

Garsington Plan Survey 2014

Marked Up Questionnaire

Total number of responses = 810

About You

Q1	Are you...? (Please tick the appropriate box)	
	Male	356 (44%)
	Female	447 (56%)
Q2	How old are you? (Please tick one box only)	
	11-15.....	10 (1%)
	16-24.....	32 (4%)
	25-34.....	46 (6%)
	35-44.....	100 (12%)
	45-54.....	132 (16%)
	55-64.....	180 (22%)
	65-74.....	190 (24%)
	75-84.....	90 (11%)
	Over 85	26 (3%)
Q3	How long have you lived in Garsington? (Please tick one box only)	
	Less than 1 year.....	30 (4%)
	1-5 years	78 (10%)
	6-10 years.....	115 (14%)
	11-20 years.....	154 (19%)
	20 years or more	423 (53%)
Q4	If you have lived in Garsington for less than a year, why did you move here? (Please tick all that apply)	
	Finding the right-sized property (including garden and parking)	11 (37%)
	Better transport links.....	1 (3%)
	Closer to family	8 (27%)
	Following or seeking employment.....	5 (17%)
	Higher / Further Education opportunities	0 (0%)
	Closer to children's schools.....	4 (13%)
	For health reasons	0 (0%)
	Retirement.....	4 (13%)
	Seeking a more pleasant neighbourhood	15 (50%)
	House prices or rental costs	6 (20%)
	Other, (see appendices for list).....	6 (20%)

Q5 If you are considering moving from Garsington in the near future, why are you considering moving? (Please tick all that apply)

Finding the right-sized property (including garden and parking)	64 (31%)
Better transport links.....	72 (35%)
Closer to family	20 (10%)
Following or seeking employment.....	19 (9%)
Higher / Further Education opportunities	13 (6%)
Closer to children's schools.....	10 (5%)
For health reasons	19 (9%)
Retirement	59 (29%)
Seeking a more pleasant neighbourhood	29 (14%)
House prices or rental costs	21 (10%)
Other, (see appendices for list).....	33 (16%)

Q6 Where do you live...? (Please tick one box only corresponding to the area where you live)

1. Wheatley Road/North Manor Estate/Denton Lane	87 (11%)
2. The Green/Pettiwell/The Hill/ Fox Close/Oxford Road (Nos. 2-56 and 1-75).....	120 (15%)
3. Southend	84 (11%)
4. Kings Copse/Watlington Road/Lower Road	86 (11%)
5. Oxford Road (Nos. 58-98 and 77-98)/Combewell/Johnson Close/Elm Drive/Birch Road/Willow Close/Larch End/Hazel End	263 (33%)
6. Kiln Lane/Oxford Road (Nos. 100 onwards and 105 onwards)/Poplar Close/Pine Close	149 (19%)

Q7 Are you...? (Please tick all that apply)

Employed full-time.....	225 (28%)
Employed part-time	126 (16%)
Self-employed.....	85 (11%)
Unemployed.....	3 (0%)
Full-time student.....	25 (3%)
Retired.....	329 (42%)
Looking after home or family	29 (4%)
Long-term sick or disabled	20 (3%)
Other, (see appendix for list)	9 (1%)

Q8 Do you mainly work from home? (Please tick one box only)

Yes.....	70 (13%)
No	452 (87%)

Housing Development

The parish of Garsington falls wholly within the (Oxford) Green Belt, and the centre of the village is designated a conservation area. Under current planning policy, new building in the Green Belt can only take place if it is for specific purposes such as agriculture, forestry, outdoor sports and recreation, limited home extensions, new homes on infill sites within the village, or limited affordable housing for local needs, unless there are exceptional circumstances. In the conservation area, development is only allowed which would not harm the character or appearance of the conservation area.

Q9 How important to you is it that Garsington remains "separate" from Oxford, and does not become part of some bigger urban development? (Please tick one box only)

Very important.....	622 (79%)
Important	105 (13%)
Not important	41 (5%)
Very unimportant.....	21 (3%)

In 2004, a Housing Needs Survey conducted in Garsington suggested strong support for the development of affordable housing. Affordable housing means housing for rent or shared ownership, normally from a registered provider, for specified eligible people whose needs are not met by the market. Changes to the government's new rent policy mean that affordable rents can be charged up to 80% of prevailing market rents.

