

# Stoughton Community Action Plan

## Monday 15 November 2004 Emmanuel Church

About 75 residents seated at 14 Tables were asked to discuss issues and think of solutions for approximately 30 minutes. Each table was asked to nominate a spokesperson who was given approximately 2 or 3 minutes to report their table's issues and solutions. The meeting was introduced by SCC Cllr John Hobrough and chaired by SCC's Steve Epsom.

Each table's notes are included on the following pages, with solutions highlighted in **bold**. We apologise for not being able to write the notes up as meaningfully as we would like. The notes are not all in the same format owing to the individual input from each table, and not listed in speaker order. The residents at each table will hopefully recognise their own comments.

The list of topics below was made up from slips that residents wrote on as they arrived, and listed on a flipchart for all to see. As each topic was raised during the workshop it was ticked off on the flipchart and shown in brackets below. This is not a definitive list, many variations were highlighted on the paperwork handed in after the meeting, and have been incorporated in this report.

This number of mentions counted during the workshop roughly matches the number in each table's report and highlighted in blue. Topics highlighted in green were identified later.

1. Manor Road (x 10)
2. QEP (x 7)
3. Community Centre (x 7)
4. Anti-Social Behaviour (x 7)
5. Lack of parking (x 7)
6. Traffic (x 5)
7. Grange Road (x 5)
8. What's going on? (x 4)
9. Sense of Community (x 4)
10. (Grange Road & QEP) Bus Route (x 4)
11. Street Cleaning (x 2)
12. Stoughton Rd Bridge (x 2)
13. Safety (x 2)
14. Over-development (x 2)
15. Residents association (x 1)
16. Footbridge (x 2)
17. Community Plans (x 2)
18. Planning (x 2)
19. Woodbridge Hill
20. Youth
21. Schools

In each of the following table reports, solutions and proposals are highlighted in **bold**.

Any comments or questions should be sent to:

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## **Table 1**

### Bus Route

1. No bus route through QEP

### Community Centre

1. **Small or not at all**

### Anti Social behaviour

1. **Greater use of ASBOs**

### Grange Rd

1. **Enforce double yellow lines**

### Stoughton Bridge

1. **Two lanes**

## Table 2

### Issues

1. New **Community Centre** on **QEP** Location? Activities?
2. **Manor Road** traffic speed
3. **Traffic** congestion **Grange Rd/Manor Rd**
4. **Woodbridge Hill** basic shops
5. Preservation of village green on **QEP**

### Solutions

1. **Caretaker & security**
2. **Speed humps & signage**
3. **Area outside school** playing fields for car **parking** (drop off)
4. **One way system** for local roads
5. **Manor Rd** – residents access & buses & deliveries
6. **Lower rents** of shops to enable business people to afford them.
7. **People might be encouraged** if area had money spent on it e.g. landscaping of **footbridge & Woodbridge Hill** area.
8. **Alternative locations** for hard play area, not in **QEP**. **Stoughton Grange school** facilities

### Table 3

Community Centre

Bus Route

Kick about area in QEP

Parking – New Cross Road area  
(Percy Road?) 6 spaces for 15 houses

**Need to revisit parking restrictions**

No off roads so have to park on road

Private company now enforcing fees on (QEP?) residents

(Percy Road development?) Used to be through road but now cul de sac so no danger

Proposed 30 new flats only 15 parking spaces – therefore problem will get worse.

## Table 4

We need a **Community Centre**

1. **Possible solution – new building on QEP or Stoughton Grange **School****

### Traffic

1. Pollution
2. **Reduce standing traffic by making trouble spots one way.**
3. **Avoid further domestic building producing increased **traffic****
4. **Reduce road **parking****

### Improved Street Lighting

### Preserve Village Green in **QEP**

**Improve informative signs. Welcoming signs & speed restriction signs.**

## **Table 5**

[Parking](#) – New Cross Road

New Development of flats – New Cross Rd/Worplesdon Rd – not enough [parking](#) spaces

[Bus Route](#) – Grange Rd/Railton Rd

[Community Centre](#)

## Table 6

### Traffic

#### Manor Rd

1. One way or give way to oncoming **traffic** or Access only.
2. Bollards to prevent parking on pavements.
3. Illuminated warnings
4. Resident permits
5. Elongate bays
6. Release unused council parking in Belvedere Close
7. Convert green at back of Magnolia Villa to **parking**.

#### Grange Rd

1. Illuminated slow down
2. '30' mph signs needed
3. '20' mph needed
4. 'L' drivers are taking over
5. Builders of QEP promised road calming
6. Accident waiting to happen
7. **Yellow lines needed down one side of top of Grange Rd.**
8. **Grange Park needs resurfacing**
9. Old road works signs still on verge one year after work has finished.
10. Entrance to Grange Park is a rubbish tip

**Advance warning for street cleaning, but not Sundays as too many vehicles.**

## Table 7

### Stoughton Road Bridge

1. Changing lights cause excessive speed
2. Noise from **traffic** waiting to go over bridge
3. Pollution including noise radios/stereos
4. Footpath too narrow for some buggies
5. **Close bridge then all traffic using Stoughton as a rat run would vanish!!**

### Stoughton Rec

1. Litter
2. **Dog bins need emptying more often.**
3. Broken glass
4. Disenfranchise ward boundary

### QE Park

1. Basketball court was included in Stoughton rec budget
2. **Basketball court could go in **school**, Grange Rd or the recreation ground.**

