

Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan: Evidence RecordTitle: **Consultation Comments from November 2016 Event**

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Transcripts of comments from 40 booklets and 4 letters as at 24th November 2016¹.**Overview:**

VILLAGE CONCEPT	Policy Proposal	Broadly supportive	Broadly neutral	Broadly opposed
LIVING	- Housing Development Mix	18	10	1
	- Housing Development Sites	17	10	1
	- Pavements for Pedestrians	20	13	2
DESIGN	- The Design of New Buildings	21	3	0
	- Improvement to Ticehurst Centre	25	6	0
	- Residential Car Parking	11	7	2
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WORKING	- Supporting Local Services	20	4	1
	- Supporting Tourism & Recreation	19	3	3
	- Promoting the Diversification of Agricultural Businesses	13	5	1
	- Protecting Existing Agricultural Occupancy	14	4	1
	- Business Employment Sites	10	5	2
GREEN	- AONB Ancient Woodland	18	2	0
	- AONB Protection & Enhancement of Views	20	0	0
	- Green Gaps Between Settlements	18	3	3
	- Ticehurst Parish Green Spaces	18	1	0
	- Protection of Roadside Verges	18	5	1
	- Footpaths & Rights-of-Way	17	5	0

Comments on Policy Proposals

- **THE LIVING VILLAGE Housing Development Mix**

“Housing developments should have a range of tenures and sizes, with a preference for smaller units. Minimum floor areas for each size of house will be set, together with the level of affordable housing available to the people of Ticehurst.”

Comment 1 The majority of new builds should be 2-3 beds, ie smaller units. Could also consider small apartments/flats - similar to Woodroffe Lodge.

Comment 2 While housing provision for the young is important if more retirement type properties were available this would free up some middle range housing and the market would be a bit more fluid.

Comment 3 Mixture is best. Small means some problems. (Buy to rent - transient families - council placements)

Comment 4 Agree with above.

Comment 5 If Ticehurst has more children than the national average, how does this balance with needing more 1-2 bedroom houses? Would 2-3 bedrooms be more appropriate. I would favour more

¹ Comments have been transcribed as written and unedited. Illegible words are presented: ?bestguess? Names have been redacted [REDACTED]

shared ownership than the required 40% to encourage young families & locals remaining in the village.

Comment 6 Agree

Comment 7 We are living longer so we must cater for older folk on their own.

Comment 8 The Cherry Tree site, including the car park and the wood seem ideal for 10-12 houses

Comment 9 I agree

Comment 10 The village need enough housing particularly rented accommodation with housing association to keep the young people who have grown up in the village to stay

Comment 11 Would like to see any affordable housing to be mixed in with higher priced ones and for the designs to be different to achieve a mixed community. I am not in favour of large estate developments but understand Rother requires this. I worry that our village will become a town.

Comment 12 Definitely need smaller homes for "ordinary" families. Not 4/5 bed double garage £5/600,000 up!! These are not village homes.

Comment 13 Yes - 1 bed houses - some. What about studio flats - more affordable.

Comment 14 We need a good mix of owner occupied and rented - two bed small houses, affordable. We have plenty of expensive ones and many that were built as small are now expanded and expensive.

Comment 15 The observations in the leaflet seem to be at variance. It says that here is need for more 1-2 bed houses but also says that there are more children in Ticehurst than the local average. My view is that we should encourage families, who require 3+ bedrooms. 1-2 bed houses tend to be bought by retired people. To remain a living village, we need families rather than old people.

Comment 16 Large sites, already approved should be re-designed to appear as several smaller developments. + Yes! Priority for residents to new housing.

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Comment 17 We think there should be more rental houses, 1-2 bedrooms, for couples or single people.

Comment 18 I think we should have more 1-2 bed houses owner occupied or shared ownership. This would help young couples to find affordable houses.

Comment 19 (extract from letter) ..be aware of the debate..... as to whether planning consents that pre-date adoption of Neighbourhood Plans should be treated as windfalls or count as strategic housing allocations.

Comment 20 There is a need for affordable housing so our young can stay in their village + ensure a young and vibrant future for the village.

Comment 21 Affordable smaller housing units should be a priority. £300,000 is not affordable for some first time buyers.

Comment 22 You cannot second guess future housing needs - will owners/tenants be prepared to sell/vacate their homes to accommodate perceived needs many years down the track? I would doubt it unless there is a regulation to enforce such a situation. Also apparently married couples with children are reported to be returning to their parental home; therefore there could be a need for larger not smaller houses. Agree that affordable housing is needed but what are Housing Associations doing about this?

- Comment 23 It is surprising that the units in the Old Coach House have not all been taken, so presumably there is not the demand for this type of housing, I would advocate small owner-occupied houses.
- Comment 24 Affordable housing will not be provided from smaller developments which are subject to viability assessments.
- Comment 25 Smaller units are needed but affordable family houses are also needed with adequate facilities for young children if we want our village and our community to thrive. We need to attract young families to Ticehurst.
- Comment 26 If there are more children than the local average, I'm a little surprised that we need more 1-2 bed houses ... surely we would need more affordable family homes.
- Comment 27 As there is a limited amount of development area in Flimwell to build affordable housing- should the first time buyers in Flimwell have equal access to affordable housing built in Ticehurst?
- Comment 28 Mixture of housing, inclu. 3 b'room ones, but must be in keeping with village architecture & colouring of roofing & walls of dwellings to blend in. Trees / shrubs for wildlife.
- Comment 29 There are several owners of larger houses who would like to downsize but not straight into 1 or 2 bed houses or "elderly accommodation". A number of 3 or 4 bedroom houses like Windy Field in Vineyard Lane would be a good idea.

- **THE LIVING VILLAGE Housing Development Sites**

"Development sites (preferably brownfield) should comprise fewer than 10 houses and have an appropriate layout, form and density. They should be adjacent to existing settlements, be protected against flooding, and encourage self-build."

