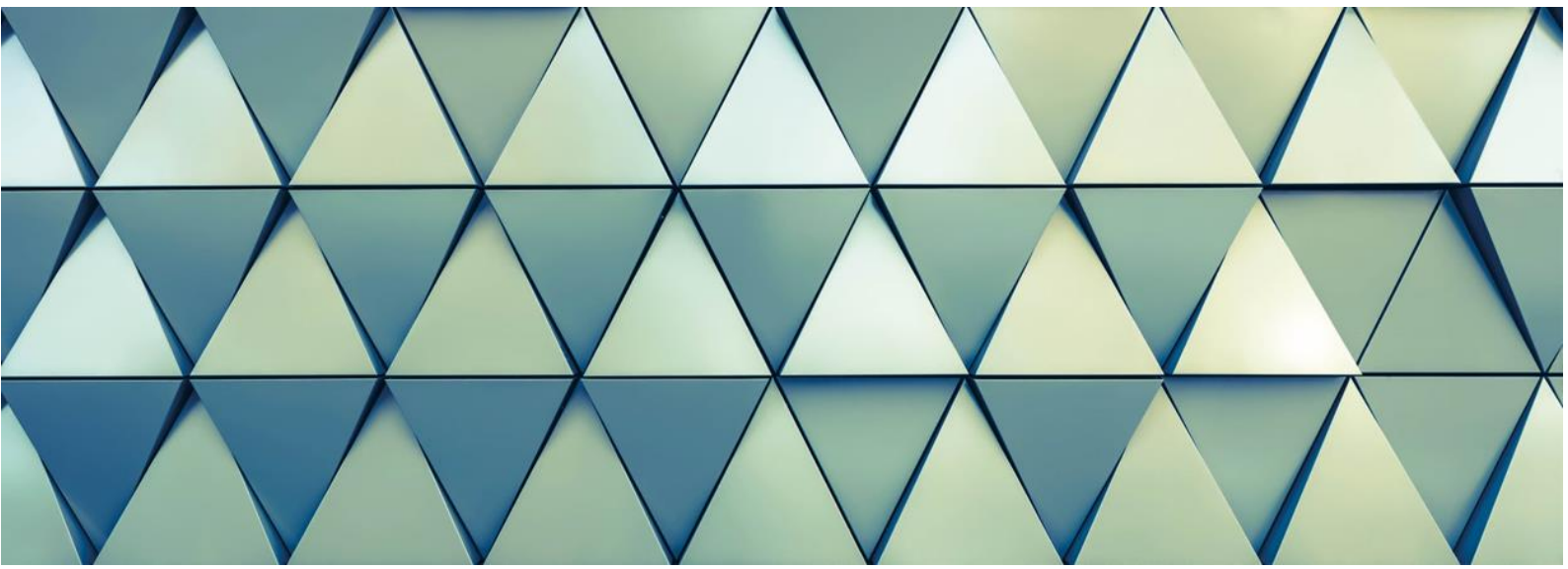


Petworth Neighbourhood Plan: Submission Draft

Consultation Statement Appendix

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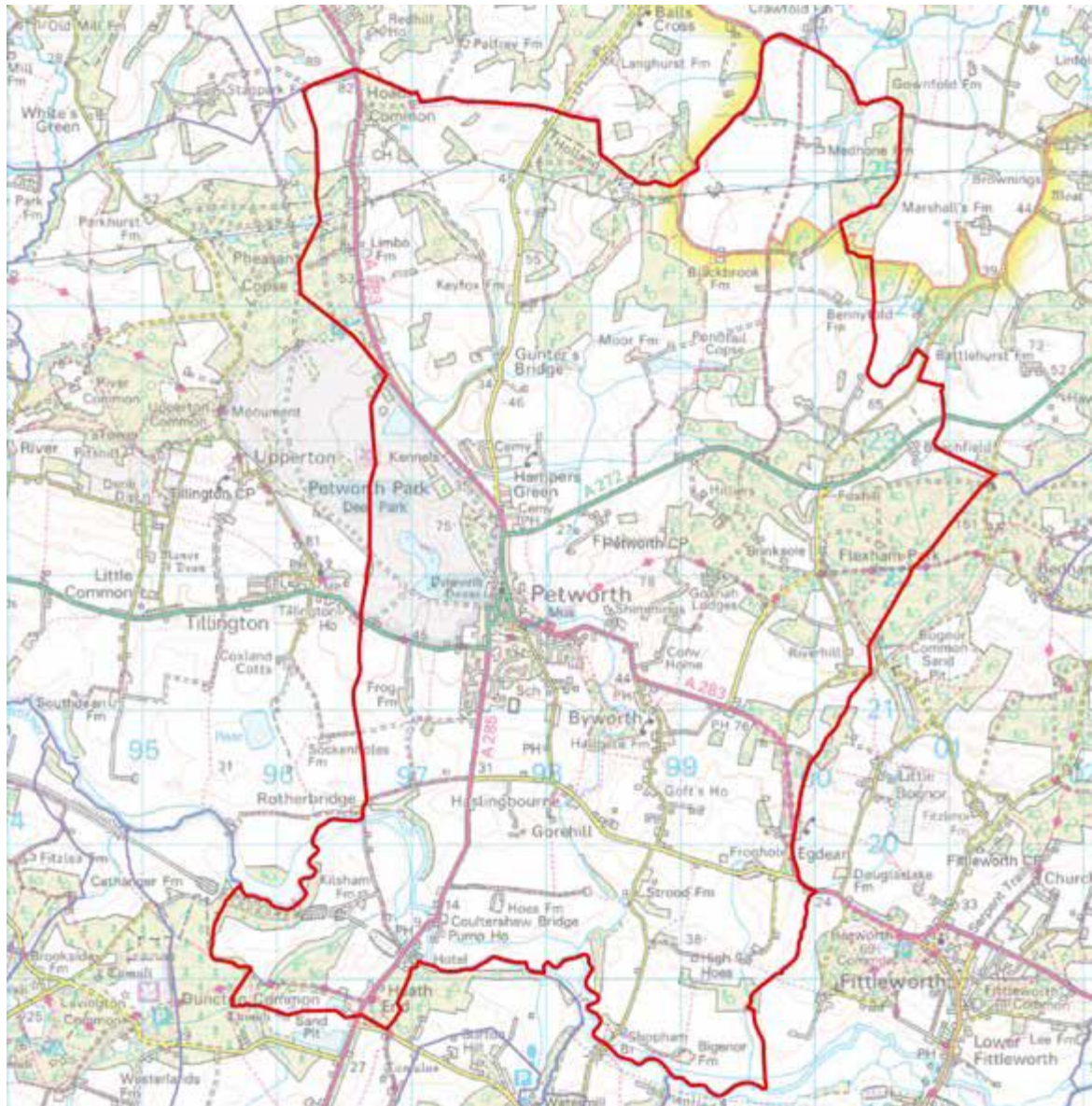


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Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Area



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INTRODUCING YOUR PETWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Something exciting is happening in Petworth. We are introducing the Neighbourhood Plan, YOUR opportunity to help shape the future of our special town.

Your views are necessary to move the Neighbourhood Plan forward and create a clear framework to improve the community we live in.

What are your views on some of the most critical issues that will affect you over the next 15 years? Housing? Shopping amenities? Employment opportunities? The environment?

Your valuable input is needed! To find out more, please come along to one of the following drop-in days:

- Monday 11th May - Herbert Shiner School (3pm-8pm)
- Tuesday 12th May - Hampers Green Community Centre (3pm-8pm)
- Wednesday 13th May - Leconfield Hall (3pm-8pm)

We would also appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete and return the survey in this leaflet. Help us make and keep Petworth a very special place in which to live and work.

Thank you!

Douglas Cooper, Chairman of the
Petworth Neighbourhood Plan
Steering Group



What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

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Why do we need a Neighbourhood Plan?

South Downs National Park Authority are producing a new Local Plan for the whole Park which will have new policies, including land for new homes (including Petworth). Producing the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan will enable us to inform the Local Plan process, as well as making sure that any new developments have the approval of the community.

What about the Petworth Vision?

The Vision Action Plan focuses on the town centre and the economy. The Neighbourhood Plan will reflect the Vision but also look at a wider range of matters relating to spatial planning, development and design. The Petworth Vision consultation showed that residents are concerned about shopping, pavements, facilities for children and leisure, transport, traffic and parking. The questionnaire in this pamphlet enables us to find out more information about these issues.

How is the Neighbourhood Plan being put together?

A Steering Group, including Councillors, residents and consultants, meets regularly to review the evidence and consultation feedback to move the Plan forward. A Baseline Report has been produced (November 2014) that is available on the websites of the Town Council, Petworth Vision, Petworth Community and in the Library.

Where are we at now and what happens next?

This is the first stage where residents help set the objectives and scope of the Plan. The next stage will be to consult in more detail on development options and ideas. There will be consultations later on for a draft Plan and finally a Referendum where residents will vote YES or NO for the Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan is required by law to consult widely with residents and special interest groups. The Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, consisting of local Councillors, residents and consultants, has set out some key issues for you to consider. These include:

- How many new homes should Petworth have; where should they be built?
- What kind of homes does Petworth need and what should they look like?
- What new shopping or employment developments are needed?
- Have our young people got sufficient leisure facilities?
- What can we do to make pedestrians feel more secure in the town?
- Is the town served well enough by its bus service?
- Can we do more to protect the town from heavy lorries?

The survey on the following few pages outlines the main areas covered by the Neighbourhood Plan that affect life in Petworth, together with a set of proposals that require your feedback.

Please complete the questionnaire below or fill it out online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/Petworth

1) Housing for Petworth

A) We need new housing to ensure our local shops and facilities remain viable.

B) Housing locations should minimise landscape impacts.

C) Housing development should be within safe walking distance of the town centre.

D) New housing should be provided for:

- young families
- older people
- social rented

E) The kinds of homes we need:

- 1 to 2 bedroom flats and apartments
- 2 to 3 bedroom family homes
- 3+ bedroom larger family homes

Strongly <-----> Strongly
Agree Disagree

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Any further comments

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2) Environment, Sustainability and Design Quality

A) The design and materials of new housing should be:

- like historic Petworth
- modern and sustainable
- respond to where it is in the Parish

B) The Neighbourhood Plan should set out some key design and sustainability requirements for housing

C) New housing development should provide

- high quality landscaping
- sufficient off-road parking
- green space for new residents

D) New housing should be sustainable and adaptable, and should minimise the need for energy.

Strongly <-----> Strongly
Agree Disagree

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Any further comments

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3) Getting around

A) A better bus service with real time information should be provided.

B) More town centre parking is needed.

C) We should introduce measures to slow traffic and prioritise pedestrian safety.

D) Lorry access to the town centre should be restricted to defined times.

E) Safe walking routes to school are important.

F) Cycle routes should be improved including – Petworth to Midhurst and Petworth to Pulborough (via the former railway line).

G) Bus services could be improved by..... write below

Strongly <-----> Strongly
Agree Disagree

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Any further comments

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4) Working and shopping

A) A greater range of shops should be available in Petworth.

B) Existing shopping areas should be protected and supported.

C) New shopping areas could be considered if they meet local needs.

D) More factory / employment space is required in Petworth.

E) Combined living and working units could help broaden the type of local businesses.

F) New visitor accommodation would help the local economy.

Strongly <-----> Strongly
Agree Disagree

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5) Leisure and well-being

A) Petworth needs better open-air recreational areas.

B) Petworth needs more indoor sports facilities.

C) Petworth needs better cultural facilities.

Strongly <-----> Strongly
Agree Disagree

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Any further comments

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Please return your completed survey by 29th May 2015 to:

- Petworth Neighbourhood Plan, c/o Petworth Town Council Office, Golden Square, Petworth, West Sussex GU28 0AP
- Or, at the secure drop-box at Austens Hardware
- Or, simply bring it along with you to one of the drop-in days (see cover)
- You can also complete this survey online by visiting www.surveymonkey.com/s/Petworth

About you

Your views are valuable to us. We require that you provide basic information including name and address so we can be assured that all responses are genuine – anonymous responses cannot be accepted. All personal information is guaranteed by Petworth Town Council to be treated as fully confidential under the Data Protection Act.

Name (required)

Address (required):

Postcode (required)

Are you? Male ☐ Female ☐

Which age group do you fall into?

<16 ☐ 16-25 ☐ 26-35 ☐ 36-45 ☐ 46-55 ☐ 56-65 ☐ 66 and over ☐

WHY NOT GET INVOLVED?

Join one of our working groups that focus on the five key areas of HOUSING, GETTING AROUND, WORKING & SHOPPING, LEISURE & WELL-BEING and ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY & DESIGN QUALITY. To find out more, please contact us at petworthnp@outlook.com

If you'd like to keep updated about the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan, please provide your email address or telephone number:

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Petworth Town Council

The Drop-box in Austens Hardware Store



Petworth Neighbourhood Plan

Your views are necessary to move the
Neighbourhood Plan forward.

Help us to make and keep Petworth
special by posting your completed
questionnaire here.

Thank you!

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Generic Display Boards

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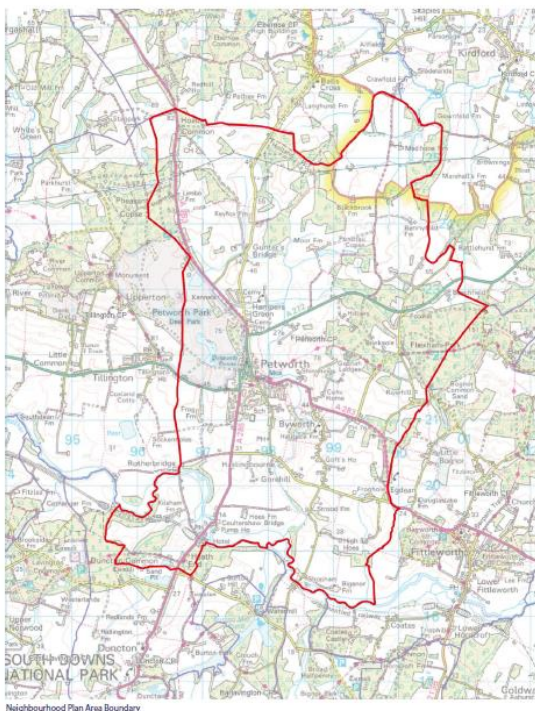
How many new homes should Petworth have?

Where should new homes go?

What kinds of new homes are needed and what should they look like?

What new shopping, employment or leisure developments are needed and what population do we need to support them?

YOUR VIEWS are needed on the way forward



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Why do we need a Neighbourhood Plan?

South Downs National Park Authority are producing a new Local Plan which will include policies on the number of new homes, for Petworth. Producing the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan means that we can inform the Local Plan process as well as making sure that any new development is what the community want.

What about the Petworth Vision?

The Vision Action Plan focuses on the town centre and the economy. The Neighbourhood Plan will work with the Vision team and reflect the Vision but also look at a wider range of matters relating to spatial planning, development and design.

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The Petworth Neighbourhood Plan



What will be in the Neighbourhood Plan?

The Plan can cover any topics related to planning and development. Your views will decide what goes into the Plan. Emerging themes based on the Vision consultation are as follows:

Housing - how many homes the town needs, what type of homes are needed and the areas where development could happen

Sustainability and design quality - what new development should look like and how eco-friendly it should be

Leisure and well being - thinking about what facilities need improving or ones that are missing

Environment - identifying and protecting local green spaces

Working and shopping - supporting existing, and considering if new employment, retail or tourism developments are needed

Getting around - looking at ways to make the town more pedestrian friendly and reduce traffic impact

How is the Neighbourhood Plan being put together?

A Steering Group, including Councillors, residents and consultants will, throughout the process, meet regularly to review the evidence and consultation feedback to move the Plan process forward. An initial baseline report has been produced and is available to view on the Town Council website.

How far have we got and what happens next?

This is the first stage where residents help set the Plan objectives and scope. The next stage will be to consult on development options and ideas in more detail. This will help us to draft the Plan. There will be consultation on a draft Plan and finally a referendum where residents vote either 'yes' or 'no' for the Plan to be formally adopted.



How can you get involved?

A questionnaire has been sent to every household asking **YOUR VIEWS** about the Neighbourhood plan topics. Regular events are taking place providing an opportunity for you to come along and talk to someone about your concerns and ideas for the future of Petworth.

Working Groups are also going to be formed to look at aspects of the Plan in more detail. If you want to get involved in the Neighbourhood Plan visit the Town Council website or email.

Town Council Website:
www.petworth-tc.org.uk or email

Email:
petworthnp@outlook.com

Please sign up!

Five Themed Display Boards

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The Petworth Neighbourhood Plan: Housing

Petworth's population of 3,027 people (Census 2011) is anticipated to grow at a similar rate to that over the last decade, being around 8% or 252 people.

In terms of age profile, the 2011 Census shows that generally Petworth is comparable to Chichester District although has a higher proportion of those age 65+, being (26.8%) compared with (24.4%). Both Petworth and Chichester have higher levels of those aged over 45 and lower levels of those age 20-44 compared with the South East as a whole.

Petworth has a significantly lower proportion of home ownership and higher proportion of social rented housing compared to Chichester District and the South East. Around 25% of homes in Petworth are social rented comparison to 15% in Chichester and 14% in the South East.

- **Is new housing needed in the town to support a growing population?**
- **Who might need new housing in the town? Young families, older people or those renting?**
- **Where should housing be located in the town? Are there suitable locations within walking distance of the town centre?**



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The Petworth Neighbourhood Plan: Environment, Sustainability and Design Quality

Design Quality

The buildings and streetscape in the town centre help define Petworth as an area of conservation and historic value and play a key role in the character of the area. However, housing at the edges of the town is of a different character and era. The design and look of future homes could be an important consideration for the Neighbourhood Plan.

- **How should new development be designed? Should it be modern and/or reflect the historical context of Petworth?**

Sustainability

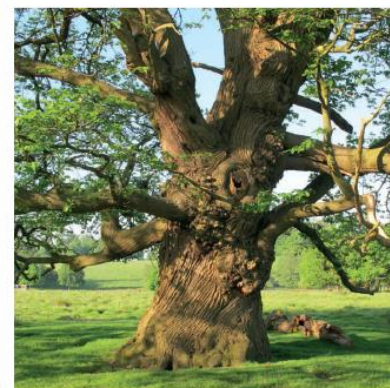
One of the main targets of modern development is to create sustainable low carbon homes; the need to be more sustainable has been identified by South Downs National Park Authority. This can pose a challenge when designing new homes that are both sustainable and in keeping with Petworth's character.

- **What should be the priorities for new housing? For example, reducing energy costs, creating more parking, providing more green space and better landscaping?**
- **Should the Plan set out some key design and sustainability requirements for housing and what should they be?**

Environment and Landscape

Petworth is in the National Park and is complimented by the quality of the surrounding landscape and natural environment. The location provides an attractive and valued setting, however, this does impose constraints on development.

- **What are the key assets that should be considered within Petworth?**
- **How should the Neighbourhood Plan seek to protect and enhance the surrounding landscape?**



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The Petworth Neighbourhood Plan: Working and Shopping

Shopping

Petworth town centre caters for the day-to-day needs of local residents, with a range of activities including a variety of shops, cafes and restaurants, although only a single foodstore. The centre is arranged around a market square, with the shops distributed through a number of narrow streets (mainly the High Street and East Street) amongst residential properties. Petworth has also become a national hub for the antique trade with approximately 30 dealers based in the town, which makes a valuable contribution to the local economy.

- **Should there be a greater range of shops available in Petworth?**
- **How do you feel about the existing shopping areas and would new areas benefit the town?**

Employment

Petworth has a working population of 1,396 (2011 Census). There are around 1,415 jobs in Petworth in retail, health, construction and tourism. Tourism plays an important role in the area in conjunction with other small scale sectors such as food and drink. The South Downs Employment Land Review suggests there is demand for additional business space in the Petworth area.

- **Should more employment space be provided in Petworth and if so where?**
- **Would the town benefit from additional visitor accommodation, for both work and tourism?**



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The Petworth Neighbourhood Plan: Leisure and Well-being

Petworth has a range of cultural, community and leisure facilities offering activities that promote wellbeing and education. Facilities include the doctors' surgery, library, Sylvia Beaufoy Centre, Rosemary Gardens Jubilee Playground, Hampers Common Play equipment and Petworth Primary School.

Petworth has an active community life where many different interest groups are represented including, Cubs and Scouts, Petworth Players and the Over 60s Club to name but a few. There are also a range of recreation groups and sports clubs.

Chichester District Council has recently completed a Community Facility Audit for Petworth Town Council which outlined a range of additional facilities that could benefit the town, such as indoor sports facilities or a new skate park.

- **What new community focused sports or cultural facilities are needed in town?**
- **Is there enough open space for recreational activity in the town?**



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The Petworth Neighbourhood Plan: Getting around

Roads, Parking and Connectivity

Traffic is a key issue in and around Petworth. The A272 link road running between Maresfield and Petersfield generates significant traffic, compromising movement in and around the town. The South Downs National Park Authority's Transport study from 2013 states that traffic is degrading the attractive environment of the historic town. A lorry route provides alternative directions for HGVs.

Parking is also limited with two public car parks namely the Sylvia Beaufoy car park which has a capacity for 72 spaces and the larger Pound Street car park which has a capacity for 482 spaces. Public transport in the town is limited; although there are reliable and flexible bus services operating.

- **Should traffic be better controlled in the town centre? For example through restricted access for larger vehicles?**
- **Is more parking needed in the town centre and where?**
- **How could bus services be improved in the town, could more real time information be available?**

Walking and Cycling

Petworth is a compact town with good walking distances to the town centre from all homes. Navigation for pedestrians in places is compromised by traffic movement and narrow footpaths around the town.

Cycling is equally affected by traffic as well as the difficult local terrain, resulting in a low cycling rate amongst residents. Only 0.5% of residents cycle to work compared to 43.6% that travel by car.

- **How should we go about improving the safety of our roads and paths?**
- **How could cycle routes be improved? should there be better connections to surrounding towns and villages?**





Petworth Town Council



Find out more about the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan and let us know your views!

Come along anytime between 3pm-8pm on:

Monday 11th May at Herbert Shiner School
Tuesday 12th May at Hampers Green Community Centre
Wednesday 13th May at Leconfield Hall

Banners positioned near the three strategically placed venues:

- **Just before the entrance into the Herbert Shiner School**
- **On the grass verge on A283, adjacent to Hampers Green Community Centre**
- **Railings of Natwest Bank in Market Square (for central Leconfield Hall location)**

Promotional Flyer



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We look forward to welcoming you!

Douglas Cooper
Chairman
Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

www.petworth-tc.org.uk



Petworth Town Council

PRESS RELEASE

20th April 2015
Petworth, West Sussex

Petworth Town Council introduces Neighbourhood Plan with a series of three public drop-in sessions for residents

Petworth Town Council has announced that it has begun the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. It has organised three public engagement meetings where residents can learn more about the Plan and have the opportunity to give feedback and express their hopes and concerns for the future.

At a time designed to accommodate all parts of the community - from parents with school-age children, students at college, home-workers, commuters and retirees – the public is invited to drop in at anytime between 3pm and 8pm as follows:

- Monday, 11th May – Herbert Shiner School
- Tuesday, 12th May – Hampers Green Community Centre
- Wednesday, 13th May – Leconfield Hall

Douglas Cooper, Chairman of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group commented, “Petworth is a wonderful place but we aim to make it even better. The Neighbourhood Plan offers residents the perfect opportunity to help shape the future of Petworth and your views are necessary to move the Plan forward and create a clear framework to improve the community we live in. It will allow us to exert more control over where future development takes place, to influence the type and quality of the development and to ensure that the change it brings meets local objectives.”

What are your views on housing? Shopping amenities? Employment opportunities? The environment? The three meetings will be hosted by members of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group comprising local councillors, residents and specialist planning consultants. Roundtable discussions will focus on the key five areas of the plan: Housing, Working & Shopping, Leisure & Well-being, Environment, Sustainability & Design and Getting Around.

Petworth Town Council and the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have already had the benefit of the research from the Petworth Vision Action Plan which covered the town centre and the economy. A Baseline Report for the Neighbourhood Plan was produced in

November 2014 and is available on the websites of the Town Council, Petworth Vision and Petworth Community and is available in the Town Library.

Residents of Petworth will shortly receive a written questionnaire through their letterbox inviting them to the public engagement meetings and encouraging them to fill in a short survey which will help take the Plan through to the next stage of the consultation process.

For more information, please contact petworthnp@outlook.com or visit <http://www.petworth-tc.org.uk/working-groups/neighbourhood-planning-working-group/>

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PRESS RELEASE

6th July 2015
Petworth, West Sussex

Petworth Town Council announces latest survey results

Parishioners' feedback will help shape the Neighbourhood Plan and the future of Petworth

Petworth Town Council has announced the results of the recent public engagement meetings for the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan. Feedback from nearly 200 questionnaires and 500 comments gleaned from three drop-in events held in May have now been collected, carefully analysed and published in a report which covers the key five areas of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan: Housing, Working & Shopping, Leisure & Well-being, Environment, Sustainability & Design and Getting Around. To find out more, residents are invited to come along to the Fete in the Park on Saturday, 11th July where members of the Steering Group Committee are hosting a stand to promote the consultation process, highlight the top hopes and concerns for Petworth and encourage greater involvement from fellow parishioners.

Douglas Cooper, Chairman of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group commented, "We are truly thankful to everyone who took precious time out of their busy schedules to complete a survey or tell us their views in person. Petworth is a wonderful place but we aim to make it even better using the hard evidence we have accumulated during the consultation process. We are now actively looking for new recruits who can help us dig deeper into parishioners' hopes and fears so that we can develop a meaningful plan that gives residents greater control over future development in and around Petworth with a sustainable infrastructure to support it."

Highlights from the report reveal that:

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PRESS RELEASE

17th August 2015

Petworth, West Sussex

Petworth Town Council publishes final results of recent public consultation events

Parishioners' feedback will help shape the Neighbourhood Plan and the future of Petworth

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been collected, carefully analysed and published in a report which covers the key five areas of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan: Housing, Working & Shopping, Leisure & Well-being, Environment, Sustainability & Design and Getting Around. The full report, now available to download from the [Petworth Town Council website](#), highlights the top hopes and concerns for Petworth and includes the results of an interactive session with members from the Evolve Youth Group.

Douglas Cooper, Chairman of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group commented, "We are truly thankful to everyone who took precious time out of their busy schedules to complete a survey or tell us their views in person. Petworth is a wonderful place but we aim to make it even better using the hard evidence we have accumulated during the consultation process. The next stage will be to develop a meaningful plan that gives residents greater control over future development in and around Petworth with a sustainable infrastructure to support it."

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PRESS RELEASE

24th August 2015

Petworth, West Sussex

Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group seeks candidates for new Working Groups

Residents invited to help shape the future of Petworth

Petworth Town Council is inviting residents of the parish to put themselves forward as candidates to take the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan to the next stage. They will be responsible for formulating tangible objectives and draft policies for the five key focus areas: Housing, Working & Shopping, Leisure & Well-being, Environment, Sustainability & Design and Getting Around. This work will be based on feedback from nearly 200 questionnaires and 500 comments gleaned from three public consultation drop-in events held in May.

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Candidates looking to take part in the next stage of the Neighbourhood Planning process should contact petworthnp@outlook.com by **Wednesday, 16th September**. To download the full results of the latest public consultation process, please visit <http://www.petworth-tc.org.uk/working-groups/neighbourhood-planning-working-group/>.

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About Neighbourhood Plans

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About Petworth Town Council

Petworth Town Council consists of 15 councillors and Town Council elections take place every four years. Council meetings are on 3rd Thursday of each month and are held at the council offices in the Old Bakery, Golden Square, Petworth. Meetings start at 7.30pm and members of the general public are invited to attend and ask questions.

For more information, please visit www.petworth-tc.org.uk

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Press Coverage

Thursday, April 23, 2015 www.midhurstandpetworth.co.uk

Thursday, April 23, 2015 www.midhurstandbetworth.co.uk

RESIDENTS are being invited to a series of talks which will help shape their town.

Pelworth Town Council has begun the process of creating a neighbourhood plan for the parish and will host a series of three public drop-in sessions for residents.

At the public engagement meetings, residents will be able to learn more about the plan and have the opportunity to give feedback and express their hopes and concerns for the future.

all members of the community are welcome to drop into the sessions anytime between April 8th on Monday May 11 at the Harland Shiner School, on Tuesday May 12 at the Hampers Green Community Centre and on Wednesday May 13 in the Leconfield Hall.

Thurgood Cooper, chairman of the Harworth Neighbourhood Plan steering group, said the views of residents across the town were needed in order to move the plan forward.

"Perworth is a wonderful place, but we aim to make it even better," he said.

"The neighbourhood plan offers residents the perfect opportunity to help shape the future of Pilsburgh and your views are necessary to move the plan forward and create a clear framework to improve the community we live in."

"It will allow us to exert more control over where future development takes place, to influence the type and quality of the development and to ensure that the change it brings meets local objectives."

By ANNE GORDON
a reporter for Newsweek
1995-96

The three meetings will be hosted by members of the Petworth Heights urban plan steering group comprising local councillors, residents and specialist planning consultants.

Roundtable discussions will focus on the key five areas of the plan, including housing, working and shopping, leisure and well-being, environment, sustainability and design and getting around.

Peterworth Town Council and the Peterworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have already had the benefit of the research from the Peterworth Vision Action Plan which covered the town centre and countryside.

A baseline report for the neighbourhood plan was put together in November 2014 and is available on the websites of the town council, Pateworth Vision and Pateworth Community and in the town library.

Residents of Letchworth will shortly receive a written questionnaire through their letterbox inviting them to the public engagement meetings and encouraging them to fill in a short survey which will help take the plan through to the next stage of the consultation process.

For further information about the plan or the meetings, email planning@redbook.com or visit the website <http://www.aswornhcf.org.uk/workgroups/neighbourhood-planning-worship-2006/>

Midhurst and Petworth- **OBSERVER**

More new housing for young families is top of wish list

NEW houses to provide homes for young families in Petworth are top of the priority list for people in the town.

They also want more measures to slow down traffic and make it safer to walk around the town.

These are two of the findings highlighted through public consultation on the emerging Petworth neighbourhood plan which is being led by the town council.

Feedback from nearly 200 questionnaires and 500 comments gleaned from three drop-in events held in May

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To find out more, residents are now invited to go along to the Pete in the Park this Saturday where members

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Housing for young families tops Petworth wish list

- 200 questionnaires and 500 comments analysed from the feedback on Petworth's emerging Neighbourhood Plan
- People want more houses, road safety measures and safe walking to school
- The steering group is looking for new recruits to help with the plan

Monday 06 July 2015

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Midhurst & Petworth Observer – 20th August 2015

Vision for the future of Petworth takes shape

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Nearly 90 per cent of feedback believed that existing shopping areas should be protected and supported but 63 per cent of those who filled in the forms said there should be more variety.

For more information, contact petworthnp@outlook.com or visit [Neighbourhood Plan](#)

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Do you want to help shape the future of Petworth?

AS PETWORTH'S emerging neighbourhood plan moves into a new phase, the steering group is looking for more people to take on the work of drafting policies and setting objectives.

And now the town council is inviting residents of the parish to put themselves forward as candidates to take up the tasks.

They will be responsible for looking at the five key focus areas of the neighbourhood plan, which are housing, working and shopping, leisure and well-being, environment, sustainability and design and 'getting around'.

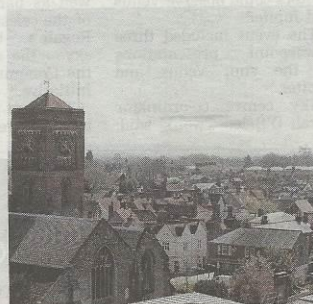
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View of Petworth

so please come forward. It is an essential part of the democratic and consultation process and we look forward to hearing from you."

Anyone who is interested in taking part in the next stage of the town's neighbourhood planning process should contact petworthnp@outlook.com by Wednesday, September 16.

Neighbourhood plans were introduced by the government in 2012 and enabled people to write planning policies for their own areas, setting out where they wanted new areas of housing, retail or employment to be located and how these new developments should be designed.

To download the full results of the latest Petworth consultation process, visit <http://www.petworth-tc.org.uk/working-groups/neighbourhood-planning-working-group/>



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INTRODUCING THE PETWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Petworth Town Council has begun the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. Neighbourhood Plans were introduced by the Government in 2012 in an effort to democratise the planning process. They enable local people to write planning policies for their local area. They can state where new areas of housing, retail or employment should be located and what the developments should look like. But each Plan has to comply with the National Planning Policy Framework (a government document) and their Local Plan (in our case the emerging Plan from the South Downs National Park Authority).

How is the Neighbourhood Plan being put together?

A Steering Group including councillors, residents and planning consultants meets regularly to review evidence and feedback from community consultations. They have also had the benefit of the research from the Petworth Vision Action Plan which covered the town centre and the economy. A Baseline Report was produced in November 2014 which is available



on the websites of the Town Council, Petworth Vision and Petworth Community and is available in the Town Library.

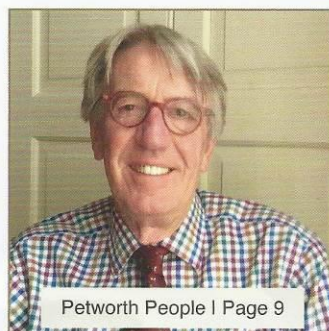
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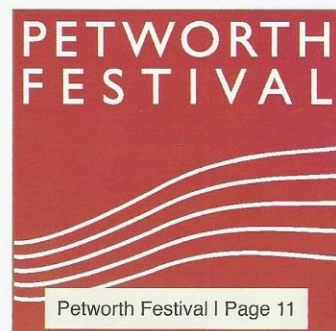
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Why do we need a Neighbourhood Plan?

Petworth is a wonderful place in which to live, but we aim to make it even better. The Plan will cover a fifteen year period with a review every five years. It will allow us to exert more control over where development takes place, to influence the type and quality of the development and to ensure that the change that it brings meets local objectives. The alternative to adopting our own Neighbourhood Plan is to live with continued inappropriate development pressure; to be forced into a reactive approach to each application as it is made.

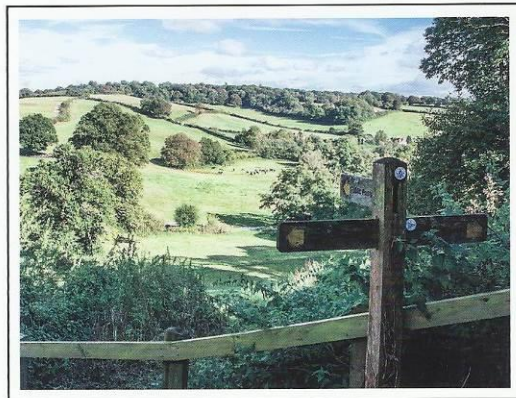
How can you get involved?

A Neighbourhood Plan is required by law to include consultation across the board with residents and special interest groups.

Please fill in the survey which you received through your letter box at the beginning of May. Your views are necessary to take the Neighbourhood Plan to the next stage and create a clear framework to improve the community we live in. What are your views on housing? On our roads? Shopping areas? Employment opportunities? The environment? Some of the most critical issues that will affect you over the next 15 years.



Petworth Town Council



Once completed, the survey should be delivered to the offices of Petworth Town Council, Golden Square, Petworth, West Sussex GU28 0AP (the front door can be found on the left after you enter the town centre car park near the Co-op). You can also complete the survey online by visiting www.surveymonkey.com/s/Petworth, or post it in the box located in Austens hardware shop in Market Square.

We look forward to hearing from you to help us make Petworth an even more special place in which to live and work. Douglas Cooper Chairman of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. ■



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PETWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

This is What you Said!

Since the last article in Petworth Pages, 200 of you completed a questionnaire and over 150 residents came along to three drop-in events where you gave us your views, almost 500 comments in all. All this feedback has now been carefully analysed and published in a report which covers the key five areas of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan: Housing, Working & Shopping, Leisure & Well-being, Environment, Sustainability & Design and Getting Around.

P Petworth Neighbourhood Plan

At a glance, here is a summary of what you said:

Housing

- When asked if Petworth needs new housing to ensure local shops and facilities remain viable, the response was divided. For instance, 32% 'neither agreed nor disagreed', 21% of respondents 'strongly agreed', 18% 'agreed', 17% 'disagreed' and 12% 'strongly disagreed'.
- The majority of respondents agreed that new housing should be provided for young families (77%) and under half of respondents (49%) agreed that new social rented housing should be provided. Over half of respondents (53%) agreed that new housing should be provided for older people.

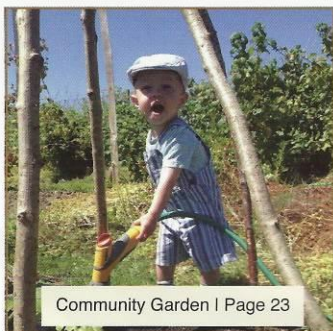
- When asked what type of housing Petworth needs, 2 to 3 bedroom family homes were the most popular (80% of respondents agreed) and a large proportion of people agreed 1 to 2 bedroom flats are needed (64% of respondents agreed).

Environment, Sustainability and Design

- When asked what the design and materials of new housing should be in Petworth, the majority of respondents agreed (80%) that it should respond to where it is in the Parish. A large proportion of respondents (67%) agreed it should be like historic Petworth, and over half of respondents (57%) agreed it should be modern and sustainable.

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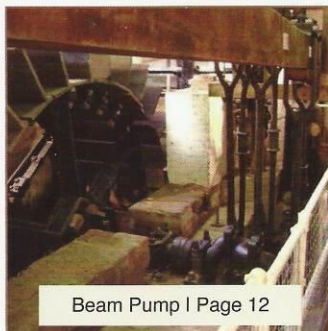
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Getting Around

- The majority of respondents (74%) agreed that a better bus service with real time information should be provided, that measures should be introduced to slow traffic and prioritise pedestrian safety (76%), that lorry access to the town centre should be restricted to defined times (80%), and that safe walking routes to school are important (89%).

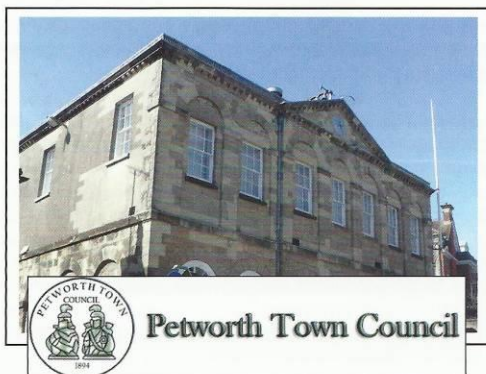
Working and Shopping

- The vast majority of respondents agreed (88%) that existing shopping areas should be protected and supported.
- A large proportion of respondents agreed (63%) that a greater range of shops should be available in Petworth.

Leisure and Well-being

- A large proportion of respondents agreed (65%) that Petworth needs more indoor sports facilities.

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The full report is available from Petworth Town Council at www.petworth-tc.org.uk

WHY NOT GET INVOLVED?

To find out more, contact us at petworthnp@outlook.com. On page 5 of this issue, there is an update of the Petworth Vision Action Plan that focuses on the town centre and the economy. The Neighbourhood Plan reflects the Vision but also looks at the wider range of matters relating to spatial planning, development and design. ■

NEW LIFE-SAVING DEFIBRILLATORS COME TO TOWN



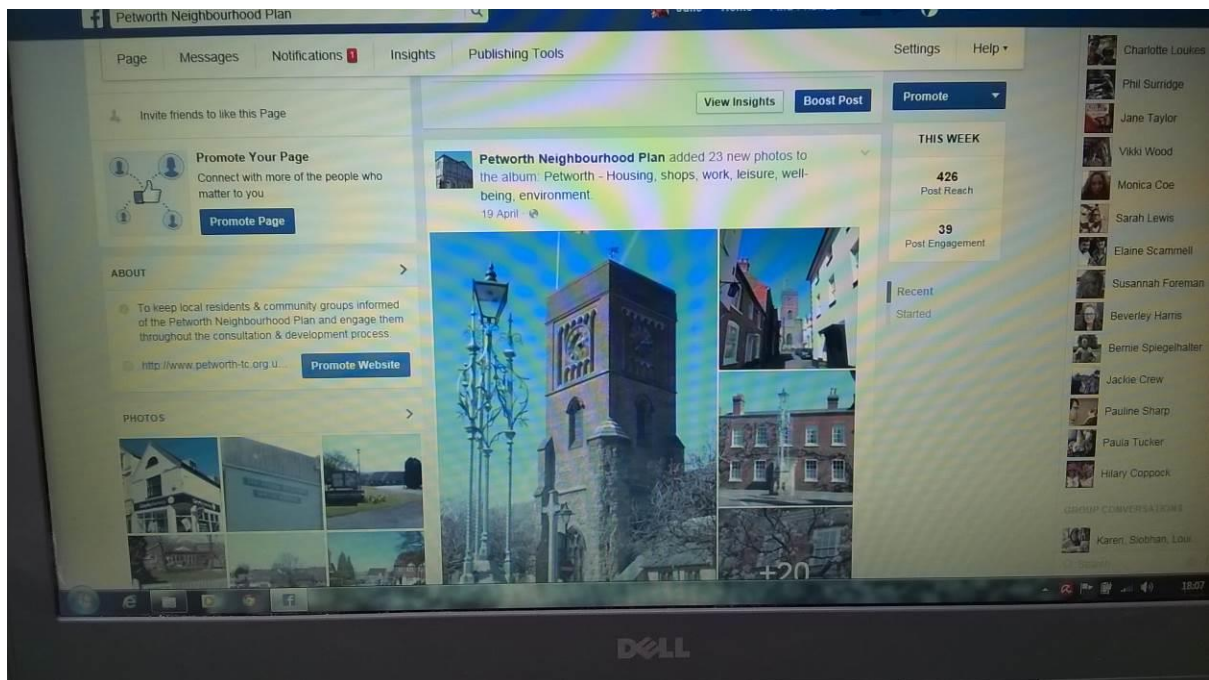
There will soon be three life-saving defibrillators at strategic points around Petworth: one is already installed at the Hammers Green Community Centre (HGCC). The other two - in the old telephone box in Grove Lane and at the Leconfield Hall - will be up and running shortly.

