

# Great Addington Parish Plan 2008

## Summary

### Section 1: Parish

1.1 Please enter the number of people in your household in the following age bands

Male	
0-4	11
5-10	9
11-16	18
17-21	13
22-39	14
40-59	32
60-64	12
65-74	15
75+	4

Female	
0-4	6
5-10	7
11-16	5
17-21	5
22-39	20
40-59	35
60-64	12
65-74	13
75+	4

1.2 How long have you lived in the Parish?

<1 yr	4
1-5 yrs	18
6-15 yrs	30
> 15 yrs	48

1.3 What do you like most about the Parish?

The country setting	125
Facilities for children	0
Convenience for children	2
The community feeling	20
Access to major road network	12
Distance from work/study	8
Other (please detail)	

1.4 What do you dislike most about the parish?

Lack of good facilities for children	13
Inconvenience for shopping	11
The lack of community feeling	15
Inaccessibility of public transport	22
Speeding and volume of traffic	92
Other (please detail)	

1.5 What is the main reason that you chose to live in this parish?

Like to live in the country	84
Cost/Availability of housing	6
Returned to village/parish	14
Born in parish	7
Work in area	15
Relative nearby	12
Marriage	7
Enjoy life in good, active community	12
Ease of access to main road network	7
Access to good schools	6
Other (please detail)	

1.6 Do you think access to public buildings, bus stops etc in the parish is satisfactory for people with mobility problems?

Yes	19
No	52
Don't know	46

If you think access is difficult please outline areas

Church Steps	10
Narrow footpaths	6
Poor pavement	5
high pavements on crossings	3
lower st is very steep	1
bus shelter	1
public house	4
playing field	1
Memorial hall	1
Traffic speed	1

1.7 Do you care for someone elderly or disabled?

Yes	1
No	116

## Section 2: Education

2.1 Do you have children of pre-school or school age?	Yes	31
	No	77

2.2 How many children in your household attend the following:-		
Addingtons Pre-school		6
Playgroup/Pre-school elsewhere		2
Great Addington C of E (VA) Primary school		15
Primary school elsewhere		7
Secondary school		18
Further Education College		1
Further education (beyond A level)		3

2.3 If you have children of pre-school age, will you be sending them to Great Addington School at 5?	Yes	9
	No	2

2.4 Do you think there is enough pre-school provision in this area?	Yes	22
	No	0

2.5 Please enter the number of your children who currently take part in activities arranged by their school out of school hours:		
Primary school		13
Secondary school		12
Further education college (to 18 years)		0

2.6 Do you think there is sufficient after-school and holiday provision in your area?	Yes	11
	No	15

2.7 Would you like the facilities of Great Addington School to be made more available to the local community outside of school hours?	Yes	43
	No	46

### Suggest type of use

Don't know enough about school to	2
Adult education	5
Computers	3
Playground as safe playing area	1
after school clubs/learning clubs	5
sports activities	4
Evening classes	3
Re-form choir	1
Snooker hall	1

2.8 Are you aware of the feasibility study to move the school into a new building on the Addingtons' Playing Field ?	Yes	121
	No	2

2.9 Would you support such a move ?	73%	Yes	87
(of total possible respondents)	59%	No	32

2.9a If "YES", what is your main reason for supporting such a move ?		
Children need a new school		17
Will improve quality of education for all pupils		24
Will reduce parking / traffic issues in village	40%	41
Will allow school to use playing field without the journey		12
Will provide improved facilities for playing field		9

Other. (Please detail)

2.9b	If "NO", what is your main reason for opposing such a move ?	
	Don't want to lose part of the playing field	13
	Will increase traffic through the village	17
	Village will lose some of its identity	8
	Remoteness of new school increases potential for vandalism	7
	Will increase the risk of village infill	4
	Don't want to lose old school building	8
	Other. (Please detail)	

2.10	Would you support the following within the parish?	Yes	
	Adult education daytime		44
	Adult education evening		57
	Leisure activities daytime		43
	Leisure activities evening		61
		No	
	Adult education daytime		34
	Adult education evening		29
	Leisure activities daytime		36
	Leisure activities evening		26

