

# **Wendens Ambo Parish Plan 2012**

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# **WENDENS AMBO PARISH PLAN**

## **1.0 Introduction**

The Parish Plan builds on the Wendens Ambo Village Appraisal (2011) which provided a demographic analysis of life in the Parish. That process provided an opportunity for the community to express their hopes for the future and also their concerns.

To further that aim Wendens Ambo Parish Council called for volunteers to prepare a Parish Plan to provide a comprehensive view from those who live in the Parish of how they wish to see the village develop over the next 5 years.

This document is the result, based on the answers to the questionnaire which are set out in detail in Appendix I. It identifies those things the village would like to see changed or retained in the Parish and, at its heart, provides an Action Plan to help achieve those desired outcomes.

However, a plan by itself produces no consequences. Implementation will involve the Parish Council, other agencies and villagers working together to achieve a successful conclusion over the next few years. The Parish Council will take the lead in overseeing links with other agencies and co-ordinating village volunteers and their inputs. It will take everyone working together to put the actions into place.

Some of the actions are for the Parish Council and some are for other groups or agencies. The Parish Council will take the lead in planning, reminding and encouraging progress in those areas. Actions which are not within the remit of the Local Authority will only happen if volunteers can be found to lead, organise and work together to make them happen.

## **2.0 Overview of Wendens Ambo Parish**

Wendens Ambo is a small village of approximately 400 people originating from an ancient rural settlement that today is a thriving community in a unique location with excellent transport links.

Its unusual name originates from the joining of two villages, Great and Little Wenden to form Wendens Ambo meaning both Wendens. The earliest signs of settlement are from the Roman period. Remains of a villa were found during an excavation in 1853 and finds of flint tools from 300-200BC suggest an even earlier settlement.

It is likely that the farming community of Wenden probably started around the sixth and seventh centuries, taking its name from the valley in which it lies - Wendene. The Domesday Book contains the first written account of Wenden Magna (Great Wenden) and Wenden Parva ( Little Wenden).

During the 17<sup>th</sup> century work began to rebuild the village dwellings, some of which are still occupied today. Also at this time, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1662, Wenden Magna and Wenden Parva were joined to form Wendens Ambo which today includes the hamlet at Clanver End. The 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries brought the industrial revolution and also the railway (Audley End station is within the village), providing opportunities for work elsewhere, contributing to Wendens Ambo becoming a commuter village for London and Cambridge.

It is appropriate that after centuries of development as local communities we now prepare a Parish Plan looking forward in this the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the formation of Wendens Ambo.

### 3.0 Consultation Methodology

It was decided that the views of residents would be sought through the medium of a questionnaire which would be delivered to every household in the Parish.

The questionnaire consisted of 73 individual questions covering major issues and concerns and also provided an opportunity to add additional comments on those or other issues.

The Parish Council arranged for each household to receive a questionnaire with the delivery of the local newspapers. 4 weeks later the questionnaires were collected achieving a 42% response rate. The questionnaire results were presented at the Village Meeting in July 2011. Over the following months drafts of the Parish Plan were produced and amended resulting in the presentation of the Draft Parish Plan to villagers at the Village Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012. A further period of one month was given for villagers to comment before the final version of the Plan was completed.

The Parish Council web-site <http://www.wendensambo.org.uk> provided a means of communicating information on our Parish Plan and the facility for feedback.

We would like to acknowledge the work of Patrick Smith who produced the questionnaire, Anthony Hider who collated all the information, John Macdonald who drafted the document, Tracey Millings for the layout and presentation and others who have contributed in large and small ways to produce this Parish Plan, not least the villagers who responded to the questionnaire.

All the results presented are based on percentages of the returned questionnaires. Some questions were single answer and others multiple choice. In the latter case the analysis will not total 100%.

### 4.0 Demographics

Wendens Ambo has a population of circa 400 people (341 registered electors) living in approximately 173 households. From the returned questionnaires, 19% are single occupiers, 48% two person, 5% three person, 14% four person, 11% five person and 3% six person households.

The largest age groups are those between the ages of 50 – 64 years (27%), 65+ (23%), 30 – 49 years (20%) and 5 - 9 years (12%). Some 50 per cent of the population is aged 50 years and over and 27% is 18 or under.

82% of the houses are owner occupied, 11% privately rented, 6% local authority rented and 1% other.

### 5.0 Employment

The questionnaire showed that 26% of the respondents had their main place of work in Wendens Ambo which is a surprisingly high percentage but probably reflects the benefits of technology enabling home working. 16% work in London, 16% in Saffron Walden and 10% in Cambridge. Some 74% work outside the village and commute to and from their place of work.

