

Ticehurst Neighbourhood News No. 18 – Dec 2017

Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan.

We are nearly there!

As you know, we have been preparing a plan on behalf of our community. Its aim is to say what Ticehurst Parish needs in order to stay vibrant and attractive for people who want to live and work in it, now and in the future. It will guide any developments in the parish for the next 10 years. As an important part of this process we have:

- tried to include as many different views as possible through consultation events
- talked to local residents, societies, businesses and interest groups
- spoken with other important local and national professional organisations
- worked to ensure that we have complied throughout with planning law (not easy for amateurs!).

The plan now extends to over 100 pages and includes photos, maps and diagrams in support of the evidence we have gathered. It has policies on:

- rural affairs
- business and employment
- housing, including affordable housing
- social and community infra-structure.

It is YOUR plan. It is about all of Ticehurst Parish and belongs to the people who live and work here.

The next step is a formal consultation period for the plan. During this period, we want to show you the plan, ask for your views, give **YOU** a chance to ask any questions and to comment on what we have done.

The consultation will run for 6 weeks from 2nd January to 13th February 2018. During this period there will be:

- a major consultation event on February 1st and 2nd in the Ticehurst Village Hall
- pop-up events on Saturdays
- a copy of the plan on the website www.ticehurstnp.org
- copies available at key points round the Parish, such as village halls and the Parish Office.

If the plan is to succeed, your comments are vital. You can send these:

- written on a feedback form, which can be posted or dropped into pick-up points or
- on-line via Survey Monkey at ticehurstnp.org.

After 13th February, all the comments received will be collated and responded to, and any necessary changes to the plan will be made. It will then be sent first to Rother District Council for a further consultation, and finally to an Independent Inspector, who will ensure that there are no areas of the plan which contravene local or national policies and might therefore prevent its implementation.

When all this is done, there will be a local referendum which will give everyone in the Parish a final opportunity to accept or reject the plan. If it is accepted, the plan will be adopted by Rother District Council. It will then have legal weight when any developments proposed for the parish are considered.

**PLEASE GET INVOLVED. COME TO THE CONSULTATION EVENTS.
COMPLETE THE SURVEY. YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT.**

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