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**Stanwell Moor**  
**Local Community Action Plan**



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# Draft Local Community Action Plan 1

## Stanwell Moor

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## **Foreword**

Welcome to the Neighbourhood Action Plan for the Stanwell Moor area. This plan is part of a project aimed at developing a better understanding of local residents' needs and priorities.

We are actively working towards achieving sustainable and thriving communities for the people who live and work in the Borough, based on the principles of self reliance, personal responsibility and freedom of choice.

This plan has been developed by the Borough Council in conjunction with local residents and is intended to support these principles.

We hope we have included some issues in the plan that you will recognise and that you will agree with the action recommended. However, this is a plan that will be updated over time and we welcome your suggestions for change or improvement through the contact details provided in this document.

The NAP is a process led by your local Councillors, who are:

### **Borough Councillors:**

- **Cllr Jack Pinkerton**
- **Cllr Kevin Flurry**
- **Cllr Raj Chouhan**

### **Surrey County Councillors**

- **SCC Mr Victor Agarwal**

### **What is the Purpose of the Neighbourhood Action Plan?**

The Borough Council contributes to the overall sense of wellbeing in the Borough through the provision of high quality, value for money public services, and undertakes projects and initiatives that improve quality of life.

The Borough Council has been working with representatives of key organisations in the area to understand the problems and identify ways in which they might be tackled. The outcomes reflected in this plan will lead to improvements that are of value to local people and that they will notice.

The information gathered from this process will be shared with other service providers, such as Surrey County Council, the Police, and the Local Strategic Partnership to help inform service planning and delivery in the area and across the Borough.

## **The Area**

Located in a triangle of land at the edge of the Borough, the Stanwell Moor area is framed by the M25 and River Colne in the West, Heathrow to the North and the King George VI Reservoir and Staines Moor to the South. It is an area of moorland with a history of mineral extraction and a network of interconnecting waterways, lakes, flood relief and drainage ditches that run through the village and surrounding fields and countryside.

The 2001 census reported 1,284 people as living in the area with slightly more men than women. The largest numbers of people were in the age group between 30-44 years old with the smallest those over 65 years. 68.3% of people were in employment with an additional 8.4 % self-employed. A higher than national average number of people reported themselves as in good health. Stanwell Moor is a village of around 500 homes with BAA research noting 170 people working at Heathrow Airport.

There are also many businesses located in the area some supporting the airport but also a local shop, pubs and post office in the centre of the village. People feel a strong sense of place valuing the countryside and country pursuits including walking, bird watching, riding and fishing. People say that the Moor is a friendly place but there was concern that there was not a strong sense of community.

Stanwell Moor residents believe that they are often overlooked and that people are unaware of their concerns and issues. There is ongoing concern about potential major developments locally in relation to Heathrow Airport Airtrack and the proposed new runway.

## **How was the plan developed**

The LCAP has been developed over a period of months and has been a planned process led by Ward Councillors. A range of consultation and research methods have been used, including:

- Questionnaires
- Talking to resident groups
- Talking to Business
- 1 to 1 interviews
- Door knocking
- Film interviews with young people
- Business and Residents Newsletters
- Anchor Pub focus group
- Feedback events



In response to feedback, Ward Councillors have been working with representatives of key organisations in the area to understand the problems and identify ways in which they might be tackled.

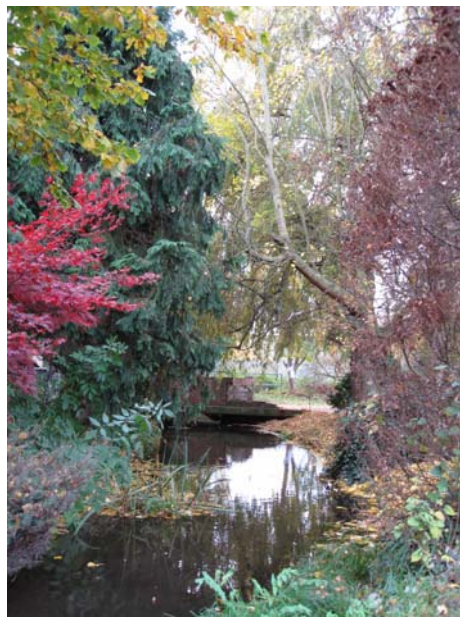
**The community has identified the following key issues:**

Airport expansion and pollution	Speeding
Maintenance: Pavements, Footpaths & Ditches	Litter
Fly-tipping	Local Industry
Parking	Transport Links
Youth anti social behaviour / Vandalism	Community Cohesion
Lack of facilities for young people	Industrial Pollution
Lack of village facilities	Sense of Community

Whilst the plan focuses on improvements, there has been a lot of positive feedback from residents about living in Stanwell Moor and various community action events are proposed.

