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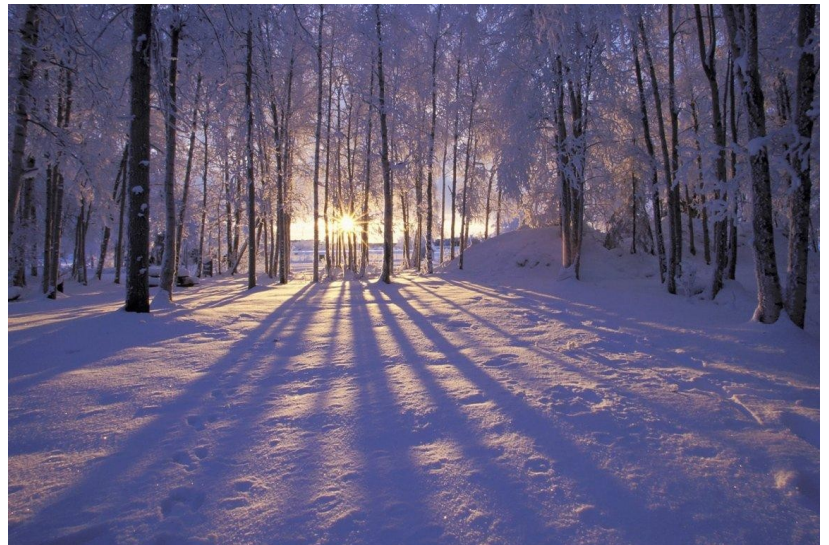
a time for merriment with friends and family, and a time for goodwill and compassion for all. There are some in our communities who will be lonely and vulnerable over the festive season and in the Winter months ahead. Whilst the days will soon be getting longer, they will also be getting colder. Please keep an eye out for vulnerable neighbours. There are some helpful hints on keeping safe in the cold on page 4.

We have an aging population in Odd Rode (indeed, our parish is aging at a faster rate than the rest of Cheshire East, the North West and nationally) which has consequences for our public services and for housing needs in the area. Read more about our changing parish on page 7.

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There is also pressure to build more houses here. Consequently our Green Belt is being reviewed, with the possibility of some of it disappearing. Find out more about this, and what you can do,



on page 5,

You can influence the shape of any future development in our parish by taking part in the Neighbourhood Plan (see page 9).

**Why not attend the public meeting on Monday 25th January 2016 in Scholar Green Village Hall (at 7.30 pm)?**

The Parish Council has provided Christmas Trees at Mount Pleasant, Scholar Green and Rode Heath again this year. They have been well received by residents and provide focal points for carol singing organised by local groups. Odd Rode Parish Council wishes all residents a ...





## GREEN BELT UNDER REVIEW

During the Local Plan process, the Planning Inspector decided that CEC had underestimated how many dwellings would be needed in Cheshire East over the Local Plan period (it had planned for 27,000 up to 2030 but has had to review this to 36,000 ... with developers pushing for a higher figure).

As a result of this, the extent of both Cheshire Greenbelts (Manchester and Potteries) are being reviewed with a view to removing parcels of land from them. Sites are graded as follows:

**Major Contribution** – contributes to the purpose in a strong and undeniable way, where removal of this parcel from the Green Belt would detrimentally undermine this purpose.

**Significant Contribution** – contributes to the majority of the purpose but does not fulfil all elements.

**Contribution** – makes a limited degree of contribution to the purpose, as some relationship has been identified between the parcel and the purpose.

*Those sites deemed to only make a contribution to the Green Belt are most at risk of being removed from the Green Belt.*

### PURPOSE OF THE GREEN BELT

The parcels of land looked at were assessed to see how much they contributed to the following purposes of Green Belt designation:

