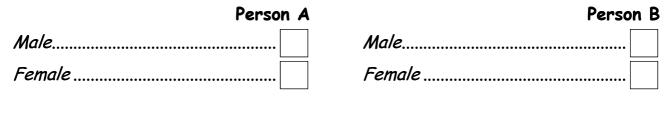
### Whitchurch Village Plan Survey

### Thank you for taking part!

To help us understand the results from this questionnaire, please tell us something about the members of your household. Each person should tick the appropriate box in their column.

#### Q1. What gender are you?



#### Q2. How old are you?

	Person A
16-19	
20-29	
30-44	
45-59	
60-74	
75 or older	

#### Q3. How long have you lived in Whitchurch?

Perso	on A
Less than 1 year	
1-5 years	
6-10 years	
11-20 years	
More than 20 years	

Person	В
16-19	
20-29	
30-44	
45-59	
60-74	

75 or older .....

Pers	son	E	5
Less than 1 year	•		
1-5 years	•		
6-10 years	•		
11-20 years	•		
More than 20 years			•

Pers	on A
High Street	
Hardwick Road	
Manor Road	
Eastfield Lane	
Swanston Field	
Other	

#### Person B

High Street	
Hardwick Road	
Manor Road	
Eastfield Lane[	
Swanston Field	
Other[	

#### Q5. Where do you work (if applicable)?

Person A	Person B
From Home	From Home
Reading	Reading
London	London
Oxfordshire	Oxfordshire
<i>Other</i>	Other

Q6. In your household, how many children are there aged under 16 years old:

None	
1	
2	
3 or more	

#### **Village Societies**

Whitchurch has a number of organisations, societies and clubs. Please tell us which ones you belong to?

Q7. Which Whitchurch societies do you belong to? (Please tick all that apply.)

Person A	Person B
Whitchurch Soc	Whitchurch Soc
Cricket Club	Cricket Club
Twinning Association	Twinning Association
History Society	History Society
Allotments Society	Allotments Society
Young Riparians	Young Riparians
Wo THabs	Wo THabs
Camera Club	Camera Club
Theatre Club	Theatre Club
Bridge Club	Bridge Club
Other (please specify)	Other (please specify)
None of these	None of these

If you would like to join or are willing to help to run any of the above activities, please telephone 0118 9842610.

#### Village Hall

The Parish Council is negotiating the purchase of the Village Hall. Three options present themselves, subject to the availability of the necessary funds, and these are listed below.

Q8. Which ONE of the following would you prefer if funds allowed? (Please tick one only.)

Persor	n A
Refurbish existing Hall	
New Hall on existing site	
New Hall on new site	
Don't know	

Person E	-
Refurbish existing Hall	]
New Hall on existing site	]
New Hall on new site	]
Don't know	

#### **Sports Facilities**

Q9. Which of the following indoor and outdoor facilities would you use if they were available in Whitchurch, on a regular basis? (Please tick all that apply.)

Person A	Person B
Football	Football
Short mat bowls	Short mat bowls
Exercise class/ aerobics	Exercise class/ aerobics
Table tennis	Table tennis
Носкеу	Hockey
Gym	<i>Gym</i>
Netball	Netball
Tennis	Tennis
Martial arts	Martial arts
Other	Other
None	None

#### **Cricket Field**

The future of the cricket field has been under discussion for a long time. Negotiations are currently in progress between the owners of the field, the Parish Council and Whitchurch Cricket Club.

Q10. Do you consider that the acquisition of the cricket field by the village is desirable?

Person A	Person B
Yes	Yes
No	No
Don't know	Don't know

Q11. Are you in favour of the extended use of the field for other recreational pursuits?

Person A	Person B
Yes	Yes
No	No
Don't know	Don't know

#### **Playground and Youth Facilities**

The next questions concern the Playground in Manor Road and the facilities for young people, and the possible need for investment.

Q12. How would you rate the overall provision of the current playground facilities for <u>4-7 year olds</u>?

