

Environment Questions

E1 Are there any views of the villages, church or open spaces around the villages that should be protected?

Around the Castle Grounds

The open countryside encourages exploration and feeling of “room to breathe” which cannot be felt in areas created for green space activities

Area beyond the Grove – views from the Grove. Paddocks wonderful long views

Castle Grounds, Daeds’s Wood, Earls Lane ridge field

View across valley from road between Deddington and Hempton

The views around the Castle Grounds

Castle site, church views

All our green areas are valuable, as are surrounding views and approach routes into Deddington which are mostly attractive

No development on Clifton due to view and the Castle grounds

Let’s not keep Deddington in aspect (aspic?), no view should be protected.

Don’t ruin the Castle Grounds for the sake of a car park. The setting of the site is extremely important. Please look after this historic site for future generations

Around the Castle Grounds

The view across the allotments

The church from Coombe Hill farm and Swere valley

Clifton and vicinity. Dog walkers routes traffic free

Views around centre of village/conservation area, Castle Grounds

Views from Grove south towards Duns Tew

View south east towards N Aston, views north ways across Swere

Views across the Swere Valley

Views from around the village of the church

Yes – the view from Earls Lane to the Church.

Agree already lost view from school with a new development – Church School

View of church, view of Castle grounds, view of Duns Tew from Grove

Views of church, ridge and furrow field on Earls Lane, views of Castle Grounds and Swere Valley

The setting to the Castle Grounds – do we really want to be the generation that permanently changes the setting after almost 1000 years!

The Castle Grounds are in constant use by walker (often with dogs) but it has managed to remain unspoiled. Please don’t spoil it now.

Keep open spaces/fields in centre of the village eg around Earls Lane, adds to the charm of the village

Daedings to Wood/Mill/Gated Road

Earls Lane field, huge fields behind Daedings

Protect all views of, or from: the parish church, Swere valley

Views of the church should be fully retained, as has been the case throughout its history

All views should be protected, otherwise it won’t be the village it is

Earls Lane ridge and furrow field, Castle Grounds

Environment – it is important to protect the setting of Deddington and not surround it with modern housing estates that would cut it off from the countryside and destroy its atmosphere
The setting of the Castle Grounds should be preserved for all time
Fields behind the Grove/Mill Close, Castle Grounds and surrounding fields, ridge and furrow field on Earls Lane, Allotments
All should be protected

E2 What extra activities can be encouraged on the green spaces in the village and surrounding areas: eg Castle Grounds, Windmill, Gaveston Garden Green, etc.

Golf course, swimming pool

The Castle Grounds is a scheduled ancient monument and should be respected and protected. Leave it as a wonderful area to be enjoyed

More use of Castle Grounds for sport, cricket, football. Would need significant investment though would like to see more use of the Castle Grounds. Fetes, football, cricket, children's play area, not just for walking dogs

Castle Grounds – should remember this is an ancient monument and should be preserved – not suitable for activities that may damage the site

Mountain biking track around Castle Grounds

The Castle Grounds centre is not an ancient monument. It's become exclusively a dog walkers' enclosure. It needs to be opened up to the parish we need water, electricity supply, play area, football, fitness trail, let the whole of the community enjoy it as it used to

Play area on Castle Grounds

Improve children's play areas – currently very difficult to use if you have children of different ages.

Provide combined play space like Steeple Aston

Fitness trail? Children's play area. Natural wildlife area? Football pitches? Pavilion? In Norman times the Castle Grounds was a place where people lived. In more recent times it's been a place for sports? Do we want it now to be just a rarely visited piece of heritage?

Clifton – improve children's play area even further, Clifton residents' poor relations at the moment!

Gaveston – if the grass is kept short, kids can play football

Greater use of Castle Grounds. Could be most beautiful cricket pitch in Oxon (used to be with a pavilion)

Small play area fenced in at Castle Grounds, used to be slide there and swings and climbing frame

Any opportunity for the Castle Grounds or Daeda's wood to be used by the school? Forest Schools?

