

TICEHURST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

Background

This is the pre-submission version of the Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan. Ticehurst Parish Council has prepared the plan on behalf of those that live and work within the parish of Ticehurst. The plan sets out a future vision for the parish and for its three distinct settlements of Ticehurst, Stonegate and Flimwell. This vision is supported by a set of planning policies and a series of specific projects and community actions.

Your Input

Please tell us whether you agree with these policies by completing this consultation document. You can complete it on the internet if you prefer (go to ticehurstnp.org). If you would like to comment on any of the policies, please add these comments in the box under each policy. Please answer as many questions as you can. **The full draft plan is available on the internet or as a printed copy at the Post Office in Ticehurst and gives justifications for each policy.** It also includes all the maps.

Neighbourhood Plan Vision Statement

Ticehurst Parish will continue to develop its friendly, safe, and attractive communities within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

- **Ticehurst** as the largest village will provide the working heart of the Parish, with a good range of retail outlets and service-based industries.
- **Flimwell**, with its strategic situation on the A21, will support businesses for which good transport links are important, as well as developing woodland enterprises linked to the AONB.
- **Stonegate** will support the traditional rural economy, tourism, and skilled artisan enterprises, whilst remaining attractive to those who wish to live in a rural environment with good primary schools and transport links.

Neighbourhood Plan Major Aims

- To maintain and enhance the rural character of the Parish within the special landscape of the High Weald.
- To support and extend the employment opportunities within the Parish.
- To provide high-quality housing for all residents in small developments which reflect the High Weald's historic pattern of settlement.
- To improve the infrastructure and amenities within the Parish, enhancing the quality of life for all parishioners.

Neighbourhood Plan Objectives

To meet this vision, we have formulated the following objectives:

1. Conserve and enhance the landscape and scenic beauty of the AONB.
2. Provide good movement round the parish by cycle and footpaths.
3. Use local resources to build the local economy, supported by good infrastructure.
4. Ensure that the Parish residents have the facilities they need (health, education, leisure, retail).
5. Provide affordable housing, particularly for Ticehurst residents and workers.
6. Ensure that all new development is well-planned and relates to existing housing.
7. Encourage good environmental design of housing and business developments.
8. Protect and regenerate the heart of each village, conserving our heritage.
9. Reduce the impact of traffic through the parish.
10. Develop a local energy plan and encourage energy-efficient buildings.

Do you agree with these objectives? Yes No Don't know

RURAL POLICIES

Our aim is to maintain and enhance the rural character of the Parish within the special landscape of the High Weald.

POLICY R1 – AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

POLICY R2 – MAINTAIN GREEN GAPS BETWEEN SETTLEMENTS

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

POLICY R3 – PROTECT AND ENHANCE GREEN SPACES

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

POLICY R4 – DEVELOP THE FOOTPATH & CYCLE NETWORKS

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

RURAL COMMUNITY ACTIONS

Protect & Enhance Roadsides

Do you agree with this action? Yes No Don't know

Comment

Enhance Footpath & Cycle Networks

Do you agree with this action? Yes No Don't know

Comment

EMPLOYMENT POLICIES

Our aim is to support and extend the employment opportunities within the Parish.

POLICY E1 - PROTECT & ENHANCE LOCAL SERVICES & FACILITIES

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

POLICY E2 - SUPPORT TOURISM & RECREATION

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

POLICY E3 - PROMOTE THE DIVERSIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

POLICY E4 - PROTECT & ENHANCE EXISTING BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT SITES AND ENCOURAGE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT SITES

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

POLICY E5 - PROTECT & ENHANCE THE VILLAGE CENTRES

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

POLICY E6 – IMPROVE ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

EMPLOYMENT COMMUNITY ACTIONS

Work with Local Businesses

Do you agree with this action? Yes No Don't know

Comment

HOUSING POLICIES

Our aim is to provide high-quality housing for all residents in small developments which reflect the High Weald's historic pattern of settlement.

POLICY H1 – THE SPATIAL PLAN

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

POLICY H2 - HOUSING SITE ALLOCATIONS

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

POLICY H3 - MIX OF HOUSING SIZES & TENURES

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

POLICY H4 - AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

POLICY H5 - THE DESIGN OF NEW BUILDINGS

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

POLICY H6 - CONSERVATION & HERITAGE

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

HOUSING COMMUNITY ACTIONS

Prepare a conservation area appraisal and management plan

Do you agree with this action? Yes No Don't know

Comment

DESIGN GUIDANCE

Do you agree with this guidance? Yes No Don't know

Comment

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE POLICIES

Our aim is to improve the infrastructure and amenities within the parish, enhancing the quality of life for all parishioners.

POLICY INF1 - IMPROVEMENTS TO VILLAGE CENTRES

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

POLICY INF2 – COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECTS

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

POLICY INF2 – COMMUNITY AREAS IN HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

Do you agree with this policy? Yes No Don't know

Comment

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMUNITY ACTIONS

Pursue Shared Space & Traffic Calming Plans with ESCC & RDC

Do you agree with this action? Yes No Don't know

Comment

Complete an Open Space Sport & Recreational Audit

Do you agree with this action? Yes No Don't know

Comment

Encourage Recreational Use of the AONB

Do you agree with this action? Yes No Don't know

Comment

What do like best in the Plan?

What could be improved?

I generally support the Ticehurst Parish Neighbourhood Plan

We need your name and address in order to respond to your comments on the Plan.

Name

Address

Email

Postcode

Thank you for your input to the Neighbourhood Plan.