

Odd Rode Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan

Household Questionnaire 2017

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Executive Summary

Chapter 1:

The response to the residents' survey confirms what is also apparent from the 2011 Census that within Odd Rode Parish there are proportionately more people aged 46 and over than within the local authority of which Odd Rode is a part.

The average household size (no of persons per household) is smaller within the parish than within the local authority and is particularly small within the Scholar Green area.

It is also apparent that the response to the survey is greater within the older age groups than within the younger age groups.

The average length of residence of respondents' to the survey is just over 25 years with the longest being in Scholar Green and the shortest in Rode Heath.

Question 1.3 and 1.4 asked what residents liked and disliked respectively about **a) the physical environment and b)** – what we may call - **the civic environment**. In the first category we include:

- Countryside
- Nearness of the canal
- Peace & quiet
- Housing development
- Loss of trees & hedgerows
- Traffic increase
- Increase in noise

In the second category we include:

- Sense of community
- Loss of facilities
- Crime & ASB

There is no doubt that the respondents across all parts of the Parish appreciate the nearness of the countryside and the canal network and the ease by which it is possible to withdraw to the peace and tranquillity which is found here.

With this goes a concern that future housing development, especially on a large scale, and mass producing farming methods of the future will destroy this countryside and the plant life and wildlife habitats, such as hedgerows, it contains. The fear is manifested in a fear that traffic and noise levels will increase and a concern that this may affect the safety and health of future residents.

Respondents seem to deplore the loss of facilities especially shops and a deteriorating public transport service. These are parts of a well-functioning community and as they decline so does the sense of community.

It is noted that the sense of community is felt most strongly in Rode Heath, and it is also in this part of the parish that more respondents than elsewhere express a fear of losing facilities.

Chapter 2:

The second section of the questionnaire concerned itself with two aspects of planned movement to new accommodation a) the movement of the whole family with all members staying together as one unit while the second aspect is b) that of one or more members moving away from the unit and in effect forming a new separate household or family.

In that context it was asked whether people wanted to stay within the parish or intended to move away for whatever reason and whether they have had problems finding suitable alternative to their present accommodation.

A big majority of responding households (over 80%) from all three parts of the parish and the parish as a whole have no plans to move within the next 5 years. However, there are in absolute terms and proportionately (40 ~ 18%) more households planning to move within the Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop area than in other parts of the parish. By contrast there are proportionately fewer households (11%) with such plans in Rode Heath.

Approximately 60% (68 of 115) of the respondents, who plan to move within the next 5 years, wish to stay within the parish while 40% have no wish to stay. It is also apparent that of the 68 who wish to stay within the parish, 48 state that their present house is either too big or too small.

It is worth noting that in Rode Heath the issue seems to be that the present accommodation is too small while in Scholar Green the opposite is the case: the present accommodation is too big.

The reader may recall that in Scholar Green we found an average household size of 2.00 persons per household compared to 2.27 in Rode Heath.

The respondents were requested to list the problems they had encountered. Most were very voluminous, but reference were made to three issues which rendered moving difficult if not impossible.

Among all respondents those who considered their present house too big, the issues were: economic/financial (3), location/availability of transport (3), quantity of smaller houses available (7).

The respondents who considered their present house too small referred to the same issues: economic/financial (10), location/availability of transport (none), quantity of bigger houses available (10).

It may be surmised that people living in a bigger house, possibly middle-aged, possibly retired, consider that they have enough financial resources to buy a smaller house, **if any were available**. By contrast those living in a smaller house, maybe younger with a family, may not yet have been able to accumulate enough such resources to buy a larger house; so for them **affordability is a major issue** together with the number of bigger houses available.

The vast majority of households, more than 70%, did not include individual members who wished to move; more so in Scholar Green than in the other parts of the parish and slightly less in Rode Heath. Conversely more responding households in Rode Heath included such a member and fewer in Scholar Green all of which relates back to the structure of households as previously described.

We have found that of the respondents who were planning to move as a complete household or family units most were not envisaging problems in finding alternative

accommodation. As we are now considering individual members of the family who wish to move, a majority of respondents, 44 of 93, do envisage problems.

A total of 43 of all respondents have listed the type of problems they envisage from an individual member wishing to move out of the family unit. Of these 35 refer to affordability and pricing of houses while 17 refer to the quantity of housing available. There does not appear to be any notable differences between the three sub-areas in this regard.

Chapter 3:

The response to this section indicate that a majority of respondents are opposed to development within the Green Belt, but some may accept such development if part of it is reserved for affordable houses.

If development in the Green Belt is necessary, respondents will prefer development to be in the form of extension to existing settlements.

Respondents prefer small scale developments of less than 20 houses and consisting mainly of medium sized 3B family homes.

They would like to see such developments to be scheduled mainly for sale or rent on the open market, but interspersed with homes of other tenures.

The respondents are opposed to any development of existing open spaces whether it is the designated Green Belt, gardens or other open spaces within the villages.

Chapter 4:

Section 4 of the questionnaire was concerned with residents' views on the facilities and services available (or not) within Odd Rode parish. It deals firstly with buildings that the respondents consider to be assets of community value and whether respondents would wish to be involved in keeping them open.

It follows the new right given to local councils to nominate any local building or area of land as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) in order to give it some protection against change of use or even closure.

The respondents are overwhelmingly in agreement with the creation of a list of ACVs with more than ¾ of respondents showing agreement. The highest proportion is found in Rode Heath (81.45%), the lowest in Scholar Green (74.55%), and Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant somewhere in between (Table 33, page 46). A number of buildings suggested for inclusion in the list is shown in subsequent tables.

The follow-up question 4.3 asked if respondents' would be willing to be involved in keeping them open and the response (table 37, page 49) shows that over 50% of respondents from all three parts of the parish confirmed their willingness in this regard; the highest proportion of 61.74% being from Rode Heath.

The reply to question 4.4 confirmed that there are spaces throughout the parish which respondents consider important and a list of such spaces are shown in table 39, page 50.

Roughly only a third (33.62%) of the respondents from Rode Heath were either very satisfied or fairly satisfied with the provision of health service compared to about two thirds (71.54%)

and 66.52%) of the respondents from Scholar Green and Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant (table 40, page 52).

Correspondingly a larger proportion of respondents from Rode Heath (40.87%) were dissatisfied with the provision of health services than was the case among respondents from Scholar Green (8.08%) and Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant (11.60%).

The reason for the dissatisfaction among respondents from Rode Heath becomes clear in the response to question Q 4.7 and it is a disappointment with the closure of the surgery in this area despite what residents undoubtedly saw as a promise to keep it open.

In response to Q 4.8 table 42, page 53, gives a list of additional services some respondents would like to see at the new health centre although 80% did not respond to the question.

Top of the list is a dentist followed by a pharmacy or chemist and a number would like to see a transport service to and from the clinic.

Five utilities not dealt with explicitly in the previous questions are: Broadband services, mobile phone services, highway drainage, supply of electricity and gas, and public transport.

Generally just less than 50% are 'Very satisfied' or 'Fairly satisfied' while about a quarter (27.83%) are dissatisfied and the rest offer no opinion either way. However, there are some distinct differences between the services provided and also between the areas.

Public transport generates the most comments from all three areas and shows the respondents to be generally 'Very' or 'Fairly' dissatisfied with this service complaining about the level of service, the routes of services and other matters. However, a restructuring took place in early 2018 and this may have affected these views.

Around half of the respondents from all three areas of the parish appear to be satisfied with the broadband service provided although there is some dissatisfaction expressed especially from within Rode Heath.

A similar picture emerges when we focus on mobile phones; together with broad bands these two services provide the source for 45% of the comments from Rode Heath set out in table 45, page 57, compared to 'only' 16% and 5% of the comments from Scholar Green and Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant respectively.

The state of the highways and drainage arrangements generates the second highest number of complaints and people refer in particular to blocked drains and gullies, in places with prolific vegetation growing out of the grids.

The supply of electricity and gas has made the respondents report the highest level of satisfaction at more than 75% throughout the parish and levels of dissatisfaction at less than 5%.

This is supported by a small handful of comments which refer to frequent power cuts and a small number of other comments which state that there is no connection to gas supply in some parts of the parish.

Some respondents also refer to very low water pressure.

Chapter 5:

The first part of the analysis of traffic, transport and highways issues gives an overview of the issues which affect the residents in the parish as a whole and within each subdivision.

It transpires that it is overwhelmingly the issue of traffic speed that affects people especially on the main routes through the parish, the A34, the A50 and in Rode Heath the A533, Sandbach Road.

In Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop it is cyclists racing down the hill and non-local motorists seeking a shortcut through Mt Pleasant that cause concern.

The bus service itself and the pending changes (of which little was known at the time of this residents' survey) that make people make some sometimes scathing comments.

Parking is a widespread problem throughout the parish due to the road network consisting largely of narrow country lanes and equally narrow residential roads.

The complaints ranges from inconsiderate (and in effect illegal) parking close to junctions, blocking visibility and sometimes access to side roads to complaints about people parking so as to block the entrance to neighbouring properties.

Comments under the heading 'obstructions for pedestrians' also refer to cars parked such that they occupy most of the width of pavements, making passage difficult especially for wheelchair users and people with children using pushchairs.

Throughout the parish there are also complaints about lack of maintenance of hedges and grass verges – in effect keeping pavements open and passible.

The respondents from Scholar Green and Rode Heath refer repeatedly to the problems for local road users created by frequent accidents and other incidents on the M6 motorway, which bypasses the parish a short distance to the west. The sheer volume of diversions inhibits flow and speed and often brings traffic to a standstill.

School safety is a particular issue in Scholar Green and Rode Heath. Here the number of parents waiting to bring their children in the morning and fetching them home in the afternoon create problems for local residents wishing to access their home drive or to get out and drive on.

A clear majority of over 80% do not agree that the local road network can take an increase in capacity with no significant difference between the areas. However, a small number ('Other', table 5.9, page 50) will say "it depends".

The response to the question on the use of sustainable means of transport show a higher proportion of respondents from Rode Heath, 114 or 33% of 345, claim to use such means of transport than in the other parts of the parish. A smaller proportion (63%) claim not to do so. Conversely a smaller proportion of the respondents from Scholar Green, 61 or 23% of 261, claim to use such transport while a larger proportion (74%) claim not to do so.

The most frequently reason given for not using sustainable means of transport is 'Age' with the highest proportion (30%) being from Scholar Green and the smallest proportion (22%) being from Rode Heath.

As Rode Heath is the area with the highest rate of economically active people it may be expected that a high proportion is quoting 'distance' to place of work as a reason.

Respondents from the Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop area state 'Health' as a reason for not using such forms transport more frequently (23%) than respondents from other parts of the parish, 14% in Scholar Green and 16% in Rode Heath.

Respondents who live at the top of the Mow Cop hill quite obviously give this and the steep slopes as reasons for not using sustainable transport.

A majority of respondents within the parish are in favour of cycle lanes, 466 or 56% of 830 (table L above), and also within Scholar Green and Rode Heath. A majority from Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop is also in favour, but it is smaller and less than 50% at 47%.

A similar pattern emerges in the response to the question about cycle racks. 498 or 60% of 830 of the respondents from the parish as a whole are in favour of cycle racks and similar for Scholar Green and Rode Heath. However 'only' 48% of Respondents from Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop are in favour.

Question 5.5a asks where respondents would like to see cycle lanes. They answer with a mixture of general locations and specific streets and roads. These general locations and specifics are listed in table 5.13 and table 5.14.

Support for the creation of Quiet Lanes is shown to be at an average of 57% throughout the parish. However, it is about 10% or higher among the respondents from Scholar Green at nearly 65% than among those from Rode Heath and Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop.

Respondents were asked where to locate Quiet Lanes and in the same vein a number of general and specific locations were listed. They are set out in table 5.16 and 5.17.

Chapter 6:

In part 6.0 of the questionnaire the Parish Council was seeking the residents' views on the natural environment of the area and in particular whether it needs protection and what role the Council might have in such an endeavour.

An overwhelming 90% of the respondents say that that the wildlife within the parish is either 'Very valued' or 'Quite valued' and there is very little difference between the three parts of the parish in this respect. The number of respondents who say they only value wildlife 'a bit' or not at all is negligible, also with little difference between the areas.

On this background it is not surprising that a majority of around 80% of the respondents would support the commissioning of a survey of wildlife sites and the majority of this support is found among those who consider wildlife 'Very valued' or 'Quite valued'. However, a significant 12% across all areas do not wish to support such an endeavour.

A small proportion of the respondents suggests that the whole parish warrants a wildlife survey and maybe deserves extra protection (table 68, page 76). A larger number (54) points to woodlands and wooded areas as candidates in this regard and an even larger number (69) points to the canals, towing paths and surroundings.

'Farmland and fields', 'Greenfield and green belt' land are two other categories referred to in table 68. Their inclusion strengthen the impression that it is the open character of the area which the residents value most.

'The Rise' at Rode Heath is referred to by more respondents (40) than any other area followed by Mow Cop Castle and its surroundings (21) (table 69, page 77). 'Sludge Wood' is

referred to by 5 respondents from Scholar Green while 7 respondents from Mt Pleasant area refer to the Village Green and the Village Hall and its extensive grounds.

Whether the importance of tree cover was realised when people responded to question 6.4 (page 77) may be open to debate, but the response nevertheless show an overwhelming 85% support for Tree Preservation Orders with little difference between the three areas of the parish (table 70). A small 5% gave no opinion in this regard while 10% expressly do not support TPOs.

An overwhelming majority of around 80% across the parish was in support of a survey of significant trees (table 71, page 78) which is slightly fewer than supported TPOs. Slightly more expressed no opinion or were actually against commissioning a survey.

As a starting point for a list of significant trees respondents were asked in question Q 6.6 to identify individual trees or areas where specimens could be found or where they may be at risk. However, nearly 90% of the returned questionnaires (736 out of 830) do not give any indication of the respondent's preference. The number of responses which do express a preference is therefore very small.

Among these a group state that all trees all over the parish are significant and should therefore presumably be listed.

Another group list 'Indigenous' species and species native to Britain as worthy of including in a list of significant trees.

Some respondents refer to the need for some maintenance eg where trees and their foliage obscure street lights and interfere with wires and generally needs cutting.

Apart from general locations alongside canals and roads respondents refer to trees on village greens and in church yards as worthy of listing and also several smaller areas of woodland in Rode Heath and elsewhere.

Where trees have deteriorated or even died or have been removed to make way for development replacement needs to be considered and it is seen from table 73 (page 80) that nearly 90% of respondents are in favour of replacement with little difference between the areas.

Protection of hedgerows as well as trees needs the support of the general public. Table 74, page 80, shows that over 90% of the respondents confirm their support. However, the table also shows that within Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant only 80% of the respondents would support a survey while in other parts of the parish the proportion would be even smaller.

While 90% of the respondents declare themselves in support of protecting hedgerows a similar percentage (92% ~ 758 out of 827) are unwilling or unable to point to any particular hedgerow that needs protecting. The broad locations referred to in table 76, page 82, are mostly the same as the location of trees referred to previously.

One respondent comments that there are 'several' hedgerows of value to the Parish and that they may be at risk. The respondent urges the Parish Council to "review all of them and issue a report".

Among the local population there is a desire to protect dry stone walls as shown in the answers to question 6.11 as set out in table 77, page 83, as a significant feature of the landscape even though their practical value is diminishing. Nearly 86% of the respondents overall are in support of protecting existing walls with a lower percentage of the respondents

from Scholar Green (84%) and the highest among respondents from Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant (89%).

Table 78, page 85, sets out the support for a survey of dry stone walls. As before it is seen that support for such a survey is somewhat less than might be expected given the support for protecting the walls. It is greatest among respondents from Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant at 78% and smallest among respondents from Scholar Green at 72% and for the parish as a whole stand at 74%.

Question 6.13, page 84, asks respondents to list “any dry stone walls you know of and consider to be of particular value, or that are at risk?”

In response they have listed almost every dry stone wall there is in the area of Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop.

Specific suggestions worthy of note are references to the area round the castle (which itself is actually within Staffordshire!) and references to the walls around churches and chapels.

The person who made the above comment on hedgerows repeat the comment here and also for dry stone walls urges the Parish Council to “review all of them and issue a report”.

Chapter 7:

Section 6 of the questionnaire was seeking views on the natural environment, features and wildlife in the open countryside. Section 7 seeks respondents' views on the built environment, buildings, other structures and visual remains of past industrial activity.

Within Odd Rode there are over 30 buildings and other structures on the National Heritage List for England and respondents were asked if they wished to see more features added to the list what criteria should be used for inclusion.

30% or less of all respondents think there should be additions to the list and an even smaller proportion were able or willing to put forward any suggestions for additions.

Those who did make suggestions did so with a mixture of suggested criteria to be used, general locations and specific named buildings or other structures as set out in tables 81-83.

Respondents were asked whether the Parish Council should maintain a list of sites where industrial activity had taken place, and table 84, page 89, shows that about 2/3rds of the respondents would support such a list with little difference between the areas. However, being asked to suggest relevant sites only about a 1/3rd of the respondents were able and/or willing to do so.

Finally respondents were asked if they value traditional manmade features such as Cheshire railings, red phone boxes, old post boxes, milestones, old finger posts etc?

The response set out in table 87, page 92, shows that over 80% found such features ‘Very valued’ or ‘Quite valued’ with little difference between the three areas.

Chapter 8:

‘Owners or managers’ of businesses within Odd Rode appear to be very few comprising less than 6% of the respondents and only a few of these wished to see a business report.

The response to question 8.3 -

Q 8.3 For those in your household who work, please let us know where and how they go to work

- was combined with the question on age in chapter 1 in order to ascertain the economic activity rate of the parish as a whole and of each of the constituent parts. The outcome is shown in table 90 and summarised on page 95.

It shows Rode Heath to have the highest economic activity rate and Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop the lowest.

The economically active residents of Odd Rode works cover a very wide geographical area, some travelling large swathes of UK and even countries abroad. However, the answer to where people go to work makes it clear that the bulk of workplaces are found within Cheshire East (especially Macclesfield) and North Staffordshire (Stoke-on-Trent, Newcastle-under-Lyme and Staffordshire Moorlands).

It will not come as a surprise that by far the most commonly used mode is driving – presumably by personal car. However, it is noted that, although the numbers are small, walking and cycling becomes a possibility for those working within the parish and in nearby towns (Alsager, Sandbach, Crewe) while trains may be used for those working further afield.

Considering different transport modes within different parts of the parish, it is noticeable that more people from the Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop Area are cycling and using public transport than from the other areas. This may be a reflection of the relative differences in income and wealth between the areas.

A big majority of responses indicated no transport problems (76% of the 458 households with working members, table 94), but a total of 108 (24%) indicated that they do experience problems. These can broadly be divided into two main groups: **A.** Problems caused by the paucity or unreliability of public transport whether buses or trains and **B.** Problems experienced by drivers concerned with the sheer volume on roads and streets within the parish as well as the surrounding main routes, the M6, A34 and A50.

Since most people drive to work, the largest number of reported problems stems from these people, but it may surprise some that proportionately the largest number of 'complaints' re public transport and buses originate from respondents from Scholar Green.

45% of the respondents would like to see more employment opportunities within the parish and there is little difference between the sub-areas. However, 36% of the respondents answer 'No' to the question and a further 20% do not state their preference or do not have a preference. It appears that among these there is a fear of urbanisation; they wish to keep the parish as rural as possible.

The three specified categories most preferred appear to be leisure, high technology and retail. However, it is clear that there is a concern that more opportunities for young people could be or should be offered locally.

It is also clear that among the respondents there is concern that any enterprise should be in keeping with the local natural and built-up environment in scale and design. Thus the word 'small' is a prefix to 30 separate suggestions. This mirrors the concern referred to above that the parish could inadvertently become urbanised and thereby negate the character of the area that initially attracted new-comers.

Respondents give a preference to the use of vacant employment premises for housing with 291 respondents state that their priority is 'housing' and say 'Yes' to the use of such premises for housing. However, 155 respondents say 'No' to the future use as housing and give preference to a business use.

Overall 406 respondents state that such premises should be used for housing while 443 respondent feel this should be given priority. At the same time a considerable body of respondents of 302 feel the future use should be business and 243 feel that should be given priority.

While it is clear that for many respondents housing is the preferred option, there is also a sizeable body of opinion that would prefer such premises to stay in economic use. They would like to see efforts made to keep them in economic use, but if that is not successful, then housing would be an acceptable alternative. (This is in fact established practice when considering planning applications.)

