

## Rotherfield Peppard Community Plan Adults Comments

Comments from 315 residents – in no particular order

### Wishes/Likes

- **Stoke Row Road/Gallowtree Road crossroads carpark**
  - Could be improved by keeping grass and plants /flowers better maintained around the tarmac
  - This is a drop off/collect point for children. A secure bike rack would encourage use
  - Only used when refuse collection van parked there
  - Should be properly resurfaced/planted in keeping with the area x8
  - Potholes give the impression the area is run down. Does not require tarmac but must be repaired
  - Would look like a proper carpark if levelled and tarmac-ed x7
  - Should be screened with trees /hedge/fence
  - Vital for park and bus x3
  - Is an eyesore with litter and unkempt x3
  - This is a waste of space and an eyesore – like to see a better use
  - Could put up sign showing footpaths
  - Should be returned to grass x2
  - As it is Common land it should be left as it is
  - Please do not fill it in as you have with 2 other laybys they are useful parking areas for access to the Commons – why does the Parish Council have a fixation about these areas
  - Left hand side pull in should be grassed to prevent parking
- **Carlings Orchard**
  - Tree maintenance and more daffodil planting required
  - Could be educational area with name plaques butterfly corner stepping stones jungle zone – children love this
  - It should have a bridleway through it
- **Buses**
  - Why can't 2/2A stop near the Red Lion x5
  - Would love more frequent bus service to Henley during the day x8
  - A public bus to Oxford x4
  - Bus stop wanted near old Grouse and Claret x2
  - Bus to Goring Streatly
  - Being disabled it is too far to walk to Reading Road it was better when you could get on at Beech Rise
  - Buses need to run to local villages and later at night
  - More direct route to the Oracle at Reading needed
  - Would use buses to Reading if there was somewhere to park in Rotherfield Peppard

- Need buses to Stoke Row Kingwood Reading
- Cannot identify bus departure point in Reading
- Better bus service to/from Reading in evening x3
- Proximity to bus into Reading and Henley (?)
- **Dog Bins**
  - Another dog bin by Kingwood Common entrance
  - More bins required at relevant points eg Church Pavilion etc
  - Need more with a supply of bags as in Millennium Field Sonning Common
- **Young people**
  - More should join walking/cycling/running groups
  - There isn't much to do for older children in and around 10 – 15 years but not sure that they might utilise in a responsible manner – perhaps club/music/dance/chill zone/movies
  - Skate park
  - Need more activities
- **Development**
  - Enforcement of Planning requirements is very important - County Council seems reluctant to do this
  - Only limited amount of building on Greenfield sites should be allowed
  - Hugely important to keep 'rural nature' x2
  - Love the area and would hate to see it change dramatically due to development of houses etc x2
  - Opening up Building regulations and other plans will diminish the areas appeal
  - Suggest fenced area to exercise dogs on Common
  - Please fight to keep Peppard rural we are on vulnerable edge of AONB and do not ant to join up with Sonning Common
- **Commons**
  - Keep Commons open ie balance of well maintained woods and open glades
  - The woodlands are amazing and I love to the fact they are open and not fenced in
  - I feel that it is very important that the Commons are maintained and accessible to all
  - Can the area around the sports field be cleared of brambles holly etc to give a pleasing open vista
  - So as to enhance biodiversity I support the Conservators plans to erect a temporary ring fence
  - I have confidence that RP Community are sensitive to the protection of the Common lands and opportunities to encourage nature and wildlife. This is important to me
  - I wasn't aware that Kingwood Common had public land
- **Advertising Boards**
  - Modern commonsense approach needed by local council re advertising signs and planning applications

- Local businesses should be allowed to advertise on village noticeboards – need all the help they can get
- Only local advertising signs should be allowed
- Short term notices for events should be allowed but not adverts for pubs or businesses
- Remove advertising signs especially those attached to traffic signs
- Remove the large permanent signs on B481 advertising Dog (Greys Green) Golf Course
- Within reason they should be removed
- Why does Council not licence A boards for local businesses – this would support Peppard as a brand and raise some income. A universal board /style would be neater
- **Play Area**
  - Mini playground for Mums with small children with car parking
  - A play area with separate places for toddlers and teenagers is very important x2
  - A play area for children is needed would benefit from a larger park (Play area?)
  - Play area for children essential
- **Roads and Footpaths**
  - Kerbs and gutters need to be kept clean and weed free
  - Parking in front of Sonning Common (Stoke Row Road) shops is a problem – could a lay by be provided
  - Cycle lane could be introduced x2
  - Zebra crossing required on B481
  - Need to reinstate ‘Kingwood Common’ place name sign on Stoke Row Road x2
  - Footpath between Blounts Court Road and Peppard Road has never been maintained and is dangerous
  - Roads are unacceptably bad the PC should keep pressure on OCC and their Councillors to sort out x2
  - Crossroads near Pet Barn needs to be cut back for better visibility
  - Road signs need updating
  - Access to Peppard Wood needs to be buggy friendly – it’s a great place for children
  - Would like a mirror on corner in Colmore Lane which is very dangerous
  - Corner on Colliers Lane is very dangerous – the road needs widening
  - I would like to see double yellow lines around Co-op and shops on Peppard Road
  - Visibility at Gallowtree/ Stoke row Road crossroads needs improving to stop accidents
  - Please do something about the dangerous parking by parents outside the school
- I do appreciate the people who go around picking up litter
- We have only just moved to the area and consider ourselves exceptionally fortunate – it’s quiet clean friendly with lots of facilities and wonderful countryside
- Rotherfield Peppard is a lovely area with good access to 2 large towns and many smaller ones
- Peppard has been a wonderful place to grow up
- No full list of TPO’s in Parish is available to public – SODC website only gives information for single property
- I want the future of Sonning Common Library secured

