

Cuckfield Neighbourhood Plan

Options Consultation Feedback



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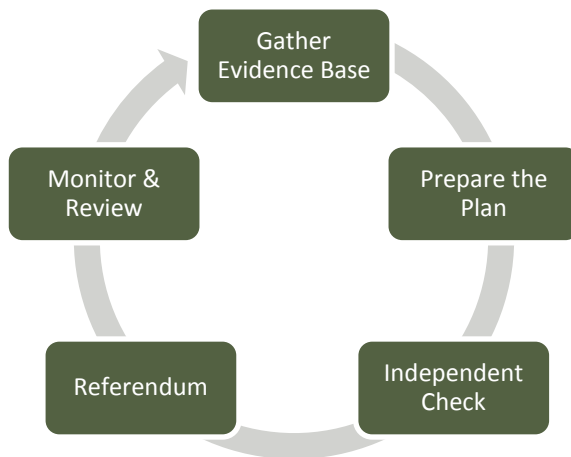
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INTRODUCTION

The local community has a vital role to play in helping to shape the future development and change of Cuckfield Parish over the next 20 years. As part of the Neighbourhood Plan making process two open day sessions were held, alongside a period of consultation, to gauge reaction to emerging options for the Plan

This report summarises the responses from the open days and will form part of the evidence base (see Fig.1) that will help guide the plan. Below is an impression of the life cycle that you can expect the plan to go through.

Figure 1 - The Neighbourhood Plan Lifecycle



The questionnaire, titled “Options Consultation” (see Appendix 1) was a detailed consultation on the potential options for the future of Cuckfield. Information from the evidence base was set alongside the questions to help respondents provide an informed response (see separate document titled “Option Consultation Material”).

The consultation attracted responses from 403 individuals, groups and organisations. This document sets out an easy to understand version of the collated results for the area. The full data set can be found at in the appendices or online at cuckfieldplan.com.

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Figure 2 - What goes into the Evidence Base?



HOW WAS THE CONSULTATION CONDUCTED?

The consultation exercise was carried out in line with our Community Engagement Action Plan (this can be found at cuckfieldplan.com). Our efforts were directed by our six golden rules;

1. Timing is key.

The exercise was publicised for a period of up to six weeks prior to the first Open Day via:

- The Press: Advert in local Newspaper & article in Parish Newsletter
- The Diamond Jubilee Celebration
- Online; cuckfieldplan.com, Facebook, Twitter, other community websites, & email's using our and other community groups mailing lists)
- Posters on public notice board and other public locations.
- Word of mouth within our community and via local community groups.

2. We will be inclusive....

We encouraged all sections of the community to get involved. We utilised paper and electronic methods of engagement, and held one Options Open Day at Holy Trinity School in an effort to reach some of the "hard to reach" groups (in particular the young). The two events were also held at different times (one on a

weekday evening, and one on a Saturday morning) to enable as many people as possible to attend.

We tried to make sure that everyone would have a realistic chance of responding by leaving the options consultation open for over 5 weeks from 23rd June to 31st July (see Tables 1 & 2).

3. We will be clear, and easy to understand.

Every effort was made to maintain the use of plain English in the consultation documents. We also made sure that the public was aware of the impact of the results of the consultation exercise.

4. We will be unbiased & respectful.

As shown within this report. Every opinion has

been respectfully listened to and acknowledged. Whilst writing this document a neutral viewpoint has been adopted ensuring that its outcomes are in not any way predetermined.

5. We will be efficient.

Efforts were made to reduce the possible "consultation fatigue" that could occur as a result of the evidence gathering process. The Options Consultation took place not long after the Housing Assessment, the timing could not be helped however we believe any fatigue was minimal.

6. We will be up front, and open.

Results of this exercise are openly available

within this report and on our website. We hope this report will provide an easy to read informative summary of the results.

Table 1 - Survey Accessibility at Events

Event	Location	Date(s)	Time	Format
Open Day	Holy Trinity School	20 th June	3:30pm – 8:00pm	Paper
Open Day	Queen's Hall	23 rd June	10:00am – 1:00pm	Paper

Table 2 - Continuous Accessibility by other means

Accessibility	Location	Date(s)	Format
24/7	cuckfieldplan.com	23 rd June – 31 st July	Online
Parish Council Opening Hours	Queen's Hall	23 rd June – 31 st July	Paper

THE QUESTIONNAIRE & SUMMARY OF RESULTS

How it was written

The questionnaire was written based upon a number of ideas that the Neighbourhood Plan Team were discussing. These ideas had come from:

- The emerging evidence base
- Feedback from the first open day.
- Letters / Comments from the community.
- Representations from stakeholders.
- Meetings with local businesses.
- The Neighbourhood Plan Team

The questionnaire (also in Appendix 1) was split into the following sections:

1. About You
2. Feedback so far
3. Vision
4. Built Heritage & Design
5. Sustainable Economic Growth
6. Housing & Development
7. Ecology & Biodiversity
8. Infrastructure
9. Landscape
10. General Feedback

These sections broadly follow the planned sections of the Neighbourhood Plan however they are subject to change as more evidence is gathered, and the process progresses.

How the Results were analysed..

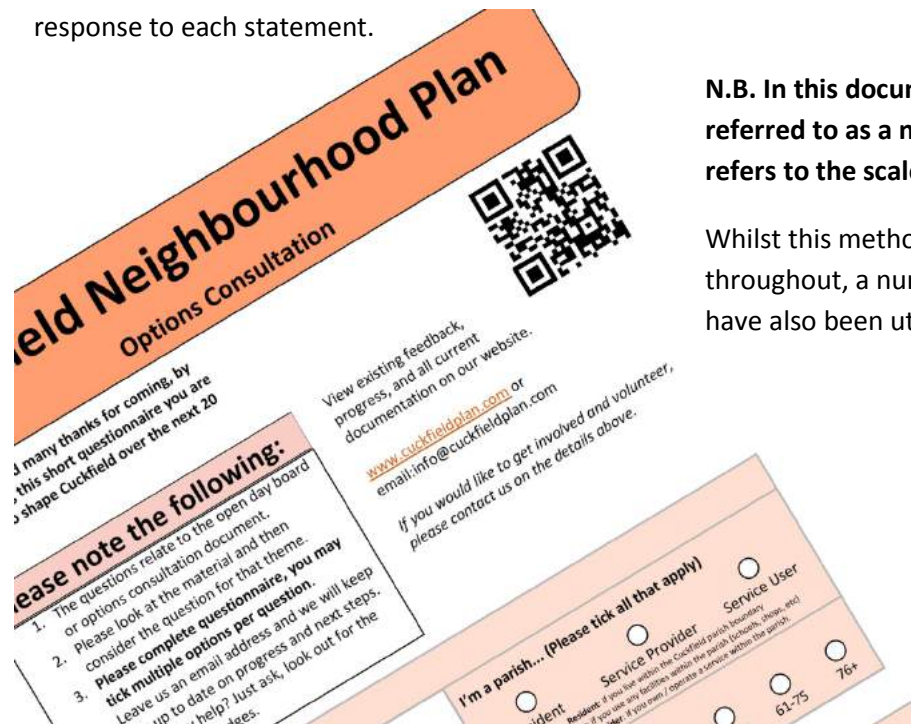
The questionnaire was written in a way so that the Likert Scale could be utilised to analyse the data. This method utilises a scaled answering system to which a number could be assigned. This enabled us to easily show the average response to each statement.

In this case the scaling system was structured as below:

Strongly Agree	+2
↓	
Agree	+1
↓	
Neither Agree/Disagree	0
↓	
Disagree	-1
↓	
Strongly Disagree	-2

N.B. In this document, where a response is referred to as a number between 2 and -2 it refers to the scale above.

Whilst this methodology has been utilised throughout, a number of other approaches have also been utilised to show the data.



1. About You

This section was used to collect demographic data to enable us to split the results by demographic groups if needed (eg: age, gender, etc).

One key reason for this section was to gather email addresses from the local community. We successfully gathered 368 addresses which will enable us keep a large part of the community involved updated with the plan’s progression.

The respondents were a mix of residents, service providers, and service users. Interestingly the results show that only a small proportion of the local population, around 20%, actually use the services within the local community. That said, in discussion with respondents it has become apparent to the team that many overlooked the “Service User Response” so this result may be anomalous.

I’m a Parish...	Count	Percentage
Resident	360	89.33%
Service Provider	27	6.70%
Service User	80	19.85%

It has also helped us to see whether we are engaging with a representative section of the local population. As is evident below, we achieved a relatively representative gender sample of the population.

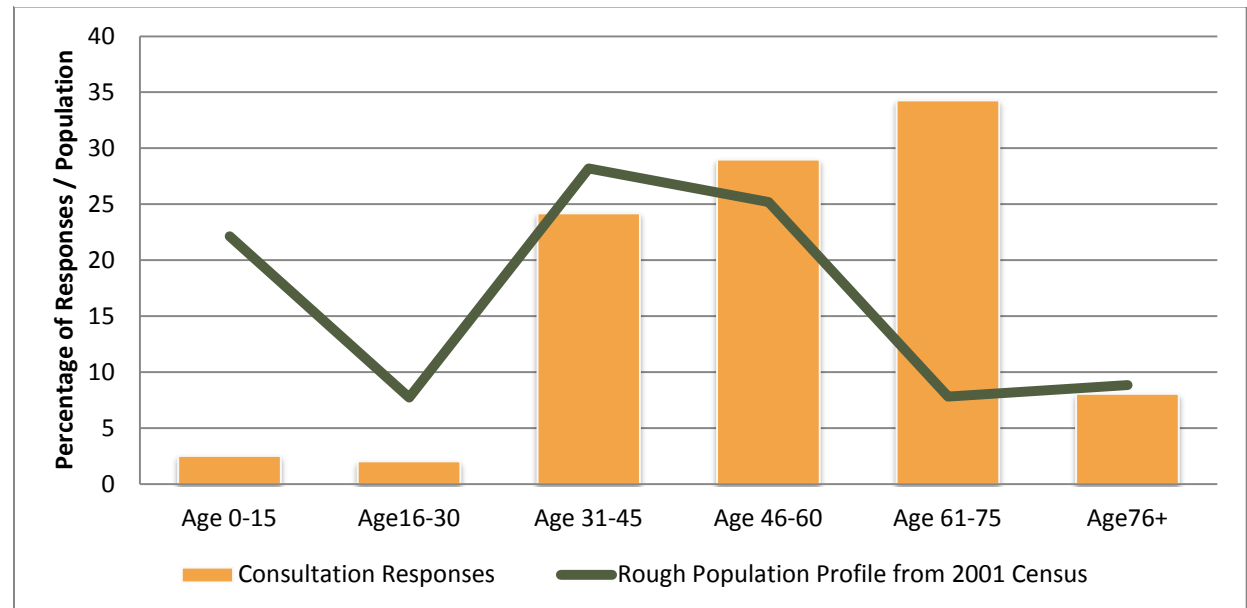
Gender	Count	%	Census %
Male	172	43%	48%
Female	222	55%	51%
Rather Not Say	9	2%	-

weighting towards the 61-75 group and a lack of younger responses despite us trying to actively engage with this group in particular.

Age Group	Count	Percentage
1-15	10	2.52%
16-30	8	2.02%
31-45	96	24.18%
46-60	115	28.97%
61-75	136	34.26%
76+	32	8.06%

With regards to age groups, there was a definite

Figure 3 - Consultation Responses Age Profile v 2001 Census Data Age Profile



2. Feedback so far

We were excited to let people know the progress that had been made and to feed back the results from earlier consultation event.

We invited responses to this by asking whether they felt we had missed anything important so far.

The majority of respondents have said no, that most things have been covered by the neighbourhood plan. There seems to be concern over the 'lack of school provision' in the future, as it is a problem now.

Also, the plan doesn't address the need to 'retain and protect our natural landscape'. Most are concerned that the AONB will be built on. One respondent calls for the plan to 'demonstrate that environmental consideration is taken seriously as required under the NPPF and countryside right of way act'. Some respondents have raised the question that there doesn't seem to be a plan on 'development of

green infrastructure' to go alongside buildings or developing the idea of 'outdoor pursuits' such as signed footpaths, running trails and cycle paths.

Respondents to the survey have suggested that besides protecting our green space there should be a section on protecting our 'historic properties' and 'desirable features'.

Quite a few comments feel that traffic calming and Parking issues haven't been addressed in the Plan.

Drainage was an issue some felt wasn't addressed such as 'avoidance of changing water courses' and 'no concrete gardens' so to prevent surface water flooding.

A complete list of responses received can be found in Appendix 3.



3. Vision

Twelve of the respondents to this question agreed with the vision statement; however the question invited a response to 'If you disagree with the vision in any way, please let us know how you think it should be changed'. The responses led to eight emerging themes.

1. Many of the comments disagreed with the vision statement, particularly with the word 'grow' implying 'no limits to development', changing the word to 'thrive' 'whilst maintaining a rural feel was more appropriate. Thrive and grow appeared to some as conflicting objectives, growing seems to be continuous and the 'inclusion of growth in the vision would 'run contrary to many of the priorities preserving the village'. Thrive is used as a protective measure, 'thrive to protect the current wildlife and countryside. Growth appeared to be associated with loss of identity of the village and its special

character.

2. Limiting growth is a priority when many feel that there are other towns that have 'unused capacity' that could absorb a few more dwellings. Comments were made that a 'new

Our vision is for Cuckfield to continue to grow and thrive and embrace new business and design that will benefit all in our community whilst maintaining its rural feel and setting.

village elsewhere' with a planned infrastructure would be the better option. Limiting and reducing the speed of growth would go some way to 'maintain our boundaries' and 'absorb growth' so as to ensure the character and spirit of the community .

3. Some of the community felt that the 'existing infrastructure doesn't permit' for further development as there is 'enormous pressure on existing services. Infrastructure would have to be in place in advance of any new development.'

4. Some respondents felt that any 'emphasis' on business to help sustainable growth was 'misconceived'. That any light industry would increase 'traffic volumes' and it wasn't part of the village character, in particular, 'didn't like small business units replacing Court meadow'.

4. Built Heritage & Design

D1. Should the distinctive character of Cuckfield's built heritage and design be protected?

This question had a strong overall response to protect the character of Cuckfield's built heritage as can be seen in Table 3 with no fewer than 70% of respondents strongly agreeing to all of the statements in the questionnaire. Comments gathered concentrated around ensuring the "characteristics that have drawn so many residents to Cuckfield in the first place" are not lost.

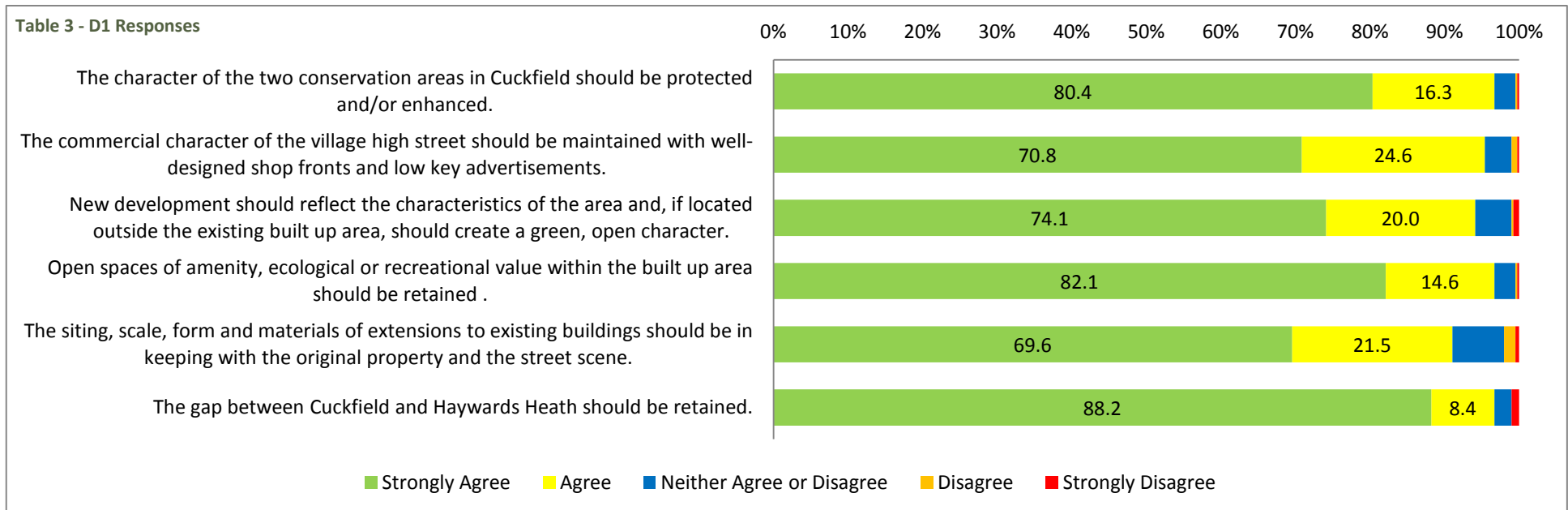
The commercial centre also received a very positive response with comments reflecting the need to attract a more diverse selection of shops whilst maintaining the character.

In relation to the siting, scale, form and materials of extensions, more detailed comments referred to designs being 'in keeping,' 'open', 'using new advanced material' and not be locked in 'by creating pastiches of past styles and materials'. A few respondents felt that there has been a 'lack of thought in past designs' and new designs lack 'imagination' and were 'uninspiring' and there needs to be a move towards incorporating new technologies

alongside 'ecological building methods'. There also needs to be a greater emphasis on 'monitoring new builds'.

The value of the gap in the minds of the respondents is apparent. 93% felt this should be retained. Comments asked for Cuckfield to remain a village by maintaining the gap ensuring it 'remains separate' from Haywards Heath. Comments also asked that to the North of Cuckfield, Brook Street should be left as a hamlet.

Other comments included: 'no to development outside the boundary', concern over the erosion





of the countryside and the AONB and that Cuckfield has a 'distinct country village character' which needs protection from becoming 'an extension of Haywards Heath'. Some felt there should be a move away from 'large executive houses' with open green areas as this is not making 'best use of space', 'a higher density' area such as the old part of village would 'foster a community spirit'. However, comments about the Copse and Chatfield Road developments are regarded as 'ugly, poorly built and overcrowded'.

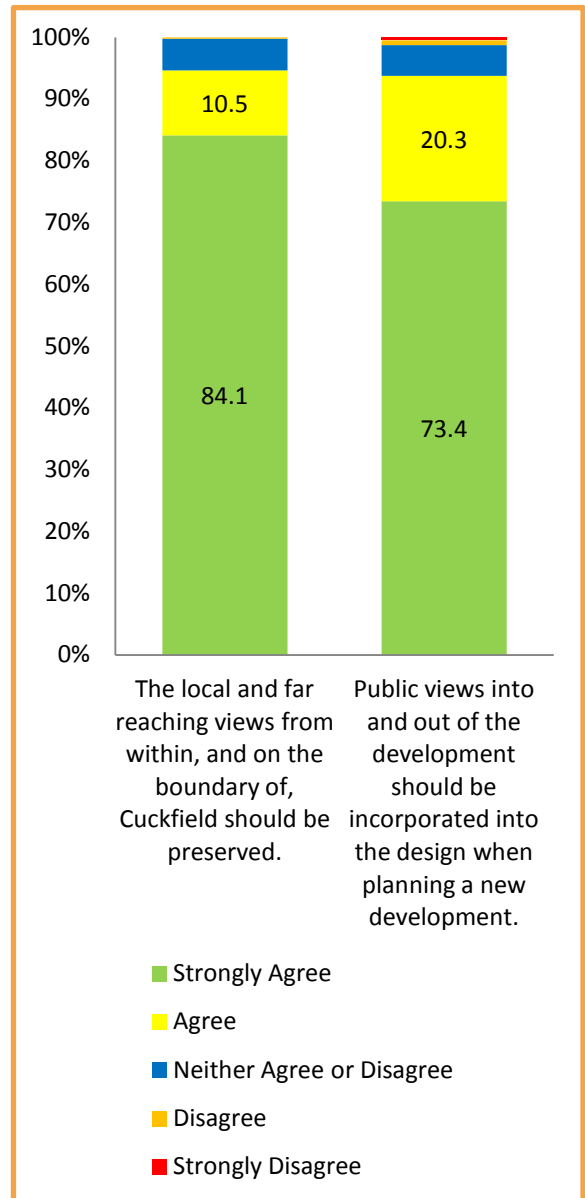
D2. Should future development minimise the impact on any public views of the surrounding countryside?