Community area in Hempton

Use of Castle grounds for sport

There needs to be investment in the Castle Grounds site to make sure more user friendly for children. Also play areas need money spent on them

The church bends over backwards for the village. The Castle grounds are vital to the parish for its historical interest

More community events for all ages and pockets

Children's area on the East of Village, swings and slides

Use of Castle Grounds for recreational and sporting fixtures

Castle Grounds should be treated as a heritage asset and nature reserve. Not appropriate for sports facilities, exercise track etc which should be focussed on Windmill Centre
Keep it all accessible to all, good paths

E3 Which buildings or green spaces do you think it is important to protect? These don't have to be Listed but could be considered as village heritage assets.

Ban parking on grass verges. They are an attractive (conservation area!) feature and are slowly being destroyed through selfish parking
The Castle Grounds and the fields around Deddington – great places to have a country walk close at hand
Market Place, Castle Grounds, Welford Place, Clifton
Protect the Castle Grounds and surrounding area, they are beautiful
I value the ridge and furrow field on the north side of Earls Lane for its sky views beyond, grazing cattle or sheep which reinforce Deddington as RURAL with a core of old farmhouses. There were 7 in the village.
Castle Grounds and Daeda's wood
The village greens, open up the castle site, let's be a community again
Leave the Castle Grounds alone
Green areas in the village centre
School Building, ridge and furrow field, town hall
Fields (ridged) on north side of Earls Lane
Areas around Castle Grounds, allotments, area along Earls Lane around school
Castle Grounds and its setting
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Windmill green areas playground/tennis courts/playing fields
Castle Grounds and setting, school building is not listed or in conservation area, green spaces around conservation area particularly Earls lane
Castle Grounds
The Castle grounds and their setting
Ridge and furrow fields – important. Green spaces within the village envelope
Castle grounds and all views
Farmland, UK needs to grow its own
Castle grounds, land on either side of Earls Lane
Let us not spoil the Castle Grounds either within or without
Castle Ground Banks and allotments
All green spaces
I've heard suggestions of "developing" Castle Grounds for organised sports. Why, when Windmill Centre already has this – also school has some facilities
Current green spaces should remain as they are. More development and less green space is a double disadvantage.
Any green spaces within the conservation area, ridge and furrow field in Earls Lane, Allotments

Earls Lane, Castle Grounds, The Greens
Gaveston Gardens Green, Castle grounds
Fields either side of Earls Lane
Castle Grounds, Gaveston Garden Green
Earls Lane, field north (opposite Pound Court), fields behind Daedings, fields behind Mill Close/Main road
Church graveyard/s, Windmill field behind Mill Close
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E4 To what extent should the conservation area be preserved?

Conservation area must not be reduced – if anything, it should be slightly expanded
Entirely conserved
As much as possible
If not preserved, why have one
Surely designated ‘conservation areas’ are preserved anyway. Although oversight and adherence to relevant regulations should be vigorous
Absolutely totally! Except where rebuilding on a brownfield site is possible
As much as possible otherwise what is the point of calling it a conservation area
Completely – development within it should be tightly controlled as implied by designation itself
Vital to preserve all elements to conserve setting
100%
Deddington is unique as a large village and a living organism. The conservation area should indeed be preserved, but it will be pointless if the village is swamped by excessive development which overwhelms the current infrastructure
Completely protected
Fully and totally
100%
It’s a fantastic venue for up-market cricket events. Ie international 6 a side tournament
Include Pond Field, north of Earls Lane, in the Conservation area
Not enough of the other sites represented in the photographs on show
100% preserved
100%
Preservation should be not about nothing changing. It is ok to update buildings keeping their character
It is conservation for a reason
Absolutely preserved
Don’t build in areas of lower water tables or likelihood of flooding
Field and furrow Earls Lane can go to building. Not the best example, not all need protecting
Should be protected, stop building on fields that drain water
100%
Completely
100% protected
Completely protected

E5 What features/habitats in the villages need to be preserved or improved to retain and encourage flora and fauna?

Flora and fauna can flourish

Plant wildflowers on a continuous basis, maintain trees and shrubs, pruning properly is essential, mow verges only 2-3 times a year, Castle Gds, verges, greens

I don't think Castle Grounds needs a car park. The idea of a rural space like that is to walk there and enjoy it. There is limited parking already. Don't replace a field with a car park

All small and large pieces of woodland

Maintenance of areas such as Castle Grounds so can be enjoyed

Maintenance of footpaths across fields

Why does anyone think that 40 spaces are needed next to the Castle Grounds?

