

Ticehurst Neighbourhood News No. 30 – May 2019

## Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan

We have reached another landmark in the seemingly never-ending process of producing the Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan!

We have received the final Inspector's report and agreed all the changes to be made to the plan with Rother DC. Whilst we go ahead with amending the plan document, Rother DC will be starting the work to set up the referendum. Rye, Crowhurst and Ticehurst are all at the same stage, so Rother are hoping to have all three referendums on the same day. However, with the many stages that we still have to plough through, this won't be before June and could well be later.



The Inspector was very complimentary over the plan, in particular:

*"The Steering Group has produced a document of the highest quality. It is well laid out and makes excellent use of maps and photographs, which clearly describes the character of the plan area."*

*"I must congratulate Ticehurst Parish Council for preparing a locally distinct neighbourhood plan, which seeks to deliver on the expressed priorities of the residents of the parish of Ticehurst."*

On the detail:

- He has accepted our housing allocations - Orchard Farm and Singehurst in Ticehurst and Wardsdown House in Flimwell.
- He has taken out all green gaps except the most important one between Flimwell and Ticehurst.
- He has taken out one green space - where the signpost was at the corner of the A21 in Flimwell.
- He has asked us to insert maps of the protected viewpoints (Rother are producing these maps).

Most of the rest is wording to ensure that the policies are legally watertight for planning purposes.

We will publish the amended plan and the Inspector's report on the website together, so that will not be for a few weeks.

So congratulations and thanks to everyone in the Steering Group and the many parishioners who commented on the draft plan. You have all contributed to this very satisfactory result. We still have a way to go but perhaps the end is in sight at last!

*Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group*