

This Document shows the record of Hoathly Hub “Speak Outs” related to the Neighbourhood Plan Project since its inception up to the second draft Plan Consultation in June 2014.

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"Our Plan" - Our Neighbourhood Plan	10/2/2012	<p>What will the Parish of West Hoathly be like in the year 2030? What do WE WANT it to be like by then? What challenges might prevent it being that way? What should we plan to do to realise the vision and overcome any issues? That is what Our Neighbourhood Plan is all about deciding. Your help is needed to make sure we get it right!</p>	<p>What will the Parish of West Hoathly be like in the year 2030? What do WE WANT it to be like by then? What challenges might prevent it being that way? What should we plan to do to realise the vision and overcome any issues? Last Wednesday the Parish Council with about a dozen interested residents kicked off the process that we hope will allow this community to achieve a consensus on the answers to these important questions during the next year. The resulting Neighbourhood Plan will mean that we as a Parish will have a much stronger, enforceable voice on how our area evolves over the coming 15-20 years. The next steps now are for us to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work out a common "vision" of how we would like to see the whole Parish area, its villages, communities and countryside in the future and 2. Think through the issues and challenges facing the area - everything from how we develop the vitality of local education and employment opportunities, to how an ageing rural population should best be supported. <p>You can play an important part in these early steps by participating in the "workshops" we have arranged at West Hoathly School on 29th February and 7th March at 8pm - full details in the Hub calendar.</p> <p>We would like to encourage a broad spectrum of residents to attend these initial sessions and all are welcome; but it would be particularly helpful to have some representatives with younger families with a long-term interest in our area.</p> <p>By coming along you are not getting yourself into an open-ended time commitment!</p> <p>If you have any comments or queries about the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish you can submit them below.</p>

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Fundamental Neighbourhood Plan Report published	3/8/2012	<p>Our Neighbourhood Plan project will have a critical role in the future evolution of the Parish. It has reached a key milestone with the publication of the draft report which sets the criteria for Our Plan's development policies as well as describing our area as it exists today. This is based on the survey in April and the workshops held in Feb and March. Please do look at the report - especially section 6 on objectives - and either make comments here or to the Parish Clerk by email or post.</p>	<p>I know it isn't the most attention grabbing title but the "Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report" (see link below) is an extremely important document in the formation of the Neighbourhood Plan for West Hoathly Parish. This draft version was approved at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 30th July and has now gone out for consultation with various bodies such as the High Weald AONB and English Heritage as well as Mid-Sussex District Council.</p> <p>The report describes the Parish as it exists today including aspects such as our settlements, the roads, the landscape and its history. However, the most important part are Sections 6 & 7 which set out the Parish's Sustainability Objectives. In plain english these set the criteria by which potential policies of the Neighbourhood Plan can be assessed as to whether they enhance or detract from the Parish's long-term sustainability goals. In other words would a policy help with issues such as through traffic volume and speed or maintaining an adequate school roll, or protecting the surrounding countryside.</p> <p>I strongly urge you to look at the document and make any comments either directly on here or by email or post to the Parish Clerk - preferably by mid September.</p> <p>If you have any questions about the document or the Neighbourhood Plan project I would be happy to address them here or by email (john@BurstowCottage.co.uk) or telephone (01444 892065).</p>

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<p>Parish Planning Policies are ALL our business!</p>	<p>2 /11/2012</p>	<p>We are currently deciding the policies we need to protect, enhance and develop our local area for the next 20 years. The policies we make will become part of the planning permission rules for what developments can legally be carried out in our Parish. A couple of examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - where, and what type of housing developments can be built? - what should the future of areas such as Finche field be? - whether street lighting should be introduced? <p>and there are many more. Please Speak Out NOW!</p>	<p>In the Parish Neighbourhood Plan project we are currently deciding the policies we need to protect, enhance and develop our local area for the next 20 years.</p> <p>The policies we make will become part of the planning permission rules for what developments can legally be carried out in our Parish.</p> <p>For example, where, and what type of housing developments can be built, should there be a local gap between West Hoathly and Sharpthorne?</p> <p>what should the future of areas such as Finche field be?</p> <p>how should the conservation areas in Highbrook and West Hoathly change?</p> <p>whether street lighting should be introduced to facilitate further traffic calming measures</p> <p>how should our surrounding countryside and footpaths be treated?</p> <p>Since the project started in February just 30 residents have made valuable contributions to the workshops and focus groups and 241 responses to the survey in April were received - but that means that more than 75% of the 2000 parish residents haven't yet made their views known and I'm sure most of you do care deeply about the above examples and other policy areas we need to decide upon.</p> <p>We have another 3 workshops during November on the 8th and 29th (at Sharpthorne Church Hall) and on 21st in West Hoathly Village Hall, all at 8pm, and it would be excellent to have more people there - see details in the Hoathly Hub Calendar.</p> <p>I would be interested in your comments - how can we encourage more community involvement in this important project? Do you think this is not really relevant to you? Are there past planning decisions you think have had a bad effect on our environment which we could avoid in future?</p> <p>Please Speak Out NOW!</p>