Below are some of the best things that local residents have said about living in Stanwell Moor:

- **Close proximity to open space**
  - ‘Country life’
  - ‘The lake and moor’
  - ‘The River Colne and wildlife’
  - ‘Rural oasis in an otherwise over developed area’



- **The People and Community Spirit**
  - 'Good Community spirit'
  - 'Village atmosphere'
  - 'The Community feeling'
  - 'Good folk on the Moor'
  - 'The neighbours'
- **Location and access**
  - 'Access to most parts of the country'
  - 'Good transport links'
  - 'Close to motorway links'
- **Safety**
  - 'Not a lot of crime'
  - 'Not much traffic'
- **Facilities**
  - 'Local facilities-shops, pubs'
  - 'A Post Office'
  - 'No parking restrictions'
- **Younger people also highlighted some of the best things as being:**
  - 'Youth Club'
  - 'Open spaces'
  - 'The young people on the moor'



The attached plan contains:

A description of each issue

The background of how it was identified

The location of the problem

What actions are proposed to improve the situation?

Who will lead and take responsibility for the action to be taken

The resources needed

How long it will take to carry out the actions

What will be different when the actions have been carried out?

More detailed information regarding the community profile and the liaison and consultation processes used to develop this Plan are contained on the Borough Council website ([www.spelthorne.gov.uk](http://www.spelthorne.gov.uk)), along with information on the Borough Community Plan and the Borough Council's Corporate Plan.

### **What happens next?**

It will be possible to carry out some of the actions in this plan almost immediately, but others will take some time to deliver. Ward Councillors and the Borough Council's Community Liaison Team will monitor the plans on an ongoing basis. Progress will be reported back to the public via various means, including:

- The Council's website
- Spelthorne Bulletin
- Updates provided to the Residents' Association

## **Tackling Traffic Problems**

### **Speeding**

#### **Identified Issues**

Through interviews, meetings and questionnaires

- Residents and business raised concerns around levels of speeding on residential roads in the NAP study area. The issue in some locations was considered to be linked to motorists using residential roads to by-pass sections of Airport Way to access the M25.
- Concern was also raised around speeding HGV's. Some were reported entering the village to access local business but others as cutting through the village when the M25 is congested or at a standstill. (The bridge by the Mill has a weight restriction)
- Respondents were also concerned about the speed of cars in residential areas. It was uncertain if cars were travelling over the speed limit but people felt they were going too fast for the area.
- Pony and traps are used on Hithermore Road and respondents are concerned about the speed that they travel at in a residential area.

#### **Proposed Actions**

Investigate speeds on key residential roads at peak times

Investigate HGV usage/signage at the entrances to the village

Support/ lobby for changes to HGV Sat -navigation systems (national initiative)

Investigate pony and trap usage

Community Speed Watch

20mph zones piloted in borough, results will inform future developments

#### **Location (s)**

- Horton Road
- Hithermoor Road
- Spout Lane

#### **Lead/ Responsible Agency**

Surrey Police

Residents

Surrey County Council Highways



## **Resource**

Community Speedwatch Volunteer training free  
Surrey Police Officer time  
Surrey County Council Officer Time

## **Timescale**

On-going

## **Outcome measure/ reporting**

Undertake initial speed checks on identified hot spots – compare over time  
Report results back to Stanwell Moor Residents Association and Local Forum

## **Local Community: What you can do**

- Drive carefully and within the speed limit
- As a local business advise HGV's accessing the village of the bridges weight restrictions and speed limits
- Receive free training to be a member of the community Speed Watch

## **Tackling Traffic Problems**

### **Transport Links**

#### **Identified issues**

Through interviews, meetings and questionnaires

- Residents raised concerns about the transport links to the village.
- Respondents believe that there are not sufficient buses running through the village and that those that do are not to destinations that villagers require. The frequency and start times are also seen as inadequate.
- Feedback also indicated that residents find bus routes infrequent and take too long to reach destinations, because of the indirect routes.
- The lack of public transport in the evenings was seen to create an obstacle for residents who do not own their own motor vehicle or who are unable to drive. This was seen to include young and elderly people in particular, who can be unable to access facilities outside of the study area at times when there is no public transport available.
- Villagers give mixed opinions about increasing transport links with Heathrow.
- A number of villagers work at Heathrow Airport but respondents report that the free bus service to Heathrow does not run out as far as the village though it does visit surrounding areas.
- Some respondents would value a footpath to Heathrow terminal 5 from the village
- Residents are concerned that they will have to access Heathrow terminal 5 by car even though it is on their doorstep, whether as passengers or employees. Respondents are concerned that this is not "Green" and that in the future, there may be cost involved in car visits
- Some respondents are concerned that improved transport links to the village will increase the number of airport customers' long-term parking in the village.
- Buses do visit the village fairly frequently but residents are unaware or unwilling to use them