2.11	What type of class(es) would you like	
	Please specify....	
	Craft	2
	Keep fit/Pilates/Yoga	10
	Music	3
	Beginners classes	
	Art	7
	Local History	5
	Language	15
	IT	7
	Sport	5
	Dancing	5
	Photography	4
	Cookery	
	Drama	2
	General Studies	2
	Table Tennis	
	Quiz	
	Upholstery	
	Martial arts	
	Nature/wildlife	

### Section 3: Environment & Conservation

3.1 What do you feel is important to promote the environmental image of the parish?

Pleasant appearance to gardens and property	47
Tidy grass verges and hedgerows	56
Appropriate parking of vehicles	31
Local conservation areas	22
Other. Please detail	

3.2 Would you be interested in practical conservation work?

Yes	45
No	63

3.3 Do you use the footpaths and bridleways in the parish?

Often	82
Rarely	27
Never	7

3.3a If yes, please indicate if you have encountered any of the following difficulties:

No stiles or gates	6
Stiles/gates in disrepair	21
Barbed wire	5
Poor signposting	24
Dog dirt	59
Other. Please detail	

3.4 Which of the following environmental initiatives would you be prepared to support?

Widespread installation of private solar panels	68
Private installation of domestic wind turbines	31
Enlargement of existing local wind farms	38
More local wind farms	28
Local construction of Bio-fuel plants	15

## Section 4: Housing

4.1 Do you consider that houses in Great Addington have a unique character?

Yes	41
No	65

Why?

4.2 Do you think that if you had to move home due to changes in your circumstances both good or bad that you could find a home in the village to meet your needs?

Yes	51
No	53

If not, why?

4.3

What do you consider to be an acceptable growth of Great Addington in the next 10 years without altering the character of the parish?

None	49
10%	64
20%	15
30%	3
40%	0
50%	2
50%	0

4.4 Define the character of Great Addington

Friendly parish with a village feel & character

Pleasant village with community appeal, nice walks

Rural feeling

A village community near to large towns

Moderate size village with countryside around it but lacks amenities for all ages

An extended village which incorporates both old and new houses

Good school

Don't think it has a character, nor is it a reasonable place to live

It was nice, but it has changed and is now in decline

54
71
64
49
40
34
55
1
19

4.5 Do you consider that the infrastructure of the parish is sufficient to support the current population ?

Yes	81
No	18

4.5b What services would need to improve to support more inhabitants?

Present

Social services

School

Public Transport

Doctors / Dentists

Shops

Public houses

Roads

Policing

Nursery places

Young persons entertainment

Playing fields

Sports club and activities

Yes	10
	26
	47
	9
	24
	6
	21
	28
	8
	27
	27
	27

Social services

School

Public Transport

Doctors / Dentists

Shops

Public houses

No	13
	11
	5
	16
	13
	20

Roads	15
Policing	12
Nursery places	13
Young persons entertainment	7
Playing fields	9
Sports club and activities	7

Future  
Yes

Social services	7
School	40
Public Transport	55
Doctors / Dentists	17
Shops	35
Public houses	7
Roads	22
Policing	38
Nursery places	22
Young persons entertainment	37
Playing fields	33
Sports club and activities	41

No

Social services	11
School	3
Public Transport	2
Doctors / Dentists	14
Shops	8
Public houses	16
Roads	12
Policing	5
Nursery places	3
Young persons entertainment	2
Playing fields	8
Sports club and activities	4

4.6 Should government decide that Great Addington must have more homes where do you consider they should be built?

On small sites within the current built up areas	81
On larger plots on the edge of the village	32
On large developments that would join the parish to Little Addington, Ringstead or Woodford	8

4.7 Should government decide that Great Addington must have more homes what type of homes should be built?

In keeping with village	89
Affordable homes	51
Family homes	48
Large homes	7
Flats/apartments	5
Residential / Nursing / Retirement homes	15

4.8 Should these homes be built as ...

Single type settlements	18
A mixture	82

## Section 5: Information & Communication

5.1 Do you use the mobile library?

Yes	4
No	107

5.2 How do you usually find out about what's on and news in the parish?

Web site	7
By word of mouth	62
Parish notice board	22
Posters in local shop	12
Local papers	14
Church newsletter	104

How can communication in the parish be improved?