Introduction

The Localism Act of 2011 gave new rights and powers to communities. It introduced Neighbourhood Planning into the hierarchy of spatial planning in England, giving communities the right to shape their future development at a local level. It is a powerful tool in that it has statutory weight and must be taken as a material consideration in planning decision-making.

The National Planning Policy Framework states: “Neighbourhood Planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and deliver the sustainable development they need.....Neighbourhood Planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that they get the right type of development for their community. The ambition of the neighbourhood should be aligned to the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.”

Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy was adopted in July 2017. At the time of drafting the Odd Rode Neighbourhood Plan, Local Plan Part 2 (Site Allocations and Development Policies) is being prepared. Odd Rode is in the rural area, where the local plan indicates that in the interests of sustainable development and the maintenance of local services, growth and investment should be confined to proportionate development at a scale commensurate with the function and character of the settlement. It should be confined to locations well related to the existing built-up extent of the settlement, although it may be appropriate for local needs to be met within larger settlements, dependent on location.

The Odd Rode Neighbourhood Plan is being produced by the Parish Council and members of the community following a meeting of the Parish Council on the 30th of September 2015. A Steering Group was formed subsequently and included some members of the public and some councillors.

During the summer of 2017 the steering group consulted and listened to the community on a range of issues in some public meetings and in a questionnaire survey of local residents. The relevant issues are those that will influence the well-being, sustainability and long term preservation of the community.

The residents' survey which is analysed in this report was carried out during August and early September of 2017. The response was fed into a database in MS Access. The analysis builds on extracts (socalled 'queries') from this database and some of these were further analysed in MS Excel.

One questionnaire was hand delivered to each household, ca 2,300 in total. 825 questionnaires were returned which adds up to a response rate of 35%. This is considered very good and may reflect a considerable interest in the future of the Parish.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the vision, aims, objectives and policies of the Odd Rode Neighbourhood Plan reflect the views of the majority of Odd Rode residents, whilst having regard to local and national policies.

1.0 About Your Household

1.1 Age and household size

The first question in the survey was concerned with the age and number of people in each household and went as follows:

Q 1.1 How many people in your household are in the following age groups?

0-5 yrs	<input type="text"/>	6-10 yrs	<input type="text"/>	11-17 yrs	<input type="text"/>	18-25 yrs	<input type="text"/>
26-35 yrs	<input type="text"/>	36-45 yrs	<input type="text"/>	46-55 yrs	<input type="text"/>	56-65 yrs	<input type="text"/>
66-79yrs	<input type="text"/>	80 + yrs	<input type="text"/>				

Please put number(s) in the appropriate boxes

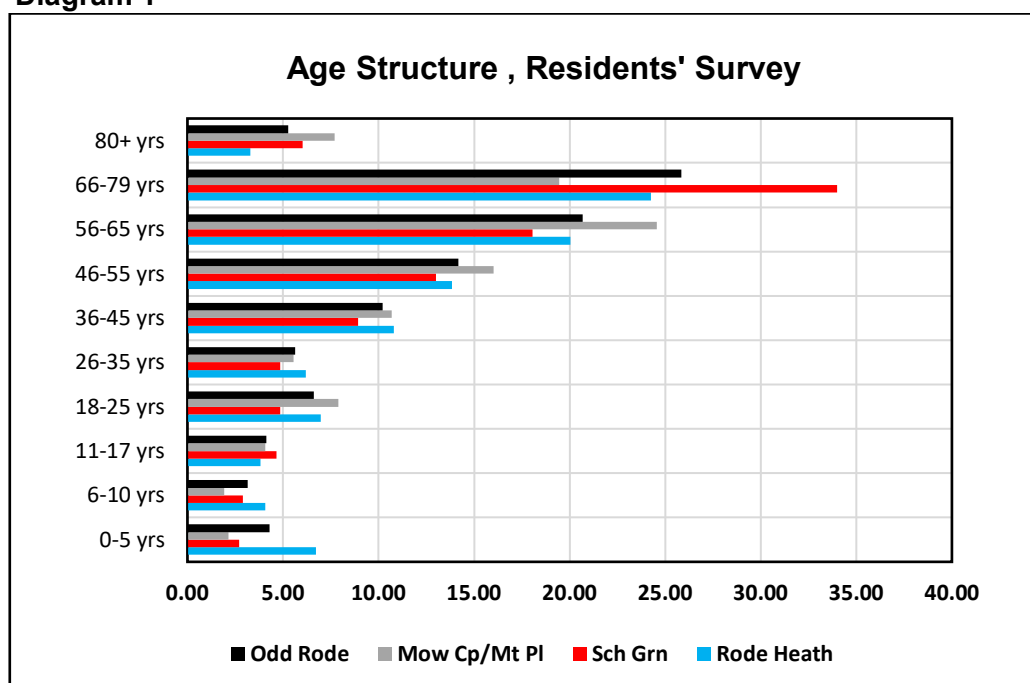
A summary of the response is shown in table 1 and as expected there has been a proportionately bigger response from people in the age groups 36 and above than from younger residents. A similar experience is had from other similar surveys in other areas, but it is also known from the past Census in 2011 that Odd Rode has a higher proportion of people in these age groups than wider areas. A particularly large group is the people aged 66-79 in Scholar Green which amounts to over 30% of the people in responding households from this area.

Table 1: Age Structure, Residents' Survey

Area\Age		0-5	6-10	11-17	18-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	66-79	80+	Total
Rode Heath	No	51	31	29	53	47	82	105	152	184	25	759
	%	6.72	4.08	3.82	6.98	6.19	10.80	13.83	20.03	24.24	3.29	100
Scholar Green	No	14	15	24	25	25	46	67	93	175	31	515
	%	2.72	2.91	4.66	4.85	4.85	8.93	13.01	18.06	33.98	6.02	100
Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant	No	10	9	19	37	26	50	75	115	91	36	468
	%	2.14	1.92	4.06	7.91	5.56	10.68	16.03	24.57	19.44	7.69	100
Odd Rode Survey	No	75	55	72	115	98	178	247	360	450	92	1742
	%	4.31	3.16	4.13	6.60	5.63	10.22	14.18	20.67	25.83	5.28	100

Other facts that stand out from this table is that the Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant area has the highest proportion of people aged 80 and above (7.69%) among the responding households and that corresponds to having the smallest group of young people aged 17 and younger (8.12%). Conversely Rode Heath has the smallest group of people aged 80 and over among the responding households (3.29%) while having the largest group of young people (14.62%).

A graphical comparison is shown below in diagram 1.

Diagram 1

We are now making a comparison between the age structure which has emerged from the survey and that which emerged from the 2011 Census. In doing so we are assuming that at least within the relatively small area of Odd Rode there has not being any significant change in the intervening six years.

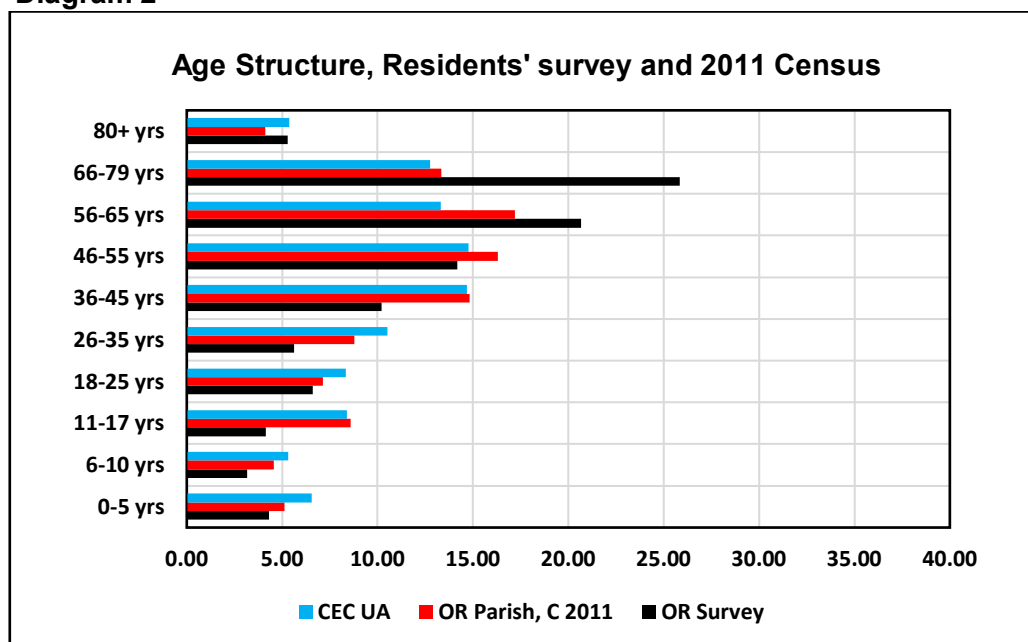
Table 2: Age Structure, Residents' Survey & 2011 Census.

Area\Age		0-5	6-10	11-17	18-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	66-79	80+	Total
Odd Rode Survey	No	75	55	72	115	98	178	247	360	450	169	1,819
	%	4.12	3.02	3.96	6.32	5.39	9.79	13.58	19.79	24.74	9.29	100
Odd Rode Parish	No	279	249	467	389	478	807	887	936	726	224	5,442
	%	5.13	4.58	8.58	7.15	8.78	14.83	16.30	17.20	13.34	4.12	100
Cheshire East UA	No	24,265	19,679	31,058	30,870	38,909	54,312	54,621	49,315	47,162	19,936	370,127
	%	6.56	5.32	8.39	8.34	10.51	14.67	14.76	13.32	12.74	5.39	100

What emerges from table 2 is firstly that Odd Rode Parish in 2011 had proportionately more people in the age groups 46-80 years of age and over than the local authority of which Odd Rode is a part. Secondly we can also deduct from this table that older age groups are much better represented in the survey than younger age groups. Unless there has been a significant shift in the population, people aged 66 and over who have responded may include as many as 65% of the actual population. The equivalent figure for the age group 18-35 may be only 25%.

A graphical representation of table 2 is shown below.

Diagram 2



From the information analysed above we can also derive some important information about the size of households and the findings are set out in table 3, page 16 overleaf.

It is noted that the household size (no of persons per household) at the time of the census was lower within Odd Rode than within the local authority, Cheshire East UA, as a whole, 2.29 persons per household compared to 2.32. It is also noted that among the survey respondents the household size was smaller still at only 2.14 person per household.

The number of 1 person households, as a proportion of all households in an area, is an important indicator of social wellbeing. It is considered that wellbeing and no of 1 person households in an area is inversely related; so it is considered that a high proportion of such households means less wellbeing.

It was slightly lower within Odd Rode than within the local authority at the time of the census and found to be lower still among the respondents to the survey. However, within Odd Rode the respondents to the survey indicate that the proportion of 1 person households is highest within Scholar Green which might be related to the high number of elderly people found in this area as shown in table 1. The proportion is lowest within the Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant area.

No respondent indicate more than 6 persons in any one household eg 2 parents with 4 children. In the last column of table 3 the number of such households is added to the number of 5 person households. It is then found that the largest number of 5-6 person households is found in Rode Heath no doubt related to the higher proportion of young people found in that area as also shown in table 1.

Table 3: Household Size.

		Hhlds	Not stated	Net Hhlds	Persons	Average size	1 pers hhlds	5-6 pers hhlds
Rode Heath	No	343	8	335	759	2.27	76	13
	%	-	-	100	-	-	22.69	3.88
Scholar Green	No	259	2	257	515	2.00	62	3
	%	-	-	100	-	-	24.12	1.17
Mt Pl/Mow Cop	No	223	2	221	468	2.12	48	3
	%	-	-	100	-	-	21.72	1.36
Odd Rode Survey	No	825	12	813	1742	2.14	186	19
	%	-	-	100	-	-	22.88	2.34
Odd Rode C2011	No	2374	N/A	2374	5442	2.29	617	N/A
	%	-	-	100	-	-	25.99	-
Cheshire East UA	No	159.4	N/A	159.4	370.1	2.32	47.3	N/A
	%	-	-	100	-	-	29.67	-

The second question on household characteristics was about length of residency in years:

Q 1.2 How long has your household lived in Odd Rode?

Length of residency in years

Please use the person with the longest residency in Odd Rode

Table 4: Length of Residence.

		Not stated	Total	Net	= & < 5yrs	= & >40 yrs	Max	Average
		<----- No of households----->					<--- Years --->	
Rode Heath	No	13	343	330	57	83	86	24.88
	%	-	-	100	17.27	25.15	-	-
Scholar Green	No	9	259	250	51	73	91	26.36
	%	-	-	100	20.40	29.20	-	-
Mt Pl/Mow Cop	No	10	223	213	46	64	87	25.81
	%	-	-	100	21.60	30.05	-	-
Odd Rode Survey	No	32	825	793	154	220	91	25.59
	%	-	-	100	19.42	27.74	-	-

No easy conclusion springs to mind from the response to this question. Rode Heath has the lowest average length of residency at just under 25 years and to that extent may be regarded as the 'youngest' area. Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant area has the highest percentage of people with a length of residency of 40 years or more at just over 30%, but also the highest percentage of people with a residency of 5 years or less, 21.6%, which may lead to the conclusion that that area is having a bit of a revival.

1.2 Likes and Dislikes

The next two questions of the questionnaire proved to be somewhat controversial.

Early on after a majority of the questionnaires had been distributed some potential respondents drew to our attention that our scoring instructions went against the convention

Q 1.3 What does your household like about living in this area?

Countryside	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<i>Please circle each feature with a score from 1 to 10: 1 = like most 10 = like least You can use the same number more than once</i>
Nearby canal	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Peace and quiet, including lack of light pollution	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Sense of community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Local facilities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Other (please specify)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
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Q 1.4 What does your household consider to be the main concerns about this area?

Housing development	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	<i>Please rank order how important to your household from 1 to 7 each of these features: 1 = most important 7 = least important Circle each number only once</i>
Increases in traffic	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Loss of trees and hedges	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Increase in noise or light pollution	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Loss of local facilities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Crime and antisocial behaviour	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Other (please specify)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

in that the respondents were instructed to give the 'like **least**' and '**least** important' the highest score whereas convention will have it that such descriptions should have the lowest score.

It appears that the instructions have confused many respondents and we now find that most have used the **intended** method of giving 'like **most**' and '**most** important' the lowest score and 'like **least**' and '**least** important' the highest score. However a significant minority have followed convention and done the **reverse** and given '**most**' a high score. How do we know or why do we suspect that that is so?

Responses with a large number of '10's circled in answer to question 1.3 were compared with replies to questions in section 3 and section 6. It then became incomprehensible and nonsensical that a person who liked the local countryside **least** would favour such measures as restricting development in the Green Belt (question 3.1), restricting the size of development (question 3.3) or would value wildlife and support protection of trees and hedgerows (section 6).

The question then arises as to how to deal with the two sets of responses in an equitable manner. The methodology, that has been followed, has been described in details in a separate report. Suffice it to say at this stage that this methodology involved a verbal reclassification based on detailed analysis of the scoring in each response. It was felt that this way of dealing with the issue would be preferable to having to redesign the database and possibly having to make a subjective judgment of each response.

Likes

The new classification is as follows:

Scoring	Very much	Likes	A little	Not much	Not at all
Intended	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10
Reverse	9-10	7-8	5-6	3-4	1-2

Having achieved the reclassification for the parish as a whole and for each sub-area we arrive at an analysis as follows:

Table 5: What does your household like about Odd Rode?

<u>n=825</u>	Not scored	Very much	Likes	A little	Not much	Not at all
	<-----		Percentage		----->	
Countryside	1.45	89.09	4.61	1.45	0.85	2.55
Nearby canal	6.06	62.79	16.36	8.97	2.67	3.15
Peace & quiet	4.24	73.82	11.27	4.85	2.30	3.52
Community	6.42	43.39	25.70	15.76	5.70	3.03
Facilities	9.33	25.09	21.33	20.24	12.97	11.03

What a large majority of the residents like is the countryside (89%), the presence of 'Peace quiet and lack of light pollution' (74%) and to a lesser extent the nearby canal network (63%). However a small minority (<4%) do not seem to appreciate these amenities at all.

A majority (43%+ 26%) likes the sense of community.

Nearly 10% of respondents have not scored 'Local facilities' which may mean that they are not worth considering and 24% (13%+11%) do not seem to appreciate them at all.

Table 6: What does your household like about Odd Rode? (Rode Heath)

<u>n=343</u>	Not scored	Very much	Likes	A little	Not much	Not at all
	<----- Percentage ----->					
Countryside	1.46	87.17	5.25	2.04	1.46	2.62
Nearby canal	2.92	70.26	15.45	5.83	3.50	2.04
Peace & quiet	2.62	72.59	12.83	5.83	2.62	3.50
Community	3.79	51.02	29.45	11.08	2.04	2.62
Facilities	6.12	29.74	26.53	21.28	10.50	5.83

The response from Rode Heath broadly reflects that of the Parish as a whole. However, it is worth noting that there seem to be a better sense of community and better appreciation of the facilities available.

The response from Scholar Green is also similar to the response from the whole Parish as well as Rode Heath and the Mt Pleasant - Mow Cop area (see table 8, below), but there are some notable differences.

Firstly the canal seem to be having a less prominent role in the popular assessment of the area, hidden as it is either in a deep ravine or on a high embankment as it traverses this area. Secondly the sense of community is less prominent compared to the Parish as a whole or Rode Heath which again may be related to a high number of elderly 1 person households. Thirdly the assessment of facilities is even more negative than for these other areas, although not as negative as for the Mt Pleasant - Mow Cop area (see table 8, below).

Table 7: What does your household like about Odd Rode? (Scholar Green)

<u>n=259</u>	Not scored	Very much	Likes	A little	Not much	Not at all
	<----- Percentage ----->					
Countryside	1.54	91.89	3.86	1.54	0.00	1.16
Nearby canal	5.41	68.34	15.83	8.49	0.39	1.54
Peace & quiet	6.56	72.20	11.20	5.41	2.32	2.32
Community	7.72	39.00	19.69	20.85	10.04	2.70
Facilities	9.65	27.80	22.01	14.29	11.58	14.67

The final analysis for the Mt Pleasant - Mow Cop area is shown in table8, and as before it follows broadly the same structure, but there are also some notable differences between this area and the rest of the parish.

Table 8: What does your household like about Odd Rode? (Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop)

<u>n=223</u>	Not scored	Very much	Likes	A little	Not much	Not at all
	<----- Percentage ----->					
Countryside	1.35	88.79	4.48	0.45	0.90	4.04
Nearby canal	11.66	44.84	18.39	14.35	4.04	6.73
Peace & quiet	4.04	77.58	8.97	2.69	1.79	4.93
Community	8.97	36.77	26.91	17.04	6.28	4.04
Facilities	13.90	14.80	12.56	25.56	18.39	14.80

Firstly, the canals are appreciated even less than in the rest of the parish. They are situated ½ mile to one mile down the hill side and are not a significant part of the village landscape as they are especially in Rode Heath. Secondly, the sense of community is even less evident here than in the rest of the parish. Thirdly, whatever facilities, there are, are judged even more negatively (or less positively) than in the rest of the parish.

The way the respondents have dealt with the question of liking the local facilities may be influenced by a combination of the number and types of services/facilities available and their geographical distribution. Rode Heath is a relatively compact area with fairly short walking distances between the facilities – pubs, shops, take-away, school – compared to both Scholar Green and Mt Pleasant - Mow Cop.

Dislikes

An inspection of the responses to question 1.4 seems to indicate that a majority of responders have followed the same methodology in answering this question as they followed in answer to question 1.3. However, admittedly the issues are here more complicated in that the people were asked to submit a ranking, but this seems to be ignored for most if not all of the response received. Added to this complication is the fact that the guidance suggested a scoring from 1 to 10, but the question only allow for a ranking of 1 to 7.

In any case the methodology in analysing question 1.4 is the same as were followed above in analysing question 1.3.

The classification that has been followed here is:

Scoring	Most important	Important	Sort of Important	Not important	No concern
Intended	1	2	3-4	5-6	7
Reverse	7	5-6	3-4	2	1

With this classification the final outcome of the analysis of all results for the Parish as a whole is set out in table 9, page 21 overleaf.

It appears that the dominant concern is with 'Housing Development' and the 'Traffic Increase' that will result from this as well as the general increase in traffic of all kinds with over 50% of respondents indicate those as most important concerns.

