Encourage recreational use of the AONB

9.37 Ensure local people and visitors are aware of the excellent walking opportunities by displaying local maps and advertising them.

9.38 The attractions of the AONB draw tourists to the area and benefit the local economy.

9.39 Notice boards informing local people and tourists of the facilities that are available are planned for central areas.

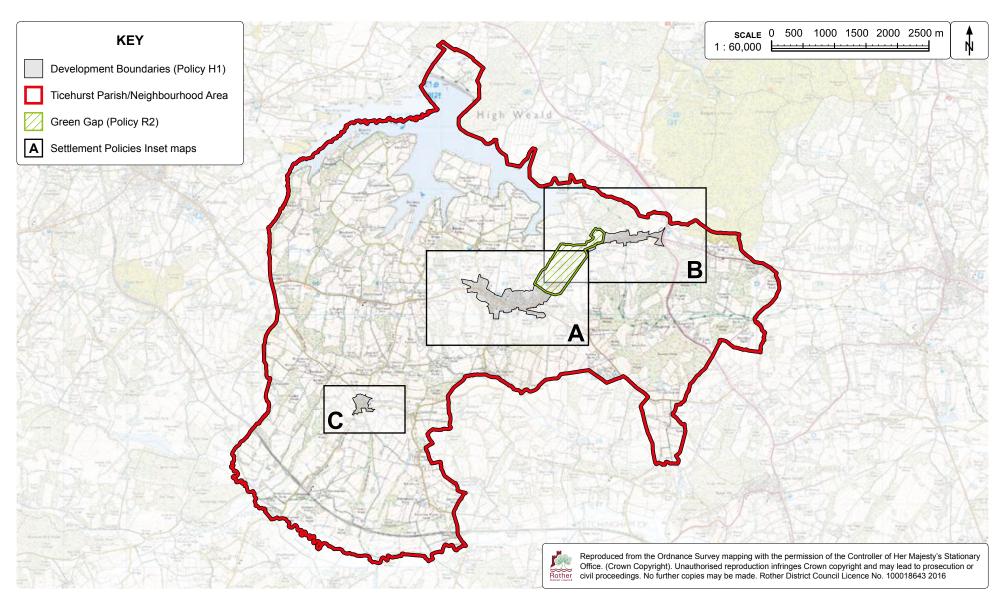
9.40 The pub in the centre of Ticehurst Village plans to produce leaflets about local walks. Information about local events is published every month in the parish magazine (News and Views) which is distributed throughout the parish.

9.41 Ticehurst has a well-attended footpath society and healthy walks programme.

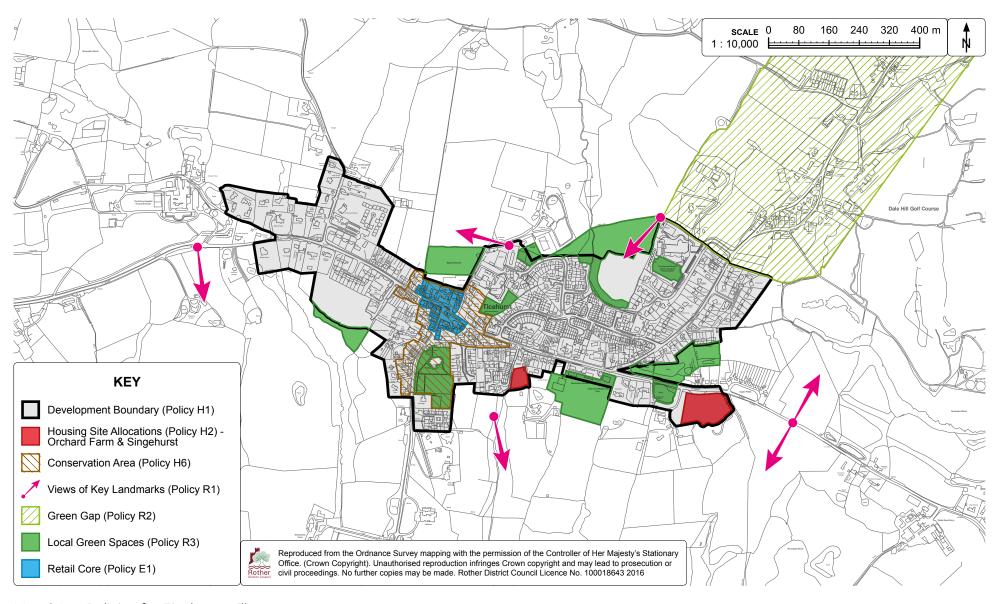
Summary of Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan Policies

