

## West Hoathly Parish – Neighbourhood Plan Meeting 29/2/12

### Post-it Note Comments

#### Sense of Belonging

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| Strong community-driven activities  | Selsfield a bit remote  |
| Village – can walk out & meet people you know/<br>small close community (3) | Lack of co-operation/integration between<br>different villages - no central focal point (2) |
| Good communication- Hoathly Hub/Chronicle (4)                               | Little offered for teenagers  |
| Good community spirit/sense of belonging (7)                                | Too many people say no time to get involved in<br>community events                          |
| Network of friends, by getting involved                                     | Increasing number of ‘gated’ properties   |
| Caring/people are helpful/friendly(4)                                       |   |
| Lots of groups for all ages (4)   |   |
| The Church  |   |
| School here   |   |
| Pubs are friendly (3)   |   |

#### Shopping

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| Shops friendly & useful     | Range/quality could be better at Costcutter  |
| Good local pubs/restaurants | No post office in W.H  |
| Vinols is back (2)          | Would like shop in addition to Costcutter (4)  |
| Costcutter (2)              | Doubt if enough support for additional shop in<br>W.Hoathly – would have to be different (2) |
|                             | Most shopping done in supermarkets/ by<br>internet now, just a fact of life                  |
|                             | Online supermarkets deliver to parish  |
|                             | Want garage that sells petrol  |
|                             | W.H shop could be community centre/cafe  |

#### Crime

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| Feel very safe living here/don’t worry much                               | Vandalism of allotment   |
| People look out for each other when someone is<br>away/watchful community | Need to see police in Highbrook more often                         |
| Current crime is low compared to other places<br>(4)                      | More community awareness of enforcement<br>officials would be good |
| Kept in touch/warned by Hoathly Hub &<br>Neighbourhood Watch              | More crime protection needed – have been<br>robbed twice on farm   |
| Police ‘clinics’ available  | Theft from Finches Field & allotments                              |
|   | Lack of prevention/police presence                                 |

#### Facilities for Elderly People

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| Well catered-for (2)                 | No Post Office in West Hoathly   |
| People help their elderly neighbours | Need facilities to give them <i>care</i>                               |
|                                      | Hard to stay in own home when older due to lack<br>of public transport |
|                                      | Lack of easy access to doctors’ surgery                                |

## Facilities for Young People/Children

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| Good local primary school (4)   | Need to encourage parents to get involved so that activities continue                                     |
| Pre-school very good (3)  | Pre-school needs help/more support (2)  |
| Groups for primary age children   | Groups not well-enough supported  |
| Youth Club on Friday for age 6+   |   |
| Integrate playgroup into school to boost numbers                            | Lack of facilities for young people – places where teenagers can hang out in peace (4)                    |
| Childrens' centre at Hoathly Hill (kindergarten, farm clubs, holiday clubs) | Need more summer clubs/activities   |
|   | Lack of sporting facilities, e.g. badminton, youth football, cricket etc                                  |
|   | Lack of activities for under-8s   |
|   | Need more young children in the village! In Highbrook in early 1900s there was a school with 30 children! |
|   | Need affordable housing for young people with families (2)  |
|   | Primary school needs to advertise itself/draw in children from outside the village                        |

## Roads and Pedestrians

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|   | Need to control speeding traffic (6)   |
|   | Greatly increased traffic in recent years (2)                                      |
|   | Poor quality roads   |
|   | Inadequate pavements/hard to walk by road (5)                                      |
|   | Need road crossings  |
|   | Lack of car parking in W.H & Sharpthorne (2)                                       |
|   | Need cycle paths to E.Grinstead/Crawley/F Row                                      |
|   | Poor maintenance of footpaths & hedges   |
|   | The more rules, regulations and road signs there are, the more people ignore them! |

## Housing

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|   | Need housing for youngsters (4)  |
|   | Shortage of lower-cost housing (8)   |
|   | No more permission should be given for <i>large</i> houses/too many large houses (3)                           |
|   | Major challenge to adapt houses for climate change/work together to improve energy efficiency – get grants (2) |
|   | Need small industrial estate for local businesses  |
|   | Better-built houses to reduce heating costs  |

## Public transport

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| Maintain current service/improve if possible | Old people get subsidies, but not young  |
| Car sharing would be good                    | Sad that public transport not viable – 98% of local people have a car              |
| Still have a bus service – well used         | Need regular bus service to Forest Row (2)   |
|  | Need evening bus service to E.G.   |
|  | Want subsidised fares for young on Bluebell  |
|  | Consider Community Transport like Dial & Ride – flexible transport for non-drivers |
|  | Inadequate bus service (6)   |
|  | Buses not linked to train times for commuters (2)                                  |

## Other Matters

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| Beautiful countryside (3)   | Decreasing water supply – risk for future                                   |
| Lovely walks/footpaths (3)  | Lack of bridleways  |
| Paris not spoilt by inappropriate development   | No gas  |
| Need to encourage small businesses/develop small offices & business units, e.g. at Philpots | Local community scale renewable energy needed, appropriate to landscape etc |
| Adult Education sessions in school  | Lack of cycle/walking routes to towns                                       |
| Develop W.Hoathly as a transition village   | Decline in farming  |
|   | Need local farms to provide produce for the community/local food security   |
|   | Becoming a 'grey' area  |
|   | Poor internet usability and speed   |

## West Hoathly Parish in 20 years' Time?

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| Working from home/self-employment (5)   | Electric vehicles the norm: need charging points(2)  |
| More people in the parish   | Electric bikes would be useful   |
| More older people/ageing population (9)   | Shortage of oil/petrol = fewer cars  |
| More childcare needed   | Traditional fuel costs increasing (3)  |
| Parish needs more children  | Oil-free heating & transport- renewable sources  |
| More services needed for elderly  | All heating will be by electric heat pumps – will present problems for electrical supply   |
| School will be struggling/closed (2)  | Villages will have to find new heating methods – lack of oil/ legislation to make existing homes much more energy and carbon-efficient |
| No second-generation residents/ no houses for young people (3)  |  |
| Families may live further apart   | More genetic engineering & other unwelcome farming techniques  |
| Shopping will major shops 'out of town' supplemented by locally-run (independent?)<br>Will town centre shops exist? (2) | Self-sufficiency using allotments/gardens  |
| Less refuse collection (too costly)   | No farms as we have known them in the past   |
| Local currency  | Recycling centre for goods + exchange  |
| Education for children <b>and</b> adults  | Totally different banking system   |
| Local medical services  | More and more traffic  |
| Strong sense of community or more isolation   | Fewer local services of all kinds/need to travel further for services (2)  |
| More safer cycle routes   |  |
| Greater divide between rich/poor nationally   | Houses will be extended  |
| Village shop where people will meet/talk  | More vandalism/petrol theft  |
| Extreme weather/changing climate impacts on food + energy supply, infrastructure, damage to property etc                | More car sharing   |
| Rising costs of care for elderly people & for unhealthy population  | More transport links   |
| Will we be 'tracked'?   | Inflation!   |
| Resource security/ energy security/ food security and cost  |  |