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1. Foreword

The popularity and attraction of the villages of Barnham and Eastergate are principally based on the separate characters of the two settlements, their geographical location between the South Downs and the coast, with the open landscape of fields laced with water courses and hedgerows which surround the settlements, and the presence of patches and strips of ancient woodland throughout the area. In addition each village has conservation areas and an area of special character, with a mixture of statutory and locally listed historical buildings, and those with special character.

Investment in the villages, and change in future years, will only be worthwhile if these make a real difference to the lives of local people and the future of their community.

The Barnham and Eastergate Neighbourhood Plan started in September 2012. The Parish Councils wanted the people of Barnham and Eastergate to have a say in all aspects of the future of the villages, but more importantly wanted local people to decide what changes should occur, rather than leaving such decisions to Arun District Council.

Barnham and Eastergate’s Neighbourhood Plan sets out a vision for the area that reflects the thoughts and feelings of local people with a real interest in their community. The Plan sets objectives on key identified themes such as getting around, business, tourism, community, leisure and well-being, the environment and design quality of physical structures. It builds on current and future planned activity and says what the Parish Councils and their partners will work towards.

The Parish Councils are committed to maintaining and strengthening contacts and groups of people which have developed as a result of the Neighbourhood Plan. They believe that this joint working to implement a plan for Barnham and Eastergate will make the villages an even better place to live, work and enjoy.

The Parish Councils wish to sincerely thank all those residents who sat on the Focus Groups and Neighbourhood Plan Committee and freely gave up their time, expertise and input into the process. They would also wish to thank those residents who attended the public meetings held and for the comments that they made on which this Plan is based.

David Phillips Chairman of Barnham Parish Council and
Chris Allington Chairman of Eastergate Parish Council
2 Introduction

2.1 The Barnham and Eastergate Neighbourhood Plan (referred to hereafter as the Plan) is a new type of planning document. It is part of the Government’s new approach to planning, which aims to give local people more say about what goes on in their area. This is set out in the Localism Act which came into effect in April 2012.

2.2 The Plan provides a vision for the future of the villages, and sets out clear policies and objectives to realise these visions. These policies accord with higher level planning policy, principally the National Planning Policy Framework, the West Sussex Structure Plan and the Arun District Council Local Plan, as required by the Localism Act.

2.3 The Plan has been developed through extensive consultation with the people of Barnham and Eastergate and others with an interest in the village. Details of the consultation have been recorded on the Parish Council web sites http://barnham.arun.gov.uk and http://eastergate.arun.gov.uk

2.4 A Consultation Statement provides an overview of the consultation, demonstrating that it fully accords with the requirements of the Localism Act. This consultation has included meeting the requirements of Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The Plan has been amended where appropriate in response to consultation comments.

How the Neighbourhood Plan fits into the Planning System

2.5 Although the Government’s intention is for local people to decide what goes on in their villages/towns, the Localism Act sets out some important guidance. One of these is that all Neighbourhood Plans must be in line with higher level planning policy. That is, that Plans must be in line with the National Planning Policy Framework and local policy, in our case the Arun Local Plan.

2.6 Neighbourhood Plans must be in line with European Regulations on strategic environmental assessment and habitat regulations. A Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the Plan has been undertaken, and has been important in shaping the Plan.

2.7 The Plan gives local people the power to decide where new housing should go and how the villages could change. Without the Plan Arun District Council would make these decisions on behalf of the people of Barnham and Eastergate.
What is the Neighbourhood Plan

2.8 Although deciding where possible future housing could go is an important part of the Plan, it is about much more than this. The Plan is for the villages as a whole looking at a wider range of issues, including:

- how the open landscape and rural nature of the villages can be protected and preserved
- how travel around the villages should be improved
- how the retail and business areas could be developed
- how education will be provided for a growing community, both young and old
- how health and wellbeing facilities will meet the changing demand for their services
- what open spaces, play and community facilities are required
- how the Heritage assets of Barnham and Eastergate can be preserved and maintained
- how the villages can meet their housing allocations whilst protecting the character of the villages
How this Plan is organised

2.9 This Plan is divided into three sections:

- **Section 1: A Vision for Barnham and Eastergate**, which sets out
  - a brief description of Barnham and Eastergate today.
  - the issues that have influenced the vision.
  - the vision statement and core objectives.
  - the future vision for Barnham and Eastergate.