9.42 The following maps illustrate the TNP policies below:

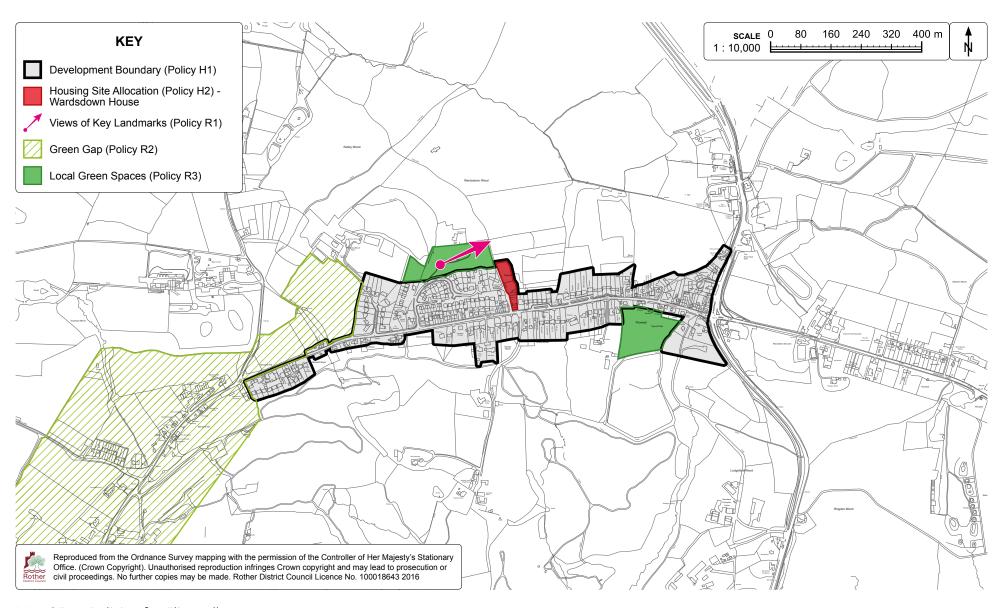
- RI Conserve the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- R2 Maintain Green Gaps Between Settlements
- R₃ Protect & Enhance Green Spaces
- Er Protect & Enhance Local Services & Facilities
- Hr The Spatial Plan
- H2 Housing Site Allocations
- H6 Conservation & Heritage



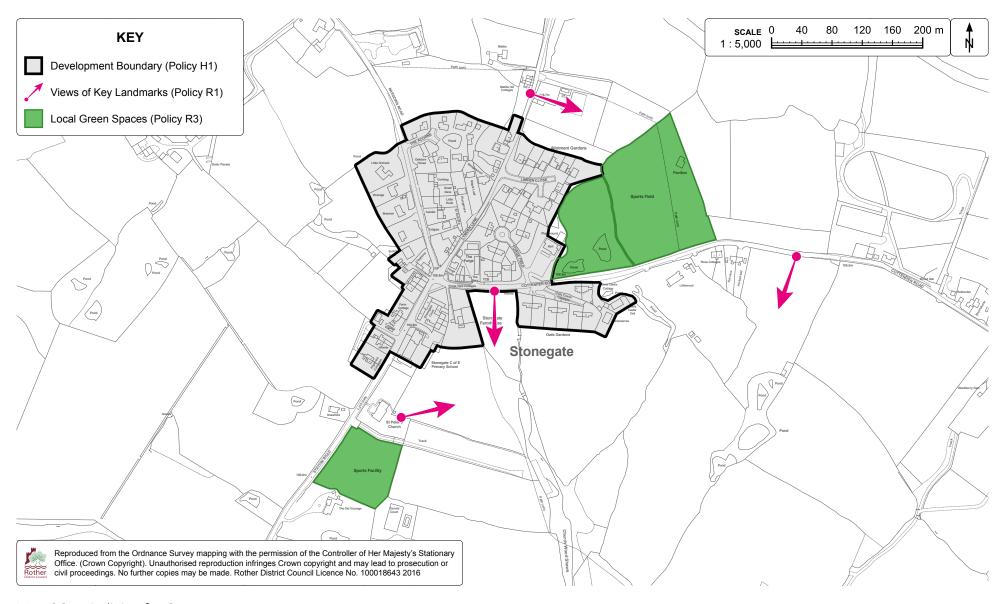
Map 23 — Summary of Policies for Ticehurst Parish.



Map 24 — Policies for Ticehurst village.



Map 25 — Policies for Flimwell.



Map 26 — Policies for Stonegate.

The Referendum

10.1 The Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan was supported by local people through a referendum held on 27th June 2019.

10.2 A referendum on the Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan was held on Thursday 27th June 2019. The referendum was conducted on procedures similar to those used at local government elections. The question that was asked in the referendum was:

"Do you want Rother District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Ticehurst to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

10.3 The neighbourhood area is the entire area of the parish of Ticehurst.

10.4 Voters in the referendum were asked to mark a cross (X) in either the "Yes" of the "No" box on a ballot paper to indicate their preference. The results of the referendum were as follows:

- Turnout 776 (26.48%)
- Yes 640 (82.5%)
- No 134 (17.3%)
- Spoiled 2 (0.2%)

10.5 With more than half of those voting in the referendum in favour of the neighbourhood plan, Rother District Council ensured that the neighbourhood plan was "made" at the earliest opportunity and now use it to help determine planning applications in Ticehurst Parish.

10.6 On 8th July 2019, the Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan was formally "made" at the Rother District Council meeting.