

Neighbourhood Plan SURVEY REPORT

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1 Introduction

This survey was developed and undertaken by the Herstmonceux Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in conjunction with the Parish Council to guide as part of the consultation exercise to inform the neighbourhood plan.

The Parish Council produced a survey in March -April 2013 and the outcome of that survey will be used alongside the findings of this survey to help better understand residents' views.

Part of the good practice in preparing neighbourhood plans is a strong recommendation that Parish Councils produce a document where local people can set out what they want for the future of their community.

Neighbourhood Plans represent a new planning mechanism which provides communities with the opportunity to shape the future of their locality. A Neighbourhood Plan must take account of both current development needs and those which are likely to develop in the future. These needs and aspirations will be developed into a planning document which will outline what needs to be developed (housing, facilities and services), where they need to be developed and what form they should take

Obtaining views of the local community is key when preparing a neighbourhood plan. Your responses to the questionnaire as set down below will now form part of the building blocks of the Neighbourhood Plan, as the evidence you have given us will be used to set objectives and a policies for the Parish over the next fifteen to twenty years.

The results of this survey will be used to inform this process.

Section 2 outlines the methods used to distribute, collect and analyse the questionnaire. It also provides information on the response rate, which can be used as a general measure of how reflective the survey is of the wider population.

Section 3 outlines the key themes and messages observable in the survey responses.

Section 4 provides a breakdown of the answers provided to the questions asked in the survey. These are structured and organised with reference the themes outlined above.

The **appendix** provides details of the responses provided to the open-ended questions which were included within the survey. These allowed respondents to explain their answers, provide examples or to identify answers not provided within the list proposed.

2 Survey methodology and response rate

2.1 Methodology

The survey was conducted using a questionnaire consisting of both closed and open-ended questions. This mix allows questions to focus on obtaining specific pieces of information tailored at responding to certain issues or themes (closed questions), whilst allowing a degree of freedom in the responses which people provide (open questions).

It is important to support objective information with contextual and subjective reasoning in order to fully understand certain issues and to allow people to explain their reasoning or preferences.

2.2 Response rate

A total of 249 survey forms were completed and returned. Residents were asked to return their forms by 5th of March 2016. Some surveys were returned as late as 15th March and these were all accepted as data entry was still ongoing hence analysis had not begun.

2.3 Presentation of the responses

Actual response figures and percentage breakdowns are provided for each question. These represent the number of responses received in relation to each answer as a proportion of all those responding to that particular question. This may not reflect the total number of responses received to the entire survey.

Please note – Not all of the respondents provided answers to all of the questions; therefore the numbers of responses for each question will not necessarily match the total number of respondents. In addition, not all percentages may round up to 100.0% due to rounding.

Open-ended responses are provided in individual appendices at the end of the report. These comments are taken unaltered from the survey forms. Links to the appropriate appendix are provided next to each question. Please note that due to illegible or indecipherable handwriting, these are on occasion best guess interpretations.

2.4 Note

- It is worth noting that, a low response rate on an issue does not necessarily mean the issue should be less prioritised. It does not automatically make it unimportant thing but rather, depending on the nature of the question, it could call for further exploring the result and identifying those that are being affected by it.
- Percentages are a quick easy way of identifying and addressing issues. However they could easily lead to overlooking issues that requires immediate attention. Surveys are done not only to see how well a place is doing, but what gaps are left that needs tidying up no matter how small before they become big issues.

3 Key Findings

A total of 249 responses were received to the survey.

- With regards to the suggesting of creating windfall policies and not necessarily allocating sites, 51.6% supports this approach, 39.0% do not support this approach and 9.4% had no opinion.
- For future development proposals, respondents would like the neighbourhood plan to promote in order or preference Housing density to reflect a rural/village setting (87.1%), Green space to be included in all developments (80%), Emphasis on starter homes for younger people (58.3%), Elderly warden assisted for rental (57.9%) and Elderly warden assisted for purchase (50.8%).

With regard to the types of housing that should be promoted within the neighbourhood plan, the format most commonly identified by respondents were 2/3 bedroom houses (67.8%). Bungalows 2/3 bedroom (56.8%), Warden assisted housing was identified by 50.8% of respondents, 1 bedroom Sheltered housing (43.6%), Flats 1/2 bedroom (32.6%) and 4+ bedroom houses (15.3%)

- 61 respondents answered the question relating to self-build by landowners. Of these, 50.8% would consider supporting it whilst 49.2% would not support it.
- The greatest proportion of respondents strongly agreed that all future development should:
 - Preserve and enhance existing green spaces for walks (188)
 - Include at least the minimum required parking for that development (180)
 - Be in keeping with the surrounding styles of development (179)
 - Incorporate water conservancy measures and renewable energy (154)
 - Link the parish through upgraded cycle and footways - to potentially reduce vehicle traffic into the village at peak times (141)
 - Consult on the Police Secured by Design minimum standard for security and the layout of the sites (111)
- Majority of respondents felt the neighbourhood plan should have policies to aim for the following:
 - Allotments – 52%
 - Protecting and enhancing our community local green spaces in the parish – 86.9%
 - Protecting areas of Ancient Woodland – 88.9%
 - The environmental impact of the management of sewage and waste water on to the waterways (including streams) which feed on to the Pevensey Levels (SSSI Site) – 91.4%
 - Improving public footpaths – 67.6%
 - Conservation areas - flower and tree planting – 73.8%
 - Resist any development in or immediately adjacent to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – 80.7%

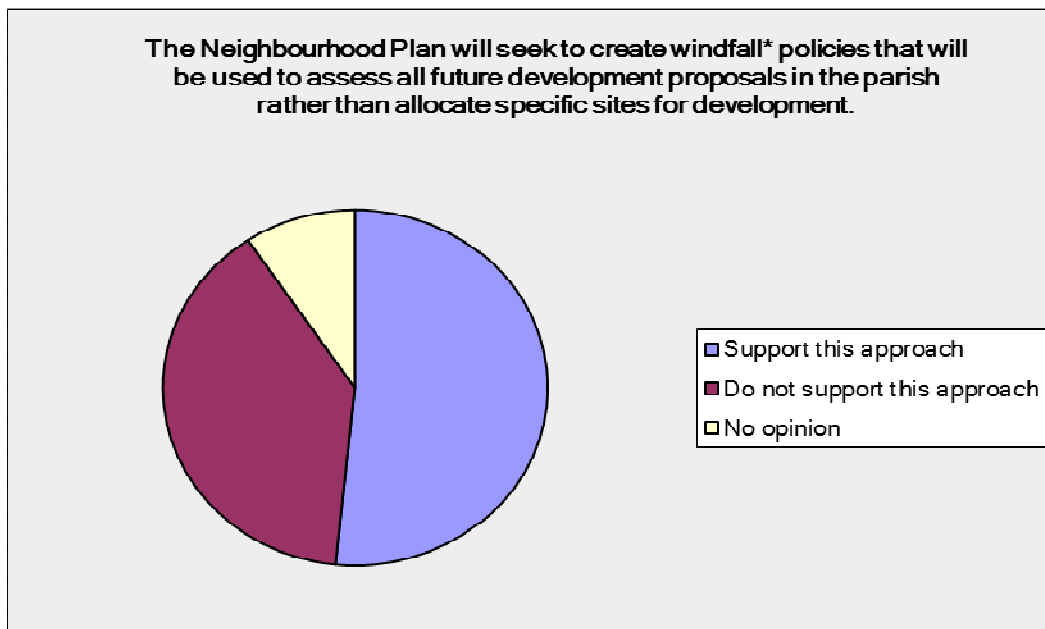
- Impact of layout and design of developments on crime and safety – 64.8%
- In terms of working from home or running a business in the parish, 22.9% of respondents (50) indicated that they either run a business in the parish (or are self-employed)
- With regards to infrastructure and services, 43 respondents had been affected by Sewage, 46 affected by Water, 52 affected by Electricity and 94 affected by Public transport and bus services
- A majority of respondents highlighted that they would like to see more: Employment opportunities in Herstmonceux (151), followed by Shops and retail facilities (133) then by Workshop units (110) and finally Serviced offices (58). Contrary, 62 respondents would not like to see serviced offices in the parish.

4 Survey Responses

4.1 Section 1: Social

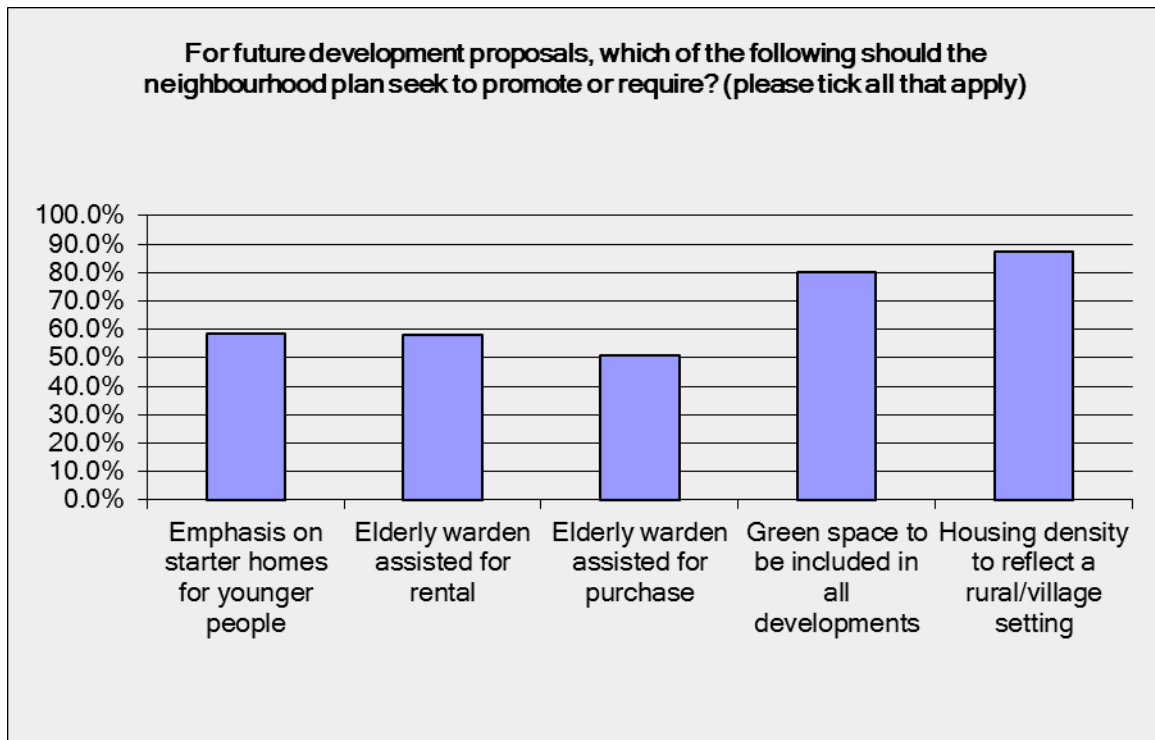
1. **The Neighbourhood Plan will seek to create windfall* policies that will be used to assess all future development proposals in the parish rather than allocate specific sites for development. Do you:**

Support this approach	110 (51.6%)
Do not support this approach	83 (39%)
No opinion	20 (9.4%)
<i>36 respondents to the survey skipped this question</i>	



2. **For future development proposals, which of the following should the neighbourhood plan seek to promote or require? (please tick all that apply)**

Emphasis on starter homes for younger people	140 (58.3%)
Elderly warden assisted for rental	139 (57.9%)
Elderly warden assisted for purchase	122 (50.8%)
Green space to be included in all developments	192 (80%)
Housing density to reflect a rural/village setting	209 (87.1%)
<i>9 respondents to the survey skipped this question</i>	