Q10 If Garsington has new housing development, which types of new housing do you believe are most important?

Q10a (Please tick any that apply)

Affordable housing (rent / shared ownership)	325 (57%)
Houses for sale or rent at market prices	311 (55%)

Q10b (Please tick any that apply)

Starter homes	330 (51%)
Family homes.....	332 (51%)
Specialist housing for older people	296 (46%)
Smaller houses for people to downsize	240 (37%)

In respect of the next question, please note that family connections can only be given preference if the development is a rural exception site - in which case, affordable housing remains in the control of the village. However, changes in the new housing allocations policy allow for 20% of all new builds to be allocated to residents with a family connection, but only on first lets.

Q11 Should preference for affordable homes be given to people who have an existing family or other close connection with Garsington? (Please tick one box only)

Yes.....	573 (79%)
No	155 (21%)

Travel

Q12 If you are employed or in full-time education, how far do you normally travel?

(Please tick all that apply)

Car as a driver	341 (80%)
Get a lift.....	33 (8%)
Walk.....	30 (7%)
Cycle.....	43 (10%)
Bus.....	67 (16%)
Motorcycle	11 (3%)
Train.....	13 (3%)
Taxi.....	16 (4%)

Q13 If you are employed or in full-time education, how far do you normally travel to get there?

(Please tick one box only)

Less than 2 miles	44 (12%)
2-5 miles.....	122 (32%)
6-10 miles.....	109 (29%)
11-25 miles.....	54 (14%)
More than 25 miles	53 (14%)

Q14 How would you normally travel to the following places?

(Please tick all that apply on each line)

	Self-drive	Get a lift	Walk	Bus	Cycle	Motorcycle	Dial-a-ride	Taxi
Shopping	671 (86%)	87 (11%)	20 (3%)	157 (20%)	25 (3%)	8 (1%)	1 (0%)	17 (2%)
Social / leisure	631 (83%)	134 (18%)	99 (13%)	132 (17%)	43 (6%)	12 (2%)	0 (0%)	69 (9%)
GP / Health Centre	659 (85%)	90 (12%)	9 (1%)	62 (8%)	27 (3%)	11 (1%)	0 (0%)	16 (2%)
Hospital	658 (85%)	105 (14%)	6 (1%)	70 (9%)	15 (2%)	8 (1%)	1 (0%)	25 (3%)
Other service, e.g. post office	646 (85%)	82 (11%)	21 (3%)	99 (13%)	29 (4%)	11 (1%)	0 (0%)	10 (1%)

Q15 When would you have access to the following types of transport?

(Please tick all that apply on each line)

	Daytime only	Evening only	Weekend only	All the time	Never	Varies a lot
Car as driver	60 (8%)	34 (5%)	24 (3%)	613 (85%)	53 (7%)	24 (3%)
Car as passenger	28 (5%)	54 (10%)	58 (11%)	300 (54%)	29 (5%)	141 (26%)
Cycle	15 (4%)	5 (1%)	9 (2%)	190 (45%)	181 (42%)	31 (7%)
Motorcycle	2 (1%)	2 (1%)	3 (1%)	28 (8%)	332 (90%)	4 (1%)

Q16 How often do you use local bus services? (Please tick one box only)

Daily.....	23 (3%)
2-3 times a week.....	53 (7%)
2-3 times a fortnight.....	40 (5%)
2-3 times a month.....	115 (15%)
Rarely.....	343 (43%)
Never	217 (27%)

Q17 Do you think that local bus services could be better publicised? (Please tick one box only)

Already well publicised.....	257 (39%)
At bus stop(s).....	166 (25%)
Local website	74 (11%)
Local newsletter	163 (25%)

Q18 Why do you not use local bus services more often? (Please tick *no more than 3* boxes)

Wrong days / times.....	191 (25%)
Difficult transport connections.....	92 (12%)
Wrong destinations.....	93 (12%)
Can't get to bus stop.....	25 (3%)
Worry about getting on / off bus.....	16 (2%)
Poor reliability of bus service	210 (28%)
Bus overcrowded.....	72 (10%)
Fares not affordable	38 (5%)
Self-drive is more convenient	416 (55%)
I don't need to	203 (27%)

Q18a Do you have any further comments or information about public transport that you think are important?
 232 comments included in the appendices.

