

Herongate and Ingrave Village Appraisal
Initial Primary School Workshop
21st June 2005

A class of Year 5 pupils was divided into five groups. The groups were given a map of Herongate and Ingrave and each individual was asked to pinpoint three special locations within the parish. The results are listed below (figures in parenthesis indicate the number of repetitions for a particular location).

Group One

Cricket green
Green Man
Petrol station
Post Office
School (5)
St Nicholas Church (4)
Sweet shop
Thorndon park (3)

Group Two

Boars Head
Green Man (2)
Post Office (4)
School (6)
School field
St Nicholas Church
Thorndon park (6)

Group Three

Brentwood Road
Button Farm
Cricket green
Golf course (2)
Green Man
Ingrave Hall
Petrol station (2)
Post Office
School (3)
Shop
Thorndon park (4)

Group Four

Cricket green
Hartwood
Park
Pond
Post Office
Pub (2)
School
St Nicholas Church (2)
Thorndon park (3)
Village shop

Group Five

Cricket green
Green Man
Park
Pussy Cat Lodge
School (4)
School field
St Nicholas Church
St Andrews Church
The hall near the Green Man
Thorndon park (4)
Thorndon Hall
Thriftwood

The ideas were discussed and each group compiled their top three locations:

Group One

School
St Nicholas Church
Thorndon park

Group Two

Post Office
School
Thorndon park

Group Three

Brentwood Road
School
Thorndon park

Group Four

Pub
St Nicholas Church
Thorndon park

Group Five

Cricket green
School field
Thorndon park

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Positive aspects

A lot of countryside
Activities for adults
All the old buildings because of the history
Animals (3)
Beautiful scenery
Big fields
Big garden
Bright flowers
Button Common for the fireworks and bonfire (4)
Climbing trees (5)
Community spirit (2)
Countryside
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Cricket pitch because it's fun to play
Cricketers Lane
Cubs because we get to play in the woods
Different businesses
Farms
Feeding the ducks at the pond
Fields and the shop at Thorndon
Fishing because I like big fish
Flowers (2)
Food is nice at the Olde Dog
Football pitches
Fresh air (5)
Friendly people (4)
Friendly shopkeepers
Friendly village (2)
Friends
Garden centre
Golf course (2)
Good businesses
Having fun with mates (2)
Interesting history
King George park (3)
Less busy
Less dangerous than London
Lots of greenery
Lots of old trees
Lots of people know each other (3)
Lots of people my age to play with
Lots of place to enjoy yourself
Lots of places to walk
Lots of plants
Lots of room
Lots of trees (2)

Lots of walkways
Lovely people
Modern houses
Nice atmosphere
Nice church
Nice countryside
Nice forests
Nice neighbours
Nice school (2)
Nice shops
Nice villages (2)
Not much pollution
Open fields
Open fields are peaceful (3)
Park where we can play
Places to ride your bikes
Plants
Play fields
Playing in the garden
Playing in the small park at the Green Man (2)
Playing in the trees at Thorndon
Post Office (3)
Pretty flowers
Pretty houses
Pretty wildlife
School (12)
School field (6)
School football
School gym
School playground
School rounders
School running club
Shops
Space for cycling, walking, running etc
The green fields because I can play there
The Green Man because it has a play area
The Herongate village sign because it represents my village
The woods where I can cycle
There are horses in Thorndon
Thorndon bike rides
Thorndon Hall
Thorndon park (14)
Thorndon park is great for walking my dog
Thorndon park is very pretty in the autumn
Thorndon park to go on the swings
Trees
Very spacious
Village hall where I go dancing
Village shop
Walk to school
Walking dogs at Thorndon
Where I live is very quiet
Wildlife (6)

Negative aspects

Environment

Bushes
Chewing gum on the floor
Dangerous animals in Thorndon park
Foxes going through rubbish, it makes places look untidy
Graffiti (4)
Litter (11)
Noisy
Not big enough parks
People destroy the countryside
Poisonous animals
Pollution (6)
Smell of petrol from the Esso garage
Stinging nettles
Too many trees
Too much litter in Thorndon park and the school field
Too much litter, mainly near the petrol station
Too quiet
Wolves

Facilities

No activities
No gym
No leisure centre
No public toilets (4)
No restaurants
No shops
No sports centre or keep fit
No supermarket
No swimming pool
Not a lot to do
Not enough activities (2)
Not enough litter bins (2)
Not enough shops (2)
Not many activities for children
Not many children live near me
Nothing to do (2)
Open bins