#### **Proposed Actions**

- Discuss with BAA to see if there are plans regarding very local transport when Terminal 5 opens
- Discuss with BAA pedestrian access from the village to Heathrow
- Review bus service information and Bus stops
- Support ways of promoting public transport and making the community aware of new or changed provision

## Lead/ Responsible Agency

Pass on the information on residents' views to Surrey County Council  
Transport Planning

## Resource

Surrey County Council Officer Time

## Timescale

Ongoing

Outcome measure/ reporting



## Local Community: What you can do

- Use public transport when possible
- Check the timetables and destinations of the buses that come through the village for more information about public transport, visit the Surrey County Council website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk). This includes timetables, fares and permits and senior citizens bus permit information.

## **Tackling Traffic Problems**

### **Parking**

#### **Identified Issues**

Through interviews, meetings and questionnaires

- Residents have raised concerns about parking in some residential areas considering it hazardous. Parking on pavements is seen as being obstructive and dangerous blocking footpaths and forcing people to walk in the road. Buggy and Wheelchair users report being particularly disadvantaged
- Respondents are concerned that car parking on both sides of Hithermoor Road limits the width of the road and restricts possible access by the emergency services.
- People report drivers parking across driveways limiting access and increasing on-road parking
- Resident and Businesses are concerned about parking on the pavement outside the parade of shops which they report obstructs use of the shops
- Some respondents are aware that improved transport links to Heathrow Terminal 5 may result in increased long-term parking in the village, which is already congested.
- Many Garages are grouped behind properties and are reportedly underutilised for parking because of vandalism.

#### **Location (s)**

- Horton Road Shops
- Hithermoor Road
- Benen Stock Road and most residential areas

#### **Proposed Actions**

- Discussion of parking restrictions with Surrey CC Highways Issues fed annually to local committee in March. Collect issues for inclusion for next year
- Investigate enforcement of Parking regulations
- Investigate ownership and signage of parking areas outside shops
- Investigate/consult on under usage of Garages. Understand ownership and consider removal of garages and making of communal parking areas
- Consider the implications of opening the Village Hall parking area to residents at peak times
- Work with Surrey Police on illegal parking
- Investigate feasibility of using Partnership Action Day targeting parking issues

## **Lead/ Responsible Agency**

Enforcement Spelthorne Borough Council  
Review of Garage provision- Spelthorne Borough Council  
Surrey County Council Highways  
Surrey Police

## **Resource**

## **Timescale**

Ongoing



## **Outcome measure/ reporting**

Report back through the Residents association and local Forum meetings

## **Local Community: What you can do**

- Support your local shops
- Park sensibly in the roads when you shop
- Walk or cycle short trips to encourage both exercise and alternative ways to travel



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## *Airport issues*

### **Noise and Air Pollution**

#### **Identified Issues**

**These issues came out in questionnaires, public meetings, and individual interviews and Residents' Association meetings as issues of much concern.**

- Aircraft noise is the main issue of concern in the village.
- Different areas of the village report differing problems.
- Those under the flight paths being most concerned about the continuation of alternation of flights and the time and number of night time take off and landings.
- Respondents report that their sleep is often disturbed by night flights before the 6am starting point.
- Respondents believe that if Alternation (Half the day with take offs over the village) is stopped noise levels in the village will be intolerable. Residents say they plan their lives around the quieter days.
- Historically those respondents at the A3044 end of the village were more troubled by planes running their engines whilst stationary
- Respondents identify an increase in early morning flights and night flights as a problem.
- Some residents believe that there are no restrictions on Night time freight flights. Currently most freight is carried in passenger planes. The restrictions do not vary between passenger and freight planes. The noise quota system runs from 11.30pm – 6am and has not altered since 1993
- Respondents also report some take offs that bring planes lower than usual over the village creating high levels of noise and vibration.
- Villagers say that Noise levels in the Village Hall limit its use and development.
- Villagers report dissatisfaction with the compensation offered to help people relocate, as there is no element that takes into account the amount of time a villager has been resident in the village.
- There is also dissatisfaction with the new replacement window offer as some villagers have already part paid for replacement. Also some areas are excluded.
- Noise levels limit the possibility of further large scale development within the village
- Residents report that current noise surveys show Stanwell Moor and Poyle have higher recorded aircraft noise levels than surrounding villages
- Air quality is reported as an issue
- Residents report frequent aviation fuel smells and reported fuel discharges noticeable on garden ponds and surfaces