Other – Please specify

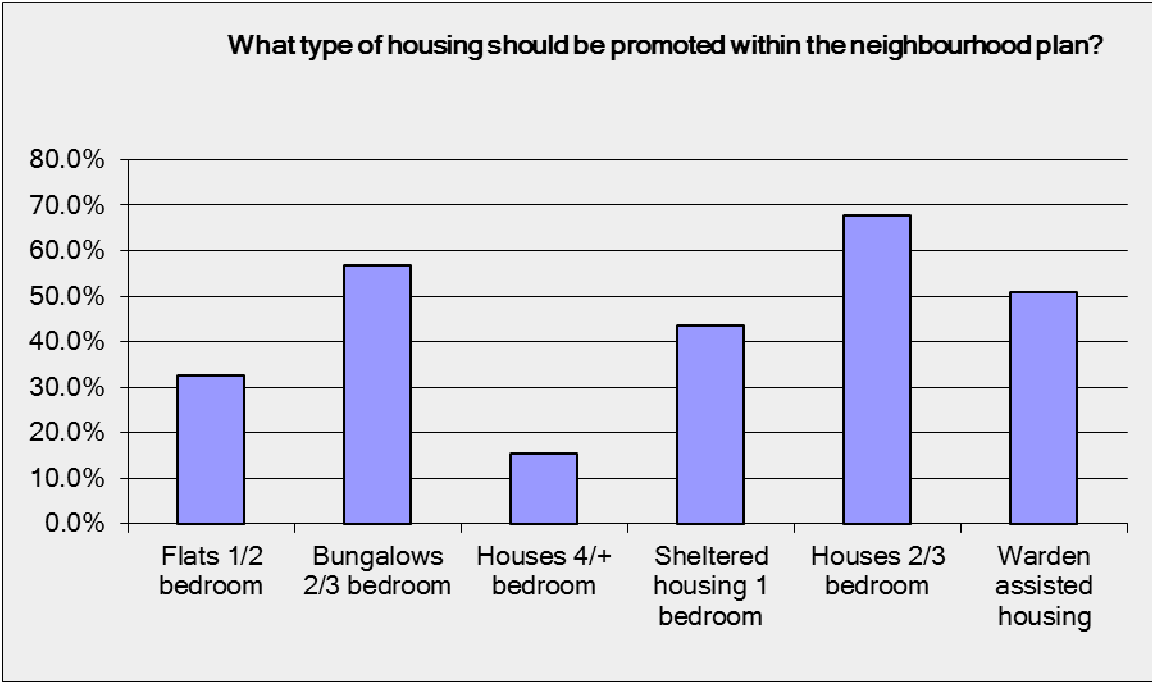
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Parish Private Houses Village
 Developments Support Bungalows
 Parking Supply

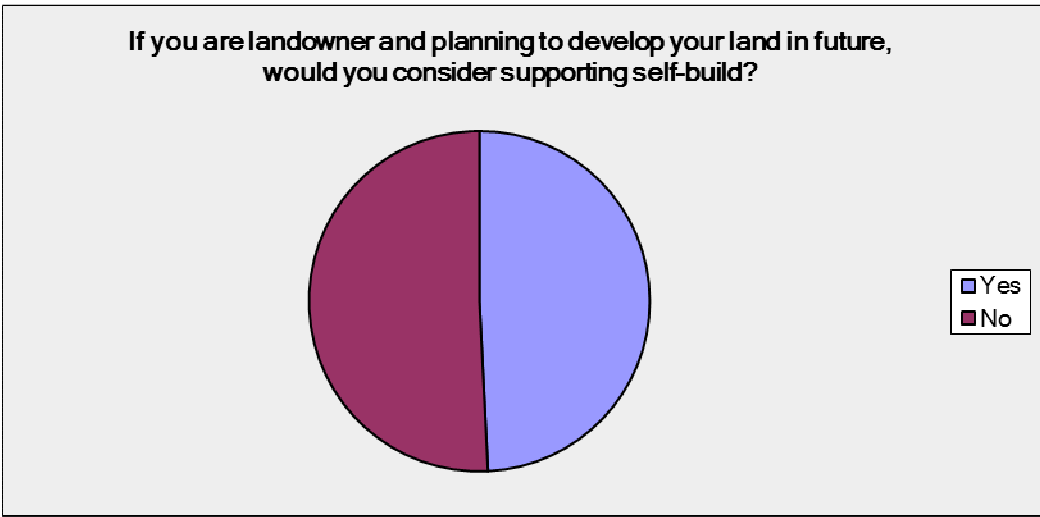
3 What type of housing should be promoted within the neighbourhood plan?

Flats 1/2 bedroom	77 (32.6%)
Bungalows 2/3 bedroom	134 (56.8%)
Houses 4/+ bedroom	36 (15.3%)
Sheltered housing 1 bedroom	103 (43.6%)
Houses 2/3 bedroom	160 (67.8%)
Warden assisted housing	120 (50.8%)
13 respondents to the survey skipped this question	



4. If you are landowner and planning to develop your land in future, would you consider supporting self-build?

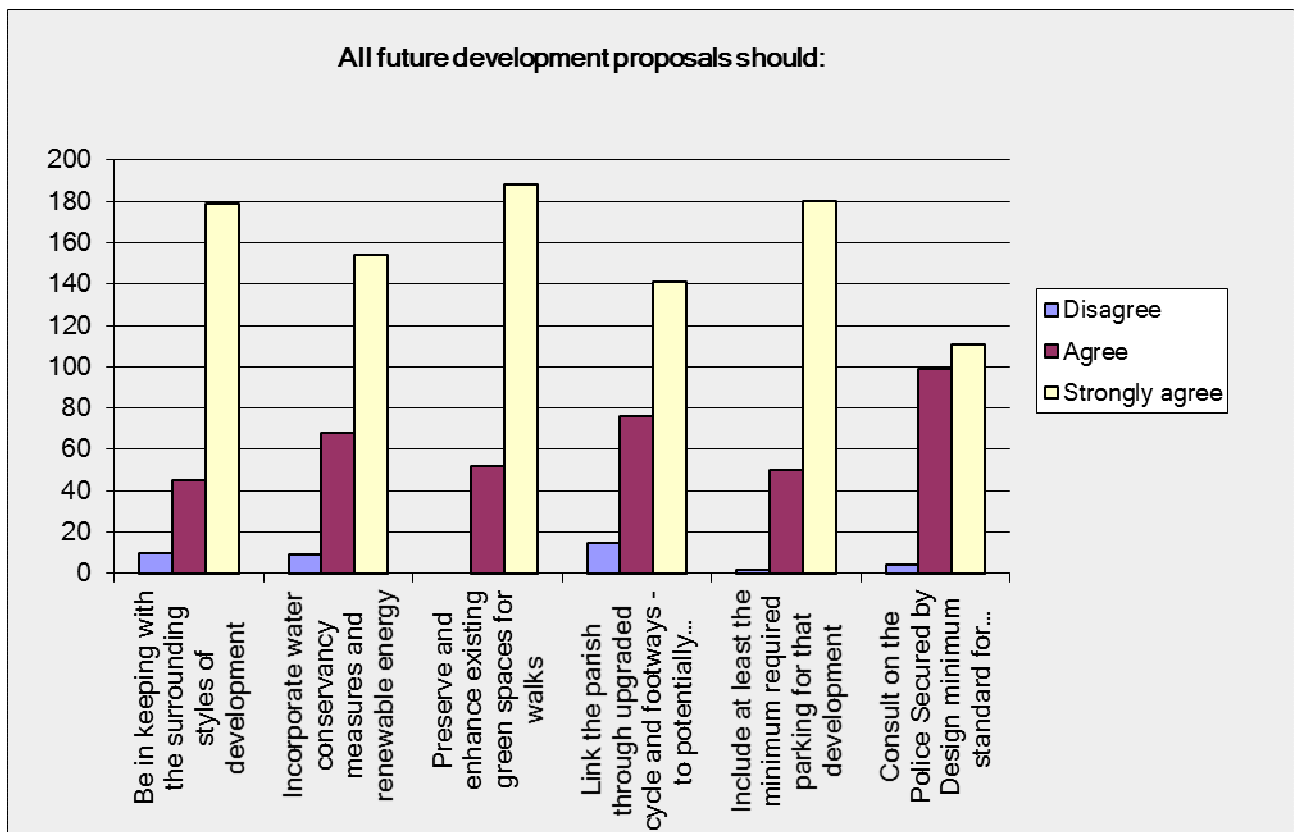
Yes	30 (49.2%)
No	31 (50.8%)
188 respondents to the survey skipped this question	



5. All future development proposals should:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree
Be in keeping with the surrounding styles of development	179	45	10
Incorporate water conservancy measures and renewable energy	154	68	9
Preserve and enhance existing green spaces for walks	188	52	0
Link the parish through upgraded cycle and footways - to potentially reduce vehicle traffic into the village at peak times	141	76	15
Include at least the minimum required parking for that development	180	50	2
Consult on the Police Secured by Design minimum standard for security and the layout of the sites	111	99	4

3 respondents to the survey skipped this question



6. Any other comments on Social Section above?

91 Open ended responses were received – see Appendix 2

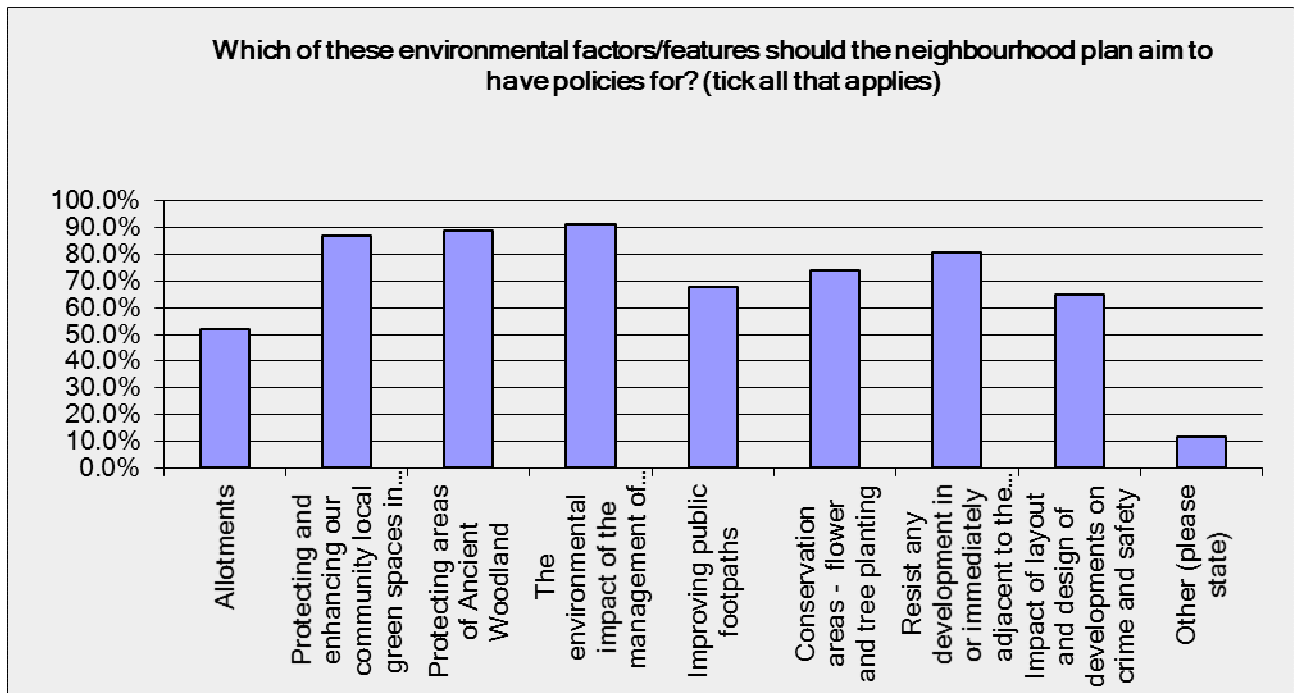
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Play Street Windmill Hill Maintained Bus Services
 Far New Build Parish School Stations
 Parking Solar Panels Village Two Years
 Development Herstmonceux to Hailsham
 Housing Footpaths Properties Windfall
 Young People Gas Ensure Room Priority
 Youngsters Limited Surrounding Styles

Section 2: Environment

7. Which of these environmental factors/features should the neighbourhood plan aim to have policies for? (tick all that applies)

Allotments	127 (52%)
Protecting and enhancing our community local green spaces in the parish	212 (86.9%)
Protecting areas of Ancient Woodland	217 (88.9%)
The environmental impact of the management of sewage and waste water on to the waterways (including streams) which feed on to the Pevensey Levels (SSSI Site)	223 (91.4%)
Improving public footpaths	165 (67.6%)
Conservation areas - flower and tree planting	180 (73.8%)
Resist any development in or immediately adjacent to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	197 (80.7%)
Impact of layout and design of developments on crime and safety	158 (64.8%)
5 respondents to the survey skipped this question	



Other: Please state

29 Open ended responses were received – see Appendix 3

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Needs Local Pollution Village
 Developments Residents
 Renewable Energy Existing Plan

8. With regards to local green spaces, please identify areas in the parish that could be considered as green spaces and be designated as such. This will prevent them from any development throughout the plan period.

