



Ongar Neighbourhood Plan Residents' Survey

LET'S KEEP ONGAR SPECIAL

Complete this Survey by 17th February to Have Your Say in Ongar's Neighbourhood Plan:



Places to leave your completed Survey for collection:

Bubbles Pet Care;
The Kings Head;
Ongar Leisure Centre;
1 Springfield Close CM5 0BB

Hockings Butchers;
John Sear;
Ongar Health Centre;

Section 1 Your opinion about Ongar today and what will be needed within 15 years

1.1 To what extent do you agree or disagree about Ongar today?					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
It is friendly and there is a sense of community					
The historic town centre of Chipping Ongar adds character					
Ongar caters for most of the day to day shopping needs and services					
There are a good range of restaurants, pubs and cafes in the locality					
There is a good range of sports and leisure facilities in Ongar					
There is good access to the countryside with footpaths					
It is important that children can go to school in Ongar					
There is good Public Transport					
1.2 Ongar is likely to increase by about 1500 people within 15 years. Do you agree or disagree that the following ADDITIONAL facilities and amenities that will be needed					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
<i>More Green and open spaces or an informal recreation ground/town park</i>					
<i>More Children's playing areas</i>					
<i>More Indoor sports, leisure and fitness facilities e.g. squash, swimming, gym etc.</i>					
<i>More Outdoor playing pitches and courts e.g. for football, netball, tennis etc.</i>					
<i>More Cycle routes (off road) and Footpaths to the Town Centre and schools</i>					
<i>More car parking in the Town Centre, at the Leisure Centre and Health Centre</i>					
<i>More Employment Sites such as small industrial units, office space etc.</i>					
<i>More Community halls</i>					
<i>More Youth facilities</i>					
Other Please suggest any others					

Section 2 Housing

Ongar's Neighbourhood Plan will have a design code for new homes to respect the Historic town. In 2011 ONS stated Ongar's homes were: '10% bed sit and 1 bed; 20% 2 bed; 45% 3 bed; 20% 4 bed; 5% 5+ bed'

2.1 Put a tick against ALL the types of new housing Ongar should have									
Flats		Terraced		Semi-detached		Detached		Bungalows	
2.2 Put a tick against any housing sizes you think should form part of the mix of the future development									
1 bed		2 bed		3 bed		4 bed		5+ bed	
2.3 To what extent do you agree with the following statements about 'Affordable Housing' which includes shared ownership & social rented housing?									
				Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	
Affordable housing should go to those with Ongar connections first									
My children or parents may need Affordable Housing in Ongar soon									
2.4 Do you agree that the following criteria for the new housing estates would maintain the character of the area?									
				Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	
Homes to have a maximum of two storeys high (but permitting dormers in roofs)									
New builds to be of similar number per acre/ hectare as that in the immediate vicinity									
Grass verges and trees included in the street scene									
Pedestrian short cuts included to the town centre, schools and health centre									
Access to countryside and existing footpaths & rights of way									
Enough car parking spaces per home to discourage roadside parking									
Please suggest any others									
2.5 To what extent do you agree that the following would lessen the impact of development on the environment and surrounding Green Belt.									
				Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree		
Retain existing trees & hedges if possible and plant additional trees & hedges									
Include areas of green and open space within the design of the estate									
Provide Green Corridors for wildlife and maintain natural habitats									
Provide pathways to community amenities & shops from new homes									
Homes to include electric charging points for cars									
Please suggest any others									

Section 3 – Education

If you have no children in full time education living at home, please go to Section 4

3.1 If you have School age children, do they go to school in Ongar and how do they travel there? Please tick for all children					
	Walk	Cycle	Car	Bus	Taxi
Ongar Primary schools					
Primary schools outside Ongar (including private schools)					
Ongar Academy					
Secondary schools outside Ongar (including private schools)					
3.2 If your children attend schools in Ongar and DO NOT walk or cycle to school, tick ALL the changes needed for them/you to decide to walk or cycle to school					
More pedestrian crossings		Wide enough footpath for pushchairs along route		Continuous footpath along route	
3.3 If none of the above apply, please tick the reason(s) why they don't walk or cycle to school					
too young to go independently		both parents work and drop child off en route		Other- please specify	

Section 4 - Transport and getting around

4.1 For local journeys within Ongar, which modes of transport do your household use?							
	Usually	Sometimes	Never		Usually	Sometimes	Never
On foot				Cycle			
Car or motorbike etc.				Bus			
Wheelchair or pushchair				Mobility Scooter			
4.2 Please state the Number of vehicles there are in your household?							
4.3 If you own a vehicle or vehicles, where do you park it/them when not in use?							
On my driveway or in garage		On the road		Allocated parking space		Somewhere else	
4.4 Where is your main place of work?							
At Home		Ongar		Within 10 miles		London	
						Else-where	
						I don't work	
4.5 If you commute to work by car why do you not use public transport?							
No public transport to where I commute		It's faster to drive		There is not enough car parking at Stations			
Public transport is too infrequent		Public transport it too unreliable		No transport available e.g. evenings			
Other e.g. cost							