## **Location (s)**

- Whole Village

## **Proposed Actions**

- Feedback to BAA the results of the consultation
- Install the noise insulation measures available via BAA for the Village Hall
- Help villagers get a greater understanding of the possible implications of multi modal take-off and landings and the loss of alternation.
- Continue to monitor noise and air quality

## **Lead/ Responsible Agency**

Spelthorne Borough Council liaison with BAA re the results of the consultation

Stanwell Moor Residents Association negotiating with BAA for noise insulation for the village hall

Spelthorne Borough Council noise and air quality monitoring

## **Resource**

## **Timescale**

On going

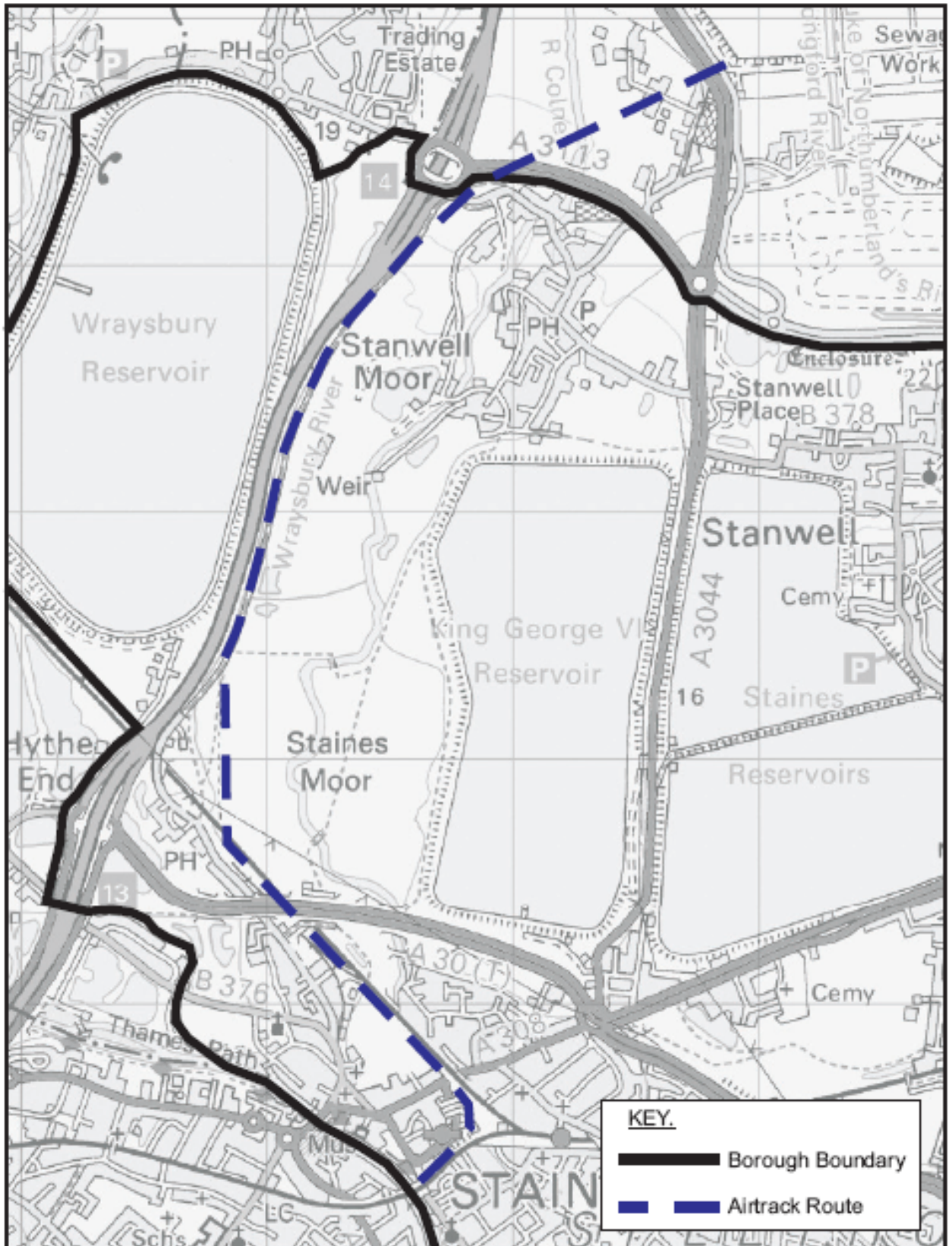
## **Outcome measure/ reporting**

Report back to residents through the Local Forum



## **Local Community: What you can do**

Residents respond to consultations so that your opinions can be considered in the developments.





