

The vision for the future...

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

East Tisted is a small village of approximately 186 people in approximately 100 homes. Some 63% of the population is over 50. Roughly 70% of the properties in the village are owned and rented out by the Rotherfield Park Estate that owns the vast majority of the land in and around the village. Most of the rentals tend to be longer rather than shorter term, with some being employees of the estate. This puts the community in a relatively unusual situation in that any development in or around the village would generally be at the instigation of the estate. This may also account for the small number of responses to this questionnaire from residents. We distributed the questionnaire via a village email list, and also via the Rotherfield Park Estate's tenant's email list. Copies were also made available in the village hall. We estimate that we will have covered some 85 – 90% of the homes via these routes. However, we only received five responses and, interestingly, all of these have been from private residents.

The three key priorities for East Tisted in the next 15 years are:

- 1. Retention of the current village green/pond, village hall, church, recreation ground and public access routes for the foreseeable future.**
- 2. Redevelopment of the old Bowtell's farm site to include sympathetic economic activity and small scale housing as noted below (2 – 5 years)**
- 3. Improvement to public transport, local roads and broadband availability. (2 – 3 years)**

Development and management of land

Information required	Response
What type and level of development would you like to see in the parish?	<i>We would not want to see any major development in East Tisted. However, there is a reasonably sized brown field site – the former Bowtell's farm yard and buildings – right in the centre of the village that is falling into disrepair. Nearly all of the respondents referred to this site in terms of possible redevelopment. Artisan workshops, a farm shop and a 'destination' café were suggested, which would provide employment, and which could be combined with low cost housing lets for singles and young families.</i>
Are there any areas of the Parish you would like to see developed?	<i>As mentioned above.</i>
Are there any specific areas you want protected for other uses?	<i>The village is surrounded by productive farmland that should be kept as such. However, most respondents have mentioned the importance of retention of the village pond/green, recreation ground, village hall, church, and footpaths, including the permissive path on the old railway.</i>

Homes

Information required	Response
What type of homes would you like to see in your local community?	<i>As mentioned, East Tisted is a very small village and development opportunities are limited. We would want to see minimal development and then only on a site that currently has buildings on it, eg Bowtells Farm site. The suggested artisan workshops could have apartments above them/homes incorporated into the design. These must be an affordable mix of smaller properties - no estates of 4-5 bed executive houses.</i>
What size of home is needed locally?	<i>As mentioned above units aimed at single occupancy and 2 – 3 bedded houses aimed at young families.</i>
Any other requirements?	<i>Must have superfast broadband and own parking places with facilities for vehicle charging on own drives.</i>

Design

Information Required	Response
Are there any areas of local character which are particularly important to the local community?	<i>Most of the westerly part of the village is a conservation area. It is important to retain the pond/village green, church, village hall and the character of the remaining areas.</i>
Particular features of buildings of local character	<i>Any new development must be built of materials sympathetic to the current historic buildings and of a similar scale, ie no more than two stories - flint and brick structure with clay tiled roofs - no bland “developer” houses that use the cheapest and simplest design.</i>

The natural environment

Information Required	Response
Opportunities to make nature bigger, better and more joined up	<i>The Rotherfield Park Estate that surrounds the village is involved in substantial schemes for the benefit of habitats and wildlife. There are plans to improve the village green/pond area in terms of replacement seating and dealing with overgrown trees/shrubs. A wildlife strip is purposely left around the pond, but this needs to be communicated to residents as otherwise it can seem as though it is unkempt.</i>

Jobs

Information Required	Response
<p>Information about business you would like to protect and business opportunities that should be provided</p>	<p><i>The major employer is Rotherfield Park Estate, also, Gaze Burville and Endell Farm Vets who have premises on the estate. Otherwise job opportunities in East Tisted are quite limited. The current post office and village shop has little opportunity for expansion and is not attractive to customers. If it was possible to develop the old Bowtell's Farm area, in ways described above, this could provide further employment.</i></p>

Public spaces

Information Required	Response
<p>Public Open Space, Public realm, Pocket Parks</p>	<p><i>The village has a green and pond, however it is felt that this needs renovation which will benefit both wildlife and residents.</i></p> <p><i>There are public footpaths as well as permissive paths around the village which are all appreciated by the people who live here.</i></p> <p><i>There is a recreation ground which is well maintained as it is used primarily for cricket.</i></p>

Infrastructure

Information Required	Response
<p>Active travel priorities, roads / parking, community building needs, waste / water infrastructure, broadband, renewable energy</p>	<p><i>The road through the village (Station Road) is becoming busier and more dangerous. We hope to address this via the grant received from the SDNP Community Supported Initiative with HCC – priorities identified – work yet to start.</i></p> <p><i>There is a lack of public transport and superfast broadband.</i></p> <p><i>We are concerned about mobile phone signal coverage, given the intention to remove standard telephone lines.</i></p> <p><i>The village shop needs updating and improving.</i></p>