84% of respondents wished to preserve the local and far reaching views from within, and on the boundary of, Cuckfield as illustrated in Table 4.

Interestingly there is a slight preference for the preservation of existing views over the need to create views in new developments. However, broadly the same number of respondents (over 93%) agrees with both statements.

Comments highlighted that view points from the village out and looking in were considered to be important and no new build should 'block view points'. Respondents felt that developers need to consult with the community so that designs were accepted and viewpoints not disturbed.

Table 4 - Question D2 Responses



5. Sustainable Economic Growth

E1. Retaining and generating new employment in Cuckfield over the next 20 years.

The promotion of the retention development of local services and community facilities, and the two centres, had strong support both scoring 1.7 when scaled. Comments revealed some criticism around lack of parking and the worry of more congestion.

Retaining existing business premises gained over 50% that strongly agreed and ended with a scaled score of 1.3. Some comments that felt there was ‘no point trying to attract office workers to Cuckfield’ when the nearby towns offer such employment.

Countryside buildings suitable for conversion for employment purposes gained 68% in favour with 20% of responses giving a neutral

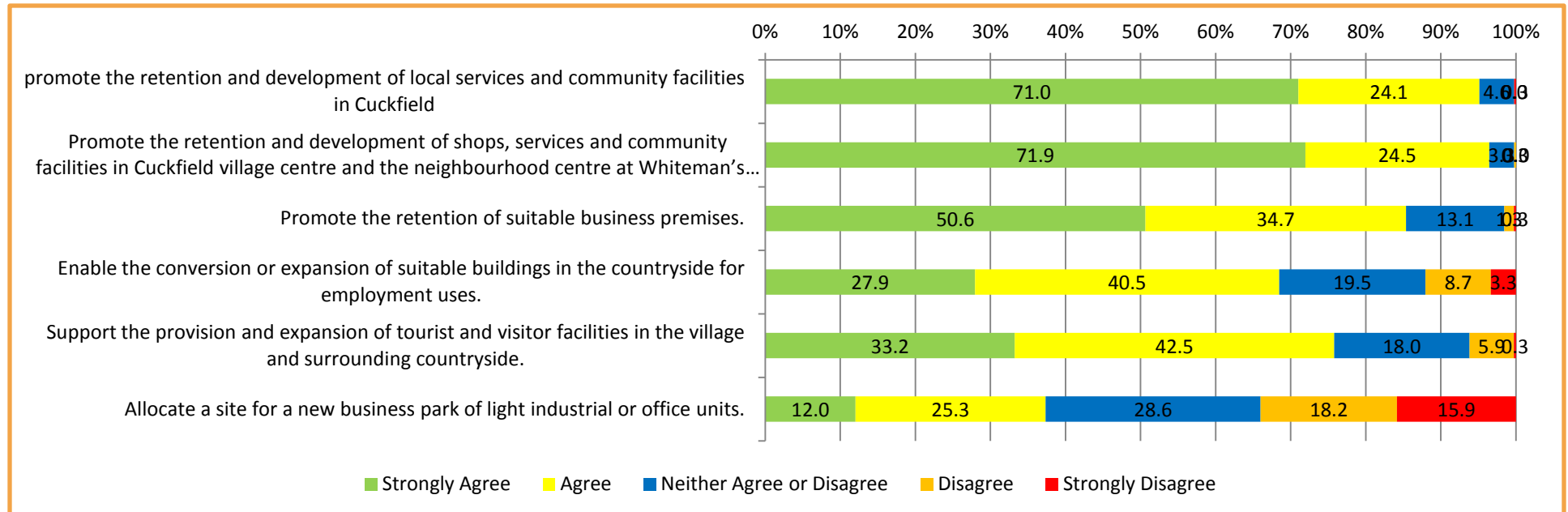
response. Overall however this scored 0.8.

Tourism and visitor facilities within the parish attracted support from over 76% with only 6% not being in favour. A few comments noted that with an increase in people coming to the Parish there may be a need to improve public transport services.

Opinions were split over the allocation of a site for a new business park, 37% agreed or strongly

Table 6 - Question E2 Responses - What are your views about the future use of Court Meadow School?

Table 5 - Question E1 Responses

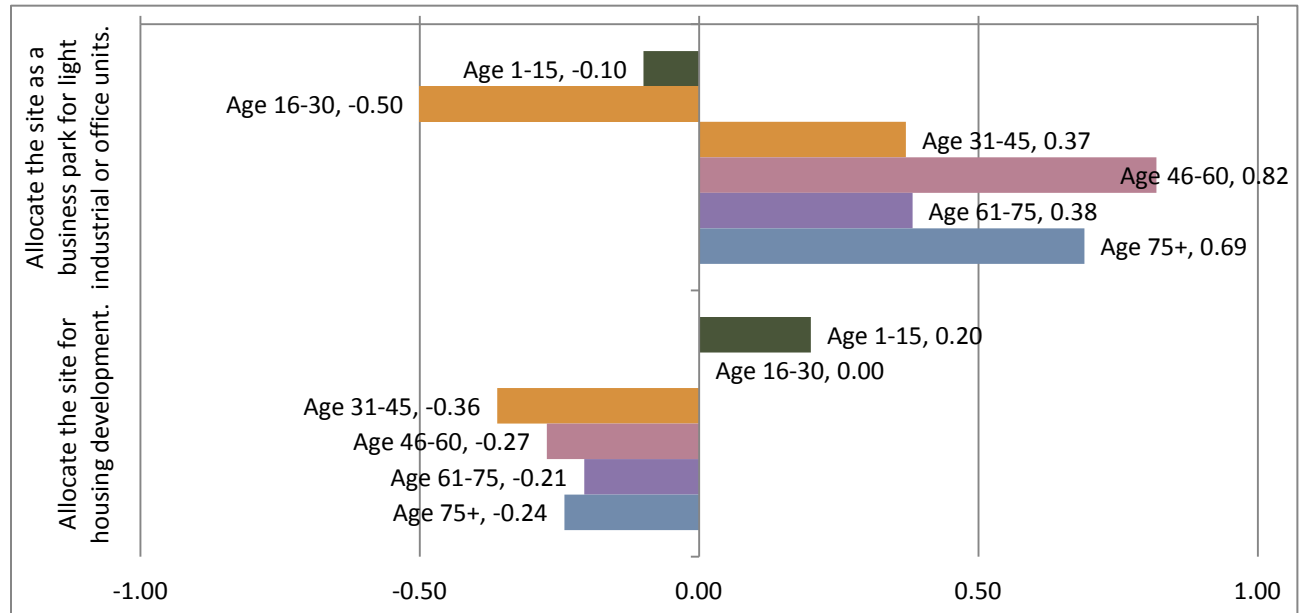


agreed, whilst 34% disagreed or strongly disagreed. Once scored, this received a 0 meaning there was a dead split in responses. Comments said that “light industry” “doesn’t go with conserve and enhance” and felt that any industry might “erode away part of the countryside”. Others said that “careful consideration” should be given to find a suitable site for a business Park.

E2. What are your views about the future use of Court Meadow School?

This area provides an opportunity for development in the near future due to the closure of Court meadow School.

A third of responses agreed with light industry at Court meadow with a scaled response of 0.4. This was predominantly from the over 30’s. Comments put forward Housing for the Elderly and some discussed the idea of a primary school or an education centre.



Housing on the site received an almost universally negatively response with the exception of the 1-15 age group. Overall however housing scored -0.3 when scored.

Some of the supplementary comments referred to traffic and congestion caused by both options, whilst others raised concerns over the sustainability of the site in general. Suggestions for the site included (but were not limited to) a

retirement home, an extension of Holy Trinity School, a community centre, an ecological centre, and a conference centre.

6. Housing & Development

H1: What are your views about the following options for new housing in Cuckfield over the next 20 years in addition to the existing commitment of 116 dwellings?

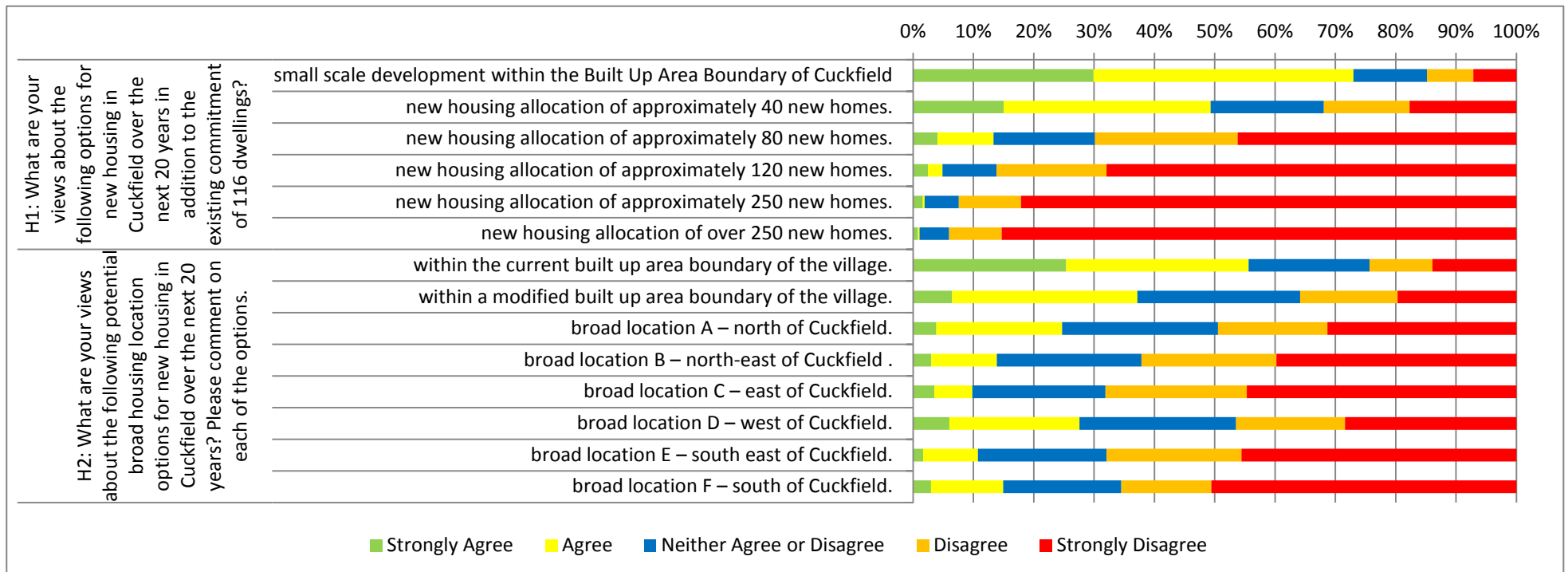
The housing options map, as presented during the consultation period can be seen in Appendix 2.

Overall there was a relatively definitive response from the respondents. Small scale

developments within the built up area were met with a positive reaction scoring 0.81. Responses were slightly in favour of the option for new housing allocations of approximately 40 new dwellings was. 80 or more dwellings were met with opposition. The majority “Strongly Disagreeing” with the options increased as the size of the allocations increased.

H2: What are your views about the following potential broad housing location options for new housing in Cuckfield over the next 20 years?

The preference for any future development is clearly within the current built up area boundary with only a slight disagreement with the option of a modified built up area boundary. All of the locations for larger allocations were disagreed with however not to a universal extent. Locations C, F, and E met with the most



resistance all scoring around -1 overall. Location D was the least disagreed with option for the location of housing with Option A following closely behind.

H3: What are your views about the following options for the density (number of houses per Hectare) of new housing sites in Cuckfield?

A clear preference for lower density developments is apparent from the results with scoring 0.3 and 0.1. There also appears to be very little disagreement with the option of

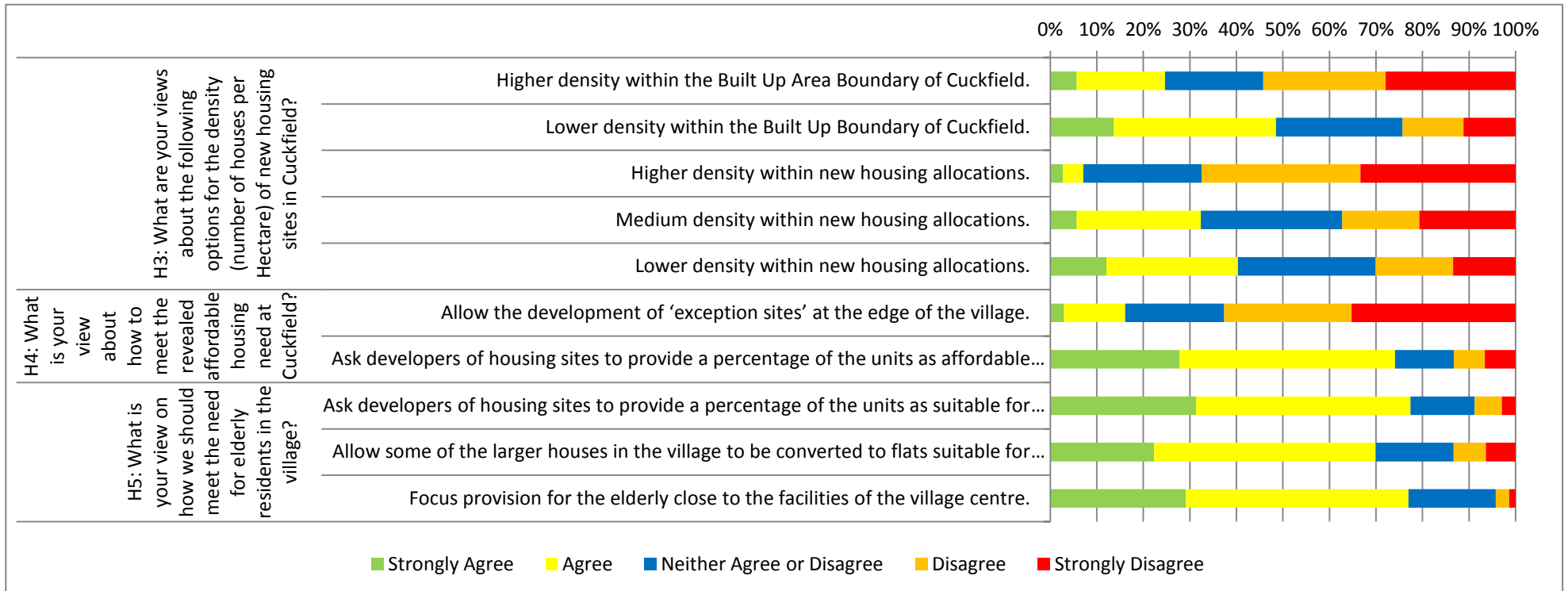
medium density within new allocations. Interestingly higher density within the built up area boundary meets less objection than if it were within new allocations.

H4: What is your view about how to meet the revealed affordable housing need at Cuckfield?

A clear preference is shown for developers to provide a percentage of new units to be affordable, rather than to allow the development of exception sites around the edge of the existing village.

H5: What is your view on how we should meet the need for elderly residents in the village?

Broadly speaking, there was a unified response to the options presented. The least favoured option (but still overall agreed with) was the conversion of larger houses into flats. Options H5(a) & H5(c) were both met with a rounded score of +1 (Agree) asking that developers provide a percentage of their proposal to be for the elderly, and elderly provision should be located near facilities in the village centre.



7. Ecology & Biodiversity

E&B1: How should the Neighbourhood Plan maintain and enhance the biodiversity of Cuckfield parish?

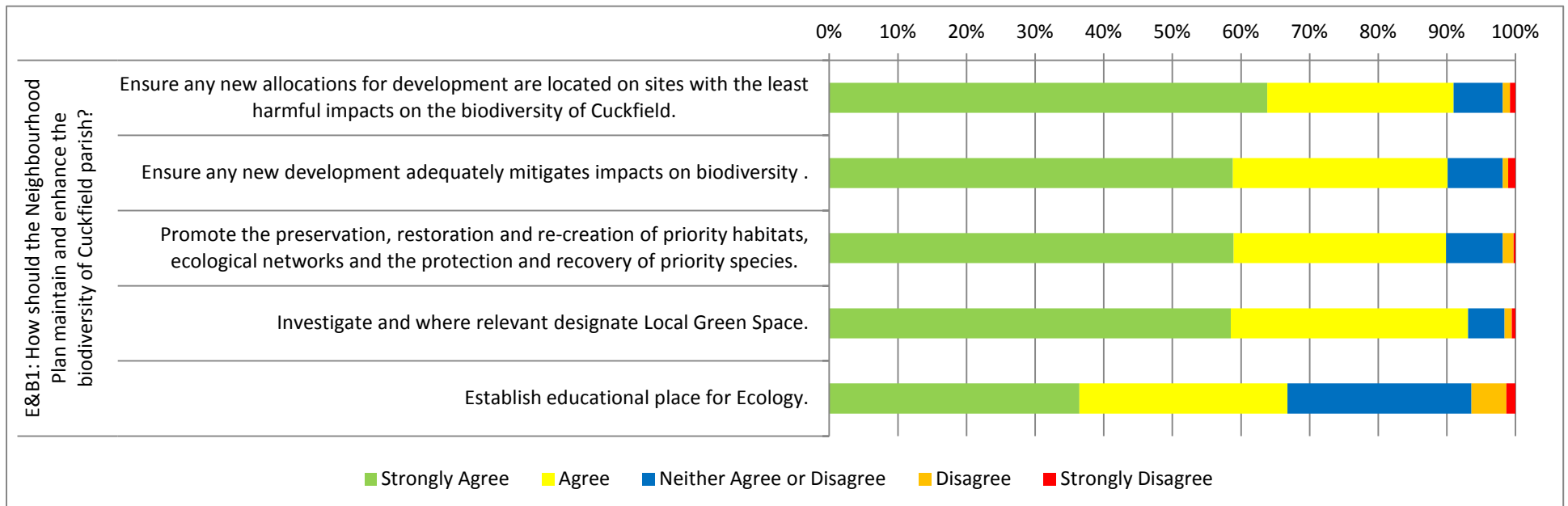
Overall, the options presented all achieved a degree of support overall. Option A received the most support asking that development is sited where there will be the least amount of harm on the local biodiversity. This was closely followed by Option D that seeks to 'investigate and where relevant designate local green spaces. These options closely correlate with the

main points raised in the written comments. They ask for ways to maintain and enhance the biodiversity of Cuckfield Parish by looking to 'prioritise habitats' around the village and 'protect what we have', especially protect the green space east of Cuckfield between Blunts Wood , Millennium Wood and Ardingly Road.

A few respondents have put forward 'a Residential Centre for the study of Ecology and Natural Systems' 'which would encourage ecotourism and protect wildlife areas although Option E received the least support in this

section.

These results show that the emphasis should be upon the natural environment in the Parish. Ecology & Biodiversity are a key component that has received almost universal support across the respondents.



8. Infrastructure

11: What are your views on the following general infrastructure requirements?

Option 1(a) on balance was disagreed with overall suggesting that the community would not be willing to allow housing sites outside of the boundary in return for infrastructure improvements, this correlates relatively well with the response to 1(b) which received a neutral response to the statement that the infrastructure is sufficient for the current population.

Overall a very slight disagreement (-0.05) was shown towards the allocation of additional sports facilities and pitches.