Person A	Person B
Very good	Very good
Good	Good
Fair	Fair
Poor	Poor
Don't know	Don't know

Q13. How would you rate the overall provision of the current playground facilities for <u>8-12 year olds</u>?

Person A	Person B
Very good	Very good
Good	Good
Fair	Fair
Poor	Poor
Don't know	Don't know

## Q14. How would you rate the overall <u>maintenance</u> of the current playground facilities?

Person A	Person A		
Very good	Very good		
Good	Good		
Fair	Fair		
Poor	Poor		
Don't know	Don't know		

# Q15. How would you rate the overall <u>safety</u> of the current playground facilities?

Person A	L
Very good	Very
Good	Good
Fair	Fair
Poor	Poor
Don't know	Don

Very good	
Good	
Fair	
Poor	
Don't know	

Person B

Q16. Which additional outdoor play facilities for under 11 year olds would you like to see? (Please tick all that apply.)

Person A	Person A
Play house	Play house
Picnic tables	Picnic tables
Other (please specify)	Other (please specify)

#### Community

Many people have indicated a wish for further community activities in Whitchurch, some of which might be provided in a refurbished or new village hall. We would like to know which ones, if any, you would support if they were provided.

Q17. Which activities would you take part in on a regular basis if they were available in Whitchurch? (Please tick all that apply.)

Perso	n	A
Mothers & Toddlers group		
Lunches for senior citizens		
Art & craft classes		7
IT classes incl Internet		
Book club		٦
Film club		
Tea and board games		
Music playing/ appreciation		Ī
Yoga/pilates		
Fitness classes		
Evening classes		
Tabletop sales		
Quiz nights		
Other (please specify)		Ī
None		7

Perso	n	B
Mothers & Toddlers group		
Lunches for senior citizens		
Art & craft classes		
IT classes incl Internet		
Book club		
Film club		
Tea and board games		
Music playing/ appreciation		
Yoga/pilates		
Fitness classes		
Evening classes		
Tabletop sales		
Quiz nights		
Other (please specify)		
None		

#### Church

St Mary's Parish Church is the oldest building in the village (it is even named after it!) and has had a major influence on our heritage and sense of community. St Mary's is currently working to improve the service it offers in a modern society.

Q18.	Which of	these a	re important	t to you	personally?	(Please	tick	all	that
apply.)									

Person A	Person B
Christian teaching	Christian teaching
Opportunities for worship	Opportunities for worship
Baptisms, weddings, funerals	Baptisms, weddings, funerals
Help for those in need locally	Help for those in need locally
Help for others in need	Help for others in need
Historic preservation	Historic preservation
Other	Other
None	None

Q19. What would make you want to be more involved in church life?

Person A
Making new friends
Belonging
Someone to turn to
Learning about faith
Being prayed for
Social events
Personal growth
Other (please specify)

Making new friends	
Belonging	
Someone to turn to	
Learning about faith	
Being prayed for	
Social events	
Personal growth	
Other (please specify)	

Person B

#### **Community Safety and Social Problems**

Q20. Have you been the victim of any of the following crimes <u>in Whitchurch</u>? (Please tick all that apply.)

Person /	A
Burglary	
Car crime	]
Criminal damage /vandalism	
Physical assault	
None	

Persor	۱B
Burglary	
Car crime	
Criminal damage /vandalism	
Physical assault	
None	

Q21. Which of these do you, personally, find a problem in Whitchurch? (Please tick all that apply.)

P	erson A
Vandalism	
Litter	
Dog-fouling	
Anti-social behaviour	•••••
Inconsiderate driving	•••••
None	

Vandalism	
Litter	
Dog-fouling	
Anti-social behaviour	
Inconsiderate driving	
None	

Q22. Would you support a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area?

Person A

Yes - would act as road	
coordinator	
Yes - would display sticker in	
window	
No	
Already involved	

Yes - would act as road	
coordinator	
Yes - would display sticker in	
window	
No	
Already involved	

#### Person B

Person A

#### School

Some parents have said that they would like to see greater access to the facilities at Whitchurch Primary School, in the evenings, weekends and during the holidays.