Other aspects seems to be of less concern and 'Crime and Antisocial behaviour' seems to generate the least concern with 19% believe it to be 'Not important'.

Table 9: The main concerns about Odd Rode Parish

<u>n=825</u>	Not scored	Most important	Important	Sort of Important	Not important	No concern
	Percentage					
Hsg Development	5.94	52.73	12.61	15.03	6.79	6.91
Traffic Increase	4.24	55.03	17.45	13.21	4.97	5.09
Loss of trees etc.	10.55	36.48	17.21	22.67	9.09	4.00
Increase in noise etc.	9.82	36.36	17.33	24.85	8.00	3.64
Loss of facilities	8.61	37.70	14.06	20.61	13.82	5.21
Crime & ASB	10.42	28.97	12.36	23.88	18.79	5.58

The response from Rode Heath indicate that fewer households here are concerned with 'Housing Development' and 'Traffic Increase' than in the wider Parish, 49% compared to 53% and 53% compared to 55% in the wider area.

By contrast more people are concerned about 'Loss of facilities' (41%) than in other parts of the parish and the parish as a whole (38%). This aspect may be foremost in peoples' minds due to the pending closure of a doctors' surgery in this area.

For some - at least to the writer of this report! – unknown reason people in Rode Heath also indicate more concern relating to 'Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour' (31%) than people in the Parish as a whole (29%).

Table 10: The main concerns about Odd Rode Parish (Rode Heath)

<u>n=343</u>	Not scored	Most important	Important	Sort of Important	Not important	No concern
	Percentage					
Hsg Development	4.66	48.69	15.74	17.20	7.87	5.83
Traffic Increase	3.21	53.06	18.66	16.03	4.96	4.08
Loss of trees etc.	10.50	32.07	20.12	24.49	9.91	2.92
Increase in noise etc.	8.45	31.78	19.24	27.99	9.04	3.50
Loss of facilities	7.29	41.11	16.03	19.24	13.12	3.21
Crime & ASB	9.33	30.90	16.03	22.74	16.62	4.37

The analysis of the concerns indicated by the respondents from Scholar Green, see table 11, page 22, overleaf) show that area to be the most concerned with 'Housing Development' (56% compared to 53%) which may be understandable in view of the continuing interest in development off Portland Drive and elsewhere. That this is the area where people show most concern relating to 'Loss of trees' (40% compared to 36%) may be a corollary to the concern for the continued growth in housing. Concern for 'Traffic Increase' is only slightly greater than within the wider area.

Table 11: The main concerns about Odd Rode Parish (Scholar Green)

<u>n=259</u>	Not scored	Most important	Important	Sort of Important	Not important	No concern
	Percentage					
Hsg Development	5.41	56.37	10.04	12.74	6.56	8.88
Traffic Increase	3.86	55.21	18.15	11.97	4.63	6.18
Loss of trees etc.	10.42	40.15	16.99	19.31	7.72	5.41
Increase in noise etc.	9.65	39.77	16.99	22.78	7.34	3.47
Loss of facilities	10.04	36.68	10.42	22.78	13.51	6.56
Crime & ASB	10.42	27.03	8.11	26.64	21.62	6.18

Another noteworthy difference between Scholar Green and the rest of the parish appears to be the limited concern regarding 'Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour'. 28% of the respondents, the highest of the three areas, find it 'Not important' or of 'No concern' compared to 24% for the parish as a whole.

The main differences between the Mt Pleasant – Mow Cop area and the rest of Odd Rode parish appear to be that the respondents who find concern about 'Traffic Increase' more important than elsewhere, nearly 58% compared to 55% for the parish as a whole. The 'Loss of facilities' appear to be of less concern here than elsewhere with 34% finding it 'Most important' compared to 38% for the parish as a whole.

Table 12: The main concerns about Odd Rode Parish (Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop)

<u>n=223</u>	Not scored	Most important	Important	Sort of Important	Not important	No concern
	Percentage					
Hsg Development	8.52	54.71	10.76	14.35	5.38	6.28
Traffic Increase	6.28	57.85	14.80	10.31	5.38	5.38
Loss of trees etc.	10.76	39.01	13.00	23.77	9.42	4.04
Increase in noise etc.	12.11	39.46	14.80	22.42	7.17	4.04
Loss of facilities	8.97	33.63	15.25	20.18	15.25	6.73
Crime & ASB	12.11	28.25	11.66	22.42	18.83	6.73

2.0 Your Housing Needs

This section of the questionnaire concerned itself with two aspects of planned movement to new accommodation a) the movement of the whole family with all members staying together as one unit while the second aspect is b) that of one or more members moving away from the unit and in effect forming a new separate household or family.

In that context it was asked whether people wanted to stay within the parish or intended to move away for whatever reason and whether they have had problems finding suitable alternative to their present accommodation.

2.1 Whole family or household moving

The first aspect was the basis for the following question:

Q 2.1 Does your household plan to move house within the next 5 years?

Yes ☐ No ☐

For the parish as a whole this generated the response shown in table 13 below:

Table 13: No of households planning to move in next 5 yrs.

	Yes	No	Not stated	Total
Rode Heath	38	285	20	343
%	11.08	83.09	5.83	100
Scholar Green	37	214	8	259
%	14.29	82.63	3.09	100
Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop	40	180	4	224
%	17.86	80.36	1.79	100
Odd Rode	115	679	32	826
%	13.92	82.20	3.87	100

It is seen that a big majority of responding households (over 80%) from all three parts of the parish and the parish as a whole have no plans to move within the next 5 years. However, there are in absolute terms and proportionately (40 ~ 18%) more households planning to move within the Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop area than in other parts of the parish. By contrast there are proportionately fewer households (11%) with such plans in Rode Heath.

In order to understand the reasons for planning to move the questions was asked whether people wish to stay within Odd Rode and why people wished to move. (The precise formulation is shown overleaf on page 25.) The response for the whole of the parish is shown in table 14 overleaf, page 25.

Table 14: Wish to stay within Odd Rode.

<u>Odd Rode</u>	Total	Stay < Odd Rode			Envisage problems		
		Yes	No	Not stated	Yes	No	Not stated
House too big	30	23	7	0	11	18	1
House too small	29	25	4	0	19	10	0
Health, mobility	15	5	9	1	5	6	4
Other	40	14	24	2	8	28	4
Not stated	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Total	115	68	44	3	44	62	9

It is seen that approximately 60% (68 of 115) of the respondents who plan to move within the next 5 years wish to stay within the parish while 40% have no wish to stay. It is also apparent that of the 68 who wish to stay within the parish, 48 state that their present house is either too big or too small. Furthermore it appears that 54% (62 of 115) envisage no problems in finding alternative accommodation, but among those who do (44) 68% (11+19) are those who consider their present accommodation to be of the wrong size.

Q 2.2 If yes, do you plan to stay within the parish of Odd Rode?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Q 2.3 Why do you plan to move?

- a) Present house is too small ☐
- b) Present house is too big ☐
- c) Present house is too expensive to run ☐
- d) Need to release capital*) ☐
- e) Need to move to more suitable accommodation
due to ill health, mobility problems, etc. ☐
- f) Other (please specify) ☐

Please tick all the boxes that apply

*)Very few responded to this part of the question so for analytical purposes it has been included as 'other'.

Q 2.4 Have you had problems finding suitable accommodation within the Parish?

Yes ☐ No ☐

The response from within Rode Heath and Scholar Green is shown in table 15 and 16 respectively.

Table 15: Wish to stay within Odd Rode, Rode Heath.

<u>Rode Heath</u>	Total	Stay < Odd Rode			Envisage problems		
		Yes	No	Not stated	Yes	No	Not stated
House too big	7	5	2		1	5	1
House too small	16	13	3		10	6	
Health, mobility	4	2	1	1	2	2	
Other	10	3	6	1	3	6	1
Not stated	1	1			1		
Total	38	24	12	2	17	19	2

It is worth noting that in Rode Heath the issue seems to be that the present accommodation is too small while in Scholar Green the opposite is the case: the present accommodation is too big.

The reader may recall that in Scholar Green we found an average household size of 2.00 persons per household compared to 2.27 in Rode Heath (see table 3, page 16).

Table 16: Wish to stay within Odd Rode, Scholar Green

<u>Scholar Green</u>	Total	Stay < Odd Rode			Envisage problems		
		Yes	No	Not stated	Yes	No	Not stated
House too big	11	10	1		4	7	
House too small	6	5	1		5	1	
Health, mobility	6	1	5		2	3	1
Other	14	2	11	1	2	10	2
Not stated							
Total	37	18	18	1	13	21	3

For the parish as a whole and within the two areas depicted in table 15 and 16 a majority does not seem to envisage problems in finding alternative accommodation. However, within that framework it does appear that the respondents who now find their present accommodation too small are the people who envisage to have problems in finding alternative accommodation such as in Rode Heath.

Table 17: Wish to stay within Odd Rode, Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop

<u>Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop</u>	Total	Stay < Odd Rode			Envisage problems		
		Yes	No	Not stated	Yes	No	Not stated
House too big	12	8	4		6	6	
House too small	7	7	0		4	3	
Health, mobility	5	2	3		1	1	3
Other	16	9	7		3	12	1
Not stated							
Total	40	26	14	0	14	22	4

The respondents from the Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop area correspond to the general picture that have emerged from this survey. A majority of respondents wish to stay in the area, but there

is no clear picture as to why they want to move to alternative accommodation or whether they envisage any problems in doing so.

The respondents were further requested to list the problems they had encountered. Most were too voluminous to be repeated here but referred in particular to three issues which rendered moving difficult if not impossible.

Among all respondents those who considered their present house too big, the issues were (number of referrals in brackets): economic/financial (3), location/availability of transport (3), quantity of smaller houses available (7).

The respondents who considered their present house too small referred to the same issues in different numbers: economic/financial (10), location/availability of transport (none), quantity of bigger houses available (10).

It may be surmised that people living in a bigger house, possibly middle-aged, possibly retired, consider that they have enough financial resources to buy a smaller house, if any were available. By contrast those living in a smaller house, maybe younger with a family, may not yet have been able to accumulate enough such resources to buy a larger house; so for them affordability is a major issue together with the number of bigger houses available.

2.2 Individual family members moving

The second aspect investigated in section 2 of the questionnaire was that of one or more members moving out from the family unit and in effect forming a new separate household or family.

The questions that were asked here were:

Q 2.6 Do any members of your household, within the next 5 years, wish to form a new household for which they will need their own accommodation?

Yes ☐ No ☐

With other members of the household remaining at the present address

Q 2.7 If yes, do they wish to stay within the parish of Odd Rode?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Q 2.8 Why do they plan to move?

a) Relationship breakdown

b) Bereavement

c) Leaving parental home

d) Other (please specify)

Table 18 below firstly explore how many households or family units included members who had plans to move out within the next 5 years

Table 18: Any member moving out of family unit.

		Yes	No	Not stated	Total
Rode Heath	No	49	239	55	343
	%	14.29	69.68	16.03	100
Scholar Green	No	20	203	36	259
	%	7.72	78.38	13.90	100
Mt Pleasant/Mow Cop	No	24	162	38	224
	%	10.71	72.32	16.96	100
Odd Rode	No	93	604	129	826
	%	11.26	73.12	15.62	100

It is noted that the vast majority of households, more than 70%, did not include such members and more so in Scholar Green than in the other parts of the parish and slightly less in Rode Heath. Conversely more responding households in Rode Heath included such a member and fewer in Scholar Green all of which relates back to the structure of households as previously described.

Table 19: Reasons for moving out & wishing to stay in Odd Rode

<u>Odd Rode Parish</u>	Total	Wish to Stay			Envisage problems		
		Yes	No	Not stated	Yes	No	Not stated
Bereavement	2	1	1	0	2	0	0
Leaving home	78	45	29	4	33	34	10
Relationship breakup	3	2	1	0	2	0	1
Other	8	6	2	0	6	2	0
Not stated	2	0	0	2	0	0	2
Total	93	54	33	6	44	36	13

Table 19 above, page 28, show that of the 93 members who have plans to move out of their present household a majority, 74 (45 + 29), are simply leaving home and are most likely to be children who have reached the relevant stage of their lives. Of these in turn a majority wish to stay within the parish.

Before we found that of the respondents who were planning to move as complete household or family units a majority were not envisaging any problems in finding alternative accommodation. By contrast as we are now considering individual members of the family who wish to move, a majority of respondents, 44 of 93, do envisage problems.

The next table, table 20, below, shows the response from Rode Heath which broadly reflects the situation as described above.

Similar applies to Scholar Green as shown in table 21 although in that case it appears

Table 20: Reasons for moving out & wishing to stay in Odd Rode, Rode Heath

<u>Rode Heath</u>	Total	Wish to Stay			Envisage problems		
		Yes	No	Not stated	Yes	No	Not stated
Bereavement	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leaving home	43	26	15	2	20	16	7
Relationship breakup	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
Other	5	3	2	-	4	1	-
Not stated	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	49	30	17	2	25	17	7

Table 21: Reasons for moving out & wishing to stay in Odd Rode, Scholar Green

<u>Scholar Green</u>	Total	Wish to Stay			Envisage problems		
		Yes	No	Not stated	Yes	No	Not stated
Bereavement	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leaving home	16	10	6	-	5	9	1
Relationship breakup	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Other	2	2	-	-	1	1	-
Not stated	1	-	-	1	-	-	1
Total	20	12	7	1	7	10	3

that there are fewer people who envisage problems in moving than there are people who do not.

Table 22: Reasons for moving out & wishing to stay in Odd Rode, Mt Pleasant – Mow Cop

<u>Mt Pleasant - Mow Cop</u>	Total	Wish to Stay			Envisage problems		
		Yes	No	Not stated	Yes	No	Not stated
Bereavement	2	1	1	-	2	-	-
Leaving home	19	9	8	2	8	9	2
Relationship breakup	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
Other	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
Not stated	1	-	-	1	-	-	1
Total	24	12	9	3	12	9	3

The response from Mow Cop, table 22, is similar to that from Rode Heath and the parish as a whole.

A total of 43 of all respondents have listed the type of problems they envisage from an individual member wishing to move out of the family unit. Of these 35 refer to affordability and pricing of houses while 17 refer to the quantity of housing available. There does not appear to be any notable differences between the three sub-areas in this regard.

3.0 Future Housing Development

3.1 Development within the Green Belt

The third section, Section 3, of the questionnaire was concerned with resident's views of the most desirable form and location of future housing development.

Q 3.1 Should any new houses be built on the Green Belt?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Q 3.2 If no, would your answer change if the houses were affordable homes for local people?

Yes ☐ No ☐

The first two questions are shown above and a combination of the responses is shown in table 23.

Table 23: Any houses in the Green Belt?

If affordable -> Any hsg in Grn Belt↓	No	Yes	Not stated	Total
No	244	65	7	316
Yes	2	1	20	23
Not stated			4	4
<u>Rode Heath</u>	246	66	31	343
No	149	44	12	205
Yes		3	10	13
Not stated		1	6	7
<u>Mt Pleasant/Mow Cop</u>	149	48	28	225
No	187	38	8	233
Yes	1	1	17	19
Not stated			6	6
<u>Scholar Green</u>	188	39	31	258
No	580	147	27	754
Yes	3	5	47	55
Not stated		1	16	17
<u>Odd Rode Parish</u>	583	153	90	826

From table 23 it is very clear that in answer to question 3.1 a large proportion of the respondents (754 out of 825) do not wish to see any development within the Green Belt. The proportion hovers around 91% and does not vary much between the three sub-areas. However, of these a significant proportion, 147 or 17.82% would change their opposition if the proposed housing was scheduled as 'affordable'.

Table 24: Opposing hsg in Green Belt

If affordable -> Any devt in Grn Belt↓		Rode Heath	Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop	Scholar Green	Odd Rode
No/No	Number	244	149	187	580
	%	71.14	66.22	72.76	70.30
No/Yes	Number	65	44	38	147
	%	18.95	19.56	14.79	17.82
Yes	Number	23	13	19	55
	%	6.71	5.78	7.39	6.67

Note: 'Not stated' excluded from table 24.

The next question, question 3.3, concerns the location of new development in case the senior council, Cheshire East Council, decides on revising the boundaries – declassifying the Green Belt. The response is summarised in table 25 and also in diagram 3 that follows.

Q 3.3 If Cheshire East insist on declassifying Green Belt land to allow development, would you prefer:

a) Extending the existing settlement boundaries
to allow new housing next to existing housing

☐

b) Creating small pockets of housing away from
existing settlements

☐

c) One new development away from the existing
settlements

☐

d) Other (please specify)

☐

*By 'Settlement', we mean
the existing villages of Rode
Heath/Thurlwood, Scholar
Green, Mount Pleasant and
Mow Cop*

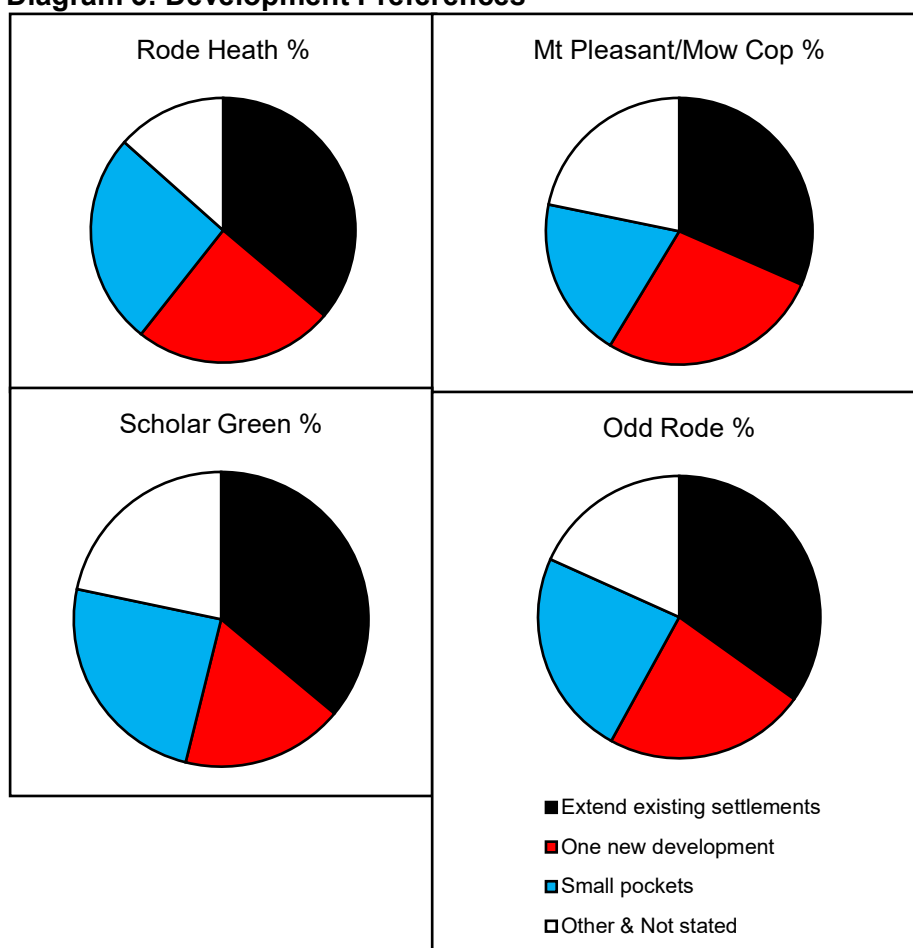
Please tick only one box

Table 25: Development preference

	Rode Heath		Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop		Scholar Green		Odd Rode	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Extend existing settlements	124	36.15	71	31.56	93	36.05	288	34.87
One new development	84	24.49	61	27.11	46	17.83	191	23.12
Small pockets	89	25.95	44	19.56	63	24.42	196	23.73
Other	22	6.41	25	11.11	26	10.08	73	8.84
Not stated	24	7.00	24	10.67	30	11.63	78	9.44
Total	343	100	225	100	258	100	826	100

Just over a third of the respondents prefer new development to be as extensions to existing developments. The appetite for developments in the form of a new development away from existing settlements is smallest in Scholar Green, a view that may be influenced by recent developments. The idea of 'small pockets away from existing settlements' attracts the lowest support from respondents from Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop, perhaps it is difficult to see any room for such developments in their area.