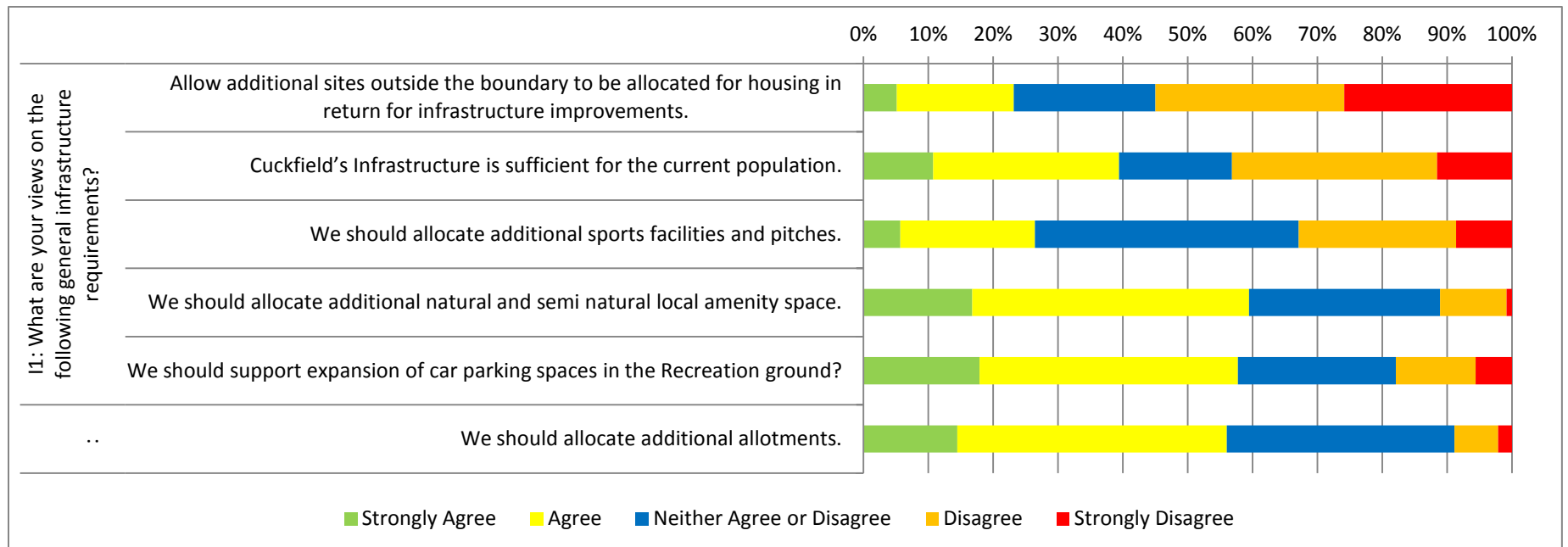
A preference was shown in favour of the allocation of new allotments, larger parking facilities at the Recreation Ground and the allocation of more natural and semi natural local amenity space.

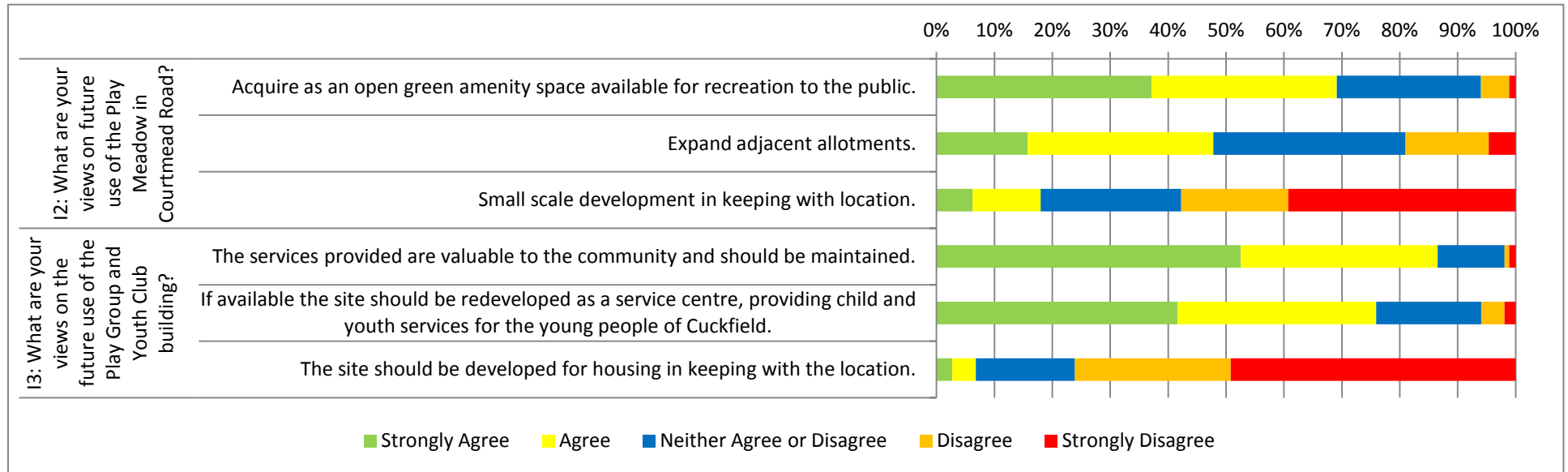
12: What are your views on future use of the Play Meadow in Courtmead Road?

There was a general disagreement that this site should be used for housing (-0.73), whilst there was agreement that the site should be acquired

and made available as recreational space for the local community. The Play Meadow sits next to allotments which received moderate support from in Option 12(b) scoring +0.4, six respondents went on to comment saying they felt expanding the allotments into this space would be beneficial, using it as a 'community growing area' to 'swop vegetables'.

Suggestions also included using it as a burial site or as a 'wooded burial site' to keep the place green. Using the area as a car park was also suggested due to the need for more parking facilities close to the centre.





I3: What are your views on the future use of the Play Group and Youth Club building?

the youth services at the old school are sufficient.

The suggestion that the site should be developed for housing in keeping with the location in option I3(c) received definite disagreement (scoring -1.16).

Additional comments received stated that a 'better site...' for these facilities '... should be found' because of traffic flow and access. The building sits close to Holy Trinity school and it has been suggested that 'Holy Trinity (school) take over the site and reuse to their advantage' either expand the school or 'improved access into the school'.

There was moderately strong agreement that the facility should be maintained as is, due to it being a valuable asset but the notion that the site should be redeveloped as a service centre also received strong support. In the other comments box, many felt it should be 'redesigned' but stay for pre school and youth services. However, some respondents said that

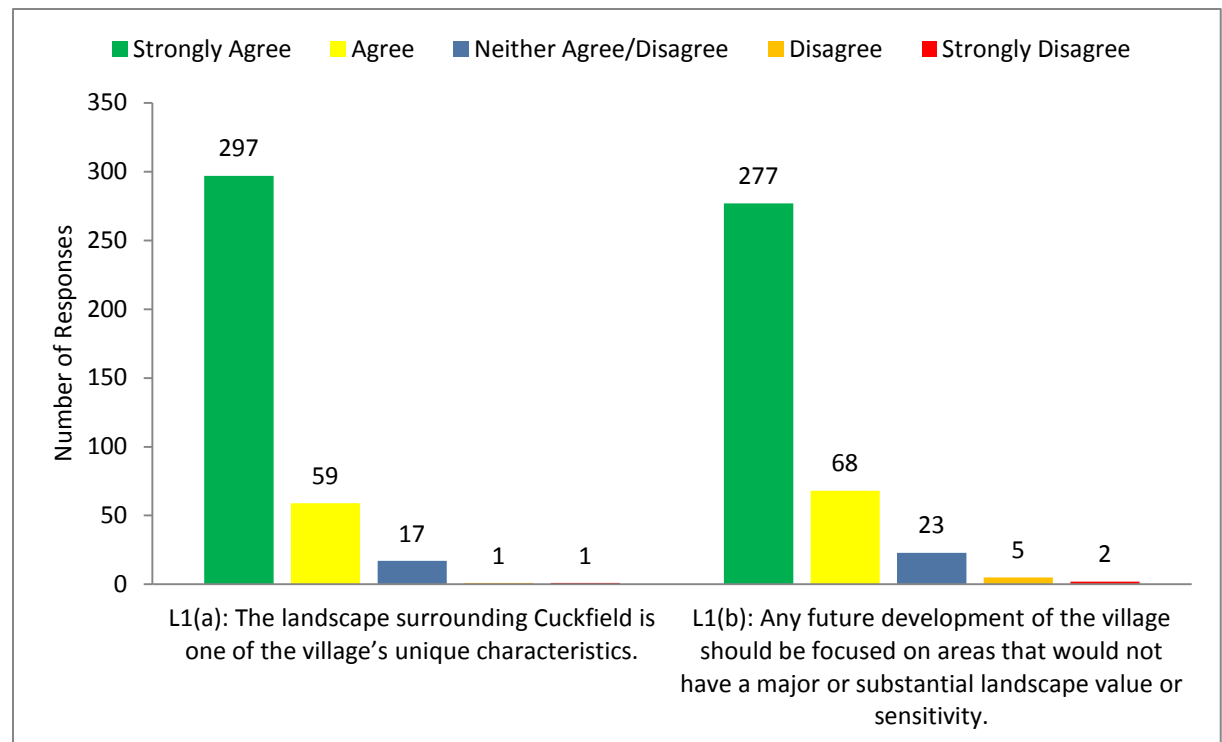
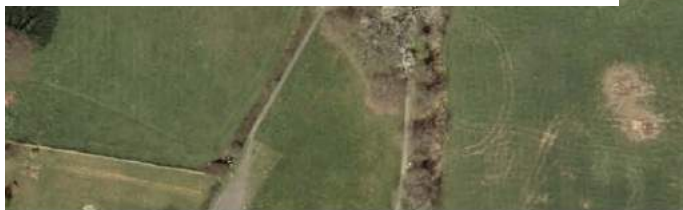
9. Landscape

L1: What are your views on the following landscape statements?

Just like the Ecology & Biodiversity section, there was an almost equal amount of support for the questions asked here.

The need to protect the landscapes that surround Cuckfield has been made apparent by the near universal support of the statement that “the landscape around Cuckfield is one of the village’s unique characteristics”.

The second statement has also received overwhelming support, by citing new development on land that would not have major or substantial landscape value, as per option L2a, will enable Cuckfield to maintain one of its unique characteristics as we go into the future.



10. General Feedback

Generally, we saw a positive response to the Neighbourhood Plan; **“very pleased with the effort and thought put in”** and **“well done to those who have worked so hard on this consultation”**. This section involved an open question simply asking for additional comments. The main themes arising from feedback section are:

Infrastructure

The majority of responses were concerned over the lack of places in Holy Trinity School for future children of the Parish, as well as nursery provision and health provision. All though respondents have commented on the need ‘to ensure infrastructure can support growth’ there are others commenting that there is ‘no capacity to extend our infrastructure further’.

Traffic

Increasing amounts of traffic is flowing through the village ‘driving at too high speeds’ and there needs to be more ‘traffic calming’. Many

respondents have raised concerns over the ‘lack of public transport ‘especially to nearby towns. Parking is a serious problem now and if developments happen the village will become very congested.

Identity and character of Cuckfield

Concern this is leading to the ‘destruction of the beauty of Cuckfield’ and ‘its fields and the identity, character’ and ‘peace and quiet’. Many of the respondents have come to live in Cuckfield because of its unique character, traditions of a village and because they did not want to live in a town.

The village boundary to be preserved and to ensure there are a ‘mixture of fields and parks’ and meeting places for the elderly i.e. boules green.

Other points were that ‘Cuckfield is already overdeveloped’ and has ‘no more capacity’ to take any developments. Concerns were raised that present development hasn’t had time to

settle in and a wish for a ‘slow route to further development’ to allow newcomers to settle in. If we agreed to all the planned developments up and coming ‘Cuckfield would become a construction site over the next 10 years’. One opinion suggested that Hickstead should be looked at as an area of development to take the pressure off the village. However, ‘in order for Cuckfield to continue to prosper it will need to allow limited development’ and other respondents suggest ‘small scale housing’.

Fait accompli

Many respondents feel that the ‘developers need to listen to the people’ as in the past there has been ‘no consultation over road planning’ and there is a general feeling of ‘apathy’ due to the powerless position people feel they are in. ‘Developers need to invest in long term’ for the community to help with the ‘up keep of parks’.

A few respondents have brought up concerns around mining in the area which could lead to fracking.



APPENDIX 1: Consultation Questionnaire


Cuckfield Neighbourhood Plan

Options Consultation

Welcome and many thanks for coming, by completing this short questionnaire you are helping to shape Cuckfield over the next 20 years...

Please note the following:

1. The questions relate to the open day board or options consultation document.
2. Please look at the material and then consider the question for that theme.
3. Please complete questionnaire, you may tick multiple options per question.
4. Leave us an email address and we will keep you up to date on progress and next steps.
5. Need any help? Just ask, look out for the team with badges.



View existing feedback, progress, and all current documentation on our website.

www.cuckfieldplan.com or
email: info@cuckfieldplan.com

If you would like to get involved and volunteer, please contact us on the details above.

About you...

Name:	I'm a parish... (Please tick all that apply)		
Post Code:	<input type="radio"/> Resident	<input type="radio"/> Service Provider	<input type="radio"/> Service User
Email:	Resident: if you live within the Cuckfield parish boundary Service User: if you use any facilities within the parish (schools, shops, etc) Service Provider: if you own / operate a service within the parish.		
Gender:	Age Group:		
<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Rather Not Say	<input type="radio"/> 1-15	<input type="radio"/> 16-30	<input type="radio"/> 31-45
	<input type="radio"/> 46-60	<input type="radio"/> 61-75	<input type="radio"/> 76+

Feedback

Is there anything we have missed from the summary of feedback which is important to you?

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Vision

If you disagree with the vision in any way, please let us know how you think it should be changed:

Built Heritage & Design

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree / Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
D1: Should the distinctive character of Cuckfield's built heritage and design be protected?					
Option D1(a): The character of the two conservation areas in Cuckfield should be protected and/or enhanced.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option D1(b): The commercial character of the village high street should be maintained with well-designed shop fronts and low key advertisements.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option D1(c): New development should reflect the characteristics of the area and, if located outside the existing built up area, should create a green, open character.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option D1(d): Open spaces of amenity, ecological or recreational value within the built up area should be retained.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option D1(e): The siting, scale, form and materials of extensions to existing buildings should be in keeping with the original property and the street scene.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option D1(f): The gap between Cuckfield and Haywards Heath should be retained.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please state)					
D2: Should future development minimise the impact on any public views of the surrounding countryside?					
Option D2(a): The local and far reaching views from within, and on the boundary of, Cuckfield should be preserved.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option D2(b): Public views into and out of the development should be incorporated into the design when planning a new development.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Sustainable Economic Growth	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree / Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
E1: What are your views about the following options for retaining and generating new employment in Cuckfield over the next 20 years?					
Option E1(a): promote the retention and development of local services and community facilities in Cuckfield	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option E1(b): promote the retention and development of shops, services and community facilities in Cuckfield village centre and the neighbourhood centre at Whiteman's Green.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option E1(c): promote the retention of suitable business premises.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option E1(d): enable the conversion or expansion of suitable buildings in the countryside for employment uses.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option E1(e): support the provision and expansion of tourist and visitor facilities in the village and surrounding countryside.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option E1(f): allocate a site for a new business park of light industrial or office units.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please state)					
E2: What are your views about the future use of Court Meadow School?					
Option E2(a): allocate the site as a business park for light industrial or office units .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option E2(b): allocate the site for housing development.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please state)					
Housing & Development					
H1: What are your views about the following options for new housing in Cuckfield over the next 20 years in addition to the existing commitment of 116 dwellings?					
Option H1(a): small scale development within the Built Up Area Boundary of Cuckfield	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Option H1(b): new housing allocation of approximately 40 new homes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H1(c): new housing allocation of approximately 80 new homes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H1(d): new housing allocation of approximately 120 new homes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H1(e): new housing allocation of approximately 250 new homes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H1(f): new housing allocation of over 250 new homes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please state)					
H2: What are your views about the following potential broad housing location options for new housing in Cuckfield over the next 20 years? Please comment on each of the options.					
Option H2(a): within the current built up area boundary of the village.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H2(b): within a modified built up area boundary of the village.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H2(c): broad location A – north of Cuckfield.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H2(d): broad location B – north-east of Cuckfield .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H2(e): broad location C – east of Cuckfield.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H2(f): broad location D – west of Cuckfield.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H2(g): broad location E – south east of Cuckfield.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H2(h): broad location F – south of Cuckfield.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please state)					
H3: What are your views about the following options for the density (number of houses per Hectare) of new housing sites in Cuckfield? Please comment on each of the options.					
Option H3(a): higher density within the Built Up Area Boundary of Cuckfield.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H3(b): lower density within the Built Up Boundary of Cuckfield.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H3(c): higher density within new housing allocations.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H3(d): medium density within new housing allocations.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H3(e): higher density within new housing allocations.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Other (please state)					
H4: What is your view about how to meet the revealed affordable housing need at Cuckfield?					
Option H4(a): Allow the development of 'exception sites' at the edge of the village .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H4(b): Ask developers of housing sites to provide a percentage of the units as affordable housing.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please state)					
H5: What is your view on how we should meet the need for elderly residents in the village?					
Option H5(a): Ask developers of housing sites to provide a percentage of the units as suitable for elderly residents .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H5(b): Allow some of the larger houses in the village to be converted to flats suitable for elderly residents.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option H5(c): Focus provision for the elderly close to the facilities of the village centre.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please state)					
Ecology & Biodiversity					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree / Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
E&B1: How should the Neighbourhood Plan maintain and enhance the biodiversity of Cuckfield parish?					
Option E&B1(a): Ensure any new allocations for development are located on sites with the least harmful impacts on the biodiversity of Cuckfield .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option E&B1(b): Ensure any new development adequately mitigates impacts on biodiversity .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option E&B1(c): Promote the preservation, restoration and re-creation of priority habitats, ecological networks and the protection and recovery of priority species.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option E&B1 (d): Investigate and where relevant designate Local Green Space.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option E&B1(e): establish educational place for Ecology.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Other (please state)					
Infrastructure					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree / Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I1: What are your views on the following general infrastructure requirements?					
Option I1(a): Allow additional sites outside the boundary to be allocated for housing in return for infrastructure improvements.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option I1(b): Cuckfield's infrastructure is sufficient for the current population.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option I1(c): We should allocate additional sports facilities and pitches.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option I1(d): We should allocate additional natural and semi natural local amenity space.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option I1(e): We should support expansion of car parking spaces in the Recreation ground?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option I1(f): We should allocate additional allotments .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I2: What are your views on future use of the Play Meadow in Courtmead Road?					
I2(a): Acquire as an open green amenity space available for recreation to the public.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I2(b): Expand adjacent allotments.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I2(c): Small scale development in keeping with location.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please state)					
I3: What are your views on the future use of the Play Group and Youth Club building?					
I3(a): The services provided are valuable to the community and should be maintained.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I3(b): If available the site should be redeveloped as a service centre, providing child and youth services for the young people of Cuckfield.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I3(c): The site should be developed for housing in keeping with the location.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Other
(please state)

Landscape	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree / Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
L1: What are your views on the following landscape statements					
Option L1(a): The landscape surrounding Cuckfield is one of the village's unique characteristics.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option L1(b): Any future development of the village should be focused on areas that would not have a major or substantial landscape value or sensitivity.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

General Feedback

Please use this space to make any additional comments to wish to make.

