

WEST HOATHLY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Sustainability Appraisal 2013



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1. Introduction

This document is the Sustainability Appraisal Report (incorporating a Strategic Environmental Assessment – SEA) for the West Hoathly Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Plans must meet the objectives of sustainable development. To ensure this, a Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating the SEA) has been prepared to demonstrate that the West Hoathly Neighbourhood Plan is the most sustainable given all realistic alternatives.

The West Hoathly Neighbourhood Plan objectives are in compliance with the Strategic Objectives of the Mid Sussex District Plan, and consistent with local and national planning policy, **while taking into account the local circumstances and needs of the parish of West Hoathly.**

A Sustainability Appraisal Scoping document was prepared in June 2012 and was subject to consultation with Mid Sussex District Council, the Environment Agency, Natural England, English Heritage and the High Weald AONB Unit. The outcome of that consultation has informed the scoping document and this Sustainability Appraisal.

In accordance with European and national legislation Neighbourhood Plans must be subject to a Sustainability Appraisal for consultation with environmental bodies and other relevant stakeholders, particularly where the plan has a positive or negative effect on the environment.

Sustainable Development is about ensuring a better quality of life for everyone, now and for generations to come. It is about considering the long-term environmental, social and economic issues and impacts in an integrated and balanced way. The UK Government has set five guiding principles to achieve the sustainable development purpose. These principles form the basis for policy in the UK and are as follows:

- Living within Environmental limits
- Ensuring a strong, healthy and just society
- Building a strong, stable and sustainable economy
- Promoting good governance
- Using sound science responsibly

One of the means by which sustainable development can be achieved is through the land-use planning process. The West Hoathly Neighbourhood Plan is in conformity with the Mid Sussex District Plan. It will be adopted under the framework of the District Plan and will comprise part of the planning policy framework for the district. The Neighbourhood Plan can help to achieve sustainable development as it aims to ensure that **development meets the needs of people living and working in the parish**, whilst at the same time helping to ensure that adverse environmental impact is minimised. This Sustainability Appraisal will guide the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that it is the most sustainable possible, based on the alternative options for the plan's overall strategy and the policies within it.

The commitment to the achievement of sustainable development has been set out in legislation introduced at both European and national level. In 2004 the European Directive on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was implemented in the UK. This sets out the requirement for SEA, which has been incorporated into the Sustainability Appraisal process. Section 39 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires Local Development Documents to be prepared with a view to contributing to the achievement of sustainable development. This Sustainability Appraisal incorporates the SEA process – for ease, this report is referred to as the Sustainability Appraisal from now on, although it incorporates the elements required for SEA.

2. Methodology

The Neighbourhood Plan covers the whole of the parish of West Hoathly which comprises the villages of West Hoathly and Sharpthorne, the hamlet of Highbrook and dispersed settlements scattered in the rural

areas. Preparation of the plan is being led by members of West Hoathly Parish Council with consultation throughout with residents. To inform the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping document, public workshop sessions were run in February and March 2012 covering parish challenges/concerns, valued aspects and future aspirations. The workshop outputs were verified with a parish-wide consultation survey in April 2012 conducted on-line and hand delivered to every household.

A Housing Needs Survey was carried out by Action in Rural Sussex in July 2012 on behalf of the Parish Council. A Call for Sites was also issued in June and July 2012 by writing to local landowners and publicising through the Parish Newsletter and local community website. Further workshops were undertaken in October and November 2012 to test the suitability and acceptability of the emerging policies.

The majority of the District wide data has already been collected for the Sustainability Appraisal of the Mid Sussex District Plan and had been obtained from the various sources best placed to provide accurate data in their relevant area of expertise. This information has enabled the environmental, social and economic issues facing both the district and West Hoathly to be established.

At a local level, the West Hoathly Futures Report published in 2009 was created through a process in which the community established the issues and key priorities for the parish. It used the Parish Council as a conduit for community involvement and strove to benefit residents' lives.