- Comment 1 Land at the 'Cherry Tree'?
- Comment 2 Small developments with a mix of house styles and size. Surface water is a problem as the soil is heavy clay. Any development should have adequate drainage and not just to existing water courses which cannot cope with heavy rain.
- Comment 3 Learning disabilities - need for some affordable housing for people with learning disabilities.
- Comment 4 Support small developments fully.
- Comment 5 Agree
- Comment 6 Agree
- Comment 7 Totally agree
- Comment 8 Ticehurst is a very attractive village. Lets hope that any new developments (which are needed) retain the charm of existing houses, (unlike the old Warrens coachworks site)!
- Comment 9 Plus parking for each house. Why encourage 'self-build'. Surely they can afford to buy. What restrictions would there be on self-build - not really necessary if they have to conform.
- Comment 10 Yes to rear of coachworks site. Yes to behind school. That should fulfil our quota. Any more must be rigorously fought. We are a village and wish to remain so.
- Comment 11 Small developments please
- Comment 12 But not in ANOB. Eg not around the Bell field
- Comment 13 1 Hilbury Field 2 Banky Field 3 Singehurst
- Comment 14 Sites should include some away from Ticehurst centre (Stonegate Three-Leg Cross etc) in order to spread the impact.

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Comment 15 We agree with the above statement.

Comment 16 I agree that developments should have fewer than 10 houses.

Comment 17 *(extract from letter)* ...restricting new development sites to fewer than 10 houses will limit the opportunity to secure affordable housing...

Comment 18 Land behind the old Warren's coachworks + Banky Field are both suitable - the latter being close to the school.

Comment 19 Limiting the size of developments to around ten homes is great idea + I fully support it. When possible adjacent to existing settlements etc.

Comment 20 I agree with the above.

Comment 21 Brownfield sites are very few - but what is happening on the Wallcrouch site where Altered Images were? I am sure that council members know where potential housing sites may be that would not endanger High Weald AAONB and not be subject to flooding.

Comment 22 Small, well designed developments rather than large estates.

Comment 23 If the parish of Ticehurst has nearly met the target up to 2028 why do they wish to allocate more sites for housing? If so, only Brownfield sites should come forward at all.

Comment 24 Definitely in favour of very small developments. Village should grow organically wherever suitable sites are located. Necessity to think long term and respect for the environment and the traditional ways of living.

Comment 25 Agree strongly!

Comment 26 It must be clearly understood that land or buildings designated for agricultural use are not brownfield sites.

Comment 27 As above rather than large estates.

Comment 28 Lets try and limit development sites to those in the old "Village Plan". Good access to the village stores and school would be ideal.

- **THE LIVING VILLAGE Pavements for Pedestrians**

"Pavements should be reserved for use by pedestrians, wheel-chair and mobility scooter users, pushchairs and dog walkers."

Comment 1 Either bring in a by-law (or similar) to make it illegal or use physical barriers ie posts.

Comment 2 Some councils mark out where parking on the pavement is allowed by painting boxes the size of a car one third on the pavement two thirds on the roadway. This should only be done where the pavement is wide enough to accommodate it.

Comment 3 OK, but provide more parking. Bell field is a mess - re-plan please.

Comment 4 There should be no parking on pavements and this includes outside the village hall! The only way to stop is education and where possible bollards. We need to tell people/ ask people not to do it.

Comment 5 Need build outs to protect cars parked on roads.

Comment 6 By whom / how?

Comment 7 Very important to me. Would be very disappointed if this is not in the TNP. Many of those parking are local so Police notices/fines for repeat offenders should work. Notices on lamp posts.

- Comment 8 Do not agree. Car owners want to park outside their house. If required to park totally on road, spin off could be traffic calming or slowing down which is good
- Comment 9 Additionally "B" roads must have pavements to enable folk to walk, cycle or scooter between villages.
- Comment 10 Most cars park just on the pavement opposite Hilbury Gdns but some park across the pavement and I am unable to use my rolator [REDACTED]
- Comment 11 I totally agree with the above even with my shopping trolley it is sometimes difficult to get past the cars. My husband always has difficulty with his rollator.
- Comment 12 It would be a shame to get rid of the grassed areas next to the pavements but I wonder if these could be tarmac for cars with trees planted at intervals which would help with the look.
- Comment 13 I agree with the sentiment, but wonder where all the cars are going to park, particularly after the population increases!
- Comment 14 Better walking routes from Flimwell to Ticehurst please.
- Comment 15 Need 2 pedestrian crossing
- Comment 16 Pavement between school and Flimwell. Scooter use is increasing maybe if they used the road, the pot holes would get mended and it would slow vehicles down!
- Comment 17 Pavements are not in a good state. They should be built out at either end of the village to make cars slow down and enable sufficient width for cars to park without being smashed into.
- Comment 18 We have been fighting this battle for many years and have lost! A dotted yellow paint line on the pavement leaving sufficient width for pram buggy / disability scooters to navigate the pavement MIGHT encourage those that value their car more than other people's lives to park safely. Parked cars DO slow TRAFFIC
- Comment 19 In the High Street, cars are parked partially on the pavement as many houses here have no private parking. There have been some complaints about this but I do not find that it proves an obstruction to using the pavements. I think that cars parked along the High Street provide a benefit in helping to slow traffic driving through the Village. I find this 'natural' form of traffic calming preferable to the road narrowing that has been implemented in other local villages, such as Lamberhurst, which can sometimes lead to congestion.
- Comment 20 Widen roads for parking where needed and re-shape pavements to suit. Raise kerbs to make pavement parking more difficult.

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- Comment 21 Perhaps there could be fines for parking on pavements; to deter people.
- Comment 22 A pavement from Stonegate village centre to the train station would enable access to public transport. It would reduce car use, improving the environment / reducing emissions.
- Comment 23 Because of traffic expectation in the village it is very difficult for cars to park outside their houses eg St Mary's Lane and Church Street.
- Comment 24 Yes, as long as there is adequate speed control for vehicles passing through the village.
- Comment 25 Unless there is space there may still be a parking problem. Perhaps integral and underground garaging is needed with no permissions granted for change of use. Ticehurst like Wadhurst, Stonegate and Flimwell are submerged by traffic. As you say PAVEMENTS ARE FOR PEDESTRIANS so why do we allow them to be used by vehicles? OK some older houses have no garages or the potential for off-street parking - a sufficiently large car park is needed (?multi-storey or underground?) but where? Bollards could be installed?

