

Appendix 3: Consultation & Community Open Day, November 2011

**WHAT HAPPENS IN YOUR PARISH AFFECTS YOU
IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY**

TWINEHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Dear Resident

November 2011

The Twineham Neighbourhood Plan is an opportunity for local residents to influence what happens to the Parish and to everyone who lives within it, for the immediate and the long-term future.

Neighbourhood Plans are being produced up and down the country, with the purpose of decentralising power down to 'those who know best'. All Neighbourhood Plans should be for the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of everyone living and working in the area, not just for business interests.

In our Parish, a Working Group has been formed in order to progress our own Neighbourhood Plan and a questionnaire has been produced – SEE ATTACHED – the purpose of which is to provide valuable feedback as to the wishes and issues that you, as residents of the Parish, have. ***NB thank you to those who have completed and returned their forms – for those who have not, please do so now.***

Background:

The Neighbourhood Plans will form part of the statutory Mid-Sussex District Plan and must not only reflect the views of the community but also conform with the policies contained in the District Plan and will go to an independent inspector, appointed by the District Council. It will be subject to a referendum in the Parish where, under the current regulations suggested in the Localism Bill, 50% of those voting must be in favour of the Plan.

It is therefore important that you make your views known so that these can be reflected in the final document. Take this opportunity and make your voice heard!

Stages of the process:

A robust Plan will set out a vision as to what the community will be like to live and work in over the next twenty years and hopefully how that vision can be achieved. The Plan will set out 'sustainable' policies for use of the land in the Parish, both in regards of conservation and future needs of the community. However, having said that there is no guarantee that all the wishes of the community can be met – ie. playgrounds, traffic calming, etc. In order for these things to be affordable they would need to be funded by open market housing – so be careful for what you wish for!

PLEASE fill in ONE questionnaire per household and return this to Fanny Jones at: The Coach House, Church Lane, (down by Twineham Primary School) or by email at fmtjones@btinternet.com or download a copy at www.twinehamparishcouncil.co.uk as soon as possible – our timelines are tight!

Editors Notes: Please don't forget the Parish of Twineham includes Twineham, Twineham Green, Hickstead, Bob Lane, the east side of Wineham Lane, Winterpick Business Park and Wapses.

Open session

Diamond Jubilee and Neighbourhood Plan

Noon on Sunday
6th November
at Twineham School

All
Welcome



TWINEHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

STRENGTHS

Sense of community
Rural setting
Heritage of the Low Weald
Proximity to South Downs
Excellent views

WEAKNESSES

Low number of residents to resist development
Rat running through country lanes
Very limited public transport
High reliance on cars
Vulnerable to shock events — power failure, heavy snow, flooding

OPPORTUNITIES

Localism Bill (extended powers for local communities)
Re-instate some community events
Set up self-help syndicates eg bulk oil deliveries)
Community engagement to help those most affected by shock events

THREATS

Creeping urbanisation
Built waste site—pollution, traffic, etc.
Increasing traffic resulting from expansion of Burgess Hill
Flooding and water pollution caused by large-scale new development

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Vision Statement

"To maintain the rural character and natural environment of the Parish that makes it such an enjoyable place in which to live and to promote the provision of essential rural services, housing and infrastructure that enables local people to live and work in the community"

1 Economic development

Should we seek to ensure that appropriate employment opportunities are promoted within the Parish so that people who live locally can work locally?

If so, should this be done through:

- Expansion of (or clustering near) existing facilities?
- Re-using existing and adapting agricultural buildings?
- Encouraging knowledge driven employment based at home?

But should we avoid significant urbanisation of our rural location. In particular, a perception of unacceptable ribbon development along the A23 corridor and the Hickstead end of the A2300?

Please look at the map to see if we have missed you out if you work in the Parish (please add a sticker as appropriate)

2 The Landscape

Should we be protecting and enhancing the historical agricultural landscape of the Parish for the future?

- Are there any particular vistas that you enjoy?
- What do you think about the equestrian use of farmland?
- What do you think about current farming practices?

The map illustrates the rural nature of the Parish showing the rivers and woodland

3 Infrastructure

Given that there is limited infrastructure in the Parish, any proposal for increased facilities would need to be delivered through new development. With that in mind, what would you regard as important enhancements for the future?

The map illustrates the limited infrastructure in the Parish

4 Housing

Taking into account the limited infrastructure, do you think that new housing should only be provided where there is a proven local need?

Please give us your thoughts

How do you feel about the conversion of redundant farm buildings for homes?

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A local village
shop would be
great + a post
office.

Also a village
Hall.

A village pub
or cafe

a village hall

A public loo

Village PUB

The beauty of
Witcham is its
beehives.

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Lovely views northwards across the fields to Northweald and Handcross Hill skyline.

The fencing used for keeping horses on farmland definitely does not enhance the landscape!