Planting wildflowers and maintaining verges

Daedas Wood

Wall/hedgerows in Earls lane – one lost recently! Daedas Wood

Hedgerows, stone walls

Daeda's Wood is wonderful – seeing it develop over more than a decade has been lovely. New similar initiatives would bring equal pleasure to many

Keep Castle Grounds for recreation and as nature reserve for birds, badgers etc

All land that is either owned or purchased by the developer is at very low value. Selling prices will be at market value. All developers should contribute to the village infrastructure

Preserve stone walls, ditches and green verges as wildlife habitats. Ridge and furrow fields should be preserved too

Trees/hedges/wild areas

Parking round the village, roads become single line traffic

The allotments, hedgerows, trees

100% protected

The banks on the Castle Grounds, the allotments and its surrounding

Allotments, green spaces, trees

E6 How do you think new houses should fit in with the village?

Obviously houses need to be built but not so many as to spoil the character of the village/parish – the design should be in keeping with other housing and so should materials ie not bright red brick. Developments should be in scale to other village homes (ie nothing above 3 storey) and match range of styles/sizes (ie not a monoculture)

Be only built according to needs of the village rather than to line the pockets of the builders

It depends on whether the local council wishes to keep a beautiful village – or develop it into a town!

Small developments only

With a mixture of sizes and styles complementary to local building

Clifton – family housing – good quality and size to maintain values and appeal for continued habitation

Smaller 5-10 house sized developments rather than 50-100 sized

Small developments max 6 houses outside conservation area in keeping with older houses

All new houses should be built in a style that is compatible with the traditional homes already in the village. Should be mix of 2/3 and 4 bed homes so that young families can settle here

Fitting in with the village means more than aesthetically. Also to do with encouraging car use/not and size of occupation. If new houses have trees and greenery planting schemes that will help outlying developments appear sympathetic

Aesthetically in keeping

All new houses should be built with solar panels, water-proof cellar for storage and outside water tank where bathwater etc could collect for garden use, to help environment

There should be new (esp affordable) housing but it should be built gradually and with respect to current structure of the village

Mixture of stone and brick, terraced, not 3 storey with adequate off road parking

Sympathetic style, careful choice of materials, use of Horton stone, small developments not big

Should be built of local stone and reflect traditional, existing designs. No more than one or two in a given site

I think that housing developments should be stopped in Deddington because of the importance of green spaces

Preferably in-fill not estate developments

New houses will only fit in if they integrate in a way that retains the character of the village. This needs to be determined by local needs

We do not want any more houses – when will it become a town

We don't need any

Build houses in keeping with others in Horton stone and stone rather than brick

Small developments only! No large ghettos! Incomers should feel part of the village/parish and community

Stone, space between houses, not estates

In-fill houses only rather than large, dense new developments

Should be built to suit local needs – not the profits of capitalist speculators and builders. If more 'affordable' housing is required, could this be designed/built to follow traditional street lines with cottage style terraces (as happened in Chipping Norton for example)

Small developments

Major housing estates should be avoided – incremental smaller scale developments unless infrastructure (schools, health centre, roads, parking) are required element of planning permission

Large scale developments need to be discouraged especially high density housing with large 5bed+ housing and small gardens. Need more starter homes, continue with infill

Must be built in vernacular materials (eg local stone), no brick

Small developments to the west/north

Only a small number at a time – Not 111 all at once – too many for the facilities eg school, medical centre, roads and parking to cope with. New houses should not be built in the conservation area

Residential home, bungalows, small developments in Clifton Road and Earls Lane, 20-30 houses over time will not ruin our open spaces

Small integrated development which add value to existing community and fits medium/long term aspirations of community

How can we address this problem – that only a development of 10 houses counts for our housing allocation

Infill and small developments with sympathetically designed units

We do not want any more housing estates. A few attractive, good quality houses at a time might be acceptable (if we have to). Some 2 bedroom homes might alleviate the problem of single older people occupying large houses. They may also be useful for younger people.

Should be small developments, small houses and sympathetic to village history and community views and ecosystems

A few smaller developments with the majority to be affordable housing

Same type of building materials or materials that give the same visual impression

E7 How could residents be encouraged to lower their carbon footprint?

By walking from their homes to shops

Bicycle lanes, 20 mph limits on most roads within the village

Hop!

