Ticehurst Neighbourhood News No. 24 – July 2018 **Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan.** Ticehurst Several people have asked how we are going to respond to the Neighbourhood consultation, so here is the process. Plan The figure shows where the comments came from and what we have to do. Statutory consultees Summarise by input Decide response Change policies Written responses Survey responses **OUTPUT** Summarise each one Summarise by policy Revised Plan Decide response Decide response Consultation report Change policies Change policies **Evidence-based review** Prioritise (which matter) Change policies

We had over 300 **survey responses** with comments on many of the policies (probably about 6000 comments in total). These have been summarised into about 8-10 common themes for each policy. Each theme will have a response from the Parish Council (about 200 responses in total).

We had responses from nine **statutory consultees** (National Grid, Southern Water, Historic England etc.). East Sussex County Council and Rother District Council provided 27 pages of comments, so we have over 80 responses to make.

We had written responses from about 50 people and we will respond to each of these.

Finally, AECOM provided an **evidence-based review**. This looked to see if our policies were clearly written and had sufficient evidence to back them up (the evidence is detailed at the back of the plan and also available on the Neighbourhood Plan website). For each policy, AECOM made recommendations on what needed to be changed to strengthen it. Our next step is to decide what modifications should be made based on this report.

All of the responses are made by the Parish Council (not the Steering Group).

We are making progress on this work. We are rewriting 8 of the 19 policies and adding to the evidence base. We have rewritten the Site Assessment document (replacing the Call for Sites document). During this process, we are also consulting with Rother District Council and other interested parties.

As we reported in March, once this work is complete, the Final Stage is as follows.

- 1. Revise the Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan from draft into final version.
- 2. Revise the Strategic Environmental Assessment.
- 3. Produce the other reports required for the next stage. These are:
 - o Consultation Report which includes:

- all the work done over the past two and a half years in consulting with the parishioners and other interested parties
- all the comments received during our recent Regulation 14 Consultation period, and how we will modify the draft plan as a result.
- o Basic Conditions Report which answers the following questions:
 - does the Ticehurst NP conform to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)?
 - does it also conform to the Rother District Council Core Strategy?
 - does it meet all other necessary legal conditions?

Note that the NPPF is still being revised, so we are aiming at a moving target.

4. Submit these reports, together with our Evidence Base, to Rother District Council. They will then publicise them for another six-week consultation period, when you will again be able to submit your comments.

We hope this shows that we are not ignoring the comments received; on the contrary they are proving invaluable in revising and strengthening the plan. There is, however, a considerable amount of work required at this stage, so please bear with us. All the reports will be published on our website as soon as possible.

Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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