



Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan

How are we doing?

We listened to all of those who attended our exhibition last November and are now proceeding to reflect your views in our Plan. The Plan area has been designated by HDC and we have created a website: www.slinfoldnplan.org where you can see more information. The Neighbourhood Plan covers the entire parish – it's not just about the village- and relates to development over the next 15 years. We are currently working on the Draft Plan which will be offered up to all parish residents and businesses for a six week consultation once finalised. When this has been passed by a majority in a referendum, and subsequently adopted, it will be legally enforceable. So this is an important document and your input is vital to its success.

Vision

Our vision is to ensure a sustainable rural community for everyone within the parish, embracing the countryside whilst providing for the future.

Objectives

- Encourage development of quality services and business opportunities that meet the needs of the local community, and protect and enhance the historical and local rural environment
- Provide new and diverse leisure and recreational activities to promote engagement and well-being for all generations
- Encourage new housing development that prioritises the needs of the community and supports the ethos of rural living.
- Retain a village character with its individual vernacular, setting and green landscape.

Where should new housing go?

We do not yet know how many houses are needed in the parish or what contribution Slinfold needs to make to Horsham Districts Housing Plans. The latter is currently undergoing examination but currently calls for 1500 new homes to come forward through the combined Neighbourhood Plans across the District. We are also aware that several developers are actively pursuing applications in our parish and we will ensure where appropriate these are assessed for suitability for inclusion in the Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan.



We received strong support for the concept of the Strategic Gap to preserve the green spaces between Slinfold Village and Broadbridge Heath. We regard this area, which includes the head waters of the River Arun, to be of high environmental, visual and amenity value. Crucially Slinfold is a rural parish and we believe it is vital to retain our separate identity from Horsham/Broadbridge Heath by preventing coalescence into a greater suburb.

At the same time we need to support a vibrant local economy to keep our community and facilities growing and vibrant. This means supporting local enterprises and businesses and ensuring that people who want to live in the village and its surrounding parish have the opportunity to do so.

The geography of our village and parish is unusual and possibly unique in that The Street is not a major thoroughfare. Many similar villages are choked with traffic. In our case traffic is largely directed around the surrounding A-roads where not unsurprisingly the majority of our business units are also located.

So one of our policy options is to determine whether to encourage development around our existing Built Up Area, or to encourage sites along or close by the surrounding road network (with the exception of the area included in the Strategic Gap).

We can also influence the type, style and nature of new development. This means meeting the need for affordable housing and the density of development. Our Parish Design Statement already sets out criteria to ensure that new builds are sympathetic to the local style and in keeping with our rural setting.

What do you think?

There is a questionnaire attached to this flyer for you to complete and return. You can do this online if you prefer – the form is on our website: www.slinfoldnplan.org or you can place the completed questionnaire in one of the boxes provided in the Village Shop, The Red Lyon pub or St Peter's Church.

It's your plan – get involved

We have a Working Group which meets regularly every month but we are always pleased to welcome visitors or new volunteers. If you would like to get involved please contact the Neighbourhood Plan Administrator, info@slinfoldnplan.org or 01403 791323



QUESTIONNAIRE Continued

7. Are you aware of friends or relatives who would like to live in the parish?

8. If so, what constraints are they facing?

9. Which local amenities do you value most highly?

10. And, which do you dislike or are missing?

11. Any general comments?