**KEY.**

-  Borough Boundary
-  Airtrack Route

**PLAN 1 - THE AIRTRACK CORRIDOR**



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## *Airport issues*

### **Airport Development**

#### **Identified Issues**

Through interviews, meetings and questionnaires

- Respondents report concern about current and future airport developments.
- There is concern that Airport expansion will eventually overwhelm the village.
- Some villagers believe that BAA already owns much of the land around the village with a view to that expansion
- Respondents reported that Airtrack proposals will bring more noise and disturbance to the village over a considerable time
- The proposed Airtrack route will also take away much used footpaths and walks to surrounding countryside
- As the number of flights increases, there will be a corresponding increase in traffic making the roads even more congested.
- There is uncertainty about the consequences for the village of the proposed new runway
- Many villagers are current or past employees of the Airport and so appreciate the balance of costs and benefits
- Many local businesses service the airport in some manor and therefore value its proximity and potential development

#### **Location (s)**

- Whole Village

#### **Proposed Actions**

Spelthorne Borough Council reported on Airtrack developments to Stanwell Moor Residents Association

Spelthorne Borough Council discuss the report with BAA

BAA/ Airtrack display at Stanwell Moor Village Hall

#### **Lead/ Responsible Agency**

BAA Airtrack

Spelthorne Borough Council

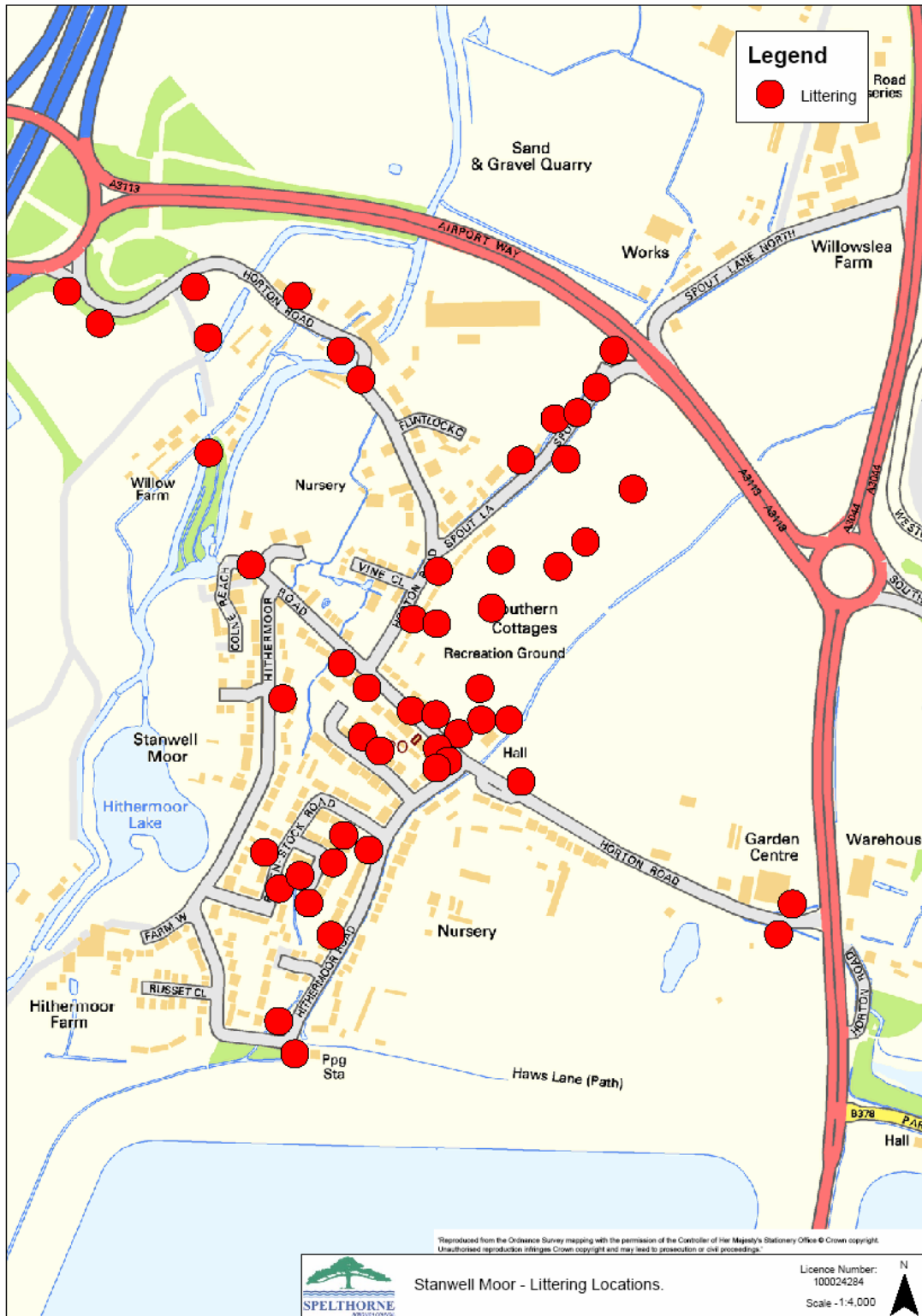
#### **Resource**

Outcome measure/ reporting

#### **Local Community: What you can do**

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## Caring for the Local Environment