- Comment 26 I am less sure about this. There needs to be car parking. Can designated spaces be made, even at the expense of wider pavements in some places?
- Comment 27 Parking on pavements seems to have become the norm. How you discourage it & enforce it, I've no idea.
- Comment 28 A pedestrian pavement is needed between Lower Platts & Flimwell. This would make walking, for many, safer & more enjoyable. We like to walk to Bewl via Rosemary Lane, but the first section to get from lower Platts to Rosemary Lane, is not pleasant & is dangerous.
- Comment 29 If Ticehurst has a problem with pavement parking it should provide a central car park. People are naturally lazy and will park anywhere without enforcement.
- Comment 30 Yes, pavements should be improved and suitable for all walkers and wheel chair users. The space available should be carefully allocated to suit as many needs as possible. People who live along the High Street and do not have a drive have to park outside their houses and provision should be made to improve parking facilities.
- Comment 31 Pavements on E. of Flimwell traffic lights almost non-existing, especially from Sunnybank (beginning of) to Church, both sides - overgrown & crumbling, hardly room for single person let alone dogs, prams. I frequently have to walk in the road near the dangerous bend. Motorist often park on pavements because traffic is so fast - 50 mph - and they 'don't want their cars damaged? - Doesn't matter about pedestrians!
- Comment 32 Either this, or more areas with no parking at all... if there was no parking between the church and the Square, it would feel a lot safer!
- Comment 33 This is a problem in Flimwell. Coaches belonging to Hams regularly park on the pavement on the A21 - pedestrians have to walk on to the A21 to pass them. Also commercial vehicles are regularly parked on the pavement of the A268. Pavements in general on A268 are inadequate for pedestrians.
- Comment 34 Maybe we should make it illegal but then residents will be hard put to sell their houses.
- Comment 35 Banning parking on the pavement would also contribute to traffic calming - particularly in the High Street, but is the road wide enough for lorries to pass.

- **ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN** **The Design of New Buildings**

“Building development should demonstrate high quality design to reflect and enhance the character of Ticehurst. New designs should respect their context and use local, sustainable materials.”

Comment 1 Yes. The former HA houses/flats in the village (now demolished) were an eyesore.

Comment 2 Developers need to understand that ?reflecting? the character of Ticehurst will be fundamental to securing permissions.

Comment 3 At the initial meeting, sustainable housing using local resources was presented by Flimwell Woodland Trust. I would welcome this type of development if it allowed low cost housing.

Comment 4 Agree

Comment 5 I agree

Comment 6 Houses should blend in with the existing buildings

Comment 7 New build need to fit in with the area and different designs would make new developments look more appealing

Comment 8 Agree!!

Comment 9 Within reason. Function needs to be considered as well.

Comment 10 Agree

Comment 11 We live in a woodland landscape producing our own fuel. New build should provide for the possibility of chimneys. Wealden wood NOT Russian GAS

Comment 12 New housing should try to be in keeping with the vernacular style of housing in order to maintain the high weald character of the village. Recent new housing, such as those outside the Bell and The Old Coachworks, are typical of generic suburban style. Eden Court, however, while not necessarily typical of the Weald area, blends in quite well because it mixes different designs and sizes as well as pleasant landscaping comprising both green areas and courtyards. As a result there is a mix of families, older couples and singles with a real sense of community in Eden Court. Residents frequently organise their own social events and are welcoming to newcomers. It's a village within a village. Larger areas to be developed, such as Farthing Hill, could be built in a similar way to encourage a similar diversity of residents.

Comment 13 I have no interest in tourism unless they can park their cars (etc) out of the way.

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Comment 14 Agree

Comment 15 Agree with the above

Comment 16 I agree with the statement.

Comment 17 High quality design should reflect the character of local architecture, and use local sustainable materials.

Comment 18 High quality comes from good architecture, but this must be difficult to enforce. I can only suggest that a lively local interest in the issue will help.

Comment 19 This is a very difficult area of debate. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder and we all have different views on this. I do not believe a Neighbourhood Plan has the power to influence aesthetic judgements.

Comment 20 Design simple traditional looking buildings using suitable / local materials. Think long term and practical. Houses are important investments and should be carefully designed. Use innovative

materials with care. Sustainability is very important. New designs should also be encouraged if they enhance the rest of the village.

Comment 21 This make sense but I hope “reflect and enhance” are not interpreted to mean “look old”

Comment 22 It is very important that good design and ‘in keeping’ with local style is reflected in new builds.

Comment 23 Housing developments to have space in boundaries for hedgehogs to PASS THRO? We must promote good design, sadly usually more modern housing stands out & looks cheap and quickly becomes shabby. The higher quality building materials tend to “weather” better, so blend in - important as then we all take more pride in our village & then visitors will come & enjoy the local shops, cafes & walks!

Comment 24 Ticehurst already has a real mix of building designs and this should be encouraged in future developments.

- **ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN** **Improvement to Ticehurst Centre**

“Developments which enhance Ticehurst centre, such as transforming the village square and reducing traffic speeds, will be encouraged and supported.”

Comment 1 Changing the junction at Upper / Lower Platts to a mini-roundabout or 3-way ‘Give Way’ signs.

Comment 2 Parking in the village square should be controlled and time limited. Marked parking areas might also help. There is a problem with speeding vehicles on the three main approach roads to the village. Some traffic calming measures like Lamberhurst could be introduced.

Comment 3 Please make some lasting decisions on the square. Keep the well (enhance) Retain some trees. Cobble the square. Use demountable bollards to keep the traffic out when required. (They lock up from below ground storage)

Comment 4 Totally support this! More trees and use of different surfaces to encourage pedestrians and discourage traffic especially high speed is very important. Encourage use of Square for community events.

Comment 5 Enforce parking restrictions outside The Bell. Too often the junction is obstructed for both pedestrians and drivers. Perhaps a camera? Try and provide a bit more parking perhaps allow overnight parking by village hall for residents.

Comment 6 Recent spending e.g. £75,000 has done nothing to sort this.

Comment 7 The surfaces should be prioritised to avoid accidents. I would favour in saving the well & cover (bus shelter) & changing the trees to smaller types, perhaps more than 3, to give a ‘public space’ for stalls, gatherings etc. Parking outside the village shop alarms me as trucks back in across half the pavement & could kill or maim toddlers.

Comment 8 Agree

Comment 9 I agree 20mph is fast enough through villages with narrow roads such as ours

Comment 10 Please make the square one way

Comment 11 Roads around need resurfacing immediately. Get the square sorted ASAP

Comment 12 I would not like to see the well go but the parking needs to be improved and perhaps only parking on one side of the road in upper Church Street

Comment 13 I have written to the council stating that the main rd from Lower Platts, to Hilbury Gdns would shame a third world country.

Comment 14 Markey area please.

