

OVING PARISH PLAN

Action Point template

Subject investigated: HORTICULTURAL IMPACT

Survey question numbers: Q14, Q20, Q21, Q34, Q35

Description of the perceived need:

Consideration of screening options in regard to light pollution

Maintain semi-rural nature of parish through protecting green spaces and opposing over development

Management of large vehicles causing both traffic and parking problems

Summary of relevant survey data:

Q14 – If you are concerned about any of the above issues, please tell us why you are concerned and any specific part of the parish you are concerned about.

Dangers of farm/large vehicles on narrow roads: Seven mentions out of 130 responses.

Q20 How do you assess the impact on the community of the large horticultural businesses operating in Oving Parish?

Very positive	25	16.4% (No. respondents/% of total responses)
Quite positive	52	34.2%
Neutral	60	39.5%
Quite negative	10	6.6%

Q21 Please tell us why you think that?

	No. respondents
<i>Generates jobs:</i>	26
<i>Positive impact –</i>	
- <i>open days, contribution to community,</i>	
- <i>positive use of land, maintains rural nature of the parish:</i>	22
<i>Transport / vehicles cause traffic/parking problems:</i>	19

<i>Better than having new housing estates:</i>	7
<i>Light pollution:</i>	6
<i>Provides food:</i>	4
<i>Noise pollution:</i>	4
<i>Ugly sites:</i>	2

Q34 Is your enjoyment of life negatively affected by any of the following in Oving Parish?

Noise	49 (33.1%)	99 (66.9%)	(YES)	(NO)
Air pollution	19 (14.3%)	114 (85.7%)		
Light pollution	32 (23.4%)	105 (76.6%)		
Unpleasant Smells	36 (25.9%)	103 (74.1%)		

Q35 If yes to any of the above, please give details here

Of 74 responses, the following most likely associated with horticultural activities:

Light Pollution:	17
Noise:	17
Smells:	14

Description of response proposed:

OPC to assess impact of new development proposals on the Parish and comment as appropriate.

Ask growers to comply with planning conditions re lighting.

Ask growers to brief foreign employees to discourage them from littering.

Ask growers to have numbers painted on each of their vehicles to call in the event of perceived speeding.

Feasibility of response:

All feasible

The agency which is ultimately responsible:

OPC to communicate with local horticultural businesses.

OPC to undertake consideration of proposals for development.

Those who will benefit among the community:

All residents of the Parish.

Time frame and estimated costs if known:

Immediate /ongoing

Minimal cost for horticultural businesses.

Plans already in process or proposed which may be relevant:

None