#### **Action:**

*Contribute to improving local employment prospects by creating a job seekers notification board on the Parish website with hard copies on notice boards. The Parish Council is to encourage local*

*employment opportunities e.g. by using local companies and tradesmen where possible and raising the visibility of the village as a place to do business.*

## **6.0 Public Transport**

The data sought did not reflect the frequency of use of the various forms of public transport options.

Answers to question 29 (multiple choice) showed 65% using mainline train services at Audley End station, 45% use taxis and 33% use buses. 5% declared that they use no public transport and there were no users of Dial-a-Ride.

Train services were generally seen as good or reasonable but 59% thought the cost is high. There was a very high “no opinion” response on bus services to and from Saffron Walden probably indicating little widespread knowledge of services.

When asked about use of a community bus (question 71) the majority (57%) said they would not use it. Awareness of Dial-a-Ride appears to be low.

### **Action:**

*Increase public transport information on the Parish website and continuing contact with representatives of the train services operator at Parish Council meetings.*

## **7.0 Traffic**

### *7.1 Private Vehicle Use*

54% of respondents use a car or van to travel to their place of work or study and 28% use the train. Only 4% used the bus and there was no use of bicycles at the time of the survey to travel to work.

A large percentage (93%) of respondents have access to a vehicle during the day.

100% of the vehicles used by respondents are usually parked off the road. However in answer to question 26, opinions were equally divided over whether problems are being caused by on street parking. This issue might be sensitive to location around the village and most likely to be of concern to those within short walking distance of Audley End railway station and the on-street parking that arises as a result.

### **Action:**

*To continue to press for the enforcement of existing parking restrictions and seek new restrictions where necessary in ways to minimise the impact on residents.*

### *7.2 Speeding*

This has been an issue over a long period, driven mainly by the existence of Audley End railway station within the village and the determination of drivers not to miss trains and get home quickly on return. This is evidenced in the speed data collected in 2011 by the police. 75% of respondents felt there is a speeding problem. There is good support for speed control measures in the village (question 35).

**Action:**

*The Parish Council to continue its engagement with the police and highways authority to monitor traffic patterns and seek options on traffic calming measures where necessary. The community is to consider setting up a Community Speed Watch group using trained volunteers.*

**7.3 Cycling**

Views on facilities for cyclists were equally spread. 33% thought they were poor, 32% reasonable and 31% had no opinion. 4% said they were good.

**Action:**

*The Parish Council to monitor and comment on proposals by cycle users, the highways authority and other stakeholders for highway improvements for cyclists. These include support for better provision for cyclists (as well as pedestrians) to and from Saffron Walden along the Wenden Road.*

**8.0 Policing and Crime**

Wendens Ambo is part of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. 82% of the respondents were aware of the scheme.

Opinions on police coverage in the village were equally divided between good, reasonable and poor but 34% had no opinion. However there was a spread of views on improvements to be made which included greater police presence, better consultation with the police and improved street lighting.

**Action:**

*The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator to continue to circulate the quarterly Neighbourhood Newsletter to all households to maintain awareness of policing and security issues.*

*The community through the Parish Council, Neighbourhood Watch and as individuals to engage with the police at public meetings such as Neighbourhood Action Panels and their anticipated replacements. Afford the police opportunities to attend, speak and meet villagers where opportunities arise at public events.*

**9.0 Personal Safety**

The principal areas considered to be a risk to safety included a general lack of roadside footpaths (11%), lack of street lighting (4%), pot holes (3%) and rabbit holes on The Wick (3%). However these percentages are derived from only a few responses to question 28.

Consistent with the above, question 33 identified the lack of footpath in Drayton Hill (26%), the entrance to the railway station (19%) and speeding in Royston Road (10%) as danger spots.

Notwithstanding these items, 54% based on 108 responses to question 38 identified facilities for pedestrians to be reasonable, 4% good and 40% poor.

The suitability of existing pavements for pushchairs, wheelchairs and people with disabilities was considered poor by 68% of respondents.

The desire for improvements to footpaths and pavements was also reflected in the answers to question 40 with 25% suggesting more cycle paths, 42% more footpaths, 35% more pavements and 13% more dropped kerbs. More street lighting was also suggested.

**Action:**

*The Parish Council is to continue its ongoing engagement with UDC planners and ECC highways to facilitate improvements where possible, particularly in association with any proposed new development in the village.*

## **10.0 Planning and Development**

### *10.1 Commercial Development*

A large proportion of those who responded (42%) said they were not in favour of commercial or retail development in the village. There appeared to be some support for small business development e.g. small workshops within the village although this support does not necessarily reflect inherent demand. By contrast, a number of the existing larger business units located around the station are currently vacant and have been for some time. There appears to be a possible mismatch in the size of units between available supply of business space and demand.

