

**Residents' questionnaire**  
**Analysis of 'Other' comments**

October 2014



Items listed under 'misc' were mentioned once

**Q.3 Household occupation**

*Leasehold* 3

**Q. 4 Household description**

*3 adults and 2 children* 2

*3 adults or more* 9

*Adult living with parents* 2

**Q. 5 What attracted you to live in the area?**

*Near family/friends* 24

*Born here* 22

*Dedicated retirement homes/nursing/care home complex* 19

*Churches* 11

*Tranquillity ,rural location, view* 9

*Work, business, land for business* 9

*Low crime rate* 2

*Misc (social life, PO, transport, etc)* 7

**Q. 6 What issues detract from your enjoyment**

*Unsafe roads/traffic management/parking/inadequate public transport* 20

*Poor standard of village/pavilion upkeep* 4

*Lack of basic shops* 4

*Poor school/insufficient places* 3

*Poor village facilities in Streat* 3

*Misc (no library, increased housing density, no mains)* 3

**Q. 7 What do you value and should be conserved whatever else changes**

*Bridlepaths, footpaths etc, countryside, SDNP* 9

*Preserve strategic gap* 5

*Church community* 3

*Existing agricultural businesses* 2

*Village hall* 2

*Unique village culture* 2

*Post Office* 2

*Misc (parking local housing, pharmacy)* 3

**Q. 9 What employment opportunities would be appropriate or inappropriate**

Appropriate:

<i>Apprenticeships, youth training</i>	6
<i>Small scale local employment (gardening, home working etc)</i>	6
<i>Fracking</i>	4
<i>Misc (reservoir, telecoms, green energy)</i>	3

Inappropriate:

<i>Fracking, oil/gas extraction</i>	6
<i>Windmills</i>	2
<i>Heavy trucking</i>	2

**Q. 13 What reasons initially attracted you to run a business locally**

<i>Business suited to local market with limited competition</i>	26
<i>Locally based, working from home, reduced car travel, reduced costs</i>	16
<i>Ease of access, transport links</i>	13
<i>Availability of premises or land</i>	8
<i>Local arts and crafts traditions</i>	5
<i>Quality of life and environment</i>	4
<i>Independence</i>	3
<i>Support for local market, local suppliers</i>	2
<i>Misc (dependants, expansion, proximity to health centre, the economy)</i>	4

**Q. 14 What difficulties are you now experiencing**

<i>Poor broadband speed or access</i>	19
<i>Traffic congestion and noise</i>	11
<i>Parking problems</i>	10
<i>Poor mobile coverage</i>	14
<i>Time-wasting public bureaucracy &amp; business definition issues</i>	5
<i>Limited access to public transport, rail costs</i>	5
<i>Poor postal service</i>	2
<i>Shortage of local staff</i>	2
<i>Misc (lack of appropriate D.D. Act premises, obscuring traffic signs)</i>	3

**Q. 16 Why do you think more than 25 are needed**

<i>To address shortage of low cost houses for young local people</i>	46
<i>To meet general local need</i>	6
<i>For sheltered and warden housing for increased elderly demand</i>	4
<i>To help meet the national housing need</i>	3
<i>To enable more people to live in rural areas</i>	2
<i>To support vibrant local economy</i>	2
<i>Enable more to live in rural areas</i>	2
<i>Misc (housing association, immigration, release larger houses for families)</i>	3

**Q17 What type of new housing should be built?**

<i>Retirement and sheltered housing</i>	1
<i>Affordable homes</i>	1

## More homes for rent

1

### Q 18 What size of development is appropriate for new homes?

Social housing	2
Single dwellings on appropriate sites	1
Replacing farm buildings	1
Co-located with business units	1
Conversion of agricultural buildings in Streat	1

### Q20 What principles should influence housing design and location

Limit to 2 stories (ie rather than 3 as in Q'aire)	13
Incorporate local design aesthetics and materials	3
Allow for pedestrians, cyclists and families	2
Include parking	1
Incorporate gardens	1
Avoid congestion points	1
Build infrastructure first	1
No retrospective planning permissions	1
Build up to 4/5 stories for flats	1