### Grange Road

1. Dangerous to walk along. Cars on pavement.
2. Too much **traffic** due to QEP.
3. **Solution – one way traffic from Spar**

### Stoughton Rd

1. **HGV signs 7.5-ton max needs enforcing & more signs.**

## Table 8

### Traffic

1. **Congestion charging for Guildford**
2. **Safe** routes to schools, town, railways stations etc.
3. Grange Road **parking** improvements – when?
4. **Improved parking enforcement.**
5. **Tow cars away that are parked on double yellow lines.**
6. **Buses to run on gas.**
7. **Buses to turn up on time.**
8. **20 mph area**
9. Taxis use **Manor Road** as rat run.
10. HGVs use Grange road as rat run
11. The (**Stoughton Road**) **bridge** has a weight limit – **police should enforce.**
12. **No to 'one way' in Manor Road – people will speed. Just enforce parking restrictions.**

### General state of the environment

13. **Cut hedges back.**
14. **Clean roads, clean drains – use community service**
15. **Fly tipping – simple no. to phone, review council charges**
16. **Litter – dry bins**
17. **Clean footpath**
18. **Find money to fix lighting – Walnut Tree Close (???)**
19. **Dumped cars**
20. **Arson**
21. **How useful are CCTVs? Police to look into it. Red, yellow, green – USA (???)**

### Planning

1. You know the parking when you buy the house.
2. **Houses to fit in with area – London brick & pointed roof.**
3. **Small Business Park for one-man band. (???)**

### Sense of community

1. Communication, **newsletters**
2. Partnership
3. 360 ° (?)
4. **Safe play area for children**
5. Murder in manor Rd to be reinvestigated.
6. Facilities for **youth** and elderly - **free transport, clubs**

**Next time invite young people from Christ's College along.**

## Table 9

### Manor Road

1. **Local Road Closure? (Buses & emergency vehicles)**
2. **One way working**
3. **Traffic management – cul-de-sac**
4. **Police enforcement**
5. Strategic option - home zone
6. **Footbridge (is this for Stoughton Road and/or Woodbridge?)**
7. **Safety – speed of traffic**
8. Volume of **traffic** (3,264 vehicles per day) because (?) of **QEP**, supposed to be another traffic survey?
9. Noise
10. Pollution dust
11. **Footbridge – security/danger from (...?)**

## Table 10

### Traffic

1. **Safety** issue at Emmanuel crossroads. Need pelican crossing especially Stoughton Rd/Shepherds Lane
2. **Parking** in roads – bad for street cleaning & safety of children. Infant **school** uses walking buses.
3. Restrict parking where kerbs lowered for wheelchairs & buggies. Red lines could indicate these places.
4. Could pavement in Worplesdon Rd be altered to provide parking bays in front of shops? Why not ask Working Men's club if their **parking** area could be used?
5. Who does the plot of land at the end of Shepherds Lane belong to?
6. **Parking** problems in New Cross Rd, Grange Rd, and Manor Rd. **Find spare space or issue residents parking permits.**

### Youth

1. **More activities needed.**
2. Overspill from Park Barn curfew.
3. Littering, vandalism, noise late at night.

### Overdevelopment

1. **Restrict further development. Services not adequate.**

## Table 11

### Grange Rd Traffic

1. Construction traffic – when will it cease?
2. Damage to road – when will it be repaired?
3. **Speeding – mobile speed trap, flashing speed limit sign, improved traffic calming.**

### Neighbourhood Watch - Safety

1. Anti social behaviour
2. **Visible police presence**

### Community Centre

1. When will it be built?
2. **Give sense of community**
3. **Social centre for all ages.**

## Table 12

### Bus Route

1. **Keep bus** route on Grange Rd. It works why change it?
2. **Buses are virtually empty. Research demand.**
3. Next to green space – children playing.

### Community Centre

1. Why is **QEP** paying for the rest of Stoughton?
2. **Research demand/ management/business plan**
3. **Utilise existing buildings first**
4. **No drinks licence**

### Kick about area on QEP

1. **Why spoil a natural multifunctional kick about area?**
2. **Why cut down trees?**

### Anti social behaviour - safety

1. **Better lighting on QEP**

**20 mph speed limit all over Stoughton.**

## Table 13

### Parking

1. Especially **Manor Rd**/Stoughton Rd/**Grange Rd**. **Halt further new housing.**

Traffic calming – humps yes or no!

### Educational issues

1. Primary **School** places v increased population

### Community Centre

1. **QEP's** attitude – village environment sold to the new residents v rest of Stoughton who were sold the idea that the community centre would serve all Stoughton.

### Woodbridge Hill

1. New **parking** restrictions/road layout no good!

## Table 14

### Increase in cars [parking](#)

1. Residents permits – let properties with a number of cars
2. Effective enforcement of regulations
3. Increase university campus accommodation
4. Public transport ([buses](#) etc)

### General [traffic](#) volume in area

1. [Manor Rd](#) – one way suggested
2. Minimise further residential development
3. Re –route [bus](#) route

### Environment/Landscaping improvements

1. Tree planting & general landscaping e.g. '[wooden bridge](#)' bridge

### [Stoughton Road Bridge](#)

1. Improve pedestrian access by separate bridge

### Nursery Site use of Worplesdon Rd/Shepherds Hill

1. Council development – possible [community centre](#)

### [Anti – Social behaviour](#)

1. **Care by landlords and better vetting of tenants.** Some form of penalty for landlords if repeat incidents.
2. **Greater facilities for [youth](#) clubs.**