Q19 If there were a car sharing scheme, how likely is it that you would want to use it? (Please tick one box only)

Very likely	16 (2%)
Likely.....	49 (6%)
Unlikely.....	287 (37%)
Very unlikely	414 (54%)

Q20 Which school do your children attend? (Please tick any that apply)

Garsington Primary School	76 (12%)
Wheatley Park School	48 (8%)
Oxford Academy, Littlemore	0 (0%)
Other	58 (9%)
I don't have school age children	464 (76%)

Q21 How do your children usually travel to school? (Please tick any that apply)

School bus.....	52 (9%)
Other public transport	7 (1%)
Car.....	87 (16%)
Lift share.....	4 (1%)
Cycle	0 (0%)
Walk.....	61 (11%)
Other	6 (1%)
I don't have school age children	406 (74%)

Communication

Q22	What do you find most useful about the Parish Newsletter? (Please tick any that apply)	
	Editorial	418 (53%)
	Village group or club updates	438 (56%)
	Forthcoming events	568 (72%)
	Adverts	400 (51%)
	I don't read the Parish Newsletter	66 (8%)
Q23	How would you prefer to find out about future events in the village? (Please tick up to 3 boxes)	
	Newsletter.....	630 (83%)
	Village Notice Boards (shop and village hall)	174 (23%)
	Posters within Village (bus stops, school, etc.)	185 (24%)
	Village Website	277 (36%)
	Email	149 (20%)
	Social Media	68 (9%)
Q24	Which is your main 'phone when at home? (Please tick one box only)	
	Landline.....	607 (77%)
	Internet based 'phone service.....	4 (1%)
	Mobile	173 (22%)
Q25	Who is your current mobile 'phone provider? (Please tick one box only)	
	Orange / T-Mobile / EE	214 (29%)
	O2.....	161 (22%)
	Vodafone	237 (33%)
	Three.....	24 (3%)
	Virgin.....	29 (4%)
	Other	64 (9%)
Q26	How would you rate your mobile signal at home? (Please tick one box only)	
	Good	270 (37%)
	Satisfactory.....	260 (35%)
	Poor	204 (28%)
Q27	Would you be willing for an additional mast for mobile 'phones to be built in Garsington to improve the signal? (Please tick one box only)	
	Yes.....	401 (55%)
	No	332 (45%)
Q28	How do you receive TV? (Please tick any that apply)	
	TV licence services through aerial	509 (65%)
	TV licence services through satellite dish	138 (18%)
	Paid service through aerial (e.g. Top up TV).....	15 (2%)
	Paid service through satellite dish (e.g. Sky)	263 (34%)
	Paid service over the internet (e.g. BT)	85 (11%)
Q29	How would you rate your TV signal in Garsington? (Please tick one box only)	
	Good	457 (58%)
	Satisfactory.....	267 (34%)
	Poor	59 (8%)

Q30 How often do you use the internet? (Please tick one box only)

Never	123 (16%)
Once or twice a year.....	6 (1%)
Once or twice a month.....	20 (3%)
Once or twice a week	72 (9%)
Every day	558 (72%)

Q31 What do you use the internet for? (Please tick all that apply)

Education	234 (36%)
Telecommuting / working from home	165 (25%)
Other work / business	208 (32%)
Shopping / gathering product information	519 (79%)
Gaming.....	107 (16%)
Watching videos, films, television, music, etc.....	232 (35%)
Communication with others	525 (80%)
Gathering information for personal needs.....	507 (78%)

Traffic

Q32 The Parish Council receives frequent complaints about traffic in the village.

Please indicate your views on the following statements:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
There is a problem with speeding vehicles in Garsington	11 (1%)	100 (13%)	351 (47%)	289 (38%)
There is a problem with overweight / large vehicles passing through the village	10 (1%)	190 (26%)	306 (42%)	217 (30%)
More traffic calming measures are needed within the village	98 (14%)	235 (33%)	213 (30%)	165 (23%)
Better signage for speed and weight restrictions is needed in the village	18 (3%)	130 (18%)	371 (52%)	201 (28%)
The speed limit in Garsington should be reduced to 20 mph	89 (12%)	251 (34%)	228 (31%)	168 (23%)
Garsington needs safer ways for pedestrians to get around the village	17 (2%)	127 (17%)	325 (45%)	261 (36%)
Garsington needs safer ways for pedestrians to reach the surrounding area	19 (3%)	102 (14%)	323 (44%)	286 (39%)

Q33 Do you have any other comments or suggestions on road safety in Garsington?