Petworth Town Council (PTC) would like to extend special thanks to the Badgers Pub & Restaurant at Coultershaw who kindly funded all three heated cabinets as well as the defibrillator at the Leconfield Hall. The Badgers started a charity called the Martin Dallyn Community Fund and have been fundraising and supporting the provision of defibrillators in the area. PTC would also like to thank South East Coast Ambulance who donated the defibrillators at HGCC and Grove Lane and to Petworth Society for their generous contribution and continued collaboration on the project.

For those among us who are not familiar with the term, a defibrillator is an apparatus used to control the heart rhythm (for example, in the case of a suspected heart attack) by application of an electric current to the chest wall or heart. The good news is that our defibrillators can diagnose heart rhythms automatically meaning anyone, including passers-by, can use them with little or no training.

For more information, please contact Petworth Town Council at clerk@petworth-tc.org.uk. ■

Appendix 12 – Facebook (Screenshots)



Facebook Page interface for Petworth Neighbourhood Plan.

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19 April · 🌐

These are exciting times for Petworth - YOUR opportunity to help shape the future of our special town. Watch this space!

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Petworth Neighbourhood Plan added 21 new photos to the album Petworth - Housing, shops, work, leisure, well-being, environment

Facebook Post interface for Petworth Neighbourhood Plan.

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Don't forget, if you need more copies of the Neighbourhood Plan booklet and questionnaire, pop into Petworth Town Council offices or email us at: petworthnp@outlook.com!

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Your last chance to provide initial feedback into the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan - deadline closes this Friday, 29th May. We'd love to hear from you: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Petworth>

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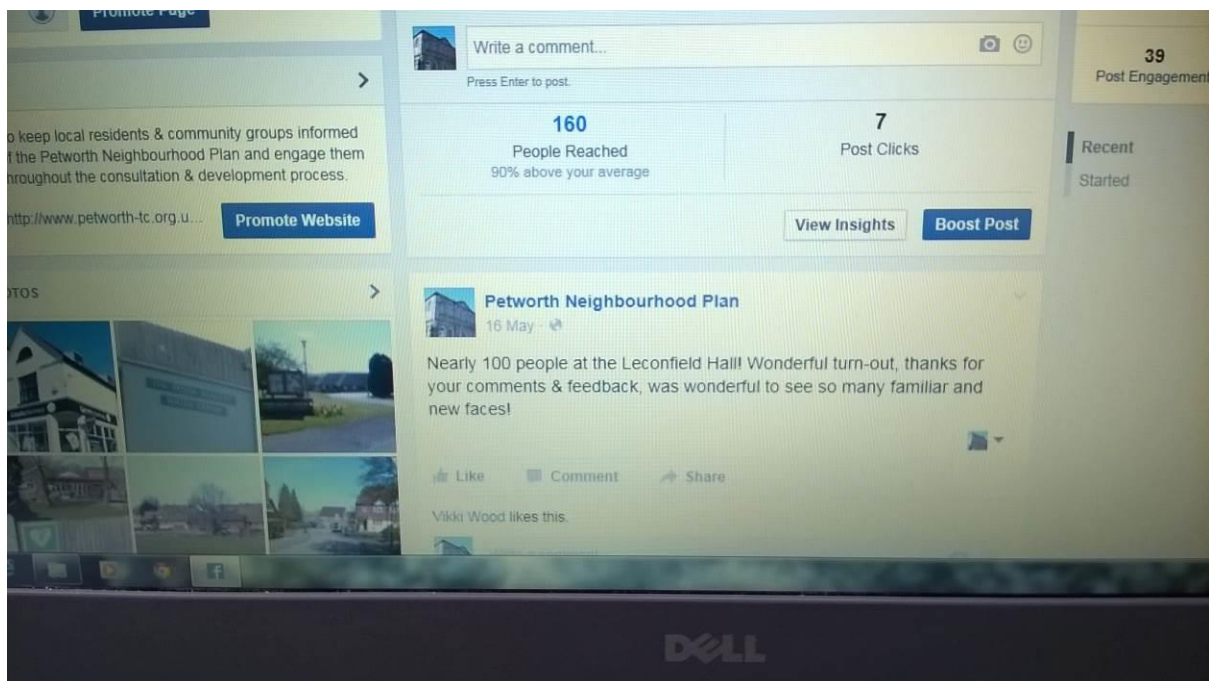
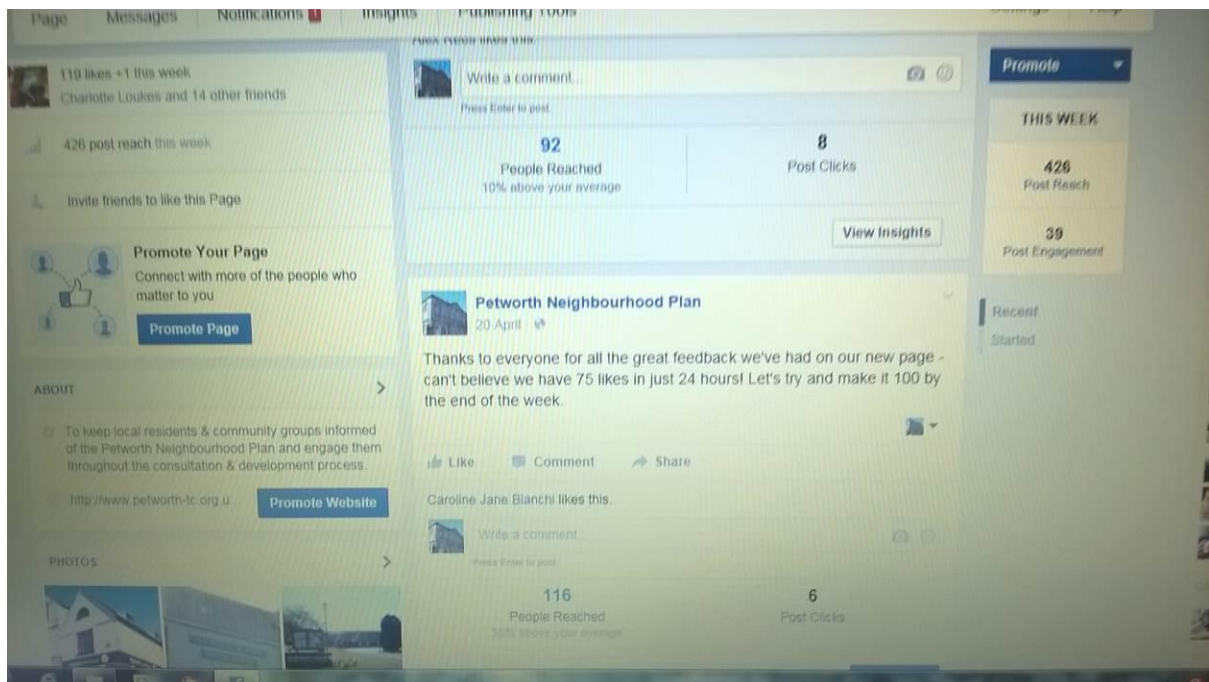
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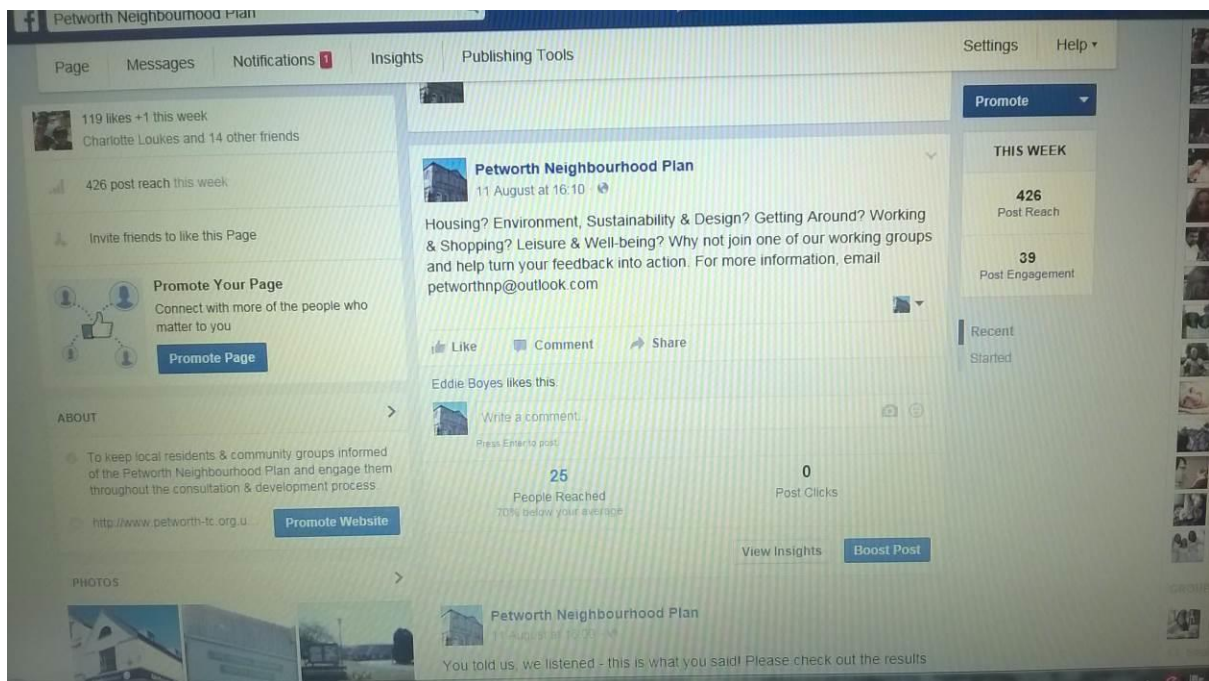
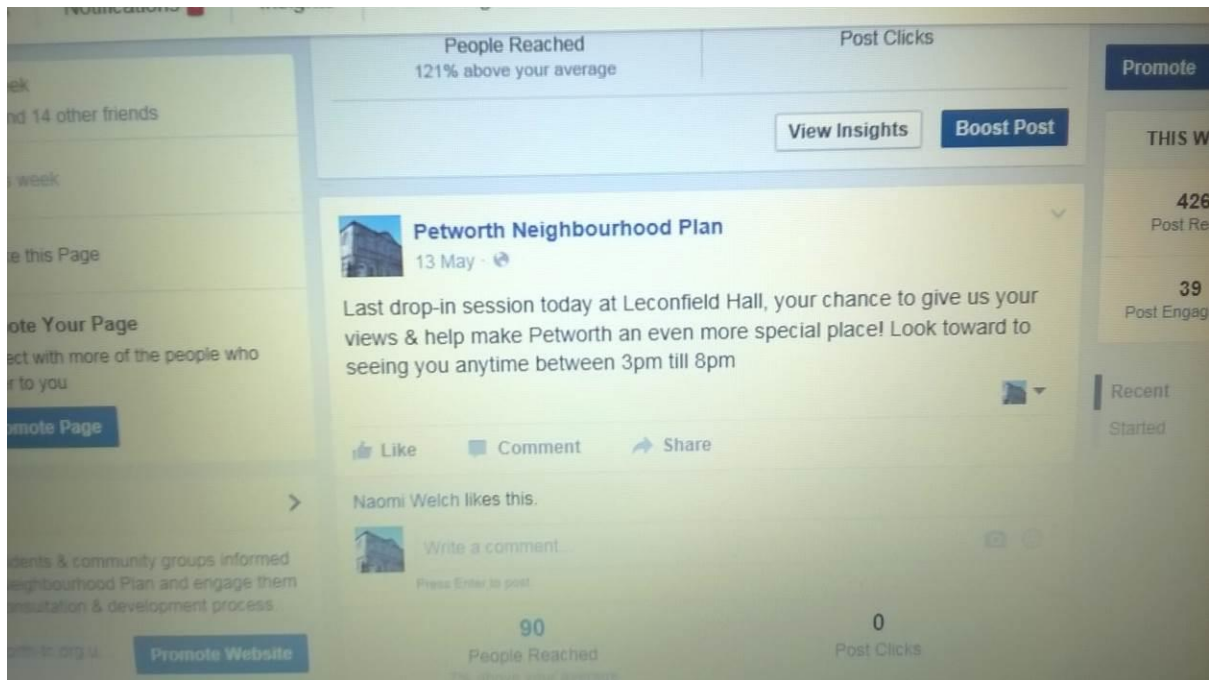
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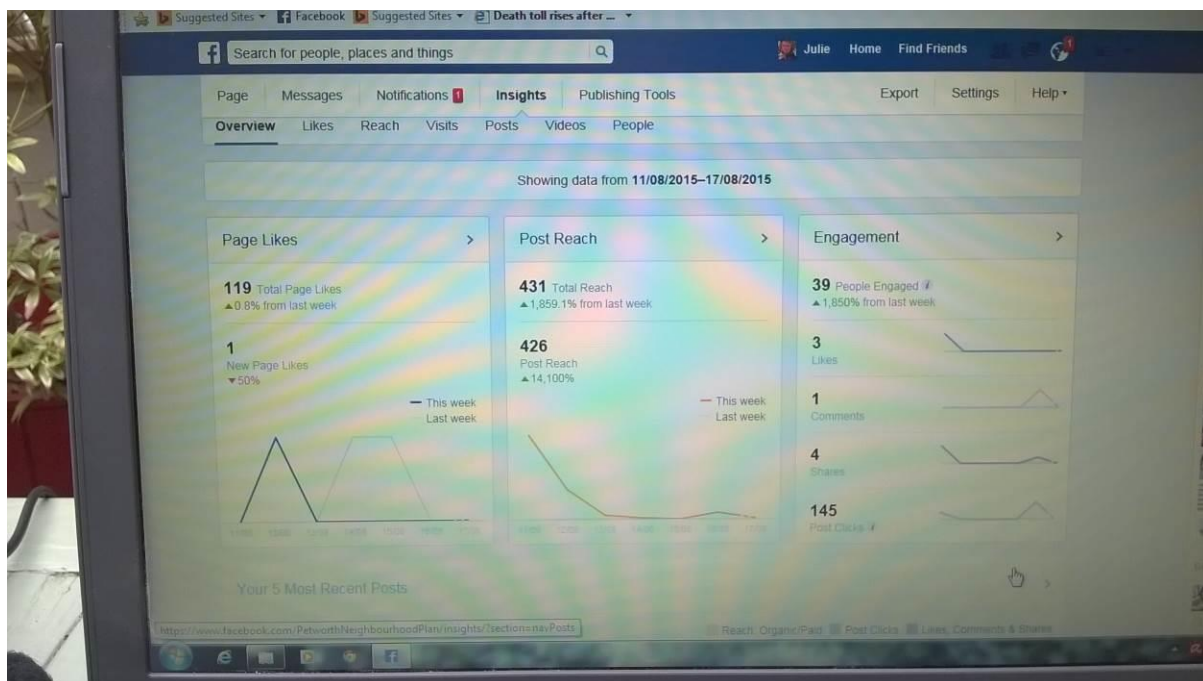
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Petworth Town Council received nearly 200 completed questionnaires and 500 comments during the latest public consultation process in May 2015.

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Housing

- When asked if Petworth needs new housing to ensure local shops and facilities remain viable, the response was divided. For instance, 32% 'neither agreed nor disagreed', 21% of respondents 'strongly agreed', 18% 'agreed', 17% 'disagreed' and 12% 'strongly disagreed'.
- The majority of respondents agreed that new housing should be provided for young families (77%) and under half of respondents (49%) agreed that new social rented housing should be provided. Over half of respondents (53%) agreed that new housing should be provided for older people.
- When asked what type of housing Petworth needs, 2 to 3 bedroom family homes was the most popular (80% of respondents agreed) and a large proportion of people agreed 1 to 2 bedroom flats are needed (64% of respondents agreed).

Environment, Sustainability and Design

- When asked what the design and materials of new housing should be in Petworth, the majority of respondents agreed (80%) that it should respond to where it is in the Parish. A large proportion of respondents (67%) agreed it should be like historic Petworth, and over half of respondents (57%) agreed it should be modern and sustainable.

Getting Around

- The majority of respondents (74%) agreed that a better bus service with real time information should be provided, that measures should be introduced to slow traffic and prioritise pedestrian safety (76%), that lorry access to the town centre should be restricted to defined times (80%), and that safe walking routes to school are important (89%).

Working and Shopping

- The vast majority of respondents agreed (88%) that existing shopping areas should be protected and supported.

- A large proportion of respondents agreed (63%) that a greater range of shops should be available in Petworth.

Leisure and Well-being

- A large proportion of respondents agreed (65%) that Petworth needs more indoor sports facilities.

Hopes and Fears

The most frequent comments include:

- Need for more leisure facilities for young people including a swimming pool and a skate park
- Need to promote the use of Petworth Park
- Play equipment is needed (at Hampers Green)
- Need a larger supermarket and a greater variety of food shops
- Pedestrian safety is an issue / access to park and other facilities hampered by lack of pedestrian safety
- Measures to reduce traffic speed (are needed)
- Cycling should be encouraged and new cycling routes should be created
- Car parking is an issue
- New development should be in keeping with the local character
- Affordable housing is needed
- Sustainable and eco-friendly homes are needed
- New infrastructure should be taken into account (in housing development)
- Public realm improvements (are needed)

WHY NOT GET INVOLVED? The information above will allow us to begin formulating our objectives for the five key areas of the Neighbourhood Plan and we're looking to recruit new members to the group. To find out more, please contact us at petworthnp@outlook.com

To see the full report outlining all detailed results of the questionnaires as well as feedback received from the three public consultation events, please visit: <http://www.petworth-tc.org.uk>



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Appendix 3

Petworth Neighbourhood Plan

Issues Consultation: Data Collation Report

**Prepared on behalf of Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering
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July 2015

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Introduction

As part of the consultation process carried out for Petworth Neighbourhood Plan, a formal public consultation on the 'issues' for the area was undertaken between 24th April and 29th May 2015. This involved:

- Explanatory leaflet with a questionnaire sent to each individual household in the area
- Online questionnaires available at www.surveymonkey.com/s/Petworth throughout the consultation period
- Three drop-in sessions: at the Herbert Shiner School on Monday 11th May, Hampers Green Community Centre on Tuesday 12th May, and Leconfield Hall on Wednesday 13th May
- Hard-copy questionnaires available at the drop in events
- A questionnaire ballot box was available at the drop-in sessions and left in Austen's shop in town for the duration of the period
- Advertising and displays at the events and around the town
- Press release issued & posted on Petworth Town Council website with good coverage received in Midhurst & Petworth Observer
- New Facebook page created and populated with content on a weekly basis
- Two consultation sessions with young people

Around 150 residents attended the three main drop-in sessions. The drop-in sessions consisted of information consultation boards, boards for identifying resident 'hopes and fears', questionnaires and a video explaining the Neighbourhood Plan process. The events were staffed by members of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, South Downs National Park Authority Planning Officers and Nexus Planning consultants.

At the close of the consultation period a total of 195 responses had been received via the online and hard copy questionnaires.

This report begins with a summary of the issues arising from consultation feedback. It then considers the results of the questionnaires, going through each topic, including the analysis of the feedback at events from the resident 'hopes and fears' display boards under each topic. The response to the consultation events with young people is appended (Appendix 3) and is included in the summary.

Summary

This section provides a brief summary of the issues that arose from the themes presented during the consultation. The sections that follow provide a break-down of the questionnaire responses and the 'hopes and fears' by theme.

Housing

- When asked if Petworth needs new housing to ensure local shops and facilities remains viable, the response was divided. A total of 18% respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed', 32% 'neither agreed nor disagreed', and 29% 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.
- The vast majority of residents (87%) 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that housing locations should minimise landscape impacts.
- The majority of residents (60%) 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that housing development should be within safe walking distance of the town centre. A further 28% 'neither agreed nor disagreed'.
- The majority of respondents agreed that new housing should be provided for young families (77%) and around half of respondents (49%) agreed that new social rented housing should be provided. Just over half of respondents (53%) agreed that new housing should be provided for older people.
- When asked what type of housing Petworth needs, 2 to 3 bedroom family homes was the most popular (80% of respondents agreed) and a large proportion of people agreed 1 to 2 bedroom flats are needed (64% of respondents agreed).
- Frequent comments included: the importance of new infrastructure supporting housing; new development being in keeping with local character; and the need for affordable homes.

Environment, Sustainability and Design

- When asked what the design and materials of new housing should be in Petworth, the majority of respondents agreed (80%) that it should respond to where it is in the Parish. A large proportion of respondents (67%) agreed it should be like historic Petworth, and over half of respondents (57%) agreed it should be modern and sustainable.
- The majority of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (85%) that the Neighbourhood Plan should set out some key design and sustainability requirements for housing. A further 87% 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that new housing should be sustainable and adaptable, and should minimise the need for energy.
- Frequent comments included: that development should be in keeping with local character; that sustainable and eco-friendly houses are needed in Petworth; and that development should have little impact on the environment. The need for public realm improvements was also raised.

Getting Around

- The majority of respondents (74%) agreed that a better bus service with real time information should be provided; that measures should be introduced to slow traffic and prioritise pedestrian safety (76%), that lorry access to the town centre should be restricted to defined times (80%), and that safe walking routes to school are important (89%).
- Views on the need for more town centre parking were divided, 39% 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that there is a need for more town centre parking, 27% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed', and 33% 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.
- In terms of improving bus services, comments included: the need for more frequent bus services and to extend bus services to other locations; the need for evening bus services and early morning bus services to serve commuters; that bus services should be linked to train times at Pulborough and Haslemere station.
- Frequent general comments included: to introduce measures to reduce traffic speed; improving pedestrian safety; reviewing parking; and encouraging cycling and creating new cycling routes.

Working and Shopping

- The vast majority of respondents agreed (88%) that existing shopping areas should be protected and supported.
- A large proportion of respondents agreed (63%) that a greater range of shops should be available in Petworth.
- Over two thirds of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (67%) that new shopping areas could be considered if they meet local needs. A further 17% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and 16% 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.
- Responses to the need for more employment space in Petworth were varied: 38% of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that more employment space is required, 36% 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and 26% of respondents 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.
- Over half of respondents (54%) 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that new visitor accommodation would help the local economy. A further 30% of respondents 'neither agreed or disagreed' with the statement and 15% of respondents 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.
- Frequent comments included: the need for a greater variety of food shops; and the need for a larger supermarket.

Leisure and Well-being

- Nearly two thirds of respondents agreed (65%) that Petworth needs more indoor sports facilities. A further 24% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed'
- There was a mixed response in terms of the need for better open-air recreational areas in Petworth, 49% of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed', 26% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and 25% of respondents 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.
- Frequent comments included: the need for a skate park; the desire for a swimming pool; the need to promote Petworth Park more effectively; the need for more indoor recreational facilities; that cycle paths should be improved and developed; and that more leisure facilities for young people are needed.

Consultation with Young People

- The engagement with 10-13 / 14-18 year olds raised a number of themes including: need for a skate park / teenage recreation; less antique shops; need for fast food / take away; Hampers Green play area; cycling facilities; a crossing for those wanting to access Park Gates on A272 road to Tillington; more employment opportunities for young people; opposition to house building on countryside; need for coffee shop(s); fashion / retail / food retail stores; farmers market; and more football facilities.

1.0 Housing for Petworth

Question 1A: We need new housing to ensure our local shops and facilities remain viable.

- 1.1 In response to question 1A, responses were divided and relatively evenly spread. Whilst the greatest proportion either 'agreed' or 'strongly agreed' (39%) a substantial proportion of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed' (32%) and a further 29% either 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.

Table 1.1: Responses to question 1A: We need new housing to ensure our local shops and facilities remain viable.

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	38	21
Agree	33	18
Neither agree nor disagree	57	32
Disagree	30	17
Strongly Disagree	21	12

Question 1B: Housing locations should minimise landscape impacts

- 1.2 The majority of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' with question 1B that housing locations in Petworth should minimise landscape impacts (87%).

Table 1.2: Responses to question 1B: Housing locations should minimise landscape impacts

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	124	67
Agree	36	20
Neither agree nor disagree	18	10
Disagree	4	2
Strongly Disagree	2	1

Question 1C: Housing development should be within safe walking distance of the town centre

- 1.3 A large proportion of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' with question 1C that housing development should be within safe walking distance to the town centre (60%), whilst 28% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and 12% 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.

Table 1.3: Responses to question 1C: Housing development should be within safe walking distance of the town centre

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	45	26
Agree	58	34
Neither agree nor disagree	49	28
Disagree	14	8
Strongly Disagree	7	4

Question 1D: New housing should be provided for: young families, social rented and older people.

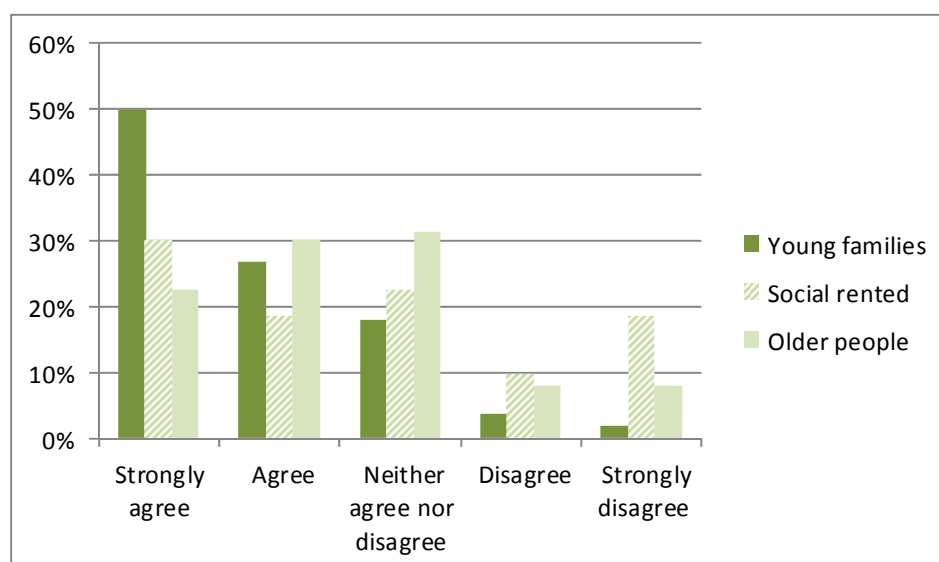
- 1.4 The following responses were made to the question:
- **Young families:** The majority of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (77%) that new housing should be provided for young families. A further 18% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and only 6% 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.
 - **Social rented:** Approximately half of the respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that new housing should be provided for social rented housing (49%). A further 23% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and 29% 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.
 - **Older people:** There was a fairly mixed response to new housing being provided for older people. Over half of respondents (53%) 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that new housing should be provided for older people. A further 31% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and 16% 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.

(Please see Table 1.4 and Chart 1.1 on page 10)

Table 1.4: Responses to question 1D: New housing should be provided for: young families, social rented and older people.

	Strongly agree		Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Young families	84	50	45	27	30	18	6	4	3	2
Social rented	47	30	29	19	35	23	15	10	29	19
Older people	34	23	45	30	47	31	12	8	12	8

Chart 1.1: Responses to question 1D: New housing should be provided for: young families, social rented and older people.



Question 1E: The kind of homes we need: 1 to 2 bedroom flats, 2 to 3 bedroom family homes and 3+ bedroom larger family homes

1.5 The following responses were made to the question:

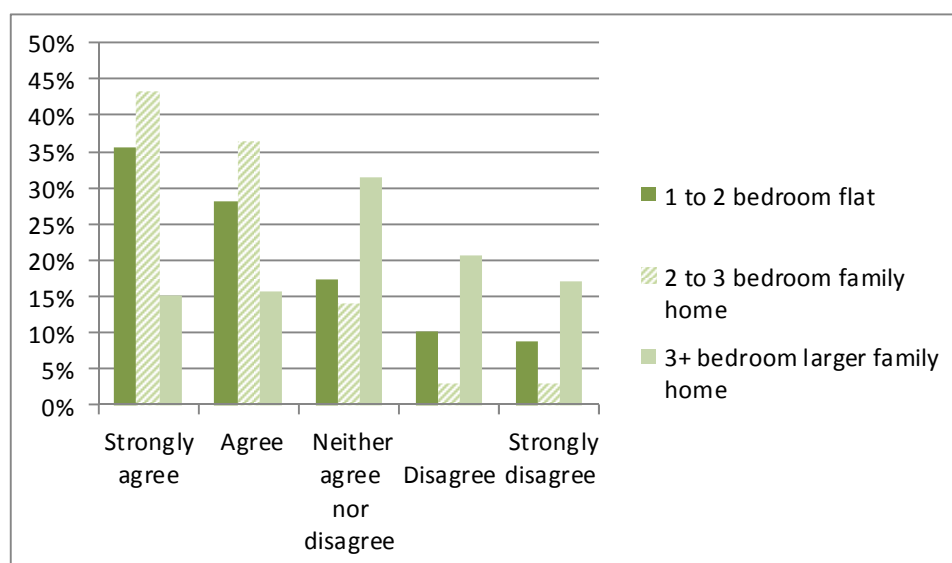
- **1 to 2 bedroom flats:** A large proportion of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (64%) that Petworth needs 1 to 2 bedroom flats. A further 17% 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and 19% 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.
- **2 to 3 bedroom family homes:** The majority of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (80%) that Petworth needs 2 to 3 bedroom family homes and only 6% of respondents 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed' with the question.
- **3+ bedroom larger family homes:** The response was fairly mixed to this question with 38% of respondents stating they 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed' and 31% of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed'. A further 31% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed' with the statement.

(Please see Table 1.5 and Chart 1.2 on page 12)

Table 1.5: Responses to question 1E: The kind of homes we need: 1 to 2 bedroom flats, 2 to 3 bedroom family homes and 3+ bedroom larger family homes.

	Strongly agree		Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1 to 2 bedroom flat	53	36	42	28	26	17	15	10	13	9
2 to 3 bedroom family homes	71	43	60	37	23	14	5	3	5	3
3+ bedroom larger family homes	21	15	22	16	44	31	29	21	24	17

Chart 1.2: Responses to question 1E: The kind of homes we need: 1 to 2 bedroom flats, 2 to 3 bedroom family homes and 3+ bedroom larger family homes



General questionnaire comments on housing for Petworth

- 1.6 There were 89 comments made on housing through the questionnaire process.
- The most repeated issues were the need for new infrastructure (16 respondents) and ensuring new development is in keeping with the local character (16 respondents).
 - It was stated by 11 respondents that Petworth is a historic town and should be preserved.
 - A further 11 respondents expressed that affordable housing is needed and 10 respondents stated affordable housing is needed for younger people.
- 1.7 The comments are summarised in the table below (excluding comments repeated less than 3 times).

Table 1.6: General questionnaire comments on housing for Petworth

Comment	No.
Need for new infrastructure to be taken into account	16
New development should be in keeping with local character	16
Petworth is a historic town and should be preserved	11
Affordable housing is needed	11
Affordable housing for younger people is needed	10
Housing should be for families	9
Ensure development has little impact on the environment	8
No need for social housing, should have higher value developments	7
Housing is not needed	7
Adequate parking required	6
Elderly accommodation is needed	6
Mixed tenure housing needed	6
Parking is currently an issue	4
Brownfield sites should be prioritised for development	3
Make improvements to existing housing	3
Housing numbers to be made up of small infill/small developments	3
Housing numbers should be limited	3
Improved public transport would be needed	3
Social housing needed	3
Traffic is currently an issue	3
Public realm to be considered and improvements needed	3

(Responses repeated less than 3 times have not been included in this table, see appendix 1)

Hopes

1.8 There were 52 comments made on the 'hopes' of housing in Petworth.

- Of key concern is that new developments should be in keeping with the local character (9 respondents).
- It was stated by 8 respondents that affordable housing is needed.
- A further 7 respondents stated that development should have little impact on the environment.

1.9 The comments are summarised in the table below.

Table 1.7: Hopes for housing in Petworth

Comment	No.
New development in keeping with local character	9
Affordable housing needed	8
Ensure development has little impact on the environment	7
Adequate parking required	6
Housing should be for families	5
Priority should be given to housing local people	4
Mixed tenure housing needed	4
Housing numbers should be limited	3
Parking currently an issue	3

(Responses repeated less than 3 times have not been included in this table, see appendix 2)

Fears

1.10 There were 45 comments made on the 'fears' of housing in Petworth.

- The key fears/issues stated by the respondents included: housing numbers in Petworth should be limited (6 respondents); priority should be given to housing local people (6 respondents); ensuring development has little impact on the environment (6 respondents); and the need for new infrastructure should be taken into account (6 respondents).

(Please see Table 1.8 on page 15)

1.11 The comments are summarised in the table below.

Table 1.8: Fears of housing in Petworth

Comment	No.
Housing numbers should be limited	6
Priority should be given to housing local people	6
Ensure development has little impact on the environment	6
Need for new infrastructure to be taken into account	6
Housing should not be south of Petworth	5
New development in keeping with local character	5
Affordable housing needed	4
Affordable housing for young people needed	4
Adequate parking required	3

(Responses repeated less than 3 times have not been included in this table, see appendix 2 for further detail)

2.0 Environment, Sustainability and Design Quality

Question 2A: The design and materials of new housing should be: like historic Petworth, modern and sustainable, respond to where it is in the Parish

2.1 The following responses were made to the question:

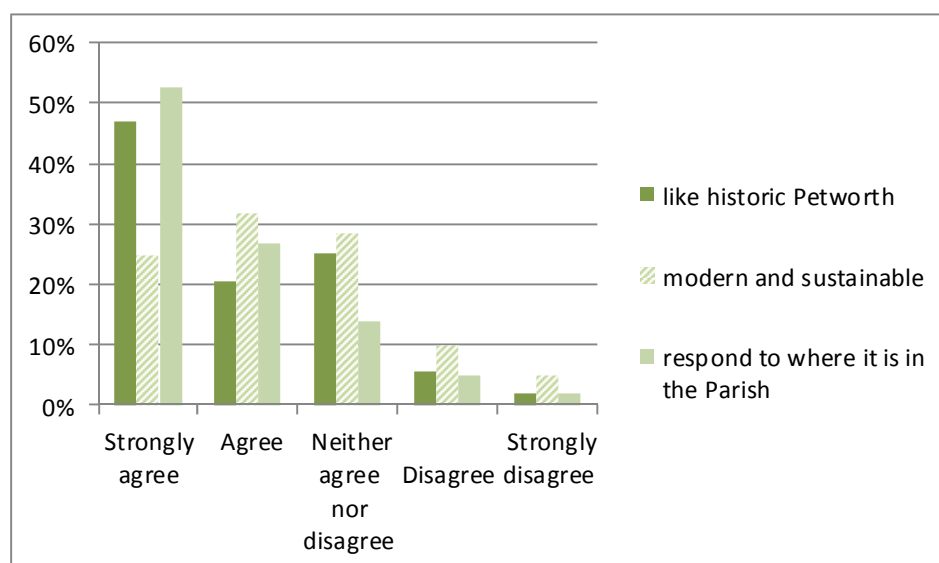
- Like historic Petworth: A large proportion of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (67%) that the design and materials of new housing should be like historic Petworth. However, a quarter of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed'.
- Modern and sustainable: Over half of respondents (57%) 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that the design and materials of new housing should be modern and sustainable. A further 28% 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and 15% 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.
- Respond to where it is in the Parish: The majority of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (80%) that the design and materials of new housing should respond to where it is in the Parish.

(Please see Table 2.1 and Chart 2.1 on page 17)

Table 2.1: Responses to question 2A: The design and materials of new housing should be: like historic Petworth, modern and sustainable, respond to where it is in the Parish.

	Strongly agree		Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
like historic Petworth	69	47	30	20	37	25	8	5	3	2
Modern and sustainable	35	25	45	32	40	28	14	10	7	5
Respond to where it is in the Parish	84	53	43	27	22	14	8	5	3	2

Chart 2.1: Responses to question 2A: The design and materials of new housing should be: like historic Petworth, modern and sustainable, respond to where it is in the Parish.



Question 2B: The Neighbourhood Plan should set out some key design and sustainability requirements for housing.

- 2.2 The majority of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (85%) that the Neighbourhood Plan should set out some key design and sustainability requirements for housing.

Table 2.2: Responses to question 2B: The Neighbourhood Plan should set out some key design and sustainability requirements for housing.

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	95	57
Agree	46	28
Neither agree nor disagree	19	11
Disagree	3	2
Strongly Disagree	3	2

Question 2C: New housing development should provide: high quality landscaping, sufficient off-road parking, green space for new residents.

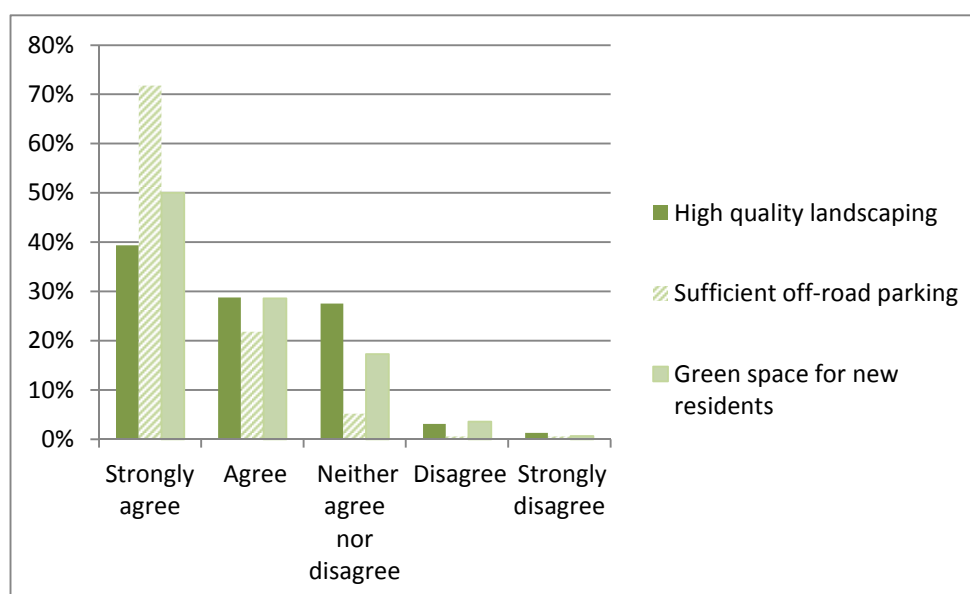
- 2.3 The following responses were made to the question:
- High quality landscaping: A large proportion of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (68%) that new housing development should provide high quality landscaping. However, 28% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed'.
 - Sufficient off-road parking: A large majority of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (94%) that new housing development should provide sufficient off-road parking.
 - Green space for new residents: The majority of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (79%) that new housing development should provide green space for new residents. A further 17% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and 5% 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.

(Please see Table 2.3 and Chart 2.3 on page 19)

Table 2.3: Responses to question 2C: New housing development should provide: high quality landscaping, sufficient off-road parking, green space for new residents.

	Strongly agree		Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
High quality landscaping	63	39	46	29	44	28	5	3	2	1
Sufficient off-road parking	125	72	38	22	9	5	1	1	1	1
Green space for new residents	84	50	48	29	29	17	6	4	1	1

Chart 2.2: Responses to question 2C: New housing development should provide: high quality landscaping, sufficient off-road parking, green space for new residents.



Question 2D: New housing should be sustainable and adaptable, and should minimise the need for energy.

- 2.4 In response to question 2D, a large majority of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (87%) that new housing should be sustainable and adaptable, and should minimise the need for energy.

Table 2.4: Responses to question 2D: New housing should be sustainable and adaptable, and should minimise the need for energy.

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	92	52
Agree	61	35
Neither agree nor disagree	20	11
Disagree	0	0
Strongly Disagree	3	2

General questionnaire comments on Environment, Sustainability and Design Quality

- 2.5 There were 72 comments made on the environment, sustainability and design quality through the questionnaire process.
- A key concern was that new development should be in keeping with the local character (20 respondents).
 - It was stated by 18 respondents that sustainable and eco-friendly houses are needed in Petworth.
 - A further key concern is ensuring development has little impact on the environment (11 respondents).

(Please see Table 2.5 on page 21)

- 2.6 The comments on environment, sustainability and design quality are summarised in the table below (excluding comments repeated less than 3 times).

Table 2.5: General questionnaire comments on environment, sustainability and design quality

Comment	No.
New development in keeping with local character	20
Sustainable/eco-friendly homes needed	18
Ensure development has little impact on the environment	11
Affordable housing needed	8
Adequate parking required	8
Petworth is a historic town and should be preserved	7
Parking is currently an issue	6
Public realm improvements are needed	6
Need for new infrastructure to be taken into account	5
Traffic is currently an issue	4
High quality design is wanted	3
Good to blend old with new	3

(Responses repeated less than 3 times have not been included in this table, see appendix 1)

Hopes

2.7 There were 38 comments made on the 'hopes' of environment, sustainability and design quality in Petworth.

- The most repeated issue was the need for public realm improvements (11 respondents).
- The need for sustainable and eco-friendly homes was stated by 7 respondents.
- It was stated by 5 respondents that new development should be in keeping with the local character.
- Ensuring development has little impact on the environment has been expressed by 5 respondents.