Q23. Would you be interested in using the school facilities for any of the following: (Please tick all that apply.)

Person A	Person B
Adult evening classes	Adult evening classes
Sports facilities	Sports facilities
Holiday play scheme	Holiday play scheme
Other (please specify)	Other (please specify)
None	None

#### Information

A number of residents have said that they would like more information about the village, local organisations, facilities and what is going on. Currently the Bulletin and the Parish Magazine are the main sources of information but we would like to develop others.

Q24. Which of the sources that you use have you found the most useful? (Please tick all that apply.)

Perso	n A	١
Bulletin		
Parish Magazine		]
Notice boards		]
Village website		]
Word of mouth		]
None/don't use any		1

Bulletin	
Parish Magazine	
Notice boards	
Village website	
Word of mouth	
None/don't use any	

Person B

Q25. If you don't ever use the village website, please indicate your reasons for not using it. (Please tick all that apply.)

Person A	Person B
What website?	What website?
No computer	No computer
No Internet access	No Internet access
Website isn't up to date	Website isn't up to date
No need for it	No need for it
Other sources are better	Other sources are better
Other	Other

Q26. Would you like to receive information about events in the village by email?

Person A	Person B
Yes	Yes
No	No
Don't have email	Don't have email

Q27. Would you support a campaign to upgrade the broadband facilities at the Pangbourne exchange?

Person A	Person B
Yes	Yes
No	No

#### **The River**

Access to the river by Whitchurch residents is limited to the use of the slipway adjoining the bridge.

Q28. Would you support efforts to gain greater access if the opportunity arose?

Perso	n	A
Yes		
Not concerned		

Perso	n	t
Yes		
Not concerned		

#### Footpaths

The next question concerns the public footpaths, bridleways and byways in and around Whitchurch (referred to here as footpaths).

#### Q29. Which footpaths do you use regularly?

Per	rson	A
Muddy Lane (HR-EL)		
The Cut (SF-EL)		
Manor Rd Links		
Hartslock Bridleway		
Hardwick Jubilee Path		

Muddy Lane (HR-EL)	
The Cut (SF-EL)	
Manor Rd Links	
Hartslock Bridleway	
Hardwick Jubilee Path	

#### **Street Lighting**

Some people would like more lights to make it safer to walk after dark, while others would prefer fewer lights to reduce light pollution so that they can enjoy the night sky. What do you think?

Q30. Would you prefer to have more, the same amount, or less street lighting in Whitchurch?

Person A	Person B
More	More
Same amount	Same amount
Less	Less

Q31. If you would like to have more lighting, please indicate where you would like the extra lighting: (Please tick all that apply.)

Pers	on	A
No changes		
High Street		
Manor Road	[	
Eastfield Lane		
Hardwick Road	•	
Swanston Field	•	
The Cut (SF to EL)		
Muddy Lane	•	
Other (please specify)	[	

No changes	
High Street	
Manor Road	
Eastfield Lane	
Hardwick Road	
Swanston Field	
The Cut (SF to EL)	
Muddy Lane	
Other (please specify)	

#### Person B

Person R

#### Traffic, Roads, Pavements

The next questions concern the relationship between traffic and pedestrians. Some people consider that pedestrians are not well catered for in Whitchurch.

Q32. Do you ever feel uncomfortable or unsafe as a pedestrian for any of the following reasons? (Please select all that apply.)

Person A	١
Narrowness/absence of	7
pavements	
Uneven surfaces of pavements	
Traffic speed	]
Other (please specify)	]
I feel safe	]

Narrowness/absence of	
pavements	
Uneven surfaces of pavements	
Traffic speed	
Other (please specify)	
I feel safe	

Person B

Person R

Q33. Some people consider that traffic speed is a problem in Whitchurch. Please indicate whether you agree:

Person A	Person B
Speed is a problem	Speed is a problem
Speed is not a problem	Speed is not a problem

Q34. If you think that traffic speed is a problem in Whitchurch, please indicate where you consider the problem to be most serious. (Please tick all that apply.)