(Please specify)

330 comments included in the appendices.

In some parts of the village, people have told us they experience difficulty parking their cars.

Q34 From the list of statements below, please tick ONE of the following:

I have sufficient garage or off-road parking for my specific use	666 (87%)
I use unallocated off-road space to park my vehicle	21 (3%)
I park my vehicle on a public highway	34 (4%)
I don't have a vehicle	48 (6%)

Parish Council

The Parish Council has an annual budget, which is funded by a small part of the Council tax paid by residents of the village. This tax amounts to just under £30 a year for a Band D property in Garsington. This is very much less than most other villages in the area (for example, a Band D property in Horspath pays nearly £54 and in Wheatley over £62).

Q35 Which services in your opinion need improving?

(Please tick to indicate how important you regard spending on each of the following services)

	High	Medium	Low
Maintenance of children's play area	197 (34%)	279 (48%)	105 (18%)
Maintenance of recreation ground car park	49 (9%)	262 (46%)	257 (45%)
Maintenance of other green areas in the village	175 (29%)	352 (57%)	87 (14%)
Maintenance of burial ground	149 (25%)	339 (57%)	109 (18%)
Maintenance of vegetation, stiles and gates on public rights of way	255 (40%)	316 (50%)	66 (10%)
Resolving problems connected with traffic or transport	487 (70%)	168 (24%)	39 (6%)

Q36 Are there any other activities that you think the Parish Council should take responsibility for? (Please specify)

135 activities listed in the appendices.

Many of the improvements that may arise from a Village Plan cost money. When you answer the next question, please bear in mind that there are many areas (such as traffic calming measures) where expenditure by the Parish Council is discretionary. In other words, the Parish Council may spend money on those things, but it does not have to. There may also be an overlap with other public authorities, such as the District Council or the County Council.

Q37 If the Parish Council raised the tax (precept) it charges, how would you like to see it spent? (Please tick up to 3 boxes only)

Improving children's play facilities	105 (16%)
Traffic calming measures	246 (36%)
Street lighting in vulnerable locations	209 (31%)
Improving pavements and cycle tracks.....	323 (48%)
Improving footpaths and public rights of way	264 (39%)
Facilities for retired people	127 (19%)
Young persons' social club.....	108 (16%)
Pre-school play group	50 (7%)
Village website	68 (10%)
Sustainability issues	45 (7%)
Bulb or tree planting schemes	97 (14%)
Village events (carnival or fete)	102 (15%)
Other	28 (4%)

If other, please specify

38 others included in the appendices

Village Amenities

There are at present no allotments in Garsington.

- Q38** **If allotments were available, would you rent one?** (Please tick one box only)
- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| Yes..... | 96 (13%) |
| No..... | 670 (87%) |
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- Q39** **If allotments were available, how much rent per year would you be prepared to pay?**
(Please tick one box only)
- | | |
|----------|----------|
| £25..... | 83 (48%) |
| £50..... | 77 (44%) |
| £75..... | 14 (8%) |
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- Q40** **How important is it to you that hedges and verges in the village are regularly maintained and mown?** (Please tick one box only)
- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Very important..... | 382 (49%) |
| Important..... | 340 (44%) |
| Not important..... | 40 (5%) |
| Very unimportant..... | 15 (2%) |
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- Q41** **How important is it to you that more land in the village is set aside to encourage wildlife (animals, birds and plants)?** (Please tick one box only)
- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Very important..... | 260 (34%) |
| Important..... | 330 (43%) |
| Not important..... | 156 (20%) |
| Very unimportant..... | 21 (3%) |

Comments received by the Steering Group indicate that Garsington benefits strongly from the presence of a shop and a public house. It currently has no post office.