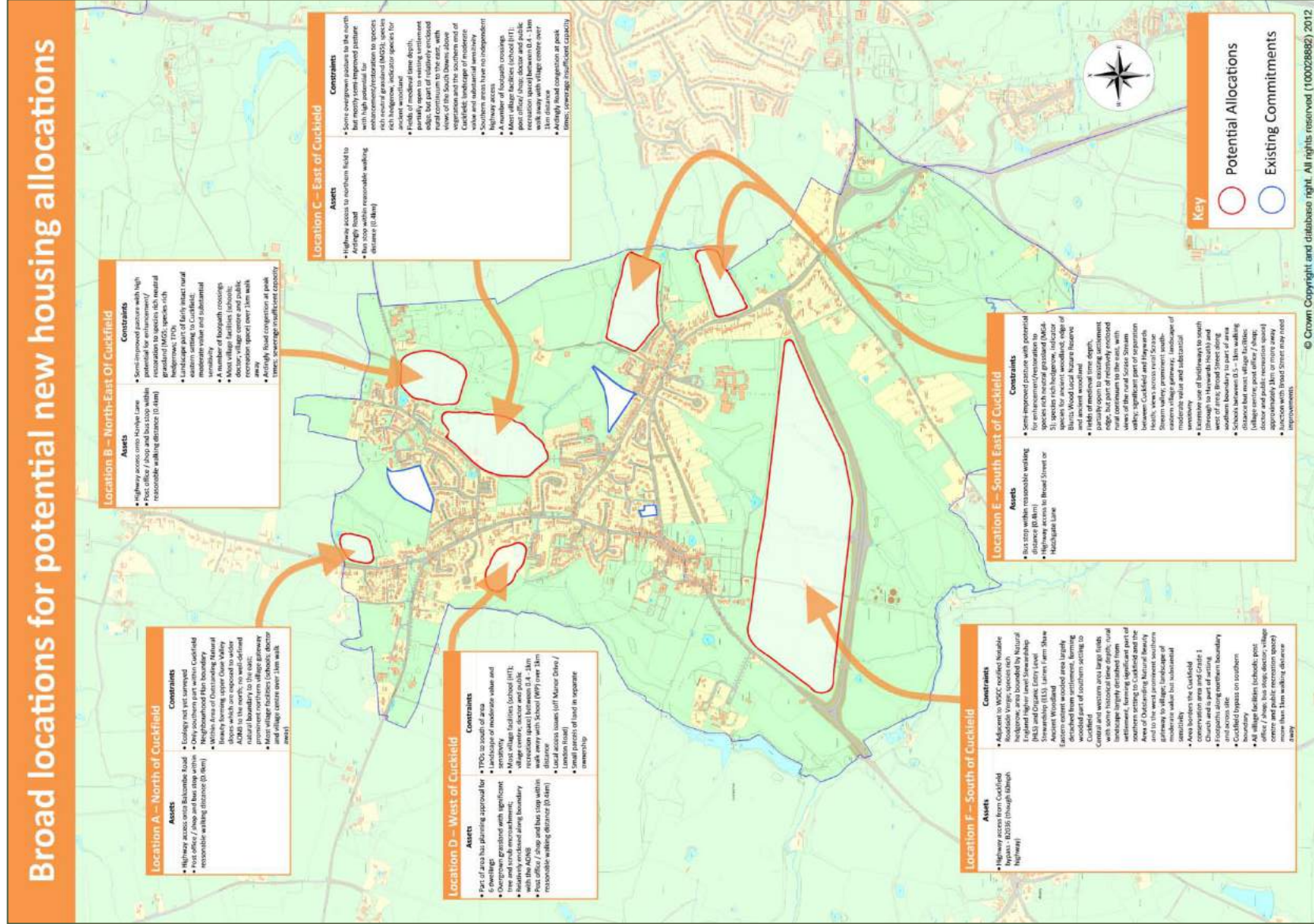
When you've finished:

1. Check that you've responded to every question.
2. Place the questionnaire in the "drop box".
3. Make sure we have your email or contact address
4. Look out for more information we will be submitting our plan for community consultation as the next step.

*Many thanks
for your time....*

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APPENDIX 2: Housing Options Map



A full sized version of this Map can be found in pdf format on our website...
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APPENDIX 3: Complete Result Set

The results in this section are as we received them for complete transparency.

If you would like to view these results on a spreadsheet, they are also available as an excel file that can be downloaded from cuckfieldplan.com.

Personal data such as names, email addresses, and postcodes will not be made public as they were given in confidence.

1. About You

Section Statistics	
People that gave details	377
Total responses received	403
Percentage of responses with personal details	94%

Age Group	Count	Percentage
1-15	7	2%
16-30	7	2%
31-45	92	24%
46-60	108	29%
61-75	134	36%
76+	29	8%

Gender	Count	Percentage
Male	165	43%
Female	209	55%
Rather Not Say	3	1%

I'm a Parish...	Count	Percentage
Resident	353	94%
Service Provider	25	7%
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2. Feedback so far

Note:- Comments and abbreviation have been corrected from submitted text.

Is there anything we have missed from the summary of feedback which is important to you?

Comments:

- 36 Development of green infrastructure
- 41 I agree with the ideas shown above.
- 42 Fairness to current residents if new houses are built e.g. selection to schools is dependent on age of house
- 44 I agree with the points made above.
- 45 Over development
- 47 Maintaining good and varied shops in the high street.
- 51 No
- 52 no
- 74 Provision of places in Holy Trinity School is at breaking point. Our grandson who lives 200 yards from the school may well not get a place. If more houses are built, what provision will be made?
- 84 If more housing is built, what chance is there of adequate primary school places? Surely another school will be needed.
- 97 Thinking about the future, looking at other well developed areas, retaining the desirable features i.e. natural landscape, community, historic properties. Encourage the village facilities to increase community investment and commitment to the village. More green infrastructure!
- 107 Schools
- 115 no
- 116 no
- 119 Outdoor leisure - signed public footpaths, bike paths, running trails
- 124 Nothing comes to mind.
- 133 I cannot think of anything you may have missed, but would emphasise infrastructure before development.
- 139 I agree that the rural nature of the area must be protected!
- 144 no
- 145 (1) The survey makes no distinction in terms of landscape between the Countryside Area of Development Restraint and the High Weald AONB. The Neighbourhood Plan should take into account the provisions of the NPPF in relation to AONBs; Section B5 of the Countryside Rights of Way Act 2000 and the High Weald AONB Management Plan. (2) The questionnaire does not cover the issue of the importance of heritage aspects, which are prevalent

- in and around Cuckfield (e.g. Grade Listed buildings). These are considered to be of importance by the NPPF.
- 148 I don't like the idea of small business units in Court Meadow school Grounds. I would sooner have a few dwellings.
- 161 no
- 178 agree with that
- 179 consideration for placement of local children at the primary school (not that I have children but I think it is important)
- 181 No
- 182 No.
- 183 No. All the above are in line with my views
- 211 Agree with the feedback
- 225 No
- 227 Traffic control and road safety
- 228 'Infrastructure' should also include for adequate roads and road junctions.
- 233 No
- 234 Housing for older people
- 258 I am not opposed to further limited development, but it is important that this is small development in keeping with the character of the village, and that local infrastructures are adequate.
- 263 no
- 266 no
- 271 Keeping the village clean - appropriate management of waste (both rubbish and dog mess!)
- 272 Strategic gap, protecting Cuckfield open spaces and character
- 285 Youth Support Centre
- 293 Parish boundary leaves those of us in Brook Street a little remote from the plan - but we feel part of the village
- 311 Insist on large green spaces with trees in all housing developments. Also houses should be built sustainably with modern developments in energy conservation.
- 313 t about a mini roundabout at the junction of South Street, Church Platt and Newbury Lane as the traffic speeds past here?
- 316 Potential influence on developers to provide more sustainable/imaginative housing design
- 341 In Ideas point 3. Pavements should perhaps read pavements. Tourism is missing. Cuckfield Museum is a gem. And the Gideon Mantell site at Whiteman's Green is also a "hidden gem ". The High Weald Landscape Trail passes through Cuckfield. Perhaps there could be an information board to encourage walkers to visit the local unique sites, pubs and tea rooms.
- 357 Stop heavy lorries (in excess of 6ft 6ins) flouting the law and travelling up London Lane from Broad Street, this width restriction has been in place for many years and is ignored time after time. London Lane is on the route to schools and playgroup and the lower end of London Lane pavements are far too narrow and my granddaughter is one of a few who have been hit by wing mirrors when vehicles have to move nearer the pavement to allow large vehicles to travel up London Lane when they should not be.
- 360 Public footpaths into countryside.
- 361 no

- 362 Parking - provide more of it in the right places (e.g. the rec or Whiteman's Green) to avoid having cars parked on the pavement the length of the highways. Employment - I would like to see more support for initiatives such as the spa at Ockenden Manor which provides more employment and an economic boost for the village. Fewer shops that sell needless household "essentials " and more genuine requisites - butchers and bakers for example. Allow growth in the village. All out resistance to development is counter productive. More housing south of the church would give the village balance and make the shops the centre of the village rather than at the bottom end.
- 364 No
- 367 No
- 370 No
- 376 extra car parking is needed, some attempt to stop the destruction of sidewalks by parking. extended car parking in recreation area welcome.
- 388 I still feel very strongly that the south is being unnecessarily developed, once it is done it cannot be undone and needs to be held up as long as possible
- 390 Agree the identified important things/ priorities
- 393 NO
- 394 Primary schooling
- 398 Improved transport alternatives to using the car - eg shuttle bus service to Haywards Heath and more/better cycle lanes.
- 399 Maintaining access to recreation / green spaces within the village.
- 403 More consideration for younger couples requiring homes.
- 416 Completed on behalf of Haywards Heath Rugby Football Club.
- 419 Future of Horsegate House and Horsegate Lodge, Hanlye Lane which is being left to rot and become very dilapidated. Affinity Sutton do not care about it when it means so much to the history of Cuckfield. It is an important piece of its past and should be retained - maybe private flats? (WSCC own the3 lodge).
- 434 No
- 439 No
- 441 Bungalows for the elderly in preference to flats
- 445 no
- 451 No
- 462 No, this summary accords with my view.
- 468 All main aspects covered.
- 474 No.
- 477 No
- 478 no
- 480 No
- 481 No
- 485 street decorations, street art, flowers and flags
- 517 Along with the need for an adequate infrastructure to be in place before any development takes place, all developers must be required to use ecologically sustainable techniques/materials eg water tanks, photo voltaic panels. Avoidance of changing water courses also important. Adequate

drainage should also be assured i.e. not concrete gardens.

- 518 No
- 521 Not that I can think of
- 523 No
- 524 No
- 525 Yes, any future development has proper "green credentials ". The developer of the Bylanes Close proposal laughed in my face when I mentioned solar roofs, rain water recovery and many other ecological building solutions. Most developers do not seem to have any vision when it comes to progressive, creative and green thinking. I would like to see a change in that rather unintelligent, backward and old fashioned attitude. Let Cuckfield be a beacon of future, sustainable construction.
- 527 no-all included
- 529 This is all about development and housing. a real risk that the essential nature and beauty of the area that attracts people will be lost if the focus on economic development today is allowed to outweigh the lasting legacy of the area's natural beauty. The plan must demonstrate that environmental consideration is taken seriously as required under the NPPF and countryside rights of way act.

3. Vision

If you disagree with the vision in any way, please let us know how you think it should be changed:

Comments:

- 44 I agree with the statement.
- 45 There is no benefit in growth when existing infrastructure doesn't 't permit.
- 51 There is a limit to which a village can grow without losing its identity and its rural feel and setting.
- 52 Must be a limit to growth eventually!
- 79 No indication of speed of growth - need to be able to absorb growth and the population it brings.
- 115 no
- 116 no
- 124 I agree.
- 133 there must be a limit to the amount of development the village can tolerate.
- 137 I disagree with the word 'grow ' in this context. It implies no limits on development. I would edit the statement to 'Our vision is for Cuckfield to continue to thrive and embrace.....
- 139 I did not see any explicit reference to the threat to Cuckfield from gas drilling in Balcombe.
- 144 we only need to grow and thrive in a sustainable way
- 145 Too much emphasis has been placed on economic development and housing. This would appear to be a throw over from the July 2011 draft of the National Planning Framework (NPPF) that was tabled for consultation at the time that the Localism Bill was in process of being enacted. Following wide spread criticism of the draft NPPF, it was substantially revised in the form that became effective on 27 March 2012. This version notes that the planning system's economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation because they are "mutually dependant". Significantly recent planning appeal decisions that take the NPPF into account demonstrate that environmental considerations are still extremely important and have not been deprioritised.
- 165 Agreed
- 179 it's a little wordy - no doubt everyone has a different spin on it. To grow and thrive, embracing change to benefit our community whilst maintaining its rural feel and setting??
- 181 N/a
- 182 Not at all sure about the 'growing ' - if Cuckfield goes on growing, where is it supposed to expand to?

- 183 I think it should read the other way around. So, our vision is for Cuckfield to maintain its rural feel whilst continuing to grow etc. The emphasis for me is on preserving that, not developing the village.
- 208 This statement is too embracing of conflicting objectives. We cannot embrace new business and maintain rural "feel ". at the same time.
- 213 I agree more with the need for Cuckfield to thrive (which may mean contained growth) than grow - in terms of its footprint geographically
- 225 Agree with vision
- 228 After the words "continue to grow ", insert the word "steadily ". Insert the word "appropriate " before the words "new business ". Don 't understand what you mean by "design " in your statement (design of what?). The Vision statement needs to include seeking to maintain and if necessary enhance the community spirit that exists.
- 233 I agree
- 236 I agree that Cuckfield should continue to thrive but too many new houses put an enormous pressure on Cuckfield Medical Practice and the village school. The new residents do not seem to use the local shops or use the buses which are so important to the older generation.
- 245 the rhetoric of the vision sounds fine
- 263 I agree
- 269 I think 'to thrive ' is important regardless of continuing 'to grow ' so this last phrase should be removed Embracing new business and design does not make sense immediately. It needs rephrasing. 'whilst ' suggests bringing together two conflicting objectives, please rephrase.
- 271 I don't think growing is essential to thriving. Thrive is the key point, and to continue to galvanise a strong community spirit too.
- 283 I agree with maintaining the rural feel but have reservations about the 'new design'. This needs to be carefully controlled to maintain the rural and village feel.
- 287 SURELY A VILLAGE SHOULD NOT BE STRIVING TO DEVELOP AS A BUSINESS CENTRE AS ITS MAIN PRIORITY.
- 289 I AM NOT SURE MAIN PRIORITY SHOULD BE RELATED TO BUSINESS
- 316 The encouragement of light industry/business units must be carefully controlled to minimise worsening of existing traffic volumes
- 330 Didn't like the idea of small business units replacing Court meadow School. Would much prefer dwellings if anything
- 367 Surely it 's important that the village grows in a sustainable way? - the wording doesn't 't really reflect that. Also, the wording emphasises new business and design.... why?? this is a rural community, predominantly commuter belt - the wording suggests that we are looking to build a business park that looks nice!
- 389 Growth is not a priority for the village itself, which in many ways is bursting at the seams currently, whilst nearby there is unused capacity, for example the many empty offices in Haywards Heath and empty shops etc in Burgess Hill.
- 398 I think the thrust of the vision is right. However, I fear that inclusion of the "grow " may give the impression that the vision is turn Cuckfield in to a large town. I would be happier seeing the vision expressed as "Our vision is for Cuckfield to continue to thrive and embrace new business and design that will benefit all in our community whilst maintaining its rural feel and setting. "
- 399 I would drop the "to grow " as it is impossible for Cuckfield to continuously grow whilst still maintaining the strategic gap that was felt to be so important.
- 403 I am not against new housing but the infrastructure must be in place in advance. I do agree that it would be nice to maintain defined, and correctly controlled, boundaries for the village.
- 407 It is too wordy - it tries to cram too much in to one sentence. It could appropriately be summarised as: "To ensure that Cuckfield retains for its people

- the very special character that it has had for nearly 1,000 years. "
- 410 Misconceived. What about EXISTING people, lifestyles and their needs. Where has focus on "new business and design " come from? Vested interest?
- 423 "maintaining rural and VILLAGE character"
- 442 Instead of repeatedly cramming new developments within the existing village/parish boundaries (which causes unacceptable pressure on local services & infrastructure, plus an enormous amount of stress on local residents) why is there no larger strategic approach for the wider local area? If a large amount of housing is required then we should be looking to develop entirely new villages with their own infrastructure and services included
- 445 Agree.
- 451 -
- 454 I don 't believe that Cuckfield should grow in any direction, it can 't without destroying something. We should work within our current population and environment to help develop the community spirit within our community and thrive to protect the current wildlife and countryside.
- 462 I think there should be further emphasis on 'resident say ' in the decision making on developments; the vision is positive - but past history of developments suggests that residents have a voice but not a say - and the experience has been extremely damaging.
- 480 The statement is good and the supporting statements accept that growth is inevitable. We must recognise that and not reject change for the sake of it. We do need to encourage more opportunity for local employment. My sense is that Cuckfield working population are largely commuters. We should do more to discourage trendy boutiques in the high street en encourage local traders back.
- 490 It makes good sense.
- 496 This is a contradictory statement. Cannot embrace growth and maintain rural feel and setting.
- 503 No, but we must limit the amount of housing development within Cuckfield and maintain the boundaries of the village
- 516 I do not necessarily agree that Cuckfield needs to continue to grow in terms of additional new build housing. Although I recognise that a certain amount of new build housing (beyond that already with planning permission) may be a necessary element of a successful neighbourhood plan, it seems to me that continuous growth would run contrary to many of the priorities highlighted on the previous pages (for example preserving the character of the village)
- 517 The village has evolved but if we are to keep our distinctiveness we cannot grow too big or we shall meet with Haywards Heath. In fact, although many of our shops are excellent now we do not have the basic food shops - butcher, green grocer - as we did. Perhaps partly because rents are too high & because local people do not support these shops preferring to shop in supermarkets. We have to decide what we really think is important.
- 522 I am anxious about the cost of focus on growth and development, as I feel this will inevitably lead to Cuckfield eventually turning into a town
- 524 N/A
- 526 Growth - is this housing growth? What are the limits for development?
- 527 agree

4. Built Heritage & Design

D1	Should the distinctive character of Cuckfield's built heritage and design be protected?	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree or Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		SCALED
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
D1a	The character of the two conservation areas in Cuckfield should be protected and/or enhanced.	315	80.4	64	16.3	11	2.8	1	0.3	1	0.3	1.8
D1b	The commercial character of the village high street should be maintained with well-designed shop fronts and low key advertisements.	277	70.8	96	24.6	14	3.6	3	0.8	1	0.3	1.6
D1c	New development should reflect the characteristics of the area and, if located outside the existing built up area, should create a green, open character.	289	74.1	78	20.0	19	4.9	1	0.3	3	0.8	1.7
D1d	Open spaces of amenity, ecological or recreational value within the built up area should be retained .	321	82.1	57	14.6	11	2.8	1	0.3	1	0.3	1.8
D1e	The siting, scale, form and materials of extensions to existing buildings should be in keeping with the original property and the street scene.	272	69.6	84	21.5	27	6.9	6	1.5	2	0.5	1.6
D1f	The gap between Cuckfield and Haywards Heath should be retained.	345	88.2	33	8.4	9	2.3	0	0.0	4	1.0	1.8
Other Comments:												
36	All the open space between HH and Cuckfield should be designated (not just a selected, nominal 'gap ').											
38	I would not like to see new development outside the built up area											
44	With developers circling Cuckfield as an attractive and extremely marketable area, it is extremely important that the developments that are approved are in keeping with the village identity. Residents have to live with the ongoing impact, whereas developers make their money and move on to the next project. Whilst I appreciate that new housing is inevitable, it should be of the highest possible standard and sympathetic to the characteristics that have drawn so many residents to Cuckfield in the first place.											
45	Learn lessons from the ill-planned 'Copse '. Views lost. Wildlife lost. Noise from rowdy ""problem "" families. Crazy density.											
47	The commercial character of the village needs to be improved not just maintained. We need to attract more and varied shops that sell produce and household items. Too many estate agents and 'women's lifestyle shops '. Hardware, bakers, butchers are just some of the types I am thinking of. To support this we need more parking or ways to stop non shoppers using the parking.											

- 95 The logical gap between Cuckfield & Haywards Heath has been eroded by Cuckfield people not supporting Cuckfield shops and pubs. Therefore they have naturally made themselves less isolated/independent. The physical gap is a huge distraction to all situations that should be managed on a case by case basis.
- 108 I do not think the design and layout of new developments in Cuckfield are monitored enough. House design is uninspired and road layouts lack any imagination. Boring and ugly.
- 118 The views, particularly the view south to the Downs, should be retained.
- 119 In addition to the strategic gap between Cuckfield and Haywards Heath, the countryside surrounding Cuckfield should also be considered for protection.
- 137 I don't support further new developments.
- 139 We should also resist mining and other dangerous extractive industries in the countryside.
- 145 Re D2(a), public views in the surrounding countryside should also be preserved, i.e. it is not just the views from within the village that should be prioritised. The same issue applies to "visitor facilities" in option E1(e), which may be linked to unsuitable activity, e.g. motocross in the High Weld AONB.
- 150 Believe highly important to maintain the gap between Haywards Heath and Cuckfield to maintain identity
- 167 There would appear to be areas, especially in Haywards Heath that could be redeveloped/improved not neglected.
- 179 We need to watch utilisation of 'brown space'. I am not against brown space utilisation per se, but we should not allow buildings such as the bungalow development in the garden of house at the edge of Manor Drive. This has devalued the area by squashing a bungalow in such a small space. I think everyone wants to know who allowed this to go through planning.
- 196 I believe that the preservation of the strategic gap between Cuckfield and Haywards Heath is vital to maintain the identity of the village.
- 201 Keep as village!
- 218 Extensions using innovative design and materials can enhance the character of a property and therefore the area. Rigid adherence to existing styles & materials can create pastiche and buildings with little imagination or other enhancing qualities.
- 224 Extensions to existing building could be modern on a traditional house provided it is complementary to the existing building & street. Incorporate ecological building methods where possible ('green homes')
- 226 I would much rather see modern ecologically sound buildings than mock-heritage style buildings that are not energy efficient.
- 233 No other issues
- 252 it would be sacrilege to destroy the village
- 258 I do not see the need to keep Whiteman's Green protected; however I think it is important to protect and enhance the High Street.
- 259 I don't think there should be any large new developments in Cuckfield, so far the Copse & the new development off Chatfield road are just full of ugly, poorly built over crowded houses.
- 267 The high street should be small enough to be sustainable for the allocation of shops at any time.
- 284 The attraction of living in the Cuckfield Parish is based on all reasons outlined above in the case for protecting the built heritage. Ignoring this will seriously undermine the quality of the Parish.
- 285 I am concerned with the flow of traffic/pollution in the High Street, London Lane and Broad Street. Especially with regard to HGVs.
- 304 Parking should be improved. Facilities for youth and young children.
- 307 D1(c) modern high quality design should be given consideration.