145 Open ended responses were received – see Appendix 4
 104 respondents skipped this question

Showing 22 words and phrases

Farm Hedges Rec Doctors Surgery Windmill Hill Hailsham
Fiennes Road Adjoining Village Green
Planned Lime Cross Church Road
Recreation Ground Bowls Club
Green Space Parish Development Rear
Lime Park West Terrace Built Playing Field

9. Any other comments on Environment Section?

76 Open ended responses were received – see Appendix 5 173 respondents skipped this question

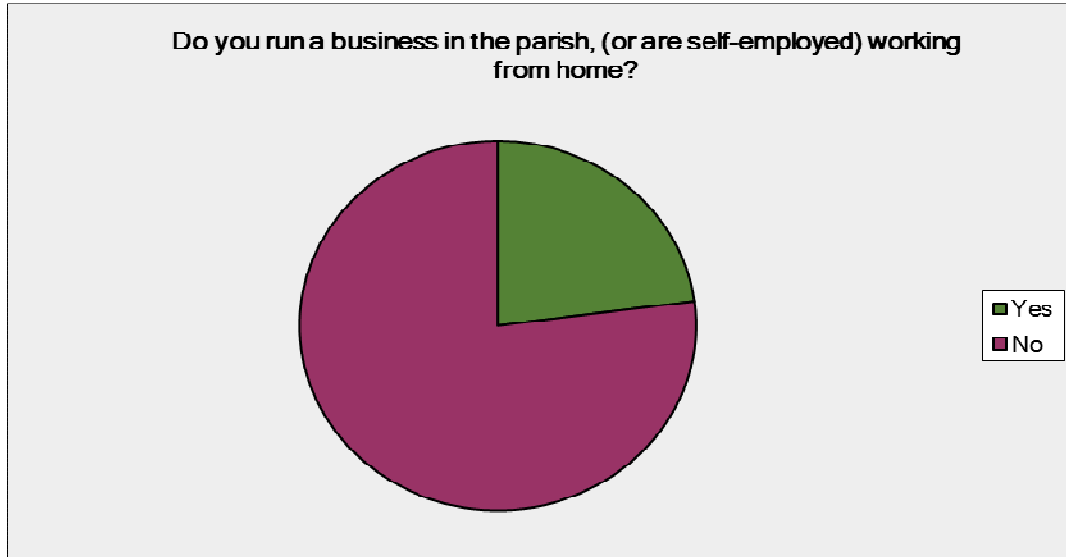
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Sewage Flower Infrastructure Walkways Needs Fields
Parking Public Toilets Traffic Local Village
Parish Development Stop Houses
Access Windmill Hill Max Water Resist
Green Spaces Neighbourhood Verges

Section 3: Economic

10. Do you run a business in the parish, (or are self-employed) working from home?

Yes	50 (22.9%)
No	168 (77.1%)
31 respondents skipped this question	



If yes, type of business

49 Open ended responses were received – see Appendix 6

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Support Property Management Gardening
 Self Employed Therapies
 Consultancy Design Farming Music

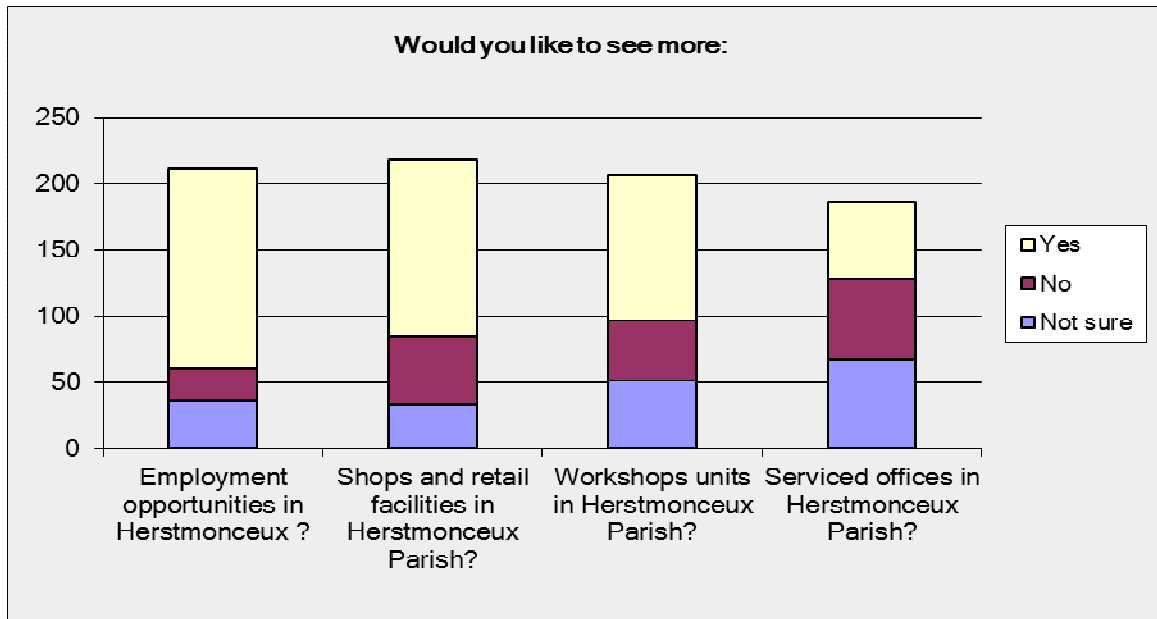
11. If yes to running a business in the parish or working from home, what facilities would better support you?

38 Open ended responses were received – see Appendix 7
 211 respondents skipped this question

Mobile Speed Better Internet Footpaths Broadband Visitors Parking Space Roads

12. Would you like to see more:

	Yes	No	Not sure
Employment opportunities in Herstmonceux?	151	25	36
Shops and retail facilities in Herstmonceux Parish?	133	51	34
Workshops units in Herstmonceux Parish?	110	46	51
Serviced offices in Herstmonceux Parish?	58	62	67



13. How would you like to see Herstmonceux Village Centre develop in the next 15-20 years?

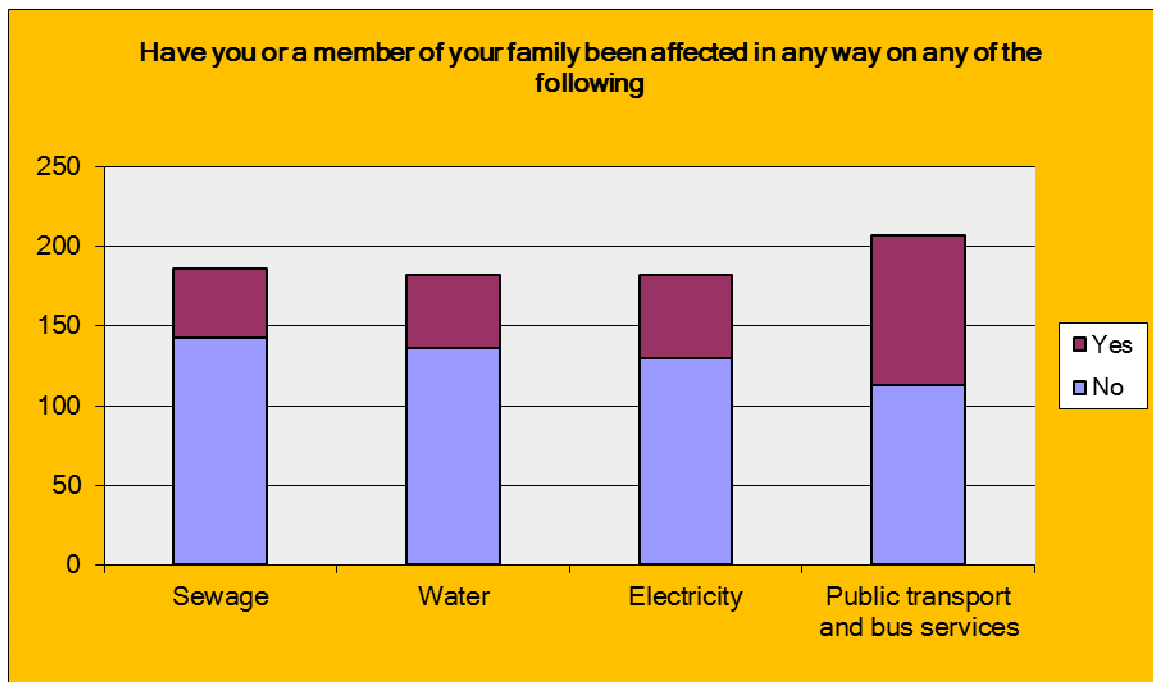
170 Open ended responses were received – see Appendix 8
79 respondents skipped this question

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Kept Cowbeech Retain Similar Public Youth Club
 Facilities Slowly Businesses Green Local
 Transport Parking Village Look Shops
 Thriving Development Population
 Housing Traffic Calming Village Centre
 Activities Herstmonceux Travel Rural Village
 Financial Traffic Flow

14. Have you or a member of your family been affected in any way on any of the following

	Yes	No
Sewage	43	143
Water	46	136
Electricity	52	130
Public transport and bus services	94	113



15. If yes to question 14 above, please specify the issues.

142 Open ended responses were received – see Appendix 9
107 respondents skipped this question

Showing 20 words and phrases

Limited Able Drains Bus Route Public Transport
Social Buses Issues Water Reliable
Bus Service School Power Cuts
Occasionally Electricity Outside Our House
Victoria Road Polegate Victoria Rd Blocked

16. Any comments on the Economic Section?

53 Open ended responses were received – see Appendix 10
196 respondents skipped this question

Showing 19 words and phrases

Think Sewage Broadband Development
Employment Opportunities Surgery
Needs Industrial Units Village Services
Local Properties Businesses Hailsham
Important Rates Road Taken Park

4 Appendix

4.1 Appendix 1 – Q2: For future development proposals, which of the following should the neighbourhood plan seek to promote or require?

Private houses
Priority given to the people living in the parish
Not too many packed together, design in keeping with village
Support small self-build projects where possible
Supply accordingly
No buy to rent which exacerbates the present housing crises
No build on greenbelt
Existing residences views to be paramount
Bungalows for elderly
More commercial sites
It would be good if Herstmonceux...
Council Houses
Sufficient parking places. Sufficient planning for increased services i.e. water supply/water treatment and sewage.
Starter homes for local people
Keep the integrity of the village and not create an urban sprawl.
Small business development
Small developments of affordable or rental stock.
See enclosed document
Brownfield only
Social housing
Bungalows
Concern for any further development without infrastructure to support this i.e. school, doctor, dentists etc.
No large developments
Large private executive homes
Renewable Energy Approach
"Realistic car parking for all
1 car space/bedroom properties."

