



# Steypning, Wiston, Ashurst, Bramber (SWAB) Neighbourhood Plan

## Your voice, your needs, our community Residents' Questionnaire

The Parishes of Steypning, Wiston, Ashurst and Bramber (referred to in this document as 'our community') have joined together as a cluster group for the production, presentation and adoption of a Neighbourhood Plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a new planning mechanism which provides communities with the opportunity to identify local needs and aspirations with a view to shaping future development and growth over the next 15 years. To do this, a wide range of issues, such as: Heritage, Environment, Community, Housing, Business/Economics and Transport/Accessibility need to be considered and balanced with the developmental needs of the community.

Our Neighbourhood Plan will be used to:

- Develop a shared vision for the future of Steypning and Wiston, Ashurst and Bramber;
- Preserve the heritage and the essential characteristics of our community, a large part of which falls in the South Downs National Park;
- Influence the timing, type, design, layout and whereabouts of new infrastructure;
- Identify important amenities such as green spaces and ensure they are protected for the future.

A fundamental part of the process is ensuring that the community plays a full and detailed part in determining what is important now and in the future. A Public Meeting and exhibition was held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 at the Steypning Hall. Volunteers were later allocated to the various Focus Groups and they assisted in the preparation of questions to be sent to every household in the area.

Your contribution, by filling in this questionnaire, will be invaluable in ensuring the Neighbourhood Plan fulfils our future hopes and needs.

Please ensure the questionnaire is completed and returned by **30th January 2015** to one of the drop boxes located in:

**Steypning:** (1) Steypning Centre (2) Steypning Health Centre (3) Steypning Library (4) Steypning Post Office (5) Steypning Bookshop

**Wiston:** Wiston Granary

**Ashurst:** Fountain Inn

**Bramber:** Old Tollgate Hotel - Reception

If you have any difficulty in completing the form – we have also arranged for a drop-in facility on: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at the Steypning Centre between 10am – 12 Noon

To complete the questionnaire via Survey Monkey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SWABNP>

Every completed questionnaire returned before the deadline will be entered into a raffle draw for a single prize of £50. Entry into the raffle is conditional on you providing your contact details on the last page of this questionnaire.

## **Section 1: Household Information**

1. In which Parish are you currently a resident? (Please tick one option only)

|                 |               |                |                |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Steyning</b> | <b>Wiston</b> | <b>Ashurst</b> | <b>Bramber</b> |
|                 |               |                |                |

2. How long have you lived there? (Please tick one option only)

|                           |                      |                       |                         |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Fewer than 5 years</b> | <b>5 to 10 years</b> | <b>11 to 20 years</b> | <b>21 or more years</b> |
|                           |                      |                       |                         |

3. Which age group are you in? (Please tick one option only)

|              |              |              |                    |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| <b>16-24</b> | <b>25-44</b> | <b>45-64</b> | <b>65 and over</b> |
|              |              |              |                    |

## **Section 2: Housing**

The parishes of Steyning, Wiston and Ashurst have in recent years conducted their own Housing Needs Surveys, which clarify their respective priority housing needs and scale. The prime needs identified are for small affordable & shared-ownership homes for local people, and small open-market homes for other locals and some older residents wishing to downsize in the area.

The scale of that housing need was reported as **69** new homes in **Steyning**, **8** in **Wiston**, **6** in **Ashurst**, **Bramber – tba**. **N.B.** Horsham District Council is now finalising its own Local Development Framework, which anticipates at least 1500 new homes being delivered through neighbourhood planning across its rural district over the next 15 years.

4. What do you think about the amount of housing currently available in our community?

(Please circle your own parish, and tick once in each row on which you have an interest/opinion)

| Parish          | Need a lot more | Need a few more | About right | Too many | Don't know |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|------------|
| <b>Steyning</b> |                 |                 |             |          |            |
| <b>Wiston</b>   |                 |                 |             |          |            |
| <b>Ashurst</b>  |                 |                 |             |          |            |
| <b>Bramber</b>  |                 |                 |             |          |            |