- **Section 2: Neighbourhood Plan Policies**, which sets out policies to support the overall vision.

- **Section 3: The Evidence Base**

2.10 The entire document forms the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Barnham and Eastergate.

2.11 There is a large amount of background information that has helped in producing the Plan (this is known as “Evidence Base”). A summary document is available on the Parish Council web site. This provides an overview of key parts of the Evidence Base, as well as explaining what options were considered for the future of Barnham and Eastergate.
Section 1 - A Vision for Barnham and Eastergate
1 Barnham and Eastergate today

1.1 Understanding Barnham and Eastergate is the starting point for producing a good Neighbourhood Plan. This is because the Barnham and Eastergate Neighbourhood Plan presents a valuable opportunity to plan the future of the two villages. What are the problems that the Plan could address? What are the opportunities that the Plan could make the most of?

1.2 The two Parishes are both areas of historic importance containing 24 Listed Buildings, 14 Buildings of Special Character, 3 Conservation Areas and 1 Area of Special Character.

It is known that an ancient settlement of Berneham was recorded in the Domesday Book with a mill and the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. The original Parish is thought to have taken its name from an individual named ‘Beorna’ whose ‘hamm’ or enclosure was in this low-lying countryside. Until the Middle Ages, a tidal creek ran to within a few yards of the church and fishing, not farming, was the main occupation of the villagers, as was smuggling. With the arrival of the railway in the nineteenth century and subsequent development of the glasshouse industry the village of Barnham grew around the railway station rather than the church which had previously been the case.

The first record of Eastergate Parish is believed to be that in the Domesday Book where it is listed as a hamlet of about 100 people and called ‘Gate.’ There is mention of a church but opinions differ as to whether the existing church is the original referred to. It is thought that a tollgate stood between Eastergate and Westergate, hence the origin of the name. “The land has undergone a tremendous change in this area over the centuries with the encroachment of the sea claiming Middleton and Cudlow near Climping. Barnham was built on slightly higher ground and in time the land between Barnham and the coast was drained so that the land could be used for farming. The drainage ditches remain and are as necessary today as they have always been.”
Sandra Lowton Local Historian.

1.3 The following information has been gathered from background reports along with issues raised by local people at various consultation events and through surveys. The evidence base is available in the summary that accompanies this Plan.

1.4 The popularity and attraction of the villages of Barnham and Eastergate are principally based on the separate characters of the two settlements. They share their geographical location between the South Downs and the coast, with the open landscape of fields laced with water courses and hedgerows which surround the settlements, together with the presence of patches and strips of ancient woodland throughout the area. A network of public footpaths provides access to country walks between neighbouring villages and all the way to the Downs and the coast. Each village has conservation areas and an area of special character, with a mixture of statutory and locally listed historical buildings, and those with special character. Historically local authorities have fought to protect this through
restrictions on damaging development and by preserving strategic green gaps of open farmland and woodland between the two villages and other adjacent villages within the six villages area.

1.5 The two villages, whilst having very separate characters, are linked by the B2233. This single carriageway winding rural road provides a short-cut route from the A259 Coastal Road (Littlehampton bypass) to the A27 Trunk Road and Chichester. As well as local traffic, it is used by through traffic wishing to avoid the longer circuitous routes via Arundel or Bognor Regis. The rural nature of both parishes means that there are several farms and more remote dwellings where residents have to travel by car to the village centres.

The hub of Barnham village is built around the short length of the B2233 in close proximity to Barnham station. The majority of the retail outlets cluster along this stretch of road. This main shopping street provides a range of local shops including a post office, bank and a small supermarket. On the outskirts of Barnham village the Windmill shopping area provides a mix of very small independent retailers.

Eastergate village is centred on Elm Tree Stores, which is also the local Post Office, the Six Villages Sport Centre (actually in Aldingbourne parish), the playing fields and Church Lane leading to the school, local pub, parish church and the conservation area.

Local residents like being able to ‘pop’ into the two centres to use the services and do their day to day shopping and to pick up newspapers, bread and other necessary items.

In addition, there is a thriving take-away food sector in Barnham and each village has a traditional pub. Twice a day there is a surge of young people making their way along the main road through the village to and from the station and schools on foot and by bicycle.

Although the centre of Barnham village is architecturally unprepossessing, it is still relatively unspoilt and has a light and airy feel. Residents and visitors enjoy the relatively uncluttered centre, the limited traffic flow and the easy access to convenient short stay parking.