- Planting of more native trees where space allows ie oak/ash/lime/beech - not small garden trees
- Wyfold Wood needs some management
- Memorial Hall needs more efficient friendly booking facility
- Would like to see private airfields encourage more responsible flying (no stunts/aerobatics) and contribute to local area whose inhabitants they inconvenience
- Village Notice Boards could be smartened up
- Need fibre optic cabling for high speed broadband – it is in nearby towns
- Very pleased with waste collection service would not want to see return to weekly
- Could we have exercise points around Sports field?
- A lovely coffee shop to act as a hub
- Peppard is a lovely place to live in beautiful walks a good bus service and decent pub and the cricket and football ground. To sum we are privileged to live in such a good place
- Occasionally the Parish Councillors should tour the area noting SODC deficiencies
- I was initially disappointed when Peppard Chest Hospital was developed but it has blended in well. It's a pleasure to walk through the orchard to Peppard Woods both maintained very well
- Bridleways and tracks across Commons provide a good facility for mountain bikes as well as for horses
- Peppard Relief in Need is a charity providing a useful service – not everyone is rich
- Memorial Hall should be used for live gigs by local bands
- Notice board at pathway to Old Copse in Shiplake Bottom
- Small block of 1 bed starter homes for locals
- Need cost effective housing
- Hope to see Pavilion used as a pre-school
- There is nowhere for teenagers to go
- Would like to see more events/classes for the less active but alert oldies

### **Dislikes/ Do not want**

- **Roads and Footpaths**
  - Some pavements are very overgrown with weeds nettles and other people plants which grow under the fence. Sometimes you have to walk in the road to avoid them and this is dangerous x4
  - There are lots of heavy vehicles using Gypsy Lane which does not help the problem potholes
  - Unicorn junction is extremely dangerous – No Entry should be made mandatory x3
  - Footpath 13 is overgrown due to house owners hedge
  - Some roadside pavements are blocked by parked cars eg Gallowtree Road
  - Stoke Row/Gallowtree crossroads is very dangerous – have had cars land in our garden – need a roundabout x4
  - Traffic system at the Unicorn is confusing leading to drivers taking a wrong turn
  - Many footpaths are not accessible for push chairs due to stiles/kissing gates

- Stoke Row Road is in poor condition and needs resurfacing from Stevens Lane north
- Not enough was done to clear snow from side roads especially Lime Avenue
- Footpath on Stoke Row Road is so narrow and overgrown it is dangerous
- Road potholes are a danger – why do they take so long to fix?
- Blounts Court Road is unsuitable for HGV traffic x2
- **Commons**
  - We live in close proximity to Kingwood Common and strongly disagree with moves to apply grassing to a part of it. I enjoy it as natural Common land
  - Little visibility of Conservators
  - Conservators should take steps to cull non native Muntjac
  - The Common has been mowed but not the roadside edge which is unsafe as visibility is poor x2
  - There is no footpath beside road on top Peppard Common. This is dangerous
  - Erosion at the edge of Colmore Lane due to increasingly large rubbish trucks is a new kind of ‘encroachment’ on our Common land
  - It is sad to see serious encroachment with no visible action to protect the Commons
- **Speeding traffic**
  - Gypsy Lane
  - B481 x3
  - Need to change attitudes to ‘acceptability’ of speeding
  - Noise of vehicles stops being acceptable above 30mph
  - All the rural roads which were reduced from 50 to 30 should be 40mph
  - Do not increase speed limits which would encourage faster driving
  - Really interested in Speedwatch for Shiplake Bottom
  - Limits totally ignored and no action from police or authorities x4
  - Traffic calming measures needed for Gallowtree Road
  - Size and speed of HGV’s on Stoke Row Road is highly dangerous x2
  - Limit on Stoke Row Road is too low should be increase to 40 and rigorously enforced x2
  - Cars speed along Stoke Row Road we need flashing speed warning /camera/ bumps x3
  - I would support 20mph outside schools and similar danger points
  - Limit on Stoke Row Road should be rigorously enforced x2
  - Traffic calming along is required along Blounts Court Road
  - Speedwatch is a good idea and needed in Blounts Court Road
  - Speed limit on Church Lane should be lowered x2
  - The traffic noise is not a problem for me but I do note that people travel far in excess of 30mph across Peppard common so raising the limit would be unwise
- **Peppard Store**
  - Needs improving but we do not want to loose it x2
  - Is really disappointing – I never go there now but would love a good local store

