

I. Your Details

Information Required	Response
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Details of public consultation and engagement used in the preparation of the PPS	<p>Consultation and engagement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community events – introduction as part of the Annual Village Meeting, 21 April 2023; Village Fete stall, 16 September 2023 • Newsletters – monthly updates in the Parish Magazine, and on the council website; posts on Facebook • Questionnaires – PPS questions hand delivered to every household in the parish, every business, and sent electronically to major landowners; also available online via SurveyMonkey with link sent to all village organisations • Existing evidence / consultation results – the parish has a Village Design Statement adopted by the SDNPA as a Supplementary Planning Document. It has collated and reviewed all consultation responses (see below) • Drop in Sessions – Open Evening 12 September 2023 • What percentage of the community have engaged in the preparation of the PPS – 44 people have filled in the Questionnaire online; a further 35 attended the Drop-in session and left 70+ responses on Post-it notes. This is only a small percentage of the voting population but the parish council and the Residents' Association are trying to reach those sections of the community that can be hard to reach by traditional means. We are using Facebook and reaching out to all village organisations including those with youth members e.g. the Cricket Club, and those catering for older members e.g. Over 50s Fitness. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Max 100 words</i></p>

The vision for the future...

What are the three key changes you would like to see in your Parish over the next 15 years? These changes should relate to the priorities set out below. It will also be helpful to explain when you think these changes should happen over the 15 year period.

The three key priorities for your parish in the next 15 years

Some key principles that could be woven into an overarching vision: **the preservation of local character**: a friendly, inclusive village, with a healthy community, fully accessible to all; **mitigation of climate change**, with good stewardship of biodiversity and care for wildlife, and promotion of walking and cycling in preference to cars; **management of tourism**, to be welcoming and safe for visitors without overwhelming the community.

Max 100 words

Development and management of land

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<p>What type and level of development would you like to see in the parish?</p>	<p>There is little or no support for new housing development, or for the building of new business premises. There is support for the improvement of community facilities, but not on new sites.</p> <p><i>For example, homes, employment and community facilities</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Max 100 words</i></p>
<p>Are there any areas of the Parish you would like to see developed?</p>	<p>The parish council currently supports the majority preference that there should be no new development areas. However, there is wide support for making provision for special housing needs, if appropriate, and the council is working on a Housing Needs Assessment with technical support from AECOM. The parish is not averse to development if it is shown to be needed, but there is a lack of sustainable locations, unless a rural exception site can be identified.</p> <p><i>Please provide a map showing the area(s)</i></p>
<p>Are there any specific areas you want protected for other uses?</p>	<p>The parish will want to propose one or more green corridors and/or local wildlife areas, for the preservation and enhancement of biodiversity. The parish is working on a Neighbourhood Plan in tandem with the SDNPA's Local Plan Review and will bring forward proposals as part of that process on the basis of detailed research.</p> <p><i>Please provide a map showing the area(s) and reasons why they should not be developed</i></p>

Homes

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What type of homes would you like to see in your local community?	<p>Homes – there is widespread support for smaller homes (for young families or downsizers). This is not so much a call for new builds as a call to restrict the number of homes being extended. The loss of 2 and 3 bed homes due to extension is a real concern. Where a 2 bed home has a relatively large footprint the SDNPA has sometimes allowed enlargement to 3 beds which is seen as eroding the stock of smaller homes. Affordability is cited as an issue.</p> <p><i>For example affordable homes, self-build, specialized care, elderly care</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Max 100 words</i></p>
What size of home is needed locally?	<p>Keep 2 and 3 bed homes and resist further enlargement.</p> <p><i>For example 2,3, 4 bed homes</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Max 50 words</i></p>
Any other requirements?	<p>There is support for enhancing energy performance and renewable technology where feasible.</p> <p><i>For example energy performance, renewable technology</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Max 100 words</i></p>