Mid Sussex District Council has published a set of 18 Sustainability Objectives in its 'Sustainability Appraisal Consultation Draft, November 2011' and this document uses and expands upon those that are relevant to the issues identified for West Hoathly. In particular, local issues and objectives have been identified, and the indicators used to measure these are from local sources, at a local scale where possible. These will help assess the sustainability issues facing West Hoathly Parish, to be addressed where possible in the Neighbourhood Plan.

3. Policy context

The West Hoathly Neighbourhood Plan needs to comply with both national and local planning policies.

The Mid Sussex District Plan Sustainability Appraisal reviewed all programmes, policies strategies guidance and Initiatives that have influenced the development of the District Plan. The West Hoathly Neighbourhood Plan and Sustainability Appraisal will need to be in conformity with the District Plan and it is therefore not proposed to review in this report all international, national and local documents that are relevant.

Appendix A at the end of this report, provides a summary of the local programmes, plans and other documents which influence the Neighbourhood Plan, in addition to those outlined above. Key objectives and indicators have been identified from the District Plan and these have been incorporated into the sustainability framework and used to inform baseline data and the identification of key issues.

The aims, objectives and indicators from these policy documents have been used to supplement the West Hoathly Neighbourhood Plan sustainability objectives. It should be noted that the policy context for the West Hoathly Neighbourhood Plan Sustainability Appraisal is not static. Therefore, as further relevant plans or programmes are developed, they will be reviewed and incorporated within the assessment at future stages of publication of this Sustainability Appraisal report.

4. Key sustainability issues

SWOT assessment

The following table has been informed by the issues identified in the Neighbourhood Plan public workshops and consultation, and the baseline information collected in Section 4.

<p>Strengths Relatively low crime, valued school, outstanding landscape setting, designated land (e.g. AONB, SSSI, LNR), significant built heritage assets, strong community spirit, extensive local communications media (Chronicle, Hoathly Hub), good range of community activities, choice of pubs, Costcutter and Post Office, Organic Cafe, thriving village clubs, friendly Churches, local employment opportunities, access to Haywards Heath, East Grinstead and Crawley for other major hubs.</p>	<p>Weaknesses Multi-centric settlement layout, low primary school roll, traffic speed, volume and weight and widespread parking issues, visual clutter, pedestrian vulnerability, infrequent public transport, limited health facilities e.g. doctors' surgery, limited activities for older children, high house prices, high rental prices, lack of affordable housing, piecemeal pavements and verges, blocked parked cars, poor bus service, poor Broadband service.</p>
<p>Opportunities Improve pedestrian safety, implement traffic management, better balanced age distribution, improve contact and service to elderly, capitalise on Bluebell railway, reduce street clutter, garden share and community growing, reduced travel carbon fuel usage, organise events to encourage inclusion, encourage use of renewable energy, encourage local businesses.</p>	<p>Threats Climate change, loss of biodiversity, drought or water interruption/contamination, danger from HGVs and fast traffic, over or inappropriate development leading to loss of rural character, loss of services such as buses, shops, loss of agricultural land and local food self sufficiency, loss of local distinctiveness through cumulative loss of local vernacular such as building materials of sandstone walls and local stock bricks and erosion of rural countryside features</p>

Key issues

There are a number of sustainability issues and challenges facing the parish. While West Hoathly offers a high quality environment to residents and local businesses, the Neighbourhood Plan will need to manage and seek to resolve a series of issues over its lifetime if the parish is to continue to be successful while respecting its outstanding landscape setting.

In the absence of a Neighbourhood Plan (and as a consequence a lack of vision and strategy for West Hoathly), there will be fewer opportunities to address the issues and challenges facing the parish, as well as contributing to a reduction in the potential benefit to the community.

