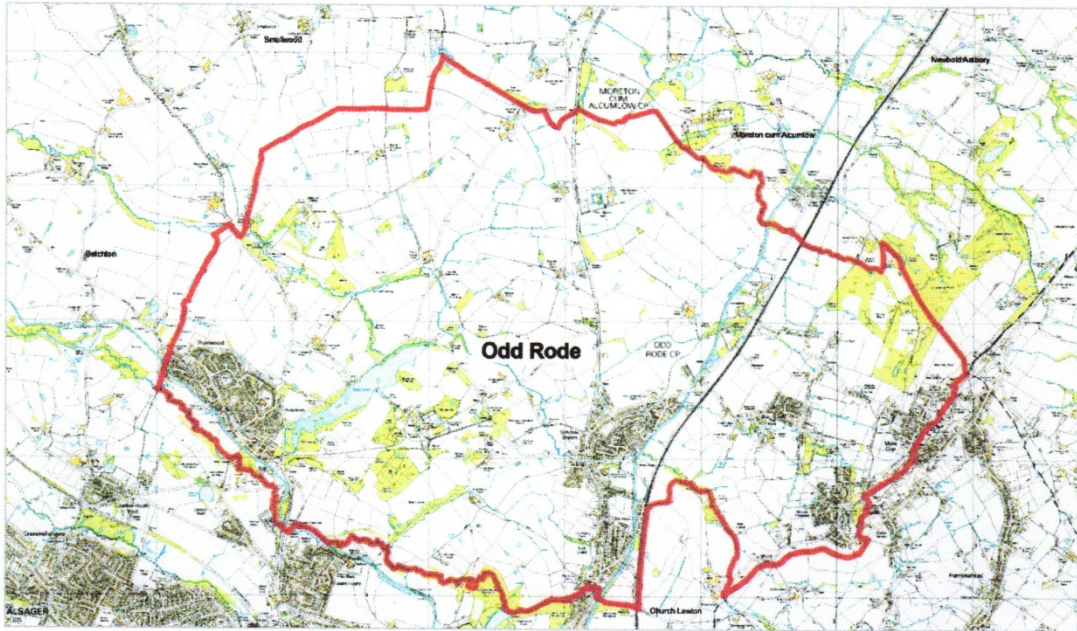


Odd Rode Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan



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Summary

Section 6 of the questionnaire was seeking views on the natural environment, features and wildlife in the open countryside. Section 7 seeks respondents' views on the built environment, buildings, other structures and visual remains of past industrial activity.

Within Odd Rode there are over 30 buildings and other structures on the National Heritage List for England and respondents were asked if they wished to see more features added to the list what criteria should be used for inclusion.

30% or less of all respondents think there should be additions to the list and an even smaller proportion were able or willing to put forward any suggestions for additions.

Those who did make suggestions did so with a mixture of suggested criteria to be used, general locations and specific named buildings or other structures as set out in tables 7.2-7.4.

In question 7.4, page 6, respondents were asked whether the Parish Council should maintain a list of sites where industrial activity had taken place.

It is seen from table 7.5, page 6, that about 2/3rds of the respondents would support such a list with little difference between the areas, but being asked to suggest relevant sites (question 7.5, page 6) only about a 1/3rd of the respondents were able and/or willing to do so.

Some general suggestions are set out in table 7.6, page 7, and some more specific suggestions in table 7.7, page 8.

Finally in question 7.6, page 8, respondents were asked if they value traditional manmade features such as Cheshire railings, red phone boxes, old post boxes, milestones, old finger posts etc?

The response is set out in table 7.8, page 9, and it is seen that over 80% found such features 'Very valued' or 'Quite valued' with little difference between the three areas.

7.0 Built Heritage

7.1 building heritage

The **National Heritage List for England (NHLE)** is Historic England's official list of buildings, monuments, parks and gardens etc. and other heritage assets considered worthy of preservation. Properties on the list are protected from being altered or demolished without special permission from local government planning authorities.

The National Heritage List for England was launched in 2011 as the statutory list of all designated historic places including listed buildings and scheduled monuments. It is managed by Historic England (formerly known as English Heritage), and is available as an on-line database with 400,000 listed buildings, registered parks, gardens etc.

(Adapted from Wikipedia 15th of October 2018.)

Within the Parish of Odd Rode there are over 30 buildings and other structures on this list 31 of which are listed as Appendix 3 (page 3) in the Village Design Statement and respondents are asked if they wish to see more buildings or other features included in the list.

The question generated a response as set out in table 7.1 below.

Table 7.1: Additions to the list of historic buildings.