Bungalows for people that wish to downsize from Houses.
No backhanders to parish councillors!
Small developments - infill

4.2 Appendix 2 – Q6: Any other comments on Social Section above?

We would only support new build in infill plots, not any large scale developments (more than 3-4 houses)
New housing should be offered initially to local people who have lived in Herstmonceux all their lives. housing should be affordable
At the moment all traffic comes through gardener street while at times can be impossible> with construction traffic and an extra say 500 cars for 230 houses, is there a plan to keep Gardener st free of parked vehicles. something will be needed soon if we are to keep our shops open and the road moving
No more north lodges. Properties to keep our young and elderly in the village
Connect mains gas and eliminate oil tankers blocking country lanes and very expensive oil boilers and storage tanks
Enforce parking restrictions e.g. bus stops layby
Very important to retain the ethos of the village e.g. by ensuring all children can attend the local i.e. Herstmonceux school
There needs to be more for younger residents to do or be involved in. the parish needs a youth club or facilities that can be used as a youth club
Starter homes for young people to buy at an affordable price as opposed to only social housing. the current proposed development do not have the readily infrastructure to support them and do not reflect the village setting
The bus services is not very good. None in the evening or Sunday and bank holiday
Having filled in questionnaire two years ago which was largely ignored, I hope the views of parishioners will be taken into account this time. The problem is that the housing crises needs to be tackled at a government level not left to market forces to make worse
Garden large enough for social purposes (child play, leisure activity)
Sufficient play areas coffee shops to ensure community sustainability and enjoyable for residents
Ensure services- sewage system and size of roads capable of supporting extra rise in population. Any planning should be joined with exiting residents
Ensure every new build has solar panels
The ill-advised and badly planned development on the Lime Cross site of the village of some 70 houses will be more than enough to destroy the villager's infrastructure already. We do not need any more houses. just look what has happened to Hailsham
Please can we have some footpath! And what we do have, could they be better maintained
Provide adequate off road parking for tourist attractions e.g. windmill
Encourage owner of Strawberry Field to develop site that includes parking of cars and coaches for Windmill visitors - so that schools may visit
New houses are built with nowhere near enough parking spaces and most affordable houses bought by people just adding to portfolio and then renting out. this needs to be controlled
Sewers should be upgraded
Better infrastructure - increase bus services, Build a bigger school on new site to accommodate new resident's children.
All dog walking areas and footpaths and pavements, please can they be kept clear of fowling? Not sure how!
Safe cycle paths e.g. Herstmonceux to Hailsham

Windfall sites - concerned about potential implications; require more information about how this would work before making a decision
Not too much development please. Let's keep our village from getting too big please
Please limit Housing association builds (preferably none that brings in outsiders not used to rural life)
Keep areas within developments where it is safe for children to play
Limited self-building in a specific area
no development please
If renewable energy means solar panels on roofs - then I do not agree. they are ugly and there must be a better way
Houses should not be available to purchase as second homes or as buy to let investments. A safe cycle route must be provided for Windmill Hill via Herstmonceux to Hailsham.
Consider the locals who have lived her for generations and who have made the village what it is today. Retirement housing for these people who would give up family homes for others to move into
I would like starter homes to be for young people from Herstmonceux and not other areas
Be smaller type developments and several of them.
Blocks of 1 bedroom bungalows - large windows Kitchen facing south or thereabouts Living room west or north west.
Housing mix to cover all types but with even spread - no particular dominance of any type. Sensitivity to number of properties, keep character of village.
What happened to the last plan
Sheltered and warden assisted housing would help free up larger properties for younger people.
The minimum development necessary
No large developments as proposed recently at Lime Cross
Architectural integrity is severely lacking in new developments. They should reflect the examples of those properties of historical importance in the village blending 'village' style properties but modern.
Ensure the outside of the buildings are in keeping with the village - unlike the eyesore housing association properties.
Need to make sure the school, doctors can take extra people.
It is difficult to support any proposals until the types of new 'approved' building becomes clear.
Support windfall approach with the proviso that brownfield better than green, and that Windfalls come towards quota!
I moved here because it is small, beautiful and green. Please don't be in a hurry to change this.
Safe cycle route from Windmill Hill to Herstmonceux centre and surgery urgently required. Traffic island, without cycle refuge w of Herstmonceux makes this route very dangerous due to vehicles cutting in to pass island.
Any building should be away from any area that would filter traffic on to the high street.
Whilst 'starter' homes might seem to be a good idea, genuinely affordable housing for younger buyers should be considered as a priority.
Avoid 'block sale' of unwanted properties to out of county local authorities.
I neither agree nor disagree that development should be in keeping with surrounding styles as there should be room for innovative ideas and design.
I don't think we should rule out larger developments if they can support the village infrastructure.
Ensure sufficient village school places for increased population. Village car park to be restricted time parking - at present cars are permanently parking causing difficulties for people to shop and use pubs in village. Improved car parking from access road to playing field.
A road to bypass village centre - congestion therefore danger getting worse. Re open public convenience, very necessary.
1) Parking - needs to have more than the required minimum at least related to no. of bedrooms, size of property - already have North lodge as example of insufficient parking. 2) Retain natural green spaces rather than this idea of providing them as we wish to retain country/rural surroundings. Specifically planted areas are rarely maintained adequately.

Am extremely worried about proposed development on open green spaces and on areas prone to flooding. There is no gas in the village and a number of dwellings don't have mains drainage. Renewables should always be considered.
We would like to see a range of housing types in any new development and green spaces.
Improve existing footpaths and walkways
Priority to local youngsters so they can stay in villages.
See attached note.
See enclosed document.
Infrastructure to support increased housing must be an integral part of the planning process - i.e. school, shops, doctors, and playground.
Any building plans must take into account the increase in value and pressures placed on existing services and infrastructure e.g. schools, doctors, power and water and sewage management
I support starter accommodation for young people, warden/sheltered accommodation for older people but not new homes for incoming commuters
Well thought through. The limits to growth of the village and the needs of local people (including the poorer folk) of all ages - these are paramount
This is a lovely village. Any development should be minimal and fought against where possible.
Houses with granny annexes are difficult to find but after a better alternative to warden assisted housing for OAP's with family.
Make stretch of road from PGL centre in Windmill Hill to Honda Garage past Herstmonceux Village a 30mph zone. It is too fast for a village setting.
Any future development is done in keeping with the rural village lifestyle. That careful consideration is given to sustainable infrastructure within the existing community and not shoe horned in.
Priority should be given to young people and retired people who have local/family links and keep them in the communities that will support them.
If any new developments - include garage and parking for each property - otherwise village will become a parking lot - village is becoming "messy" with 3 dustbins for each property in their front gardens!!
Having lived in London before we moved here we can see a marked difference in the attitudes of people, and in particular young people. This is a far more pleasant place to live and we should keep it that way. We believe youngsters down here behave themselves because everyone knows them!
Need more parking - car always parked on pavements which is dangerous.
I would strongly suggest no further development. Herstmonceux is full - observe traffic at 8am and 6pm!
Concern for any further large scale development rather than small areas. The village cannot support this currently. (bus service limited)
After the surgery and pharmacy design it seems that any tin shack would be allowed, so much for matching surrounding styles.
Much greater emphasis should be made on the visual effect of new housing as the recent new development on Hailsham Rd is atrocious and puts the whole planning process into question as does the development granted to the east of chapel row.
Minimum development to keep our village unspoilt by interlopers who think they know best.
Do not repeat unattractive cheap house building which after two years looks awful.
As a small village, we cannot sustain any large developments over 10 per site. What do we want large sites for? There is nothing in the village to warrant large scale developments i.e. just closed our toilets.
Preserve rural identity. Do not over develop village communities. Consider impact on infrastructure.
Areas to be developed should be around good transport links for young. Herstmonceux will have expanded enough in this generation. Concentrate on the towns with main line railway stations.
Balance of homes of different sizes and types in each development.
Any new housing should consider at a minimum its impact on connections to water, sewerage, electricity and other utilities as well as school places and the need to get from the village by public transport for commuters and young people. Particularly as the links to the local train stations by bus is very limited. Possibly a shuttlebus service to stations might be more cost effective and reduce traffic.
Growth should be organic otherwise it will be unsuitable.

Local houses for local people young or old.
Parking is a priority with new properties as not many families have just one vehicle these days!
The school cannot support any increase in child numbers - already has classes with 30+ per class. New builds should be innovative and modern using new technology and energy. They don't need to be the same old box designs.
Stop the backhanders to parish councillors of their building companies. Stop backhanders re sewerage works! Make them consider what it would be like in their backyard! Listen to your parishioners!!
Baby boomers' are coming up to their 70s over the next few years need for warden assisted properties will increase - need to stay in village.
Infrastructure. Sewage. Cycle way. The money could be spent on repairing the roads it is far too dangerous to cycle on these roads. The building will make more traffic.

4.3 Appendix 3 – Q7: Which of these environmental factors/features should the neighbourhood plan aim to have policies for? (Tick all that applies)

No additional traffic in village centre
Building needs to be sensitive and empathetic to surroundings
The PAA needs to start by contesting the decision to build on Lime Cross and Lime Roughs
Road enhancement
The opinions of existing local residents
Restoration of local ponds
Schools, dental, doctors - capacity of transport links
Long term plan for by-pass and preservation of its route
Excessive verge cutting, let's have wildflower verges
Incorporation of renewable energy such as heat pumps, biomass and solar panels where possible on all new buildings
New cricket pitch.
Stay with the 2013/14 neighbourhood plan survey.
Impact of traffic
Adequate parking for all new developments.
Creating more green spaces.
As said above, retain natural areas in keeping with rural location.
We do not wish to lose the opportunity to see the night sky by light pollution.
Increase use of renewable energy and water conservation.
Light and air pollution - possible "dark sky" zone around observatory
Not building on greenfields target underused or empty existing property e.g. second homes
Support the tawny owls that use the field that is planned development and other wildlife
Cycling, walking, infrastructure.
Money could be saved on the projects above by using community residents.
Improved roads - far too many potholes.
We do not need any large developments.
Crack down on littering
School parking in village hall, with path to school, to reduce pollution in the street outside the school.
Over development.
Control of and provision for dog waste.
Policy on use of recreation ground needed.

4.4 Appendix 4 – Q8: With regards to local green spaces, please identify areas in the parish that could be considered as green spaces and be designated as such. This will prevent them from any development throughout the plan period.

1) field behind cricket pavilion, 2) green area by Fiennes road, 3) green land running beside Joes Lane (opposite side to farm shop and houses)
A little late for lime Cross field but with the waterlogged state of the meadow and the springs working overtime this would have been an ideal spot for walkers and other recreational activities during the summer months. Not the development
All development along Church Road and the roads off that.
All existing green field sites.
All existing green spaces - we need them for farming and food in our over-populated country. Development should be upwards not downwards
All existing Herstmonceux does not want to become an urban jungle of new build such as Hailsham
All farm and woodland around Cowbeech and Herstmonceux.
All green areas outside the village centre
All land currently used for agriculture
All the existing plots that were there until last year's planning debacle on lime cross site.
Any area away from already built up areas - i.e. where land is farmed.
Any area more than 1/2 mile from the centre of Herstmonceux that isn't already substantially developed.
Any area near lime park!! Free to walk without litter and dog poo bags thrown in hedges.
Any development adjacent to ANOB
any field- wood or open space next to existing buildings in the village
Any green area close to the village centre and adjacent to public footpaths.
Any green areas should be valued.
Any of the marshes and around Herstmonceux castles.
Area between Hailsham Road, Fiennes Rd and Queens Rd area to east and north and south of Chapel Row, Gardner Street junction anywhere west of Collins Honda
Areas of outstanding natural beauty. SSSI sites. Village Green spaces and recreation areas.
Assuming the Lime Cross football site, the village cricket ground and Fiennes Road space are protected already then the weather station and avoiding ribbon development on main road where none exists now.
Brick farm lakes Woodland and fields next to village hall Doctors surgery
Brick Farm Lakes.
Build on brown sites or use building that are empty
Chapel Row/Church lane, Rec area.
Cycling and walking links from Windmill Hill, Stunts green, Magham down to Herstmonceux village. Proper segregated paths.
Depends on actual ownership of current green spaces (fields etc.)
Everywhere not currently built upon.
Existing rec ground Fiennes Road Green play area Football field