1.6 The Network Rail mainline station at Barnham provides commuter links to London, Brighton, Chichester and Southampton and has its own car park. Not only does it serve Barnham and Eastergate but also the wider area, some 25,000+ residents.

Commuter parking in residential roads around the station causes problems for local residents, and the lack of free short term parking is seen by village retailers as a serious impediment to business.

1.7 The villagers of Barnham and Eastergate live with the constant threat of flooding from the rifes and ditches and surcharge from an inadequate sewerage system every time there is heavy rainfall, which seems to be happening more frequently perhaps as a result of possible climate change. Ground water from the South Downs is also a key issue and flooding risk.
1.8 At present, with the exception of Murrell's Field, developed by Barnham PC through its charitable enterprise, BLADE, and Eastergate Sports Field provided by Eastergate PC, there is a paucity of quality play areas in the two villages, and support and maintenance by Arun DC for several of those is to be discontinued. The Farnhurst Road recreation and play area in Barnham does have more play equipment, including a recently installed zip wire, and a large open area of grass. Unfortunately it has the significant drawback of being regularly subject to sewage discharge whenever there is heavy rain. Other small play areas have a standard limited range of equipment aimed at small children. Because of this and their location within small clusters of housing, several of these are underused and are no longer to be maintained.

1.9 The villages of Barnham and Eastergate are situated in an area that has traditionally been used for the cultivation of fruit, vegetables and flowers. A commercial horticulture industry has developed all around the villages, taking advantage of good light levels and soil that is rich in nutrients making it ideal for large-scale and small-scale growers and gardeners. The unmet demand for allotments among Barnham and Eastergate residents has steadily grown and there is now a waiting list of 50 households who have requested one.

1.10 Each village has a primary school which is very much part of the community. Both have good OFSTED reports which mention the good relationships and nurturing role that the schools play. Most of the children come from families in the villages and the schools play an active part in the life of the communities. The area is also served by Westergate Community School within Aldingbourne parish and St Philip Howard R.C. High School in Barnham. Some local secondary age children travel by train or bus to other schools and colleges in Chichester, Bognor and beyond.
2. Issues that have influenced the vision

2.1 Character and Heritage

2.1.1 The villages of Barnham and Eastergate are very different in character, each having its own groups of historical and socially significant buildings listed, either nationally or locally, mostly within its own conservation areas. Barnham Village is centred on the railway station. Barnham parish is to the east of the rife. Linear development has followed roads leading out from Barnham. Barnham Lane to the north and Lake Lane to the east are narrow country lanes with tall trees forming leafy arches over the road in places. The busy Yapton Road (B2233) also has an arch under the railway line stopping HGVs. The other lanes also prohibit HGVs. All three roads have rather restricted pavements. More modern developments are built off these roads, both private and high density low cost housing. Church Lane to the south leads to the historic heart of Barnham with the church and conservation area. The western part of Barnham Village is in Eastergate Parish. A large spacious development with open green spaces with mature trees forms most of the development to the north of Barnham Road (the busy B2233) There is further development to the south of the road and linear development along the road except for the gap before Eastergate Village. The village is centred on the conservation area in Church Lane and with more recent development straddling Barnham Road.

Historically local authorities have fought to protect the villages through restrictions on damaging development and by preserving green gaps of open farmland and woodland between the two villages and adjacent villages and settlements, consistent with their semi rural location and character.

The route of the Portsmouth and Arundel Canal, an early 19th century industrial waterway which linked Portsmouth to the river Arun as part of a network of waterways linking the coastal industry in the Solent to London, stretches across the southern landscape of the two parishes. It has been identified by ADC in the Local Plan as worthy of special measures to preserve and enhance its presence. Currently preservation work is taking place where it passes through Barnham Court Farm, where the site of a swing bridge is identified and the winding stone on show, and where another bridge is being re-constructed. A footpath follows the length of the canal, some stretches are less accessible and less well-kept than others.

The lion War Memorial at Eastergate is set in a small roundabout at the A29/B2233 junction, within the conservation area. It is the key focus for Remembrance Day observance in the local parishes and villages, whose people wish it to remain in its current location.