- **Quiet Lane Signs**
  - Are useless
  - Do not now remove due to cost
- **Telecommunications**
  - I regard low broadband speed as more than just annoying and could drive me away
  - No 3G coverage in most of Wyfold
  - Orange mobile phone coverage is non existent
  - Do not let phone companies put any more masts up – there are plenty in the field behind Shiplake Bottom
  - Talk Mobile works well in Peppard Common but useless in Shiplake Bottom
- **Aircraft**
  - Commercial aircraft noise is an extreme nuisance at 4:30 am during the day okay
  - Traffic and aircraft noise is an unavoidable part of modern life – it is absurd to say that it is unacceptable Question 19/20 would have been better graded 1 to 4
  - Helicopters and aircraft are required to have at least 500ft separation both vertically and horizontally from a structure person or animal except when landing or taking off but it is difficult to identify those who breach the rule
  - Some days commercial aircraft noise is so loud it disrupts everyday life – too many planes fly too low x2
  - Stunt flying is anti social and should be stopped
  - In regards to traffic and aircraft noise it is part of life. I don't think you will be able to ask them not to fly over here!
  - Stunt flying or more correctly aerobatics are needed as part of licence and training for all pilots
- **Development and Planning**
  - I am concerned about planning especially on the north side of Wyfold Lane where the planners were misled
  - Poor housing mix means lower income families are excluded – past Parish Council opposition to affordable housing has not helped
  - There seem to be many heavy industrial activities going on without planning consent
  - Manor Farm is a continual source of frustration to the village
  - Although I agree that TPO's should be enforced they are sometimes placed unnecessarily
  - I agree with the principle of TPO but they can be excessive
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- **School**
  - Peppard is beautiful in an AONB and I am concerned the new school will not be sympathetic to the rural nature if the area Must be a minimum of road signs and markings etc x2
  - There is no need for a bigger school and the proposed location is dangerous
- Refuse collection is hit or miss

- Our MP seems to have no interest in the villages except at election time
- I find SODC and its services appalling the Parish Council should make our needs known more forcibly
- Sports Pavilion looks run down from road side
- I believe a children's playground is unnecessary given we have an abundance of Commons x2
- Some of the wording to the boxes was horrible ie Question 30 'Don't Care' – why not 'No opinion'
- I believe bonfires should only be lit after 6pm
- Less proliferation of poorly maintained farm buildings
- I am not on main sewerage and have no street lights and pay full council tax – other such areas get rebate x2
- We could do without the noise of the leaf blower at All Saints

## General

- **Survey**
  - Best of luck with this
  - Thanks for organising x3
  - Thanks for doing such a good job
  - The survey has been produced very expensively if the quality of paper is anything to go by
  - Congratulations on using this method of getting to know the needs and opinions of residents
  - I can only hope that this questionnaire has been sponsored – its costs should be a concern to a Parish Council that has limited practical powers
  - Many Questions are biased
  - This is a helpful exercise but greater attention needs to be placed on the role of Sonning Common – this is a vibrant centre important to Rotherfield Peppard
  - Rotherfield Peppard is poorly served by facilities and it would have been helpful to ask people to list new ones they would use and support
  - An excellent questionnaire – very comprehensive
  - Completion of these forms took 2 of us 55 minutes because we tried to be fair and give consideration x2
  - Who produced this form?? RP does have a centre – Church Lane with 2 pubs school and Church and it does have Community spirit – Wedding Street party. What more do you want?
  - Our postal address is Peppard Common but we are shown on questionnaire as Stoke Row Road/Shiplake Bottom – why?
- **Volunteers**
  - I would help if I could but at my age my contribution is limited x2
  - No spare time
  - I'm a volunteer already cannot take on any thing else – sorry x2
  - My failure to volunteers is due to old age