A non church related newsletter	3
Weatherproof notice boards	
better internet broadband connection	
more parish meetings	
door to door posting	
use noticeboard on village hall wall	
more user friendly council	
further development of local websi	2
Parish council newsletter	
Key whats on section to be e-mailed monthly	

5.3 If the telephone kiosk was withdrawn from service, would it cause any problems for you?

Major problems	3
Minor problems	12
No problems	106



## Section 6: Role of the Parish Council

6.1 The parish council can raise money via council tax.

Are you satisfied with the way this money is spent?

Totally satisfied	16
Quite satisfied	39
Dissatisfied	12
No opinion	9
Don't know how its spent	44

6.2 Which of these statements do you agree with most strongly?

The parish councils first priority should be to minimise its spending and its charge on council tax

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The parish councils first priority is to provide services which the community wants

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Don't know

6
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6.3

How well does the parish council publicise its decisions and activities?

Well	14
Reasonably	56
Poorly	32
No opinion	18

6.4 Parish council meetings are generally open to the public.

Do you know there is a short open forum at the start of every meeting for the public to address the council on agenda items?

Yes	67
No	50

6.4a If you have answered yes, do you use it?

Yes	16
No	45

6.4b If you have answered no, now that you are aware of it, would you use it?

Yes	32
No	17

6.5 Do you have any other suggestions about ways in which the council can involve local people to a greater extent?

Village website with e-mail communication to re  
Circulation of parish council meetings minutes  
invite guest speakers to make meetings less dul  
Distribute via village newspaper the council mee  
suggestion box at village hall  
organise more village events on playing fields  
regular publication of items to be discussed & de  
I would like to know when the meetings are  
talk  
open evenings.  
Social evening to encourage participation  
Be more open  
Increase awareness of pc activities

6.6 Each year there is an annual parish meeting. Have you attended an annual meeting within the last 3

Yes	36
No	81

6.7 If no what would make you attend?

Good notice of event & agenda	8
Babysitter	2
Public opinions being acted upon r	2
a major local issue or proposal	7
to oppose the enlargement of the village	
free cheese + wine - a social occa:	2

Item of personal interest 3  
A Dire planning application  
don't want to be seen as interfering by being th  
To try to stop the council making wrong decisior

## Section 7: Public Transport & Highways

7.1 Would you like any of the following traffic calming measures introduced to the village?

Yes

Lower speed limits	65
Speed humps	37
Chicanes (road width reductions)	61
Speed cameras	54
Vehicle activated speed warning signs	92

No

Lower speed limits	20
Speed humps	31
Chicanes (road width reductions)	21
Speed cameras	30
Vehicle activated speed warning signs	13

7.2 Do you consider the standard of pavement maintenance in the parish to be:

Good	12
Fair	53
Poor	51
No opinion	4

7.3 Do you consider the safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and horses in the parish to be:

Good	2
Fair	54
Poor	56
No opinion	5

7.4 Is street parking in the parish a road hazard?

Yes	97
No	13

If yes, where?

Main St	25
Woodford Rd	17
Cranford Rd	19
School @ School run	43
Near pub	4
On Zig-Zags by the School coach	2
Vehicles on footpaths	2
Ringstead Rd	3
Playing field @ functions	
School bend	
Opposite phone kiosk	2
Lower St	
Rushwell Close	

7.5 Would you support the training of a volunteer group to operate hand held speed cameras in the village?

Yes	63
No	48

## Section 8: Retail & Other Services

8.1 Do you use the village shop?

Daily	4
Weekly	20
Monthly	8
Sometimes	69
Never	18

8.2 If you shop in the parish on a daily or weekly basis is it because...

You don't have transport to go elsewhere	0
You like to support local shops	40
You like the social contact	6
It saves transport costs	5
It saves time	13
It is convenient	37

