

West Hoathly Parish Neighbourhood Plan

“Challenges Workshop”
29th February 2012



Why a Neighbourhood Plan?

- **We have the option** to create a legally enforceable plan for our local area.
- It is **an opportunity for the Parish community to agree** how our area should progress and to attract funding to do it.
- **If we don't, others will decide for us!**
- Our neighbouring Parishes are doing it – **we don't want to be the “weakest link”** in Mid Sussex.
- **Community support and input** vital throughout

Process for West Hoathly – Pt 1

- Gather available Information
- **Parish Issues / Challenges Workshop**
- Create a provisional Vision based on Parish Futures Study, District Plan and own knowledge (9th March)
- Begin Consultation @ Parish Assembly Exhibition April 2012
- Revisit Issues and Vision based on input
- Specific Workshops on main issue topics (eg employment & business, housing) to refine and id potential strategies
- After further steps.....
 - Completion by end 2012
 - a **Parish Referendum early in 2013**

Parish Futures Findings – 2009

- Parish Communications lacking
- **West Hoathly Shop loss**
- **Support for “affordable” housing but concerns re “greenfield” sites**
- **Desire to enhance Conservation Areas**
- **Lack of facilities for the young**
- Shortage of allotments
- **Community buildings issues**
- **Parking problems**
- **Traffic weight, speed and volumes**
- **Pedestrian access / walkways & crossings**
- **Public transport limited**
- Police visibility lacking

Parish Council - Autumn 2010

- Primary School sustainability
- “Village Design Statement” to strengthen local planning influence
- Encouragement of volunteering / community engagement
- Outlying areas inclusion
- Engagement with young people
- Ageing population support
- Collaboration with neighbouring Parishes