Existing recreation grounds inc. Lime Park
Farmland on the recreation ground.
Field behind rec - planning already granted! Field behind James Avenue
Field behind recreation ground after building houses
Fields adjacent to the recreation ground.
Fields behind James avenue Green space near Dacre road
Fields between upper and lower ends of Stunts Green. Fields between weather station and Lower Stunts Farm Fields around flowers green Sports and recreation ground, Herstmonceux. Land behind Merrie harriers, Cowbeech.
Fiennes Green
Flowers green cricket pitch I believe Stanley smith covenanted it to be built on
Football field and adjoining fields
Football field Recreation ground
Football ground and its adjacent field Recreation ground All existing green spaces.
Football pitch
Football Pitch
Football Pitch, bowls club and multi-sport area
Green adjacent to Fiennes Road.
Green bordering Fiennes Road. Recreation ground. Football pitch. Field to the rear of recreation ground.
Green spaces adjacent to Fiennes Rd/A271
Green triangles at top of Church Road and park way Village green Football Pitch at Lime Cross Recreation ground
Greenfields
Greenway fruit farm, stunt green
Herstmonceux Rec The green
Herstmonceux rec. ground, Lime Cross rec. ground and field between them. All Woodland around Herstmonceux castle - "plantation", "Wartling" and "Holds Hill". Any fields, orchards, woodland between the Truggery (top of cricketing lane) and Magham Down.
Herstmonceux Recreation Ground
Herstmonceux Recreation Ground grass verges beside roads and the triangle in Cowbeech Hill
Herstmonceux recreation ground Meadows behind rec ground Fields surrounding the village and in between
Herstmonceux recreation ground. Fiennes Rd green. Green belt land.
If Herstmonceux is developed any more there will be no viable green areas left.
In front of council houses. Behind doctors surgery.
It appears that most of the green spaces in the parish are already claimed for house building

James Avenue surrounds Lime Cross playing fields The Wreck The Green
Keep all our green spaces out of reach of large developments.
Land above wreck to Church Road! Lime Roughs Land at end of West Terrace which was once in the AONB - Boundary has somehow moved.
Land adjacent to football pitch and Lime park. anywhere between Herstmonceux and Windmill Hill
Land at lime end farm opposite lime cross nursery. The fire station.
Land at rear of West Terrace with footpath to Chilsham lane
Land between Comhurst lane and Church Road behind the welcome strangers curb in Chapel Road. Opposite Lime Cross Nursery Field between village and sports ground at Lime Cross
Land to East of Church Road.
Lime Cross
Lime Cross (area adjacent to), 'The Green' Queen's Road
Lime Cross etc. As we have no village green to speak of we all depend on the surrounding fields. Building on them further isolates people from green spaces.
Lime cross field
Lime cross field.
Lime Cross football ground. Village recreation ground.
Lime Cross recreational area Herstmonceux recreational area
Lime cross James Avenue.
Lime end field - which you have agreed to let 70 houses be built on. Nice work!
lime park (if not too late)
Lime park and surrounds
Lime Roughs (next to surgery) Area opposite Lime Cross football field (adjoining nursery)
Lime Roughs and Lime End where existing footpaths cross open green space. To ensure local landowners try not to plough up footpaths. To improve bridle ways.
Most of Cowbeech village and also Church Road
No green site development Stop greedy landowners cashing in!
No green space should be built on because once it's gone it won't come back. Instead build on unused factory sites, or convert long term vacant shops into low cost housing. This would work particularly well and connect places like Hailsham into busy communities once the existing shops close each day.
No problem - next to health centre. No problem at Colins garage area if the "70 houses" land (behind recreation) is only to provide for bowls and football - full consideration should have been made for this project to provide facilities for a larger growing population providing gym area re equestrian, extended sports etc. surrounding what could have been a real 'village green' with a few housing for the older population nearer a road access.
Obviously try to protect the current green space, playing field, football pitch, green area at queens Road and Fiennes Road and the land behind James Avenue should be a designated green space and all protected by the plan

<p>Playing field Bowling Green Green space where old scout hut stood, Football ground, Land by Lime Cross nursery The village green Near Queens Road</p>
<p>Playing field, children's playground, bowls, cricket club. Existing green spaces on present housing developments.</p>
<p>Playing Fields</p>
<p>Playing fields at lime cross site to (illegible word) a lot of new houses there and encourage inter communicate with the rest of the village.</p>
<p>Posey Green</p>
<p>Poxy Green</p>
<p>Protect meadows - few remaining, Allow for wilderness). Less herbicides & pesticides used throughout parish. Allow for taller hedges for bird and animal life. Ensure hedges if cut, cut so close towards season</p>
<p>Queens Road Green. Football Field Cricket Field Lime park</p>
<p>Rear of James Avenue</p>
<p>Recreation ground and field beyond Green by Queens Road. Any area that has a footpath running through it.</p>
<p>Recreation ground and football field.</p>
<p>Recreation Ground inc bowling green Lime Park football pitch and field next to it. very well used by all dog walkers and joins parts of village together</p>
<p>Recreation ground Cricket and football pitches Village green??</p>
<p>Recreation ground Lime park Football ground Green space on council estate adjacent to main road</p>
<p>Recreation ground Lime park football, bowls and cricket area. The green</p>
<p>Recreation ground Village green</p>
<p>Recreation Ground, Adjacent Fields, Sports Ground.</p>
<p>Recreation ground, including bowling club and skate park. Windmill Hill.</p>
<p>Recreation ground, Lime Cross Football area</p>
<p>Recreation Ground, square at Fiennes Road.</p>
<p>Recreation ground.</p>
<p>Recreation ground. Football pitch. Green beside Fiennes Rd.</p>
<p>Recreational ground</p>
<p>Retain open green area adjacent to Fiennes Road. Area to left by cricket pitch.</p>
<p>Shame that the main one is already being developed behind the rec.</p>
<p>South and west of the village.</p>
<p>South of Windmill Hill to Herstmonceux Castle and areas surrounding Chapel Row/Church Road.</p>

Strawberry fields Windmill Hill
The area behind James Avenue should be designated a green space to protect it and the AONB
The best area as a green space is the area earmarked for development (70 houses) area behind cricket/football pavilion and tennis court should use space for bowls club and re-locating of football pitch. Football pitch should be built on!
The field that is planned to be developed next to Lime Cross recreation ground. Used by owls and other wildlife. Used by many dog walkers and other people for any different reasons. I do not want this developed in any way
The field where 70 houses are planned.
The fields at the back of Buckwell Rise Recreation ground
The Green' (Fiennes Rd/Queens Rd)
The green area opposite the village hall The cricket pitch and current recreation ground
The Green at Denefield
The green at Queens Rd The recreation ground behind school The football grounds
The green between Dacre Road and Fiennes Road recreation ground Football/ cricket/ bowls pitches/ greens Areas between West End and Stunts Green
The land opposite keys in Gardner Street and should be kept as a green space and the field immediately behind it too.
The recreation ground
The recreation ground The castle grounds The village walks
The recreation ground The green at Windmill Hill (Horseshoe Pub) The green are opposite North Lodge The open fields between Herstmonceux and Windmill Hill
The roughs. Field behind the recreation ground.
The village green (adjacent to Fiennes and Queens Roads) The football and cricket pitches and land adjoining.
The Village Green off main roads towards village
The village Green The recreation ground The football fields The field behind the sundial
The whole areas of the parish should remain intact
They have already been designated for development and Wealden have approved the devastation of our village.
This is like closing the stable door after the horse has bolted! Fields/areas enjoyed for years already seem to be lost, any area adjacent to existing village boundary should be designated as a local green space - to keep this a village and not a sprawling mass.
This is questionable as we all know them and the boundaries!! Law
Those surrounding Windmill Hill, Herstmonceux and bordering parishes
Village Green = Fiennes Rd/Queens Rd

village green cricket field behind school all areas around fishery any existing green spaces
Village Green. Football pitch
Village green. Any friends currently adjoining AONB.
Village playing field.
We do not need any more green areas built on. we are already fighting the building planned for Herstmonceux
What is the point if you continue to disregard local feeling and approve building on green spaces?
Where ever there are new homes built. Dog walking to be considered.
Windmill Hill opposite Windmill main road

4.5 Appendix 5 – Q9: Any other comments on Environment Section?

The proposed development of the village in the south will obviously put extra strain on all services. Can anything be done to alleviate this at this late hour in order to preserve village harmony?
Southern water must get sewage problem sorted
Village needs cultural encouragement events, festivals, music, theatre art
No large developments
We live in a... village and are very fortunate to do so. Let's not destroy it by over development of unsuitable housing or too much housing which the infrastructure e.g. school. surgery, drains etc. cannot support
Exercise machines for adults alongside children's playground machines to encourage family fitness and exercise instead of driving to a local gym
Sewerage needs updating
Denfield Green
No new houses until there are sufficient local jobs and school places to suit
Boat (byways) should be restricted to foot and hoof traffic only. the use of 4*4 and motorcycles are ruining the byways and causing untold damage to wildlife and the environment and creates a nuisance to residents
Keep the public toilets
Sewage
Paths and bridlepaths to maximise links between the parish
The Lime Cross new build tythed cottages and are monstrous out of keeping with the neighbourhood. who on earth agreed to them
Hopefully once the passed developments have been built there will not be anymore
The parish plan should contain a section about the different habitats and species (flower, bird, mammal etc.) that are to be found currently in the village
keep in proportion the growth of significant social and environmental infrastructure to the housing development
Any housing development to take account of adequate sewage infrastructure and increased proportionate social and environmental consideration
As many green fields, woods and walks as possible should be left untouched
Please no double yellow lines through village
Resist any development which increases traffic in west End
Please do not let our village get larger

The village environment atmosphere is beset by increasing traffic volume of traffic and the actions of developers. Residents have no wish to find themselves living in a smaller town
Protect the whole parish by leaving it intact i.e. no development etc.
Adequate walkways should be provided to link all green spaces and houses and surroundings. Extra homes in Herstmonceux and Windmill Hill must result in the A271 becoming a 30mph zone through all villages
All developments should have equivalent acreage... green space surrounding
Maintenance of Cunningham Stream (Five Bells)
Access, good drainage and repairs, infrastructure before building.
Consider speed limits on country lanes - 40mph max when no lane markings.
Small developments not massive house builds as we now have.
Preservation of the village feel rather than a suburb of Hailsham.
All current recreational of sporting green spaces. Should be retained and protected from any future development beyond the life of the neighbourhood plan.
The current housing association houses at the beginning of village should have some form of additional frontage to bring in line with the look of village.
I don't want to see farm land, local woodland being built on. Green built land should be protected.
Stop parking on pavements and verges.
Re-open public toilets
Discourage so much off road parking in residential streets. It makes difficulties in getting through (especially for emergency vehicles) and impossible to use the turning area in cul de sacs. People just can't be bothered to use their own driveways in many cases.
Please protect what we have. If I liked houses everywhere I would live in Hailsham!
The parish council should endeavour at all cost. To keep the village centre attractive and inviting.
Any building expansion in our area will cause more flooding from surface water and sewage problems.
It would be good if the planter we have located near the roundabout planted. I consider this green space.
All new developments should include renewable energy as standard.
It is a pity that people both drop and don't pick up rubbish outside their homes The entrance to the car park is nasty.
Planned houses suitable for young families and couples at reasonable price.
Litter!! Especially on main road verges entering village.
Keep fields develop brown sites + do not support any development over 20 units as not in keeping with a village.
There is enough traffic coming through the village now without building more houses.
To minimise any large scale development e.g. the numerous houses already in the pipeline. The 70 and 40 house being considered on flood risk land that also has footpaths running through them should be shelved.
Consider the infrastructure inc. sewers before any development takes place.
All new building should be grey water and solar panelled systems.
Traffic control not only on roads but also use of footpaths, corners for parking. Maintain and fix pot holes and cracks not only on main sections but also side roads
Greenfield development is taking away our children's food supply and environment
Managing woodland and marginal land with public access is important
Tawny owls will be lost
Please resist all encroachment on anything green! It's everyone's heritage!
Need to address high traffic levels, speed (in Windmill Hill etc.) congestion and pollution from traffic.
Maintenance of verges.