**Purpose 1:** to check unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas;

**Purpose 2:** to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another;

**Purpose 3:** to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment;

**Purpose 4:** to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns; and

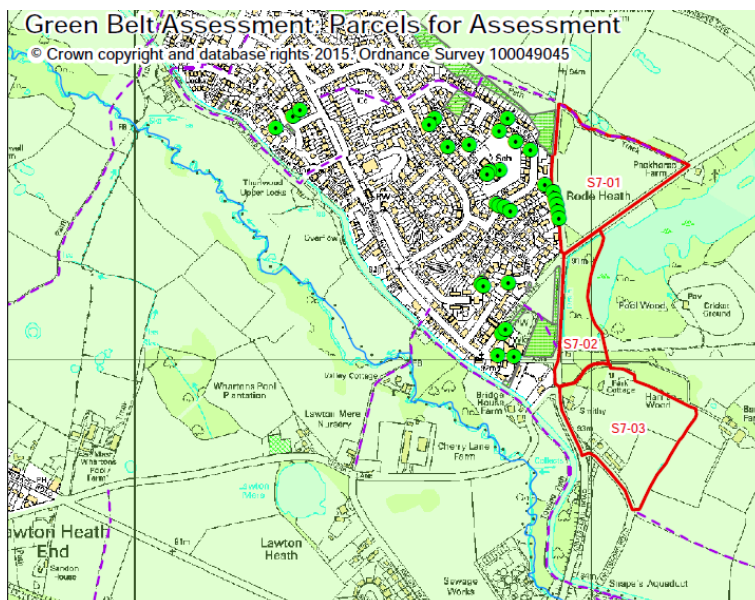
**Purpose 5:** to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.

Whilst being removed from the Green Belt does not automatically ensure that Planning Permission will be granted on a site, it does remove a major impediment to development of the site.

CEC has not made any decisions on sites yet and the information here is from the consultant's (Arup) final report of April 2015. Any proposed changes will be made as part of the Local Plan. Residents have the opportunity to challenge any proposals.

*The use of land and policies relating to the Green Belt will be considered as part of the Neighbourhood Plan ... so why not get involved in drawing it up?*

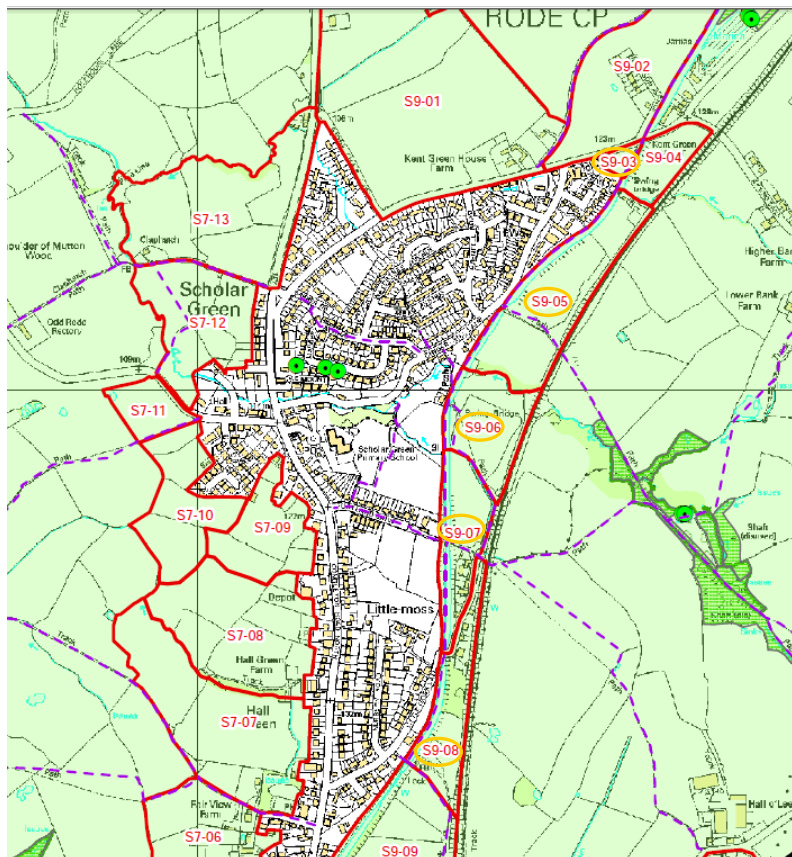
*See page 9 for details.*



### GREEN BELT REVIEW AND RODE HEATH

In 2013, CEC identified one parcel of land in the Parish as only making a contribution to the Green Belt (the triangle of land between the A50 and Chapel Lane). This has not shown up in the 2015 analysis and the three parcels of land considered in Rode Heath, all along the A50 (S7-01, S7-02 and S7-03), have been designated as having a major or significant contribution to the Green Belt. This may prevent their removal from Green Belt designation. However, the Local Plan situation is fluid and nothing is certain.