Perso	n	A	,
High Street			
Manor Road			
Eastfield Lane			
Hardwick Road			
Other (please specify)			

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High Street		
Manor Road		]
Eastfield Lane		]
Hardwick Road		]
Other (please specify)		]

Q35. If you think that traffic speed is a problem, which of these traffic calming measures would you consider appropriate, particularly for the road where you live? (Please select all that apply.)

Person A	Person B
20 mph speed limit	20 mph speed limit
Better signs/marking	Better signs/marking
Speed indicator devices	Speed indicator devices
Chicanes/islands	Chicanes/islands
Speed bumps/ramps	Speed bumps/ramps
Other (please specify)	Other (please specify)

Q36. Do you think cycling is safe through Whitchurch? (Select more than one, if appropriate.)

Person A	Person B
Reasonably safe	Reasonably safe
Not safe enough	Not safe enough
I don't cycle	I don't cycle

Some who use Eastfield Lane have expressed concern for safety with regard to the access and parking near the school at drop-off and pick-up times. A pavement has been suggested to alleviate this, though some disagree, fearing the loss of the rural environment.

#### Q37. Do you think we need a pavement along Eastfield Lane?

Person A	Person B
Yes	Yes
No	No
Don't know	Don't know

#### **Local Bus Service**

The 142 bus service to and from Reading, which is heavily subsidised by Oxfordshire County Council, needs regular support if it is to be retained.

#### Q38. How often do you use the 142 service to/from Reading?

Person A	Person B
Every day	Every day
At least once a week	At least once a week
At least once a month	At least once a month
Less often/Never	Less often/Never

Q39. What would make you use the service more often? (Please tick all that apply.)

Person A
Lower fares
More buses at peak times
More buses at off-peak times
Extended hours of service
Nothing/no need to use more
often

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Lower fares		
More buses at peak times		
More buses at off-peak times		
Extended hours of service		
Nothing/no need to use more		_
often		

#### **Housing and Development**

Whitchurch is valued as an attractive and peaceful viillage and a great majority of its residents have expressed a wish that it should remain so.

Q40. Do you think there is any scope for the provision of further housing in Whitchurch?

Person A	Person B
Yes	Yes
No	No
Limited	Limited
Don't know	Don't know

Perso	n	R

Person B

Some properties in Whitchurch have gardens which are big enough to allow a new house(s) to be built in them.

Q41. Do you think that the construction of new houses in the gardens of existing properties should be allowed?

Person A	Person B
Уез	Yes
No	No
No opinion	No opinion

The views of the Parish Council, as your representatives, are one of the factors taken into account by SODC Planning Dept. when considering planning applications. However the Parish Council's views may not necessarily prevail.

Q42. Do you think that the present planning arrangements give adequate control over the design of new buildings in the village?

Person A	Person B
Yes	Yes
No	No
No opinion	No opinion

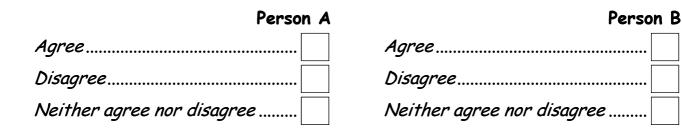
#### **Toll Bridge**

Toll bridge charges have increased significantly and further increases are planned to pay for the rebuilding of the bridge in 2012.

Q43. Approximately how many paid crossings (single way) do you make per week?

Person A	Person B
0-10	0-10
11-20	11-20
21-30	21-30
Over 30	Over 30
Don't know	Don't know

Q44. Do you agree or disagree that Whitchurch residents should have a greater discount than non-residents of the village?



#### **Village Environment**

A quiet and attractive village atmosphere is highly valued by residents of Whitchurch. Some people believe that every effort must be made to protect that character in terms of its buildings and landscape.