### Litter

#### Identified Issues

- This was an issue of concern that was reported in the questionnaires, interviews, feedback session and by stakeholders
- Young people also reported that Litter was one of the top two major concerns for them
- The area around the village hall, the Recreation ground, around the shops, Spout Lane and the fishing lake area are named as hot spots.
- Respondents spoke of the general unkempt appearance of the village, which they believe contributes to anti-social behaviour.
- Some villagers report that there aren't enough litter bins
- People believe that the streets are not cleaned enough
- It is observed that drivers park up in Spout Lane perhaps to wait to pick up fares from the airport or to rest. The area is unkempt.
- It is reported that the mechanical sweeper only cleans part of Horton Road.
- Did you know it is a criminal offence to drop litter? Under the environmental protection act 1990 leaving or depositing litter is a criminal offence, which can result in a fine up to £2,500

#### Proposed Actions

Develop Pride in Stanwell Moor Day

Village Hall working group looking to upgrade the outside of the Village Hall

Investigate who is responsible for the fishing lake and if bins are possible

Periodic Enforcement

Consider litterbins in Stanwell Moor especially Spout Lane

Continue discussions with youth groups

Investigate feasibility of Partnership Action Day

#### Lead/ Responsible Agency

Civic Pride

Stanwell Moor Residents Association

Stanwell Moor Village Hall Group

Spelthorne Borough Council

#### Resource

#### Timescale

Clean up day - autumn 2008

#### Outcome measure/ reporting

Report back to the Residents Association Meeting



#### Local Community: What you can do

- Report full litter bins and Fly-tipping 01784 446401
- Encourage your children to be responsible about litter
- Take part in the village clean up day



## **Caring for the Local Environment**

### **Fly-tipping**

#### **Identified Issues**

Through interviews, meetings and questionnaires

- A large percentage of Respondents quote this as a major issue for the village
- Spout Lane is the area most commented on by residents. They report that there are repeated new tips some industrial others of household materials and items.
- The ditches in Spout Lane have old furniture and other household items that appear to have been there for some considerable time.
- Spout Lane is one of the main entrances to the village and villagers are very aware that the fly-tipping makes the village look uncared for.
- The track from Leylands Lane below Airport Way towards the M25 has old deposits of building and household waste tipped.
- Residents assume that it is the village's closeness to the M25 that encourages people to come off the motorway and fly-tip
- Many villagers report that there is a post in Spout Lane that was put up to house CCTV camera. This was removed after a short while to another fly tipping hot spot.
- Police advice is that in this location dummy cameras will not work and undercover surveillance will be more effective. This will help identify and prosecute offenders. Moving the problem to another location is not effective. This also applies to putting up signs saying that the area is under surveillance
- Garages and alleyways in some areas of the village have a great deal of rubbish/fly-tipping which comprises domestic items
- Much fly-tipping is on private land which is the landowners responsibility to clear

#### **Proposed Actions**

- Install CCTV in Spout Lane
- Investigate clearing of the ditches in Spout Lane and the area around Leylands Lane towards the M25
- Investigate ownership of the Garages and the possibility of their removal into shared ownership if they are not used.
- Village name sign in Spout Lane to show that you are entering a village and support changed behaviour
- Signs explaining fine for fly-tipping erected in Leyland Lane
- Remove Fly-tipping on Surrey and Borough Council Land within 24 hours

**Lead/ Responsible Agency**  
Spelthorne Borough Council  
Private landowners

**Resource**

SCC Mr Agarwal has committed £3,500 of his budget to purchase CCTV. SBC have agreed to meet maintenance and monitoring costs.  
Fly-tipping prohibited signs



**Timescale**

CCTV - Installation target July 2008

**Outcome measure/ reporting**

Report back through Residents Association meeting

**Local Community: What you can do**

Report Fly-tipping on 01784 4546401

Remember to be considerate with any rubbish or garden waste you may have

## **Caring for the Local Environment**

### **Local industry**

#### **Identified Issues**

There is a range of heavy industry based in and around Stanwell Moor. Respondents have mixed views about the benefits and disadvantages of having these businesses close to the community.