### GREEN BELT REVIEW AND SCHOLAR GREEN

Five sites have been designated as only providing a contribution to the Green Belt (all circled in yellow on the map):

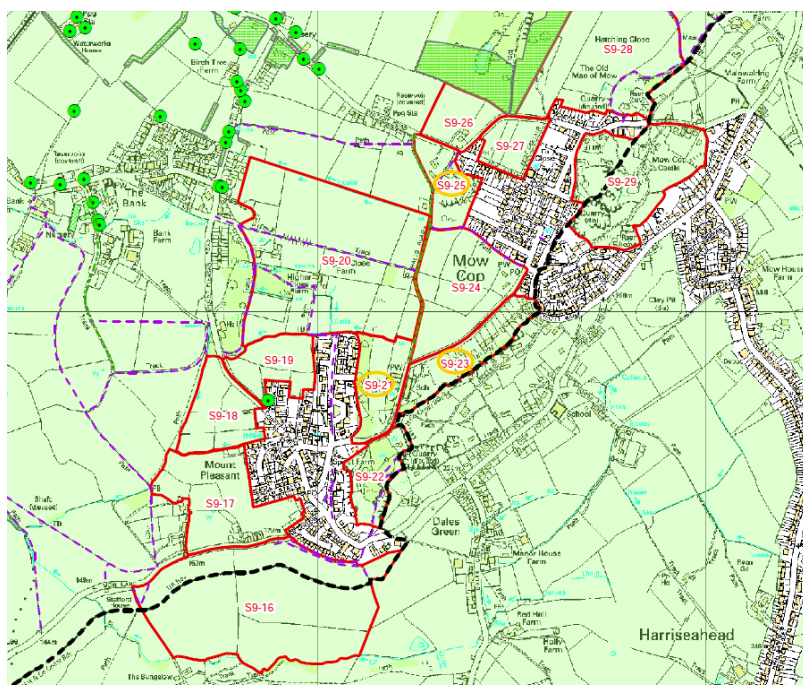
S9-03 – small triangle of land to the south of Station Road and west of the canal.

S9-05 – field between the canal and the railway line.

S9-06 – field between the canal and the railway line.

S9-07 – field between the canal and the railway line and dwellings on Little Moss Lane.

S9-08 – field & trees between the canal and the railway line, south of dwellings on Little Moss Lane.



### GREEN BELT REVIEW AND MOUNT PLEASANT/MOW COP

Three sites have been designated as only providing a contribution to the Green Belt (all circled in yellow on the map):

S9-21 – land forming wood, field and St Luke's Church off Woodcock Lane.

S9-23 – land on the south side of Woodcock Lane.

S9-25 – land to the south of Top Station Road and west of Primitive Street.

The Cheshire East Council **Green Belt Assessment Update 2015** Final Report can be downloaded from the Research & Evidence page of CEC spatial planning section

[http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/spatial\\_planning/research\\_and\\_evidence/research\\_and\\_evidence.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/spatial_planning/research_and_evidence/research_and_evidence.aspx)

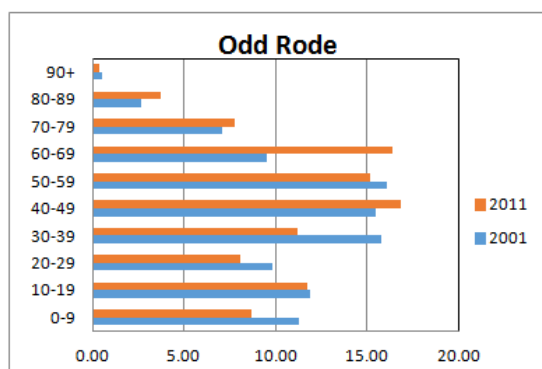
## TEN YEARS OF CHANGE... extracts of a report by Cllr Knud Moller

Some readers will recall that a considerable deal of census analysis was undertaken in preparation for the Parish Plan published in 2006. At that time analysis was based on the 2001 Census and how it differed from the 1991 Census. We have now moved forward some 10 years and the analysis is based on the 2011 Census and how it differs from the 2001 Census

The decade from 1991 to 2001 brought a small increase in population within our parish of about 200 people. By contrast the following decade brought a small decline in population of 110 people and in April 2011 was counted 5,442.

As the population has remained quite stable it follows that the change in age structure is a product of the times moving 10 years forward. In figure 1 below we therefore see that each 10 year cohort has simply moved upward 10 years.

**Figure 1: Changing Age Structure**

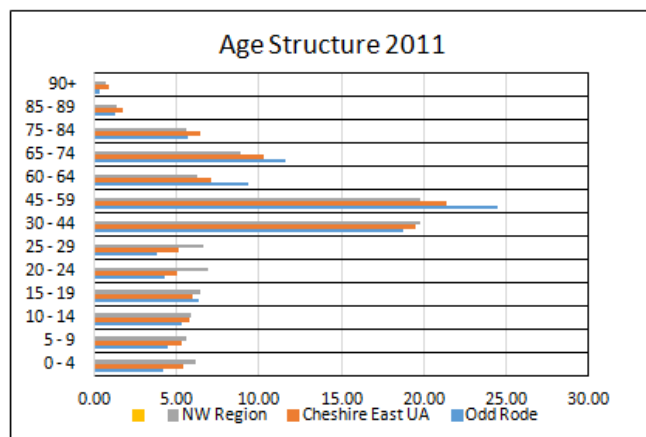


Source: Neighbourhood Statistics 2011 Census, Table QS 103; 2001 Census, Table UV 04.