- 309 I find the rigidity of the policy for extensions unacceptable, each case needs to be looked at on an individual basis and it needs to take into account quality of being able to live in a property.
- 310 I think option D1(f) is most important.
- 311 with perhaps some extra trees (Chestnut, Walnut)
- 320 Should be open to using new/advanced materials & technologies - not locked by creating pastiches of past styles/materials
- 322 I would like the cars to slow down in London Lane when I walk to school
- 341 Are there any data on the traffic through the village, specifically from where and to where? I get an impression that a lot of the traffic is not ending in Cuckfield. Perhaps a traffic calming measure (as in Ditchling) might discourage rat run traffic from using the village as an alternative to the A23.
- 349 Adequate land should be made available to allow for the building of required houses. I believe this land should include the Haywards Heath end of the bye pass and the horse fields in Balcombe road
- 360 The wide pathways should be retained.
- 367 Disagree strongly with making all new buildings outside of existing built up area 'green and open in character' - we should be making best use of space not building more executive homes with lots of land around them (which this implies) - if we go this route then Cuckfield will end up double the size but with an outer ring of lots of large (expensive) leafy properties. Everyone loves the old part and yet the housing density on this part is probably far far higher than any new build. Green open character does not foster community!
- 374 It is essential the village remains quite separate from H Heath. Whilst design should be in keeping this should not quell innovative design
- 388 With all the new development and growth it would be good to encourage useful shops, eg butchers and green grocers that could be used without using transport
- 398 Part of the "character" of Cuckfield is the sense of the community that exists. This should be encouraged to develop in the future. Where there are future developments provision should be made to encourage community activities such as the provision of community spaces, allotments, scout huts and playing fields.
- 407 Extraordinary that the description of the Conservation Area excludes Holy Trinity Church and The Old School. Are they a part of this plan or apart from it?!
- 410 Question 3 is loaded. Presumes that there will be new development. Why should there be? Unless the Council is cow-towing to Government.
- 422 New development should not extend beyond the existing built up area.
- 442 Cuckfield is a small village with a very distinct "country village" character. IT goes against the cultural protection ethos of the local area to try to turn this beautiful village into an extension of H Heath!
- 445 none
- 449 s
- 451 -
- 454 I believe that any additional building works will be detrimental to us being able to keep the distinctive character of Cuckfield, mock brick work and twee imitations are simply naff. The terrible paved area leading up to the Copse is a good example of how it fails to work, despite the development being monitored by the Parish - how did it end up going the opposite direction to the original brick work further down the high street?
- 462 'Unfortunately the views into the development or wider views beyond to the open countryside from the High Street have been blocked by the layout of the housing'; how could this have been allowed to happen? How can it be prevented in the future?

- 481 Development needs to be where the village decides and not just where a Developer decides they want to make quick money and do not care about the local residents already residing there.
- 483 With regard to the above, I would suggest that Copyhold Lane, and the public access footpath in includes, is a key area of amenity for Cuckfield residents to walk their dogs, ride bikes, ride horses etc. It is an area of beauty and peacefulness that is available to Cuckfield residents. It should be protected as such, not only as part of the wider plan to maintain the strategic gap.
- 496 No Mention of relationship with Brook Street and whether that Hamlet should be maintained. My view is that the strategic gap should be maintained and Brook street should remain as a separate Hamlet.
- 517 For reasons given, I don't think there should be anymore building located outside the existing built up area. The penultimate statement [extensions] should not necessarily mean that extensions should always copy the existing building but should be built with empathy, intelligence & trained imagination.
- 527 preferably no extra building outside existing built up area especially in the historic are of Cuckfield Park and Ockenden Manor.
- 529 This is very broad and makes no mention of environmental considerations which are still a priority under the NPPF. The heritage assets of Listed Buildings and their importance are not covered. Much of the surrounding area is AONB and these views should also be retained to preserve the look of the area.
- 530 Re D2a The public views in the surrounding countryside should also be preserved rather than just those within/on the boundary

D2	Should future development minimise the impact on any public views of the surrounding countryside?	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree or Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		SCALED
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
D2a	The local and far reaching views from within, and on the boundary of, Cuckfield should be preserved.	329	84.1	41	10.5	20	5.1	1	0.3	0	0.0	1.8
D2b	Public views into and out of the development should be incorporated into the design when planning a new development.	293	73.4	81	20.3	20	5.0	3	0.8	2	0.5	1.7

5. Sustainable Economic Growth

E1	What are your views about the following options for retaining and generating new employment in Cuckfield over the next 20 years?	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree or Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		SCALED
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
E1a	promote the retention and development of local services and community facilities in Cuckfield	277	71.0	94	24.1	18	4.6	0	0.0	1	0.3	1.7
E1b	Promote the retention and development of shops, services and community facilities in Cuckfield village centre and the neighbourhood centre at Whiteman's Green.	282	71.9	96	24.5	13	3.3	1	0.3	0	0.0	1.7
E1c	Promote the retention of suitable business premises.	197	50.6	135	34.7	51	13.1	5	1.3	1	0.3	1.3
E1d	Enable the conversion or expansion of suitable buildings in the countryside for employment uses.	109	27.9	158	40.5	76	19.5	34	8.7	13	3.3	0.8
E1e	Support the provision and expansion of tourist and visitor facilities in the village and surrounding countryside.	129	33.2	165	42.5	70	18.0	23	5.9	1	0.3	1.0
E1f	Allocate a site for a new business park of light industrial or office units.	47	12.0	99	25.3	112	28.6	71	18.2	62	15.9	0.0

Other Comments:

- 48 Cuckfield does not have infrastructure to support expansion of business premises, but if desired, these must be located in previously developed areas.
- 58 The site at Court meadow school to accommodate option E1(f) should reflect the possible development of nearby Horsegate House thus making the development much greater
- 80 Agree with E1(f) depending on design and location
- 90 Worry that a new business park or industrial site will add more traffic to an already congested high street
- 95 An isolationist attitude will kill the Cuckfield area/community completely
- 108 I would welcome more useful shops for us locals. Do we need so many gift shops and a bathroom shop Let's us return to the sort of shops we had 20 years ago.
- 110 Ref E1(f): Cuckfield House?
- 119 I support not seeing the centre of the village die out but ultimately the shops need to offer products and services that sustain themselves and are of a high quality. I think it is important for the residents of Cuckfield to understand that if they don't support local shops they will not last. An idea could be a

- residents discount card or seniors shopping days to encourage locals to shop locally. Ultimately Cuckfield is more residential than business focused and I don't see much point in trying to attract offices or office workers to Cuckfield. Haywards Heath or Burgess Hill is more appropriate locations for these types of businesses as the road network and amenities (lunchtime food outlets, etc.) aren't developed in Cuckfield.
- 139 Cuckfield's primary asset is its rural nature. Build only on already built-up sites.
- 145 The formulation of Option E1(d) is misleading. Whilst "employment uses" may on the face of it appear acceptable to some, it marks industrial activities (e.g. B2), which are unsuitable for the countryside, particularly in the High Weald AONB, where they would not "conserve and enhance" it.
- 146 Possibility of splitting Holy Trinity School and into infants and junior locations and therefore increase overall capacity of the school by using Court Meadow site?
- 155 It would be advisable to keep a close look at the current situation with our post office. There is a good chance it will disappear. Planning more houses in an area without proper facilities like that would be a mistake.
- 167 This is a village not a town!
- 170 There are offices currently in Chapel fields - are they sort after or used?
- 194 Improve bus timetable into town/station. This would reduce need of station car park. Buses should run well into the evening.
- 198 Cuckfield should retain its rural character
- 210 If a business park is to be built whilst it needs to be accessible to the village it should be located to both nor restrict existing views and not put further strain on the village centers roads.
- 213 sensitively done - driving demand for walks, footpaths etc rather than "visitor centres"
- 218 These are all a bit "motherhood and apple pie " I 'm afraid. In the end the village needs a mix of local businesses in and around it, but it will continue to have a high proportion of commuters in it.
- 220 Maintain parking in the village centre
- 224 e) depending on the 'building, heritage & design' requirements and the 'ecology & biodiversity' requirements as I feel these are more important. Hassocks are a good example of this with their 'gateway to the downs'. Maybe we can build on our proximity & views o the downs. f) depending on location
- 226 supportive of tourist expansion provided appropriate transport is provided.
- 228 There are many wonderful walks in and around Cuckfield. These could be more actively marketed to bring in more tourism to the village.
- 260 E2(a) would supp[ort but feel it would attract more traffic outside of the village
- 284 Careful consideration of the most suitable site for a business park(s) is needed. Integration & balance with the community is the goal
- 293 Promote working from home to avoid commuter congestion and reduce CO2 emissions, promote family life and to develop sustainable businesses or employment whether local or teleworking.
- 311 Perhaps use court meadow as additional school. Convert Horsegate House into an art gallery or nature centre for the Village.
- 318 E1f depends on size & sport facilities, water etc
- 323 Better a business park then housing - employment and help village businesses
- 335 Re E1(d) dependent on the nature of the business - if it sits well with area - agree
- 337 New business park could be in location F outside of the village and easily accessible for cars without clogging up the village centre
- 385 E1c depends on definition of sustainability. Bathroom shops, for example, should not be in the centre of Cuckfield. E1f yes but the business park should

- 386 be outside the village centre
- 386 Adequate car parking to accommodate any expansion
- 398 Improved parking in the centre of the village should be encouraged if there is to be more employment opportunities and public transport improved.
- 423 E1(f) but only units that maintain the rural and village character.
- 445 none
- 451 -
- 454 Any expansion of tourist and visitor facilities simply means more building, therefore chipping away at the natural beauty of Cuckfield. Court Meadow for example, instead of ripping it down could be adapted to support the community. In honesty, the closure of Court Meadow has added to the unemployment problem, if more had been done to save it then we could be proud of supporting a worthy cause whilst protecting the history of Cuckfield. We could have looked to increase employment within that area by achieving higher quality service for the residents.
- 475 old people's homes - warden assisted
- 517 This questionnaire doesn't give me the option of not answering a question & being able to put another point of view. Therefore I have had to answer some questions incorrectly.
- 525 Again, let's have sustainable solutions to all of the above. I 'm sick and tired of people with too short a sight on green development and its future impact on the village and the future, primarily the legacy we leave for our children.
- 529 Employment Uses is a very broad term. This could mean industrial activities that are unsuitable for the countryside. Should be supporting traditional farming activities not turning farms into industrial estates which would blight the character of the area.
- 534 E1(e) depends on exactly what facilities are proposed and where. eg well planned and located campsites should be ok. E1(f) agree provided there is a definite requirement for this

E2	What are your views about the future use of Court Meadow School?	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree or Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		SCALED
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
E2a	Allocate the site as a business park for light industrial or office units.	90	23.3	105	27.2	101	26.2	55	14.2	35	9.1	0.4
E2b	Allocate the site for housing development.	26	6.7	92	23.8	99	25.6	92	23.8	77	19.9	-0.3

Other Comments:

- 41 If either of these plans go ahead there will an increase in traffic in Hanlye Lane and Ardingly Road. Hanlye Lane is especially narrow in places
- 48 Ensure business use restricted to A2 and B1 only, and definitely not B2 or B8. Ardingly Road cannot support higher and heavier transport use. The

- surface is broken up and the footpaths dangerous.
- 54 Developing Court meadow School as a business park therefore employing x number of people is a better option than 10 houses which could "fit in" on another site
- 55 Develop the site for educational and/or community facilities
- 56 Allocate the site for development of housing for the elderly
- 58 See comment for E1(f)
- 67 develop for educational and community purposes. see option E & B1(e) for instance
- 68 either way it could open the door to expansion further on down the road. Could this be a site for a residential rest centre/nature conservation centre?
Horsegate House - an ecological centre/apartments for elderly residents/residential retreat centre - lots of possibilities
- 70 I would love to see some sort of community creative arts centre - units for professional artisans & space for courses - possibly a performance area too!
- 75 Whatever development - ample car parking.
- 80 E2(b) depends on numbers
- 90 Community facility?
- 95 It is already a built area so should stay as such
- 108 Court Meadow is too far out of the village for housing.
- 109 Another primary school
- 110 With extra housing and more children, it could become the junior school leaving HT to be the infant school.
- 114 What about increased traffic on road - already much heavier - does its condition fit the increase?
- 119 Ultimately Cuckfield is a residential village and I don 't see much point in attracting office park businesses to the village. Plenty of better locations in mid-Sussex for this type of activity given the limited infrastructure around Cuckfield.
- 145 The site of Court Meadow School is ideal for the purpose of a light industrial park for light industrial use. It is a brown field site with no significant visual impact on the landscape. Furthermore, the light industrial/office use is well suited to the profile of business in Cuckfield, as per the Parish Council survey. Whilst there are a number of options for the location of new housing development, there are limited options for the location of such a business park.
- 146 Allocating for Housing would create a 'gap' that would ultimately be seen as acceptable to bridge thereby expanding the village towards Haywards Heath again. The danger of road access for offices/units would need resolving.
- 148 As Holy Trinity School is full could it not be used for infants of H.T. - an example? Swimming lessons for village could be there!!
- 153 WHY NOT USE IT FOR ARTISTIC PURPOSES e.g. THEATRE FOR USE BY LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS. CLASSES OF VARIOUS SORTS.
- 155 I think this is a very good idea to give small businesses a chance to afford a start in Cuckfield without paying exorbitant rental fees in the High Street
- 159 SO LONG AS HAVING DEVELOPMENT STAYS WITHIN EXISTING BOUNDARY AND IS SMALL IN SCALE.
- 167 But for that area only not surrounding fields. I suggest retirement homes to free up other houses for next generation.
- 170 Community use for the north of the village.
- 179 it is too far away from the village for housing - people will be isolated there and not be part of either Cuckfield or Haywards Heath. But business development is a great idea - particularly if Horsegate House could be used as a conference centre or even hotel - it has such great views
- 182 Can only ten houses be guaranteed if this site is used for housing? Any more would be even less welcome.

- 188 Another school? With all these new developments are there enough school places? Whatever is put there Hanlye Lane narrow and too busy already
- 189 Convert housing to suit elderly residents with transport provided
- 194 Either/both
- 198 This borders on the Borde Hill and should retain its rural character
- 218 Its a good site for both I assume, so why not both if the design can be made to work. Depends on the nature of the businesses you want to attract I suspect.
- 221 if using the site for housing eases the pressure elsewhere within the village then it should be allowed. If 10 houses built here made little impact on required house numbers, then what is the point?
- 226 again, supportive provided public transport is available at suitable times.
- 228 Hanlye Lane is not suitable for increased traffic use, particularly commercial. The road is very narrow, it has an extremely poor road surface in places, it regularly floods (including Balcombe Road at its junction with Hanlye Lane), cars continue to leave the road and crash into trees on various bends, and there is heavy commuter congestion each day.
- 234 consider development of old peoples warden assisted homes
- 245 what about creating a site for residents rather than developing!
- 259 I feel the site will cause a huge traffic problem on an already very congested road in rush hour. Although if there is no option other than to build on it I think an office park would be better than a housing estate.
- 271 Surely this depends on the balance of need. I feel it could be used for either of these alternatives if indeed it is scheduled to close. To form a view on this I feel I'd need to know the requirements for housing vs. business. Certainly if they are perceived to be needed in the vicinity, I don't think light industrial units should be located within the village. I would say they could be located well there as most people would drive (albeit you could easily cycle or walk from the village at least). Any development here should take into account proximity to the countryside, Bored Hill and the current fields and should ideally not feel like an out of town business park!
- 281 Environmental education, activity and resource centre
- 284 The site of the proposed business park needs further discussion/investigation. Definitely not suitable for housing - isolated site far from facilities.
- 285 What about a school? For example another (2nd) site for Holy Trinity with a pool that could be used by the Community including disabled, special needs etc
- 301 Or extension to H.T. School
- 302 Community centre to meet the needs of the whole community. eg: children, elderly, mentally ill, and learning disability.
- 304 Concerned about water requirements for housing, industry and drainage together with sewerage.
- 309 If it was allocated for housing it may mean less building in other areas.
- 311 School expansion for Holy Trinity?
- 322 What about a cafe and a local market?
- 326 Retain the school and develop as ecology centre for children with learning difficulties combining its' infrastructure with access to local nature reserves
- 329 It could be used as a branch of Trinity School at Glebe Road or use the facilities as a centre of ecology as the area is in unique place to study ecology closely. It's close to very rich meadows and also the millennium wood. The area could also be used for elderly people. The area has a better potential rather than more development or industrial units

- 330 Couldn't Court meadow be used for either Holy Trinity or Warden Park for extra space as local schools is currently full or even as a community centre?
 334 Perhaps sheltered or assisted independent living for seniors?
 335 Suitable use - retirement village so that Cuckfield residents can remain in village but be looked after in retirement
 337 The site is already built on it would be less of an impact on the community than using a new plot elsewhere within the village. However a cinema & sports/leisure club would be nice!
 374 It makes sense to use the site and to offer the area as a business park should bring economic benefit i.e. employment and spending in village shops
 378 Used by school or scouts?
 385 Cuckfield and surrounds do not have the infrastructure to support new housing
 388 How would this affect Hanlye lane traffic?
 389 Court Meadow School's site should be retained for educational purposes and the provision of facilities for children and young people, and the provision of facilities for the disabled.
 396 The land should be used for the greater/immediate need, an empty business park and another green field lost to a speculative housing development would not be much a benefit to the village.
 403 More housing must include additional infrastructure.
 419 I live next to Court Meadow School. I do not want it turned into light industrial use; having once suffered the same outcome when I lived in Burgess Hill before the industrial estate was built. Having a factory built at the bottom of my garden, even as a child was awful! Also, Hanlye Lane is busy enough without more traffic!
 423 see above
 441 Sports hall / youth centre for young people Ecology Educational site
 443 It seems to me that there is this type of space available 2 miles away in H Heath
 445 none
 451 -
 454 It is a disgrace that the school has been allowed to close, if unemployment is a problem, then closing it was not the answer. In view of the fact the decision has been made, and then a small business park is my preferred option provided it helps the community in a direct way.
 475 old people's homes
 480 If there is to be development of housing in Court Meadow it should be for younger people families or community housing that is affordable and attainable. Too much housing in Cuckfield is high end in terms of cost.
 481 Utilise the existing buildings, not just bulldoze the surrounding fields and build on them instead or as well as.
 483 if we have to have a business park (which I do not agree with) this seems like a reasonable place. However, it should lead to a reduction in the requirement for Cuckfield to provide residential housing.
 495 I agree with this providing the work is done within the existing site and NOT on the surrounding fields.
 517 If the site were allocated as a business park how would that fit in with Horsegate & the gypsy site? If allocated for housing, how do we know how many houses are necessary & are these houses needed for local people or are we inappropriately building for anyone who decides they want to come or for those that are moved here by councils? We need to be shown precisely why all these houses are needed.
 521 We must now have enough housing development in the pipeline so a business park is more preferable and easily accessible from Cuckfield and

Haywards Heath via Hanlye Lane

- 523 If housing development has to go somewhere, this could be a good option as the site is already developed.
- 524 If a site for housing must be found, this option would make sense as it is already developed.
- 525 I'd love to see some financial input in to the society of Cuckfield as a result of either of these proposals. Input in to all of the schools so they may expand in line with the local populace. Something not done off of London Lane, what a missed opportunity.
- 529 Court meadow is ideal as a business park as it is a Brownfield site. More limited options for a local business park than for housing so a designated area for several businesses is a great idea. Also more practical in terms of infrastructure requirements to have a designated site rather than sporadic developments.
- 530 As a Brownfield site, this is ideal for light industrial use

6. Housing & Development

H1	What are your views about the following options for new housing in Cuckfield over the next 20 years in addition to the existing commitment of 116 dwellings?	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree or Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		SCALED
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
H1a	small scale development within the Built Up Area Boundary of Cuckfield	113	29.9	163	43.1	46	12.2	29	7.7	27	7.1	0.8
H1b	new housing allocation of approximately 40 new homes.	56	15.0	128	34.3	70	18.8	53	14.2	66	17.7	0.1
H1c	new housing allocation of approximately 80 new homes.	15	4.1	34	9.2	62	16.8	87	23.6	170	46.2	-1.0
H1d	new housing allocation of approximately 120 new homes.	9	2.4	9	2.4	33	9.0	67	18.2	250	67.9	-1.5
H1e	new housing allocation of approximately 250 new homes.	6	1.6	1	0.3	21	5.7	38	10.3	303	82.1	-1.7
H1f	new housing allocation of over 250 new homes.	3	0.8	1	0.3	18	4.9	32	8.7	314	85.3	-1.8

Other Comments:

- 36 Cuckfield needs to retain all its surrounding green space, else its character will be diminished.
- 45 Demography shows Cuckfield to have an older than normal age of inhabitants. Natural processes will free up housing as residents pass on.
- 46 Provided that's 40 over the next 20 years!
- 48 To protect the character of the village, infill must be refused to preserve green spaces. Limited redevelopment is to be encouraged where acceptable to character. Accept need for small scale expansion, within built up area, but not next to AONB or within strategic gaps.
- 64 Not informed enough to answer this
- 73 Access to Option H1(a) from the bypass is a restraint on development for this area.
- 95 As long as the basic utilities and facilities can support the homes, i.e. sensibly planned growth - we cannot be isolationist! My answer for agree is approx 120 houses
- 119 I support in infill development and redevelopment of existing housing over large new greenfield sites. Also, infrastructure including schools, medical provision, traffic control need to be addressed in conjunction with any increased development.
- 139 Cuckfield is not an appropriate site for new housing.
- 155 There is hardly any space for more cars in the built up area. Multiply every suggested home by 2 and the streets are clogged.
- 167 Facilities for new homes are not appropriate eg Hospitals etc
- 170 The increase of residents will affect the access. Roads are already congested at peak times.