2.8 The comments are summarised in the table below.

Table 2.6: Hopes for the environment, sustainability and design quality

Comment	No.
Public realm improvements needed	11
Sustainable/eco-friendly homes needed	7
New development in keeping with local character	5
Ensure development has little impact on the environment	5
Petworth is a historic town and should be preserved	4
Housing numbers should be limited	3

(Responses repeated less than 3 times have not been included in this table, see appendix 2 for further detail)

Fears

2.9 There were 13 comments made on the 'fears' of environment, design and quality in Petworth.

- The most repeated issue was the need to ensure development has little impact on the environment (5 respondents).

2.10 The comments are summarised in the table below.

Table 2.7: Fears for the environment, sustainability and design quality

Comment	No.
Ensure development has little impact on the environment	5
Traffic currently an issue	3
Public realm improvements needed	3

(Responses repeated less than 3 times have not been included in this table, see appendix 2 for further detail)

3.0 Getting Around

Question 3A: A better bus service with real time information should be provided

- 3.1 The majority of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (74%) that a better bus service with real time information should be provided. However, 21% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed'.

Table 3.1: Responses to question 3A: A better bus service with real time information should be provided

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	75	42
Agree	57	32
Neither agree nor disagree	38	21
Disagree	6	3
Strongly Disagree	3	2

Question 3B: More town centre parking is needed

- 3.2 The response to question 3B is varied as 39% of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that more town centre parking is needed, 27% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed', and 33% of respondents 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.

Table 3.2: Responses to question 3B: More town centre parking is needed

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	36	20
Agree	34	19
Neither agree nor disagree	49	27
Disagree	44	24
Strongly Disagree	17	9

Question 3C: We should introduce measures to slow traffic and prioritise pedestrian safety

- 3.3 The majority of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (76%) that measures should be introduced to slow traffic and prioritise pedestrian safety. A further 15% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and 9% 'strongly disagreed' or 'disagreed'.

Table 3.3: Responses to question 3C: We should introduce measures to slow traffic and prioritise pedestrian safety

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	97	54
Agree	40	22
Neither agree nor disagree	28	15
Disagree	9	5
Strongly Disagree	7	4

Question 3D: Lorry access to the town centre should be restricted to defined times

- 3.4 The vast majority of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (80%) that lorry access to the town centre should be restricted to defined times.

Table 3.4: Responses to question 3D: Lorry access to the town centre should be restricted to defined times

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	115	62
Agree	34	18
Neither agree nor disagree	21	11
Disagree	5	3
Strongly Disagree	10	5

Question 3E: Safe walking routes to school are important

- 3.5 The vast majority of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (89%) that safe walking routes to school are important.

Table 3.5: Responses to question 3E: Safe walking routes to school are important

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	125	68
Agree	38	21
Neither agree nor disagree	17	9
Disagree	2	1
Strongly Disagree	2	1

Question 3F: Cycle routes should be improved including – Petworth to Midhurst and Petworth to Pulborough (via the former railway line)

- 3.6 The majority of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (72%) that cycle routes should be improved, 19% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and 9% 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.

Table 3.6: Responses to question 3F: Cycle routes should be improved including – Petworth to Midhurst and Petworth to Pulborough (via the former railway line)

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	91	50
Agree	40	22
Neither agree nor disagree	35	19
Disagree	10	5
Strongly Disagree	7	4

Question 3G: Bus services could be improved by...

- 3.7 There were 78 comments made in response to question 3G.
- Of most concern was the need for more frequent bus services (28 respondents) and to extend bus services to other locations (25 respondents).
 - A further 15 respondents expressed the need for evening bus services and 12 respondents want more early morning bus services to serve commuters.
 - The issue that bus services should be linked to train times at Pulborough and Haslemere station was raised by 11 respondents.

- 3.8 The comments made in response to question 3G ‘bus services could be improved by...’ are summarised in the table below (excluding comments repeated less than 3 times).

Table 3.7: Comment on how the bus services could be improved

Comment	No.
Need more frequent bus services	28
Extend coverage of bus services to other locations	25
Need later evening bus services to serve commuters, day trips to London and Chichester	15
Need more early morning bus services to serve commuters	12
Link bus services to train times at Pulborough and Haslemere stations	11
Better bus connection with different parts of Petworth and surrounding villages	10
Need to use smaller buses	10
Link up bus timetables with other hubs like Midhurst	6
Bus services need to be used sufficiently	4
Encourage cycling and create cycle routes	3
Move bus stop away from Leconfield Hall	3
Parking is currently an issue	3
Pedestrian safety should be considered	3

(Responses repeated less than 3 times have not been included in this table, see appendix 1)

General questionnaire comments on Getting Around

- 3.9 There were 52 comments made on ‘getting around’ in Petworth.

- The most repeated issues were pedestrian safety (18 respondents) and introducing measures to reduce traffic speed (18 respondents).
- Traffic (13 respondents) and parking (16 respondents) have been identified as key issues in Petworth.
- It was stated by 10 respondents that footpaths and pavements needed improving.

(Please see Table 3.7 on page 27)

- 3.10 The comments are summarised in the table below (excluding comments repeated less than 3 times).

Table 3.7: Comments on getting around

Comment	No.
Pedestrian safety should be considered	18
Introduce measures to reduce traffic speed	18
Parking currently an issue	16
Traffic is currently an issue	13
Improve footpaths and pavements	10
Encourage cycling and create cycle routes	8
Introduce diversion route around town to ease congestion and noise	8
Restrict lorry access to certain times	6

(Responses repeated less than 3 times have not been included in this table, see appendix 1)

Hopes

3.11 There were 78 comments made on the 'hopes' of 'getting around' in Petworth.

- The most repeated matter was to introduce measures to reduce traffic speed (18 respondents).
- Pedestrian safety was also a key matter of concern (13 respondents)
- Parking is currently an issue was stated by 12 respondents.
- A further 9 respondents expressed that cycling should be encouraged and new cycling routes should be created.

3.12 The comments are summarised in the table below.

Table 3.8: Hopes on getting around Petworth

Comment	No.
Introduce measures to reduce traffic speed	18
Pedestrian safety should be considered	13
Parking currently an issue	12
Encourage cycling and create cycle routes	9
Restrictions for lorries	8
Improve footpaths and pavements	6
Introduce diversion route around town to ease congestion and noise	5
Better signage needed for vehicles and lorries	4
Traffic currently an issue	4
Extend coverage of bus services to other locations	4
Need more frequent bus services	4
Revive Old Steam Railway and route	3

(Responses repeated less than 3 times have not been included in this table, see appendix 2 for further detail)

Fears

3.13 There were 38 comments made on the 'fears' of 'getting around' in Petworth.

- Of key importance is pedestrian safety (13 respondents).
- Parking has been identified as a current issue by 10 respondents.
- A further 9 respondents stated the need to introduce measures to reduce traffic speed.

3.14 The comments are summarised in the table below.

Table 3.9: Fears on getting around Petworth

Comment	No.
Pedestrian safety should be considered	13
Parking currently an issue	10
Introduce measures to reduce traffic speed	9
Need for new infrastructure to be taken into account	6
Traffic currently an issue	5
Restrictions for lorries	4

(Responses repeated less than 3 times have not been included in this table, see appendix 2 for further detail)

4.0 Working and Shopping

Question 4A: A greater range of shops should be available in Petworth

- 4.1 A large proportion of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (63%) that a greater range of shops should be available in Petworth. A further 26% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and 12% 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.

Table 4.1: Responses to question 4A: A greater range of shops should be available in Petworth

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	64	35
Agree	51	28
Neither agree nor disagree	48	26
Disagree	16	9
Strongly Disagree	5	3

Question 4B: Existing shopping areas should be protected and supported

- 4.2 The vast majority of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (88%) that existing shopping areas should be protected and supported.

Table 4.2: Responses to question 4B: Existing shopping areas should be protected and supported

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	98	54
Agree	62	34
Neither agree nor disagree	20	11
Disagree	0	0
Strongly Disagree	3	2

Question 4C: New shopping areas could be considered if they meet local needs

- 4.3 A large proportion of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' (67%) that new shopping areas could be considered if they meet local needs. A further 17% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and 16% 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.

Table 4.3: Responses to question 4C: New shopping areas could be considered if they meet local needs

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	49	27
Agree	72	40
Neither agree nor disagree	30	17
Disagree	14	8
Strongly Disagree	15	8

Question 4D: More factory / employment space is required in Petworth

- 4.4 The response to question 4D is varied because 38% of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that more factory/employment space is required in Petworth, 36% 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and 26% of respondents 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.

Table 4.4: Responses to question 4D: More factory / employment space is required in Petworth

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	33	18
Agree	35	20
Neither agree nor disagree	65	36
Disagree	19	11
Strongly Disagree	27	15

Question 4E: Combined living and working units could help broaden the type of local businesses

- 4.5 Under half of respondents (46%) 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that combined living and working units could help broaden the type of local businesses. Additionally, 33% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and 21% 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed' with the statement.

Table 4.5: Responses to question 4E: Combined living and working units could help broaden the type of local businesses

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	28	16
Agree	54	30
Neither agree nor disagree	59	33
Disagree	17	10
Strongly Disagree	20	11

Question 4F: New visitor accommodation would help the local economy

- 4.6 Over half of respondents (54%) 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that new visitor accommodation would help the local economy. A further 30% of respondents 'neither agreed or disagreed' with the statement and 15% of respondents 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.

Table 4.6: Responses to question 4F: New visitor accommodation would help the local economy

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	42	23
Agree	57	31
Neither agree nor disagree	55	30
Disagree	13	7
Strongly Disagree	14	8

General questionnaire comments on working and shopping

4.7 There were 60 general comments made on working and shopping in Petworth.

- The most repeated issue was the need for a greater variety of food shops (14 respondents) and the need for a supermarket (13 respondents).
- It was stated by 10 respondents that shops should be more affordable.
- A further 8 respondents expressed a need for a greater variety of general retail.

4.8 The comments are summarised in the table below:

Table 4.7: Comments on working and shopping in Petworth

Comment	No.
Need more or greater variety of food shops	14
Need larger supermarket	13
Shops should be affordable	10
Need more or greater variety of general retail shops	8
Maximise current shopping facilities rather than build new ones, eg, crafts in industrial estates, refurbish Golden Square, etc	7
Too many antique shops	6
Business rates too high	3
Need more hotel accommodation for business and leisure	3
Important to retain independent shops rather than introduce chain stores	3

(Responses repeated less than 3 times have not been included in this table, see appendix 1 for further detail)

Hopes

4.9 There were 50 comments made on the 'hopes' of 'working and shopping' in Petworth.

- The most repeated issue was the need for a greater variety of food shops (19 respondents).
- A key issue of concern was the need for a larger supermarket (13 respondents).
- A further 8 respondents expressed the need for affordable shops.

4.10 The comments are summarised in the table below.

Table 4.8: Hopes on working and shopping in Petworth

Comment.	No.
Need more or greater variety of food shops	19
Need larger supermarket	13
Shops should be affordable	8
Important to keep local, vital services such as banks	6
Need more or greater variety of general retail shops	6
Employment needed	5

(Responses repeated less than 3 times have not been included in this table, see appendix 2 for further detail)

Fears

4.11 There were 22 comments made on the 'fears' of 'working and shopping' in Petworth.

- It was stated by 4 respondents that there are too many antique shops in Petworth.
- However, 3 respondents stated it is important to retain independent shops rather than introducing chain stores.

4.12 The comments are summarised in the table below.

Table 4.9: Fears on working and shopping in Petworth

Comment	No.
Too many antique shops	4
Important to retain independent shops rather than introduce chain stores	3
Concern over empty shops	3

(Responses repeated less than 3 times have not been included in this table, see appendix 2 for further detail)

5.0 Leisure and well-being

Question 5A: Petworth needs better open-air recreational areas

- 5.1 The response to question 5A was fairly mixed as 49% of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that Petworth needs better open-air recreational areas, 26% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and 25% of respondents 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.

Table 5.1: Responses to question 5A: Petworth needs better open-air recreational areas

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	49	27
Agree	39	22
Neither agree nor disagree	46	26
Disagree	24	13
Strongly Disagree	21	12

Question 5B: Petworth needs more indoor sports facilities

- 5.2 A large proportion of respondents 'strongly agreed' and 'agreed' (65%) that Petworth needs more indoor sports facilities. An additional 24% 'neither agreed nor disagreed' and 12% 'disagreed' and 'strongly disagreed'.

Table 5.2: Responses to question 5B: Petworth needs more indoor sports facilities

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	68	38
Agree	49	27
Neither agree nor disagree	43	24
Disagree	11	6
Strongly Disagree	10	6

Question 5C: Petworth needs better cultural facilities

- 5.3 The response to question 5C was fairly mixed because 43% of respondents 'neither agreed nor disagreed', 34% of respondents 'strongly agreed' and 'agreed' and 24% of respondents 'disagreed' and 'strongly disagreed'.

Table 5.3: Responses to question 5C: Petworth needs better cultural facilities

	No.	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	22	13
Agree	37	21
Neither agree nor disagree	75	43
Disagree	25	14
Strongly Disagree	17	10

General questionnaire comments on leisure and well-being

- 5.4 There were 76 general comments made on leisure and well-being.
- The most repeated issues were the demand for a swimming pool (18 respondents) and the need to promote Petworth Park more effectively (18 respondents).
 - The need for more indoor recreational facilities was expressed by 14 respondents.
 - It was stated by 12 respondents that more leisure facilities for young people are needed.
- 5.5 The comments are summarised in the table below (excluding comments repeated less than 3 times).

Table 5.4: Comments on leisure and well-being in Petworth

Comment	No.
Swimming pool wanted	18
Promote/use of Petworth Park more	18
More indoor recreational facilities needed	14
More leisure facilities for young people needed	12
Make more use of the Herbert Shiner Centre	8
Public realm improvements needed	5
Skate park wanted	4
Improve the promotion of the range of facilities Petworth already has	4
Play equipment needed - Rosemary Gardens	3
Make improvements to Leconfield Hall	3

(Responses repeated less than 3 times have not been included in this table, see appendix 1 for further detail)

Hopes

5.6 There were 89 comments made on the 'hopes' of leisure and well-being in Petworth.

- The most repeated issue is the demand for a skate park (26 respondents).
- A further 14 respondents requested a swimming pool.
- It was stated by 13 respondents that cycle paths should be improved and developed.
- Another key issue is the lack of pedestrian safety which hinders the access to the park and other facilities (12 respondents).

5.7 The comments are summarised in the table below.

Table 5.5: Hopes on leisure and well-being in Petworth

Comment	No.
Skate park wanted	26
Swimming pool wanted	14
Improve/develop cycle paths	13
Access to park and other facilities hampered by lack of pedestrian safety	12
Play equipment needed - Hampers Green	9
Need for new infrastructure to be taken into account	6
Make more of the Herbert Shiner Centre	5
More indoor recreational facilities needed	4

(Responses repeated less than 3 times have not been included in this table, see appendix 2 for further detail)

Fears

5.8 There were 16 comments made on the 'fears' of leisure and well-being in Petworth.

- Making more of the library (2 respondents), providing more leisure facilities for young people (2 respondents) and public realm improvements (2 respondents) are all needed in Petworth as stated by the respondents.

Appendix 1: Further comments (questionnaires)

Appendix 1 includes the responses repeated less than 3 times which were not included in the main tables for the questionnaires.

General comments on Housing for Petworth

No elderly accommodation is required	2
Develop north of the town	2
The plan should be research led	2
Employment needed before housing	1
New developments should be of modern design	1
No high density development needed	1
Outdoor garden space required	1
Play equipment needed	1
Spread affordable developments throughout Petworth	1
Self-build developments should be explored	1
Swimming pool wanted	1
Sustainable/eco-friendly homes needed	1
More housing will not make shops more viable	1

General comments on Environment, Sustainability and Design for Petworth

Housing numbers to be made up of infill/small developments	2
Housing is not needed	2
Priority should be given to housing local people	2
Housing numbers should be limited	2
The plan should be research led	2
No mock historic architecture	2
Brownfield sites should be prioritised for development	1
Elderly accommodation needed	1
Make improvements to existing housing	1
Swimming pool wanted	1
Outdoor garden space required	1
Play equipment needed	1
Develop north of the town	1
Accessibility (eg, for disabled, those with mobility issues, etc)	1

Comments on bus services in Petworth

Better information on bus services/times	2
Buses should be on time	2
Revive Old Steam Railway and route	2
Make bus services affordable	1
Introduce diversion route around town to ease congestion and noise	1
Improve footpaths and pavements	1
More funding for transport operators required	1
Traffic is currently an issue	1

General comments on Getting Around in Petworth

More accessibility for disabled/wheelchair users, etc	2
Better bus connection with different parts of Petworth and surrounding villages	2
Extend coverage of bus services to other locations	2
Revive Old Steam Railway and route	2
Need more frequent bus services	1
Better signage needed for vehicles and lorries	1

General comments on Working and Shopping in Petworth

Keep shops central, no out-of-town outlets	2
Better pharmacy required	2
Employment needed	2
Concern over empty shops	2
Petworth is a historic town and should be preserved	2
Need for new infrastructure to be taken into account	2
Pedestrian safety and access is important	2
Public realm improvements needed	2
Adequate parking required	1
Important to keep local, vital services such as banks	1
Concern over business community taking over	1
Would be good if Co-op were bigger	1
Improved public transport would be needed	1
Shopping facilities at Hampers Green/north of town would be beneficial	1
More housing will make shops viable	1

General comments on Leisure and Well-being

Play equipment needed - Hampers Green	2
Good and visible Tourist Information office required	2
Encourage investment by local businesses	1
Access to park and other facilities hampered by lack of pedestrian safety	1
Public transport needed	1
Include adult 'play' ie gym equipment in children's play areas as in some parts of Continental Europe	1
Music school wanted	1
Concern over level of dog mess in public recreational areas	1

Appendix 2: Further comments (Hopes and Fears)

Appendix 2 includes the responses repeated less than 3 times which were not included in the main tables for the hopes and fears reporting.

Housing

Hopes

Comment	No.
Sustainable/eco-friendly homes needed	2
Smaller sized houses required	2
No high density development needed	2
Housing not needed	2
Brownfield sites priority to be developed	2
Protect Bombed School site	2
Affordable housing for young people needed	1
Elderly accommodation needed	1
New housing will stimulate the economy of the town	1
Employment needed before housing	1
Make improvements to existing housing	1
Housing numbers to be made up of infill/small developments	1
Need for new infrastructure to be taken into account	1
New developments should be of modern design	1
No need for social housing, should be higher value development	1
Outdoor garden space required	1
Public realm to be considered/included	1
The plan should be research led	1
Self-build development should be explored	1
Housing should not be south of Petworth	1

Fears

Comment	No.
Mixed tenure housing needed	2
No high density development needed	2
Housing not needed	2
Petworth is a historic town and should be preserved	2
parking currently an issue	2
Brownfield sites priority to be developed	1
Housing should be for families	1
Outdoor garden space required	1
The plan should be research led	1
Social Housing needed	1

Environment, Design and Quality

Hopes

Comment	No.
Affordable housing needed	2
Adequate parking required	2
Brownfield sites priority to be developed	2
Old Chapel - resolve issue or use	2
Housing for families needed	2
Traffic currently an issue	2
Affordable housing needed for young people	1
Protect Bombed School site	1
Elderly accommodation needed	1
Employment needed before housing	1
Need for new infrastructure to be taken into account	1
New developments should be of modern design	1
Mixed tenure housing needed	1
No mock historic architecture	1
High Quality Design	1
Good to blend old with new	1

Fears

Comment	No.
Petworth is a historic town and should be preserved	2
Strong influence of developers	1
New development in keeping with local character	1
Housing numbers should be limited	1
No high density development needed	1
No mock historic architecture	1
High Quality Design	1

Getting Around

Hopes

Comment	No.
More accessibility for disabled/wheelchair users, etc	2
Need for new infrastructure to be taken into account	2
Move bus stop away from Leconfield Hall	2
Ban or reduce speed of motorbikes	2
Need more early morning bus services to serve commuters	1
Request for electric car charging	1
Another petrol station needed	1

Fears

Comment	No.
More accessibility for disabled/wheelchair users, etc	2
Encourage cycling and create cycle routes	2
Better signage needed for vehicles and lorries	2
Revive Old Steam Railway and route	1
Improve footpaths and pavements	1
Need later evening bus services to serve commuters, day trips to London and Chichester	1
Ban or reduce speed of motorbikes	1
Provide bins for dog mess	1
Mobility scooters at risk	1
Disabled safety is a worry	1

Working and Shopping

Hopes

Comment.	No.
Extend free parking in town	2
Adequate parking required	2
Public realm improvements needed	2
Need more hotel accommodation for business and leisure	2
Too many antique shops	2
Petworth is a historic town and should be preserved	1
Improved public transport would be needed	1
Important to retain independent shops rather than introduce chain stores	1
Business rates too high	1
Better pharmacy required	1
Maximise current shopping facilities rather than build new ones, eg, crafts in industrial estates, refurbish Golden Square, etc	1
Shopping facilities at Hampers Green/north of town would be beneficial	1

Fears

Comment	No.
Petworth is a historic town and should be preserved	2
Need more or greater variety of food shops	2
Adequate parking required	1
Employment needed	1
Need for new infrastructure to be taken into account	1
Improved public transport would be needed	1
Pedestrian safety and access is important	1
Need larger supermarket	1
Keep shops central, no out-of-town outlets	1
Shops should be affordable	1
Need more or greater variety of general retail shops	1
Maximise current shopping facilities rather than build new ones, eg, crafts in industrial estates, refurbish Golden Square, etc	1
Concern over business community taking over	1
Another petrol station needed	1

Leisure and well-being

Hopes

Comment	No.
Need to consider location of skatepark so as not to interfere with residents, noise, etc	2
More leisure facilities for young people needed	2
Good and visible Tourist Information office required	2
More open-air facilities needed	2
Cycle Club wanted	2
Convert Old Chapel into arts or craft centre	2
Play equipment needed - Rosemary Gardens	1
Better promote the range of facilities Petworth already has	1
Make improvements to Leconfield Hall	1
Concern over level of dog mess in public recreational areas	1
Make more of the library	1
Public tennis courts wanted	1

Fears

Comment	No.
Make more of the library	2
More leisure facilities for young people needed	2
Public realm improvements needed	2
Need for new infrastructure to be taken into account	2
Swimming pool wanted	1
More indoor recreational facilities needed	1
Make more of the Herbert Shiner Centre	1
Play equipment needed - Hampers Green	1
Promote/use Petworth Park more	1
Skate park wanted	1
Access to park and other facilities hampered by lack of pedestrian safety	1
Better promote the range of facilities Petworth already has	1

Appendix 3: Response to consultation with Young People

Petworth Young People's Response

Date: 21st April 2015

Evolve: 10-13 year olds

Number of attendees: 35 + 4 youth leaders

Presentation: Short intro and Powerpoint presentation

Response Method: Sheets of paper on the floor with felt tip pens...

Skatepark

Airhop

Less Antiques

Less Antiques – essential

Pizza Hut

McDonalds

KFC

Cinema

Sports Direct/Topman

Motorcross Track



Shopping Centre

Costa

Bigger Pharmacy

Pet Shop

No Antiques

Younger Youth Club – under 10s

Café

Netflix for Youth Club/PLL

PLL/Caleb Rivers

Toy Shops / "More" Food Shops

Play Areas for little kids

More sweet shops

Parks

Places for teens to hang out

Skatepark

Football pitches

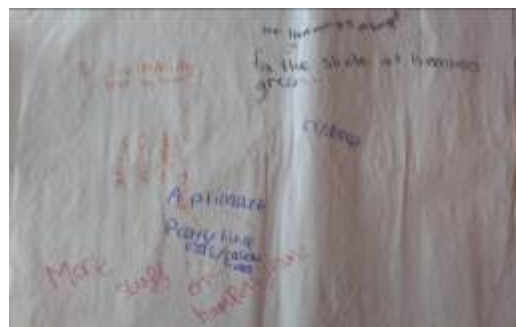
Cheese shop

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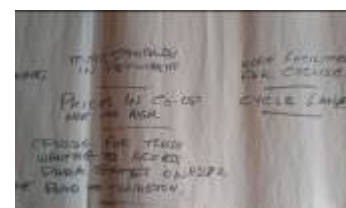
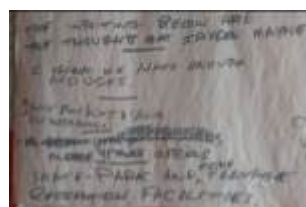


Chill Places
Pizza Shop
Clothes Shops
No Antiques

A swimming pool
Fix the slide at Hampers Green
Have more stuff at Hampers Green
Cinema
A Primark
Pretty Little Liars/ Caleb Rivers
More stuff on Hampers Green
River Island/Topshop/Newlook/Primark



I think we have enough houses
Car Parking spaces Petworth House
More grass areas
Skatepark and more teenage Recreation Facilities
McDonalds in Petworth
Prices in Co-op are too high
Crossing for those wanting to access Park Gates on A272 road to Tillington
More facilities for cyclists
Cycle Lanes!
Pie



Sainsburys
H & M
A Mall
A Police Station
Pie Takeaway
PLL



Petworth Young People's Response

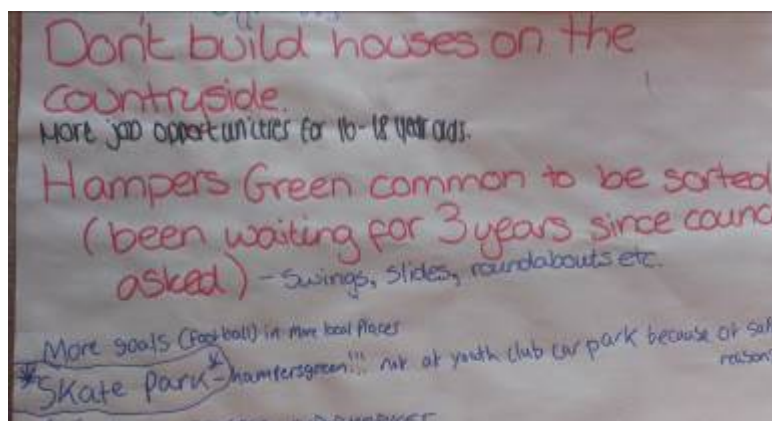
Date: 23rd April 2015

Petworth Youth Club 14-18 year olds

Number of attendees: 14 + 3 youth leaders

Presentation: Short intro and Powerpoint presentation

Response Method: Sheets of paper on tables with felt tip pens...



Don't build houses on the countryside

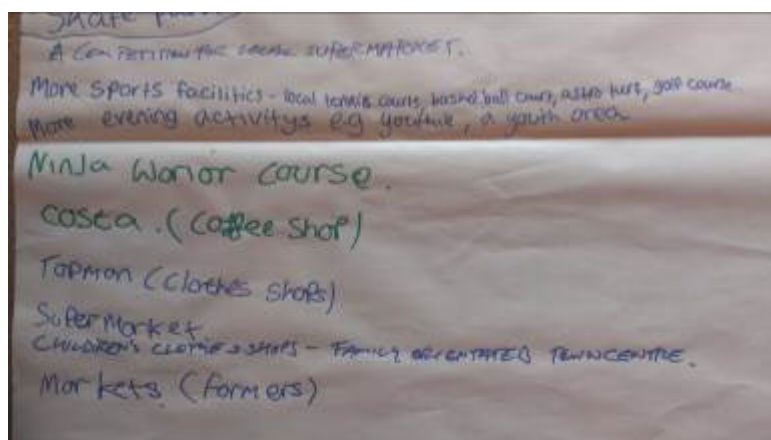
More job opportunities for 16-18 year olds

Hampers Green Common to be sorted (been waiting 3 years since council asked)

Swings, slides, roundabouts, etc,

More goals (football) in more local places

Skate park - Hampers Green!!! Not at youth club car park because of safety reasons



Competition for local supermarket

More sports facilities – local tennis courts, basket ball court, astro turf, golf course.

More evening activities e.g. youthie, a youth area

Ninja Warrior course

Costa (coffee Shop)

Topman (Clothes Shops)

Supermarket

Childres's Clothes Shops

Family orientated Town Centre

Markets (Farmers)

More job opportunities for younger generations

Appendix 4

Options Consultation and Publicity Information

Questionnaire

Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Options Questionnaire

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood Plans are a new type of document that enable local people to write planning policies for their local area. This can state where new areas of housing, community, retail or employment should be located and what the developments should look like.

What is important about the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan?

The Petworth Neighbourhood Plan will set out a vision and objectives for the future of Petworth for the next 15 years. One of the key challenges for the Plan established by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) is to identify land for at least 150 new homes in Petworth. Without the Neighbourhood Plan, South Downs National Park Authority, not the local community, would identify where the land should be allocated.

What are we consulting on?

This stage of the consultation is on the vision, objectives and policy ideas for the Neighbourhood Plan. The most important aspect is to get the community's view on **where houses might be built in Petworth in the future.**

Complete this online at:
www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PetworthNP

This stage of the consultation is ongoing between 17th June 2016 and 8th July. It is important you **fill out a questionnaire to let us know your views.**

About you

You must complete information about yourself so that we know that this is a genuine response.

Name (required)

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Address (required):

.....

Postcode (required)

Are you? Male ☐ Female ☐

Which age group do you fall into?

<16 ☐ 16-25 ☐ 26-35 ☐

36-45 ☐ 46-55 ☐ 56-65 ☐

66 and over ☐



Petworth
Neighbourhood
Plan

Q1: Do you agree with the overarching Plan Vision and Principles?

Vision

By 2032 Petworth will be seen as a 21st Century market town whose historic core has been retained alongside a vibrant economy serving the parish and the surrounding villages. New housing will be recognised as exemplars of sustainable good design, and will have improved neglected areas within the town itself and its edges and approaches.

Local employment opportunities will have improved, and the management of traffic in the town centre will have ensured the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles. There will be an increase in recreation and leisure facilities, especially for the young, and the population will be served by accessible local services that reflect the community's needs, and which support its health, social, cultural, and educational well being.

Principles

1. Petworth will retain its character of a market town.
2. Petworth's centrally positioned shopping area will increase its power of attraction for residents, surrounding villages and visitors.
3. Petworth will retain and broaden its facilities for markets, fairs, cultural events, and recreation.
4. Petworth will remain easily accessible by road but improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.
5. Petworth will show due respect to its landscape setting in a National Park.

Yes

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No

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Don't know

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Q1 Comments:

Why 150 new homes?

The evidence base for the emerging SDNPA Local Plan assesses the housing requirement through future projections for population growth. Through this assessment, a need of 150 new homes (including 40% affordable homes) has been identified for Petworth.

One of the regulations for the Neighbourhood Plan is that it must comply with higher plans, therefore it must provide land for at least 150 new homes (or SDNPA will allocate the sites).

How have the housing options been developed?

A total of 33 sites were initially identified for potential housing development including those promoted by the SDNPA. The Neighbourhood Plan Working Groups have undertaken further site assessments using the criteria below. The results of the 'site suitability assessment' were used by the Working Groups to develop an initial shortlist of development options.

Community views are very important to identifying the appropriate sites.

Site Suitability Assessment Criteria

A RAG (red/amber/green) assessment was used to assess each of the sites against each criterion.

1. **Walkability:** Distance to the town centre, schools and health centres.
2. **Access:** Existing vehicular and pedestrian access arrangements to the site.
3. **Impact on highway network and resident safety.**
4. **Loss of car parking:** Would development of the site result in the loss of existing car parking facilities?
5. **Biodiversity/Ecology:** Impact on any biodiversity designations including The Mens or Ebernoe Common Special Area of Conservation and Local Nature Reserves.
6. **Landscape:** Impact on any landscape designations, topography and landscape characteristics
7. **Flood Risk:** Flood risk of the site.

Q2 Do you have any comments on the site suitability assessment criteria?

Q3: Do you agree with the objectives for housing in Petworth?

1. To provide new housing as required by the South Downs National Park Local Plan (150 homes).
2. To identify potential sites for future housing developments through a robust and objective suitability assessment process with the support of the local community and landowners.
3. To deliver affordable housing to meet local need, with particular regard to housing those with a defined local connection to Petworth.
4. To deliver open market housing that reflects local housing need appropriate for all age groups.
5. To keep housing development within or as close as possible to the settlement boundary.
6. To ensure that new housing developments are adequately supported by necessary infrastructure.
7. To create a sustainable, inclusive, mixed community by ensuring they meet the needs of all residents, including low-income renters, first-time buyers, young people, growing families, people with disabilities and retirees.

Yes

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No

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Yes, subject to the following

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Q3 Comments:

Q4: Which is your preferred housing option?

	Rank 1,2,3 (1 =best and 3 = worst)	Unsure
Option 1		
Option 2		
Option 3		

Q5 Comments on Option 1:

Q6 Comments on Option 2:

Q7 Comments on Option 3:

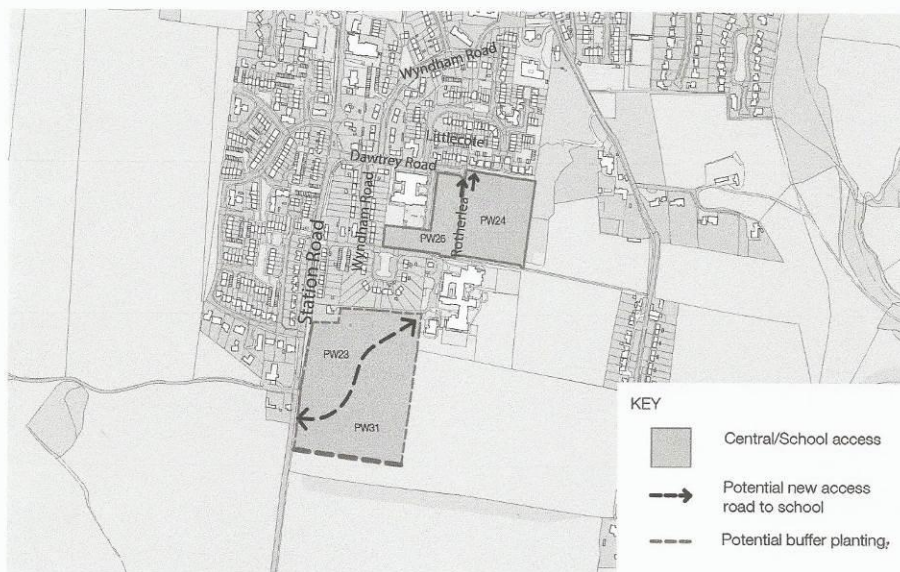
Q8 General housing comments:

Housing Option 1

Housing Option 1 allocates two sites near to the centre of the town and a further area of housing to the south of Petworth, creating a new southern access to the school.

Key Issues:

- The development of sites PW23/PW31 would enable a new access road to the school to be built on the south side of the town. This would relieve school traffic pressure on the Station Road / Dawtrey Lane junction and increase traffic capacity for new housing at sites PW24/PW25.
- All sites are relatively near to the town centre and the school, with sites PW24/PW25 being within a short walk of the centre (5 minutes) and sites PW23/PW31 are around a 10 minute walk.
- Sites PW23/PW31 would extend the settlement boundary. Careful screening, landscaping and planting would be required to ensure that views from the south are not adversely affected.
- Access to sites PW23/PW31 would require a road through the banking along Station Road / A285.



Site: PW23 Dwellings: 58

Site: PW31 Dwellings: 31

Site: PW24 Dwellings: 40

Site: PW25 Dwellings: 21

Housing Option 2

Housing Option 2 allocates the majority of development to the west of the town, with smaller sites around Rothermead and an extension of Sheepdown Close.

Key Issues:

- Site PW21 extends the town's footprint to the west, with access onto the A272. Careful screening, landscaping and planting would be required to ensure that views from the west and south are not adversely affected.
- Site PW26 would extend Sheepdown Close above the ridgeline of the valley to the east.
- Sites PW18/PW19 involve the demolition of one building each to create access or development space.
- All sites are around a 10 minute walk from the town centre.



Site: PW18 Dwellings: 5

Site: PW19 Dwellings: 13

Site: PW21 Dwellings: 111

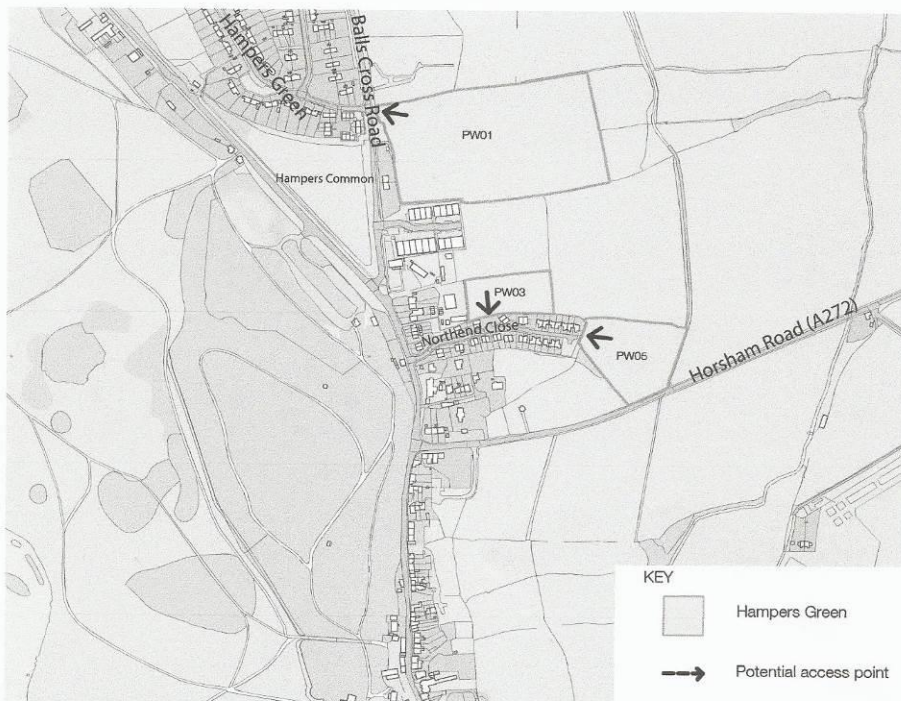
Site: PW26 Dwellings: 21

Housing Option 3

Housing Option 3 allocates the development to the north of the town around Hampers Green. The option includes a large site opposite Hampers Green and smaller sites accessed from Northend Close.

Key Issues:

- All the sites are more than 10 minutes walk from the town centre and would require residents to walk down North Street, which has very narrow pavements.
- Site PW01 is opposite Hampers Green.
- Site PW03 is accessed from Northend Close. An alternative idea is that this site could be used for future extensions to the employment area if required.
- Impact on views on Petworth Park Pleasure Ground.
- Site PW05 extends Northend Close.



Site: PW01 Dwellings: 112

Site: PW05 Dwellings: 16

Site: PW03 Dwellings: 22

Q9: Do you agree with the 'Getting Around' objectives?

1. To provide a safe and pleasant pedestrian experience within Petworth including the Town Centre and any future housing developments.
2. To calm traffic using natural methods rather than intrusive engineering solutions, including at the town's gateways.
3. To minimise signposting, to be used primarily for through traffic and heavy goods vehicles.
4. To promote the use of sustainable transport, including for trips to and from neighbouring towns and villages and countryside access for walkers and cyclists.
5. To ensure that future development supports adequate levels of on-site car parking provision.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

Q9 Comments:

Q10: What do you think about transport ideas for improving Petworth?

	Yes	No	Unsure
i) Signify town entry points to slow traffic			
ii) Widen footways in town centre and create more active pedestrian spaces including Angel Square			
iii) Create a new shared foot/cycle path parallel to North Street to better connect Hampers Green to the town centre			
iv) Remove HGV signage and replace with a 7.5t weight limit			

Ideas for Market Square <i>(please see the boards for detail)</i>	Yes	No	Unsure
i) Reduce parking and expand the footway			
ii) Define the vehicle route with a raised surface of new materials			
iii) Create a totally shared surface			

These ideas are a Petworth Town Council initiative separate from the Neighbourhood Plan. *Please add any comments on the back page*

Q11: Do you agree with the 'Working and Shopping' objectives?

1. To revive the function of the Market Square.
2. To preserve and enhance the core of Petworth as a retail destination.
3. To diversify the provision of convenience goods and everyday needs.
4. To grow the economy by expanding commercial and industrial areas.
5. To protect and increase car parking capacity.
6. To increase capacity for visitor accommodation.

Yes

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No

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Don't know

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Q11 Comments:

Q12) Do you agree with the 'Leisure and Wellbeing' objectives?

- To help maintain and enhance existing recreational and leisure facilities.
- To establish a Community Hub.
- To help broaden the provision of health facilities.
- To ensure all future development considers the wellbeing of the residents.

Yes

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No

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Don't know

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Q12 Comments:

Q13: Do you agree with the 'Environment, Sustainability and Design' objectives?

1. **Environment and Biodiversity:** To ensure that Petworth respects its setting in the South Downs National Park from both visual aspects and by preserving and enhancing biodiversity.
2. **Environment and Biodiversity:** Developments will incorporate public and private green spaces that create wildlife corridors, encourage biodiversity and contribute to public health and well-being.
3. **Design Quality (Density):** Development schemes should be in accordance with the best models of rural housing and at densities no greater than 35 DPH.
4. **Design Quality (Development Scale):** New homes will be of high design quality in terms of appearance, utility and surrounding space. They respond to the scale and character of the existing and/or neighbouring buildings and make a positive contribution to local character.
5. **Sustainable Homes:** To design affordable energy efficient and sustainable homes such as those based on the principles of passive solar design entitled 'Passive Haus,' using local materials and incorporating low cost Green Architecture techniques and design where possible.
6. **Landscape and visual impact:** Development proposals particularly when sited on the edge of Petworth must maintain visual connection with the countryside and the visual impact of new development of views from the countryside must be minimised.
7. **Public Realm and Green Spaces:** To protect and enhance people's experience of the special qualities of the National Park through Green Spaces and the Public Realm, those places to which the public normally have unrestricted access.