### Q. 19 & 21 Sites that you think would be acceptable/appropriate to build new houses\*

Ditchling Nursery Site, Beacon Rd	58
Car dealer site, Lewes Rd	15
South west of Ditchling South St (Jointure land)	9
Industrial Estate	6
St George's	6
Disused agricultural buildings, Westmeston Farm	5
Spatham Lane	4
Fields beyond Court Gardens	3
Sandpit Cottages	3
Long park Corner infill	2
Underhill Lane	2
Backfill to the Nye and West Nye	2
Rear of Dumbrells	2
Behind the Moat House, Beacon Rd	2
North of Garden Pride	2
The Potteries	2
Allotments	2
Orchard behind 80 East End Lane	2
Clay pit in Rec'n behind rugby ground	1
Ditchling Stud	1
Field south of North Star	1
St Helena Lane field, Streat	1
Lewes Road opposite Beards Place	1
Beards Place	1
South And east of Common Lane	1
Land off Farm Lane	1

<i>Cotterlings land</i>	1
<i>East of Shirleys</i>	1
<i>Haileys Farm</i>	1
<i>Poultry sheds in W Streat Lane</i>	1
<i>Grain store adjacent Plumpton College</i>	1
<i>Westmeston Manor</i>	1
<i>Blackberry Wood (owner's nomination!)</i>	1
<i>Muller nurseries Spatham Lane</i>	1
<i>Near The Gote (Streat)</i>	1
<i>W of village towards Keymer</i>	1
<i>North of Clayton Road</i>	1
<i>Nr Middleton Manor</i>	1
<i>South of Blabers Wood, Streat</i>	1

[\* The fact that respondents identified these sites in no way implies that they are available, or that planning permission would be granted or that the neighbourhood plan will ultimately allocate these sites for development. When the time comes to consider appropriate sites a range of criteria will apply to determine suitability. The draft plan will be subject to consultation with residents before submission to the SDNPA and Lewes District Council.]

#### **Q. 22 How could the social and recreational facilities be improved?**

##### **Community facilities:**

<i>Recreation playground updated and suitable for pre-school</i>	7
<i>Year round swimming pool</i>	7
<i>Gym on Rec (&amp; Long Park Corner:1)</i>	3
<i>More tennis courts</i>	5
<i>Bowling green/Petanque</i>	4
<i>Cycle track /skate board facility for teenagers</i>	2
<i>Green barn lighting and heating upgrade</i>	1
<i>Sports centre</i>	1
<i>Second cricket ground</i>	1
<i>Playing ground and tennis court at Streat</i>	1

##### **Community services:**

<i>Streat needs a central public space/village hall</i>	4
<i>Facilities for older people, including weekly lunch</i>	3
<i>Village hall: larger, and cheaper for residents</i>	2
<i>Social club</i>	2
<i>Sports club</i>	2
<i>Scout hut to open later</i>	1
<i>Morris dancing venue</i>	1
<i>Hall for dancing and martial arts</i>	1
<i>Robust exercises</i>	1
<i>Clear up dog poos</i>	1

##### **Footpaths etc:**

<i>More and safer cycleways</i>	20
<i>Better maintenance and signage</i>	11

Defined footpath/pavement from the Common to village centre; from centre to Beacon foot; from West'ton to Ditchling; and Shirleys to school	5
More e-w footpaths	3

**Pubs, cafes etc:**

Proper restaurant	5
Improved pedestrian access	1
More of them	1
Some cheaper ones	1

**Allotments:** More (Lodge Hill? Land east of Garden Centre?) 1

**Q. 26 What would increase your use of the National Park?**

More parking spaces	36
Cafe/food/toilet at the Beacon	19
Better foot/cycle path network & better upkeep	17
Free parking	16
Parking control and traffic calming	10
Visitor Centre/info	5
Poo bins	5
Better transport links	4
Improved road safety	4
Dogs on leads	4
Guided walks & nature days	2
Beter disabled access to Beacon	2
Improved disabled access	2
Water points	1
Fewer horses	1
More recreational facilities (e.g. tennis courts)	1
Accessible stiles	1
Litter clearance	1