- Comment 15 Tidy up the square but keep the existing character. One way system to be enforced. Flashing lights to indicate speeding at either end of the village
- Comment 16 By increasing the covered space, ie creating a cruciform structure incorporating the present pump house there would be a sufficient space for 1) children waiting for the school bus 2) WI market events 3) a small band or musical event
- Comment 17 The Village Square is the heart of the village. Currently, it is used for parking but a large number of spaces are permanently occupied by Ticehurst Motors. I think there is some debate about who owns this area. Aesthetically, it would enhance the village centre if it could be cobbled to make more of a central square similar to what has been done in Battle in front of the Abbey. A few car parking spaces could be retained for very short term parking for people popping into the village to collect their paper, say. Ticehurst Motors would have to find somewhere else to park their cars but not in the Pickforde Lane car park, which they also use to park too many cars, such that it can often be difficult for villagers to park.
- Comment 18 Please give improving the square the priority above all else.

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- Comment 19 We think the pavement in the Square should be levelled; as we know of people who have fallen off the bus shelter, and broken their ankle. Perhaps speed signs that light up with the speed on it, might deter speeders.
- Comment 20 Something must be done to improve the uneven surface in the village square- difficult for old people to negotiate.
- Comment 21 I agree with this statement.
- Comment 22 Unless vehicles can be made to respect the speed limits there will never be solution: unless a chicane system (as in Lamberhurst and many other villages and towns) can be installed. Not much we can do about it unless ESCC Highways involves itself. Speeding traffic and parking are the main problem here. Some sort of chicane is needed here otherwise it will never be an asset. The picture of the Square on page 55 of November's News & Views surely shows how it could look? Sure the trees may need replacing but the well, pump-house and the canopy could be restored? Maybe a permit system should be introduced for residents in/off the Square?
- Comment 23 Rother, or whoever, is responsible, should be prevailed upon to improve the present lamentable state of the pavements.
- Comment 24 The Square is vital, but so is the ability to park. It is also essential to keep the shops we have and even encourage more. Long term parking in the centre should be discouraged, and a one-way system in the Square itself initiated.
- Comment 25 Village car park needs extending further. All the while Ticehurst Motors operates out of the Square, it is difficult to see how it can be improved, apart from some decent resurfacing.
- Comment 26 You will only encourage more pedestrians and trade in Ticehurst if you provide alternative parking.
- Comment 27 We are very lucky to have a village square. We should develop it and community events should be encouraged on it. Aesthetically, it suffers from lack of pedestrian areas and lack of plants / flowers benches etc. Can we find space or car parking elsewhere?
- Comment 28 More sensible parking around the centre would make the biggest improvement.
- Comment 29 Time limited parking in the Square in Ticehurst. This would encourage more frequent, short shopping trips. At the moment I am discouraged from shopping in Ticehurst because I cannot park in the Square and quickly pop in to shops.

Comment 30 Re-balance ?priority? of pedestrians. An attractive square to relax in. Remove railings around the war memorial + alter shape ie rectangular with seating in the sunny areas.

Comment 31 Totally agree - lack of speed controls and parking facilities puts people off visiting the village centre. Numbers for the 'Healthy Walks' initiative are put off because there are no parking spaces in the Bell Car Park.

- **ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN Residential Car Parking**

"Areas for car parking to be well-designed and unobtrusive. A case by case approach to parking is to be adopted that considers housing and locational context including visitor parking and impact on existing nearby developments"

Comment 1 Any new development should not only provide garage parking for each dwelling but also adequate of street parking per dwelling. The car is here to stay in one form or another.

Comment 2 Needs to be more parking spaces in centre of Ticehurst again with a view to clearing the Square. Parking anywhere within the Square should be limited.

Comment 3 If few use a garage, new housing should have hard standing to reduce cars on the road.

Comment 4 Agree

Comment 5 We must use small areas for off street parking ie St Mary's Lane near the church

Comment 6 There is no disabled parking at the village hall and the flat access is rarely open

Comment 7 Stop permission for garage conversion.

Comment 8 Build another story onto the Pickforde Lane carpark

Comment 9 Rational design of Bell Field car park including second exit onto Pickforde Lane and one way traffic flow can increase capacity by 10% and allow for library and rubbish collection. Secondary discreet parking area can be achieved when knotweed eradicated

Comment 10 Changing front gardens into parking space should be done without making them looking ugly.

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Comment 11 Agreed

Comment 12 Garages are not necessary if not used

Comment 13 It is important to increase parking space - off road.

Comment 14 ✓

Comment 15 Property values are not driven by garage conversions and to suggest that there is any link of these conversions to affordable housing provision is extremely tenuous.

Comment 16 The solution might be to use smaller cars? Smaller cars fit smaller drives and are more eco friendly.

Comment 17 Visitor parking is so important!

Comment 18 To be honest a policy of not allowing garage conversions (particularly on older properties with room for parking or building a new garage) would penalise home owners who's only means of enlarging their living space is by doing this (they may not be able to afford to move to a larger property).

Comment 19 Stop garage conversions quickly. A case by case approach to parking.

Comment 20 No obvious solution! To be fair, many houses in the village do not have garages and need to park somewhere.

- **ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN** **The Conservation of the Old**

“Conservation areas and listed buildings should be protected and historic features should be restored where required.”

Comment 1 Many people think that the Village Hall is an eyesore. This is a pity as it is actually a very special piece of architecture. It needs restoring to its 1900 appearance!

Comment 2 Agree with restoring the village centre, focussing on pump house & well, and war memorial. Retain & repair old wooden signposts.

Comment 3 Agree

Comment 4 As long as it is not too costly

Comment 5 Who enforces this policy and who pays?

Comment 6 Agree a lot

Comment 7 What about inc. innovative design too. Not just stuck in the past.

Comment 8 Just endorse the above.

Comment 9 Listing should only be for special architecture- some cottages are automatically listed because they are central to the village, but were not built to last as long as they have

Comment 10 Good

Comment 11 Conservation should be encouraged BUT not at the expense of renewal PLANT new trees to be conserved by future generations

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Comment 12 Agreed

Comment 13 Agree with above

Comment 14 It is important to repair the well but only after the trees + roots are removed. Then the Square road surface can be levelled properly.

Comment 15 Yes

Comment 16 ✓

Comment 17 I doubt that there is much, apart from the church - which is particularly unique in Ticehurst. But like many local villages it is the use of traditional materials in the whole effect which works. The line of houses beside the church is obviously attractive, but this is away from the main thoroughfare and therefore not seen by the average visitor.

Comment 18 I agree - preserve the best historic assets and build on unique local character.

Comment 19 Lovely old buildings should be restored at all cost. Ugly old buildings can be taken down and material re-used to build more suitable & practical buildings.