Design

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Are there any areas of local character which are particularly important to the local community?	<p>The existing Village Design Statement which has been adopted by the SDNPA as a Supplementary Planning Document (and is now to be relaunched as a Neighbourhood Plan) designates four Spatial Types in the parish. Full details are in that document. The old village of East Dean has a Conservation Area.</p> <p><i>Please provide the location as well as what is important about the character</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Max 100 words</i></p>
Particular features of buildings of local character	<p>There is widespread support for ensuring that any new development (or redevelopment) is in keeping and contributes to local character. Sussex Style buildings, incorporating Sussex flint, tiled roofs, Sussex gables. Desire to restrict the height of buildings (2-storeys) in consideration of views and also to minimise the overdevelopment of plots. Avoid use of too much glass and concrete. Provide adequate off-street car parking. Provide hedges and trees as opposed to hard fencing. Some very limited support for the occasional 'eccentric' feature.</p>

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	<p>There are more details in the extant Village Design Statement, which also deals with boundary treatments and the safeguarding of views. The topic of Design is now being reviewed with technical assistance from AECOM</p> <p><i>For example. building materials, boundary treatments, relevant points from Parish or Village Design Statements</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Max 100 words</i></p>

The natural environment

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<p>Opportunities to make nature bigger, better and more joined up</p>	<p><i>For example connecting two areas of woodland or heathland or the restoration of a local pond</i></p> <p>Environment – The community strongly values our natural environment and there is a strong desire to protect it from development. A number of areas were noted as particularly special, including the three village greens, cricket ground, bowling club etc., which should be protected – some already are, but there may be others that could be designated as local green space. There is significant support for improving biodiversity, linking habitats, further rewilding, providing additional ponds, wildflowers etc. There is some demand for more allotments. Various viewpoints are special to the area and should be retained. Light pollution should be minimised.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Max 100 words</i></p>

Jobs

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<p>Information about business you would like to protect and business opportunities that should be provided</p>	<p><i>Name important businesses and business areas, amount of home working and opportunities for new businesses</i></p> <p>Existing local shops, services (including the Wednesday market) and hospitality businesses are all to be protected. In addition people would like a Post Office, surgery and pharmacy and want to improve the areas around the shops on Downlands Way to incorporate more community space.</p> <p>There is a need for better mobile and wifi services, which are very poor in areas and restrict business opportunities, especially working from home.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Max 100 words</i></p>

Public spaces

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<p>Public Open Space, Public realm, Pocket Parks</p>	<p>The parish has three designated village greens; a recreation ground which is protected as a QEII Field in Trust; and Friston Pond which is designated as an Ancient Monument. In addition the National Trust and the Forestry Commission each manage extensive public open spaces. The Horsefield and the Went Way allotments are already listed as Local Green Spaces. All these should be retained. Opportunities for nature recovery exist elsewhere and will be precisely identified as part of the ongoing preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. The Bowling Club (privately owned) has also been proposed as an important greenspace.</p> <p><i>Name the important greenspaces in your local area, identify any opportunities for nature recovery</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Max 100 words</i></p>

Infrastructure

Information Required	Response
<p>Active travel priorities, roads / parking, community buildings needs, waste / water infrastructure, broadband, renewable energy</p>	<p><i>What local infrastructure does the local community need, where are there shortfalls or a lack of local provision?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism – Need to balance the impact of tourists on the environment versus their input into the local economy. Need safer, better signposted paths leading to Birling Gap. Better control over parking and speeding (Gilbert’s Drive, coast roads). Parking at Birling Gap is problematic – lots of people parking on the verges. The Neighbourhood Plan will consider whether there is scope to provide additional services to encourage local spend? • Community infrastructure – the parish council is investigating the possibility of building a new hall to provide practical activities for younger people, storage for museum items, tackling isolation. This would be on the same site as the existing cricket pavilion. Some called for public toilets. General need for infrastructure and better broadband to support any development. • Getting around – reduce speed limits through the village and along the A259. Create segregated cycle tracks and footpaths with improved connectivity for access e.g. to Birling Gap and Eastbourne, enhancing safety, health and wellbeing. This will need funding. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Max 100 words</i></p>

FINALISING YOUR SUBMISSION

As a reminder, before finalising your submission, please check you have addressed the following:

- **You have completed the details in section I, including details of public engagement events and consultation activities which have informed the statement. Where possible please identify the percentage of the community that have engaged in the preparation of the PPS.**
- **Please try to summarise the community's views and aspirations as much as possible, do not provide details of individuals who have commented, and bullet points for key priorities where possible.**
- **If you have supporting evidence or information please use a hyperlink to the data where available, and summarise the information as much as possible in the PPS.**

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