2.2 Flooding

2.2.1 The villagers of Barnham and Eastergate face flooding from the rife and ditches whenever there is heavy rainfall. In theory the sewerage system is adequate, but unfortunately nothing effective has yet been done to prevent groundwater infiltrating the system. The geology of the area creates a very high water table and fracturing of sewerage pipes in the areas where there is running sand is an ongoing, unresolved problem.
Consequently in a wet winter heavy rainfall results in surcharge adding to any surface water and fluvial flooding. (A record of the extensive sites and the number of repeated occurrences can be found at Appendix C and in the Evidence Base).

2.2.2 The fields in the south of the parishes are part of a large flood plain allowing flood waters from the rifes and rainwater to be contained, preventing even worse flooding in and around Bognor. A Surface Water Action Plan has been discussed as a matter of urgency by WSCC, Southern Water, the Environment Agency and ADC. It is therefore increasingly important to preserve all the open land which provides a natural means of absorbing flood water, preventing problems to the north and the south. (cross ref Drainage WP) WSCC Local Flood Risk Management Strategy has identified Barnham as being at risk from flooding from surface water, rivers and sewers.

2.2.3 Because of the essential function of the floodplain in providing a release of floodwater in order to help with what is an already recognised problem of inadequate drainage in Barnham and Eastergate and the protection of settlements far beyond the parish boundaries, this area needs to be protected and enhanced.

2.3 Environment and Habitats

2.3.1 The nature of the flood plain in the southern part of the villages attracts a number of bird, mammal, reptile, amphibian and insect species, whose habitat and feeding grounds would be affected if a significant part was covered in inappropriate development. Several patches of ancient and significant woodland have been identified within the two parishes and protection to many trees has been established by TPOs. (ref) Because of their proximity to the dwellings, residents can observe a wide range of birdlife, often coming to feed in gardens. Similarly proximity to farm fields and meadows bring a significant variety of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects and flowers within easy access of the community.

Local sightings of species have been regularly recorded by the Sussex Wildlife Trust and Sussex Ornithological Society and included in the local biodiversity report, details of which are included in Section 3 (ref).

In particular the open area to the south of the villages with fields (often flooded), meadows, hedges, copses, rifes and ditches provide a rich resource of wildlife, detailed in the Biodiversity report (ref). The cycle track and footpaths in this area are well used by walkers, cyclists and birdwatchers, as the fields and rifes attract large numbers of resident and migrant species. This area also borders the main historical conservation areas of Eastergate and Barnham.

2.4 Getting Around

Connectivity, trade and interaction lie at the heart of vibrant communities. The centres of Barnham and Eastergate are compact, walkable areas but further out there are poor links and villagers are very reliant on their cars. Around 23% of residents travel between five and ten kilometres to work. The two most significant transport features of the Barnham & Eastergate parishes are the Network Rail mainline station and the B2233 road.
Rail
2.4.1 Barnham station is a hub for Network Rail and Southern Railway. It provides direct commuter links to London, Chichester, Southampton, Brighton and beyond. The station serves Barnham and Eastergate and the other villages in the area (from Climping through to Aldingbourne), some 25,000+ residents. The station has a small car park, which dominates the centre of Barnham physically and visually. The sidings and platforms behind it amplify the overall stark, albeit open and light, ambience.

Traffic
2.4.2 The B2233 carries local traffic between the villages and links the A259 (Littlehampton bypass) and to the A27 trunk road (Chichester). It is a direct shortcut for significant through traffic avoiding the longer, circuitous routes via Arundel and Bognor Regis. Traffic levels, over 7000 vehicles per day, are greater than the north/south flow along the A29 Fontwell Avenue.

2.4.3 The road has some severe pinch points, down to a single lane in Barnham centre, with nose to tail traffic evident during both the morning and evening ‘rush hours’ and queuing at the War memorial roundabout. Whilst this helps to calm traffic, at other times speeds in excess of the 30 mph limit are evident. Pavements are limited and pedestrians and vehicles pass closely, particularly near the schools, shops and the south from the railway bridge/underpass. Twice a day, young people surge along the main road through the villages to and from the station and schools. There have been several accidents and there is anecdotal evidence of frequent “near misses”. Residents’ concerns are that new developments will increase the danger from traffic and worsen the queuing, whilst road safety improvements are needed.

2.4.4 Excessive speed and unsuitable vehicles are a problem on other roads in the villages. Examples include:
- Farnhurst Road, a residential road, suffers commuter parking and speeding vehicles.
- Lake Lane, a narrow lane with minimal foundations over running sand, suffers high levels of HGV traffic, road damage, sewer collapse and consequent delays.
Public consultation reveals a need for speed restrictions and diversion of HGV’s on such roads.