- Happy to help with occasional events at Memorial Hall and Pavilion
- When I do not work full time I would consider volunteering for helping eg Common path clearances x2
- I would like to help with community issues eg pathway clearing if regular attendance is not required
- Happy to help with path clearing and Green Gym involves whole family and get to know local people
- **Clubs Societies and other interest Question 14**
  - Should have included Friends of the Common
  - Tuesday night cycling group NB not in RP x2
  - Health walks
  - Question 14 - St Michaels Catholic Church is important to me but was not mentioned NB although it like many other facilities is important to RP residents it is not actually in the Parish
  - Peppard Relief in Need should have been included
  - FISH is a very important local charity and is missing from list NB not in RP x3
  - All the societies you list plus Peppard School are important to me
  - What is Neighbourhood Speedwatch?
  - Societies Q14 should include NDCC Parish Council and All Saints Parochial Church Council
  - Although not a user of local clubs I do appreciate their value to the Community
  - There are no clubs for the older age group like bridge gardening or University of 3<sup>rd</sup> Age
  - What about song/dance evenings on a regular basis
- **Development**
  - District and Parish Council should allow some development and control it instead of losing appeals
  - English Heritage need to be more practical
  - Opening up Building regulations and other plans will diminish the areas appeal
  - Planners take note we must protect our countryside and wild life for the health of the nation
  - While the aims of the school and tennis club are worthy we feel that Peppard is over expanding without the infrastructure to support it
  - Some development is inevitable but should be carefully chosen and low density
  - Planning enforcement is less effective than it should be which risks using the unique character of village
  - The most serious threat to the village is more links to Sonning Common and eventually becoming a suburb of Reading
  - The area around All Saints should be included in the Conservation Area
  - The national designations re development of an area especially an AONB should also respect the opinions of the community who live in them
- Wasn't aware of RPPC website x4
- Why are the Pet Barn and pubs listed as a Club/Society



- I have never received a visit from a District Councillor Minister of faith MP or canvasser
- I understand that Rotherfield United may be evicted to make way for a larger school – this would be a disaster for local children
- Although I do not use the Community facilities I believe they are important especially for families and children
- I moved to this area for the green areas and enjoy seeing the Commons and watching cricket matches
- What if any contingency plans are in place to remove ant ‘travellers’ setting up on Commons or parking areas
- Although an outside play area might be desirable previous Parish Councils have failed to locate a suitable site etc
- I think the Community would benefit from a ‘Village Forum’ website where items could be aired and discussed like in the ‘old days’ over the garden fence
- I like trees but there comes a time when they need cutting back or removal
- The PC should work more closely with Sonning Common PC because it is the facilities at SC which we use x2
- Some larch trees in Old Copse Shiplake Bottom have grown 60ft tall and are a nuisance and a danger and should be removed
- Although we live in Peppard increases in housing in Sonning Common effect the services we use x2
- In general it is felt that the environs of Rotherfield Peppard could be made to look better by tidying up and cutting long grass – if Greys Green can do it so can we
- I don’t use library but those complaining about closure can’t complain if they voted Tory – what did they expect?!
- Fence falling down in Drays Lane and parked cars block access
- Suffered a delay in treating Japanese Knotweed due to possible effect on nearby trees – getting rid of knotweed should have been priority
- Control of Japanese Knotweed and other invasive species is important
- Perhaps Council could use Twitter to disseminate information Henley standard twitter feed is good
- I love living here but how could a village centre be created I wonder
- I would like to hear about any facilities for teenagers apart from Chiltern Edge Youth Club
- I have not been aware of very many village events – did the village party for the Royal Wedding take place?
- Our rates are spent elsewhere in the District
- I am not concerned about litter and fly tipping but would be if it started to happen
- The key to reducing fly tipping is good well publicised free waste disposal facilities
- Employment Status Question does not allow for volunteer work. I am retired and spend many hours each day on voluntary work
- Can the Parish Council encourage the use of Brown Bins to reduce bonfires
- All Parish Council facilities should be made widely available for use by the public
- The local businesses pubs/shops etc need to support or the area will become an isolated cluster of housing

- Clearing up verges and litter would improve the area
- Library use would be improved if a small coffee shop run by volunteers could be included
- Need for affordable housing so that second generation families can remain in village
- The telephone box by the Unicorn is an eyesore and has been vandalised many times
- More Community events in Stoke Row Road area – nothing for Royal Wedding
- We pay for private education as Peppard school is so run down
- Vandalism/crime affects the whole Community – I don't feel it is a problem here but don't want to see it
- Church half empty every Sunday
- Woodland Trust provide planting packs – why not create a new wood
- Due to where we live we use Stoke Row facilities
- I do not think that Peppard has a great community spirit – could be improved by a better age mix shop etc
- Maintenance of Church grounds should be limited to certain times and too many power tools are used
- Why can't gas companies bring gas to Church Lane at a reasonable cost it means our energy costs of 4 times higher x2
- This village needs to encourage more young people into the community – where is our life blood?
- I take part in CCA charity shop – recycling scheme in SC – perhaps Peppard could have swop days
- Keep records for RSPB once a year Big Count – in my garden only
- BBC local news on Radio Oxford and Radio Berkshire is a key source for local news travel and weather – was very relevant during snow