Speed through Windmill hill (40) is too high and getting very dangerous lots of near misses. No crossing in village for children bus and PGL children.
We cannot accommodate any new large development no shops - not sufficient bus services - school full Don't spoil our village.
Take speed of traffic through Herstmonceux and Windmill Hill and lanes.
Why is Dene Field not being considered for development?
Make sure main drains are cleaned regularly to stop blockage.
Too much unsuitable traffic through the village causing pollution.
Too many grass verges are being left in awful condition by cars and vans some walkways are left overgrown by some resident's properties.
Housing to be in keeping with village identity. Prefer small pockets of housing development rather than large scale, despite developer's preferences. Consider longer term impact on future generations.
Sewerage, water and do we have enough to support more new houses.
Verges need to be protected as traffic cuts through narrow lanes at high speed.
Over development and overcrowding does not lead to a peaceful environment.
Needs better transport. Infrastructure.
No
The village cannot cope with large scale development in terms of sewerage, traffic, preservation of being a village, public transport, green spaces, and school.
Sort out sewerage issues in Windmill Hill and stop trying to influence people using ££
More housing = more sewerage and drainage problems - promises to do more must be kept by any developers.
Car parking - restrict to max stay 2/4 hours in main car park so teachers do not park in this crucial area.
We had a wild flower conservation area. You sold it for building.
Don't build more homes until sewerage, water and school utilities are upgraded!

4.6 Appendix 6 – Q10 If yes, type of business?

Accountancy and management consultancy
Agricultural engineering
Alternative therapies
Author (part-time)
Aviation consultancy.
B & B
B & B
B&B
Complementary therapies
Carpentry and Maths tuition.
Chartered Accountant
Cleaning and maintenance
coaching leadership, career support
construction
Counsellor (psychotherapy)
Electrical and security contractors.
Electronic design
Equestrian.
Event management

Farm
Farmer
Farming
Farming and geological consultancy
Farming, letting units
flooring contractor
gardening
Gardening
health and education
Horticulture
Internet travel
Lamb Inn, Wartling Property refurbishment co.
landscaping and garden buildings
Lecturer
Lighting and PA hire, electronics, design and consultancy.
Music
Music lessons Occasional organ playing for services
Nursery.
Online retailer
Plumbing
property management
Retail sale of furniture and paint
Self-employed Administration
Self-employed gardener.
Self-employed roofing and building services
Shipbroker
Shop
Surveyor
Variety
Website build and support computer repair
Working from home - Writer

4.7 Appendix 7 – Q11: If yes to above question, what facilities would better support you?

A vastly improved mobile phone network.
An attractive environment will attract visitors to the area
Better bus route.
Better internet
Better internet connection
Better internet connection (more reliable)
Better internet.
Broadband reliability, Mobile coverage. Post Office services Improved drainage

Easier access between villages and nearest towns, Hailsham and Heathfield. Better internet A bank, Slightly better retail facilities
Easier car parking, less congestion on roads
enhanced broadband A business centre that does business
Ensure we've always got a post office, pharmacy, GP, general stores.
Even if not working - still require good broadband speeds and mobile links in this day and age
Faster broadband
Faster broadband Less traffic on the roads and safer driving
Faster broadband.
Faster broadband
footpath from Magham to Herstmonceux
Footpaths and Green spaces
Gas mains and better broadband and cycle path to Hailsham.
high speed internet parking
More parking and access for large vehicles to deliver goods. I.e. use of sundial car park during off peak hours adjacent to the post office.
More transport
More visitors to and occupants of the village.
Office space, a room!
Petrol station
Possibly cheap work space.
Protection of the current broadband capacity as the developments increase the usage of the village
Rate reductions
Repair roads properly!
Speed limit, pedestrian crossing, decent footpaths clean without pot holes
Starter homes for young employees.
Superfast broadband
Trugs, butchers, bakers, delicatessen, haberdashery, chemist, electricians. So perhaps a bypass, parking facilities a pound shop, good charity shop? Chocolate house for castle students and a nursing home on village main rd. access

4.8 Appendix 8 – Q13: How would you like to see Herstmonceux Village Centre develop in the next 15-20 years?

Become a thriving centre, offering a wider range of shops to avoid driving to town e.g. greengrocer, butcher, fishmonger
Encourage people to use car park rather than parking on the road which causes traffic problems and endangering pedestrians
More facilities for adults to exercise e.g. swimming pool
No empty shops! More car parking spaces

To support the village and more importantly the views and concerns of villagers. We don't want to become a small town!!
I'd like it to not develop but understand a housing shortage
Expansion of the local school in Herstmonceux to accommodate extra build
Fairly and with thought
To keep the traffic flowing, either a bypass is needed (where) or double yellow lines will have to be imposed. both will have a negative effect on the shops and the village
I would like to see the village stay a village as the new development are built. I feel it would be good to try and get all development done at the same time to reduce the overall inconvenience of the development rather than drag it all
Become more vibrant attract more visitors Look cleaner and more like a rural village
Not as a crowded housing estate or housing estates
Slow traffic flow available parking better street furniture - French villages do wonderful jobs with great paving, better greenery
Fish and chips / kebab shop or similar Butcher/baker Greengrocer
Prefer for it not to become a dormitory so more local small businesses
More sense of community. Village identity, community activities
Remain as village no large scale development
It needs to maintain its character whilst meeting local needs. Parking provision for staff of the school to free up parking for those using the local shops
Need more car park spaces to ease the congestion in the village
Adequate parking is very important
All existing empty shops and offices opened and busy with new businesses. However still retaining village status
All current shops and retail facilities to be enhanced to prosper and remain to service the village
Perhaps a cloth store for elderly people who do not travel far
Very slowly
Much better play facilities for children under 10 maybe a cycle route linking to Cuckoo trail, Hailsham or towards Bexhill
Limit the village to 1 shop, 1 pub, 1 hairdresser, 1 restaurant. not two of everything
I would like to see the empty shops
The present character of the village ought to be preserved, but this is unlikely if the proposed large development go ahead
For new developments not to destroy the character of a village centre
Give prospective businesses real financial and other help to encourage traders. Very convenient short stay parking for shoppers essential
Residential oasis with ample leisure facilities but not industrialised
Younger people, better roads and services Restrictions on houses and have houses built in a style appropriate to a conservation area/green belt rather than the horrific boxes planned
As we are with sufficient retail. Recent loss of pharmacy in village centre
Street is perfectly ok as it is, council sponsored change is nearly if ever good

Not much at all. the centre of the village is the whole feel of the place
I feel the heart of the village is being lost. The shops are becoming empty and ribbon development is occurring. I would like of see the centre of Herstmonceux revitalised instead of being strung out along the A271
A range of shops so that people can shop locally. A continuation of the produce market Thriving cafes and pubs Thriving school Houses for local youngsters Cycle path to Hailsham
limit parking in the central car park (old surgery)to 1-2 hours to encourage people to stop and use local amenities i.e. shops
Parking to be limited to set number of hours to discourage all day use and encourage visitors to shop in the village
Small businesses should be encouraged. We need to retain the services we have (Drs, dentist in particular. A dentist would also be good.
More diverse retail outlets for local people to reduce travelling to other centres
To become a "hub" rather than a venue Creative writing courses Evening classes etc. which would need better public transport to help promote it.
Restrict HGVs in Herstmonceux High St Better pavements Speed cameras or speed restriction points
Perhaps a bank or building society. this would make financial transactions easier
Keep toilets open otherwise happy with village as it is No parking on side of Gardener St
It would be nice to see our empty shops open and the planning community to be more flexible to businesses that may bring employment and life to village centre
Be more environmentally friendly better transport services e.g. more buses at different times
Re-instatement of a public toilet More public car parking close to village centre Better traffic management
Use of existing buildings to support local independent trades/ small businesses. Not large corporations Encouraging sustainable / community focused groups
It is well used now - No room for further development
Local business such as greengrocer, butcher
Retain its village character - provide off-road parking for local residents / visitors while shopping especially those with mobility problems
No, why can we not leave Herstmonceux as it is. Why do we want to spoil the natural beauty of the place so it becomes ordinary

Small residential developments and re-developments should be encouraged and allowed. Small workshop units should be a priority
Without decent public services I cannot see it happening
Slightly more shops to allow less travel to nearby towns for food etc. but not so many as to be disproportionate. Excellent cycle/footpath links with Hailsham, Windmill Hill and Heathfield (possibly by link to Cuckoo trail)
By keeping businesses and private property in better condition and appearance. Litter Free
It's a village and should remain so. More wild flowers, benches in public areas. Speed restrictions 20mph
Maintain as a village - not extended to be a suburb of Hailsham
Retention of its character as an attractive rural village as much as possible in spite of requirements for more houses
Less car parking on pavements and roads Cycle parking More retail shops More community spirit in supporting shops
Reinstate public toilets Provision of short term parking spaces to encourage passing vehicles to be able to support village shops. Keep space/land available for the building of a simple by pass for the village in the future.
No great changes. Any retail development in area around fire station and masonic hall.
Not turned into tourist sight proper shops.
Very slowly! The village centre should remain as unchanged as possible e.g. if there are housing developments - where is the new school to go?
It would be nice if the empty shops were in use again but if not they should be changed to residential units.
All retail premises to be occupied adequate and better parking and better traffic management through the village.
Leave it as it is. Forget over building.
In keeping with a rural village rather than an off shoot of Hailsham.
Think moving chemist from centre of village was a mistake
Stay much as it is. The village is a traffic bottleneck which precludes development. Development within Cowbeech may be a better option.
More shops and better parking. Reduce heavy traffic i.e. lorries
Maintenance of existing commercial buildings and more businesses. More medium to small density housing for young families.
more shops choice shops
Encourage retailers into the empty shops i.e. butchers and bakers green grocers etc.
Less larger traffic, heavy lorries etc. All the shops in use at a rate the shops can afford. Better parking. Less traffic at school times. It is ridiculous trying to get through the village.

It would be sensible for the village centre to not develop beyond its present state.
To keep it as much as possible a village
Enhanced local shopping facilities - both shops are too cramped at present. No 'random' development of housing without infrastructure in place. More of a 'village centre'!
As mentioned before I would like to see us keep a village look and not produce detrimental design which ruins the look of the main village, the housing association - the only buildings that ruin the village look.
It needs to be able to cope with a growing demand from a growing population.
1) Ensure traffic flow speed does not increase. 2) Avoid school staff parking in old surgery car park 3) Improve access to playing field 4) support current businesses.
Scout hut is desperately needed.
Youth club or somewhere the youngsters can meet.
Only small scale developments
Improved parking to support local business Update park area for older children (big swings) Keep our post office
More and varied shops, including a butchers, greengrocers, delicatessen, and I do miss a shop selling cosmetics etc. now that the pharmacy is purely a medical supplier. A tea shop. We seem to have lost the bustling life of people visiting shops as there's nothing here to stop for now. And it might encourage tourists, and provide employment.
To stay as a village.
Large car park to encourage more browsing. Burgers?
Speed limit being enforced increased shops is only a dream the locals don't use them.
As little change as possible so that it retains the character of a rural settlement rather than a mini town. One exception might be a small increase in availability off road parking.
As a thriving village that looks though it is cared for and loved which is rather lacking at present time.
Kept as nice as it is now. It's a country village (not a town)
Minimal development, maintain status as village!
Slowly - evolving rather than imposed by outside interests. Local development and not national big developers. Self-build should be encouraged.
Ensure retail units are filled. Support the local pubs in some way to avoid losing them. Support a fish and chip shop rather than discourage new initiatives such as this.
Traffic calming through the village with a crossing in the high street.
Unoccupied retail shops need to be put to use for the benefit of the village i.e. a bakery. The existing public toilets should be refurbished not closed and the space redeveloped for private use.
Stay same but fully used shops
As most people do their main shopping in large town centres the village centre should be preserved as it is at present as people are at present using the 2 public houses, 2 restaurants, 2 provisions shops, post office and various other small businesses and shops and car park and public toilets plus playing field are accessible from centre of village.
Resist any 'supermarket' type outlets. Retain village independence.
Bypass. School situated away from main road. Social housing for elderly and special needs.