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Neighbourhood Plan Update	5/07/2013	What's happening now the Consultation has ended.	<p>The project to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for West Hoathly Parish has reached an important stage.</p> <p>In June the local consultation period ended after a period of 6 weeks. The consultation concerned the draft Plan document which was mailed to all households in April.</p> <p>Of the 125 residents, and in some cases couples, who submitted comments, 62 (49%) indicated that overall they supported the draft Plan as it stands, 36 (28%) indicated they mostly supported it, 2 (2%) mildly opposed it, 19 (15%) strongly opposed it and 7 (5%) had no overall opinion.</p> <p>On Saturday 22nd June about 40 residents came to a meeting to consider some of the consultation feedback and comments (all the materials used at the meeting are available on the Hub).</p> <p>The topic that received the most opposition (but also a lot of support) was the policy for a new homes site (WHP13). A 220+ signature petition calling for the rejection of this policy (petitioners included some who were consultation respondents too) was also submitted. Another public Open Workshop has been arranged to consider this policy further on Saturday 27th July (see Hub calendar for details).</p> <p>Having a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish would confer a number of advantages on the area; the current phase of the project is intended to refine the Plan's contents in such a way that at a Parish referendum in some months time it would be more likely to receive a majority vote in favour of the Plan.</p> <p>With a referendum-approved Plan <i>Our Plan</i> would form a key part of the Mid Sussex Planning control which determines</p>

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			<p>what development can and cannot take place here. Having a Neighbourhood Plan would mean that the locations and types of development WE want would be permitted but unwanted/unsuitable ones would not.</p> <p>With a Neighbourhood Plan the parish gains control of 25% of the "Infrastructure Levy" which will be raised by MSDC from most new developments. WE can decide how these funds are used - for example on road safety and traffic calming measures. As an indication, a new dwelling with a floor area of 100 square metres would provide the parish with £5,250 to use but without a Plan in place this would reduce to £3,150.</p> <p>With the demand for more affordable homes in the parish, the other advantage of having a Plan is that half of all new affordable homes constructed would ALWAYS be prioritised to people with local connections whereas without a plan NONE would be (after the initial tenant).</p> <p>If you have any questions about the West Hoathly Neighbourhood Plan, please add them to this Speak Out.</p>
<p>Sites for new homes included in revised version of parish draft Neighbourhood Plan</p>	<p>23/05/2014</p>	<p>A new version of the draft Neighbourhood Plan is about to be launched including the results of the detailed review of potential sites for new homes in the parish and other improvements on the version which was issued for consultation in April 2013.</p>	<p>A new version of the draft Neighbourhood Plan for West Hoathly Parish is now ready for consultation prior to being submitted to Mid Sussex District Council.</p> <p>The updated Plan builds upon the version which was received largely positively last spring and incorporates the conclusions of the special community Task Force setup to develop an improved policy "WHP13" which is designed to fulfil the parish's housing requirements.</p> <p>Over the last 5 months the project has conducted a detailed, objective assessment of the 10 proposed housing sites. The process has been guided by independent consultant expertise and has been conducted transparently and with wide</p>

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			<p>community participation. The conclusion of the evaluations has been that 3 of the sites were assessed as making the best contribution to the sustainability of this parish. These sites are the site to the north of Top Road, part of the site adjacent to Cookhams and part of the site at... [contd] Bluebell Wood.</p> <p>The legislation requires that there should now be a 6-week period for consultation with the whole community and other interested parties. To this end a printed copy of the draft Plan document will be posted to all parish households arriving in the week of 2nd June together with an explanatory letter and a hardcopy consultation comment form. There will be Drop-in Information sessions (see dates on the Hoathly Hub and Chronicle) in the week of 2nd June around the parish. Everyone's comments on the plan will be welcomed but the preferred method of providing consultation comments is through the on-line form on the Hoathly Hub.</p> <p>I remain strongly of the opinion that if as a community we can together achieve a completed Neighbourhood Plan for West Hoathly Parish it will deliver many advantages and improvements for our area's future and will be well worth the time and effort that many people have put into the exercise over the last two and a half years. I hope that everyone will take the time to read the draft Plan being distributed and contribute their knowledge and thoughts for its improvement.</p>

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Examples of Hoathly Hub Emails sent out weekly including Neighbourhood Plan information.....

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News Digest 2 Nov 2012

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Leading by example with our driving speeds
19 comments and 4 replies, latest 4 days ago
NEW! I totally agree with all that's been said ,especia... [cont.]
REPLY! Claire, would you be able to give us the actual vi... [cont.]
NEW! I believe its called Burley road in the village of... [cont.]
NEW! Maresfield village has an extremely neat 'white ga... [cont.]
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Gardeners' Questions
1 comment posted 6 days ago
NEW! Why does my healthy , established Daphne [variegat... [cont.]
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**Agenda for Planning Committee meeting on Monday
2nd May 2014 at 11:30am**
West Hoathly Parish Council
Please note start time of 11:30am for this meeting

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