

## **Appendix 6: Consultation & Community Open Day, January 2015**

## Website notification



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We are very pleased that the draft Neighbourhood Plan and Sustainability Appraisal are now complete and available for public consultation until 9th February 2015. All the documents are available on the next page of the website and will be on display at the Open Morning which will be held at Twineham School from 10.00 until 12 noon on Saturday, 10th January. Do please come along as your input is very important to the future success of the Plan. If you are not able to attend on the day, the plan can be viewed by arrangement at Hookers Farm. Please contact Charles Worsley to make an appointment.

Following the consultation, the Neighbourhood Plan Group will review the comments and make any revisions. The Plan will then,be submitted to Mid Sussex District Council for a further six week consultation. After review the Plan will be submitted for independent examination. Once the examiner is happy with the Neighbourhood Plan it will be subject to a referendum and all residents on the Electoral Register will be eligible to vote. The outcome will be a simple majority, either in favour or against the Neighbourhood Plan.

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# **TWINEHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**Have your say**

# **OPEN DAY**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January  
at Twineham School  
From 10am to 12 noon**

**Drop in anytime with display and refreshments.**

**Please comment on the Draft Plan.**

**Also available to view at:**

**[www.twinehamparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.twinehamparishcouncil.co.uk)**

**This Newsletter was sent by e-mail to those who had contributed their addresses, and was hand delivered to other parishioners. It was also displayed on the Parish Website.**

Twineham Newsletter December 2014

### **Twineham Neighbourhood Plan**

A great deal of work has been done on the Twineham Neighbourhood Plan and will be open for Public Consultation between 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015. An Open Morning will be held at Twineham CE Primary School, Church Lane, Twineham, on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2015, between 10.00 am and 12 noon. The Plan will be available to view. If you are unable to come on that date, it will also be available to view at Hookers Farm, Bolney Chapel Lane, Twineham, by appointment with Charles Worsley. Very grateful thanks are due to Charles Worsley, who has chaired the Neighbourhood Plan Group, and to Richard Sutcliffe-Smith, past Chairman of Twineham Parish Council, who has written a very large part of the Plan and to Fanny Jones when she was Clerk to the Parish Council.

### **Rampion Off-Shore Wind Farm**

As many of you will know, permission has now been granted for the off-shore wind farm. The underground power cable will connect to a new substation to be built adjacent to the Bolney Power Station (which is in the Parish of Twineham). A great deal of consultation has taken place with representatives of Rampion. We are waiting for the final design (we have requested that the two transformers, which will be 10.5 meters high) will be placed behind the tallest trees, so that residents who look down on the site will have the greatest protection. We are also awaiting the Traffic Management Plan and the Noise Management Plan. The Local Liaison Group (LLG) which is made up of representatives of the Parish Councils which will be affected by the construction works will be meeting again in mid-December. We anticipate that work will commence on the substation during the spring or summer of 2015. The Parish Council has met with the officer of West Sussex County Council who will be signing off the Requirements (Conditions) for the substation.

We have been advised that there will be some community benefit, but we are not sure how much of this will come to Twineham.

### **Operation Watershed and a Request to Help Prevent Flooding**

Having received some funding from West Sussex County Council to alleviate flooding in the Parish, local residents have been looking at the worst areas of flooding. It would be extremely helpful if local residents could please remove leaves from drainage gullies outside their properties as this helps with the water being able to run away. This is particularly relevant on the stretch of Twineham Lane between the junctions of Hickstead Lane and Church Lane, together with Bob Lane in the vicinity of Twineham Grange, and in particular the Coach House. A spade does wonders! Thank you very much if you are able to help. If you own an area (land or property) with a watercourse running through it then you need to keep the watercourse clear. In this case you are known as a riparian owner and you must ensure that water is able to flow without obstruction.

### **Mayfield**

No doubt you will know of the proposal by Mayfield Market Towns to build 10,000 houses between Sayers Common and Henfield. This proposal was discussed at the Examination Hearings into Horsham District Planning Framework Examination, although it is not included in the Horsham Plan. Because this could have an impact on Twineham Parish, representatives of the Parish Council attended the Hearings on three days. Local Members of Parliament, Sir Nicholas Soames and Nick Hebert, also attended on one day. The Inspector's report is awaited.