Yes

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No

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Don't know

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Q13 Comments:

Any further comments:



Petworth Town Council

Leconfield Hall and Pop-up Cafe



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Press releases

PRESS RELEASE

16th May 2016
Petworth, West Sussex

Petworth Town Council announces public consultation event for the Neighbourhood Plan

Crucial next stage gives residents the opportunity to consider proposals for development options

Petworth Town Council has announced the date of its next public consultation event for the town's Neighbourhood Plan. Residents are invited to drop in at any time from 10am until 9pm on Friday 17th June at the Leconfield Hall. This crucial next stage gives the people of Petworth an insight into how their feedback from last year's consultation process has evolved into a series of development options and a wealth of ideas covering the key five areas of the Plan: Housing, Working & Shopping, Leisure & Well-being, Environment, Sustainability & Design and Getting Around.

Petworth is expected to provide at least 150 new houses in the 15 years covered by the emerging South Downs National Park Authority Local Plan. A team of around 30 individuals, including local Petworth residents, have collaborated with many parts of the community to establish where these houses might be built and have conducted research into any retail, employment, or community land that might be required over the same period.

Douglas Cooper, Chairman of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group commented, "We now need the help of residents to take the Neighbourhood Plan through to the next stage. The public consultation day on 17th June means residents can have their say about the future of housing development along with the infrastructure and services to support it. It provides us all with the perfect opportunity to help shape the future of our wonderful town for generations to come."

Feedback from residents will be used to formulate the Draft Plan which is expected to be ready in its final state for a public referendum in 2017. Following a successful public referendum, the Plan becomes part of planning law and will sit alongside national and local planning legislation.

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PRESS RELEASE

13th June 2016
Petworth, West Sussex

Petworth Town Council unveils the results of independent traffic and transport study at this week's Neighbourhood Plan public consultation event

Crucial next stage of Neighbourhood Planning process gives residents the opportunity to consider proposals for housing development options and innovative ideas to calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety

Petworth Town Council (PTC) has announced that it will unveil the initial results of an important traffic and transport study at this week's public consultation event for the Neighbourhood Plan on Friday 17th June. Although a separate initiative from the Neighbourhood Plan, the independently commissioned research provides valuable, complementary insight into pedestrian safety and traffic issues that were highlighted as key concerns for residents at last year's drop-in events. Parishioners are encouraged to come along anytime between 10am-9pm at the Leconfield Hall to see how their feedback from last year's consultation process has evolved into a series of development options and a wealth of ideas covering the five areas of the Plan: Housing, Working & Shopping, Leisure & Well-being, Environment, Sustainability & Design and Getting Around.

Douglas Cooper, Chairman of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group commented, "Absolutely nothing has been decided. This really is your chance to see how we have carefully considered 32 potential sites for housing and tested them against consistent assessment criteria. Three preferred options will be presented that now require your input before taking the Neighbourhood Plan forward. Some of the 30 volunteers who have been working on the plan will be present at the Leconfield Hall to answer your questions on the five subjects covered by the plan. It will give you the perfect opportunity to help shape the future of our wonderful town."

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PRESS RELEASE

20th June 2016
Petworth, West Sussex

Over 400 residents turn up to Petworth Neighbourhood Plan public consultation event

Petworth Town Council unveils proposals for housing development options and shares the results of new independent traffic & transport study

Petworth Town Council's (PTC) public consultation event for the Neighbourhood Plan on Friday 17th June at the Leconfield Hall attracted 408 residents - 50 in the first hour alone - tripling the number of attendees at last years' three drop-in days. Town councillors, volunteers from the 30-strong group who have been working on the Plan together with representatives from the South Downs National Park Authority were on hand to answer questions. They presented proposals for a series of development options and a wealth of ideas covering the five areas of Plan: Housing, Working & Shopping, Leisure & Well-being, Environment, Sustainability & Design and Getting Around. At the same time, PTC unveiled the initial results of an important traffic and transport study designed to calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety in and around Petworth. Both issues were identified as key concerns for residents during last year's consultation events.

Chris Kemp, chairman of Petworth Town Council commented, "It was a fantastic day which saw enthusiastic residents from all parts of the parish of Petworth taking part and being involved in this important part of the planning process. Although the majority came from the centre and Southerly aspects of the town, many visitors dropped in from Duncton, Egdean, Fittleworth and north towards Northchapel despite the heavy rain showers. The atmosphere was upbeat with open discussion and a lot of thoughtful questions. We'd like to thank everyone who gave up their valuable time to come along and give their input. Nothing has been decided yet and parishioner views are vital to go forward to the next stage. If you couldn't make it, don't worry, you have until 8th July to take part."

Douglas Cooper, Chairman of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group added, "Friday's public consultation day was a brilliant opportunity to engage with our parishioners and we were delighted by the turn-out and high levels of interaction. A large proportion of

those who came spent a considerable time reading the displays and showed genuine interest in our ideas and proposals. It will be interesting to hear what they thought and to use that feedback to formulate the draft Plan."

All display materials from the public consultation event on Friday 17th June, together with a questionnaire, are available to download from [Petworth Town Council's website](#). Paper copies of the presentations and questionnaires are available from Petworth Town Council and from the library. Residents can also provide their feedback online by visiting www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PetworthNP

The deadline for all questionnaire entries, paper copy and online, is midnight on Friday 8th July.

Feedback from residents will be used to formulate the Draft Plan which is expected to be ready in its final state for a public referendum in 2017. Following a successful public referendum, the Plan becomes part of planning law and will sit alongside national and local planning legislation.

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PRESS RELEASE

5th September 2016
Petworth, West Sussex

Petworth residents vote for preferred housing development option

Petworth Town Council publishes the results of this summer's consultation process for the Neighbourhood Plan

Petworth Town Council has announced the results of the latest consultation phase of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan which ran from 17th June, when over 400 residents attended a community drop-in session at the Leconfield Hall, until 8th July during which time parishioners had the opportunity to complete a questionnaire or online survey. The main focus of this summer's consultation period were proposals for three housing development sites or options. Based on a total of 276 responses, the majority of residents (57%) voted for Housing Option 1 which included sites adjacent to Petworth Primary School and to the south of the town. Thirty-four percent (34%) of residents voted for Housing Option 3 (three sites to the north of the town in the vicinity of Hampers Green) followed by a minority vote (at 9%) for Housing Option 2 (covering sites predominantly to the west and east of the town).

When asked to comment on Housing Option 1, many residents welcomed the proposal to build a new access road to Petworth Primary School, which would reduce current congestion in the area, as well as the proximity to the town's other facilities including the doctor's surgery. At the same time, respondents stressed the need for careful landscaping to preserve the character of this important approach into Petworth.

Douglas Cooper, Chairman of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group commented, "We are truly thankful to everyone who spent their valuable time to come to the event on 17th June, take part in the online survey or fill in a questionnaire. The views from our community are critical to determine where houses might be built in Petworth in the future. Our next priority is to engage closely with our colleagues from the South Downs National Park Authority and the relevant landowners to establish an agreed strategy for the design and mix of new housing and come up with the best possible plan for our residents and for Petworth."

Respondents were also invited to comment on several transport ideas for improving Petworth, developed by traffic consultants retained by the Town Council. The most popular interventions were to signify town entry points to slow traffic, to create a new shared foot/cycle path parallel to North Street to better connect Hampers Green to the town centre, and to widen footpaths in the town centre and create more active pedestrian spaces.

South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) has asked Petworth to provide 150 new homes over the next fifteen years. A total of 32 sites were initially identified for potential housing development including those promoted by the SDNPA. They were then assessed by the Petworth Neighbourhood

Planning Group against a series of site suitability criteria to create the final three options that were presented for public consultation during June and July this year.

Over 30 volunteers covering five key areas – Housing, Environment, Sustainability & Design, Working & Shopping, Getting Around and Leisure & Wellbeing - will now gather further evidence to support the development of the Draft Plan which will be shared with the public in March next year. The final plan is then expected to be ready for a public referendum in early 2018. Following a successful public referendum, the Plan becomes part of planning law and will sit alongside national and local planning legislation.

A full report, outlining the complete results, together with all display materials from the public consultation event on Friday 17th June, are available to download from [Petworth Town Council website](http://www.petworth-tc.org.uk).

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Midhurst and Petworth OBSERVER

19th May
2016

A chance to have your say on future of house building

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Petworth residents will get a chance to voice their views about future housing development when the town's neighbourhood plan has its latest public consultation event.

Residents will be able to see the newest stages of the plan from 10am-9pm on Friday, June 17 when it is presented by the town council at the Leconfield Hall.

It will give people an insight into how their feedback from last year's consultation process has evolved into a series of development options and a wealth of ideas covering the key five areas of the plan – housing, working and shopping, leisure and well-being, environment, sustainability and design and getting around.

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Residents view the last stage of the plan at the Leconfield Hall

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The feedback from residents given at this latest

stage of the process will be used to shape the draft plan.

This is expected to be ready in its final state for a public referendum next

year. Following a public referendum, it then becomes part of planning law and will sit alongside national and local planning legislation.

Midhurst and Petworth OBSERVER

23rd
June
2016



Members of the public examine the proposals at the consultation event in The Leconfield Hall

Strong support for plan's public consultation event

23/6/16

Continued...

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More than 400 people turned out to the latest consultation event for Petworth's neighbourhood plan on Friday.

Town councillors, volunteers from the 30-strong group who have been working on the plan, together with representatives from the South Downs National Park Authority, were on hand to answer questions.

They presented proposals for a series of development options and a wealth of ideas covering the five areas of the plan - housing, working and shopping, leisure and well-being, environment, sustainability and design and 'getting around'.

At the same time, Petworth Town Council, which is leading work on the plan, unveiled the initial results of the traffic and transport study it commissioned which is designed to calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety

around Petworth.

Chris Kemp, chairman of the town council, said: "It was a fantastic day which saw enthusiastic residents from all parts of the parish taking part and being involved in this important part of the planning process."

Although the majority came from the centre and southerly aspects of the town, many visitors dropped in from Duncton, Egdean, Fittleworth and north towards Northchapel despite the heavy rain showers.

"The atmosphere was upbeat with open discussion and a lot of thoughtful questions. We'd like to thank everyone who gave up their valuable time to come along and give their input. Nothing has been decided yet and parishioner views are vital to go forward to the next stage."

Plan steering group chairman Douglas Cooper added: "A large proportion of those who came spent a considerable time reading the displays and showed genuine interest in our

ideas and proposals. It will be interesting to hear what they thought and to use that feedback to formulate the draft Plan."

Residents can provide their feedback online at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PetworthNP. The deadline is Friday, July 8. The draft plan is expected to be ready for public referendum next year.

Paper copies of the presentations and questionnaires are available from Petworth Town Council and from the library.

Midhurst and Petworth OBSERVER

Thursday, July 7, 2016

A new survey to tackle a long-standing problem

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It's been a burning issue for two decades in Petworth with its narrow streets, huge articulated lorries and shoppers and residents vying for parking space.

Traffic has been the most vexing question which has faced successive town councils.

Successive community leaders have done their best and there have been

initiatives from suggested 20mph speed limits to innovative stickers warning motorists to beware of pedestrians.

But they have all been met with a demoralising metaphorical shrug of the shoulders in the corridors of power and consigned to obscurity with the excuse 'statistics say there isn't a problem'.

The nightmare of lorries getting stuck was to some extent eventually addressed with £140,000 of signs, but

many still claim it did not solve the issue entirely. And it cannot be denied that huge artics wedged between buildings is not an uncommon sight in the town.

Now the gauntlet has been taken up again with a new determination. And this time Petworth's town councillors have come at it from a different angle.

It made some nervous when it opened its corporate purse to commission a transport survey costing about £10,000.

But the results in the form of the draft report are giving new food for thought. People can comment via the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire available from the Petworth Town Council website or in the Petworth Town Council offices and library.

The transport survey has been carried out by Alan Baxter Ltd and consultants have carried out an assessment of the transport and movement issues in Petworth and given advice on

how these can be improved or alleviated.

The work is separate from the massive neighbourhood plan project also under way in the town, but the plan's steering group is hoping many of the issues and ideas can be incorporated into it.

The draft report has come up with recommendations focusing on improving gateways and links to the town, improving key public spaces and reducing the number of heavy goods vehicles through the centre.

Lorry signs cause 'ambiguity and confusion'

Perhaps the biggest traffic nightmare is the problem of lorries rumbling through Petworth's historic centre and becoming wedged.

It had been a bone of contention for many years and eventually in April 2009 a long-awaited £119,000 scheme to improve lorry signs was introduced.

It was part of a raft of measures to ensure drivers did not use unsuitable routes.

The aim was to emphasise the existing HGV restrictions and the alternative route lorries should be taking to avoid the town's narrow 13th-century streets.

Lorries were already banned from the town centre, except for deliveries and loading, by a 7.5-tonne weight limit but was often ignored.

HGV drivers, particularly foreign drivers, caught breaking the ban frequently complained they did not see the signs in time or they didn't understand them.

New advanced signs were put up on each approach to Petworth and a vehicle-activated sign (VAS) warning HGVs was installed before the bottleneck point in Park Road.

The Baxter report says the route is 'well signed' but HGVs travelling to 'Petworth' are directed from all approaches to enter from the east 'which may cause ambiguity or confusion'.

The report proposes that all signage to 'Petworth' should be removed and the 7.5t weight limit extended to cover all approaches from the HGV lorry route.



Square option to 'reverse priorities'

The report highlights a lack of safe pedestrian crossing points in Market Square, adding that car parking dominates the public space, detracts from the historic character and often acts as a physical barrier to movement.

It says buses and informal loading cause traffic blockages, poor signage and confusing highway arrangement result in conflicts and the presence of large HGVs causes dangers to cars and pedestrians.

The report has come up with three options for improvements. The first is to keep the existing highway layout, but remove parking, widen footways and

introduce informal crossing points. It also suggests one-way traffic southbound.

Some car parking is moved to New Street.

A second option is to raise the carriageway to create a level surface defining the vehicle route, bus stop and loading areas. All car parking would be removed leaving space for market, events and restaurants to 'spill out into the square'.

A third option suggested is to 'create a shared space where priority of movement is deliberately blurred'. It would consist of strategically-placed street furniture and 'completely reverse the priority in the square'.

Public space proposed in new 'Angel Square'

The Baxter draft report proposes a series of gateways on the main approaches to Petworth to signify entry into the town and slow down the traffic.

In addition the report suggests at the 'town centre thresholds', junctions are improved by widening footways and creating more active pedestrian spaces.

The Baxter report gives the creation of Angel Square as an example.

'It is proposed that a new space is defined on Angel Street around the Sacred Heart church and the Angel Inn'.

'A level surface or shared space signals to vehicles that they are entering the town centre, slowing speeds, creating a more pleasant pedestrian environment and easier crossing on foot between the parking areas and the inn and the church.'

Between the new space and the crossroads with East Street it is proposed to widen the northern footway and narrow the carriageway with a priority passing place for further slow traffic.

The report suggests traffic calming measures at particular pinch points - such as priority passing places - to slow traffic and accommodate widened footways.

And in addition a series of environmental improvements are suggested on the links into town, such as tree planting and lighting and a new shared foot and cycle path parallel to North Street to better connect Hampers Green to the town centre.

Midhurst & Petworth Observer
Thursday 14th July 2016

Three more neighbourhood plans are set in stone by national park

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Three more Neighbourhood Plans have been finalised and set in stone or 'made' by the South Downs National Park Authority in the last three months.

Members of the park's planning committee are set to receive the latest update on work which has been carried out by communities on their plans when they meet today (July 14).

The latest plans to be finalised are Wisborough Green and Milland, which went before park planners on June 9, and Fernhurst, which was made in April.

The stakes in the neighbourhood plan game inside the boundaries of the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) were raised earlier this year when national park officers said all communities intending to allocate housing sites in their neighbourhood plans should



Some 400 members of the public attended Petworth Neighbourhood Plan public consultation

get them to 'pre-submission stage at least six months before the consultation on the park's own Local Plan.

Officers were expecting to go out to consultation on their plan in October this

year and gave communities an April deadline.

But work on the park's local plan ran into difficulties when the planning department hit a staffing crisis and the deadline came and went.

Among the plans which had felt the heat was Petworth, which was only at the first stage of evidence gathering in January this year.

But it has gathered momentum over the last few

months and recently more than 400 people attended a public consultation event to consider a range of options relating to housing and highways, public realm improvements, as well as community facilities and local green spaces.

Petworth's pre-submission plan is now expected to be published at the start of next year and meet national park deadlines.

At Fittleworth the plan group has submitted an early draft version for initial comment and Horsham District Council officers have been commissioned by the park to help in the preparation of a strategic environmental assessment.

Bury's pre-submission draft is expected in the next two months.

But at Lynchmere, the planning committee is due to be told, the plan has been put on hold whilst the parish council looks for more volunteers to help carry out the work.

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Thursday, September 8, 2016

Votes in for housing plan

Results of consultation into future housing sites for Petworth have been revealed by the town council. **Page 8**

Results of survey on housing revealed

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Results of a consultation into future housing in Petworth have been announced by the town council.

More than 270 responses were submitted on the draft Neighbourhood Plan between June 17 and July 8 that detailed three main options for housing development.

The consultation followed a request by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) for 150 new homes in Petworth over the next 15 years.

The majority of respondents, at 57 per cent, voted to include sites adjacent to Petworth Primary School and to the south of the town under Option 1.

Thirty-four per cent chose Option 3, three sites to the north of the town in the vicinity of Hampers Green, and nine per cent opted for Option 2, to develop sites predominantly to the west and east of the town.

When commenting on Housing Option 1, many residents felt a new access road to Petworth Primary School would reduce congestion.

At the same time, respondents stressed the need for careful landscaping to preserve the character of the area.

Chairman of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan steering group, Douglas Cooper, said: "We are truly thankful to everyone who spent their valuable time to come to the event on 17th June, take part in the online survey or fill in a questionnaire."

"The views from our community are critical to determine where houses might be built in Petworth in the future."

Respondents were also invited to comment on transport improvement ideas.

Popular interventions were to add town entry signs to slow traffic, to create a new shared foot or cycle path parallel to North Street to better connect Hampers Green to the town centre, and to widen town centre footpaths.

The Draft Plan will be shared with the public in March next year, with a final plan expected to be ready for a referendum in early 2018.

A full report and consultation materials are available on the Petworth Town Council website: www.petworth-tc.org.uk

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Petworth votes on home sites

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The overwhelming majority of people in Petworth want to see new housing built to the south of the town, around the primary school.

Reporting to Petworth Town Council, chairman of the neighbourhood plan steering group, Douglas Cooper told them: "The year so far has been dominated by the public consultation. This was inevitably dominated by the alternative options offered to the public for the three major sites for the 150 houses that Petworth is obliged to provide in the next 15 years.

"It also showed alternative

solutions to some of the traffic problems in the town.

"The public opted overwhelmingly for the southern option for housing which included a new access road to the school," said Mr Cooper.

He added the team was now working on policies for the draft consultation document before the final public consultation next spring.

The team was also working with the Leconfield Estate and the other principal landowners on a master-plan to unite the three sites on the southern edge of the town and looking at pedestrian safety, traffic management and future retail and employment.

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Residents call for voice in plan for town's future

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Residents of Petworth fear their views are being brushed aside in public consultation on the neighbourhood plan which will dictate the future of the town.

With mounting concern the Petworth Residents Networking Group is stepping up its campaign to get its voice heard. A letter calling for support is going to every home in the town.

The group was formed two years ago: "We felt our concerns and opinions were being ignored by the town council along with other official organisations," said Lynnette Humphry, speaking on behalf of members. There are now more than 70 members and Lynnette is urging more residents to show their strength of feeling.

The biggest fear is over housing sites for the 150

homes earmarked for the town.

"The town council, South Downs National Park (SDNP), landowners and business community, all seem to be dictating the future of our community and the residents are not fully aware of the scale of housing which has been scheduled," she said in the letter.

"The sites being progressed have deviated, with little or no explanation, from those proposed to the consultation. The groups have not been fully transparent and we need to ensure we are to be represented in the correct manner."

Residents are concerned the views of the business community, visitors and tourists were being taken, in consultation, ahead of residents.

"Although the town council have announced the preferred option for housing to the south of the town there has been no

independent verification of the results," said Lynnette.

She said residents had asked the council to verify its results but had been told due to 'data protection' it was unable to confirm only votes from residents were counted.

She said residents wanted to have confidence in those planning the town's future: "It is very clear, however, there is unrest and the residents are not all agreeable to the decision making of the town council and SDNPA."

Chairman of the town council, Chris Kemp said: "I am totally content the process followed has been carried out with the highest level of objectivity and transparency. Ms Humphry's requests for further validation of the questionnaire cannot be agreed to without redacting the personal information contained in them. She has been offered the chance to organise this herself, but has refused on cost grounds."

'Mistaken and inaccurate information'

Douglas Cooper, chairman of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan steering group, has accused residents of acting on 'mistaken and inaccurate information'. He said he

was disappointed Lynnette Humphry, a member of the housing working group, was forming an opposing group 'based on mistaken and inaccurate information'.

"I do hope it is merely a coincidence Ms Humphry's address is to the south of the town where the public have chosen sites for possible housing development."



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE! Petworth Neighbourhood Plan & Petworth Vision

New housing will come to Petworth, as it will throughout the rest of the country, whether we like it or not. The Neighbourhood Plan is part of the democratic process, giving us all the opportunity to provide input into what type of housing we would like, where it should be located and define the right type of infrastructure and services to support it. Add to this the ongoing support and progress made by the Petworth Vision CIC and we have a powerful and winning combination. So where are we today?

Petworth Neighbourhood Plan

In November 2015, Petworth Town Council signed up residents who had put themselves forward as candidates to take the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan to the crucial next stage. In total, 24 volunteers including members of the public are now working hard to create a plan that gives the people of Petworth greater control over future development in and around the town.

The 24-strong team has been split into Working Groups that concentrate on formulating objectives

and policies around the five key focus areas - Housing, Working & Shopping, Leisure & Well-being, Environment, Sustainability & Design Quality and Getting Around. Each Working Group meets about twice a month and then reports their findings back to the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Committee, chaired by Douglas Cooper who said:

"The Petworth Neighbourhood Planning process has highlighted the enormous amount of talent we have in Petworth and we are thankful to have such a knowledgeable and enthusiastic group of people on our side. The sense of team spirit and collaboration - identifying areas of cross-over, sharing learning and exchanging ideas based on the evidence of last year's consultation process - are crucial to the success of the project."

Towards the end of January, Petworth Town Council attended an important Planning Committee Meeting of the South Downs National Park who recognised the difficulties in the process but had full confidence in our progress.

Petworth Vision

In our last update on Petworth Vision, we highlighted that one of the more complex projects was improving the first impressions of the town at the 'gateway' from the car park into the Old Bakery area and then into Golden Square. We have investigated the option of holding a design competition to progress getting to

the stage of a concept and are finally in a position to launch this initiative.

This has taken some time to do as we needed to raise the funds to pay for professional management and promotion of the competition and to be able to fund honorariums for the shortlisted candidates.

We have engaged the Broome Jenkins consultancy to manage the competition process and they will advertise it amongst architects and design professionals. It is expected that this will take around three months from launching the competition to deciding on a winning concept. We will then be in a position to apply for grants towards the implementation of the ideas but will also need to fundraise locally.

Petworth Vision is liaising with various charitable funds and associations to raise money. A new landing page is being created on the Discover Petworth town website, with an automatic link to allow donors to contribute directly to the Petworth Vision bank account via wire transfer or PayPal.



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Petworth Town Council

Petworth Vision collection boxes will be distributed around the town to encourage residents and tourists to contribute to the costs of maintaining and enhancing our town. We plan to publish a suggested list of fund raising events for the next twelve months to suit all age groups and interests.

Meanwhile, Petworth Vision is liaising closely with the Neighbourhood Plan committee to ensure we are aligned with any proposals being considered through that group.

On the subject of a wider shopping offer, we are hoping to establish a service offering assistance with computer training to be offered for free from the library, for those residents wishing to benefit from online retailing and research is being done into offering a Click and Collect service in Petworth.

The company is researching potential apprenticeship schemes to help those seeking employment to develop their skill sets, and this scheme is likely to be a focus for significant fundraising efforts. ■

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Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation

DROP IN ANY TIME FROM 10AM-9PM ON
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PETWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

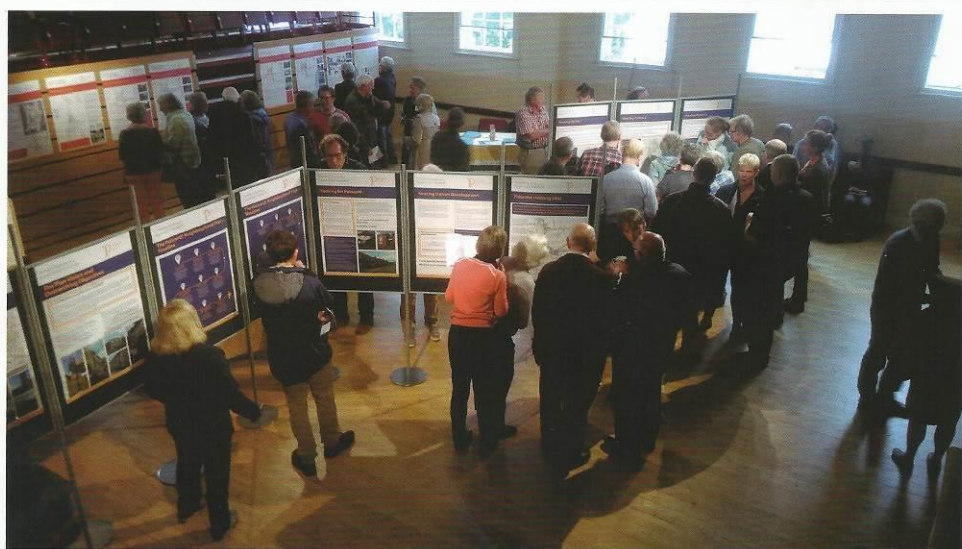
OVER 400 RESIDENTS TURN UP TO PETWORTH
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT

Petworth Town Council's (PTC) public consultation event for the Neighbourhood Plan on Friday 17th June at the Leconfield Hall attracted 408 residents - 50 in the first hour alone - tripling the number of attendees at last year's three drop-in days. Town councillors, volunteers from the 30-strong group who have been working on the Plan together with representatives from the South

come along and give their input."

Douglas Cooper, Chairman of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group added, "June's public consultation day was a brilliant opportunity to engage with our parishioners and we were delighted by the turn-out and high levels of interaction. A large proportion of those who came spent a considerable time reading the displays and showed genuine interest in our ideas and proposals. It will be interesting to hear what they thought and to use that feedback to formulate the draft Plan."

Residents can still view all display materials from the public consultation event on Friday 17th June by popping into Petworth Town Council's office at the Old Bakery, Golden Square (near the



Downs National Park Authority were on hand to answer questions. They presented proposals for a series of development options and a wealth of ideas covering the five areas of Plan: Housing, Working & Shopping, Leisure & Well-being, Environment, Sustainability & Design and Getting Around. At the same time, PTC unveiled the initial results of an important traffic and transport study designed to calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety in and around Petworth. Both issues were identified as key concerns for residents during last year's consultation events.

Chris Kemp, chairman of Petworth Town Council commented, "It was a fantastic day which saw enthusiastic residents from all parts of the parish of Petworth taking part and being involved in this important part of the planning process. Although the majority came from the centre and Southerly aspects of the town, many visitors dropped in from Duncton, Egdean, Fittleworth and north towards Northchapel despite the heavy rain showers. The atmosphere was upbeat with open discussion and a lot of thoughtful questions. We'd like to thank everyone who gave up their valuable time to

entrance to the Petworth town centre car park) or by visiting the website at <http://www.petworth-tc.org.uk/>

Residents were asked to take part in a written questionnaire or online survey to provide their feedback to the proposals made at the public consultation event. By the time of deadline on 8th July, Petworth Town Council had received written responses from 277 residents including 82 online surveys. All the input and comments have been consolidated and are currently being analysed both quantitatively and qualitatively.

When complete, the results of the analysis will be used to formulate the Draft Plan which is expected to be ready in its final state for a public referendum in 2017. Following a successful public referendum, the Plan becomes part of planning law and will sit alongside national and local planning legislation.

For more information, please contact petworthnp@outlook.com or visit www.petworth-tc.org.uk



NOTHING IS DECIDED YET!

If you could not attend our public consultation event on Friday 17th June, don't worry!

Please take a look at the full presentations and pick up a questionnaire from Petworth Town Council (Friday mornings) or the library. Completed questionnaires should be returned to Petworth Town Council offices.

Alternatively, visit <http://www.petworth-tc.org.uk/> and take part in our online survey at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PetworthNP

Deadline for all entries is **MIDNIGHT, FRIDAY 8TH JULY**. Your feedback is VITAL! Thank you.

All personal information is guaranteed by Petworth Town Council to be treated as fully confidential under the Data Protection Act



ANNOUNCING THE RESULTS OF THIS SUMMER'S PUBLIC CONSULTATION PHASE

We would like to thank everyone who came along to the public consultation event at the Leconfield Hall on 17th June and to all of you who completed our questionnaire.

We are delighted to announce that your feedback has now been carefully analysed and the results presented in a report.

To read the full results, please pop into Petworth Town Council offices or the public library in Petworth during opening hours.

Otherwise, please download your personal copy by visiting our website at <http://www.petworth-tc.org.uk/> For more information or questions, please email petworthnp@outlook.com

Thank you.

Chris Kemp
Chairman
Petworth Town Council

Douglas Cooper
Steering Group Chairman
Neighbourhood Plan

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Appendix 5

Petworth Neighbourhood Plan

Options Consultation: Data Collation Report

**Prepared on behalf of Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering
Group and Petworth Town Council**

August 2016

Petworth Neighbourhood Plan
Options Consultation: Data Collation Report
on behalf of Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
and Petworth Town Council
August 2016

Introduction

As part of the consultation process carried out for Petworth Neighbourhood Plan, a formal public consultation on the options for the area was undertaken between 17th June and 8th July 2016. This involved:

- Online questionnaires available at www.surveymonkey.com/s/Petworth throughout the consultation period
- Links to the online survey were also available on the Petworth Town Council (PTC) website and announced on the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Facebook Page.
- Drop-in session: at the Leconfield Hall on 17th June.
- Attendees at the 17th June drop-in event were encouraged to complete a hard copy questionnaire and hard copies were also available throughout the consultation period at PTC offices and at the public library. The questionnaire could also be downloaded from the PTC website.
- All display materials at 17th June event were posted and continue to be posted on the PTC website.
- Hard copies of the above display materials were available to read at the public library and in the PTC offices throughout the consultation period.
- Personalised email invites to 17th June event were sent to all those attendees at last year's drop-in events who agreed to be contacted by email.
- The Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page was updated on a weekly basis and included a poll to ascertain views about the process in advance of the 17th June event.
- PTC had a stall at the Farmers' Market on 28th May at which flyers were distributed.
- Town Crier announced the event and flyers distributed throughout Petworth on 11th June
- 1,000 flyers were produced and distributed by hand to areas that had a low turn-out at the previous consultation event and were also available to pick up at PTC offices, public library, NatWest and local business, pubs, cafes and shop premises.
- 2-metre long banners were put up to announce the event at strategic areas in Petworth: centre (NatWest Bank and Leconfield Hall), north (Hampers Green) and south (corner of Dawtrey and Station Roads).
- Event posted on home page of PTC website along with press releases.
- Event shared with other local organisations' newsletters and social media pages including Petworth Business Association (PBA), Petworth & District Community Association (P&DCA) and Discover Petworth.
- Featured as front cover story (flyer format) in summer issue of Petworth Pages – Petworth's full colour community magazine with a circulation of 8,200
- 3 press releases issued to Midhurst & Petworth Observer with good coverage – 1/ announcing the event 1 month in advance 2/ reminder of event a week before and promising results of transport study 3/ round-up of the results and photo of attendees as requested by the chief reporter.
- The round-up and photo was used by SDNPA for its own newsletter.
- Posters were circulated to local businesses, put in PTC office window, at public library and on lamp posts and various noticeboards around town after 17th June to remind people to take part in the consultation process – with explanations of how – until 8th July.

Over 400 residents attended the drop-in session. The drop-in session consisted of information consultation boards, boards for identifying options for Petworth, plus questionnaires available for completion. The event was staffed by members of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Working Groups, South Downs National Park Authority Planning Officers and Nexus Planning consultants.

At the close of the consultation period a total of 276 responses had been received via the online and hard copy questionnaires.

This report begins with a summary of the issues arising from consultation feedback. It then considers the results of the questionnaires, going through each topic in turn.

Summary

This section provides a brief summary of the issues that arose from the themes presented during the consultation. The sections that follow provide a break-down of the questionnaire responses and the options by theme.

Vision

- Respondents were asked if they agree with the **overarching Plan Vision and Principles** for Petworth, of the 236 answers received over 90% (215 respondents) agreed.
- When respondents were asked to consider the Plan Vision and Principles (as above), 78 respondents made a comment. **Petworth will remain easily accessible by road but improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists** received the most comments concern (35), particularly the need to maintain/improve parking.

Site Suitability Assessment Criteria

- When respondents were asked to consider the Site Suitability Assessment Criteria 120 respondents made a comment. The **loss of car parking** in Petworth was of most concern (17 comments) followed by **walkability** and **impact of highway network** (16 comments each).

Housing objectives

- When asked, 162 respondents (70%) agreed with the housing objectives for Petworth, a further 56 respondents (24%) agreed with some reservations.
- A total of 114 respondents commented on the housing objectives. Housing objective 3, **to deliver affordable housing to meet local need, with particular regard to housing those with a defined local connection to Petworth** received the most responses (37 comments) with respondents agreeing that affordable housing is needed within Petworth, especially for local people. Housing objective 6 **ensure that new housing developments are adequately supported by necessary infrastructure** received 25 comments, 10 stating that infrastructure must be considered with any new development, particularly mentioned were health (7 comments) and education requirements (6 comments).

Housing options

- When asked which housing option was preferable, 133 respondents stated that option 1 would be their favoured choice. Option 2 received the fewest 'favoured option' votes with only 22 respondents stating that this would be their favoured choice, but option 2 stated as being the most popular second choice.
- When asked to comment on **housing option 1**, 157 respondents made a comment. The most mentioned comments included that a new access road would be welcomed (40 comments), the fact that the option is close to the school (30) and to the town centre (29) were also seen as positives.
- When asked to comment on **housing option 2**, 138 respondents made a comment. Concerns that site PW21 would create a negative visual impact (20 comments) was of most concern, unsafe access (16) and worries over increased congestion was also mentioned (13).
- When asked to comment on **housing option 3**, 149 respondents made a comment. Comments included that this option is too far from the centre of Petworth (37 comments), poor walkability to Petworth (33) and concerns over traffic issues on North Street (24).
- In addition to comments made in the questionnaires, a separate letter countersigned by 27 residents was received, stating their opposition to Housing Option 1 to the south of the town and their support for Housing Option 3 to the north of the town at Hampers Green. Their main reasons for this are that sites PW23 and PW31 are located outside of the built up area boundary of Petworth and any development in this location would be highly visible from the Rother Valley.

Getting around

- Respondents were asked if they agree with the **getting around objectives** for Petworth. Of the 227 answers received over 90% (207 respondents) agreed.

Transport

- Respondents were asked for their views on several transport ideas for improving Petworth. The most popular interventions were to signify town entry points to slow traffic (186 respondents), to create a new shared foot-cycle path parallel to North Street to better connect Hampers Green to the town centre (153 respondents), and to widen footways in the town centre and create more active pedestrian spaces including Angel Square (150 respondents).

Working and Shopping

- Respondents were asked if they agree with the **working and shopping objectives** for Petworth, of the 226 answers received over 80% (188 respondents) agreed.

Leisure and wellbeing

- Respondents were asked if they agree with the **leisure and wellbeing objectives** for Petworth, of the 232 answers received over 90% (213 respondents) agreed.

Environment, sustainability and design

- Respondents were asked if they agree with the **environment, sustainability and design objectives** for Petworth, of the 229 answers received over 90% (212 respondents) agreed.

Q1: Do you agree with the overarching Plan Vision and Principles?

Vision

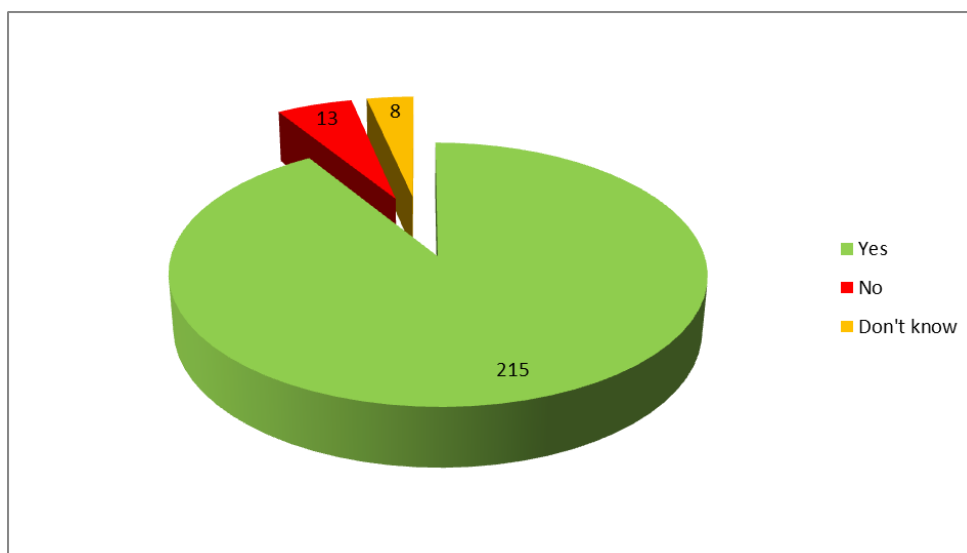
By 2032 Petworth will be seen as a 21st Century market town whose historic core has been retained alongside a vibrant economy serving the parish and the surrounding villages. New housing will be recognised as exemplars of sustainable good design, and will have improved neglected areas within the town itself and its edges and approaches.

Local employment opportunities will have improved, and the management of traffic in the town centre will have ensured the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles. There will be an increase in recreation and leisure facilities, especially for the young, and the population will be served by accessible local services that reflect the community's needs, and which support its health, social, cultural, and educational wellbeing.

Principles

1. Petworth will retain its character of a market town.
2. Petworth's centrally positioned shopping area will increase its power of attraction for residents, surrounding villages and visitors.
3. Petworth will retain and broaden its facilities for markets, fairs, cultural events, and recreation.
4. Petworth will remain easily accessible by road but improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.
5. Petworth will show due respect to its landscape setting in a National Park.

Respondents were asked if they agree with the **overarching Plan Vision and principles** of the 236 answers received over 90% (215 respondents) agreed.



When respondents were asked to consider the Plan Vision and Principles (as above), 78 respondents made a comment. These are listed by theme and sub-section below. **Petworth will remain easily accessible by road but improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists** received the most comments concern (35), particularly the need to maintain/improve parking.

Criteria	No of comments
Principle 1	21
Retain the character of Petworth	12
Agree	3
Petworth is unique	2
Other	4
Principle 2	22
Convenience shops needed	6
Agree	4
More shops required	4
Too many antique shops	2
Other	6
Principle 3	20
Agree	5
Changes to Market Square will affect traffic	2
Improve leisure facilities	2
Use of sports field to be permitted	2
Disagree	2
Other	6
Principle 4	35
Maintain / improve parking	7
How can this be achieved?	5
Impact on congestion	5
Not for lorries	3
Disagree	3
Improve pedestrian access on North Street	2
Other	11
Principle 5	14
Protect Green Belt / greenfield	11
Disagree	2
Other	1

Other indicates responses with no common theme.

Other general comments were also received along the following themes:

Comments	No of comments
Agree with the Vision	14
Vision unrealistic	4
School places to be considered	2
Improved public transport needed	2
What employment opportunities could be attracted	2
Other	11

Other indicates responses with no common theme.

Q2: Do you have any comments on the site suitability assessment criteria?

Site Suitability Assessment Criteria

1. Walkability: Distance to the town centre, schools and health centres.
2. Access: Existing vehicular and pedestrian access arrangements to the site.
3. Impact on highway network and resident safety.
4. Loss of car parking: Would development of the site result in the loss of existing car parking facilities?
5. Biodiversity/Ecology: Impact on any biodiversity designations including The Mens or Ebernoe Common Special Area of Conservation and Local Nature Reserves.
6. Landscape: Impact on any landscape designations, topography and landscape characteristics
7. Flood Risk: Flood risk of the site.

When respondents were asked to consider the Site Suitability Assessment Criteria (as above), 120 respondents made a comment. These are listed by theme and sub-section below. The **loss of car parking** in Petworth was of most concern (17 comments) followed by **walkability** and **impact on highway network** (16 comments each).

Criteria	No of comments
Walkability	16
Walkability important	8
North Street dangerous for pedestrians	3
Other	5
Access	8
Access issues must be considered	4
Other	4
Impact on highway network	16
Impact of increased traffic	13
Other	3
Loss of car parking	17
Car parking provision essential	14
New developments to provide parking	2
Other	1
Biodiversity/Ecology	6
Other	6
Landscape	10
Landscape to be considered	7
Impact on National Park to be considered	3
Flood Risk	8
Flood risk to be considered	4
Unaware of any flood risk	3
Other	1

Other indicates responses with no common theme.