### *10.2 Residential Development*

The accommodation most needed in the village (question 46) was thought to be for young people (75%), followed by small family houses (60%) although 49% thought no further houses were needed. Houses for single people received the support of 33% of respondents.

Views on the provision of those houses were spread between local builders (68%), housing association (49%), then self build (36%), community groups (26%) and local authority (19%). Again, 42% of respondents indicated no houses should be built.

The type of housing development that would be acceptable suggested the primary use of existing redundant buildings (92%), then single dwellings in controlled areas (82%) and the remainder spread between expansion on the edge of the village (34%), development of small groups of houses – less than 20 (30%) and none (25%). There was no real support for carefully designed large groups of houses which received only 1 response in favour.

The answers to these questions on residential development suggest some support for smaller housing units for the young and small families, built by local builders or housing associations in single unit or small developments. There is no appetite for large scale development and indeed some support for no further residential development.

**Action:**

*To encourage small business development in the village preferably making re-use of existing larger vacant premises. The Parish Council is to continue vetting planning applications and where possible encourage the construction of houses suitable for young people and small families. Focus should be on developments that support the conversion of redundant buildings and single dwellings in controlled areas.*

## 11.0 Environment

The key issues that arise from question 67 asking what should be done to protect the village environment list recycling (47%) along with reduce traffic (47%), improved public transport (29%) and community composting (26%).

Most respondents felt the village environment had changed in recent years (54%) but when asked to detail the changes there was a limited response. Only more traffic (12%) and more traffic to the station (8%), more houses (3%) and improved village hall (3%) figured with any measure of support from a small response.

Protection of landscape features (question 70) drew a large response with good support across a range of features including open spaces, hedges, groups of trees, streams, ponds, banks and ditches.

Recycling facilities at The Bell public house showed 75% of respondents used them and 86% indicated they are prepared to keep certain items separate for collection.

Responses on domestic energy saving features (question 7) showed reasonable support for energy saving features. 88% of respondents said they had a lagged hot water tank, 85% loft insulation and 88% used low energy light bulbs.

56% of respondents would like to see Wendens Ambo connected to mains drainage but are probably unaware of the cost implications.

### **Action:**

*The Parish Council to continue its engagement with UDC planners and other stakeholders to improve and protect the village landscape, open spaces, hedges and trees etc.*

*The Parish Council in association with UDC to encourage initiatives to achieve even higher rates of recycling and to provide information from UDC, ECC and energy suppliers on available energy savings schemes.*

*The Parish Council to liaise with the Environment Agency over the possible provision of mains drainage in Wendens Ambo and publicise information and progress as necessary including the costs involved of such a scheme before proceeding.*

## 12.0 Leisure and Recreation

Existing village societies, clubs and organisations identified in question 73 total some 17 groups indicating a wide range of community activities with various levels of support.

Improvements to sports facilities drew only 17 responses, perhaps reflecting the age structure in the village. Of those responses, the top improvements were a public tennis court and a rugby/football pitch but even these had only 5 and 6 responses respectively.

As regards educational facilities these focussed mainly on young children with provision of holiday play schemes and after school clubs with most support along with adult education (unspecified).

Adult classes (question 42) had most support for languages, followed by crafts and computing with the preferred time for classes being in the evenings (question 44).



**Action:**

*The Parish Council will encourage the provision by others of leisure and education schemes.*

**13.0 Communications**

94% of the respondents were aware that Parish Council meetings were open to members of the public and that they are given the opportunity to speak.

62% thought that planning applications are given sufficient publicity.

88% of respondents read the village newsletter every time and 100% read it at some time.

60% of respondents from 73 responses thought a local job vacancy board displaying in the village would be useful.

While not to be complacent, these are high satisfaction levels which pre-date the set up of the village website at [www.wendensambo.org.uk](http://www.wendensambo.org.uk) which has further assisted communications.

**Action:**

*Promote wider use of the relatively new Parish website for clubs, societies and village events as well as public service and transport information. Continue with the monthly Parish Council page in the Parish magazine. The Parish Council to constantly review and seek effective ways to engage with the village community.*

**14.0 Summary**

The actions arising from this Parish Plan comprise the following:

*Employment*

Contribute to improving local employment prospects by creating a job seekers notification board on the Parish website with hard copies on noticeboards. The Parish Council to encourage local employment opportunities e.g. by using local companies and tradesmen where possible and raising the visibility of the village as a place to do business.

*Public Transport*

Increase public transport information on the Parish website and continuing contact with representatives of the train services operator at Parish Council meetings.

*Traffic*

To continue to press for the enforcement of existing parking restrictions and seek new restrictions where necessary in ways to minimise the impact on residents.