**The notes on the boards provided are transcribed below:**

Upgrading the A23/A272 junction at Bolney would reduce the “rat run” pressure on Hickstead Lane and Bolney Chapel Lane.

A cash point nearer than Cowfold.

P 64. Would it be possible to emphasise “affordable housing” for development?

Broadly in agreement. Thank you for your hard work. A23/A2300 junction improvement & Hickstead horsebox entrance to be improved. No substantial windfarm/solar farm development.

Policy TN 3.2. Small scale should be inserted to avoid large scale energy developments unrelated to the Parish – or perhaps not in view of Twineham Lane.

Emphasis on local families for social housing or local employment.

Landscaping schemes for new development very important.

NSAP 3. The upgrading of the A23/A272 junction will remove traffic from Hickstead Lane – traffic calming in Hickstead Lane is unlikely to achieve a traffic reduction.

TNP 3.1. Who owns cheese factory? Would be ideal site for small community development.

**NO** streetlights. Community shop.

Possibly houses near the school – due regard to local vernacular NOT ‘Barrat style homes’ or modern cul de sacs – single dwellings more individual & exciting.

- 1) A small cluster of houses with good access to highway will have less impact on road safety
- 2) Will have less impact on countryside
- 3) Will enhance the community cohesion
- 4) This will facilitate a mix of house type remembering local family.
- 5) NO STREET LIGHTING.

Fully support plan. How do you guarantee 6 houses are not built in one place?

Small clusters of houses through the village are far better and will have less impact than single dwellings dotted all over the place We particularly when bearing in mind the number of houses the parish are proposing in the neighbourhood plan.

We desperately need upgrade of broadband to support live/work employment.

A great plan so far – it would be superb if the community could get together to suggest possible sites.

Well done for all your work!

Looks positive and supports sustainable development. Good.

Agree with housing objectives.

Broadly in agreement with all the above objectives.

**Two letters were received commenting on the draft Twineham Neighbourhood Plan:**

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21 January 2015

Dear Mrs Langston,

**Draft Twineham Neighbourhood Development Plan**

I have now had a chance of reading this document, and I am writing to make a few points. I am currently having serious computer trouble, and am therefore resorting to the post. My wife has not yet had an opportunity of reading the draft, and may contact you later. The first point to make is to congratulate all those who have put in an enormous amount of work to produce such a thorough and carefully considered plan.

No doubt the most important single passage relates to the vision. I entirely support paragraphs 7 and particularly 73 -76.

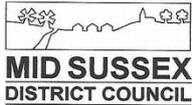
I also support the policy in paragraph TNP1.1 of supporting a limited amount of housing growth, subject to the requirements set out there. Broadly speaking, I consider that Twineham should make an appropriate contribution to the acknowledged national housing requirement, without wrecking the nature of the area.

I have some mild reservations about affordable housing. Paragraph 89 makes a good case for providing accommodation of this sort, but policy TNP1.2 proposes that it should be limited to meeting an identifiable local need. I do not see how such property can be restricted to occupation by local people in anything other than the short term. I believe that Twineham should make a modest contribution to the general affordable housing requirement, even if it is occupied by people from outside the parish.

Yours sincerely

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**Our Ref:**

**Date:**08/01/2015

Dear Dawn,

Thank-you for consulting with the District Council on the Twineham Neighbourhood Plan for Regulation 14 and may we take this opportunity to congratulate the Parish Council on reaching this stage. We recognise the rural nature of the Parish of Twineham and support the Parish Council in its endeavours to further enhance the environment and maintain the character and setting of the Parish. The District Council is particularly pleased to see support for the rural economy and agriculture.

The District Council suggests that the Sustainability Appraisal should be strengthened further by incorporating the appendices into the body of the report and providing more detail about your conclusions regarding the policy options that are to be taken forward. Officers are available to provide further guidance where this would be helpful.

Overall the District Council supports the strategy being brought forward in the Twineham Neighbourhood Plan and we look forward to continuing to work in partnership.

Yours Sincerely

Councillor Norman Webster  
Cabinet Member for Planning

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