



COMMUNITY NEEDS MAY 2018 A SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

The Neighbourhood Plan has gathered a large amount of evidence from the Community of its needs and wishes. This document summarises it all and identifies which of the potential development sites could deliver these:

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1. Parking a. General b. Near Recreation Ground	State of the Parish report; Business Survey Nov 2016; General Survey June 2016	All 12, 13, 5, 6		Improved parking at retail units and in residential areas. Developers to consider putting additional parking in to new developments to reduce overspill Improvements to parking at/near Recreation Ground to prevent dangerous overspill into Church Lane/Foster Lane area, as part of any 'redevelopments' in this area.
2. Retain existing retail/service outlets along London Road	State of the Parish report			Residents concerned about loss of retail units to residential. London Road is seen as the 'retail centre' of the village.

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				Site 11 is the only site along London Road but is very small.
<p>3. Public Rights of Way:</p> <p>a. Improvements to existing</p> <p>b. New provision:</p> <p>i. Village to Malthouse Lane to Storrington</p> <p>ii. Village to Penn Gardens to Park Lane to Thakeham</p> <p>iii. Village to Wiston or Spithandle Lane to Steyning</p> <p>iv. Village to Spear Hill</p>	State of the Parish report; Detailed Residents Survey	<p>5</p> <p>1</p> <p>none</p> <p>22, 23, 4</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6</p> <p>none</p>	<p>Improvements, linkages, upgrades to PROWs can be provided by developers as part of new developments (or linkages to new developments) or through financial contributions</p> <p>A24 footbridge is unsuitable for horses which limits accessibility by equestrian users.</p> <p>From Church to Malthouse Lane</p> <p>From School to Rectory Lane or Church to Rectory Lane</p> <p>No sites suitable</p> <p>Would need cooperation of possibly 3 sites and would not reach Spear Hill without some travel along Billingshurst Road</p>
4. Flood relief for Mill Lane	State of the	5		Recommendation 5.1 of the Flood Study could solely

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	Parish report; Opus Flood Study Report for Mill Lane (WSCC)			be achieved on Site 5.
5. Allotments as part of new developments	State of the Parish report	1, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 22, 23, 26, 27		Most sites could accommodate some public allotments. Sites 2, 8, 9 are separate from the main village and less suitable. Site 11 & 15 are too small.
6. Mitigate A24 noise impacts for adjacent development	State of the Parish report; Residents General Survey, June 2016			Sites 2, 8, 9, 11, 14, 26 are closest to A24. Noise mitigation measures may be required on these sites.
7. Allocation of some land, preferably with good access to the A24, for business centre (low cost, flexible workspaces, meeting rooms & managed services for local start-ups, small enterprises, freelancers & home-workers)	State of the Parish report	2, 8, 9	1, 14, 4, 5, 6, 10, 22, 23, 27	Sites 1 & 14 have existing business use but are within the village and have possible transport/amenity issues. Sites 2, 8, 9 have good access to A24 and would keep commercial traffic out of the village. Large sites could include land allocation for a business centre

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8. Youth Club /old Village Hall (Site 12) needs replacing	State of the Parish report; Consultation with Youth Club	12, 13, 5, 6, 1, 16	10, 22, 23, 27, 15	<p>Old, dilapidated building in need of replacement. Could be provided as part of new developments in village but needs good access to the village community 'heart' so that it can serve the existing population as well as new residents and reduce usage of private cars. The community 'heart' of the village is defined as the Recreation Ground, Youth Club, Sports Pavilion, Youth Club, Church, Community Centre and School area.</p> <p>Site 12 could be developed for housing as part of enabling project but replacement provision elsewhere would be necessary.</p> <p>Sites 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, are a greater distance from the community 'heart' so less accessible without access to a car. Sites 14 & 26 have physical access issues which would restrict wider community use.</p>
9. Access to medical and other key facilities				There is no evidence of medical need within the Neighbourhood Plan area but improved access via community transport solutions may be appropriate.
10. Sports pavilion (Site 12) needs replacing	State of the Parish report; Consultation with Sports Clubs	5, 6, 12, 13,	10, 22, 23, 27	Old, dilapidated building in need of replacement. Provision needs to be near sports pitches (existing and future provision) and needs good access to the village community 'heart' (see 8 above) so that it can serve the existing population as well as new residents and reduce usage of private cars.