Other comments were also received along the following themes.

Criteria	No of comments
Agree with criteria	16
Housing	14
Fill vacant properties first	3
Affordable housing wanted	2
Consider density (low density preferred)	2
Other	7
No comment on criteria	12
Infrastructure	7
Access to GPs needed	3
Other	4
Character	6
Sympathetic development wanted	5
Other	1
Site suggestions	4
Police Station site	2
Other	2
Biodiversity/Ecology	6
Other	6
Visual Impact	2
Concern over visual impact of development	2
Other	21
Option 1 preferred	4
Sites fail on criteria	2
Other	15

Other indicates responses with no common theme.

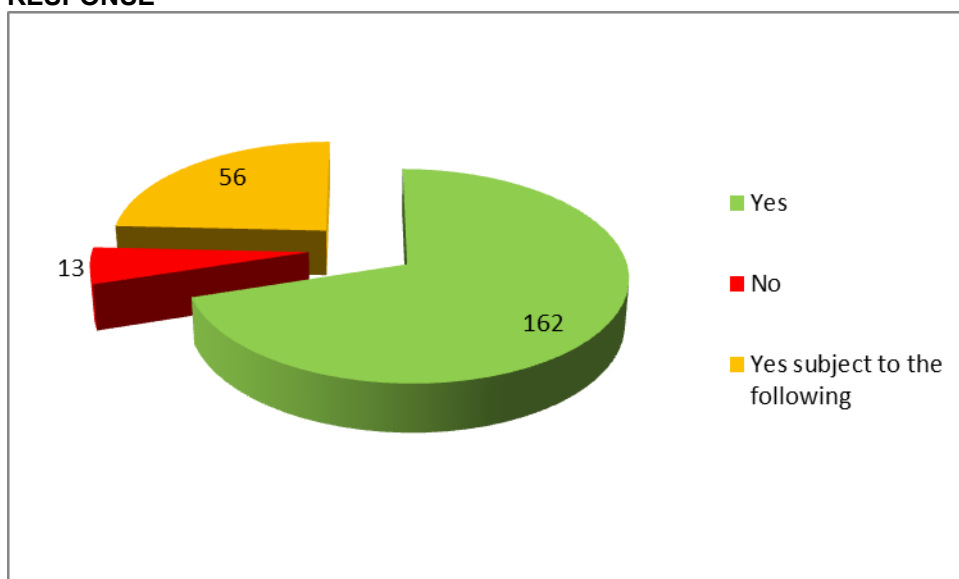
Q3: Do you agree with the objectives for housing in Petworth?

Housing objectives

1. To provide new housing as required by the South Downs National Park Local Plan (150 homes).
2. To identify potential sites for future housing developments through a robust and objective suitability assessment process with the support of the local community and landowners.
3. To deliver affordable housing to meet local need, with particular regard to housing those with a defined local connection to Petworth.
4. To deliver open market housing that reflects local housing need appropriate for all age groups.
5. To keep housing development within or as close as possible to the settlement boundary.
6. To ensure that new housing developments are adequately supported by necessary infrastructure.
7. To create a sustainable, inclusive, mixed community by ensuring they meet the needs of all residents, including low-income renters, first-time buyers, young people, growing families, people with disabilities and retirees.

When asked 162 respondents (70%) agreed with the housing objectives for Petworth (as above), a further 56 respondents (24%) agreed with some reservations, comments can be found in the table below.

RESPONSE



114 respondents made a comment. These are listed by theme and sub-section below.

Housing objective 3, **to deliver affordable housing to meet local need, with particular regard to housing those with a defined local connection to Petworth** received the most responses (37 comments) with respondents agreeing that affordable housing is needed within Petworth, especially for local people. Housing objective 6 **ensure that new housing developments are adequately supported by necessary infrastructure** received 25 comments, 10 stating that infrastructure must be considered with any new development, particularly mentioned were health (7 comments) and education requirements (6 comments).

Objective	No of comments
Housing objective 1	23
Question the need for 150 homes	10
As long as limited to 150	7
150 homes reasonable	3
Other	3
Housing Objective 2	4
Future development to be restrained	2
Other	2
Housing Objective 3	37
Affordable housing needed	16
Housing should be for local people	11
How will housing for local people be enforced	3
Other	7
Housing Objective 4	4
Land available for self builds?	3
Other	1
Housing Objective 5	8
Keep within the town boundary	6
Other	2
Housing Objective 6	25
Improved/more infrastructure essential	10
Health needs to be met	7
Education needs to be met	6
Other	2
Housing Objective 7	16
Family homes needed	5
Single occupancy needs to be considered	3
Rents at affordable levels needed	2
Other	6

Other indicates responses with no common theme.

Other comments were also received along the following themes.

Theme	No of comments
Design	18
Sympathetic design important	11
Sustainable housing wanted	4
Attractive design regardless of tenure	2
Other	1
Parking	8
Parking needs to be met	6
Other	2
Traffic	7
Impact of traffic and congestion	7
Employment	3
No reference to employment	3
Access	3
Improved access required	2

Other	1
Other	26
Issue of empty properties to be resolved	3
Low density development	2
No large scale development	2
No building in National Park	2
Other	17

Other indicates responses with no common theme.

Q4: Which is your preferred housing option?

RESPONSE

When asked which housing option was preferable, 133 respondents stated that option 1 would be their favoured choice. Option 2 received the fewest 'favoured option' votes with only 22 respondents stating that this would be their favoured choice, but was stated as being the most popular second choice.

	1 (Most favoured)		2		3 (Least favoured)		Unsure	
Housing Option 1	133	57%	43	19%	56	25%	12	34%
Housing Option 2	22	9%	113	51%	88	39%	13	37%
Housing Option 3	79	34%	65	29%	82	36%	10	29%

Q5: Comments on Option 1:

When asked to comment on housing option 1, 157 respondents made a comment, a summary table can be found below. The most mentioned comments included that, a new access road to the school would be welcomed (40 comments), the fact that the option is close to the school (30) and to the town centre (29) were also seen as positives. A letter countersigned by 27 respondents has been attached as a separate appendix which stated that they are against Housing Option 1 to the south of the town and their support for Housing Option 3 to the north of the town at Hampers Green. Their main reasons for this are that sites PW23 and PW31 are located outside of the built up area boundary of Petworth and any development in this location would be highly visible from the Rother Valley.

Comment	No of comments
A new access road to the school would be welcomed	40
Best option	33
Close to school	30
Close proximity to town centre	29
Natural infill development	16
Increases congestion on Dawtrey Road	13
Less visual impact	12
Within/close to current built up boundary	12
Less impact on traffic	11
Near the doctors surgery	10
Amenities nearby	9
The site is within walking distance to amenities	9
Density would be too high	6
Screening is necessary	5
PW24/25 are good sites for development	4
Dawtrey Road is not a suitable entry	4
Option 1 would extend the built up area boundary	4
Negative visual impact	4
Disruption for current residents	3

Worried about continued sprawl	3
Congestion currently an issue	3
Include site PW26 in Option 1	3
Reduce numbers on sites PW23/31	3
New road will not help congestion	3
Sites PW23/31 are good sites for development	3
Easy access to the main road	3
Convenient for public transport	3
Because its smaller developments	3
Exacerbates current parking issues	3
Site PW25 should be reserved for green space	2
The school should be extended	2
Loss of landscape from any development	2
Construction disruptive for residents	2
Tree boundary already planted	2
Against green belt development	2
Roundabout improvements would be needed	2
Spread development throughout Petworth	2
Worst option	2
Too close to school	2
Flood issues	2
Access would be dangerous	2
Other	38

Other indicates responses with no common theme.

Q6 Comments on Option 2:

When asked to comment on housing option 2, 138 respondents made a comment, a summary table can be found below. Concerns that site PW21 would create a negative visual impact (20 comments) was of most concern, unsafe access (16) and worries over increased congestion was also mentioned (13).

Comment	No. of responses
Site PW21 would have a negative visual impact	20
Unsafe access	16
Increases congestion	13
Poor walkability	13
Extends built up area boundary	12
Least favourite option	10
Site PW21 is too big	9
Site PW21 is isolated	9
Site PW26 has poor access	9
Against site PW21	8
Support site PW21	8
Close proximity to town	8
Sets precedent for further development	7

Development would be unsympathetic to surroundings	6
Loss of green space	6
Loss of landscape	6
Loss of agriculture land	6
Against development at site PW26	5
Site PW26 would have a negative visual impact	5
Good option	5
Speed of traffic an issue for access	5
Allotments need to be protected	5
Sites are disjointed	5
Access is good	4
Close to facilities	4
Support site PW26	4
Good spread of development	4
Good walkability	4
Too far from town	3
Prefer option 1	3
Less impact on existing land	3
Sympathetic development	3
Congestion is an issue	3
Traffic calming is necessary	3
Least visual impact	3
Against green field development	3
Reserve for future requirements	2
Would cause car parking issues	2
Flood issues	2
Adequate parking provision needed	2
Reduce gap between Petworth and Tillington	2
Impact on congestion	2
Negative visual impact (existing homes)	2
Close to school	2
Current parking issues	2
Other	42

Other indicates responses with no common theme.

Q7 Comments on Option 3:

When asked to comment on housing option 3, 149 respondents made a comment, a summary table can be found below. Comments included that this option is too far from the centre of Petworth (37 comments), poor walkability to Petworth (33 comments) and concerns over traffic issues on North Street (24 comments) was also mentioned.

Comment	No. of responses
Too far from centre	37
Poor walkability	33

North Street issues	24
Good option	23
Improved walkability necessary	21
Integration with Hampers Green	16
Increases congestion	15
School too far away	13
Shops near Hampers Green needed	13
Industrial sites should be used for employment	10
Less visual impact	8
Site PW01 is isolated	8
Flood risk issues	6
Site PW01 is too large	6
Facilities are too far away	5
Infrastructure exists in this location to aid development	5
Access problems at sites PW03/05	5
Negative visual impact	4
Development will separate Hampers Green	4
The option has a good spread of development	4
Tranquillity of cemetery shouldn't be disturbed	4
Encourages sprawl	3
Congestion issues	3
Traffic away from town centre	3
Area needs improving	3
No public transport	3
Doctors surgery is too far away	3
Smaller number of homes would be acceptable	3
Further away from town	3
Loss of green space	3
Creates parking issues	3
Worst option	3
Affects wildlife	2
Affordable housing required	2
Quiet location, development should happen here	2
Future development opportunity, but not to be considered now	2
Infrastructure needed to support development	2
Sympathetic development wanted	2
Least traffic impact	2
It's an AONB and shouldn't be considered	2
Good links out of town	2
Speed restrictions needed	2
Site PW03 should be used for employment	2
Already had new development here	2
Road improvements needed	2
Other	27

Other indicates responses with no common theme.

Q8 General housing comments:

When asked for further comments on the housing options, 93 respondents made a comment, a summary table can be found below.

Comment	No. of responses
Different combination of sites suggested	14
Sympathetic design wanted	8
Retain character of Petworth	7
Option 1 is the best option	6
Consider impact on traffic	6
Smaller developments required	6
Parking provision is required	5
Development should be within existing built up area boundary	5
Adequate health provision	4
Affordable housing needed	4
Protect visual impact	3
Sensible mix of tenure required	3
Good options	2
Is affordable housing achievable?	2
Housing needed	2
Small sites won't deliver affordable housing	2
Development should be within walking distance to town	2
A small shop is needed	2
Use all sites over time	2
Is housing needed in Petworth?	2
Improved education provision	2
No greenfield development	2
Provision of new access road beneficial	2
Other	34

Other indicates responses with no common theme.

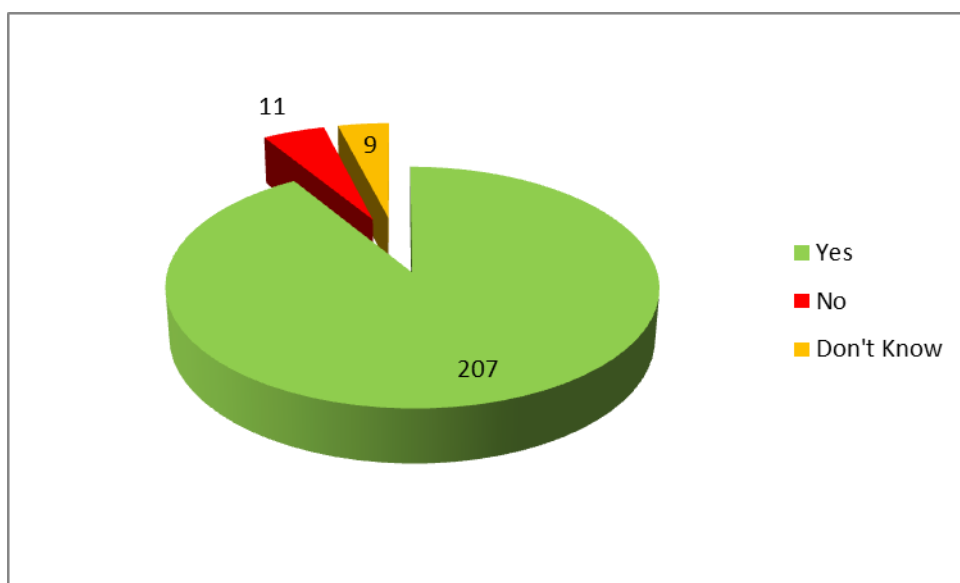
Q9: Do you agree with the 'Getting Around' objectives?

Getting around objectives

1. To provide a safe and pleasant pedestrian experience within Petworth including the Town Centre and any future housing developments.
2. To calm traffic using natural methods rather than intrusive engineering solutions, including at the town's gateways.
3. To minimise signposting, to be used primarily for through traffic and heavy goods vehicles.
4. To promote the use of sustainable transport, including for trips to and from neighbouring towns and villages and countryside access for walkers and cyclists.
5. To ensure that future development supports adequate levels of on-site car parking provision.

RESPONSE

Respondents were asked if they agree with the **getting around objectives** for Petworth, of the 227 answers received over 90% (207 respondents) agreed.



Comments

When asked for further comments on getting around Petworth, 95 respondents made a comment, a summary table can be found below.

Objective	No of comments
Getting around objective 1	11
New pavements needed	6
Pavements currently dangerous	3
Other	2
Getting around Objective 2	23
Speed restrictions needed	15

Explanation of objective needed	3
Disagree	2
Other	3
Getting around Objective 3	25
Restrict lorries into Petworth	14
Reduce signage	3
More attractive signposts	2
Other	6
Getting around Objective 4	20
Improved bus service	10
Encourage visitors to Petworth	2
Other	8
Getting around Objective 5	15
Parking provision needed	6
Retain short term parking	2
Signage to car parks improved	2
Other	5
Other	27
Agree with principles	6
Against Angel Square (parking)	3
Car users penalised	2
Congestion improvements needed	2
Pedestrian crossings wanted	2
Other	12

Other indicates responses with no common theme.

Q10: What do you think about transport ideas for improving Petworth?

Respondents were asked for their views on several transport ideas for improving Petworth. The most popular interventions were to signify town entry points to slow traffic (186 respondents), to create a new shared foot-cycle path parallel to North Street to better connect Hampers Green to the town centre (153 respondents), and to widen footways in the town centre and create more active pedestrian spaces including Angel Square (150 respondents).

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Signify town entry points to slow traffic	186	9	19
Widen footways in town centre and create more active pedestrian spaces including Angel Square	150	33	36
Create a new shared foot/cycle path parallel to North Street to better connect Hampers Green to the town centre	153	32	33
Remove HGV signage and replace with a 7.5t weight limit	124	30	67
Ideas for Market Square			
Reduce parking and expand the footway	106	66	47
Define the vehicle route with a raised surface of new materials	114	40	62
Create a totally shared surface	44	84	87

Comments

When asked for further comments on transport ideas for Petworth, 40 respondents made a comment, a further 33 respondents commented on the Market Square ideas, summary tables can be found below.

Transport ideas comments	No. of comments
Paths can't be widened without narrowing roads	5
North Street too narrow	4
Restrict lorries into Petworth	3
Reduce speed	3
Safety on proposed footpath	3
Clearer signage needed	3
Increases congestion	3
Where is Angel Square?	3
Question over creation of squares	2
Experienced drivers can navigate roads, parked cars are the issue	2
Would like to see proposals for foot/cycle path	2
Improved signage needed	2
Retain HGV signage	2
Current path in Petworth House gardens should be used	2
New footpath would resolve the need for widening	2
Other	25

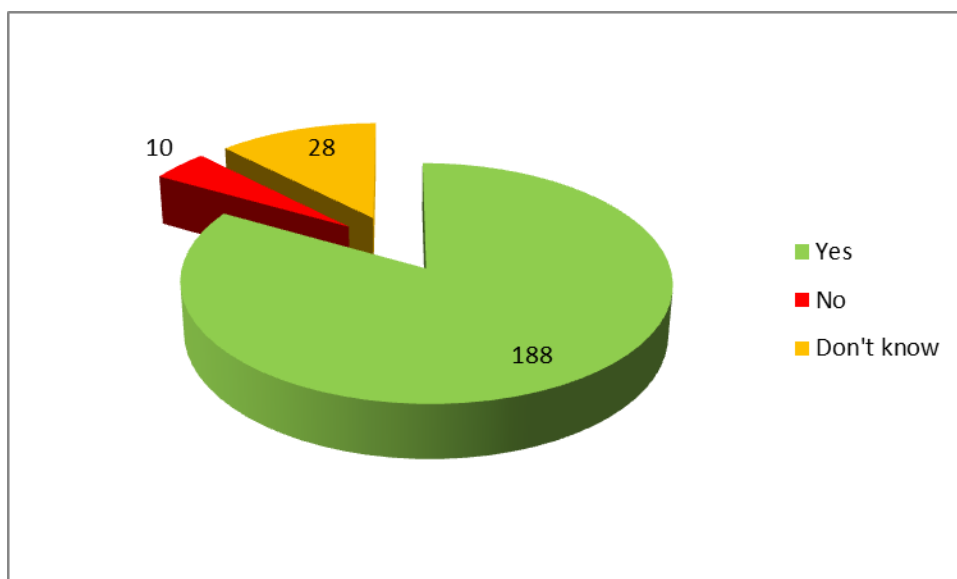
Market Square ideas comments	No. of comments
No to removal of parking	8
Pedestrian friendly market square	4
Shared surface are dangerous	3
Short term parking needed	3
Shared surface would be confusing	2
Prefer option 2	2
Bus stop as in option 1	2
No change needed	2
What is a shared surface?	2

Q11: Do you agree with the 'Working and Shopping' objectives?

Working and shopping objectives

1. To revive the function of the Market Square.
2. To preserve and enhance the core of Petworth as a retail destination.
3. To diversify the provision of convenience goods and everyday needs.
4. To grow the economy by expanding commercial and industrial areas.
5. To protect and increase car parking capacity.
6. To increase capacity for visitor accommodation.

Respondents were asked if they agree with the **working and shopping objectives** for Petworth, of the 226 answers received over 80% (188 respondents) agreed.



Comments

When asked for further comments on working and shopping in Petworth, 103 respondents made a comment, a summary table can be found below.

Objective	No of comments
Working and shopping objective 1	27
Not practical to revive function of Market Square	4
Agree	4
Farmers market has improved	3
Pedestrianise the square	2
No lorries on market days	2
Disagree	2
Other	10
Working and shopping objective 2	21
Retain character of Petworth	7

Agree	5
Independent retailers wanted	4
Petworth isn't a retail destination	2
Other	3
Working and shopping objective 3	50
Convenience store / supermarket needed	11
No more antique shops	4
Agree	4
Shops too expensive	4
Reduce business rents	4
Chain shops are unwelcome	2
No supermarkets needed	2
Bigger chemist wanted	2
Unlikely to succeed	2
Greater variety needed	2
Other	13
Working and shopping objective 4	15
Agree	3
Disagree	2
This option would need to be carefully done	2
Employment opportunities for local people	2
Other	6
Working and shopping objective 5	34
Improved parking needed	9
Agree	5
Where could it be situated?	4
Short term parking needed	3
Free parking wanted	2
Removal of parking from Market Square is good	2
Other	9
Working and shopping objective 6	11
Agree	4
Other	7
Other	17
All agreed	5
How can these be achieved?	3
Congestion issues exist	2
No more lorries in Petworth	2
Other	6

Other indicates responses with no common theme.

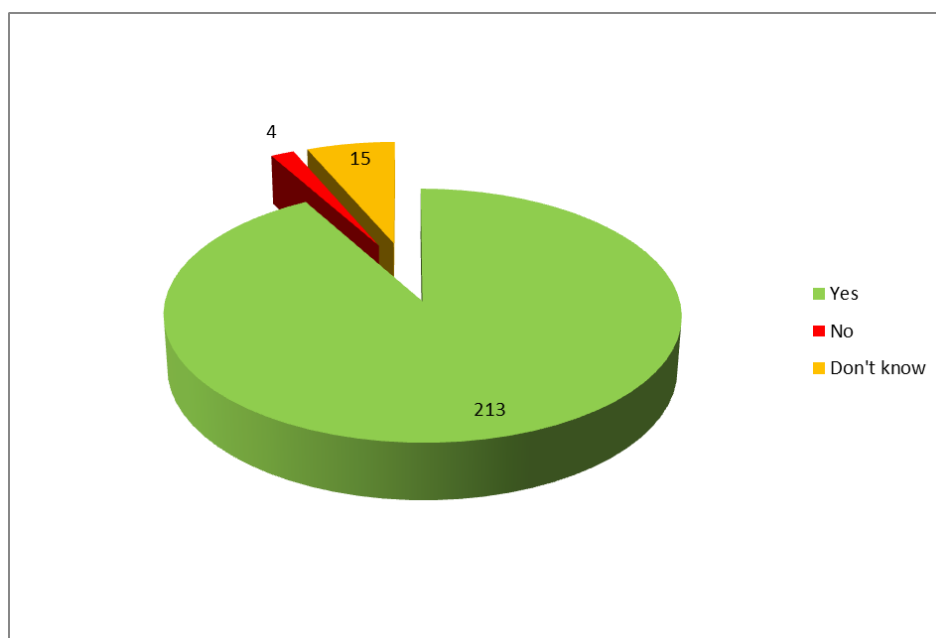
Q12: Do you agree with the 'Leisure and Wellbeing' objectives?

Leisure and wellbeing objectives

1. To help maintain and enhance existing recreational and leisure facilities.
2. To establish a Community Hub.
3. To help broaden the provision of health facilities.
4. To ensure all future development considers the wellbeing of the residents.

RESPONSE

Respondents were asked if they agree with the **leisure and wellbeing objectives** for Petworth, of the 232 answers received over 90% (213 respondents) agreed.



Comments

When asked for further comments on leisure and wellbeing in Petworth, 65 respondents made a comment, a summary table can be found below.

Objective	No of comments
Leisure and wellbeing objective 1	44
Swimming pool wanted	13
Limited facilities available in Petworth	7
Better facilities for children and young people wanted	5
Wasted sports field should be utilised	3
Facilities to be considered for all ages	2
Enhance existing facilities	2
Sports facilities wanted	2
Exercise facilities wanted	2

Other	8
Leisure and wellbeing objective 2	15
What is a community hub?	7
Community hub is a good idea	2
Other	6
Leisure and wellbeing objective 3	15
More doctors will be needed	3
NHS dentist wanted	2
Other	10
Leisure and wellbeing objective 4	7
Agree	2
Other	5
Working and shopping objective 5	34
Other	14
Agree all	3
What is leisure and wellbeing?	2
Other	9

Other indicates responses with no common theme.

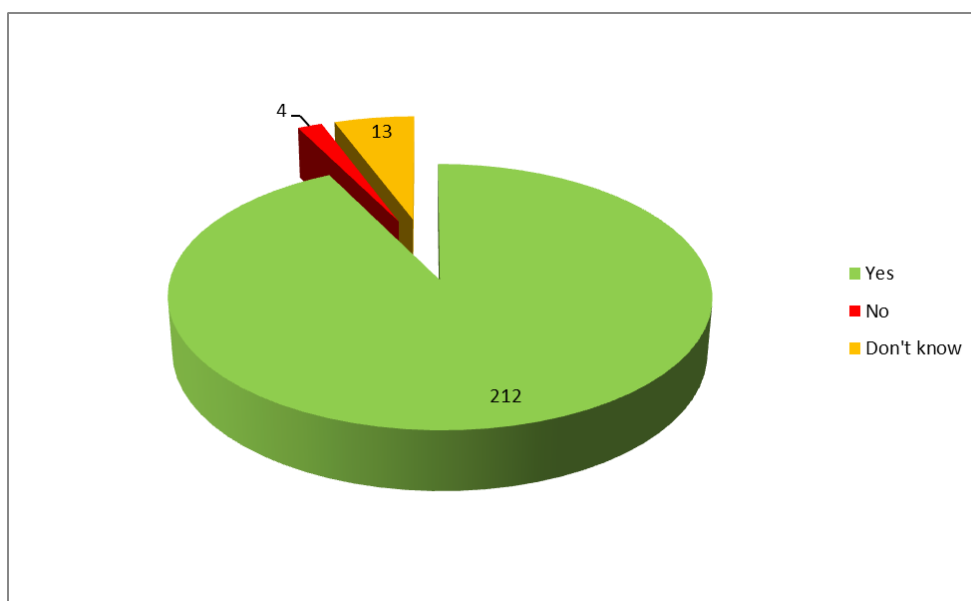
Q13: Do you agree with the 'Environment, Sustainability and Design' objectives?

Environment, sustainability and design objectives

1. **Environment and Biodiversity:** To ensure that Petworth respects its setting in the South Downs National Park from both visual aspects and by preserving and enhancing biodiversity.
2. **Environment and Biodiversity:** Developments will incorporate public and private green spaces that create wildlife corridors, encourage biodiversity and contribute to public health and well-being.
3. **Design Quality (Density):** Development schemes should be in accordance with the best models of rural housing and at densities no greater than 35 DPH.
4. **Design Quality (Development Scale):** New homes will be of high design quality in terms of appearance, utility and surrounding space. They respond to the scale and character of the existing and/or neighbouring buildings and make a positive contribution to local character.
5. **Sustainable Homes:** To design affordable energy efficient and sustainable homes such as those based on the principles of passive solar design entitled 'Passive Haus,' using local materials and incorporating low cost Green Architecture techniques and design where possible.
6. **Landscape and visual impact:** Development proposals particularly when sited on the edge of Petworth must maintain visual connection with the countryside and the visual impact of new development of views from the countryside must be minimised.
7. **Public Realm and Green Spaces:** To protect and enhance people's experience of the special qualities of the National Park through Green Spaces and the Public Realm, those places to which the public normally have unrestricted access.

RESPONSE

Respondents were asked if they agree with the **environment, sustainability and design objectives** for Petworth, of the 229 answers received over 90% (212 respondents) agreed.



Comments

When asked for further comments on environment, sustainability and design in Petworth, 62 respondents made a comment, a summary table can be found below.

Objective	No of comments
Environment, sustainability and design objective 1	5
Agree	3
Option 1 will affect this	2
Environment, sustainability and design objective 2	9
Other	9
Environment, sustainability and design objective 3	3
Other	3
Environment, sustainability and design objective 4	18
Sympathetic development is required	7
Good design necessary	4
Would like interesting new housing	3
Not pastiche copies	2
Other	2
Environment, sustainability and design objective 5	7
Sustainable homes would be costly	2
Other	5
Environment, sustainability and design objective 6	8
Protect views	5
Agree	2
Other	1
Environment, sustainability and design objective 7	10
No building on green spaces	2
Other	8
Other	25
Affordable housing needed	3
Agree all	2
Priority is for people to live well	2
Other	18

Other indicates responses with no common theme.

Q14: Further Comments

Respondents were given the opportunity to make further comments on Petworth Neighbourhood Plan. 117 people made comments and these can be found in the table below:

Comments	No of comments
Retain character of Petworth	17
Good job in producing material	15
Traffic calming needed	13
Improved parking needed	10
Congestion issues exist, new development would exacerbate	10
Widen pavements to make safer	8
Improved infrastructure needed	7
Lorries kept out of Petworth	6
Market Square parking retained	6
Protect AONB	5
Short term parking wanted	5
The need for more school places would need to be considered	5
More doctors are needed	5
Suggested pedestrian/cycle path would be welcomed	4
Encourage motorbikes to avoid Petworth	4
Move bus stop	3
Development should be within town boundary	3
Better signage required for lorries	3
Option 3 is good	3
Option 1 is good	3
Hope changes will improve Petworth	3
North Street crossing needed	3
Sympathetic development is required	2
Angel Square is a good idea	2
Skate Park failed at consultation	2
Angel Square changes would cause congestion	2
Market Square improvements wanted	2
More food shops needed	2
Don't spoil Petworth	2
Future development requirements should be considered	2
Pinch points are a good idea	2
Gateways are a good idea	2
Market Square idea 3 is a good idea	2
Brexit will affect the need for development	2
Solar power farm to be considered	2
Option 2 is good	2
Market Square parking would be to be replaced	2
Likes Petworth	2
Improve public transport	2

Pedestrian crossings needed	2
Transport idea 2 would cause congestion	2
Brownfield development only	2
Modernise Petworth	2
Affordable housing needed	2
Protect agricultural land	2
Other	136

Other indicates responses with no common theme.

Appendix 6

Pre-Submission Consultation and Publicity Information

Questionnaire (first page)



Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Draft Plan Consultation March, April & May 2017 Questionnaire

This is the opportunity for people who live, work or carry out business in the PNP area to make comments before the Plan is submitted to South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA), in advance of a referendum later this year. If successful at referendum, the Plan policies and site allocations will be adopted. If unsuccessful, SDNPA will make the site allocations themselves.

The feedback form allows you to comment on all Plan policies. Please attach additional pages if needed. To complete this form you will need to look at the 2017 draft PNP which is available at the Town Hall and from www.petworth-tc.org.uk. Please ensure it is clear which policy you are commenting on.

The closing date for receipt of comments is 15th May 2017.

This form can also be downloaded from www.petworth-tc.org.uk or be completed online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/PetworthDNP

Name										
Address										
Postcode										
Email										
Organisation										
Age	Under 20		21-35		36 – 45		46 – 65		66-75	75+
Do you?	Live in the PNP area?			Work in the PNP area?			Study in the PNP area?			

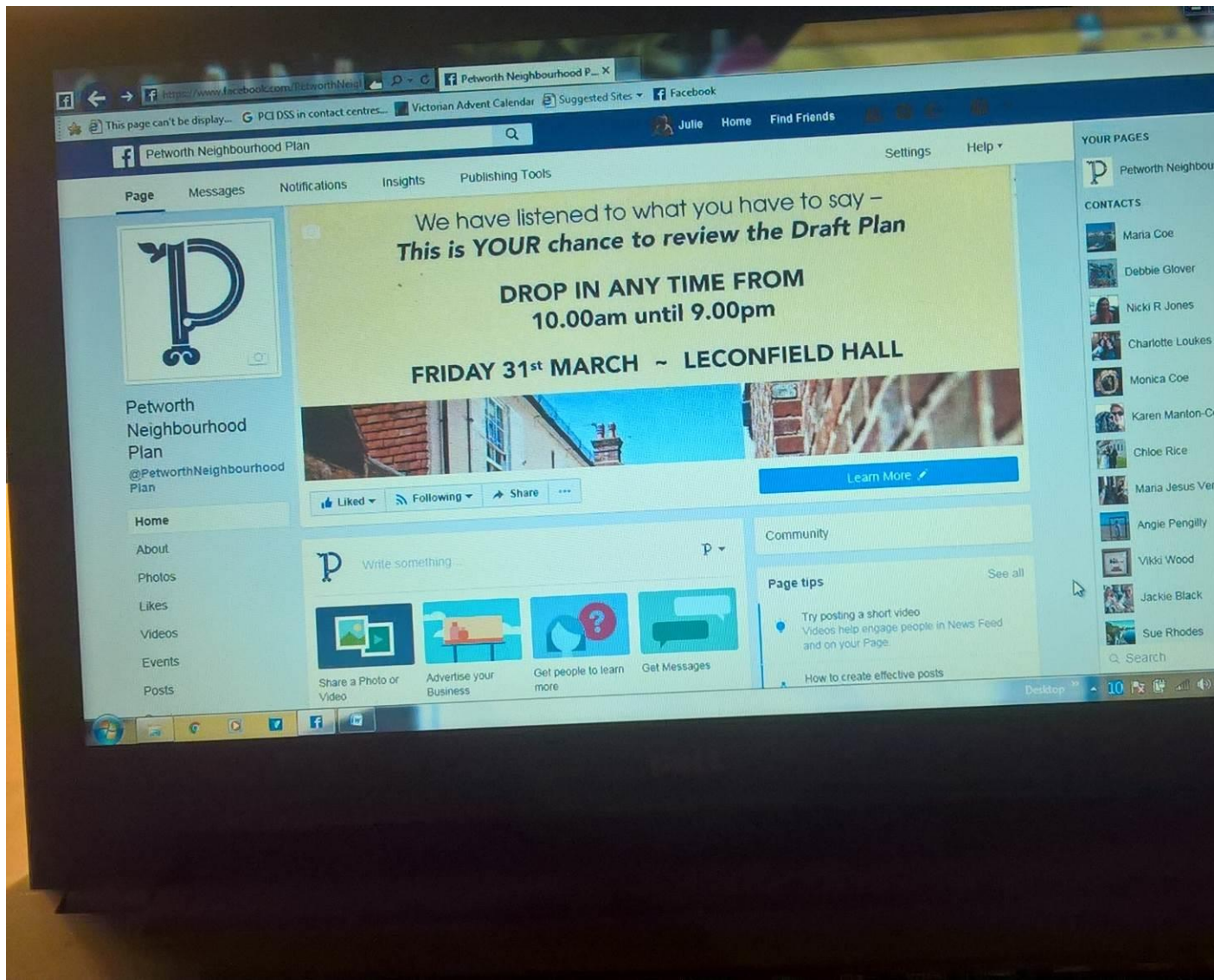
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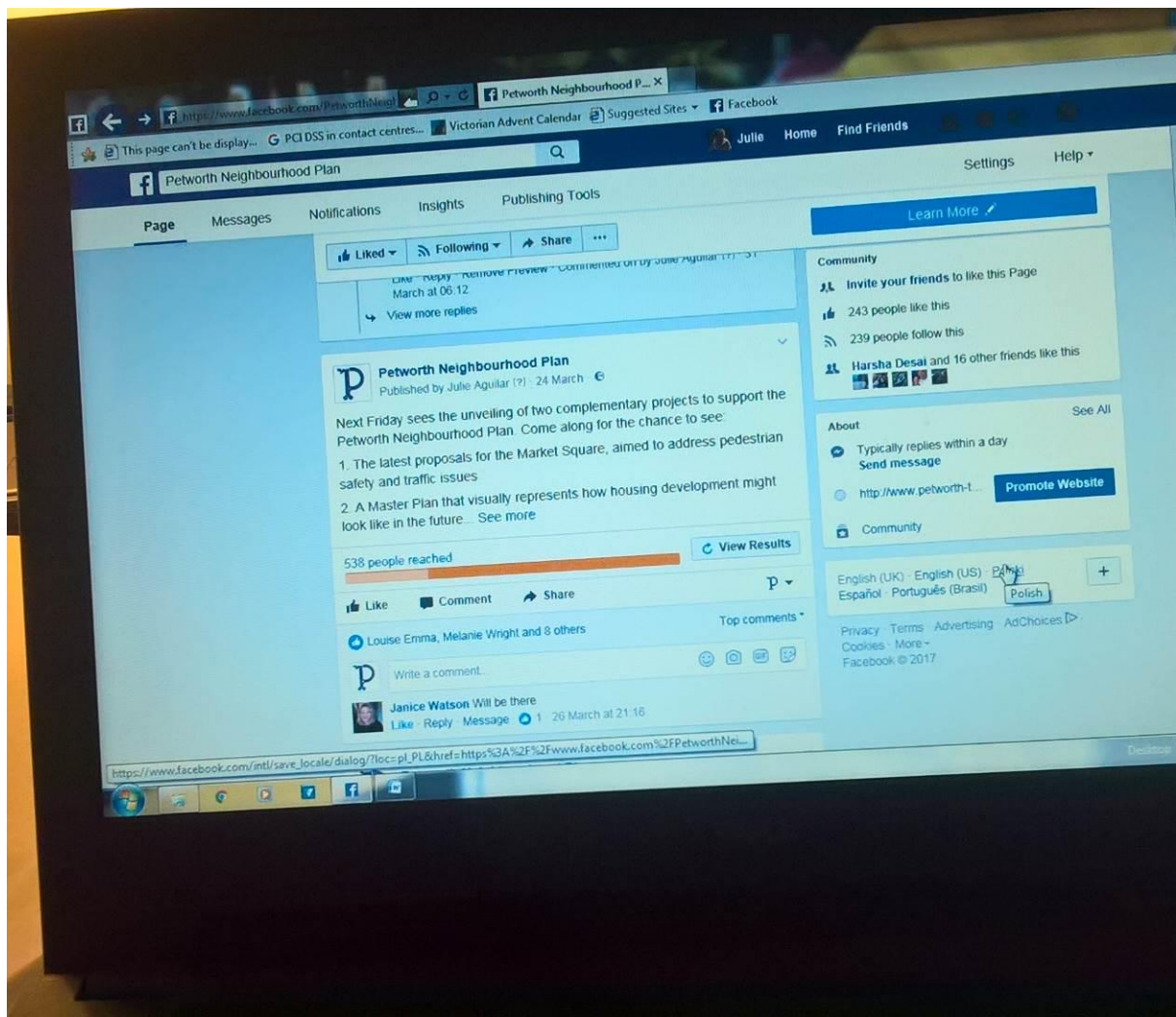
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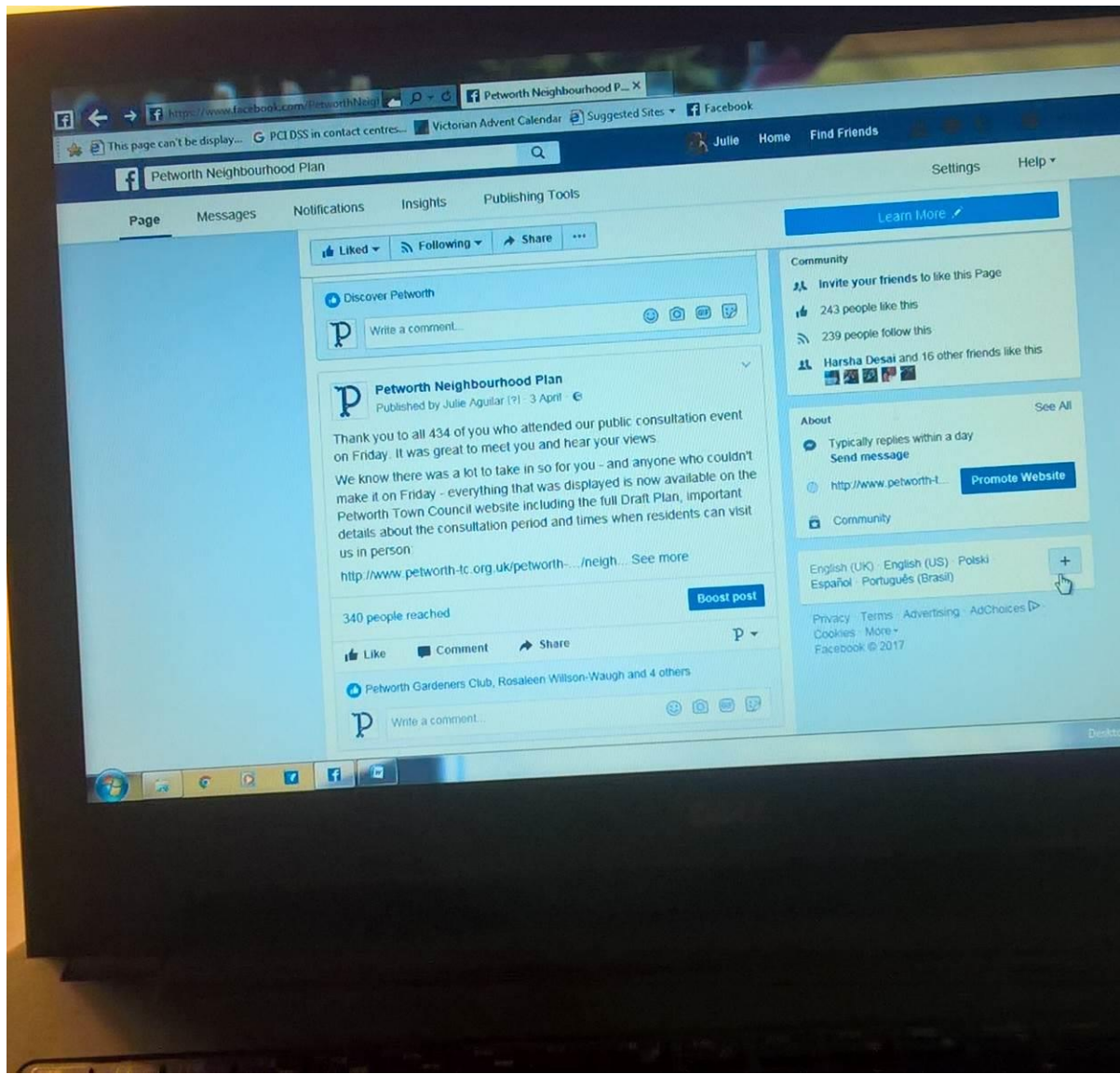
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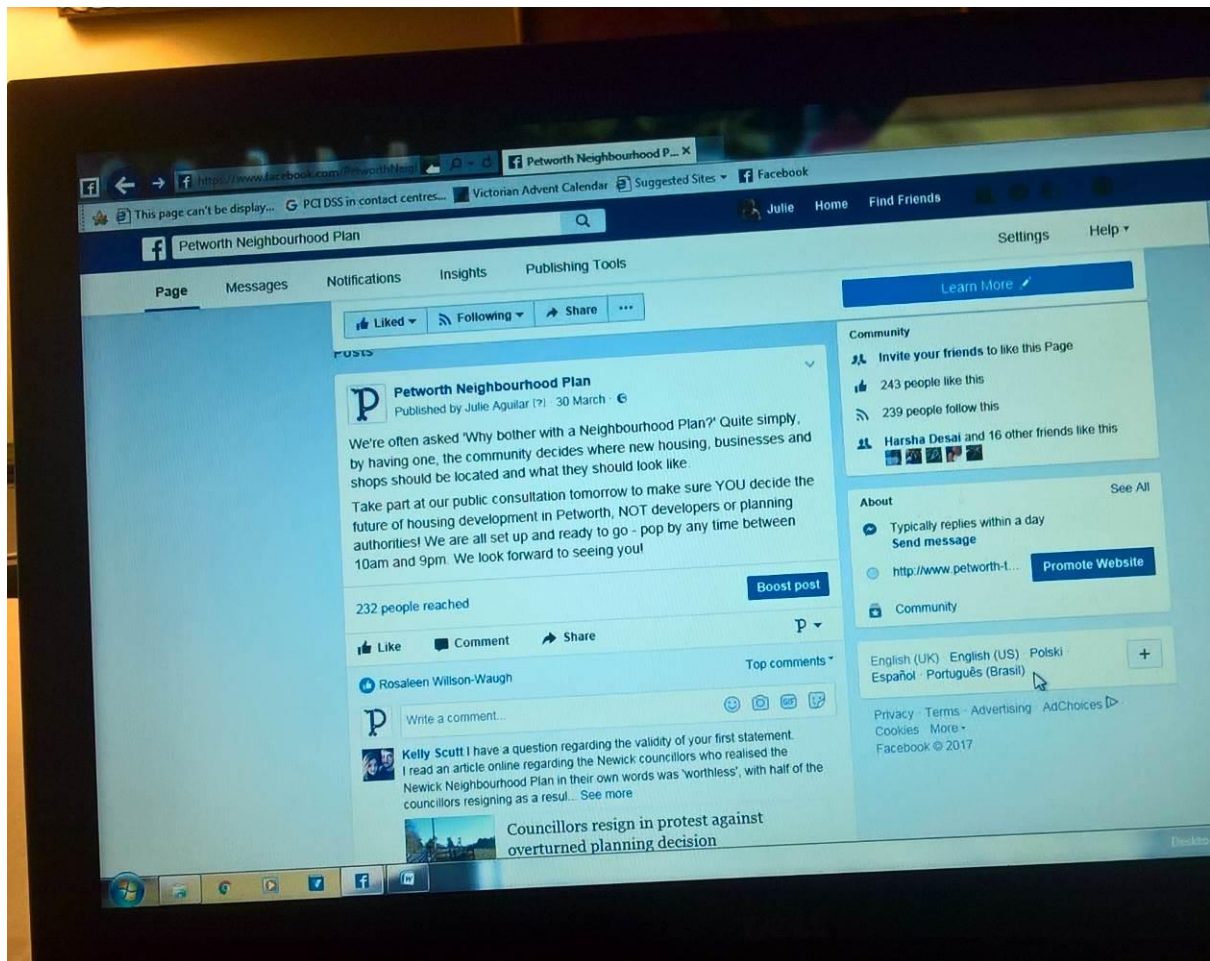
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Thank you for attending



Why bother?



