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Remains of Roman Road
Blackberry Path
(Remains of Roman Road)
Sandford Brake
El. Sub station
Sandfordbrake Farm
Greater Leys
(Oxford City Council
1985 >>
Bushy Copse
Nineveh
Grenoble Road
Stadium etc.
Priory
(remains of)
Sewage Works
Oxford Park Homes
Playing Field
A4074
Science Park
GWR Wycombe Branch (remains of)
Tin Shed Hill
Lower Farm Lane
Lower Farm
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