- 179 we need to avoid prevarication allowing constructors to overdevelop sites such as the one opposite the Rose and Crown. The original plan was for about 8 houses and a duckpond which was thrown out and now we have about 80 houses instead. Need to avoid this in future and work with developers as much as possible.
- 194 56 dwellings required.
- 203 If no development is not an option, then minimal development must be supported.
- 213 brownfield sites prioritised over any greenfield development
- 224 preferably small numbers of houses in developments of small numbers of houses - so spread around the village.
- 245 Cuckfield does not have the infrastructure in schools/gp's to maintain any further developments
- 252 the infrastructure is saturates - there is no further possibility of housing without totally negatively impacting the infrastructure
- 253 the area is totally over populated - extend at our peril to completely ruin the village.
- 276 The least amount of new houses as there are no facilities for doctors, hospital, schools or car parking!!
- 278 Current road infrastructure cannot support increased volumes on new housing, and if road size and structure is increased/changed the village will totally lose its 'Village ' character. This would be a tragic loss
- 298 The local school is already full and unable to take anymore pupils, congestion of roads etc...
- 326 Develop existing housing and retain village as a countryside orientated village
- 335 Difficult to judge housing need for next 20 years. At the moment from statistics given at meetings it seems the need cannot be proved and a bedding in time should be given
- 362 Any growth in housing needs to be matched by additional provision of schools places, parking spaces etc. The upside of more housing is that it makes sensible businesses in the village more sustainable.
- 367 Have any studies been done on the percentage growth that a village can sustain, regarding new houses, whilst still maintaining its original character? a couple of percent a year? more? less? I don 't know, but surely this is a better way to base future building decisions rather than a randomly perceived need at any point in time - how many of these younger people/dependents etc. will actually end up living in Cuckfield? What percentage of new houses is bought by locals??
- 374 We need time to allow recent allocations to settle into the community. Significant additional development in the medium would be inappropriate
- 388 The homes in Chatfield road are not selling like hot cakes!
- 395 I do not think that we should encroach further into the strategic gap between Cuckfield and Haywards Heath
- 396 Small housing developments of 6 dwellings or less are not included in the total figures used in strategic housing plans, and could result in over development of the village.
- 407 No option given for less than 40 homes, which is what it should be.
- 442 The local area & services cannot support further large developments. The schools already have to split year groups; it takes weeks to get a doctor's appointment, traffic queues into H Heath at rush hour can be up to 40 minutes. The bus routes are very poor. Commuters from H Heath station have to stand to London
- 443 40 would be my very maximum - would prefer smaller developments with surrounding green space
- 445 Keep it small.
- 446 No development over 20 homes. H1(a) where and how many?

- 451 -
- 454 No more building, it has to stop. The village aspect of Cuckfield is fast being destroyed. We must work to improve what we have, not to increase.
- 475 fill in developments to the south of village and by-pass
- 478 I would prefer to see new housing of less than 40 dwellings
- 480 This is a difficult issue and I believe we all need to take some pain here, each community need to understand it can't just say no. There has to be a balance so that surrounding communities and plans are balanced out to share the need so are communities like Antsy, **Stapefield**, and Bolney etc taking on this load too. Also control must be exercised on lavish housing and fit for purpose family housing provided that is affordable and does not require London commuter salaries to achieve.
- 481 I appreciate that maybe in time we need extra houses, however the new housing and those already been approved (but yet to be built) need to be allowed time to integrate into the Village before more is added.
- 483 Development is destroying the nature of our local communities. Look at the Chatfield Road development straining the resources of the community - Schools, Doctors surgery, Dentists etc. No provision was made for the fact that introducing this number of new homes requires planning for additional resources. Also it starts to change the nature of the village - more people, less close community,etc.
- 516 I think it is important to minimise additional new build development in and around the village.
- 524 The Neighbourhood Plan should take account of the emerging District Plan and housing allocations in the Neighbourhood Plan should be reflective of the District Plan, which includes an allocation for Cuckfield of 30 homes. Surely the Neighbourhood Plan should be seeking to find site(s) to accommodate this. The Neighbourhood Plan will have more weight if it reflects policies within the District Plan.
- 525 Responsible housing please, not the toot we have seen over the last 7 years!
- 529 How can nature of Cuckfield are preserved if very large estates are allowed to be developed. Cuckfield is proud to be a village.
- 532 Assuming that schools and other services expand to absorb the increase

H2	What are your views about the following potential broad housing location options for new housing in Cuckfield over the next 20 years? Please comment on each of the options.	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree or Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		SCALED
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
H2a	within the current built up area boundary of the village.	95	25.4	113	30.2	75	20.1	39	10.4	52	13.9	0.4
H2b	within a modified built up area boundary of the village.	24	6.5	114	30.7	100	27.0	60	16.2	73	19.7	-0.1
H2c	broad location A – north of Cuckfield.	14	3.8	76	20.9	94	25.8	66	18.1	114	31.3	-0.5
H2d	broad location B – north-east of Cuckfield .	11	3.0	40	10.9	88	24.0	82	22.3	146	39.8	-0.9
H2e	broad location C – east of Cuckfield.	13	3.5	23	6.3	81	22.1	86	23.4	164	44.7	-1.0
H2f	broad location D – west of Cuckfield.	22	6.0	79	21.6	95	26.0	66	18.0	104	28.4	-0.4

H2g	broad location E – south east of Cuckfield.	6	1.7	33	9.1	77	21.3	81	22.4	165	45.6	-1.0
H2h	broad location F – south of Cuckfield.	11	3.0	44	12.0	72	19.6	55	14.9	186	50.5	-1.0

Other Comments:

- 36 Small scale housing developments only. Cuckfield has had enough of bigger developments. Should maintain the general hourglass shape of the two villages (Cuckfield and Whiteman's Green)
- 44 There is no option above to comment on development E - please note that I strongly disagree with housing development on this site.
- 45 Not many other compass points left!
- 48 Appropriate development of south site within bypass boundary has least impact on village. Single large development and traffic opening onto bypass only.
- 58 Cuckfield must retain its old identity and not become part of Haywards Heath
- 64 See above
- 75 A boundary has to be maintained between Cuckfield and Haywards Heath.
- 76 The AONB should be retained.
- 81 not sure
- 98 Large development changes Cuckfield from village status to small town. Why would any tourist want to visit then!
- 101 An important restraint is access to site F from the existing busy bypass
- 102 Too much development takes place without adequate infrastructure, whether utilities, drainage, sewage, education or healthcare and everyone suffers - now and original householders
- 132 Any enlargement of the village will compromise its 'separateness' from other towns/villages/hamlets
- 139 Cuckfield is already over-developed.
- 144 Land that is used for agricultural use should not be allowed to be built on
- 146 Location E closes the gap on Haywards Heath too much. Location F would neither be in the village nor out of the village and the village infrastructure would not cope.
- 155 If all the proposed areas would be accepted for housing it would be double the size of Cuckfield and it would become an infrastructural nightmare.
- 167 F. for recreation
- 170 In view of the pressure of traffic through the village, development around the by-pass would be preferable.
- 179 we need to be realistic about housing but if we work with developers we may be able to influence the style and the volume, including good access. The recent development off Hatchgate Lane is an accident waiting to happen, with traffic whizzing across London Lane while pedestrians are crossing. I have been alarmed a couple of times whilst out walking.
- 194 Option E includes Cuckfield/Haywards Heath strategic gap and stunning views through Bluntswood. Option F would result in least impact to village with easy transport access.
- 202 Any future housing development must be linked to the provision of local school places in Cuckfield. The doctor's surgery is also under strain now.
- 224 e) absolutely not! Would prefer many small developments - infill. f) could end up like another Bolnore Village and swamp Cuckfield

- 228 Greater consideration should be given to any future development being located to the West of Cuckfield. The North East area of Cuckfield has had more than its fair share of development over the years. It is beginning to become a 'new town ' in its own right.
- 234 any developments should be infill south of the village to the bypass with a north south bypass built funded by the developers from Antsy to Slough Green
- 247 I think there has already been a lot of housing development in the 7 years I have lived here. All new houses built mean less green spaces.
- 252 over populated already
- 253 **NO MORE HOUSING!!** [Circled, underlined & bold!!]
- 271 A small amount of housing on f would seem preferable to cutting into any of the areas identified at b c and e
- 279 Location E closes the gap between Cuckfield and HH because, although there is a **small strip of wood left, it isn't** in the Parish of Cuckfield so we cannot control planning on it.
- 293 I would prefer we created new bolder changes to existing land use rather than creeping growth over green space and parish boundaries Modern Alms houses (aka affordable housing) need some green space, but low rise flats with a decent amount of floor space or larger purpose built HMO 's would be a better solution than smaller and smaller boxes. Obviously we need to site larger buildings carefully - but that would be better than continual sprawl and should be considered. I have seen continental villages with apartment buildings that are not tower blocks and that can provide good quality living accommodation in a small footprint.
- 298 LOCATION C - sewerage capacity is insufficient now as when heavy rain fall the sewerage is discharges into gardens at Ruthven Close and again at Polestub lane.
- 323 Could we not look at F but with FAR FAR fewer houses
- 325 Location c - The area for sewerage covers an enormous amount of houses. Heavy rain fall lifts the main manhole covers and disposes sewerage over Ruthven Close gardens & Polestub Lane
- 331 Any development should be close enough to the centre of the village to enable residents to use the shops and so encourage more retail development
- 335 See comment above
- 337 low level housing & small business park 40 homes
- 368 Location E Actual location not an issue but depth of arm shown on map is
- 382 Answer based on "south of Cuckfield" being area between church and bypass
- 386 Locations should comply with sections h1 & h3 & h4 of this section
- 396 Broad location B. I 'm concerned what benefit a 6 dwelling development will bring the village long term.
- 399 Areas B, C, and D seem to have the most over-come able constraints listed against them. They are of moderate size, enabling Cuckfield to maintain its village / rural feel.
- 415 any development within such areas should also include land open for recreational use - a village "green" concept. This would form a valuable communal feature for use by all residents.
- 442 No one who lives here wants to start or approve development that turns this village into a new Croydon. Build a new development in countryside elsewhere. Something will 'pop' if this continues.
- 443 I would need to judge each application on its merits or otherwise
- 445 none

- 446 Not sure of boundaries - well enough
- 451 -
- 454 Building outside of the boundary of the village is not an option as it will encroach on the surrounding countryside. Building within the boundary will simply intensify the density and put more pressure on the infrastructure.
- 480 Some of the statements which are seen as constraints eh 0.4 to 1km from amenities are not realistic. I would see these as being advantages compared to other sites.
- 495 Sites A, D, E and F are more suitable sites than B and C. If B and C are deemed suitable, they will lead to the opening up of all the fields adjoining Haywards Heath and before we know it, we'll be joined with no strategic gap between the two. The other sites are one-off sites, not connected to each other and are therefore more suitable.
- 525 Area F would change the complete face of Cuckfield. I moved here to get away from large areas of densely populated housing.
- 529 South has better road links and will impact centre of the village less in terms of traffic.
- 530 Re (e), (g) and (h) we are not sure - have not the knowledge or had time to consider adequately
- 534 I am not sure exactly where each of these areas is. I think the view towards the village from Ardingly Road should be retained.

H3	What are your views about the following options for the density (number of houses per Hectare) of new housing sites in Cuckfield?	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree or Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		SCALED
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
H3a	Higher density within the Built Up Area Boundary of Cuckfield.	21	5.7	70	19.0	78	21.1	97	26.3	103	27.9	-0.5
H3b	Lower density within the Built Up Boundary of Cuckfield.	51	13.6	131	34.9	102	27.2	49	13.1	42	11.2	0.3
H3c	Higher density within new housing allocations.	10	2.7	16	4.4	93	25.4	125	34.2	122	33.3	-0.9
H3d	Medium density within new housing allocations.	21	5.7	98	26.6	112	30.4	61	16.6	76	20.7	-0.2
H3e	Higher density within new housing allocations.	45	12.1	105	28.2	110	29.6	62	16.7	50	13.4	0.1

Other Comments:

- 36 We don 't want another Chatfield Road - a mean development, where the houses and streets are too tightly packed together
- 45 The ""Copse "" is a great example of packing in housing and why it is so wrong.
- 48 density dependant on site and design. eg: if brownfield - High density preferred to reduce any outstanding housing needs.
- 58 Higher density cannot be sustained by present infrastructure
- 64 See before

- 81 separate houses, low density
- 119 I would support low density within the new housing allocations. Lower density housing is more in keeping with the nicer parts of the village like Courtmead road. High density modern housing is very ghetto like - especially when mixed in with social housing. It is not in keeping with the feel of the village.
- 139 There should not be new housing allocations made near Cuckfield.
- 170 High density housing would increase pressure on infrastructure. Medium and lower density give people needed space and are better for sociability.
- 218 There should be a mix, not everyone wants a garden. However the layout and orientation is more critical, everyone wants light.
- 224 if denser housing would need more allotments & public open spaces to compensate for small gardens.
- 284 This is a village not an inner city area and the density should reflect the location. More space around developments is very important.
- 320 Houses should have larger gardens to reflect increased interest in growing own vegetables, keeping chickens etc. Houses should have cellars – increases floor space without impacting on housing density
- 353 There is a reason we choose to live in a village and not a built up urban area ...to live in a village low density environment ...that’s the whole point ...villages are not meant to be built up high density urban areas
- 368 Density should reflect visible surrounding area
- 374 Govt require high density development but it must be in keeping with local character
- 396 The actual development site and housing type needs of the village should govern housing density needed.
- 399 Generally, I don’t think new houses should be of a higher density than those immediately surrounding them.
- 410 Loaded questions - what about the same density? Loaded too with regard to assumption that there will be new development.
- 442 Area cannot take this density of housing. There is already huge pressure on the existing village car parks. Most gardens are extremely small and the roads are starting to get blocked as more cars are parked on pavement edges along main roads or service roads. This really is short-sighted.
- 445 none
- 451 -
- 480 A smooth transition of housing style/character and density if the key which should come from permissions and plan review.
- 525 Nothing good comes of dense population development.

H4	What is your view about how to meet the revealed affordable housing need at Cuckfield?	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree or Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		SCALED
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
H4a	Allow the development of ‘exception sites’ at the edge of the village.	11	3.0	49	13.2	79	21.2	102	27.4	131	35.2	-0.8
H4b	Ask developers of housing sites to provide a percentage of the units as affordable housing.	105	27.8	175	46.3	48	12.7	25	6.6	25	6.6	0.8

Other Comments:

- 36 We are already providing enough affordable housing.
- 45 This simply does not work, experience proves it.
- 46 I think that the lack of means should not necessarily preclude having a house in a picturesque setting that is if we are only talking about 8 properties.
- 95 Has to be mixed in!!! Cannot create ghettos!
- 102 Mixed housing devalues all and leads to social problems
- 111 Require developers to build large percentage of affordable housing.
- 119 In principal I am not a supporter of social engineering and don't agree with government policy of forcing affordable housing in all areas. If "affordable housing " is mandated then better that it is integrated than segregated.
- 132 developer's assurances are not worth the paper they are written upon!
- 157 I thought 30% of new development had to be "affordable".
- 170 This is currently part of planning applications and is not always a successful outcome, although this is needed and important. It overlaps with the housing density question too, as affordable housing is often built close together.
- 179 Affordable housing is only affordable when it is first built. It increases in value and rapidly becomes unaffordable. I am against % of units as affordable housing as it devalues the site. If I was looking for a 4/5 bedroom home, I would not want to be next to 1/2 bed units which will have cars all over the place and look unsightly. I would want it to be with other houses of the same type. If you look around Cuckfield, the areas that have retained good value do not have a mix including affordable houses. Having said that, I do feel that Hatchlands which has flats that look like houses, with lots of parking is the exception. This was well thought out.
- 224 spread the social housing to avoid creating 'ghettos'
- 234 except old peoples housing then perhaps exception sites near to village could be allocated
- 252 Cuckfield housing pricing will always prohibit the provision of affordable housing. The village is not appropriate for affordable housing.
- 253 the only people who will benefit from allocating affordable housing is the developers!!! Affordable housing is NOT compatible with a village as small as Cuckfield.
- 284 Integration is important. Isolation can lead to problems.
- 293 Review existing housing stock to convert or reuse it as affordable housing.
- 296 Provision for affordable housing for LOCAL young people.
- 385 Not ask but demand as a condition of development
- 396 The Ghetto 'isation of affordable housing developments should be fought at every opportunity.
- 443 Concerns that 'exception sites' could stigmatise people!
- 445 none
- 451 -
- 480 The integration of affordable housing should be integrated into developments as a whole rather than created as distinct and separate zones
- 481 By having 'exception ' sites for affordable housing are not going to help integration into the Village. Bad idea!

525 Getting developers to accept lower profits in order to create harmonious existence is an essential demand, not a request.

H5	What is your view on how we should meet the need for elderly residents in the village?	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree or Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		SCALED
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
H5a	Ask developers of housing sites to provide a percentage of the units as suitable for elderly residents.	118	31.4	173	46.0	52	13.8	22	5.9	11	2.9	1.0
H5b	Allow some of the larger houses in the village to be converted to flats suitable for elderly residents.	84	22.3	179	47.6	63	16.8	26	6.9	24	6.4	0.7
H5c	Focus provision for the elderly close to the facilities of the village centre.	109	29.1	179	47.9	70	18.7	11	2.9	5	1.3	1.0

Other Comments:

- 54 Converted older larger houses work well for conversion. Frontage remains the same so no change of appearance. Experience of this - my mother liked living in a house but had other people in the building and a nice garden surround
- 64 Re H5(c). How could this be done?
- 95 We are an aging population; Commonsense and reality have to kick in.
- 101 To persuade elderly residents to vacate their large houses, spacious, very well planned flats are needed.
- 102 Ideally dedicated developments for elderly can provide greater and better facilities
- 110 2 of Cottage Homes are empty, fill them first.
- 119 It is important that this is driven by actual market demand. I don't believe in a build it and they will come approach. If there really is demand from older single residents for more housing in the centre than this is an opportunity for someone to fill and these types of dwellings will command higher prices and ultimately attract more development for this type of housing.
- 132 Developers are not altruistic. They will only accede to such aspirations as a 'quid pro quo' for other permissions sought
- 163 WHAT WE NEED ARE GOOD HOMES ONE STAGE BEFORE THE TOWER HOUSE CLOSE OPTION. e.g. GROUPS OF SAY 8 HOUSES SUITABLE FOR PEOPLE IN THE AGE RANGE 55+. 4BEDROOMS +.
- 170 There is an aging population, so with longevity increasing, it is important that we plan in these facilities. Conversion of larger houses should only be allowed if in keeping with the surroundings.
- 198 There is a house near Court Meadow that is large and is presently empty. This could be converted into flats.
- 220 What about a proper retirement village?