People/Community

Alcohol
Angry people
Being threatened by gangs
Broken windows in the school
Bullies (2)
Burglars and thieves
Children getting offered cigarettes
Dog owners
Dog poo not cleaned up
Drug takers
Drugs are destroying our village
Drugs being taken

Drunk people (3)
Gangs (4)
Gangs being destructive
Gangs swearing
Gangsters
Hoodies (2)
Ingrave gang (17)
Litter bugs
Mostly old people live where I do
Nasty people (2)
Not enough security
People not picking up dog poo
People that trash the school field (2)
People who throw eggs at the school
Robbers
Rude people
Smoking (8)
Swearing
Thieves steal from public facilities
Thugs (2)
Too many cigarettes
Too many drug dealers
Too many gangs
Too many old people
Vandalism
Yobs (2)

Traffic

Animals dying on the road, being run over
Bad traffic
Busy road
Car thieves
Dangerous drivers
Dead animals on the road
Drink driving
Frustrated people
Fumes (2)
Main road (2)
More roads being built
Motorbikes
Not enough speed cameras
Petrol smell from pollution
Small roads
Speeding (3)
Too many cars
Too much traffic (6)
Traffic jams (3)
Traffic noise
Wildlife being killed by cars

Suggestions

A gym to get fit
A hall to play table tennis, pool etc and to chill out, but you need permission
A nice private and friendly park
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Bigger car parks
Bigger schools
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Build a vets
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Build more entertaining things
Build more toilets
Build shops or small shopping centre
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Don't cut down as many trees
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Don't sell pellets, even BB gun pellets
Encourage everyone to put litter in the bins
Enforce cameras
Every house should have a hidden CCTV camera
Everyone lock their doors at night (2)
Fine people for leaving dog poo
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Fire extinguishers in houses
Get a bigger police force, will solve nearly all problems
Get people to guard the school and iron fences

Get the museum running
Give left over food to foxes and hungry animals
Graffiti club to stop it in local places
Graffiti proof walls and windows
Hidden away speed cameras
Hire people to pick up litter
Less alcohol
Less busy roads
Less graffiti
Less petrol pumps
Less traffic lights
Less trees
Loads of speed cameras
Local restaurants
Local swimming pool
Look after wildlife
Lower speed limit
Make cigarettes even more expensive
Make school field gates higher
Make smoking illegal
Mechanical houses
More activities
More after school clubs
More authority
More cafes
More CCTV cameras (5)
More CCTV cameras but in different places
More CCTV security
More clothes and shoe shops
More clubs (6)
More clubs and activities
More clubs for anyone to play
More dog poo bins
More football
More ID cards
More jobs available
More litter bins (10)
More little villages
More people walking
More places to cross the road
More plants
More plastic bags and dog mess bins
More police (11)
More policemen on the gang
More public footpaths
More public toilets (4)
More road crossings
More roads to solve traffic problems
More shops (3)
More skate parks
More speed bumps (6)
More speed cameras (7)
More tennis courts
More things for children

More traffic lights
More zoos
Neighbourhood Watch (4)
New higher school gates
No more bad people
Outside school football club
Paint bright designs on bins and draw animals on them
Pick up dog mess
Pick up litter when you see it
Policemen on patrol
Post Offices
Private school field (2)
Put down the speeding limit
Put Ingrave gang in prison
Research car engines running without smoke
Safer road crossings
Slow down signs (2)
Split up gangs
Stop building homes, it's getting too crowded
Stop cutting down trees
Stop selling cigarettes
Stop selling graffiti cans
Stronger gates and fences
Supermarket
Take the wolf to a zoo
Tell young children not to smoke (2)
Tennis halls
They shouldn't sell cigarettes in shops anymore
Zebra crossing

Similar Workshops were later held for Year Groups 3 to 6

Year 3

The groups were asked to brainstorm the positive and negative aspects of Herongate and Ingrave and also to put forward their suggestions for improvements. The combined comments for the five groups are listed below (figures in parenthesis indicate the number of repetitions for a particular comment).

Facilities

Positive aspects

I like the post office because I like buying sweets

I like the sweet shop because after school I get to eat them by Megan

I like the shop because there is lots of good things to buy

I like the shop

I like it around here so I can go to the corner shop

I like the garage

I like the church

I like the church so people can worship God and Jesus

I like Ingrave Hall (2)

Green Man

I like the Green Man because I play there and I am good

I like the school field because you can play

I like the school field (2)

I like the cricket green so people can play cricket

I like the cricket green because I watch the cricket

Cricket pitch because its local and I can ride my bike up there and I really like it

I like golf

Thorndon Park (5)

I like the park it's a good place to play and walk and take your dog

Because I live near the park by Charlotte

I like the school because you learn things there

The school is a special place

I like the school because it helps you learn

I like coming to school because you do lots of fun stuff JH.