Diagram 3: Development Preferences



3.2 Scale of development

Question 3.4 and 3.5 now turns to the issue of the scale of developments asking first whether there should be a maximum number of dwellings permissible and if so what should that number be?

Q 3.4 Do you think there should be a maximum number of dwellings in any new development?

Yes ☐ NO ☐

Q 3.5 If Yes, how many?

a) Less than 10

☐

Please tick only one box

b) Between 10 and 19

☐

c) Between 20 and 29

☐

d) Between 30 and 39

☐

e) Between 40 and 49

☐

Table 26: Scale of development

		< 10	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	Not stated	Total
Not stated		3	2	1	1		15	22
No					1	1	14	16
Yes		89	89	74	26	22	5	305
Rode Heath	No	92	91	75	28	23	34	343
	%	26.82	26.53	21.87	8.16	6.71	9.91	100
Not stated		4	1				15	20
No				1		1	15	17
Yes		87	62	23	6	8	2	188
Mt pleasant Mw Cp	No	91	63	24	6	9	32	225
	%	40.44	28.00	10.67	2.67	4.00	14.22	100
Not stated		1	2				16	19
No		1					14	15
Yes		77	67	49	14	10	7	224
Scholar Green	No	79	69	49	14	10	37	258
	%	30.62	26.74	18.99	5.43	3.88	14.34	100
Not stated		8	5	1	1	0	46	61
No		1	0	1	1	2	43	48
Yes		253	218	146	46	40	14	717
Odd Rode Parish	No	262	223	148	48	42	103	826
	%	31.72	27.00	17.92	5.81	5.08	12.47	100

It is seen from table 26, page 35, that a clear majority of about 87% (717 out of 826) wish to see a maximum permissible number of dwellings in a new development and of these a large proportion wish the scale to be less than 10 dwellings or no more than 10-19 dwellings. Between the three sub-areas it is also seen that the preference for such smaller scale developments is greatest within the Mount Pleasant-Mow Cop area. The support for larger schemes is greatest within Rode Heath with 14.87% of respondents supporting developments of up to 49 dwellings compared to 10.89% for the parish as a whole.

3.3 Tenure and size of dwellings

The two questions shown below arguably ask what kind of neighbours the respondents want. It may be that their answers are based on ill-founded beliefs such as the widely held conviction that rented houses next to owner occupied houses will reduce the value of the latter. It is therefore possible that the answers reflect desires of the existing residents rather than a perceived need or demand from potential future occupiers for dwellings in such ownership and/or tenures.

Q 3.6 If there is to be development, which type do you think it should be?

a) Housing for sale or rent on the open market

☐

b) Affordable rented housing

☐

c) Shared ownership

☐

d) Specialist care housing for the elderly

☐

e) Other (please specify)

☐

'Shared' means partly owned by a Housing Association etc

Q 3.8 If new affordable housing is built in the Parish, do you believe priority should be given to those who already have a connection here?

Yes ☐

No ☐

e.g. Have a relative here, or work here

A summary of the answers are shown in table 27, page 37, overleaf.

Table 27: Tenure of new development

	Yes	No	Not stated	Total	
				No	%
Open Mkt sale or rent	120	26	4	150	43.73
Affordable rented	20	3		23	6.71
Shared ownership	19	2	1	22	6.41
Specialist hsg for OAPs	45	4		49	14.29
Other	62	14	4	80	23.32
Not stated	6	1	12	19	5.54
<u>Rode Heath</u>	272	50	21	343	100
Affordable homes to buy*)	7			7	
Open Mkt sale or rent	78	22	5	105	46.67
Affordable rented	35	7	3	45	20.00
Shared ownership	21	5	2	28	12.44
Specialist hsg for OAPs	12	3	1	16	7.11
Other	7	4	4	15	6.67
Not stated	8		8	16	7.11
<u>My Pleasant/Mow Cop</u>	161	41	23	225	100
Affordable homes to buy*)	2			2	
Open Mkt sale or rent	83	12	2	97	37.60
Affordable rented	28	2		30	11.63
Shared ownership	14	2	1	17	6.59
Specialist hsg for OAPs	46	4		50	19.38
Other	39	6	3	48	18.60
Not stated	6	1	9	16	6.20
<u>Scholar Green</u>	216	27	15	258	100
Affordable homes to buy*)	1			1	
Open Mkt sale or rent	281	60	11	352	42.62
Affordable rented	83	12	3	98	11.86
Shared ownership	54	9	4	67	8.11
Specialist hsg for OAPs	103	11	1	115	13.92
Other	108	24	11	143	17.31
Not stated	20	2	29	51	6.17
<u>Odd Rode Parish</u>	649	118	59	826	100
Affordable homes to buy*)	10			10	

*) Include in 'Other'

It is noted that the majority of respondents (42.62%) wish future housing to be for sale or rent on the open market with this wish being expressed most strongly among the Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop respondents followed by those from Rode Heath.

The second largest category is a desire for 'specialist housing for the elderly' expressed most strongly by the respondents from Scholar Green.

The categories 'Affordable rented' and 'Shared ownership' are preferences within the Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop area.

Whatever their preference for the tenure of future developments it is also clear that a large majority (78.57% ~ 649 out of 826 respondents) have answered 'Yes' to the second question on whether they believe priority should be given to people with a connection to Odd Rode when allocating 'Affordable rented' dwellings. This belief is held by a larger proportion of respondents in Scholar Green (83.72% ~ 216 out of 258) than in the other sub-areas of the parish.

A very large number of respondents seem to have expressed a wish to see a mixture of tenures. This they have done so in the space "Other please specify" by inserting letters such as "abc" presumably referring to the prefixes in question 3.6.

Table 28 below summarises the response obtained in this way and it is seen that it does not really alter the split between the preferences as described above except that it highlights a dislike for monotonous developments. A larger development dominated by 'Open Market' could be interspersed with dwellings in 'shared ownership' or other tenures.

Table 28: Tenures with added 'Other'

	Odd Rode	Rode Heath	Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop	Scholar Green
Open Mkt sale or rent	420	195	106	119
Affordable rented	148	55	47	46
Shared ownership	102	50	29	23
Specialist hsg for OAPs	183	96	16	71

Q 3.7 What size housing do you think is most appropriate for Odd Rode?

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Smaller dwellings (1/2 bedrooms) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Please tick only one box |
| b) Family size dwellings (3 bedrooms) | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| c) Large dwellings (4 bedrooms and over)
often called executive homes | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| d) Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Table 29: Size of dwellings

	Odd Rode		Rode Heath		Mt Pleasant - Mw Cp		Scholar Green	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
1-2 beds	216	26.15	79	23.03	67	29.78	70	27.13
3 beds	434	52.54	187	54.52	116	51.56	131	50.78
4 beds +	52	6.30	27	7.87	8	3.56	17	6.59
Other	60	7.26	30	8.75	13	5.78	17	6.59
Not stated	64	7.75	20	5.83	21	9.33	23	8.91
Total	826	100	343	100	225	100	258	100

A clear majority of over 50% of respondents have a preference of three bedroom dwellings across the parish. However, a higher proportion of respondents in Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop than in other parts of the parish have a preference for 1-2 bed room dwellings, 29.78% compared to 26.15% for the parish as a whole. In Rode Heath by contrast a higher than average proportion of residents, 7.87%, prefer large dwellings of 4 bedrooms or more compared to 6.3% for the parish as a whole.

As before a large number of respondents seem to have expressed a wish to see a mixture, now in terms of sizes. This they have done so in the space “Other please specify” by inserting letters such as “abc” presumably referring to the prefixes in question 3.7.

Table 30 below summarises the response obtained in this way and it is seen that it does not really alter the split between the preferences as described above except that it highlight a dislike for monotonous developments. A larger development dominated by 3 bedroom dwellings could be interspersed with smaller and larger dwellings.

Table 30: Size of dwellings with added ‘Other’

	Odd Rode	Rode Heath	Mt Pleasant - Mw Cop	Scholar Green
1-2 beds	232	92	68	72
3 beds	441	189	118	134
4 beds +	57	30	9	18

3.4 Development as Infill

We have above considered the type of development in terms of tenures, size of dwellings and scale of developments preferred by the respondents. We also considered their preference in location viz a viz possible intrusion into the designated Green Belt and it was clear that this would be very unpopular with the respondents.

This desire to keep the parish ‘green’ also emerges, albeit less clear cut, in the response to the next two questions on the possibility of using large gardens or parts of large gardens as building plots and the possibility of use other open spaces within the villages as development land.

Q 3.9 Within the villages, what do you think about development of new housing in gardens of existing houses?

a) Strongly agree

☐

b) Agree

☐

c) Neither agree nor disagree

☐

d) Disagree

☐

e) Strongly disagree

☐

Please tick only one box

Additional comments _____

Table 31: Development as garden infill

	Odd Rode		Rode Heath		Mt Pleasant – Mow Cop		Scholar Green	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Strongly agree	38	4.60	13	3.79	13	5.78	12	4.65
Agree	88	10.65	29	8.45	29	12.89	30	11.63
Neither	251	30.39	105	30.61	66	29.33	80	31.01
Disagree	181	21.91	74	21.57	48	21.33	59	22.87
Strongly disagree	238	28.81	114	33.24	52	23.11	72	27.91
Not stated	30	3.63	8	2.33	17	7.56	5	1.94
Total	826	100	343	100	225	100	258	100

Table 31 shows just over 50% (50.72%) of respondents within the Parish as a whole either 'Disagree' or 'Strongly disagree' with using gardens as infill development; more so of the respondents from Rode Heath (54.81%), but fewer of the respondents from Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop (44.44%).

It follows that fewer of the respondents from Rode Heath (12.24%) 'Agree' or 'Strongly agree' with this proposition, while more of the respondents (18.67%) from Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop show support.

However, it is noted that almost a third of respondents from across the parish indicate no opinion either way.

Q 3.10 Within the villages, what do you think about development of new housing in existing open spaces?

a) Strongly agree

☐

b) Agree

☐

c) Neither agree nor disagree

☐

d) Disagree

☐

e) Strongly disagree

☐

By 'Open Spaces' we mean recreation fields, village greens, sports facilities or any other area not currently built on

Please tick only one box

Additional comments _____

Table 32: Development as open space infill

	Odd Rode		Rode Heath		Mt Pleasant - Mw Cp		Scholar Green	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Strongly agree	28	3.39	9	2.62	12	5.33	7	2.71
Agree	65	7.87	24	7.00	24	10.67	17	6.59
Neither	80	9.69	32	9.33	20	8.89	28	10.85
Disagree	234	28.33	102	29.74	57	25.33	75	29.07
Strongly disagree	390	47.22	168	48.98	96	42.67	126	48.84
Not stated	29	3.51	8	2.33	16	7.11	5	1.94
Total	826	100	343	100	225	100	258	100

Table 32 shows 75.55% of the respondents to oppose development of the open spaces within the villages across the parish. The opposition is particularly strong within Rode Heath (78.72%) and less strong within Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop (68%).

However, comparison with table 24 show that in all areas of the parish the opposition to this proposition is even stronger than opposition to development in the Green Belt.

They would like to see such developments to be scheduled mainly for sale or rent on the open market, but interspersed with homes of other tenures.

The respondents are opposed to any development of existing open spaces whether it is the designated Green Belt, gardens or other open spaces within the villages.

4.0 Facilities and Services

This section is concerned firstly with buildings that the respondents consider to be assets of community value and whether respondents would wish to be involved in keeping them open.

Similarly the section is concerned with open spaces, their importance to the local community and whether they need to be preserved.

Finally it is concerned with the health services provided in the parish within the framework of NHS and the services provided by other statutory bodies such as United Utilities.

4.1 Community Buildings

Odd Rode Parish Council has the right to nominate any local building or area of land as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) in order to give it some protection against change of use or even closure. Question 4.1 below asks if a list of such assets should be created and question 4.2 asks for proposals to be included in the list that could then be the basis for formal nomination and approval by Cheshire East Council.

The Parish Council or another locally connected community group (a society, neighbourhood forum, not for profit organisation or a group of at least 21 individuals) can then through a procedure known as 'Community Right to Bid' express an interest after which they have six months to seek to raise the necessary funds and place a bid.

Q 4.1 Should we create a list of assets of community value within the parish?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Table 33: Create list of community assets.

		Yes	No	No preference	Total
Rode Heath	Number	281	39	25	345
	%	81.45	11.30	7.25	100
Scholar Green	Number	186	41	33	260
	%	71.54	15.77	12.69	100
Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant	Number	167	30	27	224
	%	74.55	13.39	12.05	100
Odd Rode	Number	634	110	85	829
	%	76.48	13.27	10.25	100

Table 33 above show that the respondents are overwhelmingly in agreement with the creation of such a list with more than ¾ of respondents showing agreement. The highest proportion is found in Rode Heath (81.45%), the lowest in Scholar Green (71.54%), and Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant somewhere in between.

Q 4.2 If so, which particular community buildings within the parish do you consider to have significant community value?

In answer to question 4.2 respondents were requested to list the buildings of significant value to the local community.

Most respondents listed a multitude of buildings which at present are bases for particular services such as shops and Post Office and respondents got round the question with expressions such as 'All buildings which serve the community'. Some also listed open spaces such as the grounds to Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant Village Hall.

The following is an analysis of the initial response – the first building listed in answer to the said question 4.2, say 'Village Hall', and how many of the respondents from each local area have included this as their first response. The result is shown in tables 34-36, page 47.

It shows that within all three areas the village halls are high on the list of buildings of importance to the community and highest within Rode Heath with 130 (38%) respondents referring to these halls as being important. Similar proportions refer to village halls in this way within the other two areas.

Other types of buildings are a long way behind the village halls, but churches, church halls and chapels*) do get a relative strong mentioning in the responses from all areas. The exception is Rode Heath from where 54 respondents (16%) refer to the Young Peoples' Community Centre (YPCC) and as this is unique to Rode Heath, it does only get one response from the other areas.

There is continuing concern about the likelihood of pubs, shops and local post offices surviving in the long term and judging from tables 35 and 36 this concern is probably most acute within Scholar Green and Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant**).

*) The Chapel in Spring Bank closed in October 2016 and is now a building plot. Kent Green Chapel in Cinderhill Lane was given planning permission for commercial use in April 2017.

**) At the time of writing (mid-November 2018) Mow Cop has already lost one Pub ('Cheshire View'), the shop and post office in Mt Pleasant is for sale and was closed at the end of October 2018.

Table 34: Significant bldgs, Rode Heath

	1	2	3
Village Hall	130	4	
Others	111		
YPCC	54		
Church	30	2	1
Pub	6	4	
Shop	4	2	1
Surgery	3		
Library	2		
Cricket Club	1		
Post Office	1	1	
Mill Mead trees	1		
OAP Home	1		
The Rise	1		
Bowling Green		1	
Total	345		

Table 35: Significant bldgs, Scholar Grn

	1	2	3
Others	124		
Village Hall	108	1	
Church	9		
Shop	5	2	
Medical centre	4		
Pub	4		
School	2		
Post Office	1	2	2
RH Cricket Club	1		
Rode Hall	1		
Scout Hall	1		
RH YPCC		1	
Total	260		

Table 36: Significant bldgs, Mow Cop

	1	2	3 & 4
Others	106		
Village Hall	86		
Church	10	1	1
Post Office	6	1	2
Shop	5	3	2
Pub	5	2	1
Chapel	2	3	1
School	1	1	2
Grounds of village hall	1	1	
MC Community Church	1		
Rode Hall	1		
Total	224		

Q 4.3 If this community asset(s) were under threat of being shut down, would you be willing to be involved in working towards keeping it/them open?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Table 37: Willingness to be involved

	Number	%
<u>Odd Rode</u>		
Yes	476	57.42
No	168	20.27
Not Stated	185	22.32
<u>Total</u>	829	100
<u>Rode Heath</u>		
Yes	213	61.74
No	70	20.29
Not Stated	62	17.97
<u>Total</u>	345	100
<u>Scholar Grn</u>		
Yes	137	52.69
No	52	20.00
Not Stated	71	27.31
<u>Total</u>	260	100
<u>MC-Mt Pleas</u>		
Yes	126	56.25
No	46	20.54
Not Stated	52	23.21
<u>Total</u>	224	100

The response to question 4.3 is set out in table 37 above and show just under 60% within the parish as a whole would be willing to be involved with a somewhat larger percentage in Rode Heath and a smaller percentage in the other areas.

4.2 Open Spaces

Q 4.4 Apart from buildings listed in 4.2, are there any places in the Parish that you feel are particularly important for the community?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Question 4.4 is concerned with open spaces as different from buildings and other structures although it seems that not all respondents have realised that.

However, the response to the question is set out in table 38 below.

Slightly less than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the respondents overall feel there are places of importance to the local community, very slightly more within Rode Heath, less within Mow Cop and even less within Scholar Green.

These differences may be due to differences in topography in that within Rode Heath and Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant and around the edges of those settlements there are more accessible open spaces than within and around Scholar Green. At the same time such spaces may be more sparse in and around Scholar Green and therefore more highly valued than those within and around the other areas.

Table 38: Any places important to the local community

	Rode Heath		Scholar Green		Mow Cop-Mt Pleas		Odd Rode	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Yes	231	66.96	153	58.85	145	64.73	529	63.81
No	46	13.33	44	16.92	36	16.07	126	15.20
Not stated	68	19.71	63	24.23	43	19.20	174	20.99
Total	345	100	260	100	224	100	829	100

Q 4.5 If so, which particular places within the Parish do you consider to have significant community value and should be preserved?

The answers to question 4.5 is set out in table 39, below page 50. They include a mixture of specific, named places such as the Bowling Green in Rode Heath or the Village Green in Mount Pleasant or more general pronouncements such as 'open places' or 'footpaths'.

However, the overall impression is that it is the generally open character of the parish area, which the respondents value. Whether this comes in the shape of a formal open space such as a constructed play area or the gardens at Rode Hall or the informal woodlands round Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop Village Hall is less important.

Respondents from Rode Heath and Scholar Green refer to 'Children's park and play areas' more than any other areas. Next respondents from Rode Heath name 'The Rise' as a much valued area while in other areas 'open areas' and Village Greens are referred to. The Village Hall and the surrounding area is the most frequently mentioned open space of value within Mt Pleasant.

The relative paucity of accessible open space within and around Scholar Green is perhaps illustrated by the reference to Astbury Village and Astbury Mere as places of value. However, these places are well outside Odd Rode Parish.

Table 39: Open spaces of significant value to the local community.

	Rode Heath	Scholar Green	Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant	Odd Rode
Children's park & play areas	52	61	12	125
The Rise	44	1		45
Open areas	5	20	4	29
Village Green	11	7	15	33
Village Hall*)	10	8	35	53
All**)	10	6	5	21
Canal front & towing path	16	9	2	27
Shop & Post office	8	8	5	21
Bowling Green	14			14
Churches & chapels	2	4	6	12
Football fields			6	6
Cricket club & grounds	3	1		4
Surgery	2			2
Millmead	4			4
Common	1			1
Footpaths		2	1	3
Public houses	4	1	3	8
School	8			8
ex bowling green			1	1
ex play area			1	1
Woods		2		2
YPCC	3			3

*) It is worth bearing in mind that Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant Village Hall has extensive grounds of open areas and woodlands of several acres.

**) In answer to question 4.5 several respondents state that 'all' spaces are of significant recreational value to the local communities.

4.3 Health Services

Q 4.6 How satisfied are you with the health services already being provided for within the Parish?

a) Very satisfied

☐

Please tick only one box

b) Fairly satisfied

☐

c) Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

☐

d) Fairly dissatisfied

☐

e) Very dissatisfied

☐

The answers to question 4.6 are summarised in table 40 below and it is noted that satisfaction with the provision of health services is much lower within Rode Heath than in other parts of the parish. Roughly only a third (33.62%) of respondents were either very satisfied or fairly satisfied with the provision compared to about two thirds (71.54% and 66.52%) of the respondents from Scholar Green and Mow Cop- Mt Pleasant.

Correspondingly a larger proportion of respondents from Rode Heath (40.87%) were dissatisfied with the provision of health services than was the case among respondents from Scholar Green (8.08%) and Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant (11.60%).