- 224 variety needed - in terms of types of elderly accommodation, finance for them i.e. private/public funded (flats/bungalows etc) & sheltered/warden/self sufficient.
- 228 Some of the sites provided should also include the provision of on-site wardens for 24-hour emergency callout requirements. Older married couples should also be considered in addition to single people.
- 304 ground floor and social facilities desirable, warden assisted in some cases.
- 320 Also make it easier for existing householders to construct Granny flats
- 335 Option H5(c) or provide facilities within a development - i.e. within the Court meadow site
- 336 Housing for the elderly needs to be done in the centre of the village or on a bus route
- 337 Large house (derelict) on Broad Street could be converted into flats for the elderly
- 374 Use low level housing in and around sensitive sites if development takes place
- 388 The tendency is to build high with steep staircases - not suitable for the older generation. Bungalows would encourage larger houses to be left for families
- 396 Converting properties into granny flats will not protect the village from speculative planning developments.
- 441 Provide more bungalows
- 443 Because elderly people often suffer impaired mobility which isolates them I feel accommodation for them should be close to shops and services
- 445 none
- 451 -
- 454 There is a huge focus on bringing young families into the area at the detriment to the elderly. Many smaller houses are allowed to be extended and now there is a shortage of smaller properties. Many of the conversions destroy the original charm of a house and are now priced so that the older retired generation can 't afford to live in Cuckfield.
- 532 Warden controlled units?

7. Ecology & Biodiversity

E&B1	How should the Neighbourhood Plan maintain and enhance the biodiversity of Cuckfield parish?	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree or Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		SCALED
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
E&B1a	Ensure any new allocations for development are located on sites with the least harmful impacts on the biodiversity of Cuckfield.	240	63.8	102	27.1	27	7.2	4	1.1	3	0.8	1.5
E&B1b	Ensure any new development adequately mitigates impacts on biodiversity .	220	58.8	117	31.3	30	8.0	3	0.8	4	1.1	1.5
E&B1c	Promote the preservation, restoration and re-creation of priority habitats, ecological networks and the protection and recovery of priority species.	221	58.9	116	30.9	31	8.3	6	1.6	1	0.3	1.5
E&B1d	Investigate and where relevant designate Local Green Space.	220	58.5	130	34.6	20	5.3	4	1.1	2	0.5	1.5
E&B1e	Establish educational place for Ecology.	136	36.5	113	30.3	100	26.8	19	5.1	5	1.3	1.0

Other Comments:

- 36 Local Green Space should be instigated to the east of the village, between Blunts Wood LNR, Millennium Wood and Ardingly Road
- 40 I would like to see a residential Center for the Study of Ecology and Natural Systems linked to a designated area as a Wildlife Trust. This would encourage ecotourism and protect wildlife, biodiversity and promote C above.
- 45 Recent developments only paid lip service to the environment. Will we never learn?
- 70 educational places for ecology - in centre @courtmeadow. see answer to E2
- 95 Where I have said "agree" this actually "agree where practicable and possible". It should not be the major consideration. Cuckfield is a relatively small area and cannot provide all green/ecology aspects. These can be provided elsewhere in Mid Sussex/Sussex
- 163 WE NEED TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT PROTECTING OUR BIRDS AND. ORGANISED SHOOTS (TO KILL) OF PIGEONS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RABBITS AND DEER ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED.
- 170 Court Meadow as a mixed community centre could provide this.
- 173 Educational place for Ecology at Court Meadow site!
- 213 r/e e) using existing green space (school grounds, resources or surrounding fields)
- 224 c) priority habitats shouldn't be touched. eco building - see built heritage & design. promote cycling
- 316 Make the case for low impact housing design. Get developers to be more forward thinking - not just more of the same thing

- 445 none
- 451 -
- 454 The simple answer for maintaining and enhancing the biodiversity of the Cuckfield Parish, is to oppose any new build. We must focus on protecting what we have left. I find it incredibly frustrating that we are fobbed off with the possibility that we can simply move natural habitat to another area. It really is utter rubbish and shows a lack of understanding of what the countryside is about.
- 481 Once we build on any fields containing a wide variety of wildlife and ecology (i.e. Ardingly Road site), that biodiversity will be lost FOREVER. The badgers, roe deer, bats, shrews, owls and other wildlife that lives in these fields will be lost.
- 534 A new school?

8. Infrastructure

I1	What are your views on the following general infrastructure requirements?	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree or Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		SCALED
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
I1a	Allow additional sites outside the boundary to be allocated for housing in return for infrastructure improvements.	19	5.1	67	18.1	81	21.8	108	29.1	96	25.9	-0.5
I1b	Cuckfield's Infrastructure is sufficient for the current population.	40	10.7	107	28.7	65	17.4	118	31.6	43	11.5	0.0
I1c	We should allocate additional sports facilities and pitches.	21	5.7	77	20.8	151	40.7	90	24.3	32	8.6	-0.1
I1d	We should allocate additional natural and semi natural local amenity space.	62	16.8	158	42.7	109	29.5	38	10.3	3	0.8	0.6
I1e	We should support expansion of car parking spaces in the Recreation ground?	67	17.9	149	39.8	91	24.3	46	12.3	21	5.6	0.5
I1f	We should allocate additional allotments.	54	14.5	155	41.6	131	35.1	25	6.7	8	2.1	0.6

I2	What are your views on future use of the Play Meadow in Courtmead Road?	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree or Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		SCALED
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
I2a	Acquire as an open green amenity space available for recreation to the public.	137	37.1	118	32.0	92	24.9	18	4.9	4	1.1	1.0
I2b	Expand adjacent allotments.	58	15.8	118	32.1	122	33.2	53	14.4	17	4.6	0.4
I2c	Small scale development in keeping with location.	23	6.3	43	11.7	89	24.3	68	18.5	144	39.2	-0.7

Other Comments:

- 44 Maintaining recreation areas for younger residents are very important, and I believe keeps children/teenagers occupied and out of trouble.
- 46 If sold for housing the plot described above should only be afforded to one property if it is developed, anything else would be out of keeping with the street. + The Royal Observer Corps post should be maintained.

- 58 Has been used by village groups for at least 35 years
- 72 Expand allotments only if a need exists.
- 75 If development takes place it has to be within keeping of other properties in Courtmead Road.
- 82 11(e) subject to a better access / exit road
- 95 If homes over next 20 years do not require it. This is all about a balance act but I do reiterate that nimby and isolationist attitudes will kill Cuckfield. It is after all a town.
- 108 Large space. Use for allotments and recreation. How about a boules pitch?
- 109 Allow access through to observer field and Newbury Lane
- 110 Extra green burial land
- 115 Convert to woodland burial site.
- 116 give it to the church for a woodland burial site
- 133 This plot is suitable for a single dwelling in keeping with other properties in Courtmead road
- 167 1-3 houses max.
- 179 I think this is a waste of ground - I have never seen anyone in there, despite the fact that it is a play meadow. Obviously the residents of Courtmead don't want more housing there, but a small tasteful development of similar size houses to the rest of the road would be ok - or the other suggestions. It is fenced off and does not encourage anyone to go in it. Let's use it for something that has value.
- 194 Never in use when I walk by.
- 213 developing within the village boundary must be preferential to giving over fields/views on edges - much as I'd prefer all green space to be retained if possible.
- 218 Any development would benefit a very small number of people, so this option should be avoided.
- 224 1b) Holy Trinity very oversubscribed 1e) instead encourage cycling/walking 2) sorry can't comment more decisively on this as I'm not aware what happens/who uses this area at the moment.
- 226 improve provision for walking & cycling. Cycling paths on roads could also have the added benefit of slowing traffic and would support the promotion of Cuckfield as an ecological centre.
- 244 good position for elderly housing provision with allotments for them.
- 260 Ecology info area/wild meadow?
- 271 Signage Can be quite offensive to look at and pretty out of character when it is 'standard' like the blue signs depicted above. I think we are good with current sports pitches, in fact I think we are lucky to have what we have. Parking also isn't **needed here**, it s Whiteman's green where that seems most of an issue, due to the immense success of the football and rugby clubs. Play meadow in court mead road is a difficult one. If developed it would need to be in keeping so really only has space for one or two houses, so that doesn't help with the housing needs. Probably better to use As it is (we certainly have used it at children's or church events) or allotments if there is a need for more.
- 285 Develop a community growing plan where residents can exchange produce (no £ involved/used)
- 296 Small scale = i.e. ONE HOUSE
- 298 s
- 316 Should be kept as open green amenity space or allotments allowed

- 323 Not fussed - at the moment I don't think this is used by ALL the village
- 335 Both allotments and green amenity space would benefit retired residents and the older village community
- 367 Small scale development in keeping with location is an oxymoron - this is the end of Courtmead road you are talking about! - from the adjacent houses it's clearly ripe for just one house! Of course if built on then we should get maximum units - it's a great location - perhaps elderly flats as it 's so close to the centre?
- 368 Increase parking by removing yellow lines. This slows traffic as well increasing safety
- 374 Schooling an issue, roads becoming increasingly congested. Parking, churchyard
- 376 Perhaps used for educational purposes.
- 382 Use as a car park and take over space on court mead road for additional car park
- 425 we need additional play facilities for young children at South end of village.
- 443 I feel that developers should pay in to develop infrastructure as a requirement
- 445 none
- 451 -
- 454 With reference to allotments, there is scant regards to those residents that live near the allotments. Many allotment users insist on driving to the allotments and parking with no regards to the local houses. Allotment should only be offered to those that live within walking distance, that way the environment is protected. I live near to allotment plot and I 'm disappointed to report that a few (as usual the minority) use their cars and regularly cause congestion. Surely allotments should be just available for the locals; also increasing allotment space simply increases the risk of vandalism and thief.
- 480 I have never seen this space being used for recreational use since I have been resident in Cuckfield. It may be it is used during the day when I am not normally around but it seems to be underutilised in its current form. I wouldn't not condone it being used to build another house on what my children call "Millionaires Row"
- 495 Only on that site though.

I3	What are your views on the future use of the Play Group and Youth Club building?	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree or Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		SCALED
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
I3a	The services provided are valuable to the community and should be maintained.	195	52.6	126	34.0	43	11.6	3	0.8	4	1.1	1.4
I3b	If available the site should be redeveloped as a service centre, providing child and youth services for the young people of Cuckfield.	154	41.6	127	34.3	67	18.1	15	4.1	7	1.9	1.1
I3c	The site should be developed for housing in keeping with the location.	10	2.7	15	4.1	63	17.1	99	26.9	181	49.2	-1.2

Other Comments:

- 46 A better site for development as a play group might be the scout hut. Despite the youth clubs proximity to the primary school the road is very congested + there is a youth group at the southern end of the village.
- 61 More youth services needed within village. More facilities are needed on a growing village
- 70 the youth club & playgroup are brilliant services. a re-conditioned, re-designed building would improve them even more.
- 74 Provision of school places at Holy Trinity Primary School.
- 84 more school places are vital
- 95 Not qualified to comment properly as I have no children but a youth service centre makes sense
- 103 Its location next to the school should be used to advantage
- 108 Cuckfield Primary School should acquire the site for much needed expansion and share it with the other organisations in evenings and weekends. Especially in view of the higher numbers due to more housing.
- 170 London Lane cannot handle further traffic, so no development there.
- 178 There is already an open Youth Group at Holy Trinity - if London Lane is closed consideration should be given to provide funding for that at HT to develop
- 179 maybe we should pay a little more on the rates to maintain this.
- 181 Cuckfield Playgroup is a long-established outstanding provision for local children. I agree the building is in a terrible state and would support its redevelopment but only if it were purpose built with the intention of continuing to support a pre-school.
- 210 If possible it would be ideal to do a mixed use development with the residential unit funding the new youth centre. I do not know whether there is space to do this though.
- 213 if nursery and youth facilities can be relocated elsewhere satisfactorily to all, not a problem to sensitively redevelop this site - better this than greenfield sites.
- 218 There are already a number of sites in the village that can be used for youth services, so those provided here can probably be met using other resources.
- 224 knock it down and use as access to Holy Trinity School to relieve pressure on Glebe Road. Possibly build small additional unit for playgroup in school grounds. Run youth club facilities in Old School House
- 226 a)Cuckfield with its small population do not need four nurseries. I suggest they are used by people outside the village who pass through on their way to work. b) Remove - improve access to school & incorporate youth services in the school.
- 243 This site could be used to improve access to Holy Trinity School for dropping off and collecting in the morning and afternoon or for car parking spaces to assist with issues that residents must have living in Glebe Road.
- 258 There have been problems in the past in attracting volunteers to keep the youth club running, and it should not be taken on unless its upkeep is sustainable.
- 318 13b only on youth club site NOT play meadow
- 380 Improved public transport should be a priority. New signage should reflect the rural nature of the village. Roads, particularly Ardingly road and Hanlye lane need major improvement. Public footpaths must be retained

- 389 Court Meadow School is a better site for expanded services for children and young people.
- 399 Note the school is generally oversubscribed and I know of a few people who have been on the waiting list for years to move to the local primary school (the currently Yr 1, just going into Yr 2 being particularly oversubscribed). Given the amount of housing you mention, presumably some expansion of the school is being considered.
- 407 Do not disregard the nearly 100-strong open youth facility operated successfully by Holy Trinity Church in The Old School. This is primarily used by non-churchgoers.
- 410 Ignores the substantial youth activities already in Cuckfield, most particularly at The Old School.
- 445 none
- 451 -
- 454 My message is simple: please just improve what we have, don't expand.
- 468 Slightly confused as to whether option B includes provision of Play Group facilities, but improved buildings/facilities. That would be my preferred option.
- 496 Development money should be used to redevelop more appropriate building elsewhere in the village centre as the location on a busy road is dangerous.
- 516 The Pre-School playgroup run from this building is an exceptional service run by committed and generous staff and gives many children of the village a wonderful introduction to formal education. It should be given every opportunity to continue to operate.

9. Landscape

L1	What are your views on the following landscape statements?	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree or Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		SCALED
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
L1a	The landscape surrounding Cuckfield is one of the village's unique characteristics.	297	79.2	59	15.7	17	4.5	1	0.3	1	0.3	1.7
L1b	Any future development of the village should be focused on areas that would not have a major or substantial landscape value or sensitivity.	277	73.9	68	18.1	23	6.1	5	1.3	2	0.5	1.6

10. General Feedback

Please use this space to make any additional comments to wish to make.

Comments:

- 41 This plan is very comprehensive and clearly set out. As a resident of Cuckfield for nearly fifty years I hope that any future development will not spoil the beauty of Cuckfield. It has always been a happy place to live in.
- 43 It is important that we try to set a precedent that infrastructure is put in place first in order to meet future housing and social needs.
- 44 I fully support the Cuckfield Neighbourhood Plan and would like to thank those involved in its execution. Your contribution is very valuable and appreciated.
- 45 "Learn lessons from the past if development is inevitable. Listen to residents. After all, ""consultation "" is a much abused word."
- 46 "Any chance of banning the signs that developers keep putting up to direct traffic to their ""Landmark Developments ""? if they really were a 'landmark ' they wouldn't 't need the sign!!"
- 48 "Is Cuckfield at an equilibrium capacity for sustainable living? No capacity at school, no capacity for business? No capacity for additional development? Why grow - leave that to Haywards Heath, Burgess Hill, and East Grinstead?"
- 51 A thorough and excellent questionnaire. Covers all the essential areas of concern. Vital point - the Laines Farm area to the south of the church must be retained in its present form if the character of the village and its surrounds is to be maintained. We constantly hear appreciative comments from visitors to the village as to the superb views to the south from the Churchyard. The church and surrounds are a major attraction for tourists and must help to bring custom to the village.
- 54 Not sure how many houses are actually needed in Cuckfield as I did not complete this at the meeting!. Unfortunately one always has to be careful of "not in my back yard". Places for housing has to be found & with an ever aging population the elderly have to be seriously considered. We all know their needs are not the same as young folk
- 58 The volume of traffic continues to increase. Public transport is insufficient, particularly in the morning and evening. The speed of traffic along London Road is excessive - bollards at junctions could greatly reduce this. Access to and from Ardingly Road (west) and Hanlye Lane (east) will be a huge problem
- 60 No more development within the 'built-up' boundary of the village. Schools, doctors & dentists are saturated and cannot cope with the current population of Cuckfield
- 68 meeting place/services for elderly residents?
- 71 see suggestion about fracking enclosed [on separate sheet]. This will become a bigger issue& cannot be ignored. it should be permitted but only if

- properly controlled with adequate resources to deal with any problems/pollution.
- 72 I1 does not mention school provisions - more housing will necessitate more primary school places. A vital part of the 'infrastructure' of the village.
- 74 We are legally obliged to send our children to school - can Holy Trinity School cope with large increase in numbers of children as a result of increased housing development?
- 75 Landscape - why isn't there a viewpoint facing into Cuckfield from along the footpath between Copyhold Land and Antsy?
- 81 Keep 0-5 nursery on Whiteman's Green. Would like to see fields, parks, mixture of new and old houses. Lived in houses transformed over time. Maintain local school.
- 82 Development in and around Cuckfield: The problem we find in your questionnaire is that it is asking for our views on alternative aspects of 'development' but it does not touch sufficiently on 'infrastructure'. Presumably this is because infrastructure is provided by WSCC / MSDC etc. IF the roads were wider - IF the schools were not already full - IF public transport was better - IF there were more jobs within 10 miles, we could be less opposed to economic / population growth. But we are where we are. The village cannot resolve these problems alone so the temptation is to be extremely negative.
- 84 more school places vital to cope with housing developments
- 87 My principal concerns are to 1) Maintain the separate identity of Cuckfield, preserving the boundary and gap with Haywards Heath 2) To avoid expanding the village boundary with sprawling development 3) Avoid overloading the infrastructure of the village
- 95 To the last point re landscape I am fed up of being told that views will be lost. They still exist but maybe cannot be seen. Views are not a reason for objection, Infrastructure is, and sensibly planned growth has to be encouraged. The businesses, shops, restaurants, pubs, etc. need this to survive, If all these outlets die then Cuckfield becomes a dead community of houses. People living in Cuckfield should be encouraged to come out and support all the Cuckfield outlets.
- 97 D1e.c Less of an emphasis on copying (badly) older styles of properties. Integrate new sustainable & ecological designs i.e. BedZed development in London - green and low impact on valuable resources. Fits with ecology & biodiversity of area. 11e other alternative means of transport should be explored. i.e. bikes, buses, car share schemes. Improved/safe facility to store bikes to encourage use. Parking for elderly, disabled or families. E1f live-work development? More people working from home - other needs of small business i.e. space to rent, meetings, network opportunities. H3 In general far higher density encourages non car use, car pool or share scheme. Dangerous roads with increased traffic & air quality, noise pollution. Increase access to HH & facilities within village.
- 101 I think the bypass needs to be maintained as a bypass as the speed and amount of traffic using it prevents traffic going through the centre of Cuckfield. Any spur off the bypass would mean a reduction in speed and all the usual consequences
- 103 Cuckfield needs a "wall" for kids to play against. The Rec should be maintained as a play area but the sports pitch could be moved to Whiteman's Green
- 108 Cuckfield Primary must be expanded (before the surrounding land is used for development). It is not right that parents need to drive to Staplefield and further, as school is full. This is not a "green" friendly result, as well as new people moving into the village can't be part of the community. Please let us have a boules pitch somewhere. Recreation Ground or Courtmead Road.
- 111 Cuckfield is already overpopulated. Traffic is becoming unpleasant. The school cannot cope with existing demand therefore there should be no additional buildings until local facilities for children are provided.
- 115 I feel the amount of planned housing for the Cuckfield area is colossal and unreasonable. I am concerned that 'ghetto' type areas will transpire. People live in a village because that's how they want their local community to be. The planned development will destroy this aspect of our life.