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				<p>Site 12 could be developed for housing as part of enabling project but replacement provision elsewhere would be necessary.</p> <p>All sports provision and associated facilities should preferably be in a single location to enable efficient management and enhance this location as the heart of the community.</p> <p>Sites 1, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 26 are too small.</p> <p>Site 2 is too far away from the current community heart.</p> <p>Site 4 has poor access for pedestrians, therefore would create safety issues, especially for children accessing the community heart.</p>
11. Scout Hall (Site 12)	State of the Parish report	12, 13, 5, 6, 1, 16	10, 15, 22, 23, 27	<p>Building is in need of some repairs and general maintenance.</p> <p>Site 12 could be development for housing as part of enabling project but replacement provision elsewhere would be necessary.</p> <p>Provision needs to be close to the village community 'heart' to reduce usage of the private car. It also needs access to 'green space' for regular Scout activities.</p> <p>Sites 2, 4, 8, 9, 26 have poor pedestrian access therefore creating safety issues, especially for children.</p>

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				Sites 11, 14 are too small and would provide insufficient green space.
12. Outdoor Gym/Exercise equipment	State of the Parish report; Detailed Residents Survey	12, 13, 5, 6, 1, 16	10, 15, 22, 23, 27	Provision could be outdoor gym equipment or a trim trail. Would ideally be located near other community facilities to reduce usage of the private car. Sites 2, 8, 9 are separate from the 'heart' of the community. Sites 4, 14 & 26 have access issues as well as being distant from the heart of the village. Site 11 is too small.
13. Multi sports court: a. Refurbish existing b. New	State of the Parish report; Detailed Residents Survey; Needs identified by local Football Clubs	13, 5, 6, 1, 16	10, 15, 22, 23, 27	Existing court needs resurfacing, possibly with polymeric rubber for multi sports. Would most likely be addressed through developer contributions. Additional court/pitch specifically for football, eg 3G/4G with floodlights so that local football teams can train all year round rather than travelling to Steyning. This would leave the existing court for other sports. Alternatively, co-location with new football pitches provision would be possible, provided issues of accessibility and ensuring there is a critical mass of

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				facilities in the community heart are addressed. Sites 2, 8, 9, 4, 14, 26, 11, 12 are separate from the 'heart' of the community and/or are too small.
<p>14. Sports pitches</p> <p>a. Improvements to existing Recreation Ground pitches</p> <p>b. additional football pitches</p>	<p>State of the Parish report; Detailed Residents Survey; Needs identified by local Football Clubs</p>	<p>5, 6</p>	<p>10, 22, 23, 27</p>	<p>Drainage of existing pitches needs improvement to ensure fewer matches postponed. More pitches are needed to serve Ashington Cougars and Rovers football clubs, possibly with floodlighting to allow winter training. Better secure storage space is also needed for equipment.</p> <p>Provision should be co-located with any new sports pavilion and any new 3G/4G multi-sports court. Sites 1, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 26 are too small. Site 2 is too far from the heart of the village. Site 4 is separate from the heart of the village and has access issues.</p>
<p>15. Play areas including skatepark & Youth shelter</p> <p>a. improvements to existing</p> <p>b. new</p>	<p>State of the Parish report, Horsham 2014 Sport, Open Space and Recreation Assessment</p>			<p>Foster Lane play area needs some repairs and refurbishment. Lights and footpath access are needed for the youth shelter.</p> <p>New play areas as required by any new</p>

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				developments. Planned growth required in Ashington could necessitate a LEAP in the Plan area, with growth in excess of this potentially requiring a NEAP
16. BMX/off road cycle circuit	State of the Parish report	13, 5, 6, 1,16	10, 22, 23, 27	Ideally located near other community facilities to allow easy access by young people. Sites 2, 4, 8, 9, 26 have poor pedestrian access therefore creating safety issues, especially for children, and are distant from the village heart. Sites 11, 12, 14, 15 are too small.
17. Community Centre a. improvements eg main hall floor, heating, sound system, cctv, cafe b. new facilities eg small hall, possible expansion to incorporate Sports pavilion, small hall, Youth Club if funds become available	State of the Parish report			Possible development of two areas (Sites 12 & 13) as enabling development for new facilities to be built on-site. Other sites would most likely address this through developer contributions.
18. Parish/Wardens permanent Office	State of the Parish report	11, 12, 13, 5, 6, 1,16		Ideally located near other community facilities to allow easy access by residents. Sites 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 22, 23, 26, 27 are too far from the 'heart' of the village

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19. Fishing lake or improved access to fishing	State of the Parish report	5, 6, 22		Fishing is available at Hole Street Fisheries but pedestrian and vehicle access is poor.

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