	Rode Heath	Scholar Green	Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant	Odd Rode
Not Stated	87	75	83	245
%	25.22	29.07	37.05	29.63
No	155	108	72	335
%	44.93	41.86	32.14	40.51
Yes	103	75	69	247
%	29.86	29.07	30.80	29.87
Total	345	258	224	827
%	100	100	100	100
Suggestions	46	19	23	88
%	13.33	7.36	10.27	10.64

It is seen that the proportion of respondents who think there should be additions to the list of Listed Buildings amounts to only 30% or less of all respondents and there is very little difference between the three areas of the parish. Of the respondents who think buildings should be added an even smaller proportion were able or willing to put forward any suggestions for additions.

The rationale behind the suggestions for inclusion are not always very clear but the suggestions can broadly be grouped under three headings: **1) criteria, 2) general location and 3) specific building in specific locations.**

Most of the criteria suggested for additions to the list of historic buildings are generated by respondents from Rode Heath. However, the suggestion that 'All buildings over 100 years

old' which come from a respondent from Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant area. The criteria are as follows:

Table 7.2: Suggested criteria for listing buildings

1. All buildings over 100 years old.
2. An accurate survey should be made.
3. Any old buildings, bridges, canal fixtures that help retain local atmosphere.
4. Any that are deemed appropriate.
5. Any that are deemed part of village heritage.
6. Anything over 100 years old.
7. Anything to do with our canal.
8. If there's any old building it should be preserved.
9. Present exterior appearance.
10. Timber framed properties.

It may be reasonable to summarise that what the respondents are seeking to highlight and draw attention to are traits that have been retained and given some buildings a unique character special to their village and the parish as a whole. It may be added that these traits and the unique character familiar to the respondents and possibly all residents make for a sense of belonging and a sense of identity with the area they may define as home.

Respondents from all three areas of the parish make some general suggestions of structures that should be considered for inclusion in the list of 'Listed buildings'. Again there are 10 such suggestions:

Table 7.3: General suggestions for inclusion as 'Listed Buildings'

1. All chapels should be preserved and not knocked down.
2. Any church/chapel that is not currently on the list.
3. All historic buildings plus canal milestones.
4. All old commercial buildings in general.
5. All the original buildings in the village.
6. All stone and canal bridges.
7. Mills.
8. Mow Cop cottages.
9. Old barns, old farm buildings.
10. Some of the industrial age buildings.

The list of 'general suggestions' (table 7.3) seem to give more precise pointers to what respondents have sought to highlight with the list of criteria. However, the list included in table 7.3 does not show the strong reference to chapels and churches made by respondents from all three parts of the parish.

Despite not being used as they used to these buildings do seem to command a strong affection among many local residents and more than many other buildings do contribute to the sense of belonging and identity referred to above.

Table 7.4: Specific buildings and locations

Rode Heath		Scholar Green		Mow Cop - Mt Pleasant	
Location	No*)	Location	No*)	Location	No*)
Bibby Street	4	3 cottages on canal at Scholar Green 24-28	1	Bank Chapel	4
Chance Hall Lane	1	Bleeding Wolf PH	2	Lime Kiln, Rode Heath	1
Church Lane	1	'Dolly Cottage'	1	Forge Mill, Rode Heath	1
Poolside	1	Travellers' Rest PH	1	St Luke's Church	3
All Saints Church	3	Bridge 91 on Macclefield canal	1	Mow Cop Castle	2
Black Row	1	Portland House	1	Mow Cop Primitive Methodist church	4
Canal milestone	2	Church Lane	3	Mt Pleasant Chapel	1
Broughton Arms	2	Little Moreton Hall	2	Woodcock Wells School	3
Cottages opp Practicon	2	Canal milestones	1	Mow Cop air-raid shelters	2
Rectory, Church Lane	3	Railing on canal opp Ramsdell Hall	1		
Rode Hall	2	Rectory	2		
Cottages, Cherry Lane	2	Rode Hall	1		
RH Village Hall	1	The Smithy	1		
Royal Oak	2				
The old school, Chapel Lane	1				
26-36 Sandbach Road	2				

*) Number of respondents referring.

List of specific buildings and locations referred to by the respondents are shown in table 7.4 above, page 3. It is noted that some of the buildings mentioned are already listed eg 'All Saints Church', the Rectory and Rode Hall and others are already included as 'Listed Buildings'. Bank Chapel (Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant) have been demolished while the old school building in Church Lane is scheduled for demolition.

7.2 Industrial heritage

Q 7.4 Do you believe the Parish Council should maintain a list of sites where formerly industrial activity took place, with a view to passing on knowledge for future generations?

Yes No

Table 7.5: Should the Parish Council keep list of former industrial sites.