- Q42** **Do you think Garsington would benefit from having some form of postal facility (mobile unit, delivery point) in the village?** (Please tick one box only)
- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| Yes..... | 630 (84%) |
| No..... | 123 (16%) |
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- Q43** **How often would you use Post Office facilities in the village...?** (Please tick one box only)
- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Daily..... | 10 (1%) |
| Two or three times a week..... | 87 (11%) |
| Weekly..... | 230 (30%) |
| Monthly..... | 197 (26%) |
| Only very occasionally..... | 237 (31%) |

At present, undelivered letters or parcels have to be collected from Post Office premises more than 2 miles away.

- Q44** **Would you find a central delivery point in the village for letters and parcels useful?**
(Please tick one box only)
- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| Yes..... | 644 (85%) |
| No..... | 110 (15%) |

The County Council believes that the area that includes Garsington is well served with facilities for young children. However, comments have been made to the Steering Group suggesting that the existing facilities are fragmented or too distant. The only current facility for pre-school children is the Toddlers' Group, which meets once a week.

- Q45 Should Garsington have more pre-school facilities in the village?**
 (Please tick one box only)
- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| Yes..... | 355 (70%) |
| No..... | 152 (30%) |
- Q46 Would you use expanded pre-school facilities if provided? (Please tick one box only)**
- | | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Yes..... | 53 (9%) |
| No..... | 62 (11%) |
| Not applicable..... | 446 (80%) |
- Q47 Should Garsington provide more social or activity-based facilities for...?**
 (Please tick all that apply)
- | | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| 6-11 year olds..... | 235 (54%) |
| 12-15 year olds..... | 342 (78%) |
| 16-18 year olds..... | 236 (54%) |
- Q48 Would a member of your family be able to benefit from a youth club?**
 (Please tick one box only)
- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| Yes..... | 138 (23%) |
| No..... | 463 (77%) |
- Q49 What sort of activities would you like to see made available for young people?**
 (Please specify)
- 186 activities mentioned in the appendices.

Garsington Sports and Social Club already provides a number of sports facilities, including football, cricket, darts and Aunt Sally teams and a table tennis club. The Club wants to replace the existing buildings in the course of the next 5 years. This is a major project and will require considerable resources.

- Q50 Which of the following additional indoor and outdoor facilities would you use regularly if they were available in Garsington? (Please tick all that apply)**
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|---|-----------|
| Indoor bowls..... | 116 (22%) |
| Bowling green..... | 86 (16%) |
| Indoor exercise area..... | 194 (36%) |
| Gym / fitness centre (fitness trail)..... | 256 (48%) |
| Tennis court..... | 133 (25%) |
| Basketball / netball court..... | 44 (8%) |
| Rugby pitch..... | 15 (3%) |
| Hockey pitch..... | 10 (2%) |
| Swimming pool..... | 331 (62%) |

Garsington Players have a justly high profile in the village, but other cultural activities tend to be less well represented.

Q51 I should welcome the chance to participate in... (Tick any that apply)

Dance.....	131 (47%)
A choir	81 (29%)
Instrumental music	46 (17%)
Arts & crafts	167 (60%)

Q52 I should like the opportunity to attend more of the following in the village...
(Tick any that apply)

Concerts.....	226 (63%)
Exhibitions	178 (50%)
Films	177 (49%)
Lectures	122 (34%)

Sustainability

Q53 Should more sustainable and renewable energy resources be used in the village?
(Tick any that apply)

	Yes	No
Solar / photovoltaic cells on public buildings	395 (73%)	143 (27%)
Solar / photovoltaic farms	209 (45%)	257 (55%)
Wind turbines on open land	196 (40%)	300 (60%)
Solar / photovoltaic cells on houses	350 (70%)	147 (30%)
Small domestic wind turbines	216 (46%)	254 (54%)
Ground or air source heat pumps	332 (71%)	134 (29%)

With the current focus on climate change many villages are supporting carbon capture schemes.

Q54 Would you support a scheme to plant more trees in the village? (Please tick one box only)

Yes.....	640 (86%)
No.....	103 (14%)

Swap shops are community events for the public to bring along household items that they no longer need and / or take home for free something that catches their eye.

Q55 If a village swap shop were introduced, would you use it? (Please tick one box only)

Yes.....	521 (69%)
No.....	232 (31%)