5. Please indicate the nature of any likely additional/new housing need in your household within the next 15 years. (Please tick all relevant boxes)

| Housing Type required |  | Housing size required |  | Preferred Occupancy      |  |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| Not applicable        |  | No such need          |  | Not applicable           |  |
| Bungalow              |  | 1 bedroom             |  | Affordable starter homes |  |
| Chalet                |  | 2 bedrooms            |  | Care/Nursing home        |  |
| Flat                  |  | 2 - 3 bedrooms        |  | Social housing (rented)  |  |
| House                 |  | 3 – 4 bedrooms        |  | Open market houses       |  |
| Park Homes (mobile)   |  | 4 – 5 bedrooms        |  | Private rented housing   |  |
| Studio                |  |                       |  | Retirement housing       |  |
|                       |  |                       |  | Shared ownership houses  |  |
|                       |  |                       |  | Sheltered housing        |  |
|                       |  |                       |  | Self-build housing       |  |

**6. What do you think about the current composition of housing in our community?**

(Please tick a maximum of once in each applicable row)

| Type of property          |   | Need a lot more | Need a few more | About right | Too many already | Don't know |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|------------|
|                           | Studio apartments (1 bed)   |                 |                 |             |                  |            |
| Flats (1 – 2 bed)         |   |                 |                 |             |                  |            |
| Bungalows (2 bed)         |   |                 |                 |             |                  |            |
| Chalets (2 bed)           |   |                 |                 |             |                  |            |
| Family houses (2 – 3 bed) |   |                 |                 |             |                  |            |
| Family houses (4 – 5 bed) |   |                 |                 |             |                  |            |
| Park homes (Mobile)       |   |                 |                 |             |                  |            |
| Occupancy                 | Affordable starter homes  |                 |                 |             |                  |            |
|                           | Care /nursing home  |                 |                 |             |                  |            |
|                           | Open market houses  |                 |                 |             |                  |            |
|                           | Private rented housing  |                 |                 |             |                  |            |
|                           | Retirement housing  |                 |                 |             |                  |            |
|                           | Shared ownership houses<br>( <i>occupier only owns a % of the value</i> ) |                 |                 |             |                  |            |
|                           | Sheltered housing<br>( <i>Housing with support services</i> )             |                 |                 |             |                  |            |
|                           | Social housing (rented)   |                 |                 |             |                  |            |

**7. With new housing build, what scale/type of development would you prefer?**

*Please note – developments of 10 units or fewer now have no requirement for affordable homes.*

| Scale / type                           | Your preference for size & type of local new housing development (Tick once in each row) |    |               |
|--|--|----|---------------|
|  | Yes  | No | Not important |
| Larger estate(s) over 50 homes         |  |    |               |
| Medium sized estate(s) 25 – 49 homes   |  |    |               |
| Small development(s) 10 – 24 homes     |  |    |               |
| Individual released plots              |  |    |               |
| Re-development / conversions           |  |    |               |
| Garden (in-fill) development           |  |    |               |
| Greenfield site                        |  |    |               |
| Brownfield site                        |  |    |               |
| Controlled extension of built up area. |  |    |               |
| Other.                                 |  |    |               |

**8. Are there any particular forms of housing development that you want included or excluded in the Neighbourhood Plan? (Please state which and briefly describe them below)**

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**9. How important do you think it is that the Neighbourhood Plan should aim to ensure that new developments are in keeping with existing developments? (Please tick)**

| Not at all | Quite Important | Important | Very important |
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|            |                 |           |                |

10. The Neighbourhood Plan also offers the opportunity to determine how housing and other community assets such as community centres, pubs and shops are delivered and managed in such a way as to ensure long term community benefit. For example; land may be protected via an asset lock which ensures that the housing or other assets developed on it will be for the benefit of the community in perpetuity.

**Would you support a community led approach to the delivery and management of housing and other community assets in the Neighbourhood Plan?**

| Yes | No | Don't Know |
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|     |    |            |

If you would like to know more about community led housing and asset management then please register your interest and contact details here or contact the clerk for further information:

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### **Section 3: Heritage**

11. Heritage is derived from both the built and the natural environment in our community. It is made up of historic places and buildings, community knowledge, events and experiences, landscapes, flora such as ancient woodland and pasture. Our community is steeped in such heritage. Currently it is well protected through the existence of conservation areas, listed buildings, museums and monuments, SSSIs and the South Downs National Park. The Neighbourhood Plan will be mindful of the importance of our community's heritage and of the need to preserve this heritage for future generations.