- Some Business are owned by local people
- Businesses were described as potential employers for local people
- Respondents commented on their concern about the safety, number and size of vehicles that service local businesses.
- People are concerned about the dust and noise resulting from mineral extraction and waste recycling
- There is concern that there will be further gravel extraction creating additional traffic and dust
- There is concern that potential Brownfield development in the area is not supported by appropriate infrastructure
- Respondents are concerned that industry has disproportionate influence over area development
- The Borough Council has to work within the planning and development laws and guidelines locally and nationally imposed.

#### **Proposed Actions**

Report back to local Businesses on residents concerns via Business Newsletter  
Distribute Stanwell Moor NAP to Local Businesses  
Investigate setting up Business Breakfast group

#### **Lead/ Responsible Agency**

Spelthorne Borough Council

#### **Resource**

Spelthorne Borough Council Officer time

#### **Timescale**

Business Newsletter was distributed in February 2008

NAP published Summer 2008

Village Hall group investigating Business group



## **Outcome measure/ reporting**

Report back through the Residents association and Local Forum

## **Local Community: What you can do**

If you are a local business who would be interested in becoming more involved contact?? ( Martine McCaffrey Anchor Pub) for a possible Stanwell Moor Group or Spelthorne Borough Council for the Borough Business Forum

## **Caring for the Local Environment**

### **Maintenance of Pavements, Footpaths and Ditches**

#### **Identified Issues**

Through interviews, meetings and questionnaires

- This was an issue of major importance to respondents.
- Footpaths and bridleways are well used locally but some are poorly maintained
- Cycle paths to Staines are popular and well used but reportedly have a poor surface and are often overgrown
- There is a lack of clarity about who is responsible for maintenance of ditches, paths and hedges, which inhibits clearing and enforcement. Ownership and responsibility can be complex.
- Poor maintenance of public highways and ditches was seen as contributing to the rundown appearance of the village and also potentially dangerous as some pavements are uneven and some ditches prone to flooding
- People reported that vegetation overgrows pathways in many areas of the village, forcing people from the pavements. Those pushing buggies or wheelchairs are particularly concerned. Spout Lane is considered particularly bad.
- Recent changes to the gateways on paths into the lake area have stopped access to wheelchair and buggy users
- Highway grass verges are reported as being infrequently maintained
- Residents parking on pavements limits opportunities for maintenance
- People feel that material clearer from ditches should be removed, whilst this may not be the standard practise.

**Location (s)** These include

- Main road A3044 and Airport Roundabout
- Staines and Haws Lane footpaths and ditches
- Hithermoor ditch
- Spout Lane ditches and paths
- Horton Road (Vermeulens Garden Centre end)

#### **Proposed Actions**

- Pass information to Surrey County Council Highways for pavement and ditch maintenance
- To investigate ownership of the hot spots hedges and ditches
- Frequency of grass cutting/verge maintenance being looked at as part of transfer to SBC
- Stanwell Moor clean up day
- Identify who is responsible for access to the lake and discuss access

- Investigate the number of dropped kerbs
- Become part of Spelthorne in Bloom
- Ditch survey being undertaken by SBC to ascertain ownership/issues

### **Lead/ Responsible Agency**

Surrey County Council Highways

Spelthorne Borough Council Verges and Environment Services

Environment Agency Watercourses?

Village individual Landowners hedges and ditches?

Volunteers

**Resource**

**Timescale Ongoing**

**Outcome measure/ reporting**

Increase level of information to Surrey County Council Highways



### **Local Community: What you can do**

As members of the Community, you can report problems with road maintenance yourselves. Surrey County Council can be notified by calling 08456 009009 or log onto their website [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk).



## Self-Reliant and Thriving Communities

### Anti Social Behaviour and Vandalism

#### Identified Issues

Consultation has shown concern by many residents, young people, and local businesses, around anti-social behaviour and vandalism. Respondents indicated that this comes in a range of forms in the area:

- Intimidation. Both young and old people reported feeling uncomfortable when they came across large groups of young people particularly outside the shops.
- Graffiti. Around the village hall in local garages
- Use of mini motorbikes, quad bikes and pony and traps in public spaces including the recreation ground.
- The use of drugs in public space
- Persistent vandalism of the Village Hall. Windows and doors are repeatedly broken. Graffiti is sprayed on the walls. The fences around the area are broken down when young people climb in to play football. The recycling bins lids are used to help get over the fences. Cans and broken bottles are littered around the area.
- Some disused garages are used as meeting areas but damaged in the process.

These activities are also seen as adding to the run down appearance of the Village.

#### Proposed Actions

- Group set up of those with a shared interest in youth issues (working title: Youth Service Project)
- Village Hall Committee to look at the design of the Village Hall Area
- Use ABCs as appropriate
- Fun Day planned June 26<sup>th</sup>

Lead/Responsible Agency

SBC

Village Hall Committee



#### Resource

Village Hall Group Work with the Police/crime prevention officer on the design of the Village Hall area

Work with partners, Surrey CC Youth Worker, East 2 West new youth worker, Police on diversionary activities

## **Timescale**

On-going

## **Outcome measure/ reporting**

Report to Resident association and local Forum

## **Local Community: What you can do**

Support the East to West Village Youth Club, which runs on a Friday evening at Stanwell Moor Village Hall.

