

# GREAT WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Statement on Crime & Disorder

Version 1

*This policy document should be reviewed and updated as necessary.*

Version	Review Date	Reviewed By	Summary of Changes
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## **Great Waltham Parish Council – Statement on Crime & Disorder**

1. This statement has been adopted by Great Waltham Parish Council (“Council”) to demonstrate it recognises its duties in relation to crime and disorder and the actions it takes to meet its commitments.
2. The parish of Great Waltham enjoys a relatively low crime rate, compared to some of its neighbouring, less rural parishes. However, the Council recognises the physical, emotional and financial distress criminal activities can cause its parishioners. According it remains mindful of its duty to consider crime and disorder implications when exercising its functions and of the need to do all reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in the parish in accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act, 1998 (section 17)<sup>1</sup>.
3. The Council monitors reported crime in the parish using information from the UK Crime Stats website<sup>2</sup>. This allows it to consider volumes of incidents and trend patterns. While the Council recognises the limitations of such data (in terms of being reported incidents only) it helps it to understand the relative positions and trends of particular types of crime.
4. The Council encourages all parishioners to report incidents of crime and disorder to the police.
5. The Council uses social media to report incidents of crime and disorder, especially as it affects parishioners’ access to the services it provides. For instance, incidents of criminal damage to its recreation ground play equipment.
6. The Council has installed and maintains barrier deterrents at its facilities to prevent unauthorised vehicular access, having experienced incidents of anti-social behaviour and littering.
7. The Council remains committed to working with all parishioners, authorities, agencies and other partners to address issues of crime and disorder in the parish. While it understands the funding shortfalls significantly affecting the resources of many organisations, the Council endeavours to work with them to assist in the delivery of safe, visible, accessible and responsive services for its parishioners.

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<sup>1</sup> See Legislation.gov.uk (2022), *Crime and Disorder Act 1998*. Available at <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/37/section/17>. (Accessed 16th April 2022).

<sup>2</sup> See UK Crime Stats (2022), Great Waltham CP, England. Available at <https://www.ukcrimestats.com/Subdivisions/PRW/19918/>. (Accessed 16th April 2022).