Do not want it to become like Hailsham with so many houses being built this is a village and should stay as a village. If you build where are more schools, doctors etc.
Should have a tea room/cafe, a butcher, baker and grocer. All of which have been lost over the years. This would encourage more people to shop locally rather than having to drive to nearby towns.
It would be nice to think it will remain a small, Sussex village but doubt this will be possible due to levels of house building planned in the area.
Empty shops being taken up. Free cash point machine installed.
A chip shop - most villages would like to see this.
All shops utilised. Improved parking.
more shops and buses
Gradual increase in population. Better facilities for young people especially teenagers.
Small housing development areas 15-20 plots. In Keeping with the village.
Stay unchanged.
Ensure maintenance of local primary school. Any developments need to consider road access/conditions.
More accessible parking to encourage footfall for high street shops and ease congestion around primary school. Possibly create new business premises near lime cross. Empty business premises replaced with 1 or 2 bedroom accommodation e.g. for elderly or key workers.
Bypass, obviously, would be hugely beneficial to Herstmonceux.
I would like it to stay the same!
Not the way Wealden sees it. When the new development is built there will be NO VILLAGE.
Retain a village status - no further development in the parish other than that already imposed. To integrate existing volume but enable locals to maintain the close village community ethos of a rural environment
Sustainability
More business opportunities for local produce to be sold Improving parking arrangements in main street by the shops 20 mile speed limit through village and to school, access to school
Yes
Just better shops to serve community that is already here.
To keep its present rural character. No need for more retail. slow through traffic down even more (connected with this stop pavement parking. it's not necessary)
Safe walking and cycling to village centre from Windmill Hill. Some form of entertainment other than food and drink. Better Parking for shops.
Development should be kept to those sites which are not green field and all existing countryside should be protected at all costs.
Stop parking in the village on both sides of the road to improve traffic flow which at times is pathetic.
To retain its identity.
Not too much as we have not enough facilities
Maintain a rural village look and feel with appropriate speed limits.

Upgrading the existing facilities and revamping the village and Windmill Hill which is often forgotten as part of Herstmonceux.
Stay the same.
To maintain a variety of retail outlets for local use.
Parking is a major problem. We need parking facilities outside the village at the Windmill Hill end, and a solution to the constant bottle neck in Gardner Street
Somewhere to have a meal, particularly during the day other than pubs.
Expansion of shops and services. Also housing for the elderly must be near shops and amenities so needs to be central as well.
More shops
1) Double yellow lines along 1 side of main road. 2) The orange shop either gone or re-painted!!
Need a dentist for the increasing families in Herstmonceux. Litter free!
By improving on what we have together with more suitable shops - better bus links but not changing village into town!
We would like to see the current empty shops taken up by small business people. For the historical and archaeological as well as architectural associations to be preserved as well as maintained and perhaps more attention being paid to keep village activities alive by being better promoted and drawing more people together. An events newsletter about what's happening at the village hall would be nice.
New food outlets-takeaway
Retain the character Reduce the traffic
Let's start with cleaning the village of rubbish, weeds, dead leaves and dog poo from pavements in and around the shop fronts and doors plus front gardens of properties and hanging baskets plus flower tubs would help. A big thank you to Cllr Stephen Nash and his wife after the large flower trough outside the old post office.
To thrive through a mixture of local shops including café(s), food outlets etc.
To remain a rural, close community with people included and part of the village not just large scale development for overspill of other areas.
Kept as a small village
To be similar to what it is now.
Where would you put the development
Somehow reduce unsuitable traffic which causes severe pollution. At the risk of ridicule may we suggest a by-pass?
By a small amount as possible there is nothing here that warrants a big increase in size of village
Raise its profile. Hold regular meetings at parish hall + notify local householders when taking place.
Quality grocers, butchers, bakers to be encouraged back with low business rates and incentives for young apprentices in the service industries. No supermarket chains.
By pass it to the south. Infill the land between village and by pass as only development land.

Better bus service - more frequent and period tickets specifically from Herst. to Hailsham/Polegate/Eastbourne current cheapest ticket is £6.50/day (explorer) Greengrocer/butchers shops
Allow people who own/run businesses in the parish to build a house on their site for security and human welfare reasons.
Village car park to help keep roads clear.
The NHS has ripped the shop focus out Herstmonceux by facilitating the relocation of the pharmacy. Private competition cannot compete with state investments like this.
We would prefer the village to be left alone. It is not suitable for any further development. Any affordable increase in development and infrastructure would irreparably ruin this village beyond recovery.
Better traffic flow. In and out of town.
Keep it as a village centre.
We would like to see it bypassed. We would like the road through Herstmonceux to be paved with brick and flower tubs and market on Saturdays.
I wouldn't! Apart from full use of existing retail facilities.
No. leave Herstmonceux as a small village with small facilities.
Empty shops in use
Cycle lanes No building on green spaces
How's about finally letting a kids youth club be there - they run nothing for the kids - why should they not be able to enjoy village hall (just the elderly) yet you make them go down a poorly lit church road.
Traffic calming measures
Huge population in the 65+ category all wanting to remain in the village and not shipped out when suitable housing and care is not available. Downsizing will provide movement and a variety of properties becoming available, enabling the real elderly to stay here, they offer a lot - use of all facilities within the parish. Perhaps more than the younger people who will transport out!
Kept alive - and more shops that can be supported.
With respect to the fact this is a village community.
Keep it as a village and don't spread to join Windmill Hill, Magham Down or Cowbeech.

4.9 Appendix 9 – Q14 Have you or a member of your family been affected in any way on any of the following (please specify the issues.)

1) Foul sewer overflows at Victoria Road/Joes Lane and Lime Cross nursery (A271) 2) Have to act as taxi service for teenage family as no evening bus service.
3 weeks travelling backwards and forwards to the Conquest Hospital to see my husband. No bus service on Sundays - had to have a taxi to Hailsham and then travel via Eastbourne and Hastings - Nightmare
98 bus wasn't always reliable.

<p>A delicate infrastructure. A271 often has broken pipes. Sewage affects Victoria Rd. Electricity has improved, no cuts this winter.</p>
<p>A more regular bus service plus varied destination.</p>
<p>As I live in Cowbeech housing is not at such a density that sewage is a problem. Overhead power lines do mean rough weather can cause power cuts and public transport does not exist.</p>
<p>Aware of sewage issues for new development areas.</p>
<p>Bad quality and a lot of cuts through breakages. Lots of power cuts causing expensive damage to equipment. Bus service atrocious and not fit for purpose. We are isolated on Sundays and bank holidays.</p>
<p>Been splashed with sewage from leaking drains on main road during heavy rain Not enough buses for those reliable on them (children)</p>
<p>Being without water due to problems in Hailsham Being without electricity for many hours</p>
<p>Better bus route.</p>
<p>Blocked main sewer.</p>
<p>Blocked sewage drains Power cuts. Not as bad as a year ago Need Sunday service on bus route mon-sat 1 bus per hour</p>
<p>Blocked toilet and drains</p>
<p>Broken sewage main pipes not large enough to take the volume of sewage to many houses. Need more buses at weekends as so many older people who don't drive. Needing to get to hospital visiting.</p>
<p>Bursting of elderly water mains from time to time</p>
<p>Bus service infrequent and stops early</p>
<p>Bus service is far too infrequent Power cuts rather too frequent (none recently through) Water mains seem to burst too often</p>
<p>Bus services are limited in Windmill Hill and Herstmonceux.</p>
<p>Bus services are not always reliable</p>
<p>Bus services don't exist! The 322 Eastbourne (via Herstmonceux) to Battle was removed the year my daughter started at Claverham so I drive. Next year my daughter will go to Judds (grammar) so I will still drive to Battle Station.</p>
<p>Bus services need to be improved. If I want to go to Hailsham by bus (to avoid using my car as part of protecting the environment), I would have to do what I have to do in about 10 mins or be there for a couple of hours. We also have cloudy water frequently the drains outside our house have been looked at on several occasion (Victoria Rd). I'm not sure why but there's clearly a problem. the road was closed for a while, however it has been better recently</p>
<p>Buses are terrible, always late and breakdown. First bus barely get us into Eastbourne on town. Need earlier bus, power cuts are frequent.</p>
<p>Buses to run on a Sunday and bank holidays</p>
<p>constantly having cloudy water power cuts although they have improved late buses as none at all wrong time for buses</p>
<p>Cuts in supply from both from time to time.</p>
<p>Difficult getting onto bus. Need drop type as in Eastbourne.</p>

<p>Disgraceful public services - restricted hourly services No buses towards battle Only volunteer services in rural parts</p>
<p>Drains blocking on a regular basis Unable to get anywhere on bus as so infrequent School bus no longer free which affects school choice to secondary school.</p>
<p>Drains overflowing into garden Would appreciate a Sunday bus</p>
<p>Electricity - used to suffer frequent power cuts, this has lessened but does still occur Very limited public transport facilities makes it difficult for teenagers</p>
<p>Electricity cuts</p>
<p>Electricity flashes off and on again fairly frequently. Buses often break down or don't arrive (due to age I think).</p>
<p>Electricity occasionally goes off</p>
<p>Electricity power cuts and power surges. Cannot get to appointments at hospital unless one catches an earlier bus in case the one you want is cancelled. Rationing in summer months.</p>
<p>Electricity.</p>
<p>Electricity? We are on a 'dodgy' spur - needs upgrading esp. with new homes. Public transport? - Expensive! Unreliable.</p>
<p>Farmers oversized vehicles going on grass verges and damaging pipework Buses only one an hour day time only</p>
<p>Flooding.</p>
<p>frequent power cuts</p>
<p>Frequent power cuts/surges at various times of day Bus frequency is only 1 per hour at best. Bus service is expensive and not early enough on a week day to Polegate Station to even make it to Brighton by 9pm, never mind London. Same for return journey.</p>
<p>Have lived in Herstmonceux for 8 years and water supply been disrupted several times and on one occasion when it was turned back on, it cascaded into my bathroom and wouldn't stop running until we received emergency call out</p>
<p>Heavy rainfall recently affected the drains and public transport is inadequate.</p>
<p>I had to rely on public transport a while back and found it long winded and expensive</p>
<p>I live in Victoria Rd, whereby we have been plagued by raw sewage flowing down the road, down into our gardens. Due to what we are told is the sewers can't cope with the amount of sewage. So how is building more houses going to help this, we have been told there is no money to stop this as well.</p>
<p>I would use buses more often if were more frequent</p>
<p>Irregular service and not always convenient times for travel. Flooding of roads and pathways - drains unable to cope</p>
<p>Issues with flooding of sewage and regular broken water mains in locality</p>
<p>Kitchen flood due to drain blockage</p>
<p>Lack of bus services - impact on young people being able to take up job opportunities outside of village</p>
<p>Lack of bus services, particularly in the evenings. This limits employment opportunities for our teenagers</p>
<p>Late cancelled buses used for school transport. Blocked/over flowing drains.</p>
<p>Leakage of raw sewage in Victoria Road after heavy rainfall. Joes Lane and main road Public transport unreliable</p>
<p>Main water breakages.</p>

