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Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan

We have spent a busy month analysing the responses to the draft plan.

We were very pleased with the support that we received from you all:

- 84% - 95% support for 18 of the 19 policies
- 65% for the Housing Allocations Policy (H2).



Some of the external reviewers advised that we should strengthen the language within the plan. They suggested make the wording less passive and therefore possibly ambiguous, to be stronger. For example changing 'preferably' to 'must', when we are talking about the designs that we expect for new homes.

We also need more detail about the bio-diversity of our area, in both the plan and the Strategic Environmental Assessment(SEA).

We must also make sure that we get as many local examples as we can within the plan. This is to ensure that the Independent Examiner can see that the changes that we want to make in the Parish, for example to footpaths and cycle ways, are necessary and supported by the community.

This month we are therefore:

- contacting all of the owners of the green spaces (Policy R2)
- revising the language in the plan
- meeting David Marlow from Rother District Council(RDC) to discuss the changes that they require in the plan and the SEA
- meeting East Sussex Highways to discuss the next stage of the plan for the village centre, traffic calming and the road repairs
- meeting the Conservation and Design Officer from RDC to discuss the Public Realm strategy for Ticehurst

We will have a table at the Village Assembly on the 30th April where you can discuss the Neighbourhood Plan with members of the Steering Group.

You will also be able to view and comment on the revised design for the Village Centre and the proposed traffic calming measures.

Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group