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### *Personal Safety*

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### *Planning and Development*

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### *Leisure and Recreation*

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## Appendix I – Questionnaire Results Summary

The following provides a summary of the results of the Wendens Ambo Village Survey. Questionnaires were distributed one per property. The questionnaires contained a series of questions that were either:

- single answer by one person per property.
- single answer by one or more people per property.
- multiple answers by one or more people per property.

At the time of the questionnaire there were 173 households in Wendens Ambo. 73 questionnaires were returned, giving a return rate of 42%. Between 73 & 135 people answered the questions, which represented up to 188 residents of the village. The average number of responses across all the questions where data is available was 86.

All percentage results are rounded to give a whole-number percentage that adds up to 100%. The data for a small number of questions is not available. This data will be added if it becomes available.

	Question	Result									
1	How many people live in your house?	People per house	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals		
		Result	14	35	4	10	8	2	73		
		%	19	48	5	14	11	3	100		
		Total residents	14	70	12	40	40	12	188		
	Based number of returned questionnaires.										
2	Number of people in your household in each group	Age	0-4	5-9	10-13	14-18	19-29	30-49	50-64	65+	Totals
		Male	2	12	5	5	3	15	24	22	88
		Female	3	12	8	3	4	22	27	21	100
		Totals	5	24	13	8	7	37	51	43	188
	Based number of returned questionnaires.										
		Age	0-4	5-9	10-13	14-18	19-29	30-49	50-64	65+	Totals
		Male %	1	6	3	3	1	8	13	12	47
		Female %	2	6	4	2	2	12	14	11	53
		All %	3	12	7	5	3	20	27	23	100
3	Is this dwelling?					Responses		Percentage of answers provided			
		Owner occupied				60		82			
		Private rented				8		11			
		Shared ownership				0		0			
		Local authority				4		6			
		Housing association				0		0			
		Provided in employment				0		0			
		Other				1		1			
		Totals				73		100			

	Question	Result					
4	When was this dwelling built?  <i>Based number of returned questionnaires.</i>		Responses		Percentage		
		Pre 1900	21		29		
		1901-1949	10		14		
		1950-1970	18		25		
		1971-1990	16		22		
		1991 +	7		9		
		Don't know	1		1		
		Totals	73		100		
5	What type of dwelling is this?  <i>Based number of returned questionnaires.</i>		Responses		Percentage		
		Detached	49		67		
		Semi-detached	10		14		
		Bungalow	8		11		
		Terraced	4		6		
		Flat	1		1		
		Specially adapted	1		1		
		Dormer bungalow	0		0		
		Warden on site	0		0		
Totals	73		100				
6	Is this dwelling within a Neighbourhood Scheme?  <i>Based number of returned questionnaires.</i>		Responses		Percentage		
		Yes	60		82		
		No	3		4		
		Don't know	10		14		
		Total	73		100		
7	Does your dwelling have any of the following energy saving features?  <i>Based on number of returned questionnaires. Multiple answers were given for this question.</i>		Responses		Percentage		
		Lagged hot water tank	64		88		
		Loft insulation	62		85		
		Double or triple glazing	51		70		
		Secondary glazing	9		12		
		Cavity wall insulation	29		40		
		Non-cavity wall insulation	11		15		
		Low energy light bulbs	64		88		
8	How many roadworthy vehicles does your household keep?  <i>Based on one answer per returned questionnaire.</i>		Vehicles per property			Total	
			0	1	2	4	
		Cars	7	22	32	12	134
		Motorbikes	0	3	1	0	5
		Special	0	1	0	0	1
9	How many bicycles are there in your household?	No available data					
10	What is the sex of each member of the household?	No available data					

	Question	Result		
11	Question text unavailable.	No available data		
12	<p>If you are in paid employment, what is the business of your major employer?</p> <p><i>Based number of returned questionnaires.</i></p>		Responses	Percentage
		Education	12	17
		Manufacturing	7	10
		Government	6	8
		Construction	6	8
		Finance	5	7
		Transport	5	7
		Retail/Services	4	6
		Agricultural	1	1
		Tourism	1	1
		Other	1	1
		Food	0	0
		No Answer	25	34
		Total	73	100
13	<p>Where is your main place of work?</p> <p><i>Based number of returned questionnaires.</i></p>		Responses	Percentage
		Within WA	19	26
		London	12	16
		Saffron Walden	12	16
		Cambridge	7	10
		Other	6	8
		20 miles of WA	5	7
		Great Chesterfield	2	3
		No Answer	10	14
		Total	73	100
14	If in paid employment, do you work?	No available data		
15	If you are seeking employment, how do you get information about jobs?	No available data		
16	If you are seeking employment, do you require more information about job vacancies or training opportunities within your community?	No available data		