Table 40: Satisfaction with health services

	Very Satisfied	Fairly Satisfied	Neither	Fairly Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not stated	Total
<u>Rode Heath</u>							
No.s	50	66	79	67	74	9	345
%	14.49	19.13	22.90	19.42	21.45	2.61	100
<u>Scholar Green</u>							
No.s	112	74	45	15	6	8	260
%	43.08	28.46	17.31	5.77	2.31	3.08	100
<u>Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant</u>							
No.s	84	65	40	13	13	9	224
%	37.50	29.02	17.86	5.80	5.80	4.02	100
<u>Odd Rode</u>							
No.s	246	205	164	95	93	26	829
%	29.67	24.73	19.78	11.46	11.22	3.14	100

In the subsequent question 4.7 respondents were asked to give reasons for these answers and summary of these reasons are set out in table 41, page 53.

Q 4.7 Please give reasons for this answer

It then becomes clear that the reason for the dissatisfaction among respondents from Rode Heath is a disappointment with the closure of the surgery in this area despite what residents undoubtedly saw as a promise to keep it open. They also consider that this decision will imply the inconvenience of having to travel to the new surgery in Scholar Green and point to the poor provision of public transport between the two areas.

The provision of health service within Odd Rode Parish and maybe a slightly wider area is in fact synonymous with the way the Green Moss Health Centre is managed and many of the negative comments refer to difficulties with getting an appointment when required and some also suggest there is not enough doctors to cater for the local need and demand.

Table 41: Reasons for dissatisfaction or satisfaction with health services

<u>Rode Heath</u>	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	<u>Scholar Green</u>	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	<u>Mow Cop- Mt Pleasant</u>	Dissatisfied	Satisfied
Unhappy with closure	99	19	Unhappy with closure		5	Unhappy with closure in Rode Heath		1
Closure causing transport problems	11	6						
Closure bad, new surgery unsatisfactory	2		Closure bad, new surgery unsatisfactory		1	Closure unfortunate, new surgery bad	1	1
Regret closure, but generally ok		7	Regret closure, but generally ok					
Access to new surgery difficult, due to transport problems	9	5	Access to new surgery difficult, due to transport problems		2	Access to new surgery difficult, due to transport problems	8	3
New surgery badly managed	4	4	New surgery badly managed	13	15	Getting appointment difficult	8	6
			New surgery badly managed, gone elsewhere	1		Access difficult, getting appointment difficult	1	
			Improvement needed		6	Improvements needed	1	1
NHS generally unsatisfactory	3		NHS generally unsatisfactory	1	1	NHS nationally/regionally		2
Local service generally good		13	Local service generally good		62	Local service generally good	1	46
			Generally good, but ...		2	Generally good, but ...		4
Use out-of-parish clinics	2	11	Use out-of-parish clinics		5	Use out-of-parish clinics	5	4
Other		1	Other		5	Other		6
No comments	11	50	No comments	6	82	No comment	1	75
Total	141	116	Total	21	186	Total	26	149

In some of the comments to Q 4.7 it is hinted that some improvements might be desirable to the services provided by the Green Moss Health Centre.

This issue is further explored in the response to question 4.8.

Q 4.8 Are you affected by a lack of a particular health provision? If so, what additional services do you feel are needed?

Table 42: Additional services needed

	Rode Heath	Sch Green	Mow Cop Mt Pleas	Odd Rode
Chiropodist	2	4	1	7
Dentist	6	9	7	22
Mental health		1	1	2
Opening hours		3	3	6
Optician	1		1	2
Pharmacy/Chemist	8	4	3	15
Physiotherapy		1	4	5
Podiatrist		1	1	2
Transport	30	3	1	34
Warfarin clinic		1	1	2
Individual suggestions	1	4	12	17
Other comments	25	14	6	45
No comments	258	219	190	667
Total	331	264	231	826

Note: Suggestions from Rode Heath include 43 no (12.5%) who just wished to keep the surgery.

Table 42 above seeks to summaries the many and varied suggestions for additional health services. It includes the number of suggestions and many respondents had more than one suggestion. However, an overall total of 667 (81%) respondents had no comments or suggestions to make.

Rode Heath differ from the other areas in that 43 respondents (12.5%) just wished to keep the surgery which has now been closed. Associated with this is a concern for the availability of transport to reach the new health centre in Scholar Green.

A particularly wide variation of 'clinical' suggestions come from the Mow Cop – Mt Pleasant area ranging from Audio testing and battery service for hearing aids to "heart service" and blood testing.

'Other comments' includes a number of references to difficulties in getting appointment and a perception that the new health centre is under staffed. In addition several

respondents find the arrangements for obtaining prescriptions and collecting the prescribed medication ‘inconvenient’.

Overall it seems true to say that respondents are generally somewhat disappointed with the range of services offered at the ‘Greenmoss’ health centre compared to what they consider was promised at the planning stage.

4.4 Utilities and services

Q 4.9 For each of the following utilities and services, please give your level of satisfaction:

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Broadband services					
Mobile phone services (signal/reception/data)					
Highway drainage/surface water removal					
Electricity/gas supply					
Public/community transport					

4.4a Utilities general

Table 43: Utilities generally

		Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral*)	Total
Rode Heath	No	809	497	424	1,730
	%	46.76	28.73	24.51	100
Scholar Green	No	621	331	348	1,300
	%	47.77	25.46	26.77	100
Mow Cop/ Mt Pleasant	No	553	327	240	1,120
	%	49.38	29.20	21.43	100
Odd Rode	No	1,983	1,155	1,012	4,150
	%	47.78	27.83	24.39	100

*Neutral' ~ 'Neither' and 'Not stated'

Table 43 above seeks to summarise the general level of satisfaction with public services locally.

It is noted that 'Satisfied' (the sum of 'Very satisfied' and 'Fairly satisfied') amounts to just short of 50% of the responses across the parish as a whole and each of the three sub-areas. The amount of dissatisfaction and those being 'Neutral' in their response is close to 25% in each case.

However, it may be accepted that residents of Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant rely more heavily on public support than the other areas. It then becomes significant that the size of the 'Neutral' response here is lower than for the other areas and similar that the level of 'Satisfaction' is 1.6% higher than for the parish as a whole at 49.38%, while the level of 'Dissatisfaction' is 1.4% higher than for the parish as a whole at 29.2%.

As we shall see in the following it is the way respondents perceive one of the public services in particular that pushes the level of 'Dissatisfaction' and in particular among the respondents from Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant.

4.4b Broadband services

Table 44: Broadband services

Broadband		Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not stated	Total
Rode Heath	No	43	133	43	61	39	27	346
	%	12.43	38.44	12.43	17.63	11.27	7.80	100
Scholar Green	No	37	102	40	31	17	33	260
	%	14.23	39.23	15.38	11.92	6.54	12.69	100
Mow Cop/ Mt Pleasant	No	38	73	26	28	32	27	224
	%	16.96	32.59	11.61	12.50	14.29	12.05	100
Odd Rode	No	118	308	109	120	88	87	830
	%	14.22	37.11	13.13	14.46	10.60	10.48	100

Table 44 above shows respondents to be generally satisfied with the level of broadband services with just over 50% in Scholar Green and Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant reporting to be 'Very' or 'Fairly' satisfied and slightly less by respondents in Rode Heath. However, there also appear to be some dissatisfaction especially within Rode Heath at 29% of the respondents compared to 25% for the whole of Odd Rode parish.

4.4c Mobile phones

Table 45, below page 57, shows that in respect of mobile phones even more dissatisfaction emerges from the respondents in Rode Heath in that 42.77% report to be 'Very' or 'Fairly' dissatisfied compared 20% and 24.56% reported from Scholar Green and Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant respectively.

By contrast respondents from Scholar Green and Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant report satisfaction levels at 57.3% and 58.25% compared to 'only' 37.86% reported by respondents from Rode Heath.

Table 45: Mobile phones

<u>Mobile phones</u>		Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not stated	Total
Rode Heath	No	23	108	46	88	60	21	346
	%	6.65	31.21	13.29	25.43	17.34	6.07	100
Scholar Green	No	55	94	35	39	13	24	260
	%	21.15	36.15	13.46	15.00	5.00	9.23	100
Mow Cop/ Mt Pleasant	No	32	94	28	35	20	15	224
	%	14.29	41.96	12.50	15.63	8.93	6.70	100
Odd Rode	No	110	296	109	162	93	60	830
	%	13.25	35.66	13.13	19.52	11.20	7.23	100

4.4d Highway drainage

Table 46: Highway drainage

<u>Highway drainage</u>		Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not stated	Total
Rode Heath	No	43	128	76	59	23	17	346
	%	12.43	36.99	21.97	17.05	6.65	4.91	100
Scholar Green	No	32	74	50	55	37	12	260
	%	12.31	28.46	19.23	21.15	14.23	4.62	100
Mow Cop/ Mt Pleasant	No	30	81	28	42	33	10	224
	%	13.39	36.16	12.50	18.75	14.73	4.46	100
Odd Rode	No	105	283	154	156	93	39	830
	%	12.65	34.10	18.55	18.80	11.20	4.70	100

The highest level of satisfaction with the state of highways drainage is expressed by the respondents from Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant at 49.55% as seen from table 46 above. The lowest level of satisfaction is reported from Scholar Green at 40.77% and the highest level of dissatisfaction at 35.88%.

4.4e Electricity and gas supply

Table 47: Electricity and gas supply

<u>El & Gas supply</u>		Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not stated	Total
Rode Heath	No	121	156	44	9	5	11	346
	%	34.97	45.09	12.72	2.60	1.45	3.18	100
Scholar Green	No	104	94	44	5	1	12	260
	%	40.00	36.15	16.92	1.92	0.38	4.62	100
Mow Cop/ Mt Pleasant	No	85	94	25	7	0	13	224
	%	37.95	41.96	11.16	3.13	0.00	5.80	100
Odd Rode	No	310	344	113	21	6	36	830
	%	37.35	41.45	13.61	2.53	0.72	4.34	100

As shown in table 47, above page 57, the supply of electricity and gas has made the respondents report by far the highest levels of satisfaction at more than 75% throughout the parish and levels of dissatisfaction at under 5%.

4.4f Public and community transport

Table 48: Public and community transport

Public/community transport		Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not stated	Total
Rode Heath	No	12	42	119	84	69	20	346
	%	3.47	12.14	34.39	24.28	19.94	5.78	100
Scholar Green	No	11	18	85	47	86	13	260
	%	4.23	6.92	32.69	18.08	33.08	5.00	100
Mow Cop/ Mt Pleasant	No	10	16	52	37	93	16	224
	%	4.46	7.14	23.21	16.52	41.52	7.14	100
Odd Rode	No	33	76	256	168	248	49	830
	%	3.98	9.16	30.84	20.24	29.88	5.90	100

It is on the issue of public and community transport that a strong level of dissatisfaction across the whole of the parish comes to light with 50.12% of the respondents reporting to be 'Very' or 'Fairly' dissatisfied while 13.14% reporting satisfaction.

However, the strongest level of dissatisfaction is shown by the respondents from Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant at 58% with a corresponding low level of satisfaction at 11.61%.

4.5 Examples of dissatisfaction

Q 4.10 If you have any particular examples where you are not satisfied with any of the above, please comment below:

In conclusion to this chapter respondents were asked in question 4.10 above to comment on particular services and give examples. The outcome is shown in table 49 below, page 58.

It should be noted that well over 75% of the respondents offer no comments or examples ('Not stated', table 49) and many comments are general rather than specific.

Bus service

It is clear that within the Parish as a whole and within each part of the parish,

the bus service and public transport as a whole is the biggest single source of comments, and some commentators complain a) simply that there are not enough buses and others that the routes b) do not take them where they want/need to go to. Others point out that there is continued need for public transport for young people and the elderly.

However, the restructuring of the bus service that took effect in April 2018 may have affected these views.

One commentator writes: "There just isn't enough public transport!" Another writes: "Public transport to doctors in Alsager and/or Sandbach." "Service no 78 has been 'school transport' for our daughter at Sandbach girl's school." "More buses in the area for us older people."

Table 49: Number of comments from respondents not satisfied with utilities or services

Example Reference	Odd Rode				Rode Heath			
	1	2	3	Total	1	2	3	Total
Not stated	391	698	792	1881	167	285	323	775
Broadband	63	10	-	73	36	8	2	46
Bus/public transport	165	48	19	232	52	16	13	81
Mobile	48	26	-	74	34	20	3	57
Highways/ drainage	116	32	10	158	22	9	5	36
El, gas, water	18	5	-	23	7	1	-	8
Example Reference	Scholar Green				Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant			
	1	2	3	Total	1	2	3	Total
Not stated	122	219	253	594	102	194	216	512
Broadband	15	1	-	16	12	1	2	15
Bus/public transport	58	23	3	84	55	9	3	67
Mobile	9	3	-	12	5	3	1	9
Highways/ drainage	58	12	4	74	36	11	1	48
El, gas, water	5	2	-	7	6	2	-	8

Highways – maintenance and drainage

The second biggest source of comments within Odd Rode parish as a whole and Scholar Green and Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant (but not Rode Heath, see below) is the state of the roads. It applies to the general state of the roads as well as drainage arrangements.

Typical comments are along the lines of: "Grids and gullies not cleaned." "Surface water problems due to lack of drainage off Margery Ave properties." "Road surface through Scholar Green."

Broadband and mobile phone connections

Broadband connections and mobile phone connections appear to be lesser problems within Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant and Scholar Green with 'only' 16% and 5% of the

comments respectively referring to these issues compared to 45% of the comments from Rode Heath.

The comments refer mainly to poor connectivity and slowness of broadband services, but a number also refer to a lack of choice as to which service provider one can connect to. The latter especially refer to difficulty in connecting to Virgin.

Typical comments: "Both broadband and mobile phone reception very slow and poor. This makes it very difficult for anyone wanting to work from home." "Broadband goes off when it rains." "Constant issues with slow/lost broadband/mobile signals." "Poor internet service, slow speed, lack of choice, no Virgin (cable) available."

Note: It is just possible that with a younger and a more economically active population in Rode Heath, these issues are more keenly felt here than elsewhere.

Electricity, gas, water

There are a few comments on the supply of electricity, gas and water.

On electricity comments refer to frequent power cuts even when there is no obvious reason such as bad weather and apparently there is still no gas supply in some parts of the parish.

There is no reference to water supply in the questionnaire, but some respondents nevertheless refer to low pressure.

Typical comments:

"Frequent electricity power cuts." "Constant power cuts." "Electricity supply varies between day and night."

"No gas in Low Street, alternatives very expensive and cause financial difficulties."

"Water pressure already poor."

5.0 Transport and highways

5.1 Foreword

This chapter on traffic, transport and highways issues is different from other chapters of this residents' survey in that it comments on current problems and seeks solutions to these here and now rather than look to solutions for future and they cannot easily be translated into policies for new development.

There are many comments on traffic speed, flow and volume due to the perceived danger on the roads. Suggested ways of minimising the danger include enforcement, more signage, more traffic lights, speed humps etc.

The survey response also differ from the response in other chapters in that some comments go into great details referring to problems on named roads, down to issues that are more in the realms of neighbour disputes rather than matters of public interest eg some respondents complain that access to their homes is frequently blocked by the inconsiderate parking by their neighbours.

Comments from within Scholar Green refer to the need for a pedestrian crossing across the A34 near the school entrance and/or the shop and/or the Green Moss health clinic. However, since the residents' survey was completed a pedestrian crossing has been installed just south of these amenities.

Similar within Rode Heath references are made to the traffic problems occurring in Heath Avenue due to parents parking in the locality without consideration for residents while carrying their children to and from school.

It is the understanding that proposals aimed at alleviating these problems are now going through a consultation process.

Communications are also taking place between members of the parish council for Rode Heath and CEC considering the possibility of further speed restrictions on the A50 and Sandbach Road (A533).

Simultaneously with this survey of the residents of Odd Rode the senior council, Cheshire East, undertook a consultation exercise covering all bus services within the borough with a view to save on the subsidy. The outcome has been a new service that from the 1st of April 2018 will replace the existing services 77 and 78 which have covered Odd Rode until now.

Before analysing the responses in detail it is worth pointing out that the issues involved are interlinked rather than being discrete. The patterns of parking in the street and on pavements influence how easy the traffic will flow, the volume carried and how fast cars can travel on the road ways. Blocked pavements force pedestrians onto the road ways also influencing the flow etc. of cars.

5.2 General Analysis

Q 5.1 Which of the following transport issues affect you in your area?

	Yes	No	If yes, please give brief details, locations, and suggested solutions
Parking			
Buses			

Please tick the relevant box and give brief details

Odd Rode Parish

Table 50: Number of responses confirming (or rejecting) to be affected by transport issues, Odd Rode Parish.

<u>Odd Rode</u>	Yes	No	Other	Not stated	Total
Traffic speed	463	245		122	830
Bus service	334	310	1	185	830
Parking	319	352		159	830
Obstruction for pedestrians	277	364		189	830
Traffic volume	273	350		207	830
School safety	205	387	1	237	830
Pedestrian crossing	187	421	1	221	830
Traffic flow	155	429		246	830
Traffic visibility	144	437		249	830
Highway lighting	127	478		225	830
Obstruction for vehicles	123	468		239	830
Disability access	87	490	3	250	830
Non vehicular traffic	30	530		270	830

The above table shows the response of the parish as a whole. It is noted that between 463 (56%) and 30 (4%) of the respondents confirm that they are affected by traffic and transport issues. Between 245 (30%) and 530 (64%) claim not to be affected by such issues and between 122 (15%) and 270 (33%) have made no claim either way.

Amongst the issues that seem to affect more people than any other is traffic speed 463 (56%) and issues round the level and quality of bus service 334 (40%) followed by parking, obstruction for pedestrians, the volume of traffic and school safety.

Table 51: No of comments on each issue and total returns with comments, Odd Rode Parish.

	Odd Rode	
	No	%
Parking	281	47.07
Speeding	267	44.72
Bus service	213	35.68
School safety	157	26.30
Crossings	130	21.78
Obstructing pedestrians	124	20.77
Traffic flow & volume	114	19.10
Lighting	45	7.54
Total with comments*)	597	100

*) Note: 597 is the total number of questionnaires with comments each of which may deal with several of the issues above.

As can be seen from the above specimen question, Q 5.1, page 61, respondents were invited to comment on the issues with brief details, locations and suggested solutions. Table 51 above, page 62, shows that 597 respondents or 72% of the total chose to do so.

It is also noted that while speeding seems to be the issue that concerns most people, it is the issue of parking that has generated slightly more comments.

The problems of parking are widespread throughout the parish due to the road network consisting largely of narrow country lanes and equally narrow residential roads. The latter were built in the second half of the 20th century, but not for the volume of motorists seen today.

The complaints ranges from inconsiderate (and in effect illegal) parking close to junctions, blocking visibility and sometimes access to side roads to complaints about people parking so as to block the entrance to neighbouring properties.

Comments about the bus service ranges from the scathing "What buses?" to complaints about timetables, frequency and destinations.

The comments about obstructions for pedestrians are general throughout the parish. They refer mostly to cars parked such that they occupy most of the width of pavements, making passage difficult especially for wheelchair users and people with children using pushchairs.

Throughout the parish there are also complaints about lack of maintenance of hedges and grass verges.

NB! Details of individual comments have been made available in separate documents.

Scholar Green

Table 52: Number of responses confirming (or rejecting) to be affected by transport issues, Scholar Green.

<u>Scholar Green</u>	Yes	No	Other	Not stated	Total
Traffic speed	137	81		43	261
Buses	115	95	1	50	261
Traffic volume	92	105		64	261
Parking	84	123		54	261
School safety	77	118	1	65	261
Pedestrian crossing	74	124	1	62	261
Obstruction for pedestrians	71	124		66	261
Traffic flow	52	135		74	261
Highway lighting	37	156		68	261
Traffic visibility	29	149		83	261
Disabled access	27	152	3	79	261
Obstructions for vehicles	26	157		78	261
Non-vehicle traffic	7	168		86	261

Within Odd Rode the main A50 traverse the western part of the parish while the A34 traverse the middle and eastern part of the parish and crosses the A50 in the well-known Red Bull crossing while it in effect splits the village of Scholar Green in two. In addition the

M6 motorway is nearby to the west of the parish and both main roads are heavily affected by the traffic situation here. Motorway traffic is frequently diverted causing major problems for local traffic in both Scholar Green and Rode Heath.

For these reasons traffic speed and volume are issues which 137 (52%) and 92 (35%) respondents out of 261 list as major concerns, see table 52, above, page 63. School safety also comes high on the list with 30% (77 respondents) claiming this to be an issue compared to 25% in the parish as a whole.

Table 53 below show 193 respondents or 74% of the total of 261 to have chosen to comment on the issue which is the highest proportion of comments from any part of the parish.