The ageing population will have implications for the Parish Council and other public authorities and the services they provide in this area. However, the changes that are taking place in the other end of the age spectrum are of equal concern as they have consequences for the retention of public services such as schools and also for the few local shops that depend for their survival on our custom. It is worth noting how the age group 0 to 9 year olds is shrinking and also the age group 20-29 and 30-39 year olds.

If we compare Odd Rode with other areas it becomes even clearer that we may have a struggle in front of us in the competition for services. For instance why should the authorities continue to maintain schools in this area when there are more children in other areas?

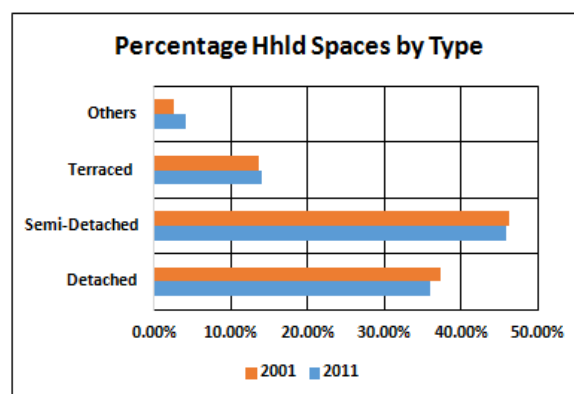
**Figure 2: Age Structure 2011**



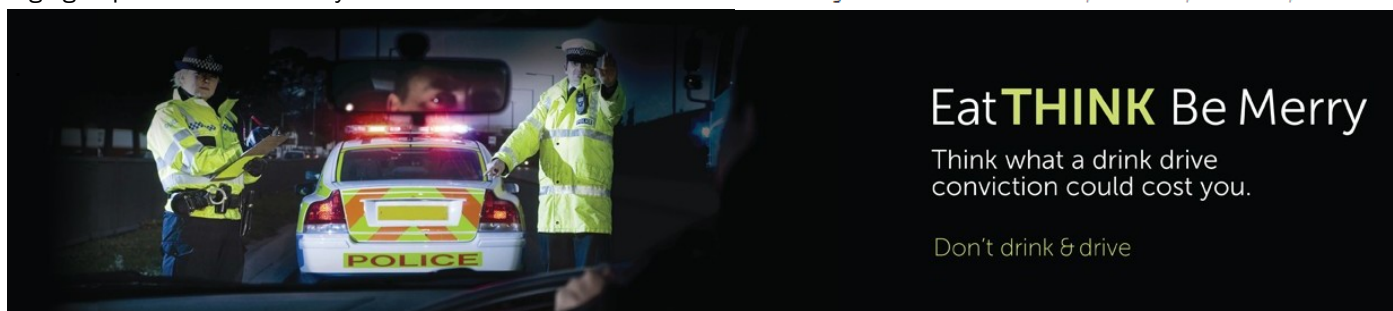
Source: Neighbourhood Statistics, 2011 Census, Table KS 102.

The number of dwellings increased by 128 between 2001 and 2011 to a total of 2,453 and there were increases in all types of dwellings. However, there were a proportionately larger increase in the categories 'terraced' dwellings and 'others' e.g. flats, though these remain a relatively small number in total (over 80% are semi detached and detached).

**Figure 3: Distribution of Hhld Spaces by type of Dwelling**



Source: Neighbourhood Statistics 2011 Census, Table KS401; 2001 Census, Table KS16.



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Think what a drink drive conviction could cost you.

Don't drink & drive



We have noted how the changes in population in terms of numbers and structure may have consequences for public authorities and the services they provide. This may become even more clear when we consider how people choose – or may be forced – to organise themselves in households. The numbers may not be very great for an area such as Odd Rode and may therefore not be of great concern. They may, however, depict long term trends and as such they should not be ignored.

In simple terms it is noted that average household size within the parish has declined from 2.43 in 2001 to 2.29 persons per household in 2011. There has been a proportionate increase in one person and lone parent households and a corresponding decline in the number of people living as couples.