Challenges Facing West Hoathly Parish	Effect without the Neighbourhood Plan
Problem of traffic speed, volume and weight and lack of pedestrian/cyclist safety on the C319 and lanes	Residents lives will be further blighted by inappropriate traffic patterns
Viability of Primary School and Pre-School	Issue not addressed and danger of downward spiral and possible closure
Lack of affordable housing for Parish residents	No suitable sites for housing for local people would be allocated.
Supporting an ageing population	Potential issues of care/support/transport and suitable local homes
Inadequate and potentially reducing public transport options	Further erosion of options, increased car dependency and/or isolation
Support and flexibility for local businesses	Existing policies may not meet their needs and aspirations
Infrastructure improvements such as roads, crossings, parking, school facilities	Funding for infrastructure requirements may not be achieved
Pressures for development in countryside	District Plan policies are strategic in nature and may not provide adequate protection
Loss of agricultural land to development	Could get worse with no policy on protection
Poor access to services and facilities	Could get worse with no policy on sustainable

Challenges Facing West Hoathly Parish	Effect without the Neighbourhood Plan
	transport
Need to maintain and enhance the high quality natural environment, wildlife networks and biodiversity of the parish	District Plan policies are strategic in nature and may not provide adequate protection
Need to protect and enhance the historic buildings and environment of the parish	District Plan policies are strategic in nature and may not provide adequate protection

5. Sustainability Objectives

The Sustainability Appraisal will assess the sustainability of the Neighbourhood Plan through the identification of objectives and indicators. These will be used to predict the sustainability effects of the strategy for the Neighbourhood Plan, and the policies identified to deliver the strategy. The Sustainability Appraisal will include consideration of alternatives and information about likely future changes that will occur even without a new Neighbourhood Plan. These alternatives will be assessed against the Sustainability Framework in order to determine which option is the most sustainable. This will be used to inform the drafting of the Neighbourhood Plan in order to make sure it is the most sustainable plan possible, given all realistic alternatives.

1/Env. To maintain and enhance the countryside and open spaces of West Hoathly parish in terms of its

- geology, landform, water systems and climate,
- ridge top settlement pattern and historic farmsteads,
- ancient woodlands and field patterns
- ancient rights of way (footpaths, bridleways, tracks and lanes)
- landscape character
- diversity of wildlife
- peace and quiet
- available amenity open spaces

whilst ensuring any changes benefit the community as a whole.

- *area of Ancient Woodland within the parish – not reduced*
- *condition of ancient woodland - improved*
- *number of Trees with Preservation Orders within the parish - maintained or increased*
- *number of specific valued countryside assets – maintained or increased*
- *condition and accessibility of footpaths – maintained or improved*
- *interference with any of these features through grant of planning consent – minimised*
- *biodiversity – maintained or enhanced*

2/Env. To retain the distinctiveness of villages and small settlements and the gaps between them whilst encouraging some organic growth which addresses deficit dwelling stock (young families, older people) and complements their surroundings.

- *planning consents outside defined settlement boundaries – none or limited*
- *proportion of housing developments which address housing needs - maximised*

3/Soc. To encourage pride in settlement maintenance and appearance.

- *number of derelict /unmaintained houses – minimised*
- *adherence to conservation area standards - maximised*
- *amount of litter - minimised*

4/Env. To conserve and enhance the architectural and landscape heritage of conservation areas and individual historic buildings with any changes conforming to locally agreed detailed design guide.

- *number of Listed Buildings in parish – not diminished*
- *MSDC conservation officer/ English Heritage assessment – maintained or improved*
- *Changes not conforming with design guidance - minimised*

5/Soc. To ensure a supply of homes consistent with the parish identified housing needs and to meet the local social objectives of homes suitable for younger families and older people.

- *proportion of housing developments directly addressing identified needs – maximised*
- *housing shortfall - reduced*

6/Env. To ensure all NEW homes are built to high standards of design, construction and resource efficiency, and homes in countryside and conservation areas are of outstanding design.

- *new homes meeting building regulations level 4 or above of the Code for Sustainable Homes (Mid Sussex District Plan Policy) – maximised*
- *number of new homes in countryside or conservation areas within NP Policy – less or equal to policy*

7/Env. To increase resource efficiency of buildings, and the proportion of energy use from renewable sources in the parish,

- *capacity of photovoltaic, solar thermal installations, biomass and heat pumps – increased*
- *number of domestic water recycling systems - increased*
- *renewable energy use in public buildings – increased*
- *water efficiency measures - implemented*

8/Soc. To have an efficient, quick and co-ordinated public transport service that meets the needs of residents and visitors – in particular -

- *secondary school children to get to and from school*
- *commuters to link with major travel hubs*
- *other social, domestic and pleasure purposes*
- *people visiting the parish*
- *proportion of secondary school students using public transport – increased*
- *number of commuter car journeys to travel hubs – reduced*
- *number of practical public transport travel options from main parish population centres - increased*

9/Env. To substantially reduce the impact on residents' lives of the volume, speed and weight of traffic within the parish.