	Question	Result		
17	Would a local job vacancy board displaying in Wendens Ambo be useful?  <i>Based number of returned questionnaires.</i>		Responses	Percentage
		Yes	44	60
		No	22	30
		No Answer	7	10
		Total	73	100
18	What is, or would be, your main means of transport to work, training or study?  <i>Percentages based on 83 distinct answers provided.</i>		Responses	Percentage
		Car/van	45	54
		Train	23	28
		Walking	4	5
		Public bus	3	4
		Private bus	1	1
		Taxi	0	0
		Bicycle	0	0
		Motor bike	0	0
		Other	0	0
		N/A	7	8
		Total	83	100
19	Please indicate your highest level of qualification?  <i>Percentages based on 99 distinct answers provided.</i>		Responses	Percentage
		Degree	46	47
		Diploma	21	21
		HND	3	3
		HNC	0	0
		A-Level	6	6
		Clerical	1	1
		ONC/D	1	1
		O-Level	12	12
		City of Guilds	4	4
		None	5	5
		Total	99	100
20	If you own a business, into which category does it fall?  <i>Percentages based on 25 distinct answers provided.</i>		Response	Percentage
		Finance	13	52
		Other	5	20
		Construction	3	12
		Manufacturing	2	8
		Agricultural	1	4
		Tourism	1	4
		Transport	0	0
		Food	0	0
		Retail/Services	0	0
		Total	25	100
21	If you own a business, is it located?  <i>Percentages based on 22 distinct answers provided</i>		Response	Percentage
		In Wendens Ambo	18	82
		Outside Wendens Ambo	4	18
		Total	22	100

	Question	Result						
22	Should the following be encouraged in and around Wendens Ambo?		Strongly Agree	Agree	No-Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Responses
		Small business development	24	21	21	10	4	80
		Small scale workshops	17	19	16	15	14	81
		Retail development	6	7	4	28	33	78
			Strongly Agree	Agree	No-Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Percentage
		Small business development	30	26	26	13	5	100
		Small scale workshops	21	23	20	19	17	100
		Retail development	8	9	5	36	42	100
	<i>Percentages based on number of distinct answers provided.</i>							
23	Are you a driver who has daytime access to a vehicle?		Responses			Percentage		
		Yes	74			93		
		No	6			7		
		Total	80			100		
	<i>Percentages based on 80 distinct answers provided</i>							
24	If YES to question 23, what do you use the vehicle for?		Responses			Percentage		
		Business journey's	26			31		
		Transport to work	25			30		
		Leisure	82			99		
		Shopping	83			100		
		School run	22			27		
		Other	16			19		
	<i>Percentages based on 83 distinct answers provided. Multiple answers were given for this question.</i>							
25	If responsible for a vehicle, where do you usually park it?		Responses			Percentage		
		Garage	31			37		
		Off road	52			63		
		On the road	0			0		
		N/A	0			0		
		Totals	83			100		
	<i>Percentages based on 83 distinct answers provided.</i>							
26	Does street parking of vehicles cause a problem in Wendens Ambo?		Response			Percentage		
		Yes	40			45		
		No	40			45		
		No opinion	8			9		
		Sometimes	1			1		
		Total	89			100		
	<i>Percentages based on 89 distinct answers provided</i>							

	Question	Result						
27	Would you be prepared to take part in a scheme to share private vehicles for the following?  <i>Percentages based on number of distinct answers provided. Multiple answers were given for this question.</i>			Responses				
				Often	Occasionally	Never	Total	
		School run		6	2	13	21	
		Shopping		1	26	30	57	
		Social & leisure		2	25	27	54	
		Work		3	12	38	53	
		General/Voluntary		7	22	29	58	
				Percentages				
				Often	Occasionally	Never	Total	
		School run		29	9	62	100	
		Shopping		2	45	53	100	
		Social & leisure		4	46	50	100	
		Work		6	22	72	100	
		General/Voluntary		12	38	50	100	
28	If you consider that there are areas in Wendens Ambo which are unsafe to use for any reason please detail these areas  <i>Based number of returned questionnaires. Multiple answers were given for this question.</i>			Responses		Percentage		
		General lack of footpaths		8		11		
		No street lighting		3		4		
		Pot holes		2		3		
		Rabbit holes on The Wick		2		3		
		Parking on pavements		1		1		
		Recycling bin on pavement		1		1		
		Top of Duck St		1		1		
		Speeding in Duck St		1		1		
		Blind bend in Rookery Lane		1		1		
		Mini roundabout at station		1		1		
		Cycling around village		1		1		
		Children's play area		1		1		
		29	Which of the following services do you use?  <i>Percentages based on 91 of distinct answers provided to question 30. Multiple answers were given for this question.</i>			Responses		Percentage
Train				59		65		
Taxi				41		45		
Bus				29		33		
Dial-a-ride				0		0		
None				5		5		
30	How do you rate the bus service between Wendens Ambo and Saffron Walden?  <i>Percentages based on 91 distinct answers provided.</i>			Responses		Route	Timetable	Reliability
		Good		24	5	5	3	5
		Reasonable		18	15	15	13	5
		Poor		3	15	10	7	1
		No opinion		46	45	54	54	65
		Totals		91	80	84	77	76
		Percentages		Route	Timetable	Reliability	Cost	Disabled access
		Good		26	5	5	3	5
		Reasonable		20	16	16	14	5
		Poor		3	16	11	8	1
No opinion		51	49	59	59	71		