4.6 More homes in Ongar will put pressure on our roads and London Underground. The approaches to the Four Wantz roundabout and the A414 are scheduled to be improved. Please indicate how important you think the following are as well ?									
	Very Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion					
Improve London Underground train capacity towards London									
Introduce a cheap non-stop commuter bus service to Epping at peak times									
Improve the junction of The Borough/ Greensted Rd, High Street and Coopers Hill									
Improve the roundabout at Coopers Hill, Brentwood Rd, Stanford Rivers Rd									
Improve safety measures around the primary & secondary schools e.g. crossings etc.									
Reduce the number & speed of HGVs and through-county traffic using Ongar High St									
Provide more public car parking for residents & employees in the town centre									
Provide more car parking at the Health Centre									
Introduce more traffic calming measures in the town centre & near schools									
Introduce more pedestrian or safe crossing points in the High St									
Widen or make new pavements e.g. on school routes & by the High St pinch-point									
Provide more off road cycle paths & footpaths around & within Ongar									
Other									
4.7 Does anyone in your family have a mobility disability or use a child's buggy?									
Yes			No						
4.8 If Yes, please indicate how you get about in Ongar. If No please go to section 5									
Pushchair/ buggy		Walking sticks		Mobility scooter		wheelchair		Other	
4.9 What are the main challenges getting around Ongar with a mobility issue?									
Pavements are too narrow or there are none			Not enough drop kerbs			Not enough pedestrian crossings or safe areas			
Obstructions by vehicles parked on pavements			Other Obstructions such as door steps, hedges			Poorly maintained pavements			
Other – please specify									

Section 5- Historic Town Centre, Local Economy and Tourism

Ongar Neighbourhood Plan will include Policies to protect and enhance our Historic Chipping Ongar Town Centre as an attractive destination place for residents and visitors to the area, whilst encouraging better use of existing facilities and encouraging new facilities and amenities into the vicinity and thus enabling a more vibrant historic town to flourish.

5.1 Which of the following would benefit Chipping Ongar as a vibrant centre, in and close to the High Street? Please tick all that apply							
Long term car parking for employees		More varied food shops or farmers market		Other shops e.g. boutiques, antiques			
Leisure facilities e.g. climbing wall, ten pin bowling, gym		Music, cultural & arts venue		More restaurants, cafes & bars including in the evening			
Drop in centre for the elderly		Youth Centre		Medical services such as opticians, dentists etc.			
Beauty services such as more hairdressers, beauticians etc.		Offices & services for small businesses e.g. printing		Tourist information to include Ongar & nearby attractions			
Other- please specify							
5.2 Which of the following would make our Historic Chipping Ongar town centre a more attractive place to visit? Please tick all that apply							
Less traffic through the centre, especially HGVs		Use of recommended historic materials such as Cobbles or Setts		More planting including trees and more floral displays			
Occasional street market or entertainment		More traffic calming measures		More outside seating, including outside cafes			
Shop windows to be in keeping with a historic town		Use of Historic Shop & Street signage		No external metal roller shutters in the Conservation Area			
Better maintained roads & pavements and footpath to Greensted		Police presence including for parking enforcement		Town Trails & better links to Greensted & Essex Way			
Other-please specify							
5.3 We have Ancient Monuments, two Conservation Areas and over 100 Listed Buildings in the civil parish of Ongar. Please tick all that you support below.							
A new Conservation Area for the Medieval Church & Manor complex of Greensted Church and Greensted Hall				Protect historic views from development e.g. from the High St to St Martins Church, views west to Greensted & the Long Walk			
Better views of Ongar Castle motte earthworks and moat				Policy to protect listed buildings and their settings from inappropriate development			
Other- please specify							
5.4 Do you think we need more car parking spaces near the town centre and other community hubs such as The Health Centre							
	Yes	No	Don't know		Yes	No	Don't know
For residents with no car park spaces in flats etc.				For employees of local businesses			
For patients & staff at Ongar Health Centre				Other-please specify			