**In your view, what are the 3 most important aspects of our community's heritage?**

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| i) | ii) | iii) |
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12. What potential future changes do you feel would enhance our community's heritage?

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13. What potential future changes do you feel would be detrimental to our community's heritage?

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### **Section 4: Community**

14. Do the health facilities and health services provided in our community meet your existing needs?  
 (Please tick)

| Completely | Partially | Not at all |
|------------|-----------|------------|
|            |           |            |

15. Do you need to travel out of our community in order to access any additional health facilities? If so, please identify these here:

| Health Facility/Service | Location | How do you get there? |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
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**16. Are there currently sufficient community facilities (e.g. sports grounds/parks/village halls) for the following groups?** (Please tick once per row)

|                            | Yes | Don't Know | No | If No, what is required? |
|----------------------------|-----|------------|----|--------------------------|
| Young people (Under 18)    |     |            |    |                          |
| Working age people (19-64) |     |            |    |                          |
| Older people (over 65)     |     |            |    |                          |
| People with special needs  |     |            |    |                          |

**17. Are any additional facilities required in the community, if so what facilities and in which locations?**  
(Please tick all that apply)

|   | Don't Know | No | Yes | If Yes, please state in which location |
|---|------------|----|-----|--|
| Youth clubs and groups                  |            |    |     |  |
| Parks and other recreational facilities |            |    |     |  |
| Informal drop-in centres                |            |    |     |  |
| Performance event venues                |            |    |     |  |
| Other – Please specify:                 |            |    |     |  |

## **Section 5: Environment**

Safeguarding our community's environment, will be a key objective in our Neighbourhood Plan. Our community sits partially in the South Downs National Park, which was designated to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of this area. Our Neighbourhood Plan has the opportunity to preserve these attributes, which are to be found in all four parishes. We would welcome your thoughts on how we can best do this.

**18. How important do you think it is that the Neighbourhood Plan should aim to protect the following aspects of the community?** (Please tick once in each applicable row)

|                               | Not at all important | Quite important | Important | Very important |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|
| Agricultural roots            |                      |                 |           |                |
| Allotments                    |                      |                 |           |                |
| Common Land                   |                      |                 |           |                |
| Bridleways                    |                      |                 |           |                |
| Cycle routes                  |                      |                 |           |                |
| Flora and Fauna               |                      |                 |           |                |
| Green and open spaces         |                      |                 |           |                |
| Network of Footpaths          |                      |                 |           |                |
| Recreation Grounds            |                      |                 |           |                |
| Rural Aspect                  |                      |                 |           |                |
| Stopping Invasive species     |                      |                 |           |                |
| Sports fields                 |                      |                 |           |                |
| Views to/from the South Downs |                      |                 |           |                |
| Other: Please specify:        |                      |                 |           |                |
| Other: Please specify:        |                      |                 |           |                |

**19. How could the Neighbourhood Plan assist those parts of the community currently prone to flooding?**

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**20. To what extent are the following aspects of our built environment of concern to you?**

(Please tick once in each row)

|  | No concern | Some concern | Considerable concern | Serious concern |
|--|------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Inappropriate design of new development(s) |            |              |                      |                 |
| Light pollution                            |            |              |                      |                 |
| Litter/fly tipping                         |            |              |                      |                 |
| Location of new development(s)             |            |              |                      |                 |
| Noise pollution                            |            |              |                      |                 |
| Recycling provision/Rubbish collection     |            |              |                      |                 |
| Sewerage                                   |            |              |                      |                 |
| Surface water drainage                     |            |              |                      |                 |
| Other - Please specify                     |            |              |                      |                 |

**21. Are there any forms of renewable/new energy you would like to see developed in our community?**

(Please tick all that apply)

| Wind Farms        | Solar Panels                 | Oil | Fracking              |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
|                   |                              |     |                       |
| Energy from waste | Other – Please specify below |     | None of these options |
|                   |                              |     |                       |