Of these 80 (41%) have commented on the speeding of traffic and many alleging that motorists do not adhere to the recently imposed limit of 30mph.

School safety comes high on the list with 34% (65 out of 193) noting this as an issue, the highest proportion in any of the three sub-areas of the parish.

The problems are located at the entrance to the Scholar Green Primary School just off the A34 Congleton Road right in the middle of the village. It shares this entrance with a grocer on the left and a hairdresser on the right, which of course compounds the problem.

Table 53: No of comments on each issue and total returns with comments, Scholar Green.

	Scholar Green	
	No	%
Speeding	80	41.45
School safety	65	33.68
Parking	63	32.64
Bus service	52	26.94
Crossings	51	26.42
Obstructing pedestrians	37	19.17
Traffic flow & volume	31	16.06
Lighting	12	6.22
Total with comments*)	193	100

Note: *) See above table 5.2.

Rode Heath

Rode Heath is split into two halves by the A533, Sandbach Road, and shares with Scholar Green the effects of frequent problems on the M6.

Therefore traffic speed and volume are issues which 193 (56%) and 123 (36%) respondents out of 345 list as major concerns, see table 54, below, page 65. School safety also comes high on the list with 28% (96 respondents) claiming this to be an issue compared to 30% in Scholar Green and 25% in the parish as a whole.

Fewer respondents from Rode Heath refer to buses as an issue which affects them; 119 (34%) out of 345 compared to 44% from Scholar Green and 40% from the parish as a whole.

This is no doubt due to the difference in age structure and the difference in the number of people working as referred to elsewhere in this document.

Table 54: Number of responses confirming (or rejecting) to be affected by transport issues, Rode Heath.

<u>Rode Heath</u>	Yes	No	Other	Not stated	Total
Traffic Speed	193	112		40	345
Parking	142	144		59	345
Obstruction for pedestrians	133	146		66	345
Traffic volume	123	142		80	345
Buses	119	148		78	345
School safety	96	157		92	345
Pedestrian Crossing	95	167		83	345
Traffic flow	75	176		94	345
Traffic visibility	61	190		94	345
Highway Lighting	56	200		89	345
Obstruction for vehicles	55	201		89	345
Disability access	35	214		96	345
Non vehicular traffic	6	236		103	345

Out of a total of 345 respondents from Rode Heath 251 (73%) have made comments on traffic and transport issues.

Of these 52% refer to parking issues (131 out of 251) while the second most numerous complaints refer to speeding issues (table 55 below, page 65).

Parking problems are particularly concentrated near the entrance to Rode Heath Primary School and several respondents suggest that parents should use the car park to 'Broughton Arms' PH with a suggested crossing (see below) to facilitate pedestrian access across Sandbach Road.

Comments on speeding issues amount to 47% (118 out of 251) which is the biggest proportion of any of the three sub-areas.

It includes comments on the speed of traffic through the village and the allegation that motorists do not respect statutory speed limits. However, uniquely to Rode Heath it also includes a number of complaints about speeding on 'estate roads'.

69 (27%) of the respondents from Rode Heath refer to the lack of any pedestrian crossings especially across Sandbach Road and they suggest four locations should be considered:

- 1) In the northern end of the village near the 'Royal Oak' PH and Chinese Take-away;
- 2) Near the centre of the village to facilitate access to the school and the Post Office and village store;
- 3) In the southern end across the A50 to access the cricket ground and Rode Hall Park; and
- 4) Across the A50 from the end of Chapel Lane to Poolside.

Table 55: No of comments on each issue and total returns with comments, Rode Heath.

	Rode Heath	
	No	%
Parking	131	52.19
Speeding	118	47.01
Bus service	98	39.04
School safety	73	29.08
Crossings	69	27.49
Traffic flow & volume	63	25.10
Obstructing pedestrians	43	17.13
Lighting	15	5.98
Total with comments*)	251	100

Note: *) See above table 51.

Mount Pleasant- Mow Cop

Table 56: Number of responses confirming (or rejecting) to be affected by transport issues, Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop.

<u>Mt Pleasant/Mow Cop</u>	Yes	No	Other	Not stated	Total
Traffic Speed	133	52		39	224
Buses	100	67		57	224
Parking	93	85		46	224
Obstruction for pedestrians	73	94		57	224
Traffic volume	58	103		63	224
Traffic visibility	54	98		72	224
Obstruction for vehicles	42	110		72	224
Highway Lighting	34	122		68	224
School safety	32	112		80	224
Traffic flow	28	118		78	224
Disability access	25	124		75	224
Pedestrian Crossing	18	130		76	224
Non vehicular traffic	17	126		81	224

A summary of the response from Mt Pleasant/Mow Cop to question 5.1 is provided in table 56, above.

It is seen that it is quite similar to the response from the other parts of the parish. However it will be clear that due to the geography of this area, the residents do have some discrete concerns unique to this area at the same time as one concern – that of School Safety – is less prominent in this area.

As in the other parts of the parish speed and speeding of motorists is a major concern and 59% (133 of 224) list that as an issue that affect them which is a higher proportion than elsewhere, averaging 56% for the parish as a whole.

Buses and bus service is also an issue of concern to more respondents here, 100 or 45% of 224, than elsewhere compared to 40% for the parish as a whole.

There is an equestrian centre near to the area and horses and horse riders generate a limited number of comments under the heading 'Non vehicular traffic'.

Table 57: No of comments on each issue and total returns with comments, Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop.

	Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop	
	No	%
Parking	87	56.86
Speeding	69	45.10
Bus service	63	41.18
Traffic flow & volume	44	28.76
Obstructing pedestrians	20	13.07
School safety	19	12.42
Lighting	18	11.76
Crossings	10	6.54
Total with comments*)	153	100

Note: *) See above table 5.2.

153 of the 224 or 68% of the respondents from this area made comments on the issues in question. This is a lower percentage than in the other areas. Again it is 'parking' which generates the most comments with 87 or 57% of the respondents dealing with this issue.

Parking round the Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop area is not different in nature from that described for the other areas. However, the roads here are probably older and best described as country lanes and as such without pavements. Both motorists, pedestrians and other road users have to use the roadways with the resulting potential for conflict.

Speeding here has an added dimension here by the villages being on the slopes of a 400m hilltop and one comment refer to young people cycling down Station Road at great speed and danger to themselves and others. Obviously the steep slope requires extra care from the motorists who wish or need to negotiate them.

Some respondents refer to the danger coming from speeding motorists making a short cut through Mt Pleasant from or to the nearby Staffordshire town of Biddulph which also hinders flow and increases volume.

Woodcock's Well Primary School is a relative small and situated a short distance away from built-up areas. The relative small amount of traffic generated by the school is therefore less of a problem than elsewhere.

5.3 Road Capacity

Q 5.2 Do you believe the country roads linking our villages can take any increase in traffic volume?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Table 58: Response to question on increase in capacity.

		Yes	No	Other	Not stated	Total
Mt Pleasant/Mow Cop	No	23	186	2	13	224
	%	10.27	83.04	0.89	5.80	100
Rode Heath	No	38	288	2	17	345
	%	11.01	83.48	0.58	4.93	100
Scholar Green	No	28	221	1	11	261
	%	10.73	84.67	0.38	4.21	100
Odd Rode	No	89	695	5	41	830
	%	10.72	83.73	0.60	4.94	100

A clear majority of over 80% do not agree with the notion that the local road network can take an increase in capacity with no significant difference between the areas. However, a small number ('Other', table 58 above) will say "it depends".

5.4 Sustainable transport means

Q 5.3 Do you use sustainable forms of transport? e.g. cycling

Yes ☐ No ☐

Table 59: Use of sustainable transport

		Yes	No	Not stated	Total
Odd Rode	No	239	564	27	830
	%	28.80	67.95	3.25	100
Scholar Green	No	61	192	8	261
	%	23.37	73.56	3.07	100
Rode Heath	No	114	219	12	345
	%	33.04	63.48	3.48	100
Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop	No	64	153	7	224
	%	28.57	68.30	3.13	100

The response to the question on the use of sustainable means of transport is set out in table 59 above and it is perhaps as expected given the demographic structure as described in chapter 1.

A higher proportion of respondents from Rode Heath, 114 or 33% of 345, claim to use sustainable forms of transport than in the other parts of the parish and a smaller proportion (63%) claim not to do so. Conversely a smaller proportion of the respondents from Scholar Green, 61 or 23% of 261, claim to use such transport while a larger proportion (74%) claim not to do so.

Q 5.4 If no, what prevents you?

Table 60: Reasons for *not* using sustainable transport

	Odd Rode		Scholar Green		Rode Heath		Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Age	142	25.04	61	30.05	48	22.22	33	22.30
Health	97	17.11	29	14.29	34	15.74	34	22.97
State of road	30	5.29	12	5.91	9	4.17	9	6.08
Safety	40	7.05	10	4.93	27	12.50	3	2.03
Traffic	49	8.64	27	13.30	19	8.80	3	2.03
'The Hill'	25	4.41	-		-		25	16.89
Distance	88	15.52	22	10.84	41	18.98	25	16.89
Other	96	16.93	42	20.69	38	17.59	16	10.81
Total	567	100	203	100	216	100	148	100

The reasons for not using sustainable transport is set out in table 60 above and it is noted that the most frequently reason given is 'Age' with the highest proportion (30%) being from Scholar Green and the smallest proportion (22%) being from Rode Heath.

As Rode Heath is the area with the highest rate of economically active people it may be expected that a high proportion is quoting 'distance' to place of work as a reason.

Respondents from the Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop area state 'Health' as a reason for not using such forms of transport more frequently (23%) than respondents from other parts of the parish, 14% in Scholar Green and 16% in Rode Heath.

Respondents who live at the top of the Mow Cop hill quite obviously give this and the steep slopes as reasons for not using sustainable transport.

5.5 Cycle lanes

Q 5.5 Would you support the creation of the following?

a) Cycle Lanes within the parish

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, where?

b) Cycle racks by local facilities, e.g. by shops, pubs, village halls, etc.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Table 61: Do you want cycle lanes and cycle racks?

Odd Rode Parish		Cycle racks				
		Yes	No	Not stated	Total	%
Cycle lanes	Yes	374	46	46	466	56.14
	No	112	144	37	293	35.30
	Not stated	12	0	59	71	8.55
	Total	498	190	142	830	100.00
	%	60.00	22.89	17.11	100	
Scholar Green		Cycle racks				
		Yes	No	Not stated	Total	%
Cycle lanes	Yes	116	13	15	144	55.17
	No	45	38	10	93	35.63
	Not stated	6		18	24	9.20
	Total	167	51	43	261	100
	%	63.98	19.54	16.48	100	
Rode Heath		Cycle racks				
		Yes	No	Not stated	Total	%
Cycle lanes	Yes	177	20	19	216	62.61
	No	43	50	11	104	30.14
	Not stated	4		21	25	7.25
	Total	224	70	51	345	100.0
	%	64.93	20.29	14.78	100	
Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop		Cycle racks				
		Yes	No	Not stated	Total	%
Cycle lanes	Yes	81	13	12	106	47.32
	No	24	56	16	96	42.86
	Not stated	2		20	22	9.82
	Total	107	69	48	224	100
	%	47.77	30.80	21.43	100	

A majority of respondents within the parish are in favour of cycle lanes, 466 or 56% of 830 (table 61 above), and also within Scholar Green and Rode Heath. A majority from Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop is also in favour, but it is smaller and less than 50% at 47%.

A similar pattern emerges in the response to the question about cycle racks. 498 or 60% of 830 of the respondents from the parish as a whole are in favour and similar for Scholar Green and Rode Heath. However 'only' 48% of Respondents from Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop are in favour.

Question 5.5a asks where respondents would like to see cycle lanes. They answer with a mixture of general locations and specific streets and roads of which some of the general locations are listed in table 62 below, page 71.

Table 62: General locations for cycle lanes

Scholar Green		Rode Heath	
Not stated	54	Not stated	79
Anywhere/everywhere	19	Anywhere/Everywhere	34
A34 & A50	6	A34 & A50	20
Main roads	10	Main roads	30
		Tow paths, railway lines	7
		Country lanes	16
Other	21	Other	5
Total	110	Total	191
Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop		Odd Rode Parish	
Not stated	34	Not stated	167
Anywhere/Everywhere	25	Anywhere/Everywhere	78
A34 & A50	17	A34 & A50	43
Main roads	8	Main roads	48
Tow paths, railway lines	1	Tow paths, railway lines	8
		Country lanes	16
Other	3	Other	29
Total	88	Total	389

A majority do not make any suggestion while another large group do not seem to be particularly bothered by saying cycle lanes could be anywhere and everywhere. However a large group would like to see cycle lanes created along main roads and specifically refer to the A34 and the A50 and some Scholar Green respondents would like to see cycle lanes on the A34 from Scholar Green to Congleton.

Table 63: Specific suggestion for cycle lanes

<u>Scholar Green</u>		<u>Rode Heath</u>		<u>Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop</u>	
Church Lane	5	Sandbach Road	17	Spring Bank	3
Station Road	2	Station Road	1	Mt Pleasant Road	1
Poolside	1	Poolside	3	Station Road	2
Canal tow path	1	Chance Hall Lane	1		
		Chells Hill	1		
		Betchton Lane	1		
		Knutsford Road	3		

A general concern among those who do not wish to see cycle lanes is whether the roads in the existing network are wide enough. In many places two cars can only pass each other with difficulty.

If that should be the criteria the reader may well question whether the suggestions listed in table 63 are suitable.

5.6 Quiet lanes

Q 5.6 Would you support the creation of Quiet Lanes in the parish?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, where?

Table 64: Support for Quiet Lanes

-	Scholar Green		Rode Heath		Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop		Odd Rode Parish	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Yes	169	64.75	184	53.33	123	54.91	476	57.35
No	56	21.46	107	31.01	60	26.79	223	26.87
Other					7	3.13	7	0.84
Not stated	36	13.79	54	15.65	34	15.18	124	14.94
Total	261	100	345	100.00	224	100	830	100.00

Table 64 above shows support for the creation of Quiet Lanes at an average of 57% throughout the parish. However, it is about 10% or higher among the respondents from Scholar Green at nearly 65% than among those from Rode Heath and Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop.

As for cycle lanes respondents were asked where to locate Quiet Lane and in the same vein a number of general and specific locations were listed. They are set out in table 65 and 66 on page 73, below.

Table 65 indicate that most respondents 185 or 52% out of 353 have not expressed an opinion about the location of such lanes and another 23% (81 of 353) are indicating that they could be located anywhere or everywhere. However, a not insignificant minority 22 or 6% suggest it should be minor roads and country lanes that are designated as 'Quiet Lanes'.

The specific locations for designation as 'Quiet Lanes' are listed in table 66 and it appears there are 5 main candidates (highlighted in yellow). They are: Church Lane, Cinderhill Lane, Cherry Lane, Station Road and Chance Hall Lane.

It is also worth pointing out that Poolside is connected to Chance Hall Lane and Church Lane and the latter is also connected to Holehouse Lane.

Table 65: General locations for Quiet Lanes.

Scholar Green		Rode Heath	
Not stated	71	Not stated	77
Don't know	3	Don't know	16
Anywhere/everywhere	27	Anywhere/everywhere	36
A34	1	Main roads	1
Lanes/Minor roads	11	Lanes/Minor roads	5
Other	4	Other	8
Total	117	Total	143
Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop		Odd Rode Parish	
Not stated	37	Not stated	185
		Don't know	19
Anywhere/everywhere	18	Anywhere/everywhere	81
		Main roads	2
Minor roads/lanes	6	Lanes/Minor roads	22
Other	32	Other	44
Total	93	Total	353

Table 66: Specific suggestions for Quiet Lanes.

Scholar Green		Rode Heath		Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop		Parish
Cinderhill Lane	18			Cinderhill Lane	1	19
Church Lane	17	Church Lane	3			20
Station Road	8			Station Road	7	15
Holehouse Lane	5	Holehouse Lane	3			8
Poolside	2	Poolside	5			7
Little Moss Lane	4	Chance Hall Lane	11	Birch Tree Lane	4	
Moss Lane	9	Cherry Lane	18	Drumber Lane	4	
		Heath Avenue	4			4
				The Hollow	7	7

6.0 Natural Heritage

In part 6.0 of the questionnaire the Parish Council was seeking the residents' views on the natural environment of the area and in particular whether it needs protection and what role the Council might have in such an endeavour.

6.1 Sites of Biological Interest

Q 6.1 How much do you value the overall diversity of wildlife that is found in our parish?

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Very valued | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Quite valued | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Valued a bit | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Not at all valued | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q 6.2 Would you support the Parish Council to commission a survey of sites in the Parish with an aim of extending protection?

Yes ☐ No ☐

The answers to the above questions on the value people attach to diversity of the wildlife in the parish and the associated question on a survey with a view to extended protection is summarised in table 67 shown overleaf, page 75.

It is seen that an overwhelming 90% of the respondents say that that the wildlife within the parish is either 'Very valued' or 'Quite valued' and there is very little difference between the three parts of the parish in this respect. The number of respondents who say they only value wildlife 'a bit' or not at all is negligible, also with little difference between the areas.

On the background of the answers to the first question it is not surprising that a majority of around 80% of the respondents would support the commissioning of a survey of wildlife sites with little difference between the areas. Obviously the majority of this support is found among those who consider wildlife 'Very valued' or 'Quite valued', but a significant 12% across all respondents do not wish to support such an endeavour.

Table 67: Value of wildlife and support for survey

		Support for Survey			
		Yes	No	Not stated	Total
					No %
<u>Rode Heath</u>					
Very valued		233	15	7	255 73.91
Quite valued		37	22	10	69 20.00
Valued a bit		3	5	3	11 3.19
Not valued			1		1 0.29
Not stated				9	9 2.61
Total	No	273	43	29	345 100
	%	79.13	12.46	8.41	100
<u>Scholar Green</u>					
Very valued		178	12	7	197 76.36
Quite valued		27	10	6	43 16.67
Valued a bit		1	5	1	7 2.71
Not valued			3		3 1.16
Not stated		1	1	6	8 3.10
Total	No	207	31	20	258 100
	%	80.23	12.02	7.75	100
<u>Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant</u>					
Very valued		152	12	6	170 75.89
Quite valued		23	13	5	41 18.30
Valued a bit		1	1	1	3 1.34
Not valued			1		1 0.45
Not stated				9	9 4.02
Total	No	176	27	21	224 100
	%	78.57	12.05	9.38	100
<u>Odd Rode</u>					
Very valued		563	39	20	622 75.21
Quite valued		87	45	21	153 18.50
Valued a bit		5	11	5	21 2.54
Not valued		0	5	0	5 0.60
Not stated		1	1	24	26 3.14
Total	No	656	101	70	827 100
	%	79.32	12.21	8.46	100

Q 6.3 Which areas do you believe deserve extra protection?

The response to question 6.3 is given in the forms of some general suggestions and some specific named areas, but it is not always clear whether the suggestions are made because of their biological importance to the local flora and fauna, because of their historical importance or their importance as areas for leisure and recreational pursuits – especially walking.

It is also worth noting that nearly 2/3rds (513 out of 827) of the respondents have not stated any preference, table 6.2 below, page 3.

A small proportion of the respondents make the suggestion that the whole of the parish warrants a wildlife survey and maybe deserves extra protection. A larger number (54) points to woodlands and wooded areas all over the parish as candidates in this regard and an even larger number (69) points to the canals, their towing paths and immediate surroundings as candidates.

Table 68: No of respondents pointing to general areas for extra protection

	Odd Rode	Rode Heath	Scholar Green	Mow Cop/ Mt Pleasant
Not stated	513	196	176	141
All area	26	21	1	4
Birdlife	1			1
Canals	69	37	30	2
Farmland & fields	12	1	5	6
Footpaths	2			2
Greenfield & greenbelt	12	4	3	5
Hedges	15	4	10	1
Lane verges	2		1	1
Meadows	1			1
Moorland	1			1
Natural beauty & recreational	2		2	
Ponds	3		1	2
Streams	3		1	2
Wild life areas	1			1
Woodland	54	22	15	17

‘Farmland and fields’, ‘Greenfield and green belt’ land are two other categories referred to in table 68. Their inclusion strengthen the impression that it is the open character of the area which the residents value most.

In terms of specific named areas ‘The Rise’ at Rode Heath is referred to by more respondents (40) than any other area followed by Mow Cop Castle and its surroundings (21) (table 69 below, page 77 each referred to by respondents from Rode Heath and Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant respectively.

