



Haywards Heath Town Council

Infrastructure Consultation - 2011

Pending the introduction of the Localism Bill Town Councils are able to produce a Neighbourhood Plan that clearly sets out the priorities for their locality in relation to housing numbers and associated infrastructure.

The Town Council views this as an exciting opportunity to influence the future of the Town and to ensure that the benefits of any new housing development are invested in our community. As a starting point for this work we need to establish what infrastructure the Town needs over the next twenty years.

The Town Council is mindful that it does not raise expectations but your views are essential and will enable us to further investigate each of the key infrastructure priorities below. The Town Council has made representation to Mid Sussex District Council on broad priorities for infrastructure and would now like to hear the views of residents on the following.

Please tick in the relevant column (agree or disagree) for each of the following priorities.

Infrastructure Priority	Agree	Disagree
Highways – Pedestrianise The Broadway and improve the one way system between Muster Green and South Road. Promotion of alternative means of travel.		
Schools –Work closely with West Sussex County Council to look at future requirements for Primary and Secondary School places.		
Amenity Land – Pursue the land located off Hurstwood Lane in the South East of the Town, this land would be used for a new burial ground, allotments and potentially a Country Park.		
Community Buildings – Enhance Clair Hall and assess what type of community building(s) are required in the Town. The Town Council’s vision for the facility is that it enhances its cultural offer and becomes a flexible conference and meeting facility.		
Leisure – Develop the leisure facilities at St Francis Hospital sports site, the relocation of Haywards Heath Football Club, together with the completion of leisure facilities and community buildings in Bolnore Village. There is also a need for a community facility in the Bentswood Ward.		
Environment – Protection of our environment is essential to any development in the town. We will keep and where possible enhance the protection of Strategic Gaps and Areas of Natural Beauty around the Town. Green buffers will be developed to formally link a green circle around the Town, which has green spokes leading into the centre. Also protect and enhance Victoria Park & Beech Hurst Gardens. Undertake greening of the Town Centre.		
Business – There is a need for a flexible business centre in the Town together with hubs for small business. The Town will also need improved Broadband services to attract these kinds of businesses to locate in Haywards Heath. Improved retail facilities at the station and the Orchard Shopping Centre. Haywards Heath would also benefit from a new hotel.		
Retail - The Town Council supports the development of a large food retail store in the Town, but it feels that there is scope for other food retail outlets in and around the Town if a suitable proposal is put forward. There is also scope for more retail space at Hazelgrove Car Park or behind Marks and Spencer.		
Transport – Improve car parking facilities in the Town Centre. Redevelop the Train Station.		
Overall – do you agree with Haywards Heath Town Council’s Infrastructure Priorities?		