- *Highways in village areas and unclassified lanes are pedestrian, cyclist, horse-rider friendly*
- *Reduced through traffic*
- *Walking and cycling routes to service centres (EG, FR) and between parish settlements*
- *Adequate parking spaces in village areas*
- *average traffic speeds – reduced*
- *number of HGVs passing through or into the parish – reduced*
- *number of regular cycle users – increased*
- *amount of pedestrian journeys - increased*
- *number of businesses with green travel plans - increased*
- *car journeys to/from WH school - reduced*
- *proportion of journeys to work by sustainable methods – increased*
- *number of off-street public parking spaces within easy walking distance of village centres - increased*

10/Econ. To make the parish an attractive place for businesses providing essential retail and service offerings for the local community and retain a variety of hospitality businesses for local and tourist use.

- *range of retail outlets – maintained or increased*
- *range of goods and services available locally – maintained or increased*
- *number of new businesses started - increased*
- *number / variety of hospitality premises - maintained or increased*
- *visitor numbers to Priest House, Bluebell Railway - maintained*

11/Soc. To ensure outstanding quality pre-school and primary education opportunities are available within the parish supported by the necessary extended childcare requirements to meet current social patterns.

- school roll - increased
- Preschool self-sufficiency – achieved
- Childcare places satisfying the needs of working parents - increased

12/Soc. To sustain and enhance the diverse selection of clubs/societies/sports/worship for all age groups and make the parish an attractive venue for small touring offerings.

- number and range of active groups – maintained or increased
- variety of sports activities – maintained or increased
- number of youth teams or groups – increased
- number of members of youth teams or groups - increased

13/Econ. Facilitate employment opportunities in the parish (local businesses, working from home, self employment).

- number of local employment opportunities – maintained or increased
- number of local employers – maintained or increased
- number of households with “super fast” broadband service – increased
- number of planning applications approved for home office adaptations - increased

14/Soc. To improve access to health services especially for children and older people.

- number of venues for health services in parish – maintained or increased
- local collection of prescriptions – maintained or improved
- volunteer car hospital scheme – maintained or improved

15/Soc. To promote community responsibility for parishioners own, others’ and community assets

- incidence of crime - reduced
- Farm & Countryside Watch membership - increased
- Number of active Neighbourhood watch schemes - increased

16/Soc. To encourage the sense of community and engagement in local topics and the inclusion and support of vulnerable groups.

- participation in parish council elections – increased
- number of Chronicle subscribers – maintained or increased
- number of Hoathly Hub subscribers – increased
- numbers attending annual parish assembly – increased
- number of events and activities for vulnerable groups – maintained or increased
- participation of vulnerable groups in parish affairs - increased

Following the “Call for Sites’ exercise each response received has been assessed against the above objectives.

The West Hoathly Neighbourhood Plan has 17 policies. Each policy has also been assessed against the above objectives and measured as follows:

Major positive (++) / Minor positive (+) / Neutral () / Minor negative (-) / Major negative (--) / Indeterminate (I)