‘Sludge Wood’ is referred to by 5 respondents from Scholar Green while 7 respondents (5+2) from Mt Pleasant area refer to the Village Green and the Village Hall and its extensive grounds.

Table 69: Specific areas that may deserve extra protection

<u>Rode Heath</u>		<u>Scholar Green</u>		<u>Mow Cop/ Mt Pleasant</u>	
Rode Heath Rise	40	Sludge Wood	5	Castle & surrounds	21
Poolside	4	Cinderhill Lane	2	Village Hall & surrounds	5
Church Lane	2	Rode Hall & surrounds	2	Woodcock Lne/Station Rd	3
Rode Hall & surrounds	2	Others	3	Village Green	2
Wheelock Valley	2			Others	5
Others	6				

6.2 Trees

It is difficult to overstate the value of trees within built up areas as well as in the open countryside. Indeed in a comment to question 6.6 one respondent asks: "Aren't all trees significant?"

They have a value by adding visual character to our environment as important landmarks, by their individual beauty and in groups, whether planted or they have grown spontaneously. However, they also have a value by providing raw material for joiners and carpenters and fuel for those who still heat their houses with open fires. Trees provide nest sites for birds and other wildlife, but perhaps their greatest value lies in their ability to transform the carbondioxide of the atmosphere (one of the contributors to global warming) into oxygen for every living creature to breathe and carbon material for their own growth.

Q 6.4 Do you support the protection of significant trees in the parish, through Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Table 70: Support for tree preservation orders

	Rode Heath		Scholar Green		Mow Cop/ Mt Pleasant		Odd Rode	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Not stated	15	4.35	13.00	5.04	14.00	6.25	42	5.08
Yes	290	84.06	220.00	85.27	192.00	85.71	702	84.89
No	40	11.59	25.00	9.69	18.00	8.04	83	10.04
Total	345	100	258	100	224	100	827	100

Whether this was realised by everybody when people responded to question 6.4 (above, page 4) may be open to debate, but the response nevertheless show an overwhelming 85% support for Tree Preservation Orders with little difference between the three areas of the parish (table 6.4). A small 5% gave no opinion in this regard while 10% expressly do not support TPOs.

Q 6.5 Would you support the Parish Council to commission a tree survey, to identify trees of significance in the Parish?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Table 71: Support for Parish Council tree survey

	Rode Heath		Scholar Green		Mow Cop/ Mt Pleasant		Odd Rode	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Not stated	20	5.80	18	6.98	17	7.59	55	6.65
Yes	276	80.00	203	78.68	183	81.70	662	80.05
No	49	14.20	37	14.34	24	10.71	110	13.30
Total	345	100	258	100	224	100	827	100

Further support for trees is expressed in the response to question 6.5 above on the value of a survey of significant trees.

An overwhelming majority of around 80% across the parish was in support of such an undertaking albeit slightly fewer than supported TPOs.

It follows that slightly more had expressed no opinion or were actually against commissioning a survey.

Q 6.6 Are there any trees in the Parish that you consider worthy of being included in any list of significant trees, or are there any significant trees that you consider to be at risk?

A survey of the trees and woodlands within the parish would serve to identify trees that may be included in a list of significant specimens so as a starting point respondents were asked in question Q 6.6 to identify individual trees or areas where such could be found or where they may be at risk. A summary of the responses is found in table 72 below, page 79.

There are three types of responses: Some are concerned with the general location of trees; some are concerned with the type of trees deemed significant; and some are concerned with individual trees that are found to be significant because of their age, size, visual attractiveness and situation which make them important markers in the local landscape.

Table 72: General tree types and locations respondents have indicated as significant.

<u>Rode Heath</u>		<u>Scholar Green</u>	
Not stated & None	294	Not stated & None	232
All	9	All trees	5
		Along canals & roads	4
Indigenous species	1	Native British trees	1
		Large trees	1
Oak trees	6	Oak and Ash	1
Trees subject of TPOs	1		
		Trees on farms cut down for logs	1
Maintenance needed	7	Maintenance needed	2
Other	27	Other	12
Total	345	Total	259
<u>Mow Cop- Mt Pleasant</u>		<u>Odd Rode</u>	
Not stated & None	210	Not stated & None	736
All	2	All	16
Road side trees	1	Along canals & roads	5
		Indigenous species	2
		Large trees	1
Ash Oak	2	Oak and ash trees	9
		Trees subject of TPOs	1
		Trees on farms cut down for logs	1
Maintenance	1	Maintenance needed	10
Other	10	Other	49
Total	226	Total	830

It is unfortunate that nearly 90% of the returned questionnaires (736 out of 830) do not give any indication of the respondent's preference in this regard. The number of responses which do express a preference is therefore very small.

Among these a group state that all trees all over the parish are significant and should therefore presumably be listed.

Another group list 'Indigenous' species and species native to Britain as worthy of including in a list of significant trees and this group may be in agreement with those who list ash, oak and 'large trees'.

Respondents from Rode Heath refer to a number of cases where trees and especially their foliage are obscuring street lights and interfering with wires and generally needs cutting.

From Scholar Green respondents note that a number of trees especially along Church Lane are in danger of being strangled by ivy.

One respondent refer to "two big trees diseased in Woodcock church yard".

Apart from general locations alongside canals and roads respondents refer to trees on village greens and in church yards as worthy of listing and also several smaller areas of

woodland for example by Woodland Road in Rode Heath, around St Luke's Church in Mt Pleasant and behind The Spinney in Scholar Green.

Among individual trees referred to are the beech tree by the 'Good Shepherd' church in Rode Heath and the so-called 'monkey puzzle tree' in Cinderhill Lane by the former Doctor surgery.

Q 6.7 Would you favour a policy to encourage the replacement of amenity trees when they are diseased, damaged or have reached the end of their natural life?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Some trees deteriorate over time and eventually die. Others are removed to make way for new developments. In both cases replacement needs to be considered.

It is seen from table 73 below that nearly 90% of respondents are in favour of replacement with little difference between the areas.

Table 73: Encourage replacement of amenity trees

	Rode Heath		Scholar Green		Mow Cop/ Mt Pleasant		Odd Rode	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Not stated	21	6.09	18	6.98	15	6.70	54	6.53
Yes	302	87.54	228	88.37	200	89.29	730	88.27
No	22	6.38	12	4.65	9	4.02	43	5.20
Total	345	100	258	100	224	100	827	100

6.3 Hedgerows

Q 6.8 Do you support the protection of existing hedgerows in the parish?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Hedgerows like trees are important parts of the landscape of our parish visually and in other ways. Hedgerows generally are listed as Priority Habitats in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan

which will offer those within our Parish some protection if they can be shown to match the relevant definition including trees which are deemed to be part of a particular row.

Table 74: Support for protection of existing hedgerows.

	Rode Heath		Scholar Green		Mow Cop/ Mt Pleasant		Odd Rode	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Not stated	16	4.64	7	2.71	8	3.57	31	3.75
Yes	312	90.43	239	92.64	211	94.20	762	92.14
No	17	4.93	12	4.65	5	2.23	34	4.11
Total	345	100	258	100	224	100	827	100

However, the protection of hedgerows as well as trees needs the support of the general public. It is seen (table 74) that in response to question 6.8 above, page 7, over 90% of the respondents confirm their support.

Q 6.9 Would you support the Parish Council to commission a survey of the significant hedgerows in the Parish?

Yes

☐

No

☐

Table 75: Support for the Parish Council commissioning a hedgerow survey.

	Rode Heath		Scholar Green		Mow Cop/ Mt Pleasant		Odd Rode	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Not stated	26	7.54	20	7.75	19	8.48	65	7.86
Yes	261	75.65	204	79.07	180	80.36	645	77.99
No	58	16.81	34	13.18	25	11.16	117	14.15
Total	345	100	258	100	224	100	827	100

While respondents appear to be inclined to support the principle of protecting hedgerows they are decidedly less enthusiastic about the idea of commissioning a survey of hedgerows.

Table 75 above shows that within Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant only 80% of the respondents would support a survey while in other parts of the parish the proportion would be even smaller.

6.10 Are there any hedgerows that you know of and consider to be of particular value to the Parish, or that are at risk?

Table 76: Hedgerows of value or at risk

<u>Rode Heath</u>		<u>Scholar Green</u>	
None/No	311	None/No	233
All	10	All farmland hedgerows	1
Canals & roadside	9	All roadside hedges	1
Maintenance	3	Canalside	6
Millmead	5	Church Lane	4
Sandbach Rd	5	Cinderhill Lane	5
Other	11	Other	9
Total	354	Total	259
<u>Mow Cop- Mt Pleasant</u>		<u>Odd Rode</u>	
None/No	214	None/No	758
All	1	All	13
		Canals & roadside	15
		Maintenance	3
		Church Lane	4
		Cinderhill Lane	6
		Millmead	5
		Sandbach Road	5
Other	9	Other	29
Total	224	Total	838

As shown above a large 90% of the respondents declare themselves in support of protecting hedgerows a similar percentage (92% ~ 758 out of 827) are unwilling or unable to point to any particular hedgerow that needs protecting. The broad locations referred to in table 76 above are mostly the same as the location of trees referred to in table 6.6. However, two comments do need to be highlighted.

The first comment by a respondent from Scholar Green relates to the undeveloped area east of the newly created street, Elbourne Drive: "Ancient hedgerow, predating enclosure act, behind Elbourne Drive."

The comment seems to suggest this hedgerow is of historic significance and is at risk, but the writer cannot guarantee the veracity of either statement.

However, the comment neatly supports another comment from Rode Heath that there are 'several' hedgerows of value to the Parish and that they may be at risk. The respondent urges the Parish Council to "review all of them and issue a report".

6.4 Dry Stone Walls

Dry stone walls are a prominent feature of the landscape in some parts of the parish notably around Mow Cop and on the slopes leading down to Mt Pleasant and The Bank Village. Their function as fencing between paddocks separating land ownerships and different flocks of livestock is diminishing and landowners are failing to maintain the walls.

However, among the local population generally there is still a desire to protect dry stone walls as shown in the answers to question 6.11 as set out in table 6.10.

Q 6.11 Do you support the protection of existing dry stone walls in the parish?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Table 77: Support for the protection of existing dry stone walls.

	Rode Heath		Scholar Green		Mow Cop/ Mt Pleasant		Odd Rode	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Not stated	27	7.83	25	9.69	17	7.59	69	8.34
Yes	292	84.63	216	83.72	200	89.28	708	85.61
No	26	7.54	17	6.59	7	3.13	50	6.05
Total	345	100	258	100	224	100	827	100

It is noted that nearly 86% of the respondents overall are in support of protecting existing walls with a lower percentage of the respondents from Scholar Green (84%) and the highest among respondents from Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant (89%).

With sufficient support from the local residents the Parish Council may wish to commission a survey of all dry stone walls within our area alongside surveys of trees and hedgerows.

6.12 Would you support the Parish Council to commission a survey of the dry stone walls in the Parish?

Yes ☐ No ☐

The answers to this question is set out in table 6.11 below and as before it is seen that support for such a survey is somewhat less than might be expected given the support for protecting these walls.

The support is greatest among respondents from Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant at 78% and smallest among respondents from Scholar Green at 72% and for the parish as a whole stand at 74%.

Table 78: Support for the Parish Council to commission a survey of dry stone walls

	Rode Heath		Scholar Green		Mow Cop/ Mt Pleasant		Odd Rode	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Not stated	38	11.01	37	14.34	27	12.05	102	12.33
Yes	252	73.05	187	72.48	175	78.13	614	74.24
No	55	15.94	34	13.18	22	9.82	111	13.42
Total	345	100	258	100	224	100	827	100

Q 6.13 Are there any dry stone walls that you know of and consider to be of particular value to the Parish, or that are at risk?

Table 6.9 (above page 9) shows there to be few specific suggestions from respondents in Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop of hedgerows of value or at risk since there is actually very few hedgerows within that part of the parish. However, the reverse is the case when it comes to suggestions of dry stone walls. These are plentiful within the Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop area, on the slopes leading up to the castle.

In answer to question 6.13, above, respondents have therefore seemingly listed every dry stone wall there is in that area and these suggestions by Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop residents are supported by residents from Scholar Green.

Specific suggestions worthy of note are references to the area round the castle (which itself is actually within Staffordshire!) and references to the walls around churches and chapels.

Many dry stone walls especially those in private fields are in a very poor condition and in need of attention if they are to be preserved and the person who made this suggestion for hedgerows (above page 9) also for dry stone walls urges the Parish Council to “review all of them and issue a report”.

Table 79: Dry stone walls of value or at risk.

<u>Rode Heath</u>		<u>Scholar Green</u>	
None/No	334	None/No	245
All	5	All	1
Canals	1	Canal bridges	2
		Canal towpaths	1
		Cinderhill Lane	3
		The Hollows	1
Mow Cop area	2	Mow Cop, top	1
		Sludge Wood	1
		Station Road-Spring Bank	1
Old Knutsford Rd	1		
		Walls round churches	4
		Woodcock Lane	1
Don't know	2	Maintenance	2
Total	345	Total	263
<u>Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant</u>		<u>Odd Rode Parish</u>	
None/No	191	None/No	770
All	2	All	8
		Canal bridges	3
		Canal towpaths	1
		Cinderhill Lane	3
The Hollow	3	The Hollows	4
Most dry stone walls	3	Most dry stone walls	3
Mow Cop, top	1	Mow Cop area	6
Mow Cop village	2	Sludge Wood	1
Station Road-Spring Bank	2	Station Road-Spring Bank	3
Stone bridge nr Moorson Ave	1	Stone bridge nr Moorson Ave	1
		Old Knutsford Rd	1
Walls round churches	8	Walls round churches	12
Woodcock Lane	4	Woodcock Lane	5
Woodcock Well School	3	Woodcock Well School	3
Maintenance	3	Maintenance	5
Other	3	Other	5
Total	226	Total	834

7.0 Built Heritage

7.1 Buildings

The **National Heritage List for England (NHLE)** is Historic England's official list of buildings, monuments, parks and gardens etc. and other heritage assets considered worthy of preservation. Properties on the list are protected from being altered or demolished without special permission from local government planning authorities.

The National Heritage List for England was launched in 2011 as the statutory list of all designated historic places including listed buildings and scheduled monuments. It is managed by Historic England (formerly known as English Heritage), and is available as an on-line database with 400,000 listed buildings, registered parks, gardens etc.

(Adapted from Wikipedia 15th of October 2018.)

Within the Parish of Odd Rode there are over 30 buildings and other structures on this list 31 of which are listed as Appendix 3 (page 3) in the Village Design Statement and respondents are asked if they wish to see more buildings or other features included in the list.

The question generated a response as set out in table 80 below.

Table 80: Additions to the list of historic buildings.

	Rode Heath	Scholar Green	Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant	Odd Rode
Not Stated	87	75	83	245
%	25.22	29.07	37.05	29.63
No	155	108	72	335
%	44.93	41.86	32.14	40.51
Yes	103	75	69	247
%	29.86	29.07	30.80	29.87
Total	345	258	224	827
%	100	100	100	100
Suggestions	46	19	23	88
%	13.33	7.36	10.27	10.64

It is seen that the proportion of respondents who think there should be additions to the list of Listed Buildings amounts to only 30% or less of all respondents and there is very little difference between the three areas of the parish. Of the respondents who think buildings should be added an even smaller proportion were able or willing to put forward any suggestions for additions.

The rationale behind the suggestions for inclusion are not always very clear but the suggestions can broadly be grouped under three headings: **1) criteria, 2) general location and 3) specific building in a specific location.**

Most of the criteria suggested for additions to the list of historic buildings are generated by respondents from Rode Heath. However, the suggestion that 'All buildings over 100 years

old' which come from a respondent from Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant area. The criteria are as follows:

Table 81: Suggested criteria for listing buildings

1. All buildings over 100 years old.
2. An accurate survey should be made.
3. Any old buildings, bridges, canal fixtures that help retain local atmosphere.
4. Any that are deemed appropriate.
5. Any that are deemed part of village heritage.
6. Anything over 100 years old.
7. Anything to do with our canal.
8. If there's any old building it should be preserved.
9. Present exterior appearance.
10. Timber framed properties.

It may be reasonable to summarise that what the respondents are seeking to highlight and draw attention to are traits that have been retained and given some buildings a unique character special to their village and the parish as a whole. It may be added that these traits and the unique character familiar to the respondents and possibly all residents make for a sense of belonging and a sense of identity with the area they may define as home.

Respondents from all three areas of the parish make some general suggestions of structures that should be considered for inclusion in the list of 'Listed buildings'. Again there are 10 such suggestions:

Table 82: General suggestions for inclusion as 'Listed Buildings'

1. All chapels should be preserved and not knocked down.
2. Any church/chapel that is not currently on the list.
3. All historic buildings plus canal milestones.
4. All old commercial buildings in general.
5. All the original buildings in the village.
6. All stone and canal bridges.
7. Mills.
8. Mow Cop cottages.
9. Old barns, old farm buildings.
10. Some of the industrial age buildings.

The list of 'general suggestions' (table 82) seem to give more precise pointers to what respondents have sought to highlight with the list of criteria. However, the list included in table 82 does not show the strong reference to chapels and churches made by respondents from all three parts of the parish.

Despite not being used as they used to these buildings do seem to command a strong affection among many local residents and more than many other buildings do contribute to the sense of belonging and identity referred to above.

Table 83: Specific buildings and locations

Rode Heath		Scholar Green		Mow Cop - Mt Pleasant	
Location	No*)	Location	No*)	Location	No*)
Bibby Street	4	3 cottages on canal at Scholar Green 24-28	1	Bank Chapel	4
Chance Hall Lane	1	Bleeding Wolf PH	2	Lime Kiln, Rode Heath	1
Church Lane	1	'Dolly Cottage'	1	Forge Mill, Rode Heath	1
Poolside	1	Travellers' Rest PH	1	St Luke's Church	3
All Saints Church	3	Bridge 91 on Macclefield canal	1	Mow Cop Castle	2
Black Row	1	Portland House	1	Mow Cop Primitive Methodist church	4
Canal milestone	2	Church Lane	3	Mt Pleasant Chapel	1
Broughton Arms	2	Little Moreton Hall	2	Woodcock Wells School	3
Cottages opp Practicon	2	Canal milestones	1	Mow Cop air-raid shelters	2
Rectory, Church Lane	3	Railing on canal opp Ramsdell Hall	1		
Rode Hall	2	Rectory	2		
Cottages, Cherry Lane	2	Rode Hall	1		
RH Village Hall	1	The Smithy	1		
Royal Oak	2				
The old school, Chapel Lane	1				
26-36 Sandbach Road	2				

*) Number of respondents referring.

List of specific buildings and locations referred to by the respondents are shown in table 83 above, page 88. It is noted that some of the buildings mentioned are already listed eg 'All Saints Church', the Rectory and Rode Hall and others are already included as 'Listed

Buildings'. Bank Chapel (Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant) have been demolished while the old school building in Church Lane is scheduled for demolition.

7.2 Industrial heritage

Q 7.4 Do you believe the Parish Council should maintain a list of sites where formerly industrial activity took place, with a view to passing on knowledge for future generations?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Table 84: Should the Parish Council keep list of former industrial sites.

	Rode Heath	Scholar Green	Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant	Odd Rode
Not stated	36	45	44	125
%	10.43	17.44	19.64	15.11
No	71	49	34	154
%	20.58	18.99	15.18	18.62
Yes	238	164	146	548
%	68.99	63.57	65.18	66.26
Total	345	258	224	827
%	100	100	100	100
Suggestions	113	40	65	218
%	32.75	15.50	29.02	26.36

To retain information for newcomers and upcoming generations to learn about the specific industrial and economic activities that used to characterise your particular local area may be an important part of nurturing a sense of belonging and identity.

One way this information can be retained is for the Parish Council to keep a list of the sites and buildings where these activities took place. It is seen from table 84 above that about 2/3rds of the respondents would support such a list with little difference between the areas.

To aid the creation of such a list respondents were asked (see question 7.5, below, page 90) to suggest relevant sites. However, it is seen from table 84 above (bottom line) that less than a 1/3rd of the respondents were able and/or willing to do so, 33% from Rode Heath, but only 15.5% of the respondents from Scholar Green.