Comment 20 St. Augustine's Flimwell, built by Decimus Burton, needs restoration of stonework outside, and of mosaics & wall stencilling inside to attract visitors. The chancel, with its beautiful decoration was built to commemorate the 2nd Viscount Goschen's son who died in WW1.

Comment 21 Absolutely

Comment 22 The Village Hall & surrounding grounds ie fencing, it is a very poor site as a main approach to our village. It just looks sad & neglected. Bins, notices etc need re-locating / improving.

Comment 23 Couldn't agree more.

• **THE WORKING VILLAGE** **Supporting Local Services**

“Local services and facilities should be retained and developed within the three village centres. Development should respond well to its context and not adversely impact residential areas.”

Comment 1 I support retention of local skills and businesses. Better internet access is a priority.

Comment 2 Agreed. Encourage new shops to occupy vacant premises. Talk to landlord of ‘Sanctuary’ about his responsibilities in this regard.

Comment 3 Ticehurst has become much more vibrant over the last few years - due to the Bell, the shops & recreation ground. Long may it last.

Comment 4 Disagree

Comment 5 I agree

Comment 6 This is meaningless

Comment 7 Pity we do not have a butcher

Comment 8 [Clustering development] ...also results in log jams / parking

Comment 9 More small businesses. Maybe, small outlets for local entrepreneurs.

Comment 10 Flimwell could do with a shop. So could Stonegate

Comment 11 Good

Comment 12 We are fortunate to have a good selection of shops in Ticehurst, which helps provide a vibrant, living village. New housing is to be encouraged in order to increase support for our shops, provided it is tastefully designed and provides a mix of residents.

Comment 13 Find methods which will encourage doctors to give much fuller use to Ticehurst surgery. (Presently it can take 2 weeks to get an appointment!)

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Comment 14 It's good to have local shops and services, especially for elderly people

Comment 15 Agree with above

Comment 16 I agree.

Comment 17 ✓

Comment 18 Ticehurst is lucky in the range of small businesses it has but is there scope for more? New employment opportunities are difficult to identify unless more brownfield sites become available.

Comment 19 ✓

Comment 20 This may well be a question of effective publicity. In this regard the ‘News and Views’ is a most valuable resource. As far as I am aware it is only found in the main shop. Can it be distributed elsewhere?

Comment 21 For most residents in Stonegate Wadhurst is the Local Centre. To make Ticehurst more vibrant parking needs to be provided. This is the main obstacle to attracting more Trade.

Comment 22 More shops selling local (organic?) produce would be great. Opening hours of shops should be extended if possible.

Comment 23 I agree. Flimwell is getting a village hall at last. This should contain a shop and café to meet the needs of the residents and act as a communal meeting place.

Comment 24 Agree with above statement.

- Comment 19 There are things to do from Ticehurst but little to do in Ticehurst. (There is Bewl, Bedgebury, Pashley, footpaths). Can more be made of the idea of Ticehurst being a good centre for exploration, but then where does one stay?
- Comment 20 Keeping the local area rural and unique is the best Tourism asset. Preserving and enhancing local character should be paramount.
- Comment 21 Yes, but the 'natural' aspect of our landscape should be preserved. Please no more golf courses. Bird watching should be encouraged also walking and any activities that involve learning about the countryside.
- Comment 22 Accessible walking routes would be great (push chairs & wheel chairs)
- Comment 23 I agree - but I am concerned that some schemes for rural tourism maybe given consent without having a real prospect of success. They then fail and fall into the brownfield category and can be used for housing by the back door, i.e. Flimwell Bird Park site.
- Comment 24 Encourage existing tea rooms to be open all day Saturdays & B. Holidays. Maybe tables Café Style in Square for visitors to take take away coffee etc & sandwiches to sit and eat at, as baker is always open and Londis. Create wild life pond & seats on large grassy area at St Mary's Close, it used to have a ?pond & was very marshy.
- Comment 25 The preservation of a thriving village community with improved car parking facilities should bring its own tourism.

- **THE WORKING VILLAGE Promoting the Diversification of Agricultural Businesses**

"Imaginative re-use of rural buildings will be supported, to promote the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based businesses."

- Comment 1 See Business Employment Sites.
- Comment 2 Agree
- Comment 3 I agree
- Comment 4 Agree with these sentiments.
- Comment 5 Re-use of old buildings is a good idea.
- Comment 6 Yes
- Comment 7 Good
- Comment 8 Business must be economic and self supporting
- Received since 14th November 2016:*
- Comment 9 Agreed
- Comment 10 Not to be converted to houses
- Comment 11 It would depend entirely on which buildings were to be re-used + for what purposes - i.e. case by case basis.
- Comment 12 ✓
- Comment 13 Rural buildings should be used to their full potential - new businesses, self-catering, B&B could be encouraged. Trouble is a lot are quite isolated and away from the main attractions, shops etc.
- Comment 14 Agreed, but somehow the Parish Council needs to encourage local initiatives.
- Comment 15 I agree. Sensitive well designed conversions should be encouraged. This should not however be at the expense of viable agricultural uses or occupation.

Comment 16 I would like to be able to buy more organic local produce.

Comment 17 Buildings that have been built for agricultural use should only be used for that use, otherwise they should be removed.

Comment 18 Promote the above?

Comment 19 No real views on this subject.

• **THE WORKING VILLAGE** **Protecting Existing Agricultural Occupancy**

“Existing agricultural occupancy should be protected and not redeveloped or converted.”

Comment 1 All are important should be supported.

Comment 2 Some flexibility is needed for cases where AOCs have outlived their usefulness.

Comment 3 Agree

Comment 4 It depends on the need to find homes for local folk

Comment 5 Yes

Comment 6 So long as farming is viable

Comment 7 Good

Comment 8 This is up to national policy not in the remit of parish

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Comment 9 We agree it is important to protect existing agricultural occupancy.

Comment 10 Agree with above

Comment 11 The farmland still in use should be protected + not used for housing or other development

Comment 12 Yes, protect farm workers, tree surgeons etc so that they can buy their own cottages. Afford to buy them to continue their work + not to rich people outside the community to buy and commute to cities to work (or worse still - holiday homes)!

Comment 13 ✓

Comment 14 Agreed, but small agricultural holdings need to find viable markets.

Comment 15 Conversions that take away agricultural occupancies should be resisted or a last resort.

Comment 16 Yes agricultural occupancy should be protected.