6. Assessment of Policies

Neighbourhood Plan Policies assessed against each Sustainability Objective

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE	WHP POLICY																			
	1. LANDSCAPE	2. LANES	3. OPEN SPACES	4. FOOTPATHS	5. VISUALISATIONS	6. NEW PARKING	7. KEEP PARKING	8. HGV	9. CIL	10. BLUEBELL RAILWAY	11. DEVELOPMENT IN BUILT-UP AREA	12. EXTENSIONS	13. COOKHAMS	14. CONSERVATION AREAS	15. EXCEPTION SITES	16. SANGS	17. HOATHLY HILL	18. PROTECT EMPLOYMENT	19. LIVE / WORK	OVERALL SUSTAINABILITY
1 COUNTRYSIDE	++	+	+		+								-	-			+			+
2 VILLAGE IDENTITY			+							+				+			+			+
3 SETTLEMENT PRIDE														+						+
4 HERITAGE		+			+									+						+
5 HOMES SUPPLY											+	+	++		+					+
6 NEW HOME DESIGN	+				+															+
7 ENERGY EFFICIENCY																				
8 PUBLIC TRANSPORT										+										+
9 TRAFFIC ISSUES							+	+	+	++										+
10 ATTRACTIVE TO BUSINESSES										+	+		+						+	+
11 EDUCATION											+		++		+					+
12 COMMUNITY ACTIVITY	+		+	+												+				+
13 EMPLOYMENT																		+	+	+
14 HEALTH																				
15 SECURITY																				
16 ENGAGEMENT													+							+
OVERALL POLICY IMPACT	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	

Depending on Mid Sussex District Plan Policies assessed against each Sustainability Objective

<div style="text-align: center;">NO WH PLAN</div> <div style="text-align: center;">SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE</div>	<div style="text-align: center;">MSDC Plan Only</div>
1. COUNTRYSIDE	-
2. VILLAGE IDENTITY	-
3. SETTLEMENT PRIDE	
4. HERITAGE	
5. HOMES SUPPLY	--
6. NEW HOME DESIGN	
7. ENERGY EFFICIENCY	
8. PUBLIC TRANSPORT	
9. TRAFFIC ISSUES	--
10. ATTRACTIVE TO BUSINESSES	
11. EDUCATION	-
12. COMMUNITY ACTIVITY	
13. EMPLOYMENT	-
14. HEALTH	
15. SECURITY	
16. ENGAGEMENT	
OVERALL POLICY IMPACT	-

Assessment of Call for Sites Responses against Sustainability Objectives & Indicators