**Q. 28 Additional facilities needed to support Ditchling's role as a Service Centre**

Shops selling basic products, esp food	48
More parking provision, of which 13 specifically want it free	34
More public transport (including St George's: 1)	23
More medical services/ GPs/pharmacy to open longer and at weekends	23
Restaurants	14
Basic banking facility (eg ATM) when PO closed	6
More primary school places	6
More social centres and activities (inc rural crafts day)	5
Dentist	2
Improved disabled access	2
Less traffic congestion/issues*	2
Misc (re-design v. hall; market village services; more galleries)	3

(\*specific additional suggestions on traffic issues, esp congestion, transferred to Q35)

**Q29 How important is the Post Office?**

<i>Stationery, sweets and general merchandise, including groceries</i>	27
<i>Village hub and information point</i>	18
<i>Statutory forms, including TV licence, tickets, passports</i>	10
<i>Misc (rent payments, Collect Plus, business banking)</i>	3

**Q32 Other forms of transport**

<i>Walking</i>	14
<i>Bus (inc. free bus 4)</i>	5
<i>Train</i>	4
<i>Motor bike/scooter</i>	3
<i>Horse</i>	1

**Q. 33 Possible parking locations**

<i>Keymer Rd (Craven's field)</i>	96
<i>Village car park, eg by removing grass, building mezzanine, or underground</i>	13
<i>Recreation ground</i>	9
<i>'Outskirts of village'</i>	7
<i>'Centre of village'</i>	7
<i>North end of Beacon Road (Jointure land)</i>	3
<i>Stoneywish</i>	2
<i>Off Clayton Road</i>	2

Single votes for: disabled bay at pond; 'brownfield sites'; Nye Lane; 'bays at side of the road'; Macs Farm; Grey's orchard (NE of school); 'East End Lane'; Droveaway; North End with park & ride; St George's Park.

**Q. 35 Which other calming measures**

<i>Ditchling bypass</i>	14
<i>Double yellow lines in centre of Ditchling</i>	9
<i>HGV restriction/ban</i>	5
<i>Traffic lights at cross roads; one way signals in High St</i>	5
<i>Close Beacon Road (but issue residents passes: 1)</i>	4
<i>Speed bumps</i>	4
<i>Speed cameras (esp outside school:1)</i>	3
<i>Shared space in High St</i>	3
<i>T/V cameras linked to Police HQ (eg speed traps)</i>	3
<i>40mph limit on Spatham Lane</i>	3
<i>20mph limit in village (blanket)</i>	3
<i>Remove signage on Brighton bypass directing vehicles to Ditchling</i>	2
<i>Ban cyclists/commercial vehs (esp from Beacon Rd)</i>	2
<i>Make East End La/High St one way</i>	2
<i>Close Clayton Rd</i>	2
<i>Don't close Beacon Rd</i>	1
<i>Close High Street to through traffic</i>	1
<i>Widen Beacon Road</i>	1
<i>Close Spatham Lane</i>	1

<i>Raised kerbs in High St</i>	1
<i>More mirrors on bends</i>	1
<i>Bollards on all pavements</i>	1
<i>Chicanes not speed bumps</i>	1
<i>Footpaths on roads</i>	1
<i>Cattle grids on Beacon Rd &amp; elsewhere</i>	1
<i>Quiet road toppings</i>	1
<i>Cycle path Keymer Road</i>	1
<i>Better police enforcement</i>	1
<i>Police control at cross roads</i>	1
<i>Ban high cars</i>	1
<i>Beware cyclists sign on Beacon Rd</i>	1
<i>Improved cooperation between E &amp; WSCC</i>	1
<i>Improved HGV signage</i>	1
<i>Open Underhill Lane to traffic (with passing places)</i>	1

**SCORES OVER 15 (23 answers)**

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