Town Crier



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PETWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

PUBLIC CONSULTATION DAY

Let's point Petworth in the
right direction

We have listened to what you have to say –
This is YOUR chance to review the Draft Plan

**DROP IN ANY TIME FROM
10.00am until 9.00pm**

FRIDAY 31st MARCH ~ LECONFIELD HALL



HOUSING - WORKING AND SHOPPING GETTING AROUND - LEISURE AND WELLBEING ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY & DESIGN QUALITY

We need your help

The public consultation day on 31st March 2017 gives you the opportunity to help shape the future of Petworth. It will be our third public consultation event based on the results of the feedback you gave us last June and July when the majority of you (57%) voted for Housing Option 1 which included sites adjacent to Petworth Primary School and to the south of the town.

After the event on 31st March, you will have six weeks from 3rd April to provide your feedback by completing a questionnaire or taking part in an online survey. The Draft Plan will then be submitted for review by an independent, external planning examiner before being presented at a public referendum in the Spring of 2018. Following a successful public referendum, the Plan becomes part of planning law and will sit alongside national and local planning legislation.

How you can help and what 31st March means to you

- This is **NOT** the final referendum but we need your views to move forward
- It's about helping you to understand why we've done what we've done
- We will present the plan in an easy-to-read format with volunteers from the Petworth Neighbourhood Planning group on hand to answer any questions
- It gives you the opportunity to seek clarification, understand the process and learn more about the important next steps

Why should you attend?

We know that Petworth is going to be expected to provide at least 150 new houses in the 15 years covered by the emerging South Downs National Park Authority Local Plan. The Petworth Neighbourhood Planning team is currently researching where these houses might be built, and also searching for any retail, employment, or community land that might be required over the same period.

Want to know more?

For more information, please visit www.petworth-tc.org.uk, email petworthnp@outlook.com or pop into Petworth Town Council offices near the town centre car park.



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PRESS RELEASE

20th February 2017
Petworth, West Sussex

Petworth Town Council announces public consultation event for the Neighbourhood Plan

Crucial next stage gives residents the opportunity to review Draft Plan

Petworth Town Council has announced the date of its next public consultation event for the town's Neighbourhood Plan. Residents are invited to drop in at any time from 10am until 9pm on Friday 31st March at the Leconfield Hall. This crucial next stage gives the people of Petworth the opportunity to review the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan consolidates the findings from last year's public consultation when the majority of residents (57%) voted for Housing Option 1 which included sites adjacent to Petworth Primary School and to the south of the town. Since that time, over 30 volunteers have studied the results and gathered further evidence to support the development of the document.

Douglas Cooper, Chairman of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group commented, "Since the last round of public consultation, we have been working hard to develop the Draft Plan that includes policies relating to housing development as well as strategies to create the services, infrastructure and employment opportunities to support a growing community. We have engaged closely with our colleagues from the South Downs National Park Authority and the relevant landowners to establish an agreed strategy for the design and mix of new housing and this will be central to the display at the Leconfield Hall on 31st March. We urge everyone to come along – your feedback is vital."

After the event on 31st March, parishioners will have six weeks from 3rd April to provide their feedback by completing a questionnaire or taking part in an online survey. The Draft Plan will then be submitted for review by an independent, external planning examiner before being presented at a public referendum in the Spring of 2018. Following a successful public referendum, the Plan becomes part of planning law and will sit alongside national and local planning legislation.

South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) has asked Petworth to provide 150 new homes over the next fifteen years. A total of 32 sites were initially identified for potential housing development including those promoted by the SDNPA. They were then assessed by the Petworth Neighbourhood Planning Group against a series of site suitability criteria to create the final three options that were presented for public consultation during June and July 2016.

For more information, please contact petworthnp@outlook.com or visit www.petworth-tc.org.uk

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PRESS RELEASE

27th March 2017
Petworth, West Sussex

**Petworth Town Council unveils Market Square traffic proposals and Master Plan at this week's
Neighbourhood Plan public consultation event**

Complementary projects support Draft Plan for future of housing development

Petworth Town Council (PTC) has announced that it will unveil the results of two complementary projects to support the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan at this week's public consultation event on Friday, 31st March at the Leconfield Hall. Residents will have the opportunity to see revised proposals for the Market Square, aimed to address pedestrian safety and traffic issues, and following feedback from last year's public consultation phase. At the same time, a Master Plan that visually represents how future housing development might look like, will be revealed. Parishioners and those with local businesses in Petworth are encouraged to come along anytime between 10am-9pm to find out more about these projects and to review the Draft Plan.

Douglas Cooper, Chairman of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group commented, "Although these two initiatives are separate from the Neighbourhood Plan, Petworth Town Council has worked closely on each to ensure they support the strategic direction and policies outlined in the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan sets out policies for the development of future housing in Petworth along with an overview of services, infrastructure and employment opportunities to support a growing community. We, together with representatives from our planning consultants and our colleagues from the South Downs National Park Authority, look forward to welcoming you. This is a critical stage in the process and we urge everyone to come along – your feedback is vital."

On 31st March, attendees will be able to:

- Understand the story so far and why we've done what we've done;
- See the Draft Plan in an easy-to-read format with volunteers from the Petworth Neighbourhood Planning group on hand to answer any questions;
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PRESS RELEASE

3rd April 2017
Petworth, West Sussex

**Over 430 local residents and businesses turn up to
Petworth Neighbourhood Plan public consultation event**

***Petworth Town Council unveils Draft Plan for future of housing development along with a
Concept Master Plan and traffic proposals for Market Square***

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Chris Kemp, chairman of Petworth Town Council commented, "Friday's public consultation day was a brilliant opportunity to engage with our parishioners and speak with those who work and run businesses in the area. It was a very constructive meeting with lots of interaction and healthy debate especially around key concerns such as parking congestion and pedestrian safety. The majority were really appreciative of the sheer hard work and efforts made into creating a very comprehensive plan. They also welcomed the opportunity to have their say and for 'Petworth people to do it for themselves'."

Chairman Chris Kemp continued, "Over 430 attendees is a great turnout and we are hoping even more will participate during the 6-week consultation period. As is often the case with sensitive subjects such as housing development, there are strong opinions and we encourage anyone who has concerns or needs clarification over information they may receive to come forward and talk to us directly. We'd like to thank everyone who took the time out of their busy lives to turn up on Friday. Your feedback is vital to shaping future housing development in Petworth that meets local needs rather than those of outside developers or planning authorities."

Parishioners will now have six weeks from 3rd April to provide their feedback by completing a questionnaire and returning it to Petworth Town Council or taking part in an online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PetworthDNP> Residents are also invited to come along to the Petworth Town Council offices in person to review the materials shown at the event on 31st March and pick up their questionnaire. The offices in the Old Bakery near the entrance to the Pound Street car park will be open on the following days, 10.30am-2.30pm on weekdays and 10am-12 noon on Saturdays.

- Thursday, 6th April
- Saturday, 8th April
- Monday, 10th April
- Thursday, 13th April
- Tuesday, 18th April
- Thursday, 20th April
- Saturday, 22nd April
- Monday, 24th April
- Thursday, 27th April
- Saturday, 29th April
- Tuesday, 2nd May
- Thursday, 4th May
- Saturday, 6th May
- Tuesday, 9th May
- Thursday, 11th May
- Saturday, 13th May
- Monday, 15th May

All information relating to the event can be downloaded from Petworth Town Council's website. The deadline for all questionnaire entries, paper copy and online, is midnight on Monday 15th May.

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Major homes scheme is 'sneaked under the wire'

West Sussex County Council is accused of trying to bypass town's plan

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Proposals for a major new housing scheme in Petworth which flies in the face of the town's emerging

Neighbourhood Plan have angered the group behind it. West Sussex County Council has submitted plans for 34 new homes on land next to the Rotherlea Care Home off Dawtrey Road. But Petworth's Neighbourhood

Plan is earmarking a maximum of 22 homes there amid safety fears in an area which already suffers chronic traffic congestion close to the primary school. Town council chairman Chris Kemp believes it is a

cynical attempt to bypass the town's plan by trying to get planning permission before it is officially 'made'. "They are trying to sneak in under the wire and we are disappointed because we have asked them to come

to the table and talk to us," he said. "They say they will talk once they get permission, but that will be too late to take account of what the town wants."

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Petworth pins its hopes on national park for support

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Leaders of Petworth's Neighbourhood Plan (NP) are pinning their hopes on the South Downs National Park Authority to throw out a major housing plan which threatens to derail their emerging proposals.

Petworth Town Council has spent some £50,000 on preparation and the steering group of volunteers has worked on it for more than two years. It goes out for its final public consultation tomorrow before the last stages of independent examination and the referendum. Once agreed, it will become part of future planning policy guidance.

But West Sussex County Council's plan could force a rethink. "This looks like the big boys playing clever," said town council chairman Chris Kemp. "We hope the national park will support us and turn the application down when it goes in front of its planning committee."

"They have encouraged

us to do this NP and given us dedicated officers to help because they are keen we get it right, so we see this as a big test for the park to support what the community wants."

The town council strongly objected to the county council's application on the grounds that housing density of just over 42 homes per hectare and parking spaces for 59 cars was 'far too high'.

"The inevitable impact of the additional cars on an area of known traffic congestion is unacceptable," said members.

Making their objections, they said the plan would add to traffic chaos on the already inadequate road access to the primary school.

"There is also a feeling these plans are likely to cause accidents at the poorly-sighted junction with Dawtrey Road and the A285."

They also objected to the proposed three-storey blocks which they said were 'overbearing and out of scale with other housing in the area'.

They recommended the county council talk to the NP



Parking problems at school picking up and dropping of times are already 'horrendous'

steering group to 'co-ordinate a structured approach to this development site'.

A raft of objections from neighbours has also been

filed, including one from John Galvin, headteacher of the primary school, who said it would exacerbate an already 'horrendous' parking

problem.

What do you think? Is parking already a nightmare at school times? Contact us at Midhurst@press.co.uk

News

Time for your say on future plans

Petworth's Neighbourhood Plan (NP) goes out for its final six-week consultation, starting tomorrow with a public exhibition in the Leonfield Hall, open from 10am-8pm.

The exhibition will also see the unveiling of the results of two town council projects to support the NP. Residents will get the chance to see revised proposals for the Market Square, aimed to address pedestrian safety and traffic issues. A master plan showing what future housing development might look like, will also be revealed.

NP chairman Douglas Cooper said the draft plan set out policies for future housing in Petworth, along with an overview of services, infrastructure and employment. "This is a critical stage in the process and we urge everyone to come along - your feedback is vital."

Lynnette Humphry, speaking on behalf of the Petworth Residents Networking Group, is also urging people to attend the event tomorrow: "Due to planning permissions in the last two years, Petworth does not have to take 150 houses in its NP. Please go along, look at the housing plans and if you have concerns, ask questions."



Thursday, April 6, 2017

Midhurst and Petworth OBSERVER

Vision for future housing development is unveiled

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More than 430 residents and local businesses turned out when draft proposals for housing development in Petworth were unveiled on Friday.

This was the town council's third public consultation event for its Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

In addition, a master plan and traffic proposals for Market Square were on display for comment in The Lecoulfield Hall.

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There is now six weeks to comment through a questionnaire returned to Petworth Town Council or

an online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PetworthDNP>

Residents are also invited to the town council offices

to look at the material displayed and pick up their questionnaire. Dates and times are available on the town council website.

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The deadline is midnight on Monday, May 15.



Members of the public examine Petworth draft Neighbourhood Plan at the public consultation event on Friday



PETWORTH PAGES

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**HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF LOCAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT!
YOU CAME, WE LISTENED**

**Now come and see the Draft Petworth Neighbourhood Plan!
Drop in any time from 10am, Friday, 31st March - Leconfield Hall**

Housing
Working & Shopping
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Leisure & Wellbeing
Environment, Sustainability & Design Quality



COVER STORY

PETWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - UPDATE

The Next Crucial Round of Public Consultation has Arrived

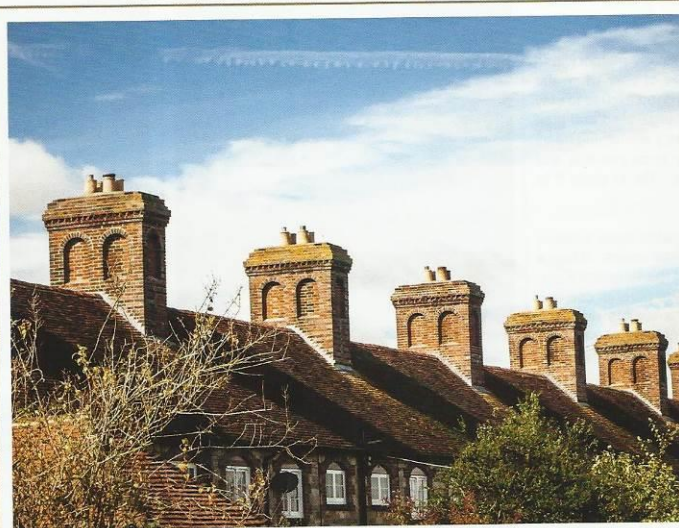
You may recall that in June 2016, over 400 residents, local businesses and organisations attended a community drop-in session at the Leconfield Hall and parishioners had one month during which to provide their views on three housing development options. The results of that public consultation revealed that the majority of residents (57%) voted for Housing Option 1 which included sites adjacent to Petworth Primary School and to the south of the town. Thirty-four percent (34%) of residents voted for Housing Option 3 (three sites to the north of the town in the vicinity of Hampers Green) followed by a minority vote (at 9%) for Housing Option 2 (covering sites predominantly to the west and east of the town).

Since that time, over 30 volunteers have studied the results and gathered further evidence to support the development of the next crucial stage – the Draft Plan. This plan will be revealed at a public drop-in session any time from 10am until 9pm on Friday, 31st March at the Leconfield Hall and all Petworth parishioners are welcome to attend.

Douglas Cooper, Chairman of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group commented, "Since the last

round of public consultation, we have been working hard to develop the Draft Plan that includes policies relating to housing development as well as strategies to create the ser-

vices, infrastructure and employment opportunities to support the new homes. We have engaged closely with our colleagues from the South Downs National Park Authority and the relevant landowners to establish an agreed strategy for the design and mix of new housing and this will be central to the display at the Leconfield Hall on 31st March. We urge everyone to come along – your feedback is vital."



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

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Appendix 7

Petworth Neighbourhood Plan

Draft Submission Consultation: Data Collation Report

**Prepared on behalf of Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering
Group and Petworth Town Council**

May 2017

Petworth Neighbourhood Plan
Draft Submission Consultation: Data Collation Report
on behalf of Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
and Petworth Town Council
May 2017

Introduction

As part of the consultation process carried out for Petworth Neighbourhood Plan, a formal public consultation on the options for the area was undertaken between 31 March and 15 May 2017. This involved:

- Letters to Statutory Consultees.
- Community drop in session at the Leconfield Hall on 31st March where attendees were encouraged to complete a paper questionnaire.
- Questionnaire available online with the link to the online survey published on the PTC website and promoted on the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page.
- All material presented at the drop in event on 31st March, was made available throughout the full 6 week consultation period on the PTC website and at the PTC offices. The PTC was open several days during the week and every Saturday morning during the consultation period when they were manned by town councillors to help answer any questions.
- A facebook event was made inviting people to the community drop in session outlined above. The page was updated on a weekly basis and timely and factual responses given to those making comments on the page.
- PTC had a stall at the Farmers' Market on 25th March at which flyers were distributed. The Town Crier announced the event at the same Farmers' Market.
- 2,000 flyers were produced and distributed by hand to every household on the Parish of Petworth electoral roll. The community could also pick up these flyers from the PTC offices and the public library.
- A 2 metre long banner was displayed to announce the event at strategic areas in Petworth: centre (NatWest Bank and Leconfield Hall), north (Hampers Green) and south (corner of Dawtrey and Station Road).
- The consultation was posted on the PTC website along with press release.
- The event was shared with other local organisations' newsletters and social media pages including Petworth Business Association (PBA), Petworth and District Community Association (P&BCA) and Discover Petworth.
- The consultation was featured in the spring and summer issues of Petworth Pages.
- 5 press releases were issued to Midhurst and Petworth Observer.

Over 430 residents attended the drop-in session. The drop-in session consisted of information consultation boards, boards for identifying options for Petworth, plus questionnaires available for completion. The event was staffed by members of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Working Groups, South Downs National Park Authority Planning Officers and Nexus Planning consultants.

At the close of the consultation period a total of 144 responses had been received via the online and hard copy questionnaires.

This report begins with a summary of the issues arising from consultation feedback. It then considers the results of the questionnaires, going through each topic in turn.

Summary

This section provides a brief summary of the issues that arose from the boards presented during the consultation. The sections that follow provide a break-down of the questionnaire responses and the options by theme.

Planning Principles

Respondents were asked if they agree with the following planning principles:

- **PP1: Settlement Boundary**, of the 127 answers received 87% (110 respondents) agreed.
- **PP2: Core Planning Principles**, of the 124 answers received 86% (107 respondents) agreed.
- When respondents were asked to comment on the planning principles, the most frequently repeated response stated that they did not want the **settlement boundary** to be extended (12 comments), also mentioned was the desire to see **development spread throughout Petworth** (4).

Housing Policies

Respondents were asked if they agree with the following housing policies:

- **H1: Allocate land for 150 net additional new homes** of the 129 answers received 80% (103 respondents) agreed.
- **H2: Integrate windfall sites** of the 124 answers received 94% (116 respondents) agreed.
- **H3: Housing Type and Mix** of the 126 answers received 90% (113 respondents) agreed.
- **H4: Affordable Housing Provision** of the 128 answers received 84% (108 respondents) agreed.
- When respondents were asked to consider the housing policies 55 respondents made a comment. The most repeated comment stated that they felt **150 new homes are too many** for Petworth (12 comments). Other responses included the concern regarding pressure on **road infrastructure** as a result of new development (7) and asking why the numbers for development granted planning permission in Petworth have not been included in the total (6).

Housing Site Allocations

Respondents were asked if they agree with the following housing site allocations:

- **H5: Rotherlea** of the 124 answers received 86% (107 respondents) agreed.
- **H6: The Square Field** of the 123 answers received 79% (97 respondents) agreed.
- **H7: Petworth South** of the 129 answers received 74% (96 respondents) agreed.
- A total of 51 respondents made a comment. The most repeated comment mentioned concerns regarding the pressure new development would place on **road infrastructure** (10 comments). Other issues raised included the need to **protect the views** in Petworth (8) and the need to ensure development is restricted to inside the **current settlement boundary**. Further details of comments made can be found in the table below.

Environment, Sustainability and Design

Respondents were asked if they agree with the following environmental, sustainability and design policies:

- **ESD1: Character and Design** of the 125 answers received 95% (119 respondents) agreed.
- **ESD2: Housing density** of the 125 answers received 77% (96 respondents) agreed.
- **ESD3: Requirements for a Design and Access Statement** of the 126 answers received 96% (121 respondents) agreed.

- **ESD4: Preserving Local Green Spaces** of the 130 answers received 98% (128 respondents) agreed.
- **ESD5: Public Green Spaces** of the 129 answers received 95% (123 respondents) agreed.
- **ESD6: Landscape and Visual Impact** of the 128 answers received 98% (125 respondents) agreed.
- **ESD7: Biodiversity and Trees** of the 130 answers received 95% (123 respondents) agreed.
- **ESD8: Sustainable Design** of the 130 answers received 96% (125 respondents) agreed.
- A total of 42 respondents made a comment. The most repeated comment stated that new development should be low density (7 comments). Other comments included that public green spaces should be provided within new developments (5), existing green spaces must be protected (4) and the character of Petworth should be retained (4).

Working and Shopping

Respondents were asked if they agree with the following working and shopping policies:

- **WS1: Petworth Town Centre** of the 127 answers received 83% (106 respondents) agreed.
- **WS2: Visitor accommodation** of the 126 answers received 91% (115 respondents) agreed.
- **WS3: Hampers Common Industrial Estate** of the 126 answers received 96% (121 respondents) agreed.
- **WS4: Land east of Hampers Common Industrial Estate** of the 124 answers received 93% (115 respondents) agreed.
- A total of 37 respondents made a comment. Of most importance to respondents was the retention of the car parking in The Square (7 comments). Other issues mentioned included Hampers Green being a better site for development, not wishing to encourage an active night time economy and the need for a convenience store at Hampers Green (2 each)

Getting Around

- **GA1: Parking Requirements** of the 127 answers received 78% (99 respondents) agreed.
- **GA2: Pedestrian and cycle movement** of the 127 answers received 88% (112 respondents) agreed.
- **GA3: Traffic calming measures** of the 127 answers received 82% (104 respondents) agreed.
- **GA4: To protect and increase car parking capacity at Pound Street Car Park** of the 127 answers received 87% (110 respondents) agreed.
- A total of 72 respondents made a comment. The most frequent response raised concerns over the proposed skate park reducing the amount of available parking (12 comments). The need for town centre parking to be retained was of concern (11). Other issues included the need for traffic calming measures (8), adequate resident parking to be provided (7) and the fact that it is believed that there is no space for cycle routes to be provided.

Leisure and wellbeing

- **LW1: Community and leisure facilities** of the 128 answers received 95% (122 respondents) agreed.
- **LW2: Playing fields and sports facilities** of the 128 answers received 95% (122 respondents) agreed.
- **LW3: Assets of Community Value** of the 128 answers received 95% (121 respondents) agreed.
- **LW4: Retention of Assets of Community Value** of the 128 answers received 95% (121 respondents) agreed.
- **LW5: Support additional community and leisure facilities** of the 127 answers received 92% (117 respondents) agreed.
- A total of 33 respondents made a comment. The most repeated comment stated the desire for a swimming pool in Petworth (7 comments).

Infrastructure

- **D1: Infrastructure delivery** of the 123 answers received 89% (109 respondents) agreed.
- A total of 21 respondents made a comment which included that an improved water system is required (3 comments) and the concern that infrastructure will not be able to cope with new development (3).

Broad Agreement with the Neighbourhood Plan

- Respondents were asked if overall, do they broadly agree with the draft Neighbourhood Plan and think it should be finalised and voted on at referendum. Of the 127 answers received 80% (102 respondents) agreed.
- A total of 65 respondents made a comment. The most frequently repeated comment stated that they were in agreement with the draft Neighbour Plan (8 comments). Concern that development would create too much pressure on road infrastructure was mentioned by 7 respondents.

Q1: Do you agree with the following planning principles?

Respondents were asked if they agree with the planning principles below.

Policy PP1 Settlement Boundary

Development proposals will not normally be permitted outside of the defined settlement boundary. The countryside outside the defined settlement boundary will be protected and only where it is demonstrated that the proposed development is in accordance with the policies contained within this Plan.

Policy PP2 Core Planning Principles

Development proposals should take account of any cumulative impacts taken with other known commitments within the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan area.

Development proposals should demonstrate how:

- The scale and character of the proposal respects the landscape; landscape features; street scene/townscape; heritage assets; important local spaces; and historic views into and out of Petworth;
- The proposal will make a positive contribution to the local character, shape and scale of the area;
- The development will not detract from the existing focal points provided by the town centre and the historic core; and
- They are located within an acceptable walking distance to the town centre.

Appropriate landscape investigations and assessment work will be required for all new development proposals outside the defined settlement boundary, unless they are located in an area of low landscape and visual sensitivity as shown in the SDNPA Landscape Character Assessment. The scope of such landscape work should be agreed as part of any pre-application discussion with the relevant local planning authority.

Over three quarters of respondents were in agreement with the policies and demonstrated in the chart below.

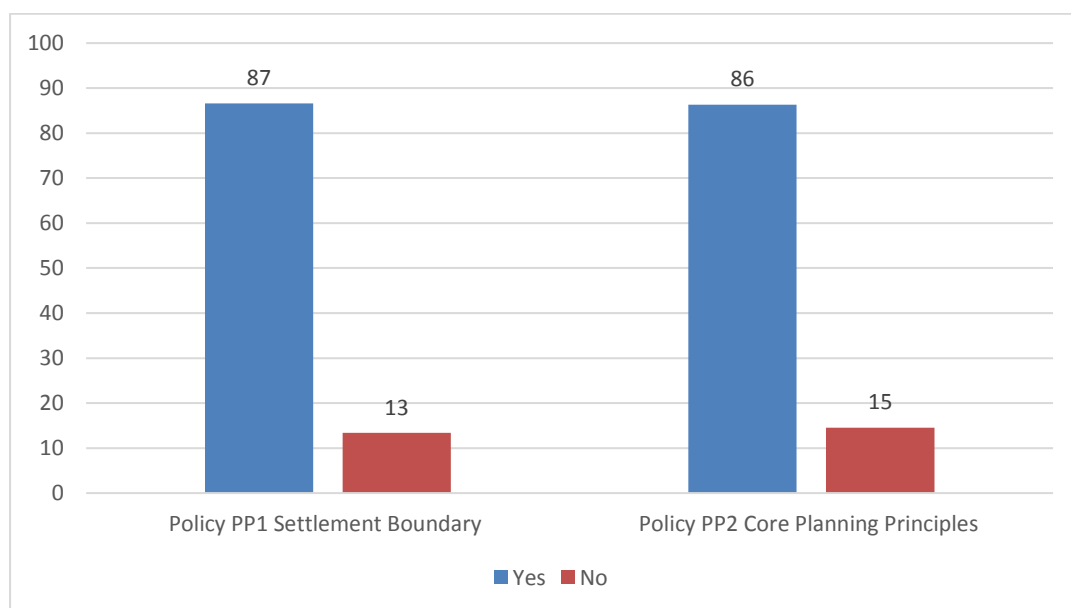


Chart 1. Planning policies. Numbers are illustrated as percentages

When respondents were asked to consider the planning principles 42 respondents made a comment. A further 15 letters objecting to development being located outside the development boundary were also received. The most frequently repeated response stated that they did not want the settlement boundary to be extended (12 respondents), also mentioned was the desire to see development spread throughout Petworth (4 respondents). Other comments received can be found listed below.

Comments	No of comments
Letter objecting to development outside the settlement boundary	15
Don't extend the current boundary	12
Spread Development throughout Petworth	4
Improvements to infrastructure	3
More information needed	3
Protect Green Space	3
Site to the south should not be used	3
Through traffic should be addressed	2
Good Plan	2
The plan is contradictory	2
Parking needs to be retained in the town centre	2
General parking issues to be addressed	2

Table 1: Planning policies.

Q2: Do you agree with the following housing policies?

Respondents were asked if they agree with the housing policies below.

Policy H1: Allocate land for 150 net additional new homes

Proposals for residential development will be supported at the following sites:

- Site H5 (Rotherlea)
- Site H6 (The Square Field)
- Site H7 (Petworth South)

The Housing Working Group evaluated 32 individual potential development sites using a clear set of criteria. The criteria included walkability, access, impact on highway network and resident safety, loss of parking, biodiversity/ecology, landscape and flood risk.

Policy H2: Integrate windfall sites

Small residential developments on infill and redevelopment sites within the defined settlement boundary will be supported.

Policy H3: Housing Type and Mix

On schemes of more than five dwellings, a mix of dwelling types and sizes to meet the needs of current and future households in Petworth will be sought. Large areas of uniform type and size will not be acceptable.

The indicative market and affordable housing size mix is set out below.

Dwelling size	Market Housing	Affordable Housing
1-bed	40%	35%
2-bed		35%
3-bed	40%	25%
4-bed	20%	5%

Policy H4: Affordable Housing Provision

All new residential development (Use Class C) of 6 units or more will provide on-site 40% or more affordable homes.

All policies received positive responses with 80% or over received as illustrated in the chart below.

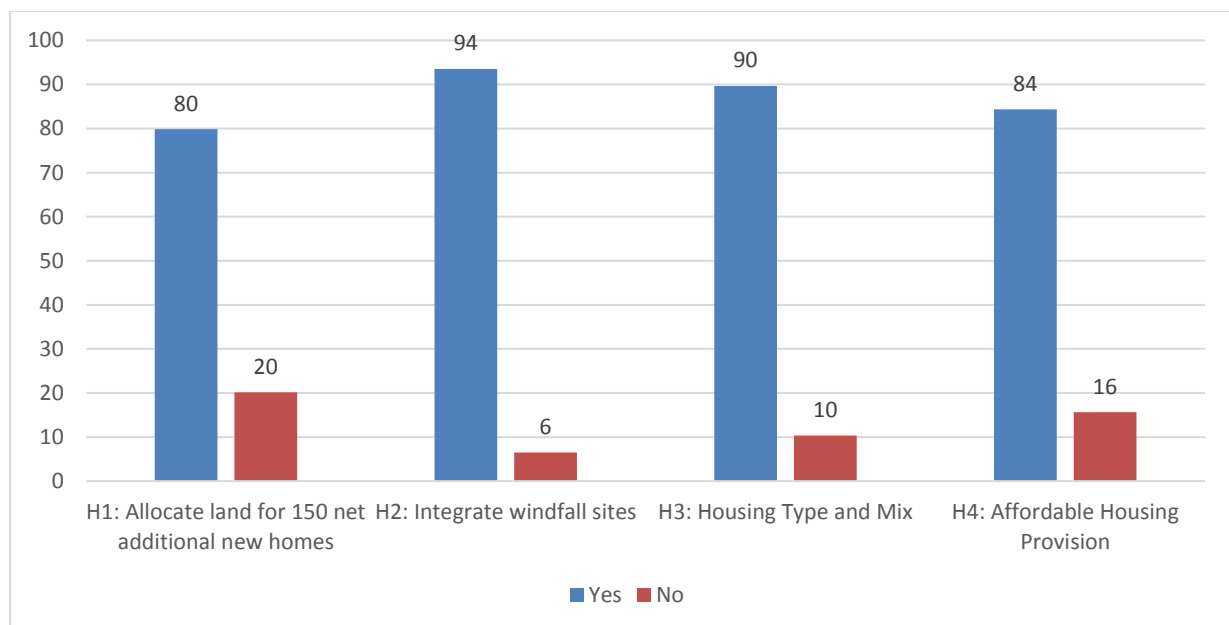


Chart 2. Housing policies. Numbers are illustrated as percentages

When respondents were asked to consider the Housing policies (as above), 55 respondents made a comment. The most repeated comment stated that they felt 150 new homes are too many for Petworth (12 comments). Other responses included the concern regarding pressure on roads as a result of new development (7) and asking why the numbers for development granted planning permission in Petworth have not been included in the total (6 comments)

Criteria	No of comments
150 new homes is too many	12
Development would create too much pressure on road infrastructure	7
Planning permission has been granted for 30 homes, numbers should be taken into account	6
Few employment opportunities are available in Petworth	4

No choice has been given	4
Windfall sites should not be used	4
Development would create pressure on infrastructure	4
The character of Petworth needs to be retained	4
Too much affordable housing is provided	4
One and two bed properties are needed	3
The housing wouldn't be affordable for local people	3
Sufficient parking must be provided for new developments	3
Don't extend the current boundary	2
Group the affordable housing together	2
Homes needed to enable downsizing	2
Housing for younger people needed	2
More affordable housing needed	2
Windfall sites should be included in the total	2

Table 2: Housing policies.

Q3: Do you agree with the following housing site allocations?

Respondents were asked if they agree with the housing site allocations below.

Policy H5: Rotherlea

Housing allocation: 23 residential dwellings (indicative number).

Development proposals on the site should:

- i. Demonstrate how the principles of the comprehensive masterplan for the allocated housing sites have been taken into account;
- ii. Provide vehicular access from Dawtrey Road;
- iii. Respond to the traditional character of Petworth; and
- iv. Achieve an overall net density of between 25 to 35 dwellings per hectare.

Policy H6: The Square Field

Housing allocation: 30 residential dwellings (indicative number).

Development proposals on the site should:

- i. Demonstrate how the principles of the comprehensive masterplan for the allocated housing sites have been taken into account;
- ii. Provide vehicular access from Dawtrey Road;
- iii. Respond to the traditional character of Petworth;
- iv. Achieve an overall net density of between 25 to 35 dwellings per hectare; and
- v. Deliver a planting and landscaping strategy to minimise landscape impact along the site's eastern and southern boundary.

Policy H7: Petworth South

Housing allocation: 100 residential dwellings (indicative number).

Development proposals on the site should:

- i. Demonstrate how the principles of the comprehensive masterplan for the allocated housing sites have been taken into account;
- ii. Provide access from Station Road (A285) and create a new access to Petworth Primary School, including an area for parking and drop off;
- iii. Deliver a planting and landscaping strategy to minimise landscape impact along the site's eastern and southern boundaries;
- iv. Achieve an overall net density of between 25 to 35 dwellings per hectare; and
- v. Seek to create a well-designed and welcoming gateway to the town that minimises impact on the local landscape whilst ensuring safe movement of vehicles, including school traffic.

Respondents were asked if they agreed with the proposed site allocations. All 3 sites received support with Rotherlea felt as most appropriate with 86% support followed by The Square field with 79% and Petworth South with 75%.

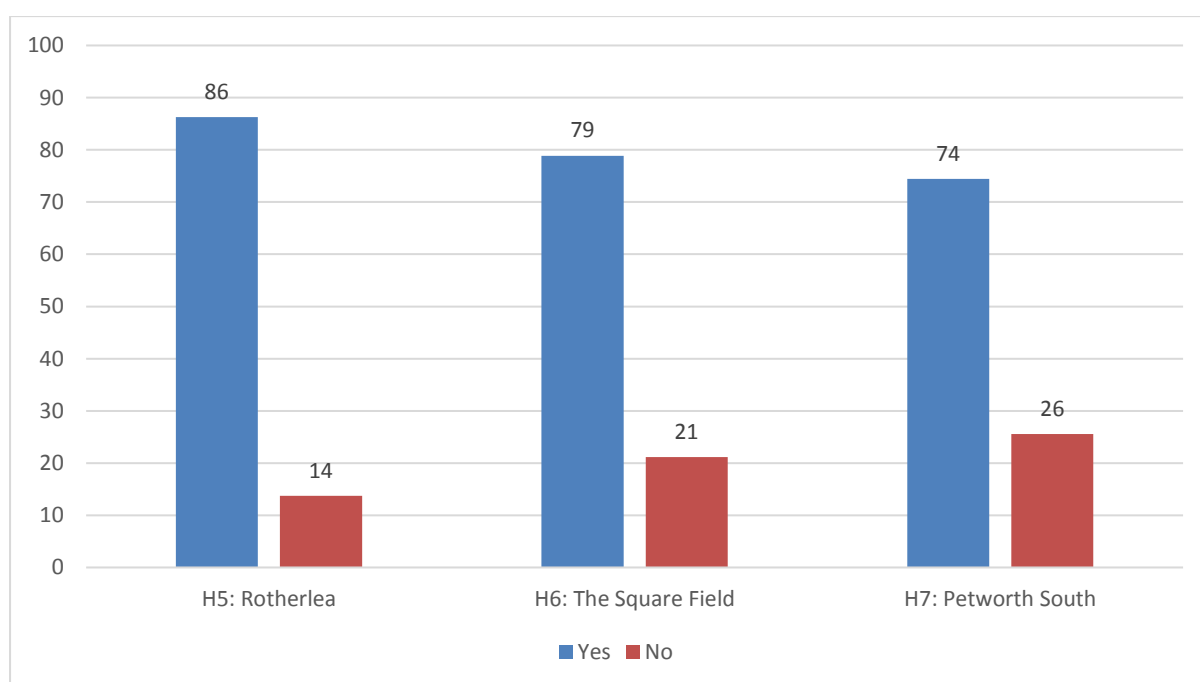


Chart 3. Site allocations. Numbers are illustrated as percentages

When respondents were asked to consider the Housing site allocations (as above), 51 respondents made a comment. The most repeated comment mentioned concerns regarding the pressure new development would place on road infrastructure (10 comments). Other issues raised included the need to protect the views in Petworth (8) and the need to ensure development is restricted to inside the current settlement boundary. Further details of comments made can be found in the table below.

Criteria	No of comments
Development would create too much pressure on road infrastructure	10

Views need to be protected	8
Don't extend the current boundary	8
Spread Development throughout Petworth	5
Access issues to be resolved for H7	5
Hampers Green would be a better option	4
Sufficient parking must be provided for new developments	3
Development would create pressure on infrastructure	3
Use brownfield sites for development	3
Use Sheepdown Close site for development	2
The character of Petworth needs to be retained	2
Development will have a negative effect on wildlife	2
Loss of agricultural land should be avoided	2
Development should occur in north Petworth	2
Agree with policy H1	2
Agree with the chosen sites	2

Table 3: Housing Site Allocations.

Q4: Do you agree with the following environmental, sustainability and design policies?

Policy ESD1: Character and Design

New developments must respond to the specific character of the site and its setting. Proposals should demonstrate how the development contributes to the character of Petworth as a traditional market town, incorporating design principles that reflect the most successful parts of the town, particularly the historic core and Conservation Area. This may embrace modern designs which can be seen to respect the character and scale of Petworth's housing.

It is important for new residential areas to be designed to create a sense of place by ensuring that character and design, where appropriate, varies within the development.

Within all new developments, building materials should, where appropriate, complement the 'variety of local materials' identified in the Petworth Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan.

Policy ESD2: Housing density

Residential developments within the defined settlement boundary should achieve a density of between 25 and 35 dwellings per hectare.

Policy ESD3: Requirements for a Design and Access Statement

Where a Design and Access Statement is required, applicants must ensure it demonstrates how the proposed development reflects the character of Petworth as a traditional market town. It must set out how the proposals follow the policies and guidance in relevant national and local documents as well as this Plan.

Policy ESD4: Preserving Local Green Spaces

The green spaces listed below and shown on the map are designated as Local Green Spaces and will be preserved and where possible enhanced.

Policy ESD5: Public Green Spaces

Within all the sites allocated within this Plan for residential development, fully accessible public green space, that is appropriate to the character and location of the site, should be provided.

Policy ESD6: Landscape and Visual Impact

New developments on the edge of the defined settlement boundary of Petworth must maintain visual connection with the countryside and should conserve and enhance the landscape character of the South Downs National Park.

Policy ESD7: Biodiversity and Trees

Development proposals which result in an adverse impact on the natural environment will not be permitted.