Comment 17 Absolutely

Comment 18 Make every use possible of agricultural buildings & abolish restrictions within reason.

Comment 19 All agricultural buildings and farming activities should be protected and encouraged to preserve the rural nature of the area.

• **THE WORKING VILLAGE** **Business Employment Sites**

“Existing employment sites should be protected and enhanced, subject to there being no adverse impact on their neighbours and physical surroundings.”

Comment 1 See diversification of agricultural buildings.

Comment 2 Not necessarily if sufficient space is available nearby and shops to remain. E.g. Ticehurst Motors might be better off on the outskirts and housing on that existing site. Would have been better if the Warrens site had been used for affordable housing not a retirement place for the well off.

Comment 3 Agree

Comment 4 I agree

Comment 5 Good. The sites at Pashley Manor Road and down Church Street could be better used / expanded a little.

Comment 6 ✓

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Comment 7 We agree

Comment 8 Agree

Comment 9 There should be no increase in commercial use of property where road access is diminished e.g. huge lorries in Pickforde Lane are a hazard.

Comment 10 Definitely keep the little shops. They make a village. Without those shops it becomes a dead place.

Comment 11 ✓

Comment 12 Agreed - One of the growth areas is in technology-based services. It is therefore essential to support this by really modern communications - first class broadband and telecoms for example.

Comment 13 In theory this is good but in practice it is better for a brownfield site to come forward as residential than lie empty or unused for years.

Comment 14 I like the idea of small workshop spaces.

Comment 15 Yes - but only if they are viable and have been shown to be so. It is a well known ploy to set up a 'business' to get planning consent and then the business 'fails', but the land, property has gained a greater value because of that consent.

Comment 16 Existing employment sites to be well maintained & the plastics factory facade is a disgrace.

Comment 17 Sorry - no real expertise in this area. Having said that, it would be great to have more employment opportunities in the area for school leavers.

- **THE GREEN VILLAGE AONB Ancient Woodland**

“Any development proposals which may affect ancient woodland should comply with Natural England’s standing advice on how to protect ancient woodland from development.”

Comment 1 Yes obvious.

Comment 2 Agree

Comment 3 I agree

Comment 4 Hope so

Comment 5 I will be sorry to see the lower section of the Banksy field being built on as there is a continuous stream of dog walkers daily walking around it. I hope when the dev? happens there is plenty of landscaping

Comment 6 Definitely (arrow to protect ancient woodland)

Comment 7 Good. Stop cutting down any more trees / hedges to keep the rural character / wildlife.

Comment 8 Also wild life habitats (such as Hillbury Field) should be taken seriously in future.

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Comment 9 This is very important to us. To conserve ancient woodland for the sake of wild life dependant on it.

Comment 10 Very important to protect existing woodland and ancient woodland.

Comment 11 We must protect our natural woodland habitat for our health + the enjoyment of future generations.

Comment 12 V

Comment 13 What should not be forgotten are woodlands as the booklet notes, and must be protected.

Comment 14 Don’t know how to achieve this, because much depends on the readiness of individual (often small) landowners to cooperate. Can the Council initiate dialogue where areas are falling into poor management?

Comment 15 Agree!

Comment 16 Ancient woodland should be protected and maintained. New trees should be planted wherever possible.

Comment 17 A proposal for this is envisaged at the ex-Bird Park opposite Mark Lilley’s garage in Flimwell. It should be encouraged.

Comment 18 Yes. Also the open spaces between villages needs protecting. Swift enforcement of breaches is in the public interest and should be pursued.

Comment 19 Completely agree with the above & AONB Management Plan.

Comment 20 Completely agree - this is a must.

- **THE GREEN VILLAGE AONB Protection & Enhancement of Views**

“Development should protect and enhance key views in and around the parish, reinforce the topography of the landscape and enhance the threshold between the villages and open countryside.”

Comment 1 All the views of open country should be opened up as much as possible land owner should be encouraged to keep hedges tidy.

Comment 2 Totally agree when applied outside of village “envelop”.

Comment 3 Agreed.

Comment 4 Agree

Comment 5 I agree

Comment 6 Yes

Comment 7 Yes

Comment 8 Good. Certainly we need to protect the fields around the foot path from the village to the reservoir. It is the only central walk we have, without getting into a car.

Comment 9 Views from roadway (such as the High Road from Ticehurst to Wadhurst) should be preserved. No more huge agricultural buildings close to the road for example.

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Comment 10 We agree

Comment 11 Agree with above

Comment 12 There should be no reduction in our views over the AONB.

Comment 13 Agreed

Comment 14 I agree which is why I considered proposals for Stonegate brought forward from the visioning event to be ill-conceived. They ignored the landscape assessment carried out by the local authority.

Comment 15 Yes, views should be protected.

Comment 16 Vies to South fantastic behind church (Flimwell) & neighbouring houses to ex. Bird Park.

Comment 17 Public views should be protected. Private views not so much - that is just protecting the already privileged's property prices.

Comment 18 I agree. Every measure must be taken to remove buildings in breach of planning permission. This is in the public interest to maintain the AONB.

Comment 19 The church & ?ridges? beyond. Any views or glimpses of Bewl Water.

Comment 20 The view on the left as you leave Ticehurst on the Wadhurst Road, past the Priory Hospital, is one of the finest in the area.

- **THE GREEN VILLAGE Green Gaps Between Settlements**

“Development should sustain the integrity of the different communities in the parish by maintaining a green gap between them.”

Comment 1 Yes, totally agreed, very important.

Comment 2 Whenever possible green spaces between communities should be preserved. Most people living here want to live in a village not in a suburb.

Comment 3 Should retain gap.

Comment 4 Agree

Comment 5 I agree but we do need pavements between villages.

Comment 6 Is it possible?

Comment 7 I would like to see a large area of green space between Ticehurst and Flimwell - we need to stay a village

Comment 8 Development within village boundaries. No use of green field sites.

Comment 9 Infill between Ticehurst and Flimwell has already happened: Stonegate just about maintains separation, but why does it really need to ?

Comment 10 Yes. Look forward to knowing new boundaries

Comment 11 ✓

Comment 12 Nothing more between Ticehurst and Flimwell. Gaps of say ½ mile where possible as a minimum elsewhere.

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Comment 13 It is important to maintain a gap between settlements, to keep the different communities separate.

Comment 14 Agree with above

Comment 15 The ribbon development between Ticehurst + Flimwell is already well advanced therefore could continue.