A flexible approach to low carbon technology with regard to planning and construction

Walk, use bus or cycle if possible

Shop locally, not shop online

Get rid of silly rules on listed buildings which prevent double glazing

Have fewer children

By not over-expanding

Lagging old houses – a review of Deddington by volunteers – it does save money!

Walk, use bus or cycle if possible

Improved provision for cyclists

Jobs in and around the village

Better bus timetable eg to go to oxford between 7.30 and 9.15am is not possible by bus so not easy to commute

Better bus service – especially Clifton

Improve public transport to the from deddington

Commuting car club

Get rid of their 4-wheel drives. Stop tarmacking greens/drives. Stop taking holidays via plane abroad, recycle, plant trees

Better public transport, more local employment, area heating scheme

There are too many cars. Parking is difficult. Many people with garages do not use them

Stop tarmacking gardens to park cars

Street lights – we have dozens in Clifton – could turn some off

Home improvements including eco-friendly eg support from PCC?

Slower car speeds, education and encouragement to use bikes, buses and car share

All new buildings insulated effectively and fitted with solar panels

Keep tyres properly inflated, replace light bulbs with LED, when building or refurbishing do so to a higher standard of energy efficiency than present building codes require. Shop locally to the greatest extent possible

Use the bus more, share lifts to work if possible

E8 How do you think the sustainability of Deddington is threatened/should be preserved?

Village atmosphere threatened by large development

The village cannot sustain large developments

Looks like the sustainability is already threatened by over developments

No large developments, creates large strain on resources and increases car use

Threatened either by over-development or no development

Big development = too much strain on local amenities (school, drs, PO/shop)

Openness to development will stimulate a dynamic village. Don't block without thought NIMBYism is stultifying

More houses = more people with impact on school, GP, surgery, local shops, parking

In danger of becoming a characterless large village like Kidlington – if the developments go through – one that is glad to drive through quickly.

To preserve the parish as is, to allow minimal building so as to preserve its wonderful character

Parasitic land developers

By resisting vigorously, by direct action, if need be, the aspirations of large-scale private speculators to profit by unnecessary(?) expansion

In evenings there are very few parking spaces for non-residents – no capacity for more cars

Clearly need for housing but we incline away from the 5 bed variety and would like more affordable properties for young people. But who can manage the car parking so it doesn't completely clog up?

The lovely Market Place is wrecked by too many cars. Something must be done to cut down all the traffic

There would be too many cars and associated congestion. Insufficient water etc infrastructure

It will be threatened if we don't expand our housing stock otherwise we will die

Too many cars

Yes, it is threatened by excessive vehicles, must cut down traffic, have parking restrictions

Sustainability is too un-defined in this context, probably need to increase local employment and review local farming outputs

Like the Mad Hatter's Tea Party – for cars "there's no room, no room". Deddington is under threat, under pressure. More cars here will just not work as more parking is not possible. No more housing estates

If the primary school cannot be enlarged, what is the point of building more. 4-bed houses implying "Family" on the edge. The school is over-subscribed already 2013

All developments should be sustainable

We are in danger of becoming overrun with housing estates

Retain allotments green areas, pathways

Threat of new housing estates

Yes, sustainability is threatened – profits seem to be more important than localism

E9 What improvements, if any, could be made to the water supply, drainage and sewage?

Water pressure very low
Sewage pipes need updating
Sewage pipes need replacing and updating
Sort out storm water drains – we are on a hill yet Market Place floods in heavy rain
Water pressure low in Daedings
Lane off Chapel Close, Clifton – surface water drains from village are inadequate (hence floods) –
Clifton sewage works floods. Surface water management is necessary
Low water pressure in Daedings
Clean the drains out more often
Get Thames Water to repair and maintain what is already here and provide adequate services for
any additional need
Survey what we have and then improve what needs to be improved
Bigger pipes, review of pressure, regular digging out of channels/ditches
Drainage a big problem
Better collection of water from cellar pumps. Thames Water say it's "too clean to be theirs"
What about electricity supply – flickering lights and power cuts are the norm
Water supply taste is very poor – highly chlorinated /fluoridated
Better strategic response – renationalise water companies
Thames Water should be more responsive to residents blocked drains which not only cause distress
but are also a health hazard
Should be modernized, updated