I like the school cos it's cool and I like PE

I like coming to school here because it is a nice place to learn things from

I like it around here because I want to learn stuff

It's fun to play games and go to school and have so much fun

I like my house /

It is fun and has lots of cool places by Charlotte

I like the pond because you can see all the birds and ducks

I like the pond /

Suggestions

I would like more play area

More shopping places

A swimming pool (3)

A swimming pool in the hall (2)

A football net

More cricket and football

Some more toys to play with

Football stadium so people can watch football matches

A basket ball pitch

More schools (2)

No more schools please just let us play!

Riding lessons at school

I want a Sea life centre in Ingrave (2)
An animal home building for ducks
A sports centre (3)
A zoo
Funner school trips when you go on school trips it isn't fun
Outside lessons to get fitter
Stephen Gerrard and Johnny Wilkinson come here
Places to explore and go to are really great
Make more ponds
Put more plants and flowers in Herongate & Ingrave
More fresh fruit and vegetables in the shop
More litter bins
Water park with slides and loads of water
Build a stage in Herongate and make Little Britain perform on it.

People and community

Positive aspects

Lots of my friends live here (2)
I like playing with my friends
I like the church
It's so good because you can play
It's very peaceful (2)
Not l lot of smoke
People are very nice to be around
People help give us a bit of fun and play really fun games with us. We got so many friends and we play very niceful
Herongate & Ingrave football club because Joe's dad plays with my dad

Negative aspects

The Ingrave gang Drugs!
The Ingrave Gang (they're on drugs) I hate them
The Ingrave Gang is smoking in our school and smashing our windows
The worst thing is the Ingrave Gang (2)
Ingrave Gang (6)
I don't like it when you are doing something important and teenagers ruin it by doing annoying things
I don't like the burglars
I don't like the bad people (3)
I hate the Ingrave Gang (3)
Too many criminals like Ingrave Gang
Too many gangsters
Too much smoking
I don't like vandals
I don't like littering (3)
I hate owners of dogs that let their dogs free
People shout at us and too much shouting!
I don't like people with their music up loud
We need to stop drugs

Positive aspects

The church is a good place to pray to God & Jesus
People are really nice to you
I can see my friends and family
You can do learning at school

Suggestions

Stop Ingrave Gang having drugs (2)
The Ingrave Gang has to stop!
Stop the Ingrave Gang
Ingrave gang in prison (2)

More policemen (3)
I don't like it around here because there are robbers
Stop bullying
Be more kind to people you see and go past and don't push people!
Why don't we do anything about the gangs that scare children at school and are rude
Stop people getting fat
No more smoking
More people getting fit
Make a cleaner place
I like people coming to visit us at school
West Ham come to Herongate

Environment

Positive aspects

I like the park because it is big and has lots of fields
The park because it is fun
Thorndon (3)
Thorndon because it is a place to learn about wildlife
The little park at the school (2)
It's a nice little village
Wildlife
The quiet garden
The duck pond (2)
I like the park because it is enormous and that's great
It has lots of fun places and I live near them

Disadvantages

Too much pollution
Graffiti on the school park swings
Graffiti on the school property
Graffiti is bad because it makes the village look horrible
Some people should stop smoking
Not enough litter bins (2)
Too much litter (2)
People not cleaning up after their dogs (3)
Car exhausts
Factories
Rubbish
There is lots of rubbish in alleyways because people dump their rubbish anywhere

Solutions

More recycling (3)
More woods
New park (play area)
I want a new school
More parks
More bins (5)
More bins don't leave litter on the school
We should pick up litter
No smoking it kills(4)

Transport & Travel

Positive aspects

I can walk to school

Negative aspects

Too many busy roads(3)
Too much cars!
I don't like being late for school

I don't like the traffic
Too much traffic
I don't like speeding people
People going too fast in their cars
I don't like speed cameras because their flash causes accidents

Suggestions

More speed cameras (6)
Zebra crossings
Yellow lines near the school
More traffic lights (4)
Stop being lazy and walk short places