Get involved with the June 26<sup>th</sup> FunDay

Volunteer opportunities for volunteer youth workers (training provided)

Report instances of anti-social behaviour you can contact your Surrey Police Neighbourhood Policing Team for non-emergencies on 0845 125 2222 and also find out more about your local Surrey Police Neighbourhood Panel meetings. You can also find out more on the Surrey Police website at [www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk).

Report damage to Spelthorne Borough Councils .....



## Self-Reliant and Thriving Communities

### Lack of Facilities for Young People

#### Identified Issues

Residents recognise that there is a need for facilities for young people in the village. There are already some activities, which are much used and valued, particularly the local Youth Club and Saturday morning football. However these activities cater for particular ages and/or interests and are only available at set times and some have a cost attached. There are also some commercial leisure activities in the village but these are reported as being beyond the pocket of many young people.

It is also reported that limited and expensive transport links make it difficult for young people to leave the village to access youth provision in other areas.

- East to West who run the Youth Club want to increase provision and have recruited a new youth worker for the older age groups of Young people.
- Young people report valuing the facilities they have
- The recreation ground is reported by some young people to be dark and intimidating.
- Young people report wanting to use a clean dry surface to play football on and the recreation ground is often muddy without changing room facilities.
- Residents report that the current children's play area is quite run down and tends to be taken over by the older children.
- Respondents say that young people often play outside from home during the day and in the evenings throughout the year.
- It's reported that young people use garages as meeting places
- Young people meet up outside the shops to see their friends (? are they looking for somewhere light/safe)
- The Football club want to increase their use and the facilities at the recreation ground.
- There are very mixed feelings among residents about putting in a youth shelter in the recreation ground. Young people are unlikely to go to the unlit areas furthest from the roads. Residents report that they do not want to attract large groups of young people to the recreation ground



### **Proposed Actions**

Coincide SBC Playing Field Strategy in context of Stanwell Moor  
Investigate increasing Saturday Morning football  
Check how many village children attend Saturday football.  
Update the children's play area  
Investigate possibility of a dry play area for ball games  
Short-term provision of 5 a side goals

Lead/Responsible Agency

SBC  
SCC  
East 2 West

### **Resource**

Funding required

### **Timescale**

On-going

### **Outcome measure/ reporting**

Through the Residents association and Local forum

### **Local Community: What you can do**

Support the Community Fun Day to raise funding for young people and the Village Hall



## Self-Reliant and Thriving Communities

### Lack of village facilities

#### Identified Issues

Local residents report major concern about the limited facilities in the village. However there is a range of views about what it is fundamental to have in a well-resourced community. Some facilities like the Village Hall and the allotments are present but underused. People also report believing that Stanwell Moor receives fewer services generally from statutory organisations like the Health Service than other areas.

- Respondents report that the Pubs, Shops and Post office are some of the best things about living on the moor.
- Residents feel that it is difficult to access services and facilities outside the village
- The Residents' Association is concerned to recruit new members
- Respondents are concerned about elderly residents who have to use public transport to access the Drs or Chemists in other areas
- There is also concern about the number and type of bus shelters and seats
- Mainly parents transport children to schools well outside the area
- Respondents value the Village Hall which villagers fundraised for and are concerned that it is not used enough
- The Village Hall is frequently vandalised which in part is put down to under use
- The recycling bins are placed in a position that obscures the village hall and mask anti-social activity that takes place in the area outside it.
- The majority of the allotments are unused and overgrown. Some respondents believe that it is the Council's responsibility to maintain them
- Respondents would like the floral displays in the village again



### **Proposed Actions**

Scope possible mobile chemists

Represent villagers' views to partner organisations

Village Hall group looking at ways to increase use of the hall and improve the area outside it

Review allotment site

Review number and placing of bins, seats and bus shelters

Enter in Spelthorne in Bloom

Investigate the present location of recycling bins outside the village hall

Upgrade the flowerbeds around the village sign in the centre of the village.

### **Lead/Responsible Agency**

**SBC**

**Village Hall Committee**

**Local business**

### **Resource**

Flowers beds installed and supplied by local businesses

Village Hall Group fundraising for improvements to the village hall

Cllr's Community Award put towards village hall improvements

### **Timescale**

On-going

### **Outcome measure/ reporting**

Report through the Residents Association and local Forum

### **Local Community: What you can do**

Support the fund raising events for the Village Hall improvements