8.3 How many times a month do you use the Woodford or Ringstead Post Office?

More than 10	10
In between 5 and 10	25
Less than 5	77

What are your views on the standards and service of the following

8.4 environmental services in the parish:

	Good	
Main water supply		86
Refuse collection		81
Street lighting		33
Street cleaning		25
Verge maintenance		15
Winter weather service (gritting etc)		22
Provision of litter bins		22
Electricity supply		39

	Fair	
Main water supply		24
Refuse collection		32
Street lighting		61
Street cleaning		57
Verge maintenance		51
Winter weather service (gritting etc)		37
Provision of litter bins		47
Electricity supply		59

	Poor	
Main water supply		4
Refuse collection		3
Street lighting		23
Street cleaning		32
Verge maintenance		44
Winter weather service (gritting etc)		51
Provision of litter bins		37
Electricity supply		18

	No opinion	
Main water supply		1
Refuse collection		0
Street lighting		2
Street cleaning		1
Verge maintenance		1
Winter weather service (gritting etc)		6
Provision of litter bins		9
Electricity supply		1

## Section 9: Security

9.1 Do you know the location and contact numbers for the local police office?	Yes	48
	No	67

9.2 Do you regard the police coverage of this parish to be:		
Good		3
Reasonable		34
Poor		57
No opinion		24

9.3 Is your home part of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme?	Yes	32
	No	63

9.3a If no would you be interested in setting up or running a scheme?	Yes	11
	No	54

9.4 Would you be prepared to become involved in any other crime prevention activity?	Yes	40
	No	58

9.5 Has your family experienced any of the following in the last 6 months		
	In Great Addington	
Intimidation		5
Vandalism		5
Theft		7
Burglary		4
Car crime		0
Assault		1
Harassment		8
None of the above		78
Other (please specify)		

	Elsewhere	
Intimidation		0
Vandalism		1
Theft		5
Burglary		1
Car crime		1
Assault		1
Harassment		1
None of the above		36
Other (please specify)		

9.5a Did you report the incident?	Yes	21
	No	14

9.6 Would you be prepared to contribute to the cost of additional security measures in the parish?	Yes	36
	No	52

## Section 10: Sport, Social & Entertainment

10.1 What are your views on the provision of parish leisure facilities for:

	Good	
Children up to 12		3
Young people 12-16		4
Young Adults 16-25		1
Adults 25-40		6
Adults 50+		8
Disabled people		0
	Reasonable	
Children up to 12		16
Young people 12-16		14
Young Adults 16-25		9
Adults 25-40		26
Adults 50+		29
Disabled people		3
	Poor	
Children up to 12		29
Young people 12-16		35
Young Adults 16-25		43
Adults 25-40		27
Adults 50+		27
Disabled people		30
	No opinion	
Children up to 12		43
Young people 12-16		38
Young Adults 16-25		37
Adults 25-40		38
Adults 50+		32
Disabled people		52

10.2 How often do you or your children use the playing field?

Daily	1
Sometimes	39
Rarely	38
Never	27

10.3a Are the facilities provided by the playing field

Good	3
Reasonable	34
Poor	44

10.3b Is the maintenance of the playing field

Good	20
Reasonable	49
Poor	14

10.3c If the playing field had improved facilities would you use it more often?

Yes	59
No	21

10.4 Are you involved in any sports or social groups in the Parish?

Yes	34
No	73

If yes, please give details

Parent & toddler group	6
Addingtons shoot	2
Playing field assoc	3
Ambles	3
Pilates	3
Keep fit	4
Bridge Club	5

Skittles	4
memorial hall committee	
horticultural society	9
Ladies Group	4
Youth Club	3
Church	2
APFA	
Yoga	2
PSA	
EOF	
Stitchers	
Artisans	

10.5 How many times a month do you use the Great Addington Memorial hall?

- More than 10
- Between 6 & 10
- Between 1 & 5
- Less frequently

3
9
28
77