- 116 I feel the planning for so much housing within Cuckfield is far too much and it will take away the village feel and turn Cuckfield into a small Haywards Heath or Burgess Hill.
- 119 Good luck with the plan! Thanks to all the volunteers.
- 132 It is essential that planning regulations/permissions/breaches are rigorously enforced. The whole plan can be jeopardised by tolerating speculative and 'fait accompli' developments. Furthermore, it undermines the whole process if people are seen to be 'getting away with it'.
- 133 Cuckfield has in recent years seen more development than a village of Cuckfield size should be asked to take and future development should be slowed down considerably. Particularly until all service requirements **are expanded**; i.e. sewage, water and power
- 135 Within the village infrastructure I would like to see a better provision and awareness made for keeping litter to a minimum. The younger generation do not seem to appreciate our wonderful surroundings and when they do venture out in the fields and woods, much litter is left. I often walk with a bag collecting the rubbish.
- 139 Cuckfield would be ruined by new construction on green field sites. Do not allow it!
- 145 Certain of the questions mark inferences which may have caused respondents to give a different response, had those inferences been made clear, e.g. E1 (d). No weight should be given to the responses to such questions.
- 146 Need to sort London Lane footpath on school run. Could Broad St/London Lane/High St become one-way system? A brilliantly organised event/consultation - well done to everybody involved.
- 148 I Don't want to see Cuckfield spread. I want it kept as it is not expanded by building. Traffic in the village needs to be slowed down and the amenities & shops need to be maintained to support these without transport. 'Cottage industries' need to be encouraged and advertised/displayed for all to see
- 152 The experience of the Haywards Heath relief road has convinced me that Local Authorities do not have the competence to achieve the infrastructure improvements (it used to be called planning gain). So don't even start!
- 154 MANY OF THE QUESTIONS REQUIRE A LEVEL OF EXPERTISE WHICH I FRANKLY DO NOT HAVE, BUT I HAVE DONE MY BEST. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CONCERNED IN PREPARING THE DISPLAYS. VERY PROFESSIONAL.
- 156 I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH CUCKFIELD FOR OVER 70 YEARS THROUGH FAMILY PLUS HAVE LIVED HERE FOR 32 OF THOSE YEARS. I FEEL THAT BEFORE ANY FURTHER BUILD UP FOR THE VILLAGE THE EXISTING FACILITIES FOR BOTH YOUNG AND OLD SHOULD BE IMPROVED TOGETHER WITH A BETTER TRANSPORT SYSTEM.
- 161 very good survey! Seems like there will need to be some substantial compromises to fulfil all the requirements for the future.
- 162 I would like to raise a complaint regarding the work on roads around the Cuckfield area. We are currently having the road leading from Haywards Heath to Cuckfield broadened at the Tylers Green roundabout. As a resident on that roundabout I wish to register a complaint about the changes being made without consultation. Our shared driveway (and that of our neighbours) is already perilous to enter as traffic speeds round the corner onto the bypass, widening the lanes here will only exacerbate this. Can we please have some consultation with the authorities as to how they intend on regulating the speed of traffic at this point as many families use this driveway?
- 163 THE FIELD BETWEEN LOCATION "D" AND NEW ENGLAND WOOD SHOULD BE BOUGHT FROM THE CURRENT OWNERS AND PRESERVED (LIKE NEW ENGLAND WOOD) IT IS IMPORTANT TO DO THIS BEFORE THE OWNERS DIE AND THE LAND IS SOLD. NORMAND AND ASHTON STILL LIVE IN CUCKFIELD. DON'T KNOW ABOUT 3RD PERSON
- 165 We are very grateful for your work and this opportunity to give our opinion.
- 167 Thank you.

- 170 Good presentation of Cuckfield and its potential future. To retain it and improve its provision for the future requires very careful planning. En masse development could easily upset the balance and Cuckfield could become lost as a separate identity with neighbouring Haywards Heath.
- 198 Cuckfield should retain its rural aspect. The High Street should be maintained and improved. Development should be kept to a minimum to retain the village character.
- 199 Sorry. I have no idea. I am only 10.
- 218 I 'd be happy to get more involved if more help was needed.
- 219 I'm not sure how useful this process will be as the majority of the 'options' are statements that most people will agree with in isolation. There is no opportunity to prioritise them since it is very unlikely they can all be achieved.
- 221 a concern I have for Cuckfield Village, is that a number of sites have been suggested that (each) would only allow room for a few houses and therefore require a lot of fields to be built on. Once a field has been built on it has gone forever. If the council are hell-bent on building in Cuckfield then perhaps a large site with space for all the new required houses are best. Loosing lots of small fields is potential disaster for the village.
- 223 sorry have no idea what your talking about I'm only 9
- 224 - improved bus links to burgess hill amenities (not just station but to Triangle too) - cycle lanes would have additional benefit of slowing traffic
- 226 I really feel strongly that there need to be more focus on traffic calming & reducing volume of traffic. I think that incorporating cycling paths along pavements would be a good solution. Narrower roads would encourage population to leave cars at home.
- 227 I understand the need for housing development in our village and being a resident of one of the newer houses in Cuckfield I would support any developments that have minimum impact on the village. However, I am surprised that this plan hasn't mentioned improvements and development in schooling (both primary and secondary) within the improvement to amenities section. This is something that is already being put under pressure by the existing population of Cuckfield and needs to be fully addressed within any future housing planning and investment being put into the village.
- 228 There should be strict control of "garden grabbing " for development, otherwise the character of some parts of the village could be dramatically changed. Any developments permitted are to have house size proportionate to the plot size, particularly including for single or low number density developments.
- 233 If more housing is required then sports facilities available to all needs to be considered. Beech Farm should be used as a base for all local sports clubs - not just a selected few
- 242 we need to address schooling, doctors etc, transport and parking to cope with the additional growth as these seem to be at or beyond capacity already.
- 245 it is not possible to agree with any further building without due consideration to the infrastructure/community aspects and heritage/tradition of this village. I moved here because I did not wish to live in a town - for that - we made a choice. It is time to stop this indiscriminate building on any area of greenland. Residents views should be listened to and Cuckfield's structure, character and traditions should be maintained.
- 247 I moved to Cuckfield because it was a quiet village. I would like it to stay that way. I would like a reduction in traffic. If houses need to be built they should be built within large plots and be in keeping with the style of the buildings around. I do not approve of any building on green areas/fields around the village.
- 248 1) I would prefer no change in the boundary but should this happen, infrastructure such as school places at Holy Trinity and parking spaces in the village centre must be increased. I have concerns that the 116 new dwellings will already stretch this to breaking point. 2) Cuckfield Playgroup Preschool is run by the parents and is a fantastic social resource as well as very successful early years setting. The staffs are excellent as reflected in their Offsted reports. Any developments to the site should ensure this important community service resource continues.

- 249 Cuckfield has seen a considerable amount of new housing in the 10 years I have lived here. I feel that although there is clearly a case for limited new development, there should be a pause, or at the very least a slow-down in the increase for a while, to allow the village to absorb this population growth without losing its character and identity. There is a particular issue with infrastructure, especially roads/parking and schools being unable to cope with the increase.
- 252 excellent involvement of the community. it remains to be seen whether the government will endorse the local community managing their own affairs.
253 thank you!
- 258 I do not think the village should be too resistant to change, but embrace it as it appears to have done so far over time. There are a wide range of houses, of all different styles, and it is clear that much development has taken place over the past 100 years. The most important thing is to maintain the strategic gap between Haywards Heath - otherwise our boundaries will become blurred, like in Lindfield, which distracts from the character of the village. We need to continue to attract businesses to the village so the High Street keeps its attractive character.
- 259 The reason people live in Cuckfield is for peace & quiet in a beautiful setting with a strong community, this would be seriously disrupted with further building in the area not to mention the devastating impact on the environment & massive strain on the local facilities including schools just to name a few.
- 260 With regard to I1(e) instead of increasing car parking allocation a dedicated cycle lane (off/away from road) would probably encourage more people to walk/cycle to the open spaces (Rec/Whiteman's Green).
- 267 We need to ensure the primary school expands to absorb future child numbers. Would be terrible if children have to be bussed out of the village.
- 279 I grew up in a larger Sussex village than Cuckfield and really enjoyed the greater amenities that a higher population brings. We shouldn't see modest growth of the village as a burden, but rather an opportunity to maintain a vibrant high street.
- 284 The nature of the village & parish is crucial to its attraction and value. Any change to the character will be detrimental and may well lead to the demise of the village as a separate and valued place to live. High density is a town/city thing and not suitable for a village.
- 289 it is of extreme importance that we do not allow the continued overdevelopment of Cuckfield
- 305 Additional parking needed. High Street parking causes problems.
- 306 Additional parking in the village would be useful, as parking in the high street causes bottlenecks making it very difficult for buses and other large vehicles to pass.
- 307 A very professional exhibition and very high quality content.
- 308 There are two questions concerning the relationship between the primary school and future housing development. i.e. can the school take another 50 or more children. Doesn't all housing developments depend on whether there are sufficient water supplies etc to provide for Cuckfield needs.
- 311 It would be good to have a few traditional shops (barbour, greengrocers, deli) back. Keep Cuckfield beautiful.
- 314 Infrastructure: Car parking needs to be increased; broadband access needs to be improved; sufficient water/sewage capability
- 316 People need to feel reassured that the infrastructure is sufficient to accommodate more and more housing/businesses. Cuckfield must not be allowed to somehow join up with Haywards Heath. It should remain distinct with the unique landscape qualities maintained.
- 326 Excellent to involve the community in sustainable development through the Neighbourhood plan
- 329 Very useful information regarding Cuckfield, as we moved recently to the area. We would like to help/collaborate in any way in order to help Cuckfield keep its village character and green areas.
- 330 Before sorting out about developing Cuckfield village what about sorting out our roads as the only speed restrictions are when you enter the village. Too

- many vehicles on the roads driving at far too high speeds will potentially cause accidents. This makes leaving our driveways very frightening as you fear for your safety when stationary.
- 334 Many thanks to the NP Group for all the effort and time spent on behalf of the village
- 337 Concerns: Holy Trinity School will need to be extended to accommodate more children - not a problem in itself as it has the space to extend BUT access to the school needs to be addressed. London Lane is dangerous - Warden Park pupils walking one way -Holy Trinity the other on a very narrow path on only one side of the road. This is an accident waiting to happen - more children and traffic will only make this worse. Alternative access to the school has to be found to dilute the numbers on London Lane
- 341 The village could have an enhanced appeal without a through highway, (except deliveries and buses). Consider a road block at one end of Ockenden Lane. The High Street could become what the Dutch call a "Wohnort " -- a living area. Traffic is not banned but there are no curbs and the road goes nowhere. Traffic has to avoid pedestrians - not the other way around. There is an adequate bypass and no reason for ANY through traffic. Affected residents, facing longer car routes could enjoy the freedom of a pedestrian High Street (except buses and deliveries)
- 368 But that shouldn't be used as a reason for a 'no new housing' approach. The village has to grow or die, it cannot stay still yet retain its vibrancy. We're living longer, we are still producing kids (well not me personally) - where are they going to live?
- 374 A brilliant consultation exercise - straightforward, great support from those taking part - well done! Whilst some development within the next 20 yrs in inevitable and possibly necessary, please allow time for existing commitments to bed in. Presumably there is a review process integral to the plan?
- 377 1. 20mph speed limit through high street and south street. 2. 30mph speed limit along B2036 from south street to by-pass roundabout 3. Housing development too far from the village infrastructure would not be sustainable.
- 384 We have an over dependency on cars in the village and potential new development will only make this worse especially along Ardingly road. It would be good to promote public transport links to surrounding towns and villages and HH station in particular. Also to promote the development of safe pedestrian walkways on our rural roads before we build any more houses. The joy many of us feel about living in Cuckfield is our easy access to open spaces, woods and wildlife. This should never be compromised if we are to maintain our village character & community.
- 388 I am very worried about the proposed Penland Farm development. We need to support the H Heath group opposing this development. There is a good part of Hickstead which would make less impact on Cuckfield which would then not have to suffer
- 392 Infrastructure is insufficient to support additional housing. The school has no more places and the doctors ' lists are full.
- 393 The cycle path to Haywards Heath is disjointed and hazardous. To promote health and reduce congestion I would like to see a continuous marked out cycle route to the shopping centre at Haywards Heath.
- 396 Developers offer a few swings and wooden animals as child play areas which provide little long term interest to the younger village community. Get the developers to donate towards long term large scale youth entertainment i.e. adventure playground, extend skateboard bowl, landscape/drainage needs of Whiteman's Green and the Recreation Ground.
- 398 Whilst Cuckfield should not stand still it should be recognised that a large part of its charm and identity is based on it being a village. Large scale developments will inevitably and irrevocably change Cuckfield for the worse turning it into a town without a suitable town centre or a suburb of Haywards Heath. There must come a point when new developments are rejected unless they are redeveloping existing sites. I would like to thank everyone involved in drawing up the Neighbourhood Plan for their Herculean efforts.
- 413 1. 20mph speed limit through high street and south street. 2. 30mph speed limit along B2036 from South Street to by-pass roundabout. 3. Housing development too far from the village infrastructure would not be sustainable

- 419 Horsegate Lodge, owned by WSCC, will soon be empty as Court Meadow is closing down. Last time the lodge was empty it was nearly destroyed by local children breaking in, smashing windows, turning on taps, and generally destroying the house. WSCC spent many thousands of pounds doing it up adding a conservatory. Someone (Cuckfield Parish Council) should inform their property dept that this will happen again if it is left unoccupied.
- 420 1. has consultation with Warden Park Academy taken place? What are their plans? 2. WSCC plans for schools?
- 423 Over use of roads for car parking is an issue - often causing potential dangers for local residents, children, etc. What is the solution?
- 424 Cuckfield is a beautiful village and we should try to maintain that. Significant extra housing will turn the village into a small town or even merge with Haywards Heath. We also need to ensure the infrastructure can support growth. The views are stunning, let's not ruin this.
- 425 I.1(c) we have a v.good sports facility at Whiteman's green, but it needs to be updated in its management and infrastructure.
- 429 Please could we re-instate the 7.5t vehicle limit through the High St, South St and out to the by-pass and enforce the limit. A 20 mph limit through the centre of the village including South Street would be appreciated A 40 mph limit from Newbury Lane junction to the by-pass roundabout to be imposed and enforced Urgent need for re-surfacing of Church Platt Notice in Church Platt to request consideration towards residents access when parking (leaving gates & garages free)
- 440 From a brief review of the assets & constraints of the broad locations for potential housing locations it is not considered possible to fully assess the impacts of development in these locations. However, the Estate does have concerns about a number of these locations in broad planning terms. The Estate strongly supports development at Location A which is well related to the existing village and has an opportunity to provide a new gateway to the entrance of the village and reinforce the landscaped edge to this approach from the north. It is noted that the constraints for Option A state that only the southern part of the site is within the Cuckfield Neighbourhood Plan boundary. However, the site currently available for development lies entirely within the boundary of the Neighbourhood Plan Boundary, as indicated on your plan. It is also considered that the landscape constraints noted would need to be appropriately assessed within the context of a landscape and visual impact assessment. The site is well contained and it is considered entirely possible to provide an appropriate mitigation strategy as part of any development scheme.
- 441 Cuckfield should only allow a small amount of development, Try to encourage a broader range of shops into the village i.e., butchers /grocery shops.
- 445 none
- 446 School - not enough places (Holy Trinity). Medical Services Full. Traffic increasing day by day. Parking around housing is not sufficient. Parking for village shops/services not sufficient. Smaller properties require increased space internally/externally. Require homes £200k - £300k range for local young village people
- 447 the key to the successful development of Cuckfield is to incorporate a plan that maintains the existing boundaries of the village, whilst allowing small in fill developments to increase the population. Personally, I feel that there is a great opportunity to develop housing in the organic farm - which lies below the eye level of the village. It also boasts an already built infrastructure link to Haywards heath and beyond in the form of the bypass.
- 451 -
- 454 I wish that more value was placed on what we have, we can't aim to please all but we can aim to nurture our surroundings by protecting it from development.
- 462 I believe that a feeling of powerlessness has caused apathy over the future developments in Cuckfield. Thank you for a small but important contribution in restoring some belief in a managed future. It didn't 't happen with the development of the copse - perhaps it can happen next time.....
- 465 Well done to those who have worked so hard on this consultation.

- 472 I am concerned about the high speed and potentially dangerous traffic within the village and feel that much better provision needs to be made for safer crossings and routes to school for local children. Very pleased to see the effort and thought going into the Neighbour Plan. Thank you!
- 481 Please keep up the good work of the Neighbourhood Plan and save us from unscrupulous Developers out for making quick money!!
- 483 Concerned about you map of Cuckfield that slices Copyhold Lane it half. It is not sensible to have half of a rural lane in Cuckfield, and half part of somewhere else.
- 494 A complete cycle route between Cuckfield and Haywards Heath would be helpful. At the moment it stops midway and leaves cyclists to cycle the most dangerous part on the main road.
- 507 The sewers struggle to cope in heavy rain. They tend to overflow in Horsegate Lane once or twice a year
- 511 I find it astonishing that the development of new family homes is being considered when the local school does not have enough places for the current children in the village.
- 516 I am submitting this response on a confidential basis in that I will not be identified as the author of any comments and/or survey responses. Thanks to all involved for taking the initiative on this.
- 521 The primary school is virtually full without the development at Bylanes so it is hard to see where new children to the village will go. The school would need to expand from a 1 1/2 form entry per year group to 2 form entry thus making the school increase from just over 300 children to 420. This would mean it would double in size from its original number of children when built about 20 years ago. The Doctors surgery has only just expanded, hopefully they will be able to cope.
- 524 In order for Cuckfield to continue to prosper it will need to allow limited development, particularly of housing. However we do appreciate the challenge of finding acceptable sites at the same time as enabling the sons/daughters of local residents to remain in the area if they so wish.
- 526 Heavy lorries through Cuckfield need to be stopped. Despite the restrictions, lorries still travel through. Speed restrictions need to be enforced - by chicanes or other appropriate measures.
- 527 Our village is special as is small with a character which we should strive to maintain.
- 528 From a brief review of the assets and constraints of the broad locations for potential housing locations it is not considered possible to fully assess the impacts of development in these locations. However, the Estate does have concerns about a number of this location in broad planning terms. The Estate strongly supports development at Location A which is well related to the existing village and has an opportunity to provide a new gateway to the entrance of the village and reinforce the landscaped edge to this approach from the North. It is noted that the constraints for Option A state that only the southern part of the site is within the Cuckfield Neighbourhood Plan boundary. However the site currently available for development lies entirely within the boundary, as indicated in your plan. It is also considered that the landscape constraints noted could need to be assessed within the context of a landscape and visual impact assessment. The site is well contained and is considered entirely possible to provide an appropriate mitigation strategy as part of any development scheme.
- 530 We feel there is too strong a focus on economic/employment and housing. The essential character of Cuckfield requires a much greater balance between these two themes, which appear to be your leading themes and the vital themes of environment and geographic location/beauty. The revised NPPF recognised this earlier in 2012. An example is the High Weald AONB
- 531 Before any more building is allowed, the state of the village brick pavements should be repaired or changed. Large lorries should be excluded from coming through the village. A one-way system in the centre to help traffic to keep moving - not acceptable as it is! and with more cars envisaged.
- 533 The de-restricted sign should be moved down the south road to the roundabout to reduce speeding. The north side of Church Platt from junction with

534 South road to Burtensaw's driveway should have double yellows as when people park on this side fewer cars can park
I lived in Crawley for a while. I had a flat in one of the residential areas. There was a parking area for residents and a reasonable sized green space next to it. The area was overlooked by houses and the flats and in a central position on the estate. Children played there noisily, happily and safely during weekends. Of course the grass had to be kept cut, which it was, but I am sure it was a small price to pay for this amenity so enjoyed by the young. I haven't seen any provision such as this in the new high density areas built recently. Would it really not be used? The open space certainly improved the environment.