	Question	Result					
31	How do you rate the train service?  <i>Percentages based on 104 distinct answers provided.</i>	Responses	Route	Timetable	Reliability	Cost	Disabled access
		Good	58	39	22	5	19
		Reasonable	39	1	62	22	15
		Poor	3	5	16	61	12
		No opinion	4	2	4	12	41
		Total	104	47	104	100	87
		Percentages	Route	Timetable	Reliability	Cost	Disabled access
		Good	56	38	21	5	18
		Reasonable	37	1	60	21	14
		Poor	3	5	15	59	12
		No opinion	4	2	4	12	39
32	Do you think that there are any major danger spots on the roads in Wendens Ambo?  <i>Percentages based on 90 distinct answers provided.</i>				Responses	Percentage	
		Yes			66	73	
		No			13	15	
		No opinion			11	12	
		Total			90	100	
33	If you think there are danger spots in Wendens Ambo, please specify  <i>Percentages based number of returned questionnaires. Multiple answers were given for this question.</i>				Response	Percentage	
		Drayton Hill (no footpath)			19	26	
		Entrance to station			14	19	
		Royston Rd speeding			7	10	
		Duck St speeding			5	7	
		Rookery Lane blind spots			5	7	
		Lack of footpaths			4	5	
		Junction at fighting Cocks			4	5	
		Rookery Lane speeding			2	3	
		Junction at top of Duck St			2	3	
34	Do you think speeding traffic is a problem in Wendens Ambo?  <i>Percentages based on 114 distinct answers provided.</i>				Response	Percentage	
		Yes			86	75	
		No			19	17	
		No opinion			9	8	
		Total			114	100	
35	Would you support the following speed control measures in Wendens Ambo?  <i>Percentages based on 114 distinct answers provided to question 34. Multiple answers were given for this question.</i>				Response	Percentage	
		Children at Play signs			58	51	
		Traffic calming			57	50	
		Introduce speed limits			47	41	
		More road warning signs			33	29	
		Extension of speed limit			33	29	
		None			18	10	

	Question	Result		
36	Are the road sign directions in Wendens Ambo adequate?  <i>Percentages based on 109 distinct answers provided.</i>		Responses	Percentage
		Yes	78	72
		No	21	19
		No opinion	10	9
		Total	109	100
37	Are facilities for cyclists in Wendens Ambo?  <i>Percentages based on 105 distinct answers provided.</i>		Response	Percentage
		Good	4	4
		Reasonable	34	32
		Poor	35	33
		No opinion	32	31
		Total	105	100
38	Are facilities for pedestrians in Wendens Ambo?  <i>Percentages based on 108 distinct answers provided</i>		Response	Percentage
		Good	5	4
		Reasonable	58	54
		Poor	43	40
		No opinion	2	2
		Total	108	100
39	How user-friendly are the pavements in Wendens Ambo to people with disabilities, pushchairs and wheelchairs?  <i>Percentages based on 117 distinct answers provided</i>		Response	Percentage
		Good	3	3
		Reasonable	20	17
		Poor	80	68
		No opinion	14	12
		Total	117	100
40	In relation to paths and streetlights, would you like to see any of the following in Wendens Ambo? <i>Percentages based on 117 distinct answers provided for question 39.</i>	Options	Response	Percentage
		More cycle paths	29	25
		More footpaths	49	42
		More streetlights	19	16
		Environmental street lights	33	28
		More pavements	41	35
		More dropped curbs	15	13
		Traffic island	2	2
		Roundabouts	4	3
		None of the below	29	25
41	In relation to educational facilities, does Wendens Ambo need any additional services such as?  <i>Percentages based number of returned questionnaires.</i>		Responses	Percentage
		Nursery school	2	3
		Playgroup	6	8
		More child minders	6	8
		Full day care	3	4
		After school clubs	14	19
		Holiday play schemes	15	21
		Adult education	13	18
		Other	4	5
		None	3	4