Comment 16 ✓

Comment 17 Our villages must not merge one into the other. If that were to happen Ticehurst/Flimwell could become too big for existing services.

Comment 18 I would object strongly to the increase in village boundaries, and consider the Parish Council right to resist ribbon development. Flimwell has virtually lost its identity because of this.

Comment 19 Some infill immediately fronting roads might be appropriate but not if the centres of villages are open. Highest densities should always be at the centre of villages or settlements.

Comment 20 Green spaces should be inserted in the village. Green gaps are also important between settlements.

Comment 21 With the creation of Ticehurst & Flimwell School, the lines are already blurred. We should embrace this & make safe walking routes between the villages.

Comment 22 Yes - the villages should keep their integrity. Why is Rother District Council not pursuing the enforcement of the removal of buildings no longer used for the purposes permission was granted. It is in the public interest. As the land is a valuable open space - as stated by Government Inspector.

Comment 23 Please continue to avoid ribbon development & have green gaps in between. Better to squeeze in buildings than spread out the boundaries.

Comment 24 Gaps between settlements is a worthy aspiration but its already disappeared between Ticehurst and Flimwell and will probably have to be over-ruled if we are to meet our housing number target.

- **THE GREEN VILLAGE Ticehurst Parish Green Spaces**

“Designated Green Spaces throughout the parish should be protected from development.”

Comment 1 The village pond - what is planned for this? Community project to maintain this as a village resource.

Comment 2 Agree

Comment 3 I agree and kept tidy

Comment 4 New developments should have trees incorporated in the plans

Comment 5 Yes

Comment 6 The Bell Field and surrounding fields should be protected from development. They give a sense of wellbeing, as do other areas each end of the village

Comment 7 Behind Bell and Bull. The 'Rec' must never be encroached upon.

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Comment 8 It is important to keep the woodland around Ticehurst / Flimwell intact, for the sake of nature.

Comment 9 Agree

Comment 10 ① The recreation ground ② football field behind the Bell + ③ farmland behind the football field.

Comment 11 ① "Hebditch" - Anne Cook's field ② football field ③ both ponds + area between Upper & Lower Platts. ④ The "Rec" field. In fact, all green areas of all 3 villages.

Comment 12 Agreed.

Comment 13 I agree as long as this is not protecting one person's view at the expense of another's.

Comment 14 Yes to FH2 and FH3. Very important.

Comment 15 Recreation Grd. Yellowcoat Wood, Bedgebury Forest.

Comment 16 Agreed.

Comment 17 Yes. It's a shame Rother DC has not done this in Flimwell in the past or seek to restore countryside and fields where it is in the public interest AONB

Comment 18 Agree with what is planned. Habitats needed for hedgehogs.

Comment 19 All of them! We must never forget that we are privileged to live in an AONB.

- **THE GREEN VILLAGE Protection of Roadside Verges**

"Roadside verges and hedgerows should be preserved and enhanced throughout the parish."

Comment 1 Yes.

Comment 2 Also against more laybys which people keep proposing e.g. in Church Street.

Comment 3 Fully support - opposite Hilbury Gardens, along High Street. Roads leaving village to Hurst Green, Flimwell, Wadhurst. Stones along edges to block parking.

Comment 4 Agree

Comment 5 Some will have to go to create pavements

Comment 6 Development will cause loss of verges and hedgerows for pavements and so it should.

Comment 7 Very much so. Too much verge parking spoiling the grass

Comment 8 The roadside should be kept back and tidied up yearly

Comment 9 Shoot all fly tippers & people? Who throw rubbish out of cars.

Comment 10 Yes

Comment 11 Yes

Comment 12 Enhancing some verge areas by suitable planting should be pursued? (it has worked well at West approach to village)

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Comment 13 Very important to keep hedges and verges for wildlife

Comment 14 Not an easy task with litter and verges not always well defined

Comment 15 I agree with these statements - Stonegate suffers badly from damages verges near the station.

Comment 16 Road side hedges & verges kept, preserved & maintained.

Comment 17 Upkeep of pavements and verges is very poor. Where is the responsibility for this?

Comment 18 Agreed - one of the important issues here is the management of verges to encourage wild flowers, such as primroses in Spring. Cutting after seeding helps here.

Comment 19 I agree!

Comment 20 All verges and hedgerows should be preserved and kept clean.

Comment 21 Agreed

Comment 22 Yes. Please stop people parking on verges and pavements in Flimwell. One verge in particular is now a muddy mess due to people stopping at an unauthorised shop on the A268.

Comment 23 Verges and hedgerows to be respected & be observant & report any fly-tipping.

Comment 24 Agreed - all verges and hedgerows should be maintained. It would also be nice if roadside hedges could be cut. Parts of Burnt Lodge Lane are almost impassable.

- **THE GREEN VILLAGE Footpaths & Rights-of-Way**

“Footpaths should be kept clear and open to ensure connectivity between settlements. Signposts should be maintained by the local authority or parish and reported by users if obstructed.”

Comment 1 Signpost should not only be maintained but also improved. Made to be more visible.

Comment 2 Important.

Comment 3 Need a footpath to hamlets eg at Tinkers Lane, to Stonegate, from Cross Lane Gardens to village centre.

Comment 4 Agree

Comment 5 I agree and if possible paved

Comment 6 More signposting for local (circular) walks. Eg from Ticehurst via Rosemary Lane to Three Leg Cross. Promote & encourage visitors.

Comment 7 Footpath users could assist by taking secateurs them and keeping brambles and small branches tending to obstruct, at bay

Comment 8 The footpath from the village up past Ann Cooks field has not had it's hedges trimmed this year, causing obstructions

Comment 9 ✓

Comment 10 Signage has been badly neglected and needs a reliable system for maintenance and replacement. ? possibly volunteers ?

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Comment 11 With regard to pavements; it is unfortunate that there is not pavement from the golf course to the school; for the children who walk along that road. Also, from Downash, walking up to the main road along Rosemary Lane; for some elderly residents is really dangerous. Some of the traffic comes along at sixty miles an hour on a regular basis. We think the speed limit should be lowered for the whole of Rosemary Lane

Comment 12 Very important to keep footpaths clean and sign posts well maintained.

Comment 13 All footpaths should be retained + maintained well.

Comment 14 Very wet & muddy footpaths to be maintained so that they are walkable: i.e. woodchip or rubble, stones etc even just in worst areas of the path.