Fencing for equestrian use is detrimental to the landscape

Yes - I agree.
Too much plastic everywhere

Great views of the Downs

Too much equestrian use and not enough farming. Sadly a sign of the times

It would be nice to see a few more farmers cleaning out their ditches!
Yes, I agree.

Would not want to see an increase in equestrian use.

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How do you feel about the conversion of redundant farm buildings for homes?
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Please give us your thoughts:

No objection to
conversion of farm
buildings. I think
I agree

Within proportionate
& sensitive planning
I agree

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better broadband!

yes!

Yes!

Yes

yes

High-Speed
Broadband Connection

Improvements to
A23/A2300 and
A23/A272 junctions
to reduce traffic
through parish (i.e.
rat runs)

Neighbourhood watch scheme - essential.

No Village Hall - no sense of community

Power failures a problem

Agree with all the weaknesses

Poor communication / IT / Broadband

School Transport plan. reduce car use

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The Plan will set out a vision as to what the community will be like to live and work in over the next twenty years and, hopefully, how that vision can be achieved. The Plan will set out "sustainable" policies for the use of land in the parish both with regard to conservation and future needs of the community. The results of this work should result in a robust Neighbourhood Plan that will be considered as a material consideration in any future decisions involving planning applications, infrastructure and economic/housing development.

There is no guarantee that the wishes of the community with regard to the provision of infrastructure such as playgrounds, traffic calming, etc. will be provided. In order for this to be affordable, it would need to be funded through the development of open market housing. For example, the plans for the re-development of Burgess Hill Town Centre, will be funded by the building of some 4,000 houses. We therefore have to be careful what we wish for!

Please fill out one questionnaire per household and return this to Fanny Jones at the Coach House by **Friday, 18th November**. Alternatively, you can download the questionnaire on-line on the Parish Council's Website www.twinehamparishcouncil.co.uk and return it by email to Fanny at fmtjones@btconnect.com

We have a very tight time-scale to get our ideas back to the District Council by Christmas and your input into the Plan really is essential in providing evidence of the views of residents.

The Parish Plan Group:

Charles Worsley (Chairman), Jozek Fiedosiuk, Barry Livett, Andrew Nash, Fanny Jones

**TWINEHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
QUESTIONNAIRE - NOVEMBER 2011**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1 Please enter the number of people in your household in each age

Under 18
18-24
25-44
45-59
60-75
Over 75

2 How long have you lived in Twineham?

Number of years

3 How did you come to live in Twineham?

Born here/came with family	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work in area	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commutability	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relatives living nearby	<input type="checkbox"/>
Love of the countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retirement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

4 Is there any individual in your household currently, or in the near future, in need of alternative accommodation?

YES / NO (please delete as appropriate) If yes, where does this person need to move to?

Another dwelling in Twineham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elsewhere in Mid Sussex	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over ten miles from Mid Sussex	<input type="checkbox"/>

EMPLOYMENT

5 Where is your main place of work?

Twineham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crawley/Gatwick	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Coast	<input type="checkbox"/>
London	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you work from home is this

Full-time	<input type="checkbox"/>
One or two days per week	<input type="checkbox"/>
Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/>

6 Should we encourage business/commercial development that provides local employment?

YES / NO (please delete as appropriate) If yes, should this be

- Expansion of existing facilities
- Clustering near existing facilities
- Greenfield sites

HOUSING

7 Is there a need for more housing in the Parish?

YES / NO (please delete as appropriate) If yes, should this be:

- Small units for rent for local people (if there were a proven need)
- Shared equity units (part rent/part buy)
- Small units for private sale
- Larger, family homes
- Homes suitable for retirement

8 If future housing development within the Parish was required, where should this be sited?

- Adjacent to existing housing
- Brownfield (previously developed) sites
- Greenfield sites

TRANSPORT

9 Are you living in a household where adults have daytime access to a vehicle?

If yes, how many vehicles are there in your household

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10 What is your main mode of transport? Please tick all that apply

- Private Car
- Motorbike
- Bicycle
- Bus
- Taxi

LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

11 What is most important to you about living in Twineham?

- The rural environment
- The community
- Other

Please give details below

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12 How important to you is the protection of the countryside in the Parish?

Please delete as appropriate

- Very important
- Important
- Not important

13 What do you think should be done to help protect and enhance the local environment Please tick all that apply

- Renewable energy
- Improved public transport
- Car sharing
- Improved rights of way (footpaths, etc)
- Cyclepaths
- Improved drainage
- Traffic calming
- Other

SCHOOL

14 Have you or members of your family attended Twineham Primary School

YES / NO (please delete as appropriate)

15 Will your family have need of Twineham Primary School in the future?

YES / NO (please delete as appropriate)

RECREATION

16 Do you use the existing recreational facilities in the village

- Recreation Ground
- Footpath Network
- Bridleways
- Cyclepaths

17 Is there a need for more recreational facilities in the Parish?

YES / NO (Please delete as appropriate). If yes, please give details below:

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And finally

18 How would you like to see Twineham develop over the next twenty years

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THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE