

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS Number 10 — December 2016

Getting engagement with the planning process is our biggest challenge. Understandably, most people have more urgent things to occupy their minds and what could or might happen in the future is often of little consequence unless it is right on their own front door.



The November 2016 consultation event.

However, we have had good support for our set piece events with 200 people signed into the January visioning events and over 100 took part in the design forum in March when we also heard presentations from 13 different community groups. More than 180 attended the informal consultation in November and submitted 36 booklets of comments on policy proposals.

We have used leaflets, posters, postcards and our regular Neighbourhood News reports in News & Views. We are also on Facebook (search for the Ticehurst, Flimwell and Stonegate Villages group) where there are group discussions on the plan.



But we still need more help in spreading the message. So please tell everyone you meet that there will be a further opportunity to contribute in Ticehurst Village Hall on:

— **Thursday 1st December 2016**
from 12:00 noon until 9:30 pm

— **Friday 2nd December 2016**
from 9:00 am until 9:30 pm

... and around the parish until
Saturday 10th December 2016.

There will also be an online survey and the first of two formal six-week consultation events starting in the New Year. We always welcome comments, please email participate@ticehurstnp.org or write to

The Clerk, Ticehurst Parish Council, The Village Hall, High Street, Ticehurst TN5 7BB.

The neighbourhood plan is likely to propose changes to the streets and spaces to slow traffic and make the village more attractive. What do you think of these ideas?



TICEHURST SQUARE : A new surface sweeps across from Pickforde Lane to Church Street, highlighting the war memorials along its path. This visual disruption to the east west route will make car drivers slow down, helping to return priority to pedestrians in this part of the village.



LOWER PLATTS / PASHLEY ROAD : The carriageway is psychologically narrowed by the new colours, causing drivers to slow down as they approach the junction. By alternating between differently coloured surfaces, the long straight visual path is disrupted, removing the current temptation maintain a high speed through the village.



TICEHURST VILLAGE HALL : The resurfaced road helps to psychologically narrow the carriageway. This causes drivers to become more cautious and slow down, allowing pedestrians to cross at convenient location outside the village hall.



HIGH STREET / ST MARY'S LANE : Removing the current arrangement of awkward and messy bits of pavements, this new layout creates continuous pedestrian movement in all directions while also slowing traffic. What do you think of all these ideas?

SUGGESTED TOPIC AREAS FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The following topics will be addressed by the neighbourhood plan through policies and projects. This is not the whole story though and it can contain other ideas too. Let us know what you think.

Green Spaces

It will protect green spaces in Stonegate & Flimwell Cricket Grounds, Ticehurst Rec., The Bell Field and Stonegate & Ticehurst Ponds... *but where else?*

Ticehurst Village Centre

It will seek to restore Ticehurst Centre by replacing dying chestnut trees with healthy hornbeams, repair the well, extend the pump house and pave the square for pedestrians... *but how do we fund it?*

Pavements

It will protect pavements for pedestrians, mobility scooter users, buggy pushers and dog walkers, keeping them clear of cars... *but where do we park?*

Affordable Housing

It will support lower cost housing for local families through shared ownership, self-build and “Woodnet-style” design... *but what else is needed?*

Countryside Views

It will protect idyllic views south from Cottenden Road, north-west towards Bewl Water from Berners Hill and south-east across the Limden Valley... *but where else needs protecting?*

Countryside Links

It will promote paved footpaths for walkers and cyclists to link with Bewl Water and down to Stonegate Station... *but where else needs better connections?*

We want to hear from you about these ideas and more so please come along to Ticehurst Village Hall on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd of December 2016 to find out more and to have your say.



Group discussions at the November event.