Comment 15 Farmers and other landowners must be encouraged to maintain rights of way and hedgerows and ensure walkers are not endangered by livestock. I don't know whether any footpath is essential but where they exist they must be maintained.

Comment 16 Agreed. Ticehurst seems to be a good area for walkers, which I would encourage.

Comment 17 I agree! I think the local network is good and adequate.

Comment 18 Very important. Pedestrian connections help to promote healthy lifestyles and also encourage walkers to visit Ticehurst and use the businesses in the village. Footpaths should be kept clear, open and free of litter and dog mess.

Comment 19 Great, and a few pushchair friendly routes (say around the village pond?)

Comment 20 Yes. What has happened to the footpath that went across land now developed upon by Mick Gould in Flimwell? The Council should definitely maintain footpaths as landowners put very small inconspicuous signs to discourage their use.

Comment 21 Should maintain as much as possible to encourage locals to enjoy walks & attract visitors to Bewl. New footpath from Tinkers Lane to Bewl would be good - the Flimwell end, about ½ a ml. up.

Comment 22 Over to the Footpath Society!

Other Ideas:

1. I would like to see a speed light check" for motorists - as per Sandhurst. No one speeds thro' Sandhurst!
2. Also a nicely designed glass shelter in the square larger than the present one.
3. Needs to be more public transport in evenings and weekends. Would it not be cheaper to run a mini-bus rather than a full size bus?
4. Unless we have pavements folk unable to drive will be isolated and become trapped in their homes
5. Communication is the key - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
7. This has been covered but I ran out of room. With regard to the square, I want the well to be repaired and remain and maybe a plaque stipulating it is there because I didn't know it was a well under the canopy. I'm not sure about the trees if they are destroying the well perhaps they should go. Car parking needs to be designated clearly and I like the one way system being trialled.
8. Policy on sustainability.
9. The Square - suggestions. No, to the well. Remembrance garden replanted. New trees to be planted in the ground. No tubs - too suburban. Re-lay 'tiles' around bus shelter. The 'Crescent' to have bricks - in keeping with surrounding buildings. Roadside pavement to have plain paving slabs not coloured - too 'House and Gardens'. Adequate cameras to (hopefully) catch vandals.
10. Traffic. Probably the only sure way to control speed is to have lozenge shaped islands in the middle, forcing traffic to slow down in order to manoeuvre round them - expensive, but it works.
11. Perhaps double yellow lines would stop parking on pavements, from Estate Agents down to the chapel
12. Where are the young residents? Do they use the area just as a dormitory? This is the future. So few join in the taking of responsibility. How can they be persuaded to give some time to local issues?
13. So far, these plans seem good and I look forward to seeing further detailed plans
14. I am disappointed that, after all the consultations and especially money spent, Ticehurst seems to lag behind when it comes to speed restrictions. Villages around here in both East Sussex and Kent appear to have more devices. Examples - Bells Yew Green, Frant, Maresfield, Wadhurst & Sandhurst. Money was spent on silly little kerb extensions by the village hall. It is good to see in News & Views that, at last, the police are taking an interest in traffic speed through the village. Sincerely Douglas Edwards PS Even Flimwell has a warning flash.
15. Mobile phone mast. The mobile phone signal in the area is dire. One suggestion that a mast be incorporated into one of the lampposts in the recreation ground seems to be a good one. Any high spot is necessarily going to be close to local houses but this would be a central as possible without being directly in site of too many houses. Would this be sufficient to reach into the valleys? The ridges and wooded areas, which characterise the local landscape, result in non-existent coverage for those of us who live in valleys. Would it be possible to have an unobtrusive mast in the church steeple? Broadband speeds locally are also very poor. Although fibre optic has been laid in the main roads, it does not reach the many rural and agricultural homes. It will be many years before BT provides fibre down the small lanes and tracks. Can anything be done locally, such as raising money to contribute to improved provision? We (my home) get 1.7 mbs upload and 2.8 mbs upload speeds, which is insufficient for local rural businesses as well as for domestic use, such as watching TV iPlayer.

16. Consider hanging baskets on High Street lampposts (as Wadhurst and Hawkhurst) between out tollgates. Incorporate into re-design of our square. (n.b. One rogue lamppost beside Rec. car park.

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17. Further to our thoughts on Rosemary Lane; maybe a sign at the top of the Lane, "Elderly People walking" would help to slow people down. There have been a few near misses and there are also older school children walking along. We are aware it has been discussed before; but a Zebra Crossing to the village square would be helpful for people crossing the road (even if it means moving the bus stop)
18. I think the Parish Council has done a tremendous amount to protect the area and the sympathetic approach to the need for more housing. The Council should be congratulated!
19. The siting of a new communications mast should be done with care about being close to homes.
20. Almost everything in this plan is DESIRABLE. Trouble is it all costs MONEY and from where is that going to come? Currently while very supportive I cannot see that all this is not presently wishful-thinking but if our views and desires serve to prevent Rother and other Agencies riding roughshod over the Parish that must be a good thing. [REDACTED]
21. Regards speeding traffic entering the village, perhaps a mini roundabout on the High Street & junction with Lower Platts and also one in Lower Platts at the jcn with Steeldans Rise.
22. Most of the aforementioned policies are what any sensible person would wish to support. I am slightly mystified why the ill-conceived visioning event was suggesting sites for development when the policies that should guide this hadn't been set out or debated? Isn't that putting the cart before the horse? I am still unsure why Ticehurst Parish Council wants a Neighbourhood Plan when its housing targets for 2028 have very nearly been met already? Be under no illusion, the Neighbourhood Planning process simply allocates sites for development. It does not shape design, density or tenure. Once a site is allocated market conditions take over entirely and local people will have very little control. I do not think those driving the Neighbourhood Plan recognise the reality of the possible outcome which is simply bringing sites forward for development. That's how the system works.
23. Speeding cars through the village. No bumps please! Narrowing of road, using natural obstacle & planting! Speed limit painted on road is safer than too many signs and less of an eyesore + safe crossing outside the Bell but no traffic lights.
24. One of the policies which have not been covered are the footpaths on the A268 from the X roads to the Kent & Sussex border which are impossible to walk on safely. So we have to use the road. If there are any Parish Council personnel who represent Flimwell, could possibly walk this road, with vehicles travelling at 50 - 60 mph come and try it. I complained about the public footpath at Mick Goulds which has been destroyed and I was told it was being looked into. Nothing has been done, or is this another footpath we are going to lose. One wonders sometimes if we are the forgotten part of the village. Yours faithfully [REDACTED].