	Rode Heath	Scholar Green	Mow Cop/Mt Pleasant	Odd Rode
Not stated	36	45	44	125
%	10.43	17.44	19.64	15.11
No	71	49	34	154
%	20.58	18.99	15.18	18.62
Yes	238	164	146	548
%	68.99	63.57	65.18	66.26
Total	345	258	224	827
%	100	100	100	100
Suggestions	113	40	65	218
%	32.75	15.50	29.02	26.36

To retain information for newcomers and upcoming generations to learn about the specific industrial and economic activities that used to characterise your particular local area may be an important part of nurturing a sense of belonging and identity.

One way this information can be retained is for the Parish Council to keep a list of the sites and buildings where these activities took place. It is seen from table 7.5 above that about 2/3rds of the respondents would support such a list with little difference between the areas.

To aid the creation of such a list respondents were asked (see question 7.5, below, page5) to suggest relevant sites. However, it is seen from table 7.5 above that only about a 1/3rd of the respondents were able and/or willing to do so, 33% from Rode Heath, but only 15.5% of the respondents from Scholar Green.

Q 7.5 If Yes, please list suggested sites:

As before, many of the suggestions for sites were in very general terms and might be summarised as shown in table 7.6 below:

Table 7.6: General suggestions for list of past industrial sites.

1. A book about the Parish Past/Present should be published.
2. All mills and mining buildings.
3. All of importance.
4. All old mines.
5. Any historic.
6. Any local sites.
7. As per council listing of knowledge.
8. Conservation of all heritage sites.
9. Forge lanes – Farms.
10. Mow Cop.
11. Wells and farm buildings.

The table is assembled from suggestions from all three areas of the parish and no part of the list distinguishes one part from another or one category of activity from any other.

However in table 7.7, below, page 5, are listed some more specific suggestions, which clearly make a distinction between the three areas.

The response from Rode Heath highlight the importance of salt mining, extraction and processing for that area and as a consequence the importance of the canal network to transport salt and salt products to other parts of the country.

Mining and quarrying is highlighted as very important activities within the Mow Cop- Mt Pleasant areas and for delivering the stone and coal out of the parish the importance of an intricate transport network. The latter consisted of a network of tramways for transport to the canals and onwards to the rest of the country.

Scholar Green appear to have had no distinguishing activity and may in the past have been a predominantly farming area. In fact some of the suggestions by respondents from this area refer to features in either Rode Heath or Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant.

Table 7.7:

<u>Rode Heath</u>	<u>No*)</u>
Canals & their infrastructure	36
Salt mining, extraction & processing	52
Steel/Iron lock	14
Mills	20
The Rise	9
Other	3

<u>Scholar Green</u>	<u>No*)</u>
Canals & their infrastructure	9
Mineral railway lines	5
Mills	8
Mining	7
Wharves	11
Salt	4
Other	7

<u>Mow Cop - Mt Pleasant</u>	<u>No*)</u>
Mining & quarrying	25
Mills	20
Canals & their infrastructure	8
Transport network, tunnel & tramways	20
Other	5

*) Number of respondents referring.

7.3 Traditional manmade features.

Q 7.6 How much do you value tradition features of our parish, such as Cheshire railings, red phone boxes, old post boxes, milestones, old finger posts etc?

- a) Very valued
- b) Quite valued
- c) Valued a bit
- d) Not at all valued

The manmade features of the local environment discussed in the previous sections were buildings of historical and architectural interest and sites that in the past had housed important industrial and economic activities and it was noted how they nurtured and contributed to a feeling of belonging and identity with the parish.

In a similar way the numerous smaller features such as referred to in question 7.6 above may add to this contribution in some cases by referring to place names and showing the way (milestones, finger posts) in other cases by still bringing a useful service to the local community (post boxes).

Table 7.8: Value of traditional features.

	Rode Heath	Scholar Green	Mow Cop/ Mt Pleasant	Odd Rode
Very valued	213	177	152	542
%	61.74	68.60	67.86	65.54
Quite valued	88	52	45	185
%	25.51	20.16	20.09	22.37
Valued a bit	27	15	12	54
%	7.83	5.81	5.36	6.53
Not at all valued	8	4	1	13
%	2.32	1.55	0.45	1.57
Not stated	9	10	14	33
%	2.61	3.88	6.25	3.99
Total	345	258	224	827
%	100	100	100	100

It may therefore not be surprising that in answer to question 7.6 we find that these features are 'very valued' or 'quite valued' by well over 80% of the respondents. Conversely those who do not value these features or have not given their opinion 'only' make up just above 5% of the respondents for the parish as a whole, slightly less of the respondents from Rode Heath (4.93%) and slightly more of the respondents from Mow Cop-Mt Pleasant (6.7%)