

## NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS Number 11 — January 2017

2016 was filled with informal consultation events to help our preparation of the Ticehurst Parish Wide Neighbourhood Plan. You can see all the material on the website, [www.ticehurstnp.org](http://www.ticehurstnp.org), or better still, 'subscribe' on the website or send an email to [subscribe@ticehurstnp.org](mailto:subscribe@ticehurstnp.org) for regular updates. The focal point of the December event was visualisations of changes to the streets and public spaces. These photomontage images used a combination of measures aimed at reducing speeds, discouraging through-traffic, and increasing driver awareness of the built environment. The concepts would also reduce highway signage and clutter, including painted lines, and draw out the existing qualities of the parish, much of which is within a Conservation Area.

Since holding the December event, we have received lots of feedback on the work in progress. There was a mixed reaction, with some residents concerned about whether the proposed changes to roads would be effective, and highlighting other issues they felt had not been addressed. However, most respondents were generally very supportive of the concepts and ideas.



A selection of the feedback comments are included in this issue of Neighbourhood News.

*"I am impressed with the work that has been done. I have lived in villages all my life (68) and see this as the most in depth and careful work done on the various matters concerning village life"*

*"Stonegate circle - accident waiting to happen"*

*"Stonegate circle is A1!"*



Stonegate visualisation



Publicity in Ticehurst village square.



Discussions at the December 2016 event.

*"We like the proposed traffic calming measures which we feel should be successful in slowing traffic through the village. The planting of new trees in the centre of the village is a very good idea"*

*"Don't like layout of Lower St. Mary's Lane junction (proposed)"*

*"The idea of using different surface colours is interesting. I think a variety of approaches working in combination has the best chance of being successful"*

*"Excellent designs for road surfaces"*

*"[I am] wholeheartedly in favour of the proposals"*

*"The new road markings are nearly on a par with the Netherlands, which use cycle lanes on both sides of the road to give an impression of a single lane for vehicles"*

*"No chance of changing A21 crossroads"*

*"[I appreciate] the determination of the committee to get all this (even some of it!) done"*

There will be an online survey and the first of two formal six-week consultation events starting in the coming months. In the meantime, we always welcome comments, please email [participate@ticehurstnp.org](mailto:participate@ticehurstnp.org) or write to: The Clerk, Ticehurst Parish Council, The Village Hall, High Street, Ticehurst TN5 7BB.