Q 7.5 If Yes, please list suggested sites:

As before, many of the suggestions for sites were in very general terms and might be summarised as shown in table 85 below:

Table 85: General suggestions for list of past industrial sites.

1. A book about the Parish Past/Present should be published.
2. All mills and mining buildings.
3. All of importance.
4. All old mines.
5. Any historic.
6. Any local sites.
7. As per council listing of knowledge.
8. Conservation of all heritage sites.
9. Forge lanes – Farms.
10. Mow Cop.
11. Wells and farm buildings.

The table is assembled from suggestions from all three areas of the parish and no part of the list distinguishes one part from another or one category of activity from any other.

However in table 86, below, page 91, are listed some more specific suggestions, which clearly make a distinction between the three areas.

The response from Rode Heath highlight the importance of salt mining, extraction and processing for that area and as a consequence the importance of the canal network to transport salt and salt products to other parts of the country.

Mining and quarrying is highlighted as very important activities within the Mow Cop- Mt Pleasant areas and for delivering the stone and coal out of the parish the importance of an intricate transport network. The latter consisted of a network of tramways for transport to the canals and onwards to the rest of the country.

Scholar Green appear to have had no distinguishing activity and may in the past have been a predominantly farming area. In fact some of the suggestions by respondents from this area refer to features in either Rode Heath or Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant.

Table 86: More specific suggestions for list of industrial sites

<u>Rode Heath</u>	<u>No*)</u>
Canals & their infrastructure	36
Salt mining, extraction & processing	52
Steel/Iron lock	14
Mills	20
The Rise	9
Other	3
<u>Scholar Green</u>	<u>No*)</u>
Canals & their infrastructure	9
Mineral railway lines	5
Mills	8
Mining	7
Wharves	11
Salt	4
Other	7
<u>Mow Cop - Mt Pleasant</u>	<u>No*)</u>
Mining & quarrying	25
Mills	20
Canals & their infrastructure	8
Transport network, tunnel & tramways	20
Other	5

*) Number of respondents referring.

7.3 Traditional manmade features

Q 7.6 How much do you value tradition features of our parish, such as Cheshire railings, red phone boxes, old post boxes, milestones, old finger posts etc?

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Very valued | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Quite valued | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Valued a bit | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Not at all valued | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The manmade features of the local environment discussed in the previous sections were buildings of historical and architectural interest and sites that in the past had housed important industrial and economic activities and it was noted how they nurtured and contributed to a feeling of belonging and identity with the parish.

In a similar way the numerous smaller features such as referred to in question 7.6 above may add to this contribution in some cases by referring to place names and showing the way (milestones, finger posts) in other cases by still bringing a useful service to the local community (post boxes).

Table 87: Value of traditional features.

	Rode Heath	Scholar Green	Mow Cop/ Mt Pleasant	Odd Rode
Very valued	213	177	152	542
%	61.74	68.60	67.86	65.54
Quite valued	88	52	45	185
%	25.51	20.16	20.09	22.37
Valued a bit	27	15	12	54
%	7.83	5.81	5.36	6.53
Not at all valued	8	4	1	13
%	2.32	1.55	0.45	1.57
Not stated	9	10	14	33
%	2.61	3.88	6.25	3.99
Total	345	258	224	827
%	100	100	100	100

It may therefore not be surprising that in answer to question 7.6 we find that these features are 'very valued' or 'quite valued' by well over 80% of the respondents. Conversely those who do not value these features or have not given their opinion 'only' make up just above 5% of the respondents for the parish as a whole, slightly less of the respondents from Rode Heath (4.93%) and slightly more of the respondents from Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant (6.7%)

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The last section of the residents' survey concerned current employment and travel to work patterns and preferences for future development within the parish.

8.1 Owner, manager or employees.

Q 8.1 Do you own or run a business in the parish?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Q 8.2 If yes, would you like to receive a copy of the business survey for Odd Rode?

Yes ☐ No ☐

The response to the first question is summarised in table 8.1 below:

Table 88: Owner, manager or employees

	<u>Rode Heath</u>		<u>Scholar Green</u>		<u>Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop</u>		<u>Odd Rode</u>	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Owner or manger	20	5.83	15	5.81	12	5.36	47	5.70
No	311	90.67	224	86.82	185	82.59	720	87.27
Not stated	12	3.50	19	7.36	27	12.05	58	7.03
Total	343	100	258	100	224	100	825	100

As may have been expected business owners or managers are only a small percentage of the respondents at just less than 6% with the smallest percentage, 5.36%, found among the respondents from Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop. The highest percentage of respondents, 90.67%, answering 'No' to question 1 is found among the Rode Heath residents.

On the question of whether they wanted to receive a copy of the business report the response is shown in table 8.2 overleaf.

Most respondents claiming to be owners or manager as well as a significant number of respondents claiming not to be, had answered this question.

Although few in numbers more than 50% of the 'owners or managers' would like to see the business report, while the overwhelming proportion of non-'owners or managers' seem to have no interest in such a report and do not wish to receive a business report.

Table 89: Want to receive business report.

	Yes	No	Not stated
Owner or manger	9	9	2
No	6	49	256
Not stated	-	-	12
<u>Rode Heath</u>	15	58	270
Owner or manger	8	5	2
No	2	33	189
Not stated	-	-	19
<u>Scholar Green</u>	10	38	210
Owner or manger	6	4	2
No	3	26	156
Not stated	-	-	27
<u>Mt Pleasant</u>	9	30	185
Owner or manger	23	18	6
No	11	108	601
Not stated	-	-	58
<u>Odd Rode</u>	34	126	665

8.2 Number of working people and activity rates

The third question concerned the place of work and mean of travelling to work.

Q 8.3 For those in your household who work, please let us know where and how they go to work:

	No. who work here	Drive	Bus	Train	Cycle	Walk	Other
Work at home							
Elsewhere in the parish							
Alsager area							
Sandbach area							
Congleton area							
The Potteries							
Crewe							
Manchester							
Other							

Specify where _____

The response to this question has been combined with the response to the questions on age. In summary the outcome is as shown in table 90.

Table 90: Economic Activity.

	Households		
	Working members ¹⁾	Not working & retired ²⁾	Total
	204	139	343
	People		
People working ³⁾	381		381
Other people of working age ⁴⁾	87		87
People aged 65+ ⁵⁾		209	209
Children	82		82
Rode Heath	550	209	759
	Households		
	Working members ¹⁾	Not working & retired ²⁾	Total
	125	133	258
	People		
People working ³⁾	221		221
Other people of working age ⁴⁾	59		59
People aged 65+ ⁵⁾		206	206
Children	29		29
Scholar Green	309	206	515
	Households		
	Working members ¹⁾	Not working & retired ²⁾	Total
	129	96	
	People		
People working ³⁾	233		233
Other people of working age ⁴⁾	89		89
People aged 65+ ⁵⁾		129	129
Children	19		19
Mt Pleasant/Mow Cop	341	129	470
	Households		
	Working members ¹⁾	Not working & retired ²⁾	Total
	458	368	826
	People		
People working ³⁾	835		835
Other people of working age ⁴⁾	235		235
People aged 65+ ⁵⁾		544	544
Children	130		130
Odd Rode	1200	544	1744

¹⁾Households with some working members.

²⁾Households not working and some members retired.

³⁾Members of working age in work.

⁴⁾Other people of working age not working or seeking work.

⁵⁾People aged 65+ assumed retired.

Within table 90 the important figures are those that add up to the number of people of working age of which the first (381 in Rode Heath) is termed “People working” and equates to what in the Censuses are called “economically active”. The second (87 in Rode Heath) is termed “Other people of working age” and equates to what in Censuses is called “economically inactive”. In total they add up to 468 in Rode Heath of which 381 make up 81.4%.

For the parish as a whole and each of the three sub-areas the rates of economically active are as follows:

Rode Heath:	381 ~ 81.4% of 468
Scholar Green:	221 ~ 78.9% of 280
Mt Pleasant/Mow Cop:	233 ~ 72.4% of 322
Odd Rode Parish	835 ~ 78.0% of 1070

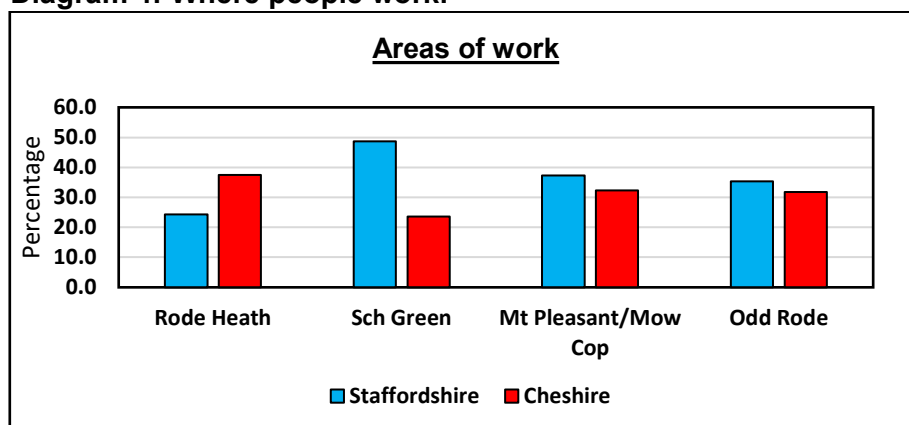
Given what we already have found from this survey in terms of age- and family structures it may not surprise the reader that Rode Heath stand out as having the highest rate of economically active residents while the Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop area has the lowest rate of such residents.

8.3 Workplace destination

The following analysis concerns only the 835 people who make up the working population of Odd Rode and the response for these is summarised in table 91, page 97.

With the parish of Odd Rode being on the border with Staffordshire it is to be expected that employment is found both within Cheshire and within Staffordshire. Thus, a closer analysis finds that about 35% of the working population commutes to destinations within Staffordshire including The Potteries while a similar amount (32%) finds work within Cheshire East. However, this does conceal some significant differences between the three main settlement areas as shown in Diagram 4.

Diagram 4: Where people work.



From within Scholar Green 49% of the working population travel to work in Staffordshire and The Potteries while 24% go to places within Cheshire. A similar pattern is evident in the case of Mount Pleasant-Mow Cop with 37% travelling south while 32% stay within Cheshire. By contrast 24% of the Road Heath working population travel to Staffordshire while 37% finds work within Cheshire.

Table 91: Places of work by area of residence.

	Rode Heath		Scholar Green		Mt Pleas/Mw Cop		Odd Rode	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Work at home	34	9.50	24	8.99	23	11.44	81	9.81
Within OR	20	5.59	13	4.87	16	7.96	49	5.93
Alsager	35	9.78	12	4.49	7	3.48	54	6.54
Sandbach	31	8.66	8	3.00	6	2.99	45	5.45
Congleton	15	4.19	18	6.74	23	11.44	56	6.78
Potteries	69	19.27	54	20.22	64	31.84	187	22.64
Crewe	34	9.50	19	7.12	14	6.97	67	8.11
Manchester & NW	35	9.78	13	4.87	11	5.47	59	7.14
Staffordshire	18	5.03	76	28.46	11	5.47	105	12.71
UK-wide	17	4.75	18	6.74	8	3.98	43	5.21
Cheshire East	19	5.31	6	2.25	15	7.46	40	4.84
Cheshire West	10	2.79	4	1.50	2	1.00	16	1.94
Other	21	5.87	2	0.75	1	0.50	24	2.91
Total	358	100	267	100	201	100	826	100

8.4 Means of transport

Table 8.5a and 8.5b, below and overleaf, describes the pattern of use of mode of transport to work.

Table 92a: Means of transport to work and destination, Odd Rode Parish.

	Elsewhere in OR	Alsager	Sandbach	Congleton	Potteries	Crewe	Manchester	Other
Drive	27	48	39	46	155	55	28	175
Bus		1	1	1	1	4	3	4
Train					1	1	7	11
Cycle	1	2	9	1	1	2		3
Walk	14	1						1
Other	1	1	1	2	1			18
Not stated	6	1	1	6	28	5	6	40
Odd Rode	49	54	45	56	187	67	44	252

Note: Number of people working at home is not included.

Table 92b: Means of transport to work and destination.

	Elsewhere in OR	Alsager	Sandbach	Congleton	Potteries	Crewe	Manchester	Other
Drive	9	33	27	14	67	28	17	94
Bus			1			3		2
Train						1	4	4
Cycle		1	2			2		1
Walk	9	1						
Other	1		1	1	1			7
Not stated	1				1		2	12
Rode Heath	20	35	31	15	69	34	23	120
Drive	8	11	7	14	40	15	4	42
Bus		1					3	1
Train								2
Cycle	1		7					
Walk	2							
Other								7
Not stated	2			4	14	4	3	11
Scholar Green	13	12	8	18	54	19	10	63
Drive	10	4	5	18	48	12	7	39
Bus				1	1	1		1
Train					1		3	5
Cycle		1		1	1			2
Walk	3							1
Other		1		1				4
Not stated	3	1	1	2	13	1	1	17
Mt Pleas/MwCp	16	7	6	23	64	14	11	69

Note: Number of people working at home is not included.

It will not come as a surprise that by far the most commonly used mode is driving – presumably by personal car (the questionnaire only ask whether the respondent is “driving”). However, it is noted that, although the numbers are small, walking and cycling becomes a possibility for those working within the parish and in nearby towns (Alsager, Sandbach, Crewe) while trains may be used for those working further afield.

The following table gives a summary of the use of different transport modes within different parts of the parish. It is noticeable that more people from the Mt Pleasant-Mow Cop Area are cycling and using public transport than from the other areas. This may be a reflection of the relative differences in income and wealth between the areas.

Table 93: Mode of transport by sub-area.

	Rode Heath		Scholar Green		Mt Pleas/Mw Cop		Odd Rode	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Driving	289	75.85	141	63.80	143	61.37	573	68.62
Bus	6	1.57	2	0.90	4	1.72	12	1.44
Train	9	2.36	5	2.26	9	3.86	23	2.75
Cycle	6	1.57	2	0.90	5	2.15	13	1.56
Walk	10	2.62	2	0.90	4	1.72	16	1.92
Other	11	2.89	7	3.17	6	2.58	24	2.87
Not stated	16	4.20	38	17.19	39	16.74	93	11.14
Working at home	34	8.92	24	10.86	23	9.87	81	9.70
Total	381	100	221	100	233	100	835	100

The reasons for the negligible use of public transport becomes clearer when considering the response to the next questions.

Q 8.4 Do any of your household have problems getting to work?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Q 8.5 If so, what are the problems?

Q 8.6 Are any of your household unable to work because of transport problems?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Q 8.7 If so, what are the problems?

A big majority of responses indicated no transport problems (76% of the 458 households with working members, table 8.7), but a total of 108 (24%) indicated that they did experience problems. These could broadly be divided into two main groups: **1.** Problems caused by the paucity or unreliability of public transport whether buses or trains and **2.** Problems experienced by drivers concerned with the sheer volume on roads and streets within the parish as well as the surrounding main routes, the M6, A34 and A50.

Table 94: Reported traffic problems.

		Rode Heath	Sch Green	Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop	Odd Rode
Buses	Number	14	15	14	43
	%	35.90	48.39	36.84	39.81
Traffic	Number	25	16	24	65
	%	64.10	51.61	63.16	60.19
Problems	Number	39	31	38	108
TTW	Number	204	125	129	458
No problems	%	80.88	75.20	70.54	76.42

Since most people drive to work, it is no surprise that the largest number of reported problems stems from these people, but it may surprise some that proportionately the largest number of 'complaints' re public transport and buses originate from respondents from Scholar Green.

(Question 8.4 is different from question 8.6, but the writer of this report feels that very few if any respondents realised the significance of question 8.6. In terms of problems only a handful of respondents answered question 8.7 and all along the same lines as described above.)

8.5 Future employment and development opportunities

Q 8.8 Would you like to see more employment opportunities in the parish?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Q 8.9 If so, what type?

368 or 45% of the respondents would like to see more employment opportunities within the parish and there is little difference between the sub-areas. However, 36% of the respondents answer 'No' to the question and a further 20% do not state their preference or do not have a preference. It appears that among these there is a fear of urbanisation; they wish to keep the parish as rural as possible.

Table 95: Would you like more employment opportunities

		Total	'No'	'Yes'	Not stated
Rode Heath	Number	343	127	154	62
	%	100	37.03	44.90	18.08
Scholar Green	Number	258	87	117	54
	%	100	33.72	45.35	20.93
Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop	Number	224	81	97	46
	%	100	36.16	43.30	20.54
Odd Rode	Number	825	295	368	162
	%	100	35.76	44.61	19.64

The respondents who would like to see more employment opportunities are invited to state which type they would like to see. The response is multi-faceted and not easy to summarise, but this has nevertheless been attempted in table 96.

They are not mutually exclusive and some are grouped together and together with other suggestions too numerous to mention here. Indeed some respondents indicate a preference for a mixture of industries.

The three specified categories most preferred appear to be leisure, high technology and retail.

Table 96: Employment opportunities you would like to see.

	Rode Heath	Scholar Green	Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop	Odd Rode
Agriculture			2	2
Anything	24	18	15	57
Arts & Crafts Units		4	5	9
High Tech; IT	16	11	7	34
Leisure	16	22	11	49
Mixture			2	2
Office	10	15	5	30
Retail	11	11	12	34
Other			4	4
Not stated	58	38	29	125
Younger generation	7	2	4	13
Scale & design	7	11	12	30

However, it is clear that there is a concern that more opportunities for young people could be or should be offered locally.

It is also clear that among the respondents there is concern that any enterprise should be in keeping with the local natural and built-up environment in scale and design. Thus the word 'small' is a prefix to 30 separate suggestions. This mirror the concern referred to above that

the parish could inadvertently become urbanised and thereby negate the character of the area that initially attracted new-comers.

The response to the two final questions prove somewhat difficult to interpret.

Q 8.10 Do you believe existing employment sites in the parish should be used for housing, if they become vacant?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Q 8.11 If redundant farm buildings, or other brownfield sites, become available for redevelopment, do you believe priority should be given to housing or to business?

Priority to housing ☐ Priority to business ☐

Table 97a: Development preference

Priority\Hsg use		Yes	No	Not stated	Total	
					Number	%
Business	Number	75	155	13	243	29.53
Housing	-	291	114	38	443	53.83
Both or mixture	-	9	6	3	18	2.19
Depends	-	7	1	5	13	1.58
Either	-	5			5	0.61
Community projects	-		1		1	0.12
Neither or none	-	1	9	2	12	1.46
Not stated	-	18	16	54	88	10.69
Odd Rode	Number	406	302	115	823	100
	%	49.33	36.70	13.97	100	
Business	Number	32	81	6	119	34.69
Housing	-	109	52	12	173	50.44
Both or mixture	-	1	3	2	6	1.75
Depends	-	1		1	2	0.58
Neither or none	-		4	2	6	1.75
Not stated	-	9	7	21	37	10.79
Rode Heath	Number	152	147	44	343	100
	%	44.31	42.86	12.83	100	

Note: In table 97a the rows refer to question 8.10. The columns refer to question 8.11.

Table 97b: Development preference

Priority\Hsg use		Yes	No	Not stated	Total	
					Number	%
Business	Number	23	48	4	75	29.18
Housing	-	88	35	12	135	52.53
Both or mixture	-	4	2	1	7	2.72
Depends	-	3		4	7	2.72
Either	-	5			5	1.95
Neither or none	-		3		3	1.17
Not stated	-	3	5	17	25	9.73
Scholar Green	Number	126	93	38	257	100
	%	49.03	36.19	14.79	100	
Business	Number	20	26	3	49	21.97
Housing	-	94	27	14	135	60.54
Both or mixture	-	4	1		5	2.24
Depends	-	3	1		4	1.79
Community projects	-		1		1	0.45
Neither or none	-	1	2		3	1.35
Not stated	-	6	4	16	26	11.66
Mt Pleasant/ Mow Cop	Number	128	62	33	223	100
	%	57.40	27.80	14.80	100	

Note: In table 97b the rows refer to question 8.10. The columns refer to question 8.11.

It is quite clear from the above table that respondents give a preference to the use of vacant employment premises for housing with 291 respondents state that their priority is 'housing' and say 'Yes' to the use of such premises for housing. However, 155 respondents say 'No' to the future use as housing and give preference to a business use.

Overall 406 respondents state that such premises should be used for housing while 443 respondent feel it should be given priority. At the same time a considerable body of respondents of 302 feel the future use should be business and 243 feel it should be given priority.