

APPENDIX 6



Community Aspirations

This part of the Neighbourhood Plan is intended to reflect current and anticipated requirements for **all aspects of community life**. These priorities are based on a broad community engagement within the Parish of Steventon and include feedback from the Neighbourhood Planning process as well as complementary communications with the Parish Council.

It is recognised that many of these issues will be addressed within the Planning Policies, which make up a core of this plan, and cross reference is therefore made to any such policies within the summary of the wider aspirations.

Community Actions (CA)		
CA Number	Action	Status
Green Infrastructure		
CA. 1	The Parish Council will liaise with land owners and other relevant bodies to create planting strategies that protect and re-establish the rural aspects on the approaches to the village.	Ongoing and instrumental during planning application stages.
CA.2	The Parish Council will generate a strategy for pond creation and management; including researching the feasibility and advisability of recreating the pond on the village green and establishing the ownership of Cow Pond lane. This exercise will be delivered through engagement with BBOWT, English Nature and other relevant stakeholders.	Ongoing

CA.3	The Parish Council will deliver a Tree Management strategy designed to include, but not be limited to, the inspection and management of existing trees around the Greens, the identification of new sites for tree planting, a supporting programme for management of the Copse, access to the Community Wood and a commitment to plant two new trees for any that have to be felled.	Ongoing
Greener Travel and Improved Road Safety		
CA.4	The Parish Council will work with Oxfordshire County Council and other interested parties to upgrade Footpath 20 to Cycle Path status as part of the wider Walking and Cycling strategy.	Ongoing. Incorporated as part of Milton Park transport strategy.
CA.5	The Parish Council will engage with OCC Highways team and local landowners to establish options to improve access north to Drayton and west towards Hanney in order to encourage greater use of the footpaths and the creation of cycle ways.	Ongoing
CA.6	The Parish Council will work with the community, neighbouring parish councils, Oxfordshire County Council, and wider stakeholders to improve public transport and promote its greater use.	Improved X2 bus timetable. X36 bus service between Wantage, Steventon and Didcot re-established.
CA.7	The Parish Council will set up a feasibility study for a volunteer car share programme.	Ongoing
CA.8	The Parish Council will work with the OCC Highways team to identify options through which to reduce the speed of vehicles within the village and the size of vehicles using the Abingdon and Hanney roads. This initiative will include the consideration of additional speed indicating signage and speed monitoring, as well as the long term suitability of the storage depot on the Hanney Road	Ongoing discussions with Vale of White Horse District Council and Oxfordshire County Council regarding transport operations from Steventon Storage and Distribution Depot. New, upgraded, chicane to be installed on Hanney Road.

		Mobile speed monitors and signage installed on Hanney and Abingdon roads.
CA.9	There is a need to provide additional crossings on the Abingdon and Hanney roads to provide safe crossing points from the new developments.	Pedestrian crossing installed on Hanney Road. Abingdon road ongoing.
CA.10	The Parish Council will develop a strategy to minimise on-road parking, with a specific emphasis on its impact on road safety and damage to verges and kerbs and to blocking pavements or walkways. The scope of this exercise will include the introduction of no-parking zones and will consider the provision of public parking including the impact on the roads near the school.	Ongoing
Enhanced Fitness, Wellbeing and Community Engagement:		
CA.11	The Parish Council will create a detailed plan to promote and develop sporting and recreational activities as part of its strategy to increase levels of physical activity, wellbeing and engagement within the community. This strategy will identify opportunities to improve existing facilities, to expand and create new facilities and to increase the participation levels. It will involve stakeholders across the whole community including the many clubs and groups that use the existing facilities and will be in part funded by contributions specified in a number of section 106 agreements.	Existing Playground facilities refurbished and new facilities added (Zip wire, table tennis table and picnic benches. Outside Gym equipment installed on village Green.
CA.12	The Parish Council will work with local landowners to ensure that footpaths, bridle paths and byways are well maintained within the village. They will also work with the appropriate neighbouring stakeholders to ensure the continuity of relevant routes to a standard that encourages regular use as extended access. (See also CA's 1 and 3 re bordering areas).	Ongoing

Increased Flood Resilience		
CA.13	To establish and monitor routine maintenance programmes for existing waterways and ditches in order to optimise the village resilience to unexpectedly high volumes of rainfall and flood water. This program will be consistently reviewed such that it includes the impact of subsequent developments that might impact on flooding. These developments might be outside the Steventon Parish boundaries and will require close liaison with neighbouring parishes.	Ongoing.
CA.14	To ensure that there is an emergency plan in place to address the impact of disruptive weather patterns and with a particular emphasis on flooding.	Ongoing. Steventon Resilience group established.
CA.15	To work closely with the Group Against Reservoir Development (GARD) and other associated bodies to challenge the ambitions of Thames Water such that there is no adverse impact on our Community Aspirations.	Ongoing