More frequent bus services into Hailsham, Eastbourne and Battle
Must keep a good bus service
My 14 year old daughter would like more independence. the current bus service limits that
Need bus service on Sunday as well as weekdays. Young people have problem leaving village Sundays.
need for more bus service in the village
No bus services to Eastbourne on Sunday Last bus to Eastbourne goes in afternoon son does not drive and depends on buses to visit home
No bus to or from Polegate or other stations after 6pm
No buses on Sundays.
No public transport! The electricity is temperamental to say the least.
Not all families have a car - we need more buses (occasionally each Sunday) especially for young people - to go out on Sundays!
Not enough buses or public transport School bus prices too high railways overcrowded and too expensive
Not enough going where it is needed
Not enough.
Old drainage has caused problems. The overhead power lines cause power cuts - and look unattractive.
Old main leaking in road outside our house - needed replacing as did feed pipe from road to house
Once an hour is not enough to use to get to and from work and finish too early for social use
One bus an hour to anywhere? if you live in the village, you have to be able to drive - bad carbon footprint
Overflow - blockages Frequent issues with water supply/burst pipes Frequent power cuts What public transport? Cost prohibitive anyway.
Overflow and flooding at Victoria Road and Orchard view park
PGL sewage to Victoria Road Regular power cuts
Poor bus links and limited times.
Poor bus service
Poor bus service
Poor bus service
Poor bus service at times. It would be better to have a bus more than 1 an hour.
Poor clearance of rainwater. Drains in Cowbeech.
Poor services in the evenings for buses forcing continued reliance on cars. Old pipework delivering water supply requiring upgrade re regular bursts
Poor sewage services in Victoria Rd expensive overpriced bus fares into Hailsham £5+ one way Power cuts in.. that lasted days
Poorish bus service for kids
power cuts
Power cuts - especially 3 yrs. ago Complete lack of public transport for the village. 1 bus an hour and stopping early evening isn't good enough
Power cuts and dirty drinking water after bad weather.
Power cuts seem to happen more often lately

Power cuts Water cuts
Power cuts.
Power cuts. With extra housing the bus service should be extended.
Public transport is dreadful for teenagers and students. Only 1 hour either way and no information if it is not coming or arriving late. would be nice to have a service to Battle
Public transport is unreliable sometimes over 20 mins late Electrical failures even though not long lasting. used to be frequent but this has improved over the last year
Public transport to Hailsham, Herstmonceux and Heathfield covering villages like Cowbeech and Rushlake Green etc.
Raw sewage in Victoria Rd, Joes lane and the main road after heavy rain. Frequent water supply is cut off (at least 1x per year) because the pipe system is outdated public transport and bus services are below third world standard
Regular loss of mains water - whole system needs updating. Power cuts have improved vastly but we still suffer occasionally.
Route 98 - limited part of the day and no service on Sundays.
Several times we have had no water for several hours whilst repairs are done to old water pipes. Sewage cannot cope in Windmill Hill. We have had two major blockages.
Sewage - often leaks onto our roads and causes closures (Victoria Rd) Water - often of poor quality with high nos of particulates Public Transport - So infrequent, I am forced to use buses to get home from work as buses didn't come back to Windmill Hill after a certain time (Buses need to be more frequent and much cheaper)
Sewage - road closed in Victoria Road opposite my house for circa 1 month 2015/14. Regularly have sewage down road. Water only been off 2 in 4 yrs. though. Occasional power - nothing major.
Sewage backup due to complete incompetence in replacement of pipes in Victoria Road. Frequent failure of water and electricity supplies, this has improved. Hopeless bus service, often late or cancelled and not existent on Sundays.
Sewage from a drain on Victoria Road running over my property. I would like to see the parish council putting more effort into resolving this issue.
Sewage from Victoria Road running down Pippin Close in Orchard View Park
Sewage in gardens and on paths and roads - Windmill Hill. Late or didn't arrive at all bus service.
Sewage in Victoria Rd often runs into gardens and homes in Orchard View Park. 98 bus - random things - seems to come when it likes. Not reliable for app. in Hailsham/Eastbourne etc.
Sewage leaking in Victoria Rd Brown water from taps. Regular power cuts. Buses do not run Sundays or late at night.
Sewage overflowing in Victoria Rd
Sewage School Roads Parking in the side roads.
Sewer problems down Victoria Rd. Additional bus charges for youngest child has not helped our finances.
Sewerage issues/flooding.
Since I have lived in Cowbeech the number of buses each day has gone from 8 in each direction to 1 a week.

<p>Smell is regularly up by Victoria Drive. We are supplied bottles by the water board cleaning from one reservoir to the other as water is contaminated. Power surges regularly blowing our bulbs at least weekly</p>
<p>Some electric cuts poor / no bus service after 5pm</p>
<p>Suitable bus to Eastbourne Downs College for our daughter. There is no suitable service during core college hours.</p>
<p>Surface water running around back of our property like a small stream during heavy rain, only started in last few years since new buildings in Victoria Road Windmill Hill. Also sewage running down Victoria Road.</p>
<p>The bus service along the A271 between Bexhill and Hailsham is unreliable to say the least and even the drivers don't appear to know what time they are making their journeys. Perhaps this explains the half empty buses when we get on one.</p>
<p>The bus service is restricted to daytime and no Sunday service. It is very unreliable with buses frequently late, certainly in Hailsham direction. Bus shelter as such is open and windy.</p>
<p>The degree and level of water pouring down the road, drains unable to cope. I have to bank up edge to stop flooding. If it got worse I don't know what I'd do.</p>
<p>The electricity to Higham Hill is not very reliable.</p>
<p>The odd power cut, one lasting long enough to receive compensation but nothing too bad. this could be a sign of the village reaching capacity</p>
<p>There is currently one bus per week from Cowbeech. I would like to see at least a daily service.</p>
<p>Totally inadequate bus service, no services on Sundays and bank holidays.</p>
<p>Twice flooded in our kitchen area because of blocked mains damage and blocked sewers in the last 9 years when in spate during heavy rainfall</p>
<p>Under driving age children reliant on parents to run them to their various clubs or social events.</p>
<p>Very poor bus service because what buses there are get held up in traffic.</p>
<p>Very poor bus service also expensive. no incentive to use service</p>
<p>Very poor, intermittent public transport. Should encourage more properties, with financial support, subsidies to utilise green energy.</p>
<p>Victoria Road - need more be said! Current sewers do not serve existing use. No new developments until sewage and water run off sufficiently improved.</p>
<p>Victoria Road, Windmill Hill - drainage poor. Water pipes have burst on A271. Power cuts occur from time to time. No evening bus services.</p>
<p>Virtually non-existent.</p>
<p>Water - affected by localised supply: fractured and burst pipes Electricity - very unreliable in severe weather</p>
<p>Water - flooding, we need better drainage Public transport - more reliable and comprehensive bus service</p>
<p>Water and sewage charges are £22 per week + electricity @ 15p/kwh. There is almost a case for home generation and severance from the water and sewage systems - That's progress</p>
<p>Water leaks at least once a month, in road, present structure seems unable to cope with amount of water and sewage. Maybe too old? Bus service pitiful, need car to live here.</p>
<p>Water main bursting The odd power cuts</p>

Water pressure reduced chalky water in evening Electricity constantly low level
We have had to ditch dig at our own expense around our garden flooding due to blocked and broken drainage. Electricity power cuts very frequently.
We have no choice of heating al electricity too expensive. Oil so complex and cumbersome tankers tanks etc. We need gas
We need a better bus service that you can rely on and a local bus from Hailsham, Windmill Hill land outlying villages
Weather stops the electric overhead wires. Bus missing and not times.
When it rains heavy the drains can't take all the water and sewer comes out of drain covers
Would use a better and more reliable bus service with less waiting time at stops for late buses. Also early evening finish limits number of times it is possible to use it.
Wrong covers on spurge and waste water. Told that pipes wrong size i.e. too small. Many years later it was discovered toilet pipes went straight into the ground and not joined up!! Stage coach 98 - still high steps and nothing Sundays or after 6pm. Once a week community bus - so helpful and a cheerful social outing. New buses not laid out, claustrophobic, handles, front windows, slippery floors. Felt travel sick!

4.10 Appendix 10 – Q16 Any comments on the Economic Section?

All industry is drifting towards larger towns we can all name all the industry that has closed over the last 20 years. Therefore social housing should not be promoted if there is no employment locally.
All the villages have a 30mph limit why does Windmill Hill still have 40mph. This needs reviewing.
All works for us at this time
Any additional building will not sustain current school, water, sewage, pot holes etc.
Any development in the parish should also consider / provide potential for local employment where possible. We should actively support re-use of commercial sites and not housing
Any help to new business cannot be bad.
Being a small village despite the best intention of providing employment locally, it will never keep pace with the proposed building developments and thus not attract people of working age. too many houses, not enough work = an increasing ageing population
Broadband should be installed to highest level. Cut business rates for small businesses to survive.
Care must be taken not to develop the village to much so that it becomes a town.
Don't lose the car park.
Encourage villagers to shop locally. rethink having farmers market in spring/autumn
Ensuring retail properties, maintain their status.
Finances much tighter than 2 years ago and rates have soared. Second class stamp on every letter.
Good to encourage business take up existing retail premises that are unoccupied.
High speed broadband is essential in rural areas.
I feel it doesn't matter what ever I think it will happen anyway, it is out our control.
I think it is important to keep Herstmonceux as a rural village, as that is what attracted most people here in the first place.
I think it would be a mistake to over industrialise Herstmonceux given Hailsham on our doorstep
I want to see existing facilities used to support local businesses. Happy to have more employment opportunities/shops/small workshops to facilitate these. Do not want to see larger corporations coming into the village

I would like to see either the existing, empty business premises with businesses in them or new shop, workshops and/or offices to replace them on a new site and convert the unused ones to residential use - demolish and rebuild as appropriate
If you take a 100 year view stability is more important than growth - leave the next generation somewhere decent to live.
It is essential to support local, rural business and not to force it out of the village by over populating.
It needs to be easier and cheaper to shop locally. We do not need any more quaint expensive shops. We need reasonably priced (i.e. everyday butchers, bakers, green grocers and a bank - NOT artisan shops
It would be lovely to have the village centre as it was with individual businesses catering to the residents e.g. food stores, cafes etc.
It would be wonderful if more local people could also work locally but this needs to be balanced against increased traffic so our villages stay alive and vibrant.
Let's hope more notice is taken of this survey than the last one!!
Local pub and post office is very important - it offers services and encourages people to shop locally
More buses to places like Heathfield
Buses sooner and not just every hour like usual
more traffic control - pedestrian crossing by surgery (with lights)
Nearest bus services 2 miles away
no
NO NEW HOUSES
No.
None.
Not really - this is a farming area not a business park.
Not suitable for large industrial units. Workshop units available.
Parishioners need to be encouraged to support all the local shops and businesses to ensure the village remains vibrant.
Please note Daily Telegraph 19/02/16 enclosed. Britain needs more homes for the elderly.
Questionable of employment opportunities in the parish area sufficiently exploited. A local website enabling residents to feel services locally may help - a local version of check-a-trade?
Re-locate Robins Haulage from Chilsom Lane to somewhere like the Dickers. main road better for them and West End lane and the village
Road improvement possible bypass. To make it easier to use pavement now used as car park.
Sewage/water/electricity needs to be upgraded and developers make to pay.
The lack of maintenance of the bushes, woods, road signs and road markings is a disgrace and
Transport and access to/from any new development must be considered.
Turning down/objecting to planning applications for new businesses that would occupy empty units in the village centre seems counterproductive.
Use of empty premises for short term local charity fund raising or community protestors.
Want Herstmonceux to stay as a village not become an outpost of Hailsham.
We work from home but as employees of a large organisation. Any improvement in broadband and mobile telephone coverage/speed are always welcomed.
What about more emphasis on supporting food and farming businesses? Local food is going to become much more important and there are many new ideas and projects which should be encouraged in this sector
With only a high street which has limited retail units, it does not appear to be a viable situation for businesses other than those we have now or had in the past. Not likely to have a bank, grocer or tearoom/bakery.
Would place emphasis on all shop units being kept alive and occupied rather than creating more. Small industrial units lend themselves to a village environment and for employment opportunities but should be in the peripheral areas.

You built new homes on Gardener Street and there is not enough parking. Bigger doctors surgery but cannot get appointment for days so if you build more new properties then the problem gets bigger.