Sustainability Objectives & Indicators:	Proposed Site at Cookhams	Philpots Quarry extension to quarry workings	Blackland Farm – replacement accommodation and facilities	Bluebell Railway (Housing already been agreed)	Bluebell Railway long term proposal to extend to Ardingly branch line	Land adjoining Homestall, Top Road	West Hoathly Garage Site	Ibstock – ASSESS vs Housing	Ibstock – ASSESS vs Light Industrial	Sharpthorne Old Playground (assessed as an upgraded play area)	Land North of Top Road	Land adjacent 2 Hoathly Hill
1/Env. To maintain and enhance the countryside and open spaces... <i>- area of Ancient Woodland within the parish – not reduced</i> <i>- condition of ancient woodland - improved</i> <i>- number of Trees with Preservation Orders within the parish - maintained or increased</i> <i>- number of specific valued countryside assets – maintained or increased</i> <i>- condition and accessibility of footpaths – maintained or improved</i> <i>- interference with any of these features through grant of planning consent – minimised</i> <i>- biodiversity – maintained or enhanced</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	-?	0	0	0	0	-
	0	0	0	0	0	0	-?	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2/Env. To retain the distinctiveness of villages and small settlements and the gaps between them.... <i>- planning consents outside defined settlement boundaries – none or limited</i> <i>- proportion of housing developments which address housing needs - maximised</i>	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	-
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	-
3/Soc. To encourage pride in settlement maintenance and appearance. <i>- number of derelict /unmaintained houses – minimised</i> <i>- adherence to conservation area standards - maximised</i> <i>- amount of litter - minimised</i>	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<p>4/Env. To conserve and enhance the architectural and landscape heritage of conservation areas and individual historic buildings with any changes conforming to locally agreed detailed design guide.</p> <p>- number of Listed Buildings in parish – not diminished - MSDC conservation officer/ English Heritage assessment – maintained or improved - Changes not conforming with design guidance - minimised</p>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<p>5/Soc. To ensure a supply of homes consistent with the parish identified housing needs and to meet the local social objectives of homes suitable for younger families and older people.</p> <p>- proportion of housing developments directly addressing identified needs – maximised - housing shortfall - reduced</p>	++	0	0	+	0	+	+	++	0	0	++	-
	++	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	++	-
	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	0
<p>6/Env. To ensure all NEW homes are built to high standards of design, construction and resource efficiency, and homes in countryside and conservation areas are of outstanding design.</p> <p>- new homes meeting building regulations level 4 or above of the Code for Sustainable Homes (Mid Sussex District Plan Policy) – maximised - number of new homes in countryside or conservation areas within NP Policy – less or equal to policy.</p>	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	0
	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-?
<p>7/Env. To increase resource efficiency of buildings, and the proportion of energy use from renewable sources in the parish,</p> <p>- capacity of photovoltaic, solar thermal installations, biomass and heat pumps – increased - number of domestic water recycling systems - increased - renewable energy use in public buildings – increased - water efficiency measures - implemented</p>	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<p>8/Soc. To have an efficient, quick and co-ordinated public transport service that meets the needs of residents and visitors....</p> <p>- proportion of secondary school students using public transport – increased - number of commuter car journeys to travel hubs – reduced - number of practical public transport travel options from main parish population centres - increased</p>	-	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	-	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0
	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<p>9/Env. To substantially reduce the impact on residents' lives of the volume, speed and weight of traffic within the parish...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - average traffic speeds – reduced - number of HGVs passing through or into the parish – reduced - number of regular cycle users – increased - amount of pedestrian journeys - increased - number of businesses with green travel plans - increased - car journeys to/from WH school - reduced - proportion of journeys to work by sustainable methods – increased - number of off-street public parking spaces within easy walking distance of village centres - increased 	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	-
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	-
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<p>10/Econ. To make the parish an attractive place for businesses providing essential retail and service offerings for the local community and retain a variety of hospitality businesses for local and tourist use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - range of retail outlets – maintained or increased - range of goods and services available locally – maintained or increased - number of new businesses started - increased - number / variety of hospitality premises - maintained or increased - visitor numbers to Priest House, Bluebell Railway - maintained <p>-No of dwellings in Parish – increased – NEW?</p>	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+
<p>11/Soc. To ensure outstanding quality pre-school and primary education opportunities are available within the parish supported by the necessary extended childcare requirements to meet current social patterns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - school roll - increased - Preschool self-sufficiency – achieved - Childcare places satisfying the needs of working parents - increased 	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0?
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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<p>12/Soc. To sustain and enhance the diverse selection of clubs/societies/sports/worship for all age groups and make the parish an attractive venue for small touring offerings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - number and range of active groups – maintained or increased - variety of sports activities – maintained or increased - number of youth teams or groups – increased - number of members of youth teams or groups – increased 	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<p>13/Econ. Facilitate employment opportunities in the parish (local businesses, working from home, self employment).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - number of local employment opportunities – maintained or increased - number of local employers – maintained or increased - number of households with “super fast” broadband service – increased - number of planning applications approved for home office adaptations - increased 	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	--	+	0	0	0
<p>14/Soc. To improve access to health services especially for children and older people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - number of venues for health services in parish – maintained or increased - local collection of prescriptions – maintained or improved - volunteer car hospital scheme – maintained or improved 	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<p>15/Soc. To promote community responsibility for parishioners own, others’ and community assets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - incidence of crime - reduced - Farm & Countryside Watch membership - increased - Number of active Neighbourhood watch schemes - increased 	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<p>16/Soc. To encourage the sense of community and engagement in local topics and the inclusion and support of vulnerable groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - participation in parish council elections – increased - number of Chronicle subscribers – maintained or increased - number of Hoathly Hub subscribers – increased - numbers attending annual parish assembly – increased - number of events and activities for vulnerable groups – maintained or increased - participation of vulnerable groups in parish affairs - increased 	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+
	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Appendix A Summary of Plans and Programmes