Policy ESD8: Sustainable Design

Innovative approaches to the construction of low carbon development which demonstrate sustainable use of resources and high energy efficiency levels will be supported.

Respondents were asked if they agreed with the environmental, sustainability and design policies. In excess of 90% respondents agreed with the policies above with the exception of EDS2 Housing density which received 77%.

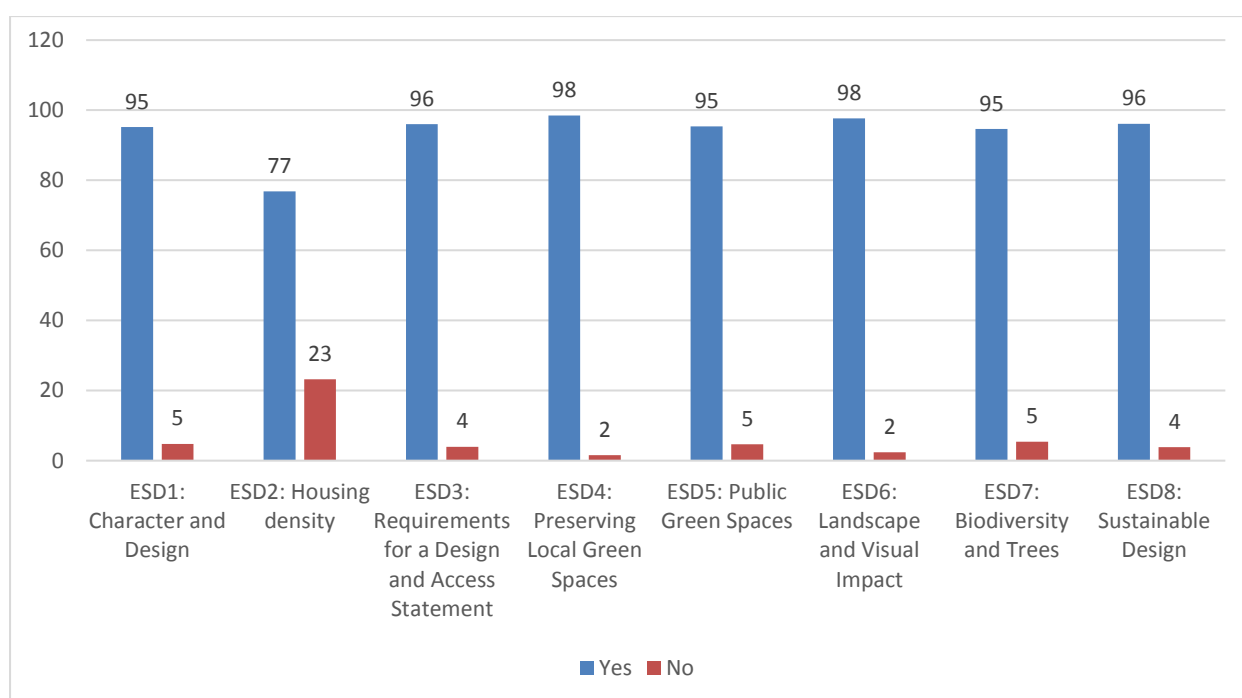


Chart 4. Environmental, sustainability and design principles. Numbers are illustrated as percentages

When respondents were asked to consider the environmental, sustainability and design principles (as above), 42 respondents made a comment. The most repeated comment stated that new development should be low density (7 comments). Other comments included that public green spaces should be provided within new developments (5), existing green spaces must be protected (4) and the character of Petworth should be retained (4).

Criteria	No of comments
New development should be low density	7
Public green spaces must be provided with new development	5
Green spaces need to be protected	4
The character of Petworth needs to be retained	4
Sufficient parking must be provided for new developments	4
Trees must be retained	3
The Neighbourhood Plan does not support the policies	3
The policies will not be adhered to	3
Street lighting sensors should be used	2

Table 4: Environmental, sustainability and design principles.

Q5: Do you agree with the following working and shopping policies?

Respondents were asked if they agree with the working and shopping policies below.

Policy WS1: Petworth Town Centre

The Petworth town centre boundary and primary shopping frontages are defined in the map. Within the town centre boundary, development proposals for retail and other town centre uses will be supported.

Within the Petworth primary shopping frontage, the loss of use Class A units (shops, financial and professional services, restaurants and pubs) will be resisted. The only exception to this is where the proposed use / development is class C1 (Hotels).

Development proposals will be supported where they retain and enhance:

- a) Markets and use of the market square; and
- b) Independent retailers, particularly those linked to supply chains across the National Park.

Policy WS2: Visitor accommodation

Proposals for hotel development (use Class C1) (and ancillary use Class A3) within the defined town centre boundary will be supported provided they are compatible with the size, scale and historic nature of the town.

Policy WS3: Hampers Common Industrial Estate

The existing Hampers Common Industrial Estate is safeguarded for employment (use Classes B1, B2 and B8). The loss of employment uses on the site will not be permitted.

Policy WS4: Land east of Hampers Common Industrial Estate

Land east of Hampers Common Industrial Estate, as defined on the Policies Map (Site E2) is allocated for employment uses (Use Classes B1, B2 and B8).

Respondents were asked if they agreed with the working and shopping policies. In excess of 80% respondents agreed with the policies.

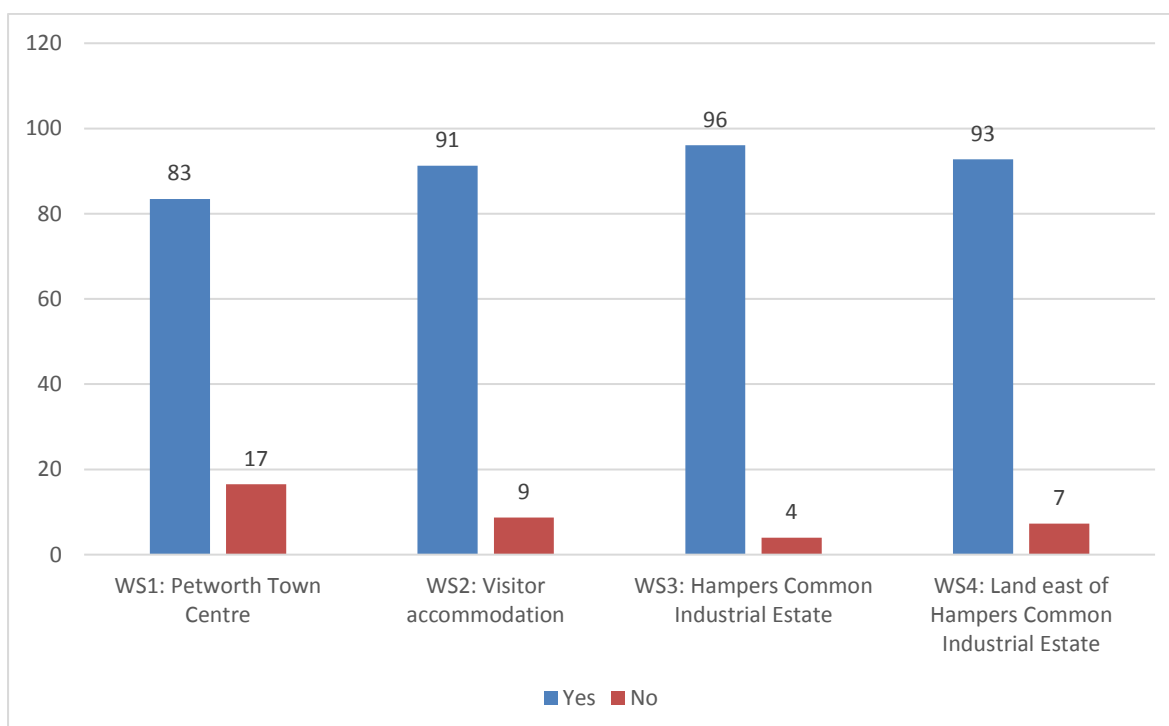


Chart 5. Working and shopping principles. Numbers are illustrated as percentages

When respondents were asked to consider the working and shopping principles (as above), 37 respondents made a comment. Of most importance to respondents was the retention of the car parking in The Square (7 comments). Other issues mentioned included Hampers Green being a better site for development, not wishing to encourage an active night time economy and the need for a convenience store at Hampers Green (2 each)

Criteria	No of comments
Retain car parking on The Square	7
Hampers Green is a better site for development	2
Against encouraging a night time economy	2
Convenience store wanted at Hampers Green	2
Employment opportunities needed in Petworth	2
Hotel should be built within the current boundary	2
No chain stores wanted in Petworth	2
Petrol station wanted	2
Reduce parking within the town centre	2

Table 5: Working and shopping

Q6: Do you agree with the following getting around policies?

Respondents were asked if they agree with the getting around policies below.

Policy GA1: Parking Requirements

All new residential developments should provide sufficient car parking spaces in accordance with the Petworth residential car parking standards as set out below:

1-bed	1.5 spaces per unit
2-bed	2 spaces per unit
3-bed	2 spaces per unit
4+bed	3 spaces per unit

Policy GA2: Pedestrian and cycle movement

Proposals for the development on allocated sites should provide good pedestrian and cycle connections to the town centre and out of the town to surrounding areas, and contributions will be sought from the developer to enhance existing and provide new footpaths and cycle routes to complete such connections.

Policy GA3: Traffic calming measures

To help reduce traffic speeds through the town, contributions will be sought from developers towards the provision of traffic calming measures where appropriate in the town centre.

Policy GA4: To protect and increase car parking capacity at Pound Street Car Park

Proposals to provide additional car parking capacity in the Pound Street Car Park will be supported to relieve parking pressure in the town centre to support local businesses, shops and restaurants.

Respondents were asked if they agreed with the getting around policies. Over three quarters of respondents agreed with the policies.

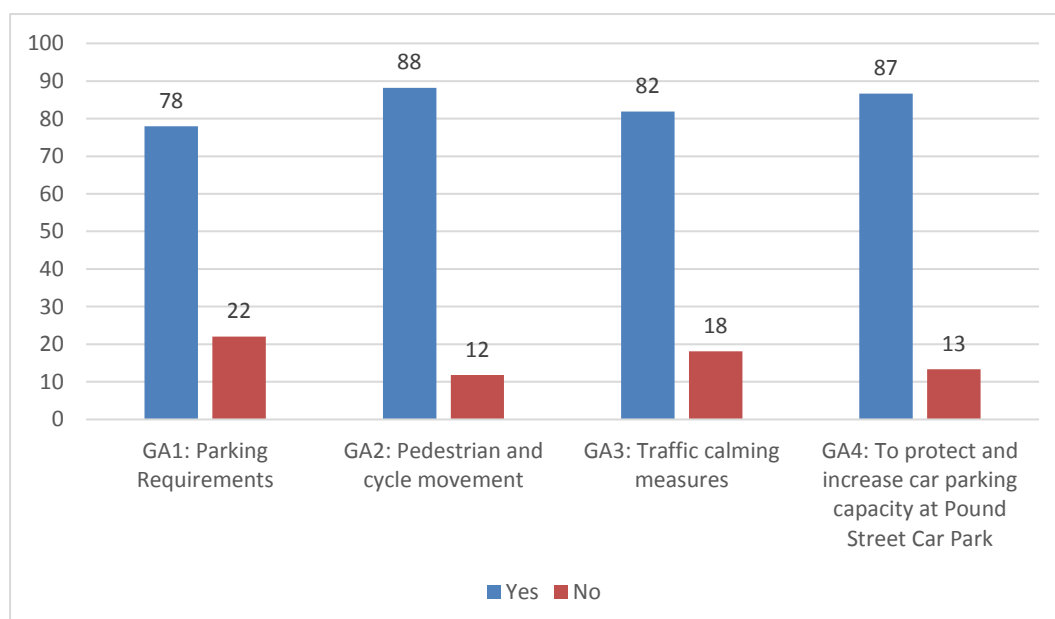


Chart 6. Getting around principles. Numbers are illustrated as percentages

When respondents were asked to consider the getting around principles (as above), 72 respondents made a comment. The most frequent response raised concerns over the proposed skate park reducing the amount of available parking (12 comments). The need for town centre parking to be retained was of concern (11). Other issues included the need for traffic calming measures (8), adequate resident parking to be provided (7) and the fact that it is believed that there is no space for cycle routes to be provided.

Criteria	No of comments
The skate park will reduce available parking	12
Town centre parking needs to be retained	11
Traffic calming measures needed	8
Adequate resident parking required	7
Space for cycle routes doesn't exist	5
No traffic calming measures needed	4
A 20mph limit should be introduced	3
A 30 mph limit should be introduced	2
Disagree with moving the bus stop	2
Flashing sign to warn of speeding wanted	2
Improved road structure needed	2
No more street clutter wanted	2
Pedestrian safety improvements needed on main roads	2
Parking spaces shouldn't be made smaller	2
Skate park should be located elsewhere	2
Short term free parking should be retained	2
Slowing traffic increases pollution	2
Traffic wardens need to be more active	2

Table 6: Getting around

Q7: Do you agree with the following leisure and wellbeing policies?

Respondents were asked if they agree with the leisure and wellbeing below.

Policy LW1: Community and leisure facilities

The renewal and enhancement of existing community and leisure facilities identified in the Policies Map will be supported.

Policy LW2: Playing fields and sports facilities

Existing playing fields and sports facilities within the Plan area shall be retained and where possible enhanced to benefit the town. Should an existing facility come forward for redevelopment for an alternative use, and there is evidence that the site or facility is not surplus to requirements, the applicant will be required to provide alternative provision within the Plan area before the existing facilities are lost.

Policy LW3: Assets of Community Value

Designations of existing buildings or land as Assets of Community Value will be supported that have a social purpose and are frequently used by the community within the Neighbourhood Plan area.

Policy LW4: Retention of Assets of Community Value

Development proposals affecting Assets of Community Value will be supported where it can be demonstrated the development will be of benefit to the local community.

Development proposals that would result in the loss of an Asset of Community Value or would cause significant harm, will be resisted unless it can be demonstrated the Asset is no longer viable.

Policy LW5: Support additional community and leisure facilities

To retain existing services, but also support and explore opportunities to provide space for additional community and leisure uses, within larger facilities, that will improve the wellbeing of Petworth's residents.

Respondents were asked if they agreed with the Leisure and wellbeing policies. Over three quarters of respondents agreed with the policies.

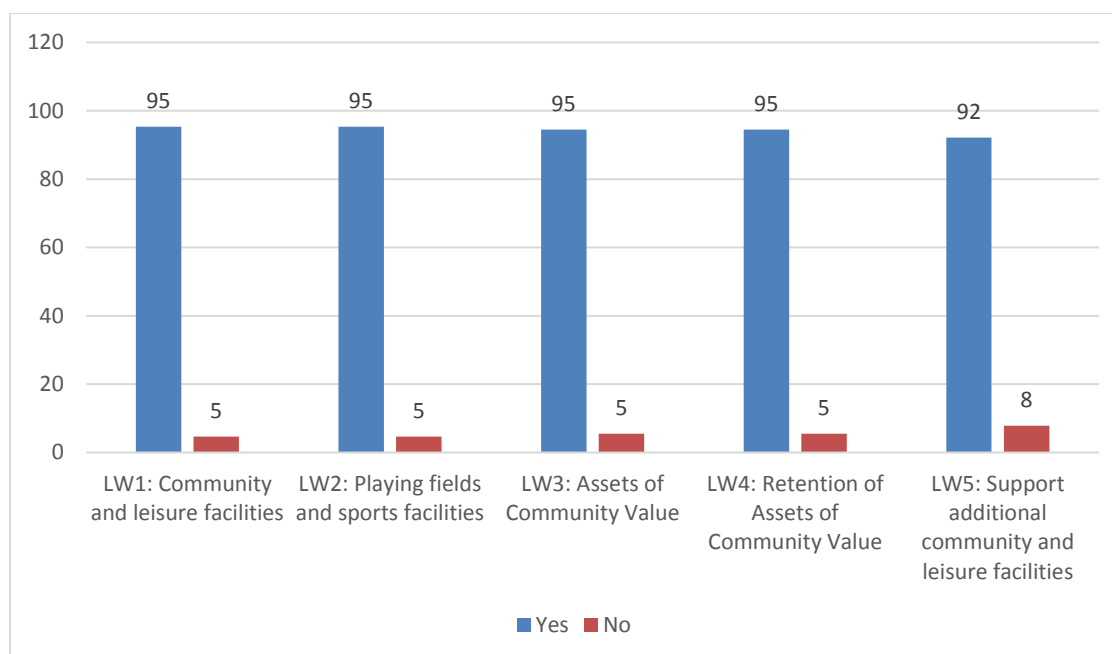


Chart 7. Leisure and wellbeing. Numbers are illustrated as percentages

When respondents were asked to consider the leisure and wellbeing principles (as above), 33 respondents made a comment. The most repeated comment stated the desire for a swimming pool in Petworth (7 comments).

Criteria	No of comments
Swimming pool wanted	7
Policies won't happen	3
New facilities not needed in Petworth	2
Restore the Herbert Shiner field	2
Need to be respectful of residents with regards to noise	2

Table 7: Leisure and wellbeing

Q8: Do you agree with the following infrastructure policy?

Respondents were asked if they agree with the infrastructure policy below.

Policy D1: Infrastructure Delivery

New development must be served and supported by appropriate on- and off- site infrastructure and services.

Planning permission will only be granted where the infrastructure and services required to meet the needs of the new development and / or mitigate the impact of the new development is either already in place or will be provided to an agreed timescale.

Infrastructure and services required as a consequence of development and provision for their maintenance, will be sought from developers through the South Downs National Park Community Infrastructure Levy, by the negotiation of planning obligations, by conditions attached to a planning permission, and / or other agreement, levy or undertaking, all to be agreed before planning permission is granted.

Respondents were asked if they agreed with the infrastructure policy. Almost 90% of respondents agreed with the policy.

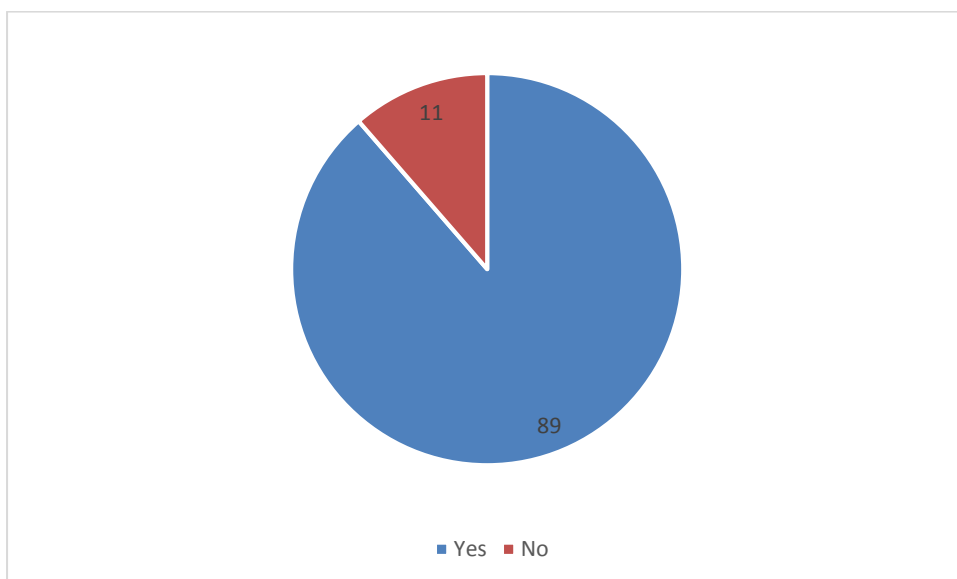


Chart 8. Infrastructure. Numbers are illustrated as percentages

When respondents were asked to consider the leisure and wellbeing principles (as above), 21 respondents made a comment which included that an improved water system is required (3 comments) and the concern that infrastructure will not be able to cope with new development (3).

Criteria	No of comments
New development will increase pressure on infrastructure	3
Improved water supply required	3
Improvement to public transport needed	2
Improved sewer system necessary	2

Table 8: Infrastructure

Q9: Overall, do you broadly agree with the draft Neighbourhood Plan and think it should be finalised and voted on at referendum?

Respondents were asked if they broadly agreed with the draft Neighbourhood Plan and if it should be finalised ready to be voted on at referendum. 80% of respondents now think that the Plan is ready to be finalised.

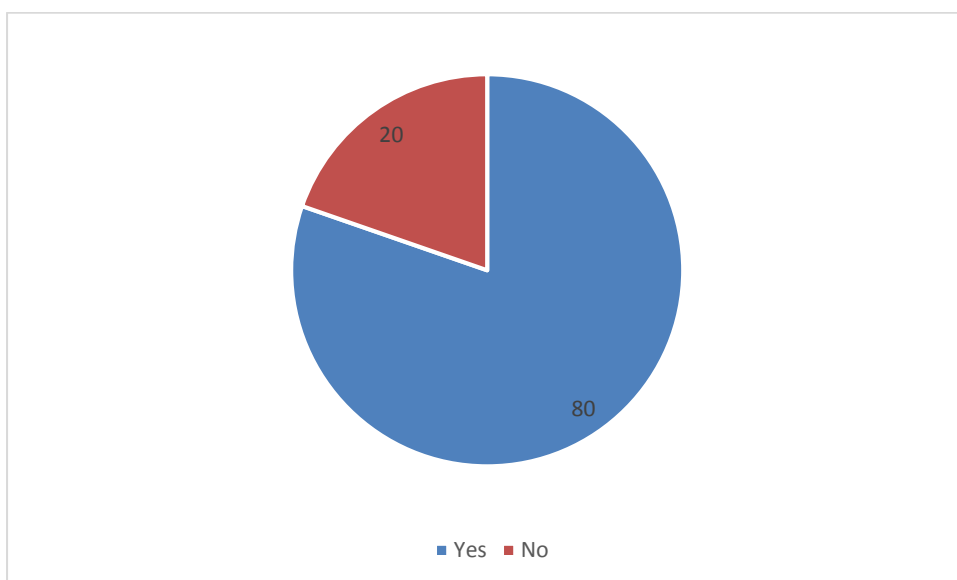


Chart 9. Draft Plan. Numbers are illustrated as percentages

When respondents were asked if they broadly agree with the draft Neighbourhood Plan and that it should be finalised and voted on at referendum 65 respondents made a comment. The most frequently repeated comment stated that they were in agreement with the draft Neighbour Plan (8 comments). Concern that development would create too much pressure on road infrastructure was mentioned by 7 respondents.

Criteria	No of comments
Agree with the Plan	8
Development would create too much pressure on road infrastructure	7
Disagree with Plan	4
Other site options for development should be investigated	4
Retain town centre car parking	4
Improved parking provision needed	3
Development should be spread through Petworth	3
Disagree with sites outside the current boundary	3
Supports the plan, with reservations	3
150 new homes is too many	2
Will affordable housing actually be affordable	2
Develop to the north of Petworth	2
Divert through traffic away from Petworth	2
Feedback hasn't been taken into account	2

Hampers Green has been ignored	2
Size of HGVs entering Petworth should be limited	2
Bus stop should be moved	2
Oppose housing sites	2
Development will put pressure on infrastructure	2
Petworth Town Council should have more power	2

Table 9: Draft Plan

Appendix 8

Appendix 3. SDNPA response to Petworth Pre Submission Neighbourhood Development Plan

All references to emerging South Downs Local Plan policies relate to the Preferred Options rather than any subsequent revision (unless specified). All text to be added is underlined, all deleted text is ~~struck through~~.

Ref	Comment	SDNPA Recommendation to Petworth Town Council
	General Comments	
N/A	<p>The progression of the Petworth Neighbourhood Development Plan (PNDP) to pre-submission stage is to be welcomed, it's the result of a considerable amount of hard work by the Town Council and volunteers. We recognise that preparing the PNDP has been a challenge as the group prepare policies which must be in general conformity with Chichester Local Plan (the current development plan), whilst taking account of policies in the emerging South Downs Local Plan.</p> <p>The Petworth NDP group should be congratulated on developing a clear plan which focuses on key issues affecting Petworth. It is considered to be straightforward, transparently responsive to local consultation and consistently well-written. The policies offer checks and balances, which would offer Development Management proper opportunities to defend the character of Petworth in most foreseeable circumstances.</p>	N/A
Plan period	Suggest roll forward to 2033 to be in line with emerging South Downs Local Plan	Update 2032 - 2033
Parish description	There is a little bit of confusion between how the parish is located in Chichester District and the National Park e.g. paragraph 1.4 and 2.2.	Suggest the following text: <u>All of Petworth Parish is located in Chichester District and most of the parish is also located in the South Downs National Park. The National Park Authority is the local planning authority for that part of the parish that is located in the National Park. Chichester District Council is the local planning authority for that part of the parish outside the National Park.</u>
South Downs Local Plan references	The NDP references the Local Plan incorrectly a number of times e.g. para 5.4. It is the 'emerging South Downs Local Plan' and not the 'South Downs National Park Local Plan.'	Review text

Ref	Comment	SDNPA Recommendation to Petworth Town Council
National Park references	Reference to the Park should be clear as to whether they mean Petworth Park or the National Park.	Review text, e.g. para 3.5
Duplication	Many policies conclude with 'provided that the proposed development it in accordance with the policies contained within this Plan and the Development Plan.' This is unnecessary and repetitious. If it is felt to be important to the plan then consider its inclusion just once at the front of the document.	Remove text throughout document.
	Use individual letters, numbers or roman numerals within policies to allow clear reference to the specific part of the policy.	Use letters, numbers or roman numerals to identify different parts of policy.
	A number of policies refer to planning matters being determined to the 'satisfaction of Petworth Town Council' e.g. policies H3 and ESD5. This is incorrect as the Town Council only comments on planning applications. The NPA is the LPA that determines planning applications.	
Minerals and Waste	No mineral safeguarding issues have been identified	Note
2.0 A portrait of Petworth		
2.11	Although we praise the succinctness of the plan, the growth of the town in the 20 th Century is covered in just one sentence. Being that this was the main period of housing growth and it influences very strongly the feel of the town, particularly from the south, this might be worthy of greater mention.	
Para 2.13	The South Downs Local Plan will meet pre-submission in Autumn 2017.	Update for submission version
3.0 Overall Plan Vision and Key Principles		
Para 3.8	Rather than 'responsibilities' the correct reference is to the socio economic ' <u>duty</u> .'	Amend text
Para 3.10	The extension of Hampers Common Industrial Estate does not have planning permission. This is an allocation under a saved Local Plan policy from the Chichester District Local Plan 1999.	Amend text
4.0 Planning		

Ref	Comment	SDNPA Recommendation to Petworth Town Council
Principles		
PPI Settlement Boundary	Development proposals will not normally be permitted outside of the defined settlement boundary. The countryside outside the defined settlement boundary will be protected and only in exceptional circumstances will development in the countryside be permitted and only <i>be permitted in exceptional circumstances</i> where it is demonstrated.....	For clarity and succinctness.
PP2 Core Planning Principles	<p>They are located within an acceptable walking distance to the town centre <i>via a safe and suitable route.</i></p> <p>The requirement for landscape investigations and assessment for development proposals outside of the settlement boundary conflicts to some extent with the policy of only such development being permitted in exceptional circumstances. In addition the landscape information being referred to does not identify areas of low landscape and visual sensitivity.</p>	Suggest removing this requirement. The emerging South Downs Local Plan will contain detailed policies in relation to landscape character and development, which would cover such matters.
Settlement boundary, figure 3, Page 19.	<p>Hampers Green to the north of the town is excluded from the settlement boundary shown in figure 3, page 19. It may be appropriate to give this residential area a boundary in accordance with the SDNPA Settlement Boundaries Methodology which says that detached parts of settlements may have boundaries drawn around them where they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Have a density of 30 dwellings per hectare or more (after deduction of any long narrow rear gardens as per paragraph 26 above). Clusters of low density villa style housing or of detached houses with sizeable side or front gardens will not be given settlement boundaries b) Comprise a continuous block of curtilages, of buildings which are in close proximity to one another, without large residential plots, landscaping or other open space breaking up the area (though they may be separated by roads) c) Include at least twenty dwellings and d) Are situated within 150m of the main part of the settlement, are visually related to the main part of the settlement and do not have any identity as a separate settlement or hamlet. 	Review settlement boundary to consider incorporating Hampers Green.

Ref	Comment	SDNPA Recommendation to Petworth Town Council
	Land to the north of Northend Close and to the south of allocation E2 is included within the settlement boundary, but not allocated for any use. Is this intentional or an error?	Review settlement boundary north of Northend Close, south of E2.
5.0 Housing		
Table 5.1 Allocated housing number	This table implies a level of preciseness which is not replicated in the site allocations.	Amend heading to be ' <i>Indicative</i> housing number' or approximate etc. Alternatively put a range of housing numbers in rather than a precise figure.
5.10	Discussion was had about the identification of sites that might not be immediately available but could come forward within the plan period. They were sites considered to be of importance to the town and needed to be treated carefully. However, these 'opportunity sites' do not appear in the document.	Consider including opportunity sites within the supporting text to assist in highlighting these important areas.
Policy H3: Housing type and Mix	This issue is dealt with by strategic policy SD27 of the draft Pre-Submission Plan. It is appreciated that there wasn't a housing mix policy in the Preferred Options Local Plan but given that there now is, it is not felt that policy H3 is needed. There is a discrepancy between H3 and SD27 as H3 sets a threshold of 5 dwellings and SD27 applies to all housing development.	Delete unless there is locally specific information to indicate an alternative mix.
Policy H4 Affordable Housing Provision	This issue is dealt with by strategic policy SD28 of the draft Pre-Submission Plan. There are major differences between policies H4 and SD28 with different quantum and thresholds. In order to be in general conformity with the existing and emerging Local Plan it is suggested that affordable housing policies be removed from Neighbourhood Plans.	Delete unless there is locally specific information to indicate an alternative mix.
5.19	Site H6 is currently outside of the settlement boundary	Error
Policy H5 / H6 / H7	As a group of sites, their existing rural character should influence the design and mitigation measures. Historically this part of Petworth was the location for small scale horticulture providing a distinctive setting to the town. Horticulture, community gardens, allotments, orchards, food trees integrated into the settlement design would all support this character and provide links to the area's history.	Incorporate into design and layout of allocations links to historical past of this area. Additional text for all site specific policies.

Ref	Comment	SDNPA Recommendation to Petworth Town Council
	'Development proposals on the site should: <u>be landscape-led</u> '	
Policy H5: Rotherlea	It is noted that the Neighbourhood Plan proposes a density of development that is lower than the current application. The policy should include reference to the pond and the need to successfully integrate it into any scheme as well as the need to safeguard and enhance biodiversity.	Include further detail.
5.24	...will address traffic impact <i>by removing school traffic from local roads.</i>	Clarity
Policy H6: The Square Field	This is a surviving historic field whose boundaries remain unchanged. These boundaries are mature and contribute to the character of this part of Petworth, providing historic continuity close to the settlement. Therefore they should be retained. This may be through the retention of important trees that bound the site. As a result access via the north would retain the field boundary and ensure the multiple benefits it will deliver (as GI) can be realised.	Include the need to retain the historic field boundaries within the policy.
Policy H7: Petworth South	<p>The selection of this site for allocation exemplifies the conundrum of planning and localism in a protected landscape. This is an area which the SDNPA has had some concerns about developing but it meets many of the objectives of residents of Petworth and extensive consultation underpins its allocation. It is anticipated that with the strengthening of the policy as set out below, these objectives can be balanced with those of the National Park.</p> <p>The policy refers to views in and out, design of the site layout, a "well designed gateway" and the need for landscaping. The supporting text refers to density increasing away from the eastern and southern fringes. However it is felt that the policy could say more and incorporate many of the ideas from the masterplan to give a stronger steer. The opportunity needs to be grasped to improve the southern aspect of the town particularly given the views from higher ground to the south as well as from other key locations such as Lavington Park (Seaford College). The policy should require that the development is of a high quality and sustainable design which responds to the local landscape and doesn't introduce features of standard suburban developments such as</p>	<p>The policy be strengthened to incorporate more detail.</p> <p>Major development test to be completed by SDNPA in consultation with PTC.</p>

Ref	Comment	SDNPA Recommendation to Petworth Town Council
	<p>windy roads and close-boarded fencing.</p> <p>It is appreciated that the sunken nature of the A285 would be detrimentally affected by moving the access to the north, but the policy should specify that the resulting more southerly vehicular access should be as a spine through the centre of the development and not form the southern boundary in as far as is possible.</p> <p>The policy should state that the external edges of the development should reflect traditional settlement edge in form i.e. “organic” not built up to the squared off boundaries of the existing field.</p> <p>The masterplan indicates that the new dropping off place for school children is within the school grounds on what currently appears to be playground. Policy H7 does not include this land within the site boundary and therefore it is not clear from the policy that this is in the intention.</p> <p>The supporting text could be more detailed in terms of why the site has been selected to include for example how it meets the objectives and its proximity to town centre services as identified through the site assessment work. Alternatively greater reference should be made to the site assessment document</p> <p>Masterplan – It needs to be demonstrated that the indicative masterplan has been developed using a landscape-led approach. It shows the removal of extant field boundaries and then goes on to prescribe a ‘strong landscape structure’ and tree and hedgerow planting. The road layout currently also seems very standard. To be landscape-led this plan should be identifying the key landscape features in the area which contribute to local character and provide opportunities to deliver multiple benefits for both people and wildlife. These might well be historic landscape features, which given their time-depth may be valuable and worth retaining. Local roads have a pattern (character) which could help to influence the design of this scheme, for example do they follow contours or are they cross contour.</p>	

Ref	Comment	SDNPA Recommendation to Petworth Town Council
	<p>It may be beneficial to get all relevant stakeholders together (including WSCC Highways) to develop the masterplan further. This would also help to demonstrate that the indicative figure of 100 dwellings is appropriate for the sites.</p> <p>It is considered that the allocation of this site may constitute 'Major Development'. Paragraph 116 of the NPPF states that planning permission should be refused for major development in National Parks, except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated that they are in the public interest. Draft Core Policy SD3 of the Local Plan: Preferred Options deals with major development. In the context of a National Park, major development is a proposal that by reason of its scale, character or nature has the potential to have a serious adverse impact on the natural beauty, wildlife or cultural heritage of, or recreational opportunities provided by, the National Park. As a consequence a major development test will need to be carried out. This work will comply with the NPPF both in terms of national considerations, and the emerging Local Plan Policies.</p>	
6 Environment, Sustainability and Design Quality		
Policy ESD1: Character and Design	<p>This policy is generic and could be more locally specific for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In terms of landscape character Petworth falls within the Low Weald, Sandy Arable Farmland and Greensand Hills character areas. Key features could be extracted and incorporated into the plan • Are there opportunities to connect areas of green infrastructure within the parish? • What is the local character in terms of built design? Could other studies be referred to? • Are there particular hard and soft landscape treatments that might be most suitable? 	The policy be strengthened to incorporate more locally specific detail.

Ref	Comment	SDNPA Recommendation to Petworth Town Council
	There is no mention of contemporary architecture. Is this supported or is the town refraining from any contemporary typologies.	
6.9	Focal points could include residential squares, <u>key buildings</u> or local green spaces. Design could reflect the immediate character of existing buildings.	Re-phrase, this might not be desirable.
ESD2: Housing Density	This policy sets a housing density for residential development. The policy will be tested through planning applications and examination. It is considered appropriate, but then does not need to be repeated in each of the allocation policies. Amend para 6.11 In making the best use of land <i>in these locations</i> , new residential development should therefore achieve <i>this</i> density, which is in keeping with the existing character of these areas. <i>Within very central locations, higher density may be suitable and in line with the tightly packed and historic nature of the town centre.</i>	Remove repeat references.
Policy ESD3 (Design and access statements)	The requirements of a design and access statement is not a matter than can be required by policy through a Neighbourhood Plan. This occurs in regular places within the plan and needs amending. However, the intensions and guidance it provides are supported.	Remove policy or convert to an informative / supporting text. The following wording is suggested as a starting point: <i><u>A Design and Access Statement is a concise report accompanying certain applications. They provide an opportunity for applicants to explain how the proposed development is a suitable response to the sites and its setting. the following topics could be considered:</u></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Context and character etc.. Add boundary / curtilage treatments i.e. walls and hedges within public realm, no close boarded fencing.
ESD4: Preserving Local Green and will be preserved and where possible enhanced <u>and will be protected in accordance with the NPPF:</u>	Not necessary, their preservation is set out in the NPPF and enhancement is unlikely to require

Ref	Comment	SDNPA Recommendation to Petworth Town Council
Spaces		development.
ESD5: Public Green Spaces	<p>It may be better to title policy and designations as ‘public open space’ – consistent with standard terminology and would avoid confusion with ‘local green space’.</p> <p>Second paragraph is phrased awkwardly, ‘demonstrably not possible to the satisfaction of Petworth TC...’ – better to say ‘the applicant has robustly demonstrated that...’</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the Local Planning Authority not PTC to be satisfied as to the ability or otherwise to provide on-site provision. This would be done in consultation with PTC. It is likely, given the tightly packed nature of the town that on site provision on most windfall sites will not be possible.</p>	<p>Minor word changes to improve readability.</p> <p>Remove reference to PTC.</p>
6.19	Petworth is incorrectly spelled in the final sentence.	Typo
Policy ESD6	<p>This policy needs to be strengthened and require developers to take a landscape-led approach to master-planning and design in order to minimise the impacts from the outset through layout and design choices as opposed to trying to cover them up with planting at the end.</p> <p>The first criteria requires development to maintain a visual connection with the countryside. It is not clear what this means. Does this mean a transition from urban to rural or is it about views?</p> <p>An LVIA must be undertaken iteratively and in collaboration with design development. This is the case for all of the allocated sites.</p> <p>Evidence used in landscape-led planning is not only published by SDNPA or Petworth, there’s lots of other evidence which should be informing layout, design and mitigation measures. Not least the Petworth EUS and similar syntheses of historic evidence such as HLC.</p>	The policy be strengthened to require a landscape-led approach.
Policy ESD7: Biodiversity and Trees	1 st criteria – The need to demonstrate that there is no adverse impact would be difficult for any applicant to achieve.	Suggest the first criteria refers to adverse impacts on protected species and designated sites.

Ref	Comment	SDNPA Recommendation to Petworth Town Council
	<p>para 2 should read ‘ ..networks within <u>and beyond</u> the site.’ Maintain permeability for wildlife through the site to key landscape features beyond it. These sites are part of the landscape (there’s no distinction between town and countryside in landscape) and the two should blend together to provide resilience for wildlife and benefits (ecosystem services) for people.</p> <p>The emerging South Downs Local Plan includes policy SD11 on trees, woodland and hedgerows. This sets different criteria and provides more detail.</p>	<p>Suggest removal of policy in relation to trees etc and reference to the South Downs Local Plan to avoid conflict and confusion.</p> <p>Suggest policy includes some positive wording regarding the need to conserve and enhance biodiversity as part of proposals.</p>
7 Working and Shopping		
WS1: Petworth Town Centre	Policy WS1 requires a retail impact assessment for all retail applications outside Petworth Town Centre. This is more demanding than draft policy SD38 if the Local Plan.	Revise policy to require retail impact assessment for all retail applications over 150 m2
Policy WS2	This is headed “visitor accommodation” but also relates to A3 uses.	Suggest ‘Visitor economy’ or Visitor Needs?
Policy WS4 – Land East of Hampers Common Industrial Estate	This policy is dominated by the requirements for parking and access alongside screening and visual impact. If it is necessary to hide something it’s probably in the wrong location. Screening can be a landscape impact in itself if it doesn’t reflect local landscape character (patterns of features), therefore there needs to be more thought in relation to landscape effects of the proposed development. What other functions is this screening going to provide? Could there be innovative design solutions to both mitigate impacts and deliver multiple benefits, e.g. green walls adjacent to busy roads for example.	Although the site is less sensitive than H7, could some of the development requirements relating to that allocation be incorporated into WS4. There is no need for industrial development to be any less scrutinised than residential.
7.22	Para 7.22 gives the site area of Land East of Hampers Common as 0.5 ha. The ELR gives it as 1.4 ha.	The site area is between 1.2 and 1.4 ha. Amend text.
8 getting Around		

Ref	Comment	SDNPA Recommendation to Petworth Town Council
GA1	It is questioned as to whether the fairly demanding parking standards for 1 and 2 bedroom housing in GA1 may inadvertently cut across the density and design consideration set down in ESD2 and 3? Is it realistic/necessary to achieve 2 spaces per 2/3 bed dwelling for infills in the densely built up town centre area? Should there be some flexibility for proposals within the Town Centre Boundary?	Suggest the policy could be clarified to note that the standards set out incorporate both allocated and visitor (unallocated) parking, and include the need for the design of parking to integrate with the context.
GA2: Pedestrian and cycle movement	... and cycle connections to <u>routes to</u> the town centre... New paragraph – Contributions will be sought from <u>all applicable development</u> the developer to enhance.....	Minor text changes
GA2 and GA3	It would appear that these policies are requiring developer contributions for infrastructure that potentially isn't directly related to the site allocations. This would be effectively 'double dipping', as it is also likely that they are projects that would naturally fall to be put forward for inclusion as part of the SDNPA's Infrastructure Business Plan. Policy GA3 and para 8.16 seeks developer contributions towards controlling traffic movements through the town. This would be done through CIL, it would be better to reference this in Chapter 11.	Can it be demonstrated that the policy requirements are fully compliant with reg122 of the CIL regulations. Delete GA3, include information in the GA Chapter and Chapter 11.
LW2 Playing fields	Similar to ESD5 – stated '...there is evidence that the site or facility is not surplus to requirements...' – should this be 'the applicant should either provide evidence that the existing facility is surplus to requirements, or must provide alternative facilities...' ?	
LW3: Assets of Community Value	This is not a planning policy. The designation of an ACV requires an application to Chichester District Council.	Remove.
LW5 Additional community facilities	Reads more as an objective than a policy	Reconsider policy wording
11.0 Delivery		

Ref	Comment	SDNPA Recommendation to Petworth Town Council
	<p>PNDP is one of the first to start to consider the implications and possibilities surrounding CIL. We congratulate them on starting to think about this at such an early stage.</p> <p>Para 11.4 says that all new development will pay CIL. This is not correct. CIL is only liable on residential development and new retail floorspace over 280sqm.</p> <p>CIL came into effect on 01 April 2017. Here is a link to our website giving further information on CIL https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/community-infrastructure-levy/</p> <p>There appears to be a number of objectives identified throughout the Plan that the Neighbourhood proportion of CIL could help to achieve/support. It would perhaps therefore be worthwhile either highlighting them as they currently appear in the Plan, or to re-iterate in Section 11. The objectives identified for potential inclusion are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WS01 • WS02 • WS05 • WS06 • GA02 • GA03 • GA04 • GA05 • LW01 • LW02 	<p>Incorporate the objectives into para 11.4.</p>
DI	<p>The phrase “mitigate the impact of the new development is either already in place, or will be provided to an agreed timescale” is unlikely to be achievable or reasonable. Mitigating the impact of the development is potentially a job for CIL money and there is no guarantee of timescale for provision.</p> <p>Similarly, the third paragraph of the policy requires infrastructure and maintenance of the provision to either be agreed for provision prior. Petworth TC might be able to ring-fence how they want to be spend their proportion of CIL, but it will be SDNPA</p>	<p>Amend text</p>

Ref	Comment	SDNPA Recommendation to Petworth Town Council
	P&P Committee ultimately making the decision on where the SDNPA proportion of CIL will be spent on an annually, based on the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.	
Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulation Assessment, Market Square proposals and Site Assessments	Comments to be provided by Officers and will be made public on the SDNPA website.	