Q45. Which <u>FOUR</u> measures do you consider would most benefit the village environment? (Please select FOUR only.)

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Perso	n	A
Remove litter		
Tidy up roadside verges		
Develop wildflower areas		
Stop vehicles damaging verges		
Remove unnecessary roadsigns		
Plant more trees		
Plant flowers and shrubs		
Provide more street bins		
Improve street furniture		
Improve street signage		
Other (please specify)		
None		

Perso	n	B
Remove litter		
Tidy up roadside verges		
Develop wildflower areas		
Stop vehicles damaging verges		
Remove unnecessary roadsigns		
Plant more trees		
Plant flowers and shrubs		
Provide more street bins		
Improve street furniture		
Improve street signage		
Other (please specify)		
None		

#### **Prioritisation**

It is unlikely that all the extra facilities considered in this questionnaire (and listed below) can be provided, at least in the short term. There are several possible sources for funds to cover the costs of development, but running costs might have to be subsidised from council tax.

Q46. What would you most like to see in Whitchurch? (Please select your <u>TOP</u> <u>THREE</u> priorities)

Person A
New Village Hall
Extended use of cricket field
River access
Footpath in Eastfield Lane
Traffic calming measures
Improved pavements
Youth Club
Extra social activities
Extra play equipment
Improved street furniture (eg.
signs, benches, bins)
Environmental improvements eg
planting trees, wildflowers
Other (please specify)
None

Perso	n	В
New Village Hall		
Extended use of cricket field		
River access		
Footpath in Eastfield Lane		
Traffic calming measures		
Improved pavements		
Youth Club		
Extra social activities		
Extra play equipment		
Improved street furniture (eg. signs, benches, bins)		
Environmental improvements eg.	<b></b>	
planting trees, wildflowers		
Other (please specify)		
None		

Q47. Please note that the question below relates to a property that has an average 'Band D' Council tax charge. The equivalent figures for a small (Band A) property are £13, £27 and £40, and for a large (Band F) property are £29, £58 and £87.

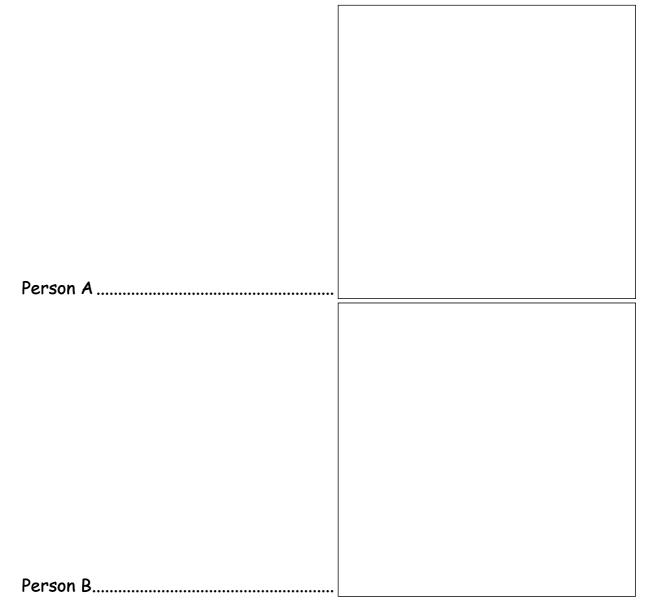
How much would you be prepared to see the Council tax rise to fund specific village improvements? (rises shown are for Band D property - see above for equivalent Band A and Band F rises.)

Person A	Person B
Not at all	Not at all
£20 per year	£20 per year
£40 per year	£40 per year
£60 per year	£60 per year
Don't know	Don't know

#### Q48. What ONE THING would most improve your life in Whitchurch?

Person A	
Person B	

Q49. Please write an further comments below.



#### Thank you. Your Collector will collect your questionnaire. Please have it ready for Monday 30th June.

If you would like to volunteer to run or participate in any of the activities or projects referred to in this Questionnaire, please telephone 0118 9842610 and leave your name and contact details.