NAME OF DOCUMENT	BROAD AIMS/RELEVANT POLICIES	REQUIREMENTS OF THE DOCUMENT IN RELATION TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
National Planning Policy Framework, March 2012	This document sets out the Govt's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. It provides a framework for District and Neighbourhood Plans.	The Neighbourhood Plan will need to pay particular regard to this new Planning Framework.
Mid Sussex Local Plan (MSLP), 2004	This document was statutorily adopted in 2004. It defines built up area boundaries and contains some policies that have been retained in the District Plan.	MSLP Policies for West Hoathly have been retained and will need to be taken into account in the Neighbourhood Plan
Mid Sussex District Plan, Consultative Draft 2011	The draft District Plan has been written in the context of the Localism Act and changes to the planning system. It sets out strategic policies and provides the framework for subsequent planning documents including Neighbourhood Plans.	The Neighbourhood Plan will need to comply with the strategic aims and policies of the District Plan.
High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan, 2009	Identifies the important features of the AONB and sets out guidance and objectives on the ways in which these features can be protected, restored and enhanced.	As the parish is located entirely within the AONB, the NP will need to take full account of the aims of AONB designation and the land and countryside management issues in this document.
Mid Sussex Landscape Character Assessment, 2005	This document looks in detail at the landscape character of the District and contains detailed management guidelines	The management guidelines will need to be taken into consideration in the Neighbourhood Plan
Ancient Woodland Inventory for Mid Sussex, 2007	This survey identifies the areas of ancient woodland within Mid Sussex	Ancient woodland is a key biodiversity asset for the parish and needs to be recognised in the Neighbourhood Plan.
Mid Sussex Rural Affordable Housing Strategy, 2007	This document identifies a strategy to enable the Council to meet the housing needs of local residents in rural areas.	The Neighbourhood Plan will consider how it can contribute to this in the light of a new Housing Needs Study.
Biodiversity Action Plan for Sussex	Focuses resources to conserve and enhance biodiversity in Sussex by means of local partnerships, taking account of national and local priorities.	The Neighbourhood Plan will need to take account of nature conservation and biodiversity issues.
Mid Sussex Economic Development Strategy, MSDC 2010	The document lists objectives for economic development and states how the Council will assist in meeting these aims	The Neighbourhood Plan will need to be in broad compliance with the economic development and tourism policies of the District Plan
Mid Sussex Infrastructure Development Plan, draft 2011	Sets out infrastructure requirements that development will be expected to contribute towards.	The Neighbourhood Plan should contain a policy on infrastructure to comply with these requirements.
Mid Sussex Landscape Capacity Study, 2007	The study identifies the capacity of the Mid Sussex landscape to accommodate strategic development.	The study has been a key piece of evidence in the formulation of policies concerning the District's landscape
Register of Listed Buildings	Lists and describes the buildings included in the List of Buildings of Special Arch and Historic Interest	The Neighbourhood Plan will take account of the need to protect and conserve this asset.
West Sussex Sites of Nature Conservation Importance Register	Identifies and describes sites of importance	The Neighbourhood Plan will need to contain policies to protect these sites
West Hoathly "Parish Futures" Consultation , 2009	This community led plan contains aims and actions identified by the community	The issues identified in the "Parish Futures" will be used to inform the Neighbourhood Plan.
West Hoathly Housing Needs Study	New study commissioned April 2012	This will be used to inform the Neighbourhood Plan

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TMS Traffic & Safety Study, November 2011	Independent Professional Study commissioned	This report will be used to inform the Neighbourhood Plan
Hamilton-Baillie Associates, Traffic in Villages Toolkit, 2011	Commissioned for Dorset AONB	Will be considered for relevance in West Hoathly
Census Data 2001		Informs the basic characteristics of West Hoathly
West Hoathly Parish Profile	Prepared by Action in Rural Sussex, March 2011	Informs the basic characteristics of West Hoathly
Acorn Neighbourhood Profile	Office of National Statistics	Informs the basic characteristics of West Hoathly
Historic Environment Record	Informs the basic characteristics of West Hoathly	Informs the basic characteristics of West Hoathly
Re-appraisal of the West Hoathly Conservation Area 2008	Mid Sussex District Council	Informs the basic characteristics of West Hoathly

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