	Question	Result		
42	If the following classes were available would you attend?  <i>Percentages based number of returned questionnaires. Multiple answers were given for this question.</i>		Responses	Percentage
		Languages	27	38
		Computing	20	27
		Crafts	20	27
		Music	1	1
		Other	1	1
		No interest	2	3
43	If you have not attended classes, was it for any of the following reasons?  <i>Percentages based number of returned questionnaires Multiple answers were given for this question.</i>		Responses	Percentage
		Too expensive	5	7
		Not interested	11	15
		Cannot get there	3	4
		Classes not appropriate	25	34
		No child care available	0	0
		Other	16	22
44	What is the best time for you to attend classes?  <i>Percentages based on 76 distinct answers.</i>		Responses	Percentage
		Mornings	12	16
		Afternoons	22	29
		Evenings	31	41
		Weekends	11	14
		Total	76	100
45	What other classes would you like to attend?  <i>Percentages based number of returned questionnaires Multiple answers were given for this question.</i>		Responses	Percentage
		Fitness	6	8
		French	3	4
		Cooking	2	3
		Pilates	2	3
		Art	2	3
		Music	2	3
		Photography	2	3
		Dressmaking	2	3
		Wine tasting	1	1
		Sport	1	1
		Gardening	1	1
		Spanish	1	1
		Archery	1	1
		Web design	1	1
		Cake decoration	1	1
		Yoga	1	1
		History	1	1
		Woodwork	1	1
46	What type of accommodation do you think Wendens Ambo needs?  <i>Percentages based number of returned questionnaires Multiple answers were given for this question.</i>		Response	Percentage
		Homes for young people	55	75
		Large family homes	8	11
		Small family homes	44	60
		Homes for disabled people	8	11
		Homes for single people	24	33
		No further homes needed	36	49
		Other	5	7

	Question	Result		
47	Should these homes be built by?  <i>Percentages based on number of returned questionnaires Multiple answers were given for this question.</i>		Response	Percentage
		Local authority	14	19
		Housing association	36	49
		Large private developers	8	11
		Local builders	50	68
		Individual (self-build)	26	36
		Community groups	19	26
		No houses should be built	31	42
48	What types of housing development would be acceptable in Wendens Ambo?  <i>Percentages based on number of returned questionnaires Multiple answers were given for this question.</i>		Responses	Percentage
		Single dwelling, controlled area	60	82
		Small groups, less than 20	22	30
		Carefully designed large groups	1	1
		Convert redundant buildings	67	92
		Expansion on village edge	25	34
		None	18	25
		Other (infill)	1	1
49	Do you have health problems/disabilities which affect your day-to-day living?  <i>Percentages based on 111 distinct answers provided</i>		Responses	Percentage
		Yes	9	8
		No	102	92
		Total	111	100
50	Do you regard the police coverage of Wendens Ambo to be?  <i>Percentages based on 134 distinct answers provided</i>		Response	Percentage
		Good	29	22
		Reasonable	30	22
		Poor	30	22
		No opinion	45	34
		Total	134	100
51	Do you think any of the following measures are needed?  <i>Percentages based on number of returned questionnaires Multiple answers were given for this question.</i>		Response	Percentage
		A greater police presence	41	56
		Better consultation between police	33	45
		More Neighbourhood Watches	10	14
		Improved street lighting	27	37
		More drug/drink prevention	14	19
		More activities for young people	44	60

	Question	Result						
52	Would you be prepared to keep certain items separate from your recycling if bins were provided?  <i>Percentages based on 110 distinct answers Provided</i>			Response		Percentage		
		Yes		95		86		
		No		6		6		
		No opinion		9		8		
		Total		110		100		
53	How often do you use the following shops and services (top answers)?  <i>Percentages based number of returned questionnaires Multiple answers were given for this question.</i>	Responses	Public house	Garage	Station shop	Newspaper delivery	Milk delivery	
		Daily	4	2	18	20	40	
		Weekly	24	1	37	7	4	
		Monthly	18	3	12	0	0	
		Less frequently	40	65	27	64	44	
		Never	14	18	5	0	0	
		Percentage	Public house	Garage	Station shop	Newspaper delivery	Milk delivery	
		Daily	5	3	25	27	55	
		Weekly	33	1	51	10	5	
		Monthly	25	4	16	0	0	
		Less frequently	55	89	37	88	60	
		Never	19	25	7	0	0	
54	What are your views on the range of shopping facilities in Wendens Ambo?  <i>Percentages based on 108 distinct answers provided</i>				Responses		Percentage	
		Good			2		2	
		Reasonable			26		24	
		Poor			74		68	
		No opinion			6		6	
		Total			108		100	
55	Do you use the recyclable waste disposal facilities situated at the Bell public house?  <i>Percentages based on 101 distinct answers provided</i>				Response		Percentage	
		Yes			76		75	
		No			25		25	
		Total			101		100	