Other aspects of village life

Positive aspects

I like seeing my friends (3)
I like the events may fete, Christmas Play, sports day, inflatable day
I like school you learn and see your friends

Negative aspects

I don't like how the dinner ladies treat you
School
School is boring
Solutions
Bullying, just don't bully it is bad for you
End world poverty
Give poor people more food and clean water!
More play time
Fans in summer and more heating in winter

Year 4

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Facilities

What I like about the facilities in the villages

The village store because it sells ice lollies
Village shop
Going to the shop
Sweet shop because I like sweets
Village store
Post Office
South Essex Golf Club because I love golf
South Essex Golf Club cos my Dads plays there
Woods
Going to Thorndon Park
Football on the field

What I don't like about the facilities in the villages

No public toilets
It hasn't got much to do
Need more chairs

Suggestions

Build public toilets
Football on the field
Keep the post office
Little robots to play with
Rounders on the field

Environment

Positive things about the environment in the villages

Thorndon Park because it is fun/
I like Thorndon Park because of all the nature and wildlife
I like Thorndon Park because it is an area to run in
Thorndon Park I think the park is fun because we get to make dens and find minibeasts
Thorndon Park; I like the nature and activities that we do
Thorndon woods
Thorndon Park(5)
Woods
School field because there's lots of space
I like the park
I like the school field
Thorndon Hall and Thorndon Park
I like Thorndon Park
Playing field(2)
Cricket Green (4)

I like the cricket field because when I go in the bar Jimmy lets me have a coke
Thorndon Approach
Woods/
I like the village being clean and tidy
The Post Office(3)
The Church
Oliver's House
Pub
I like the Green Man(2)
I like the Green Man I like the play area there
I like the pub, my friends go there with me
Playing football on the green
I like Fowchers Farm because there is a horse called Charlie and he is very special
I like putting litter in the bin
Green Man because it's got nice food
Because the villages are small you see your friends around
Most people are friendly
The village pond because of the ducks

Negative things about the environment

I don't like graffiti on the park
Bird killing because it is cruel
Bird killing
I don't like hunting
I hate hunting
I don't like hunting wildlife
Lots of people have cars and because of that we might have Global Warming
I don't like cigarette butts
Dog poo (10)
Dog mess on the pavement
Dog do-do
I don't like people putting poo on the swings
I don't like people not cleaning up after their dogs!
Horse poo
Rubbish on the floor
People smoking
People smoking in public places
I don't like bees
I don't like the cricket field because there is lots of rubbish
I don't like the park when some people put rubbish everywhere
Pub
Pubs
Smell of beer(3)
The smell of the pubs
I don't like the smell of Pubs
The ditch in Billericay Road
Pollution is making Global Warming and killing plants
Overgrown hedges on the path
I don't like people in cars polluting our air
Stinging nettles
Smelly bins(2)
The dustman because he stinks
I don't like people littering(2)
I don't like the rubbish in Ingrave

I don't like chewing gum on the floor

Suggested solutions to problems associated with the environment

Start walking more instead of using cars because of Global Warming

I think we should have more dog poo bins

Dog bins(4)

I think we could get more bins instead of people just chucking rubbish on the floor

More bins

Air freshener in the pubs

Ban smoking

A drinking fountain

Cameras

The roundabout back to play on

A pool

Some ramps in the park

A military school to protect the village

A football club

More bins for litter(2)

More bins(4)

A farm

Toilets(4)

Guards for the school

Better protection for the school

Stop vandals

Community

Positive aspects of community life in the villages

I like my lane because it is private

Church

The People in the village

The village store

Lovely People

Negative aspects of community life

I do not like people hunting

Ingrave Gang(11)

I don't like the Ingrave Gang because they are really stupid

People smashing things

I don't like graffiti (3)

I don't like vandalism(4)

Vandalism//

I don't like school vandalism

I don't like teenagers taking drugs

I don't like smoking(3)

drugs

Drugs suck

I don't like drugs(3)

School uniform

Suggested solutions to problems identified with community life

Ban drugs(4)

Don't sell drugs

I think we need to put CCTV cameras in the play area to catch the Ingrave Gang
More cameras
Keep school going but make it more interesting
Make a bigger play park like King Georges
Security in the field
Security for our school
Security cameral
More security in the parks so they can catch then in the act of vandalism
More police in the village(3)
More policemen(3)
Police in school
Police guards
Get special police patrollers out on the field at night

Transport

Positive things about transport in the villages

I like my road because it is quiet

Negative things about transport in the villages

Busy roads

I don't like main roads(4)