**Table 1: Households with and without children.**

		Odd Rode Parish		Cheshire East UA	North West
		2011	2001	2011	2011
All Households	Count	2,374	2,281	159,441	3,009,549
No children	%	23.25	22.84	19.67	16.55
Dependent Children	%	26.79	30.69	27.89	28.82
All Children Non-Dependent	%	11.20	11.49	9.68	10.43
Other households	%	38.75	34.98	42.76	44.21

Source: Neighbourhood Statistics 2011 Census, Table KS105 EW; 2001 Census Table KS 20

The seemingly declining number of children will be of concern for the retention of school provision. At the other end of the age structure the increasing number of people living on their own will be of concern for care providers. There may be fewer children within the parish, but the number of lone parent households with dependent children has increased even if the numbers are small in a wider context. This will also be of concern for providers of social support in various ways, financial and help with child care while the parent is attending to other tasks e.g. work or health matters.

The number of lone parent households has increased by 20 from 104 to 124 of which 5 is an increase in lone male parent and 15 an increase in female lone parents.

70.12% of residents aged 16-74 are economically active which is comparable to the proportion within the whole of Cheshire East, but within that 11.97% in Odd Rode are self-employed, which is higher than elsewhere.

The proportion of full-time employees fell by just over 6% while the proportion of other categories increased. The proportion of part-time employees increased by more than 2%; the proportion of self-employed by 1.7%; the proportion of unemployed by 1%; and the number of full-time students increased by just over 0.5 %.

The proportion of economically in-active residents aged 16-74 increased slightly, but within this category there were also significant changes.

The proportion of retired residents increased by 5.55%; and the proportion of students by 0.1%. Conversely the proportion of residents looking after home or family fell by more than 2% as did the proportion classified as long-term sick or disabled.

The proportion of households without a car or van is 8.85%, which is far less than the average in CE (16.12%) or the North West (27.97%). The proportion with 2 or more cars is more than in CE or the North West.

By far the biggest proportion of travelling to work is done by private motor transport i.e. cars, vans or motorbikes and it is also noted that this proportion is bigger within Odd Rode Ward than within the wider areas.

It is tempting to ask if this mode of transport is a 'free' choice or whether it is forced upon people due to a lack of adequate provision of public transport?

It will also be clear that the increased use of private vehicles will put strain on the local road network much of which consists of old narrow lanes and is not fit for such frequent use.

You may download a copy of Cllr Moller's full report from the Parish Council's website [www.oddrode.net](http://www.oddrode.net)

## Bring a smile to someone's face



### Our volunteer befrienders do this every day

Living with dementia can be isolating. The small things our befrienders do can make a huge difference. If you'd like to find out more about volunteering with us, contact us on 0845 504 9300 or visit [alzheimers.org.uk/volunteers](http://alzheimers.org.uk/volunteers)

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## PLANNING

### The Planning System

Cheshire East Council is the Local Planning Authority for Odd Rode. Odd Rode Parish Council receives notification of all planning applications submitted for the parish. It makes comments to Cheshire East Council based on Town & Country Planning law, National Planning Guidance, Cheshire East's policies and our local Village Design Statement.

All planning applications can be viewed at Cheshire East's website :

[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/environment\\_and\\_planning/planning.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/planning.aspx)

*If you are commenting on a planning application, you may wish to send a copy of your comments to the Parish Council for their information (via post or email).*

## ODD RODE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Developers' demand for house building and the local changes in population, house prices, etc., will put huge pressures for growth on our villages.

If we must have more houses, where should they be? What sort of housing do we need ... 1 and 2 bedroom houses rather than executive houses? Social housing? Affordable housing? Housing for senior citizens? Do we want local employment opportunities such as starter units, tourist & leisure facilities, etc? A Neighbourhood Plan allows the local community to set a positive vision of how we want our parish to develop over the coming decades. Why not be part of it?

### THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN & A PARISH PLAN

The Parish Plan is a document to guide organisations and inform them of local needs and wishes. It will provide evidence for a Neighbourhood Plan but it has no statutory status. A Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory document that states local development policies that both CEC's Planning Department and the Planning Inspectorate will enforce.

### INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

**MONDAY 25th JANUARY 2016**

**At 7.30 PM in SCHOLAR GREEN VILLAGE HALL**

Do you support the Green Belt and want to protect it?

Do you think that we have the right sort of housing in our parish?

Do you think that the parish could accommodate more employment opportunities?

Do you think that we make the most of our natural and historic assets?

Do you want to have a say in how our villages develop of the coming decades?

**COME TO THIS PUBLIC MEETING TO HAVE YOUR SAY OR TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING ... EVERYONE WELCOME**