**Section 6: Transport/Accessibility**

**22. Which of the following forms of transport do you use most frequently to travel within our community:** (Please tick one option)

| Car | Bus | Motorcycle | Bicycle | Walking | Mobility vehicle/Wheelchair |
|-----|-----|------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------|
|     |     |            |         |         |                             |

**23. Are there sufficient parking facilities in the community?** (Please tick all that apply)

|          | Yes | No |
|----------|-----|----|
| Steyning |     |    |
| Wiston   |     |    |
| Ashurst  |     |    |
| Bramber  |     |    |

**24. Would you like to see:** (Please tick all that apply)

|   | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| Additional on-street parking provision                                |     |    |
| Additional off-street parking provision                               |     |    |
| New housing built to incorporate off-street parking for its occupants |     |    |
| Parking capacity enhanced in line with additional/new development     |     |    |

**25. If you consider there are roads that have specific road safety issues – please tell us:**

| Where? (e.g. road, junction, crossing etc.) | Why? (e.g. speeding, danger to pedestrians etc.) |
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26. Thinking of your bus service, how satisfied are you with the following? (Please tick.)

|                   | Very dissatisfied | Dissatisfied | Satisfied | Very satisfied | Don't think about it |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|----------------------|
| Frequency         |                   |              |           |                |                      |
| Cost              |                   |              |           |                |                      |
| Bus routes        |                   |              |           |                |                      |
| Bus schedule      |                   |              |           |                |                      |
| Disability access |                   |              |           |                |                      |

27. Are there any particular bus routes in the community that you would like to see created, changed or improved? If so, please outline details here:

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28. Cycling, walking and horse riding and disability routes: How satisfied are you with the following? (Please tick)

|                         | Very dissatisfied | Dissatisfied | Satisfied | Very satisfied | Don't think about it |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|----------------------|
| Access between villages |                   |              |           |                |                      |
| Bridleways              |                   |              |           |                |                      |
| Cycle paths             |                   |              |           |                |                      |
| Disability Access       |                   |              |           |                |                      |
| Footpaths               |                   |              |           |                |                      |

## **Section 7: Business and Economics**

29. What is your current employment status? (Please tick all that apply)

| Employed full-time | Employed part-time | Retired | Self-employed | Unemployed | Student | Other |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------|---------------|------------|---------|-------|
|                    |                    |         |               |            |         |       |

30. If employed, in which sector do you work? (Please tick one option only)

| Farming & Forestry | Service & Retail | Manufacturing & Construction | Scientific & Technical | Professional & Specialist | Other |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
|                    |                  |                              |                        |                           |       |

31. If employed/self-employed, where is your primary place of work (Please tick one option)

| In our community | Within 5 miles of our community | Within 10 miles of our community | More than 10 miles from our community |
|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                  |                                 |                                  |                                       |

32. Are facilities in the community currently adequate for office and/or industrial use? (Please tick)

|                        | Yes | No | Don't Know |
|------------------------|-----|----|------------|
| Office space/hub       |     |    |            |
| Industrial units/sites |     |    |            |

33. If you own or manage a business or work in our community please identify what improvements could be made locally to assist its operation? (e.g. better infrastructure/labour force/more live & work units/resource hubs)

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**34. How could current shopping facilities in Steyning High Street be improved? (Please tick one box.)**

| Through significant alteration | Through minor adjustments | No need for improvement  |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>       | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Please identify any alterations that you would like or not like to see to shopping facilities in Steyning High Street:**

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**35. Given the constraints of the Neighbourhood Plan, how can we support our farming community?**

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**36. What more can we do to encourage tourism in our community?**

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**Section 8: Other comments**

If there are any other issues you believe should have been addressed in any of the above sections, please make a note of these in the space below:

Extra copies of this questionnaire are available on request from:

**The Steyning Parish Clerk, Steyning Centre – Fletcher’s Croft, Steyning BN44 3XZ**

If you would like to join any of the Focus Groups, please contact the Steyning Parish Clerk at:

[swabneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:swabneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com)

**Contact Details** (required in order to enter the raffle)

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Name                 |  |
| Address/Post Code    |  |
| E-mail address       |  |
| Contact phone number |  |

*(Contact details will be used solely for the purposes of the prize draw associated with this survey and will not be passed on to any third-party).*

**Thank you for your help**