A128(6)

A127(3)

Fast cars going down my road

Cars cause traffic jams

Suggested solutions to transport problems in the villages

More bus stops

More busses

More transport

More speed cameras

More bike tracks

More cars or motorbikes

Teach people how to ride horses on the street

Quieter roads

More traffic lights

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No leisure centre

No public toilets (4)

No restaurants

No shops

No sports centre or keep fit

No supermarket

No swimming pool

Not a lot to do

Not enough activities (2)

Not enough litter bins (2)

Not enough shops (2)

Not many activities for children

Not many children live near me

Nothing to do (2)

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More litter bins (10)
More little villages
More people walking
More places to cross the road
More plants
More plastic bags and dog mess bins
More police (11)
More policemen on the gang
More public footpaths
More public toilets (4)
More road crossings
More roads to solve traffic problems
More shops (3)
More skate parks
More speed bumps (6)
More speed cameras (7)
More tennis courts
More things for children

More traffic lights
More zoos
Neighbourhood Watch (4)
New higher school gates
No more bad people
Outside school football club
Paint bright designs on bins and draw animals on them
Pick up dog mess
Pick up litter when you see it
Policemen on patrol
Post Offices
Private school field (2)
Put down the speeding limit
Put Ingrave gang in prison
Research car engines running without smoke
Safer road crossings
Slow down signs (2)
Split up gangs
Stop building homes, it's getting too crowded
Stop cutting down trees
Stop selling cigarettes
Stop selling graffiti cans
Stronger gates and fences
Supermarket
Take the wolf to a zoo
Tell young children not to smoke (2)
Tennis halls
They shouldn't sell cigarettes in shops anymore
Zebra crossing

Year 6

We asked a group of year 6 children their opinions of the villages: They were asked to brainstorm the positive and negative aspects of Herongate and Ingrave and also to put forward their suggestions for improvements. The combined comments for the groups are listed below (figures in parenthesis indicate the number of repetitions for a particular comment).

Positive aspects of living in the villages

The cricket green (2)

The post office

You know lots of children

The community

It's a nice community, the school grounds are nice

I like living in the villages because I have more freedom than where I used to live, it's also more friendly

I like living in Ingrave because it is a great place to live

You can feed the ducks on the pond and you can watch the cricket

It is friendly

The shop

It is colourful, quiet and meeting new people

Meeting my friends

Pleasant surroundings and all the trees and plants

There is lots of spaces of grass

Convenience of the Esso Garage and the Post Office and I like the Cricket Green

I like the cricket green because I love cricket

I like the post office because it is useful and cheap

I like that there are no flats, it's really homey and there is no graffiti

What things don't you like, what things concern you or would you like to change about the village?

I don't like the new flats being built opposite the church

The roads are too congested

The main road

The traffic with cars and speeding is a problem (2)

The Ingrave gang

Graffiti in the park (play area)

Not enough play areas

I think we should extend our school park because it is not big enough and because it is not very exciting.

There is not enough things to do around here

There is chewing gum all over the paths

I don't like all the rubbish that is around

I don't like that they are building flats

It is really quiet and nothing about it gets mucked up or ruined

I don't like the people and some of the roads are too small so cars can't get through

I am concerned about the Ingrave Gang

I don't like the fact that the only little shop is on the main road. I would like to have a swimming pool nearby

What solutions and ideas do you have about making Herongate and Ingrave a better place to live?

A club for 10-15 year old kids where we can chill

Don't build any new houses

A speed camera is needed for the Ingrave Road
More cycling paths around the villages
More disabled facilities like a ramp to the door of the Post Office
A few shops and a bigger cricket green
Shops that are not on the main road
More activities nearby
Extend the cricket green
Have more rubbish bins because there's a lot more litter about now
I would like to have more leisure activities put in the village
Have more Hog roasts and Flower shows to get to know the Parish Council better
Places where you can take your dog for a walk
More bins for dog poop!
Make the village a safer place
Put some cricket nets on the side of the cricket hut.
Build a club for kids where they can hang out. It could have a pool table and a bar that sells J2O's and stuff like that.
Another café
An outdoor pool
Teenager club because it keeps them off the streets.
A route around the village for cars to keep traffic down
A club for 10-15 year old kids
Have something for the children to do like games shops, toy shops and fun activities to do (I think the grownups have enough pubs)
Health club
Cycling group
I think there should be a basket ball court
Put a roundabout in the park (4)
Enlarge play area
A fitness hall