	Question	Result						
56	Would you use the following information services (top answers)?			Response				
				Yes	No	NA	Don't Know	Total
		Citizen Advice Bureau		28	49	6	12	95
		Employment Services		10	53	31	4	98
		Benefits Advice		14	47	39	6	106
		Travel Information		35	35	7	11	88
				Percentage				
				Yes	No	NA	Don't Know	Total
		Citizen Advice Bureau		26	46	6	11	100
		Employment Services		10	50	29	4	100
		Benefits Advice		13	44	37	6	100
		Travel Information		33	33	7	10	100
	Percentages based on 106 distinct answers provided							
57	How could existing sports facilities in Wendens Ambo be improved?				Response		Percentage	
		Public tennis court			5		7	
		Ruby/football pitch			6		8	
		Public swimming pool			1		1	
		Secure ownership of cricket pitch			1		1	
		Girls football team			1		1	
		Climbing wall			1		1	
		Maintain Wick equipment			1		1	
		Fitness classes			1		1	
	Percentages based number of returned questionnaires Multiple answers were given for this question.							
58	Do you read the village newsletter?				Response		Percentage	
		Every time			101		88	
		Every 2-3 issues			10		9	
		Less frequent			4		3	
		Never			0		0	
		Total			115		100	
	Percentages based on 115 distinct answers provided							
59	Do you think the village newsletter should include more items on?				Responses		Result %	
		Leisure			34		30	
		Arts			20		17	
		Sports			21		18	
		Local events			64		56	
		Parish Council proceedings			41		36	
	Percentages based on 115 distinct answers provided to question 58. Multiple answers were given for this question.							

	Question	Result		
60	Are you aware that Parish Council Meetings are open to members of the public and that they are given the opportunity to speak at certain times during the proceedings?  <i>Percentages based on 104 distinct answers provided</i>		Response	Percentage
		Yes	98	94
		No	6	6
		Total	104	100
61	The Parish Council is empowered to raise money through the Council Tax. Are you satisfied with the way the money is spent?  <i>Percentages based on 113 distinct answers provided</i>		Response	Percentage
		Very satisfied	9	8
		Quite satisfied	45	40
		Quite dissatisfied	4	4
		Very dissatisfied	2	2
		Don't know how it's spent	40	35
		No opinion	13	11
		Total	113	100
62	Would you be prepared to pay a higher Council tax to improve the local facilities mentioned in the questionnaire?	No available data		
63	Should Wendens Ambo be twinned with a town or village in another country?  <i>Percentages based on 115 distinct answers provided</i>		Responses	Result %
		Yes	37	32
		No	78	68
		Total	115	100
64	Do you think sufficient publicity is given to planning applications that affect Wendens Ambo?  <i>Percentages based on 112 distinct answers provided</i>		Response	Percentage
		Yes	69	62
		No	29	26
		No opinion	14	12
		Total	112	100

	Question	Result		
65	If you attend places of worship outside Wendens Ambo is it because?  <i>Percentages based on 114 distinct answers provided to question 66. Multiple answers were given for this question.</i>		Responses	Result %
		Times are better	4	4
		Better facilities for children	2	2
		My religion not catered for	8	7
		Access problems in local place	0	0
		Poor local information	2	2
		N/A	76	67
66	Do you think that local churches should become more involved in community affairs?  <i>Percentages based on 114 distinct answers provided.</i>		Responses	Result %
		Yes	33	29
		No	40	35
		No opinion	41	36
		Total	114	100
67	What do you think should be done to help protect and enhance the local environment of Wendens Ambo (top answers)?  <i>Percentages based number of returned questionnaires Multiple answers were given for this question.</i>		Response	Percentage
		Recycling	34	47
		Reduce traffic	34	47
		Improved public transport	21	29
		Community composting	19	26
		Improved rights-of-way	14	19
		More local employment	12	16
		Car sharing	5	7
		Don't know	3	4
		Nothing	2	3
		Advice of healthier lifestyles	0	0
		Other	6	8
68	Do you think that the environment of Wendens Ambo has changed in recent years?  <i>Percentages based on 72 distinct answers provided.</i>		Responses	Result %
		Yes	39	54
		No	33	46
		Total	72	100



	Question	Result		
69	If Wendens Ambo has changed please detail the changes (top answers)?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       <			

	Question	Result		
73	To which village societies or clubs to you belong (top answers)?		Responses	Result %
		Millennium Fund	1	1
		Bell ringing	1	1
		100 Club	1	1
		WAGS NAGS	1	1
		Church flowers	1	1
		WWW Aid	1	1
		October Fest	2	3
		Investment Club	2	3
		Church	3	4
		Village Hall Committee	3	4
		COBS	3	4
		Bowls Club	4	6
		Cricket Club	5	7
		WI	6	8
		WAGS	8	11
		Wine Circle	15	21
		Wendens Ambo Society	16	22
	Percentages based number of returned questionnaires Multiple answers were given for this question.			