Pre Submission Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Draft Plan March 2017(Regulation 14)

Chichester District Council – Planning Policy Response – April 2017

As the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) is the lead Authority on this Neighbourhood Plan, Chichester District Council Planning Policy comments are generally confined to the area outside the South Downs National Park. However, various other Council departments may provide separate comments on the Plan directly to the Parish.

It is evident that a considerable amount of work has been undertaken in relation to the pre submission Petworth Neighbourhood Plan (NDP). The document is succinct, clear and easy to read and follow. It is a well laid out document and the use of colour to link themes is helpful making it easy to identify and find a policy. Pictures, maps and diagrams complement the text well. It is suggested that it may be helpful to enlarge Figure 8 to also cover a full page as this would allow the boundaries to be clear in the same way as the allocation maps.

Page 4: Para 1.4 – This section needs to be clear that there are two planning authority areas for the NDP area, albeit Chichester District Council (CDC) only covers a small area.

Page 10: Local Context – Again this section requires some clarification that there are two local planning authority areas for the NDP designated area. Although the area that falls under CDC is small, the prevailing planning policy documents will vary from those in the majority of the NDP area. In the small CDC area, generally countryside, the Chichester Local Plan: Key Policies 2014-2029 forms part of the development plan; there are no longer any saved policies from the previous 1999 saved Chichester Local Plan. This should be clarified in the document.

Page 12: para 2.13 – this may require correction depending on whether the text is referring to Petworth Parish or the town. If it is the Parish then the comments above are relevant.

Page 18: para 4.2 – there may need to be some slight adjustment to the text in the light of the comments above with regard to Page 10.

Page 20: para 5.2 – it is not always clear in the bullet points as to when the figures refer to Petworth town or Petworth parish. This is particularly the case with the 3rd, 6th and 7th bullet points. It may be helpful to include a footnote or 'rule of thumb' approach that is set out for the reader.

Exercise of Delegated Authority - Head of Planning Services

I hereby exercise my delegated power in accordance with Chichester District Council's Constitution:

'to make formal comments on a draft Neighbourhood Plan at Pre-Submission stage and Submission stage'

AND DETERMINE THAT, the above comments are the formal response made by Chichester District Council Planning Policy on the **pre submission stage** of the **Petworth Neighbourhood Plan** in relation to comments made under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended by The Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015):-

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Hunt'.

Head of Planning Services

Date: 28 April 2017

Note: The deadline for making representations should not be less than 6 weeks from the first day the draft plan was publicised.

From: David Hyland <dhyland@chichester.gov.uk>
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Subject: FW: Petworth Neighbourhood Plan - Pre Submission Consultation (Regulation 14)

Good afternoon

I have taken the opportunity to review the Draft Neighbourhood Plan with input from my colleague Shona Turner. Our particular professional interest is Community Buildings/Facilities but have taken the time to consider the full document.

Broadly, we would compliment you on a straight forward and well put together Plan. The 'Timeline to date' and 'Timeline going forward' look particularly effective and don't recall seeing anything similar in other local Neighbourhood Plans. I'm sure you're more interested in points of policy than simple typos, but for completeness we did spot one in para 10.6 on page 52 (should it read "any" instead of "in").

With regards to Assets of Community Value pg 52/53 the Policy you suggest (LW4) is only effective where an Asset has been listed by this Council. Currently we have no nominations from Petworth, is there a subsequent intention to identify and nominate buildings of local value? My concern would be that there is often a distinction between what a community or specifically a Neighbourhood Plan recognises as a building or asset that has local value (and would seek to protect in Policy terms) and those that can or are nominated for listing. Other NPs have chosen to write a long list of buildings or assets they would seek to cover by their own Policies (broadly along the lines of your LW1,3,4) and then allow for a future short listing approach for those which might be nominated and listed. I think Bury PC have followed this approach most recently (and comprehensively) and might be worth reviewing – but if you would like to discuss with me further then please do contact me.

Kind regards



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Chichester District Neighbourhood Plan Checklist

This checklist is for Neighbourhood Plans covering Chichester District. Due to the high volume of neighbourhood plans across the county we have had to focus our detailed engagement to those areas where the environmental risks are greatest.

Together with Natural England, English Heritage and Forestry Commission we have published joint advice on neighbourhood planning which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans. This is available at:

http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140328084622/http://cdn.environment-agency.gov.uk/lit_6524_7da381.pdf

The below checklist takes you through the issues we would consider in reviewing your Plan. We aim to reduce flood risk, while protecting and enhancing the water environment.

We recommend completing this to check whether we are likely to have any concerns with your Neighbourhood Plan at later stages.

Flood Risk

Your Neighbourhood Plan should conform to national and local policies on flood risk:

- National Planning Policy Framework – para.100
‘Inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at highest risk, but where development is necessary, making it safe without increasing flood risk elsewhere.’
- Chichester Local Plan: Key Policies Pre-Submission - Draft Policy 42
‘... Flood and erosion risk will be taken into account at all stages in the planning process to avoid inappropriate development in areas at current or future risk, and to direct development away from areas of highest risk... ’

If your Neighbourhood Plan is proposing sites for development check whether there are any areas of Flood Zones 2 or 3 within the proposed site allocations.

How?	Input postcodes or place names at: http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?x=357683.0&y=355134.0&scale=1&layerGroups=default&ep=map&textonly=off&lang=e&topic=floodmap
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If there are no areas of Flood Zones 2 or 3:	We are pleased to see that all development proposed through your Neighbourhood Plan has been directed to areas of lowest risk of flooding. This is consistent with the aims of national planning policy and the emerging policies in the Chichester District Local Plan.
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If you are aware that any of the sites have previously suffered flooding or are at risk of other sources of flood risk such as surface water or groundwater flooding we recommend you seek the advice of West Sussex County Council and Chichester District Council.

If sites proposed include areas at	In accordance with national planning policy the Sequential Test should be undertaken to ensure development is directed to the areas of lowest flood risk. This should be informed by the Environment Agency's flood
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risk of flooding: map for planning and Chichester District Council's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA). We recommend you contact Chichester District Council to discuss this requirement further.

We would have concerns if development is allocated in this high risk flood zone without the Sequential Test being undertaken.

It is important that your Plan also considers whether the flood risk issues associated with these sites can be safely managed to ensure development can come forward.

Next steps Please contact us (see details below) for further advice if any sites include areas of Flood Zone 3, which is defined as having a high probability of flooding, as we may have concerns with your Plan.

Wastewater Treatment

Chichester City, Fishbourne, Donnington and Apuldrum Neighbourhood Plan areas fall within the drainage catchment of the Apuldrum Wastewater Treatment Works. There are concerns regarding the impact of the storm overflow from the treatment works on the water quality in Chichester Harbour. We would recommend that you check with Chichester District Council that any allocation is included within their headroom assessment. You may also wish to consider how you may manage development locally once the agreed headroom has been used up.

Water Management

In February 2011, the Government signalled its belief that more locally focussed decision making and action should sit at the heart of improvements to the water environment. This is widely known as the catchment-based approach and has been adopted to deliver requirements under the Water Framework Directive. It seeks to:

- deliver positive and sustained outcomes for the water environment by promoting a better understanding of the environment at a local level; and
- to encourage local collaboration and more transparent decision-making when both planning and delivering activities to improve the water environment.

Neighbourhood Plans provide an opportunity to deliver multi-functional benefits through linking development with enhancements to the environment.

Chichester District Council lies within the South East River Basin Management Plan area. This area is subdivided into catchments. The relevant catchment for your District is the Arun and Western Streams catchment. A Catchment Partnership has been established for each of these to direct and coordinate relevant activities and projects within the catchment through the production of a Catchment Management Plan. The Catchment Partnerships are supported by a broad range of organisations and individuals representing a whole host of interests.

The following websites provides information that should be of use in developing your Neighbourhood Plan:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/south-east-river-basin-management-plan>

<http://www.arunwesternstreams.org.uk>

Infrastructure Delivery

We would recommend that environmental infrastructure, including habitat enhancements, water storage areas, and green space, is taken into account when looking to fund local infrastructure.

For further information or advice please email us at planningssd@environment-agency.gov.uk

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0800 80 70 60

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Cc: Planning SE

Subject: Highways England response re Pre-submission draft Petworth Neighbourhood Plan and draft Sustainability Appraisal

Highways England reference: #2618

Consultation: Pre-submission draft Petworth Neighbourhood Plan and draft Sustainability Appraisal

Dear Neighbourhood Plan team,

Thank you for inviting Highways England to comment on the pre-submission draft Petworth Neighbourhood Plan and the draft Sustainability Appraisal.

Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity. We will therefore be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact the safe and efficient operation of the strategic road network.

Having reviewed the published documentation, we do not have any comments on the pre-submission draft Petworth Neighbourhood Plan and the draft Sustainability Appraisal Plan; however, please continue to consult us.

Kind regards,

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14th May 2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Draft

Thank you for the e-mail of 3rd April advising Historic England of the consultation on your Neighbourhood Plan. We are pleased to make the following general and detailed comments.

The nature of the locally-led neighbourhood plan process is that the community itself should determine its own agenda based on the issues about which it is concerned. At the same time, as a national organisation able increasingly to draw upon our experiences of neighbourhood planning exercises across the country, our input can help communities reflect upon the special (heritage) qualities which define their area to best achieve aims and objectives for the historic environment. To this end information on our website might be of assistance – the appendix to this letter contains links to this website and to a range of potentially useful other websites.

We welcome the section on the history of Petworth, but would like to see a little more on the development of the town over its 1,000+ years' history, such as there is in the Petworth Conservation Area Character Appraisal. As the Plan area extends some way beyond the town, it would also be helpful to have some information on the history of the parish as a whole.

Reference could be made to the National Heritage List for England, which has 249 entries for Petworth parish; 246 listed buildings (including two Grade I and 14 Grade II*), two scheduled monuments and one historic park and garden, with an indication of their distribution could help paint more of a picture of the town and parish, although we note paragraph 6.3 later in the Plan. The South Downs Integrated Landscape Character Assessment could be another useful source of information for historic landscapes and the Historic Environment Record for archaeological remains.

National Planning Practice Guidance is that neighbourhood plans should include enough information *"about local heritage to guide decisions and put broader strategic heritage policies from the local plan into action at a neighbourhood scale"* and *"about local non-designated heritage assets.....to guide decisions"*.



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Is there a list of locally important buildings and other features - non-designated heritage assets, such as locally important buildings, can make an important contribution to creating a sense of place and local identity ?

Is the condition of heritage assets in the parish an issue ? Although none of the heritage assets in the parish are currently on the Historic England Heritage at Risk Register the Register does not include grade II buildings. We are aware that the National Park Authority commissioned a survey of grade II buildings in the Park to ascertain which, if any, were at risk – were any of those in Petworth parish ? Has there been any or is there any ongoing loss of character, particularly within the Conservation Areas, through inappropriate development, inappropriate alterations to properties under permitted development rights, loss of vegetation, insensitive streetworks etc ?

We welcome the reference in the Vision to the historic core being retained, but would prefer “conserved and enhanced” to simply “retained”, as that would imply more positive, proactive efforts to maintain or improve the centre’s historic significance and character. Similarly, we welcome first Key Principle and the reference to the historic heart, but again we would prefer “conservation and enhancement” to “preservation”.

Also, paragraph 3.3 only addresses the compactness of the town as one of its key characteristics. There is no Key Principle for the conservation and enhancement of other key characteristics of the town, such as its buildings, *the spaces between them, building materials, walls, street paving, kerbing, lighting etc.*

However, we note that *this point is covered, for development proposals, by Policy PP2, which we welcome as paragraph 58 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that Local and Neighbourhood Plans should “...develop robust and comprehensive policies that set out the quality of development that will be expected for the area. Such policies should be based on stated objectives for the future of the area and an understanding and evaluation of its defining characteristics”.*

Nevertheless, in accordance with the NPPF we consider that policies such as PP2 and ESD1 and, indeed, Neighbourhood Development Plans themselves, should be underpinned by a thorough understanding of the character and special qualities of the area covered by the Plan. Characterisation studies such as Village Design Statements can also help inform locations and detailed design of proposed new development, identify possible townscape improvements and establish a baseline against which to measure change.

A Village Design Statement would also underpin the Key Principle that *“Petworth’s new housing must be sustainably designed and well built, to complement the architecture of the town”, which we support in principle. We are aware of the Character Appraisal for the Conservation Area, but is there any characterisation of the town or parish as a whole ? If not, Placecheck or the Oxford Toolkit (see the Appendix) may be useful.*



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We have assessed the sites proposed as housing allocations against our records of designated heritage assets. None of them contain or appear to be within the setting of any such assets. However, the Historic Environment Record should also be consulted for any records of archaeological finds on any of the proposed sites and the advice of the National Park Authority's archaeological advisor sought if it has not already been.

If there is a reasonable potential for archaeological remains on any of the sites, it would be prudent to include a requirement for a pre-determination archaeological assessment to be undertaken in Policies H5, H6 and H7.

We suggest that Objective ESD01 also recognise a historical perspective to Petworth's setting within the South Downs National Park. We welcome Objective ESD02. We would also welcome a specific Objective of the conservation and enhancement of the parish's historic environment. We welcome and support Policy ESD1 and Policy ESD3 for its reference to historic character. However, as explained earlier in this letter, these policies should be underpinned by an understanding of the character of the Plan area as a whole as the policies are intended to apply throughout the Plan area.

We welcome the reference to the size, scale and historic nature of the town centre in Policy WS1.

Finally, we have two general observations. It would be helpful if the Plan set out more coherently the issues affecting Petworth that the Plan's policies and proposals are intended to address. In our experience Neighbourhood Plans usually include a section on issues that have been identified from the baseline and through the community consultation process, which then inform and justify the Plan's policies and proposals.

Also, the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan offers the opportunity to harness a community's interest in the historic environment by getting the community to help add to the evidence base, perhaps by undertaking a historic characterisation survey as indicated in this letter, inputting to the preparation or review of a conservation area appraisal or the preparation of a comprehensive list of locally important buildings and features.

As regards the Sustainability Appraisal, our only comment is that it is not clear quite how the assessment has been undertaken – there appears to be no reference to sub-objectives/ decision-making criteria or to indicators/measures. However, the assessment is relatively straightforward so we do not consider this a significant problem.

We hope you find these comments helpful. Should you wish to discuss any points within this letter, or if there are particular issues with the historic environment in Petworth, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you again for consulting Historic England.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Small". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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Appendix: Sources of Information



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The National Heritage List for England: a full list with descriptions of England's listed buildings:
<http://list.historicengland.org.uk>

Heritage Gateway: includes local records of historic buildings and features
www.heritagegateway.org.uk

Heritage Counts: facts and figures on the historic environment <http://hc.historicengland.org.uk>

<http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/> has information on neighbourhood planning and the historic environment .

HELM (Historic Environment Local Management) provides accessible information, training and guidance to decision makers whose actions affect the historic environment. www.helm.org.uk or www.helm.org.uk/communityplanning

Heritage at Risk programme provides a picture of the health of England's built heritage alongside advice on how best to save those sites most at risk of being lost forever.

<http://risk.historicengland.org.uk/register.aspx>

Placecheck provides a method of taking the first steps in deciding how to improve an area.

<http://www.placecheck.info/>

The Building in Context Toolkit grew out of the publication 'Building in Context' published by EH and CABE in 2001. The purpose of the publication is to stimulate a high standard of design when development takes place in historically sensitive contexts. The founding principle is that all successful design solutions depend on allowing time for a thorough site analysis and character appraisal of context. <http://building-in-context.org/toolkit.html>

Knowing Your Place deals with the incorporation of local heritage within plans that rural communities are producing,

<http://www.historicengland.org.uk/publications/knowning-your-place/>

Planning for the Environment at the Neighbourhood Level produced jointly by English Heritage, Natural England, the Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission gives ideas on how to improve the local environment and sources of information. <http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/PDF/GEHO0212BWAZ-E-E.pdf>

Good Practice Guide for Local Heritage Listing produced by Historic England, uses good practice to support the creation and management of local heritage lists.

<http://www.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/good-practice-local-heritage-listing/>

Understanding Place series describes current approaches to and applications of historic characterisation in planning together with a series of case studies

<http://www.helm.org.uk/server/show/nav.19604>

Oxford Character Assessment Toolkit can be used to record the features that give a settlement or part of a settlement its sense of place

<http://www.oxford.gov.uk/PageRender/decP/CharacterAppraisalToolkit.htm>.



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11 May 2017

Dear Sir / Madam

**Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Consultation
SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL GRID**

National Grid has appointed Amec Foster Wheeler to review and respond to development plan consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regards to the above Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

About National Grid

National Grid owns and operates the high voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales and operate the Scottish high voltage transmission system. National Grid also owns and operates the gas transmission system. In the UK, gas leaves the transmission system and enters the distribution networks at high pressure. It is then transported through a number of reducing pressure tiers until it is finally delivered to our customer. National Grid own four of the UK's gas distribution networks and transport gas to 11 million homes, schools and businesses through 81,000 miles of gas pipelines within North West, East of England, West Midlands and North London.

To help ensure the continued safe operation of existing sites and equipment and to facilitate future infrastructure investment, National Grid wishes to be involved in the preparation, alteration and review of plans and strategies which may affect our assets.

Specific Comments

An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high pressure gas pipelines and also National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate / High Pressure apparatus.

National Grid has identified the following high voltage overhead powerlines as falling within the Neighbourhood area boundary:

- 4VF Route – 400kV from Bolney substation in Mid Sussex to Lovedean substation in East Hampshire

From the consultation information provided, the above overheads powerline does not interact with any of the proposed development sites.

Gas Distribution – Low / Medium Pressure

Whilst there is no implications for National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate / High Pressure apparatus, there may however be Low Pressure (LP) / Medium Pressure (MP) Gas Distribution pipes present within

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proposed development sites. If further information is required in relation to the Gas Distribution network please contact plantprotection@nationalgrid.com

Key resources / contacts

National Grid has provided information in relation to electricity and transmission assets via the following internet link:

<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/>

The first point of contact for all works within the vicinity of gas distribution assets is Plant Protection (plantprotection@nationalgrid.com).

Information regarding the transmission and distribution network can be found at: www.energynetworks.org.uk

Please remember to consult National Grid on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or site-specific proposals that could affect our infrastructure. We would be grateful if you could add our details shown below to your consultation database:

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I hope the above information is useful. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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cc. Spencer Jefferies, National Grid

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Dear Mr Buckle

Petworth Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated and received by Natural England on 12th May 2017.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England does not consider that this Neighbourhood Plan poses any likely risk or opportunity in relation to our statutory purpose, and so does not wish to comment on this consultation.

The lack of comment from Natural England should not be interpreted as a statement that there are no impacts on the natural environment. Other bodies and individuals may wish to make comments that might help the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to fully take account of any environmental risks and opportunities relating to this document.

If you disagree with our assessment of this proposal as low risk, or should the proposal be amended in a way which significantly affects its impact on the natural environment, then in accordance with Section 4 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, please consult Natural England again.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Jenkins
Consultations Team



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By Email

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Contact:
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Petworth Neighbourhood Plan – pre-submission

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the Pre-Submission Petworth Neighbourhood Plan.

Southern Water is the statutory water and wastewater undertaker for Petworth, with a duty to serve new development, and as such is committed to ensuring the right infrastructure in the right place at the right time in collaboration with Petworth Town Council, developers and the Local Planning Authority.

Please find following our response in respect of specific policies. We hope that you will find this useful and that it will be taken into account in the next version of your Neighbourhood Plan. We would be grateful if you could keep us informed of future progress.

Yours faithfully,

CMayall

Charlotte Mayall
Planning Coordinator

Policy H7 - Petworth South
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The Neighbourhood Plan identifies that the above site could provide around 100 residential units. In line with paragraph 162 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the National Planning Practice Guidance, we have undertaken a preliminary assessment our infrastructure in relation to this proposal. Our assessment reveals that Southern Water's infrastructure crosses the proposed site at Petworth South, which needs to be taken into account when designing any proposed development. An easement would be required, which may affect the site layout. This easement should be clear of all proposed buildings and substantial tree planting.

Proposed amendment

We therefore propose the following additional bullet point at the end of policy H7 :

- vi. Ensure layout is planned to ensure future access to the existing sewerage infrastructure for maintenance and upsizing purposes.

Policy ESD4: Preserving Local Green Spaces

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Southern Water understands Petworth Town Council's desire to protect its green spaces. However, we cannot support the current wording of policy ESD4. This is because it could create barriers to statutory utility providers, such as Southern Water, delivering essential infrastructure required to serve existing and planned development allocated in the District or Neighbourhood Plan.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) identifies that there are 'very special circumstances' in which development would be permitted in such locations. Paragraph 76 of NPPF sets out that neighbourhood plans can identify green areas of particular importance with the intention of ruling out '*new development other than in very special circumstances*'. Paragraph 88 of the NPPF explains that special circumstances exist if the potential harm of a development proposal is clearly outweighed by other considerations.

Southern Water considers that should the need arise, special circumstances exist in relation to the provision of essential water infrastructure (e.g a new pumping station) required to serve new and existing customers. This is because there are limited options available with regard to location, as the infrastructure would need to connect into existing networks. The draft National Planning Practice Guidance recognises this scenario and states that '*it will be important to recognise that water and wastewater infrastructure sometimes has needs particular to the location (and often consists of engineering works rather than new buildings) which mean otherwise protected areas may exceptionally have to be considered*'.

Proposed amendment

Accordingly, we propose the following additional text at the end of Policy ESD4:

'Development on designated Local Green Spaces will only be permitted in very special circumstances, for example essential utility infrastructure, where the benefit outweighs any harm or loss and it can be demonstrated there are no reasonable alternative sites available.'

Additional policy on the provision of water and wastewater infrastructure

Southern Water is the statutory water and wastewater undertaker for Petworth and as such has a statutory duty to serve new development within the parish.

Although there are no current plans, over the life of the Neighbourhood Plan, it may be that we will need to provide new or improved infrastructure either to serve new development and/or to meet stricter environmental standards.

It is important to have policy provision in the Neighbourhood Plan which seeks to ensure that the necessary infrastructure is in place to meet these requirements.

Whilst we welcome the inclusion of Policy D1 Infrastructure Delivery, supporting the provision of site specific infrastructure through various financial mechanisms, we could find no policies to support the provision of new or improved infrastructure in a more general sense. One of the core planning principles contained in paragraph 17 of the NPPF is to '*proactively drive and support sustainable economic development to deliver the homes, business and industrial units, infrastructure and thriving local places that the country needs*'. Also the National Planning Practice Guidance states that '*Adequate water and wastewater infrastructure is needed to support sustainable development*'.

Although the Parish Council is not the planning authority in relation to water and wastewater development proposals, support for essential infrastructure is required at all levels of the planning system.

Proposed amendment

To ensure consistency with the NPPF and facilitate sustainable development, we propose an additional policy as follows:

New and improved utility infrastructure will be encouraged and supported in order to meet the identified needs of the community subject to other policies in the plan

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15 May 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation
Representations on behalf of West Sussex County Council Property Services as
landowner

I am instructed to write to you in connection with the current consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan and in particular with reference to the proposals for housing development of land at the southern end of the town covered by policies H5, H6 and H7.

You will be receiving a letter (addressed to Councillor Kemp) from the Leader of the County Council responding to his comments on the Council's current planning application to develop the Rotherlea site (H5). The principle of the development of the three sites south of the town is supported by the County Council as owner of the Rotherlea site and given its interest in the school site and other land covered by the illustrative master plans. With regard to Rotherlea (H5) and as the letter to Councillor Kemp explains, the County Council remains committed to pursuing the submitted proposals for 34 dwellings which have been the subject of extensive and detailed negotiations with the South Downs National Park Authority over the last two years and which follows previous applications and permissions including one for 43 dwellings.

The submitted scheme would allow development of the site to proceed independently of the adjacent 'Square Field' (H6) site but importantly would not prejudice that site being developed at some future date as a stand-alone development or prejudice future discussions with the adjoining owner for a revised joint scheme. Access via Littlecote would still be possible. The suggested density for development of the Rotherlea site (23 dwellings) is too low as evidenced by the current and previous applications. The site can readily accommodate over 30 dwellings whilst ensuring an attractive layout, again as confirmed by the lengthy negotiations with the South Downs National Park Authority including its Design Review Panel.

Turning to the school site, the illustrative master plan suggests provision of a parking area within the current playing field. This is not acceptable and an alternative should be considered by provision alongside the new school access road as indicated on the enclosed plan.

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In addition, provision of the pedestrian route through the school (marked 03 on the plan) is not appropriate as it provides a route for pedestrians and cyclists far too close to the school entrance and buildings. This would raise security and children's safeguarding concerns. Station Road provides a suitable route northwards to the town centre from the main housing area H7.

The former Herbert Shiner School Hall adjacent to the primary school is used out of school hours for various purposes by the local community. There needs to be consideration of the parking available for visitors to the school, for the adjoin nursery, the children & Family Centre and community use. The proposed drop-off area in our suggested revised position could be used in the evenings and at weekends.

The County Council also owns a former school house facing Station Road immediately north of H7. This is currently accessed from the school and any plans for the H7 area should provide for a new independent access.

These comments are made in relation to the County Council's current proposals and they are keen to remain involved in the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and have met with adjoining landowners.

A further meeting with the Town Council's Neighbourhood Plan Working Party would be welcomed if this is considered to be an acceptable way forward.

Yours faithfully

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Residential street
connecting to
Dawtrey Road
and town centre

Pedestrian/ cycle
links connecting
to school

School drop-off
area accessed
off new green
primary street

Primary Street
and new direct
school

Shared space
and/or private
drives

Pedestrian/
cycle links



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Subject: Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Response

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon the Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan for Petworth.

The focus of the County Council's engagement with the development planning process in West Sussex is the new Local Plans that the Districts and Boroughs are preparing as replacements for existing Core Strategies and pre-2004 Local Plans. Whilst welcoming the decisions of so many parishes to prepare Neighbourhood Plans, the County Council does not have sufficient resources available to respond in detail to Neighbourhood Plan consultations unless there are potentially significant impacts on its services that we are not already aware of, or conflicts are identified with its emerging or adopted policies.

In general, the County Council looks for Neighbourhood Plans to be in conformity with the District and Borough Councils' latest draft or adopted development plans. The County Council supports the District and Borough Councils in preparing the evidence base for these plans and aligns its own infrastructure plans with them. The County Council encourages Parish Councils to make use of this information which includes transport studies examining the impacts of proposed development allocations. Where available this information will be published on its website or that of the relevant Local Planning Authority.

In relation to its own statutory functions, the County Council expects all Neighbourhood Plans to take due account of its policy documents and their supporting Sustainability Appraisals. These documents include the West Sussex Waste Local Plan, Minerals Local Plan and West Sussex Transport Plan. It is also recommended that published County Council service plans, for example Planning School Places and West Sussex Rights of Way Improvement Plan, are also taken into account.

The Transport Assessment of the South Downs Local Plan Preferred Options, tested the cumulative impact of development proposed within the National Park (Scenario 1: Local Plan Preferred Options) and an additional scenario which tested a higher housing number (Scenario 2: Medium Housing Target + 60%). The County Council has worked collaboratively with SDNPA to inform the Transport Assessment and on the basis of continuous review of the work carried out, supports its conclusions.

The overall level of development proposed in the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan is in accordance with that proposed in the South Downs Local Plan Preferred Options, which accords to Scenario 1: Local Plan Preferred Options in the Transport Assessment. The County Council consider that this provides sufficient

evidence to justify the overall level of development proposed in the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan.

The location of development proposed in the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan, which proposes to allocate sites for development in the south of the town, differs from the assumptions made in Scenario 1 of the Transport Assessment. However, the proposed site allocations are broadly consistent with the assumptions used to assess Scenario 2 of the Transport Assessment. As Scenario 2 of the Transport Assessment does not suggest that there will be severe impacts on the transport network which could not be mitigated to a satisfactory level, the County Council consider this provides sufficient evidence to justify the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan.

The Transport Assessment indicates that over the Local Plan period, traffic conditions in some locations are likely to worsen due to the effects of background traffic growth. If not addressed through improvements to the highway network, this could exacerbate existing congestion issues, or lead to congestion in previously uncongested locations. However, through the statutory planning system it is necessary to consider the cumulative impacts of development on its merits. On the basis of the Transport Assessment, the County Council consider that the cumulative impacts of traffic generated by the Local Plan development will cause a relatively minor further increase in average peak period traffic flows that is unlikely to be considered 'severe'.

The County Council have no overriding concerns about the transport impacts of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan. However, given that the pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan for Petworth includes the proposed allocation of small scale housing sites, it should be noted that site specific principles in the Neighbourhood Plan will need to be tested and refined through the Development Management process (through the provision of pre-application advice or at the planning application stage) or as part of a consultation for a Community Right to Build Order. Whilst the County Council supports the proactive approach undertaken to allocate sites in the Neighbourhood Plan, we are unable to comment on site specific principles at this stage. In considering site specific principles, please refer to the attached Development Management guidance.

The County Council currently operates a scheme of charging for highways and transport pre-application advice to enable this service to be provided to a consistent and high standard. Please find further information on our charging procedure through the following link:

http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure/getting_around_west_sussex/roads_and_pathways/plans_and_projects/development_control_for_roads/pre-application_charging_guide.aspx

Policy Comments

Policy H5, H6 and H7 – The access arrangements to the sites are subject to demonstration at the planning application stage that safe and suitable access can be designed. The principle of accesses onto Dawtrey and the A285 is acceptable. Road Safety Audits and Design Audits should accompany the planning applications. The application for policy H7 would need to be accompanied by a full Transport Assessment. Based upon a desk top review of

flood risk for the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan, the County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority has no flood risk concerns for these housing sites.

Policy ESD3 – Rather than an Design and Access Statement, the County Council would look for the impact to be assessed through a standalone and proportional transport assessment (i.e. 50+ Transport Statement, 80+ Transport Assessment, anything below 50 a transport statement proportional to the scale of the development is required).

Policies WS3 and WS4 - Based upon review of the updated Surface Water Flood Risk Map, both sites but WS4 in particular, are prone to surface water flooding and WS4 is also at risk from groundwater flooding, probably owing to the underlying Wealden Clay / Mudstone that forms part of the underlying bedrock. Development of site WS4 has the potential to increase the runoff from the site to above existing greenfield rates. Any development of WS4 should be clearly conditioned so as to restrict flows to existing greenfield runoff rates so as not to increase stormwater flows to the tributary of the River Rother.

Policy GA1 Policy seeks to set car parking standards for new residential development in Petworth. Please refer to the County Council's Guidance on Car Parking in Residential Developments and the Car Parking Demand Calculator, which can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/information-for-developers/pre-application-advice-for-roads-and-transport/>

Section 11 leading to Policy D1 identifies items to help guide any spending if CIL and/or S106 agreement contributions. It should be noted that no mechanism currently exists for prioritising infrastructure needs across different public services and allocating funds to priority projects. The County Council is working with the South Downs National Park and other Local Planning Authorities to develop a robust mechanism and establish appropriate governance arrangements to oversee the prioritisation of infrastructure across different services. This will be important to secure delivery of priority projects and the County Council would welcome the Council's support for establishing appropriate decision-making arrangements.

D1 –It's unlikely that CIL will be sort to fund maintenance of highways improvements. Highway improvements would be subject to a S278 Agreement, through which it may be necessary to seek maintenance provision and/or commuted sum payments.

Kind regards
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Dear Sir/Madam

Petworth Neighbourhood Plan

This letter has been prepared following Vail Williams, upon instructions of the family who control land known as “south of Rothermead” identified by reference PW19 as a potential housing site allocated within Option 2 of the June 2016 Neighbourhood Plan Consultation.

This letter should be read in conjunction with the completed questionnaire and principally concerns the Neighbourhood Plan’s flawed approach to identification of suitable housing sites currently outlined in the draft Petworth Neighbourhood Plan (“dPNP”) arising from the adoption of “preferred Option 1”. This response is based on Counsel’s Opinion in relation to the draft Petworth Neighbourhood Plan.

Question 2 – Do you agree with the following housing policies?

My client’s principle objection to Policy H1 is that it seeks to allocate land for 150 new homes to accord with the requirements of the South Downs National Park (“SDNPA”) draft Local Plan however it does not provide any flexibility for provision above that number and therefore imposes a “cap” on development. This approach runs counter to various paragraphs within the National Planning Policy Framework (“NPPF”) such as paragraph 47 which requires Local Planning Authorities to “boost significantly the supply of housing” and paragraph 16 which states the Neighbourhood Plan must “plan positively to support local development” which includes support for strategic development needs set out in Local Plans including local housing needs.

The Planning Policy Guidance which accompanies the NPPF provides guidance to Neighbourhood Plans at paragraph 69 indicating that “a Neighbourhood Plan must not constrain the delivery of national policy objectives”. A Neighbourhood Plan which limits the amount of development to be delivered in an area fails to comply with this core requirement and meet the housing needs of the area.

Policy H1 of the dPNP does not provide any form of flexibility for housing supply. It does not, for example, address the situation where any of the allocated sites do not come forward for as yet unknown reasons. It does not account for any possible reduction in the housing numbers or densities in the sites identified within the plan. It does not envisage a situation where sites may be delayed for unknown reasons by including



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other alternative sites to make up any shortfall and, most importantly, it does not meet the Government's objective for boosting housing supply. Rather, it adheres rigidly to the 150 new homes target set out in the South Downs National Park's own draft Local Plan rather than assessing the true potential of Petworth to accommodate housing growth in sustainable locations to meet the Government's policy objective of increasing housing supply.

This particular failing is compounded by the fact that the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan proceeded in advance of an up to date NPPF compliant Local Plan which must objectively assess the need for housing in the area and the failure of the Neighbourhood Plan to carry out its own independent assessment of need in the absence of it.

The Neighbourhood Plan slavishly follows the 150 dwellings figure set out by the South Downs National Park Authority in its own draft Local Plan without any independent testing of that figure. South Downs National Park's own Local Plan must also provide flexibility to meet future possible housing needs to meet the NPPF requirements.

These matters have been tested through the Courts as Neighbourhood Plans have progressed in different areas. For example, in the case of *Woodcock Holdings v SSCLG* the need for flexibility in Neighbourhood Plans which progress in advance of an NPPF compliant plan is highlighted and the examiner of the Slaughtam Neighbourhood Plan required that an objective assessment of the local residential development needs must form part of the neighbourhood planning process.

Conclusion in relation to Policy H1

Policy H1 is considered unlawful in its current form. It places an unacceptable cap on development, provides no flexibility for further housing to fulfil the Government's objective of boosting housing supply or to make good any delay building the allocated sites and it has advanced without the benefit of any objectively assessed housing requirement. The policy needs to be re-written to introduce flexibility, by identifying further sites, but in advance of that the housing provision for Petworth needs to be established and justified, either in the South Downs National Park's own finalised Local Plan or by the PNP if it is to progress ahead of the National Park's Local Plan.

Question 3 Housing Sites H5, H6 and H7

The Strategic Environmental Directive has been transposed into domestic law by the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. Accordingly, the dPNP must comply with the Directive.

The Directive requires that outline reasons are given for both (i) selecting the preferred option over the other reasonable alternatives and (ii) assessing reasonable alternatives considered in the Strategic Environmental Assessment process. The obligation is to give the main reasons, so that consultees and other interested parties are aware of why the preferred option were chosen and why the reasonable alternatives were not taken forward: see *Friends of the Earth v Welsh Ministers*. Neither of these requirements have been complied with in the dPNP.

The Council's three selected housing sites all formed part of Option 1 within the 2016 Consultation. That consultation process was considered flawed and non-compliant with the Directive for the following reasons;



There is no reasoning that has been made publicly available as to why sites were placed within differing options. This is particularly the case in relation to Housing Option 2, where Sites PW19 and PW18 which adjoin the southern extent of the urban area of Petworth are inexplicably placed with Site PW21 (an open field located to the west of Petworth with access from Tillington Road, and Site PW26 (an extension to Sheepdown Close to the east of Petworth). Neither Site PW21 or PW26 represent any logical extension to the settlement boundary nor are they related in any physical sense to Sites PW18 and PW19. Site PW21 in particular is an obvious incursion into the open countryside and is not even contiguous with the settlement boundary.

As a result of placing my client's Site PW19 (together with PW18) within Option 2, it was considered the least favoured option by the community. This is unsurprising given the undesirable impact of Site PW21 and poor relationship to the urban area of Site PW26. We consider that Sites PW18 and PW19 have as a result been prejudiced in the public consultation held in June 2016 by placing them within Option 2.

Why did the Town Council not consider the option of simply ranking the suitable sites and selecting the most sustainable Sites from that ranking process, rather than placing sites within bundled options? There is no explanation as to why Sites were placed within the bundled options or indeed why options containing differing sites were taken forward rather than reasonable.

Reference is made to a site selection process based on a series of criteria. However, it is unclear when that process took place or indeed where that assessment is. The Council's website only includes the March 2017 Housing Site Assessment. An assessment must have taken place in advance of site selection and indeed placing within the options. The Town Council must explain at what stage the site assessment took place, the results which lead to the sites being selected and how the bundling of options was then established from that assessment.

There is no obvious comparison between the sites previously considered through the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment published in early 2016 and how those sites were ranked and considered suitable for development. The Town Council need to explain how their own site selection process took into account the SDNPA Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment in the early analysis to inform the selection process and grouping of sites in to options. For example, the SDNPA's assessment rejected the land south of the school site as it would have an adverse impact on the character and appearance of the landscape. What are the Town Council's reasons for departing from this conclusion and making this site a proposed allocation?

Concern is expressed that the proposed new primary school access route has been given significantly greater weight than is justified, overriding other potential negative impacts on the site's development highlighted by the SDNPA.

Conclusions in relation to Policy H3

Petworth Town Council was required, in the SEA, to explain why the three options were chosen. However it has not done so and is in clear breach of its SEA obligations. Furthermore, consideration of reasonable alternatives for housing development is a key requirement of the Strategic Environment Assessment Directive. Without evidence of any such assessment of alternatives, the dPNP Plan must be considered unlawful. See e.g. Ashdown Forest Economic Development v Wealden District Council.

It is therefore considered that the housing allocation selection process is flawed and unjustified; there is no explanation of how or why the three options were chosen or if any alternatives were considered which is a



clear breach of the Directive. There is no explanation why land south of the school has been allocated contrary to the SDNPA assessment of sites. The only possible remedy for the Town Council is to review its housing allocations.

Site PW19

A policy to include the above site within the preferred option 1 (most logically together also with site PW18) as a reasonable alternative should have been considered by the Petworth Town Council. The effect of this would be to round off the settlement boundary to the south of the town, and it would provide flexibility, as required by national policy, to the current housing target of 150 which has been unlawfully capped by the current policies as referred to above. It would provide scope for an additional housing allocation to come forward over the plan period. The amalgamation of site PW19 (and 18) in to preferred option 1 would enable the landscape impact of new development to the south of the town to be minimised and the inclusion of these sites for this reason appears to have been supported by the SDNPA (see minutes of the Steering Group meeting dated 25 October 2015). Failure to consider this option is a clear breach of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (see *Ashdown Forest Economic Development v Wealden District Council*).

Site PW19 is clearly a “reasonable alternative” as defined in the Directive having regard to its history in terms of designation within both the Chichester District Council 2010 and SDNPA 2016 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments. It is considered that Site PW19 (possibly in combination with PW18) is appropriate for development, either (i) by taking access from Rothermead, or (ii) in combination with land south of Petworth, utilising any new access that would need be constructed to the south of the town if preferred option 1 is fully adopted and Site PW18 was also included.

Conclusions

I trust the comments set out above will be considered carefully and acted upon by the Town Council, failing which it is considered that the dPNP is unlikely to be endorsed by a Planning Inspector at examination. It is my view, endorsed by Counsel’s Opinion, that the dPNP cannot lawfully be made in its present form.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher Wilmshurst', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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