Section 6 – Sports and Leisure facilities

6.1 What facilities or amenities do you or any of your household use regularly in Ongar or elsewhere?					
Ongar Leisure Centre		Swimming Pool		Library	
Indoor sports courts e.g. squash, badminton		Indoor gym, exercise classes etc.		Playing fields	
Children’s play areas, Outdoor gym etc.		Jubilee Park Sports facilities		Sports fields (football, rugby, cricket etc.)	
Outdoor Sports Courts (netball, tennis etc.)		Footpaths & bridleways around Ongar		Skate park	
6.2 What additional Sports and Leisure facilities will be needed or would you like when we have 600+ more homes?					
More Playing Areas, Recreation Ground		More Children’s Play Equipment		Adult Outdoor Gym	
More football & Rugby pitches		All weather pitches (4G or 3G)		MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)courts	
Bowls Green		Indoor Sports Hall for badminton etc.		Squash courts	
Climbing wall		Athletics circuit		Cycle/BMX track	
Other-please specify					
6.3 If Ongar Leisure Centre is shut down, would you use a new one in North Weald or Epping?					
		Yes	No	Don’t know	
To use a Swimming Pool					
To use a gym, sports halls & exercise classes					

Section 7- Natural Environment Protection

Ongar is surrounded by Metropolitan Green Belt . There is a Nature Reserve near Ongar Bridge. What other measures could protect our wildlife, habitats and natural environment?

7.1 Please indicate which of the following statements you agree with to maintain our rural setting and protect the natural environment and its biodiversity			
New developments must include wildlife corridors		Trees & other planting must be of British species to support our wildlife	
There should be additional Wildlife Sites to protect existing habitats & species		Identified Landscapes characterising rural Ongar should be protected and access improved	
Ancient and veteran trees and hedges in the Ongar area should be protected		Ongar and Greensted Woods should be protected	
An open countryside Buffer Zone should exist between Chipping Ongar and nearby settlements of High Ongar, Shelley and Greensted to prevent settlements merging			
Other-please specify			

Section 8 – Youth Voice

Young people need a say in the future development of Ongar too. Please ask all under 18's in your household for their opinions on the following questions

8.1 Please indicate the number AND age of everyone under 18 in your household									
Under 14		14		15		16		17	
8.2: Which of the following sports and leisure facilities do you use in Ongar? How often you use them?									
						Weekly or more	Monthly	Less Often	Never
Jubilee Park, Love Lane (Ongar Community Sports Trust) for football, rugby, cricket, tennis, squash									
Ongar Leisure Centre for the gym, exercise classes, badminton									
Ongar Swimming Pool									
Guides/Scouts/Brownies/Cubs/Rainbows/ Beavers (in Ongar)									
Ongar Skate Ramp									
Playground Equipment and Outdoor Gym									
Events/Clubs at Zinc Arts or Budworth Hall such as martial arts, dance etc.									
Cycle Paths/Bridleways/Footpaths in the countryside									
Ongar Academy sports facilities outside school e.g. netball club, football club									
Other									
8.3. If the following facilities/activities were available, please indicate which ones you would use regularly?									
Play Equipment for 8 yrs. + e.g. climbing frames/obstacle courses/monkey bars			Improved Skate Park for Multi-Use (skate boards/BMX/roller blades)			Permanent goal posts with nets on a recreation ground			
Tennis courts			Hockey pitch			MUGA court for netball, basketball etc.			
Indoor sports e.g. badminton, squash			Off road Cycling paths to other villages/towns			Gymnastics			
Climbing wall/bouldering			Youth Café with free Wi-Fi & pool table/table tennis			Film Club for under 15s			
Junior Youth Club/Disco 11-13			Senior Youth Club/Disco 14-18						

Section 9- About you and your household

Your answers are confidential and cannot be attributed to you from the information in this section. However, we need to know what sectors of our community are responding and the area in Ongar they live.

9.1 Please complete the last part of your postcode CM5 _ _ _							
9.2 Please tick ALL the boxes representing age groups of people in your household							
	Under 14	14-17	18-24	25-44	45-59	60-74	75+
Age							
9.3 Please tick whether you are male or female							
	Male	Female	prefer not to say				
Gender							
9.4 How many people are in your household							
	Adults						Children
Number of adults				Number of children under 18			
9.5 Please tell us how long have you lived in Ongar?							
	Under 1 year	1-5 years	6-10 years	11-25 years	26-39 years	40 years+	
years							

Section 10 –Other comments

10.1 If you have any comments or suggestions on topics that you do not feel we have already covered, please provide details below or write them on a separate sheet.

Thank you

for taking the time to complete this Community Survey.

Is this your Vision for Ongar in 2033

Ongar is a vibrant small rural town, with good access to the surrounding countryside. It is proud of its historic heritage and friendly atmosphere

New developments have not detracted from Ongar's distinctive character, but have respected its historic form and design. New green corridors have been included to protect our varied wildlife.

Chipping Ongar Town Centre Conservation Area has been enhanced as an attractive pedestrian friendly location with additional services and community facilities to ensure that our larger population still has its day to day needs met within the town.

Our leisure and sports facilities and amenities have been improved with additional facilities to cater for our active residents. Ongar Schools have enough places for our children; and good health resources are local.



Have your say and make it happen

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