

Developing a Shared Vision



The parish and the High Weald landscape from the air.

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3.1 Each stage of the neighbourhood plan process to date has sought to extend the amount of common ground between all sections of the community, narrowing down various options through a transparent and open process.

3.2 At all stages, the neighbourhood planning process has allowed room for dissent and minority views but the overall aim of the process has been to build a broad-based consensus to underpin the plan. This process has allowed a set of objectives for the neighbourhood plan to be developed with a strong vision statement.

Neighbourhood Plan Aims & Objectives

3.3 The extensive public consultation process has revealed a series of issues that are of concern or a source of anxiety to residents and businesses. The same process also identified the features and characteristics of the parish about which people are proud and wish to see protected or enhanced. Together these results have been used to generate the aims and objectives of the Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan. These are the guiding principles of the plan and are designed to strike the right balance between protection and enhancement. All objectives are of equal importance. The draft plan consultation showed that 94% of respondents supported these objectives.

3.4 The planning policies are written in such a way as to help the plan meet these objectives. Each policy is referenced against the key objectives that are of greatest relevance to it. The objectives will also serve as useful monitoring of the plan in the future.

Neighbourhood Plan Vision Statement

Ticehurst Parish will continue to develop its friendly, safe, and attractive communities within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Ticehurst as the largest village will provide the working heart of the parish, with a good range of retail outlets and service-based industries.

Flimwell, with its strategic situation on the A21, will support businesses for which good transport links are important, as well as developing woodland enterprises linked to the AONB.

Stonegate will support the traditional rural economy, tourism, and skilled artisan enterprises, whilst remaining attractive to those who wish to live in a rural environment with good primary schools and rail links.

Neighbourhood Plan Major Aims

To maintain and enhance the rural character of the parish within the special landscape of the High Weald.

To support and extend the employment opportunities within the parish.

To provide high-quality housing for all residents in small developments which reflect the High Weald's historic pattern of settlement.

To improve the infrastructure and amenities within the parish, enhancing the quality of life for all parishioners.