Parking
2.4.5 There are two pay car parks in Barnham and a number of free on street spaces, for stays up to one hour, with good access to the shops. Commuters avoiding parking fees cause conflicts with short-term, retail parking in the centre and residential parking in local roads.

Other Public Transport
2.4.6 There is good access to limited bus services. Coach services to major cities are available within four miles of the villages.

2.4.7 Sammy Community Transport and West Sussex Minibus services provide access to transport for residents unable to use public transport. Residents rate improvements to bus services as important.
Retail and Entertainment

2.4.8 The majority of retail outlets in Barnham cluster along the B2233, close to the station. They include a post office, bank, two supermarkets, a restaurant, cafes and thriving takeaways. They are convenient and well used by residents walking, cycling and driving there. Elm Tree Stores in Eastergate is a small but important retail drop-in for locals.

2.4.9 The majority of villagers use the local retail outlets for convenience shopping only. Consequently residents are regular visitors to Chichester and other local towns. Eastergate and the neighbouring settlement of Westergate have Chichester postal addresses, whilst Barnham has a Bognor Regis designation only because of the railway branch line, not an attachment to the town. Chichester is the most popular destination for retail visits, especially non-food, leisure and entertainment including restaurants and cinema. Bognor Regis is the preferred destination for DIY and grocery in the easily accessible out of town retail parks, the town centre having a limited draw, with Arundel and Littlehampton having less frequent visits.

Residents would like to see convenient free retail parking (see 2.4.5 above) and improved signage in each village to promote local services.

Footpaths and Cycleways

2.4.10 Walking is an everyday part of village life. There is an existing network of pavements, footpaths, bridleways and a cycle trail linking local villages to Barnham and Eastergate that provide good travel round the villages and increasing access to farmlands for cyclists and walkers. These are all heavily used and well supported by both residents and visitor alike. Residents would like to see further foot and cycle access to the countryside.

Community, Leisure and Wellbeing

2.5.1 Barnham and Eastergate has a range of facilities including a village hall and a new Community Hall.

2.5.2 The facilities are small to medium capacity but the completion of the new Community Hall in Barnham improves the facilities for the many groups that used the old Barnham village hall. Eastergate Village Hall is well used.

2.5.3 16% of the population is aged under 16. There is a lack of good quality play areas in the villages. At present, with the exception of Murrell's Field, developed by Barnham PC through its charitable enterprise BLADE, and Eastergate Sports Field provided by EPC, there is a paucity of quality play areas in the two villages and support and maintenance by ADC for several of those is to be discontinued. (ref. ADC Play Strategy). The Farnhurst Road recreation and play area does have more play equipment and a large open area of grass and is perceived by ADC as an important asset. Unfortunately it has the significant drawback of being regularly subject to sewage discharge whenever there is heavy rain. Other small play areas have a standard limited range of equipment aimed at small children. Because of this and their location within small clusters of housing, several of these are underused and are no longer to be maintained.
2.5.4 There are good local schools. Barnham and Eastergate Primary Schools, St Philip Howard Catholic High School and Westergate Community School in the neighbouring village. There is also a good range of preschool.

2.5.5 Survey results indicated a concern locally about pressure on schools and medical facilities currently without new homes being built. (need to find out average waiting time for appointments).

2.5.6 There is no medical centre in Barnham and residents need to travel to either Eastergate, Walberton or Yapton.

2.5.7 Over 22% of the community are aged over 65. 4% of the current population claim attendance allowance. This will put pressure on local services including:
- social and healthcare - greater likelihood of long term illness;
- public transport - through decreased mobility;
- leisure facilities - people are living longer and have more spare time;
- changing housing needs - smaller properties, adaptations and need for onsite or nearby carers.

2.5.8 There are 7 communal establishments in the parishes providing nursing and residential care.

2.5.9 The lack of future burial space in the main churchyards.

2.5.10 The community has a Police Community Support Officer who is shared between Walberton, Yapton, Ford, Climping, Middleton, Eastergate, Barnham and Aldingbourne. Effective and visible policing is recognised as being important to this community.

2.5.11 The villages of Barnham and Eastergate are situated in an area that has traditionally been used for the cultivation of fruit, vegetables and flowers. A commercial horticulture industry has developed all around the villages, taking advantage of soil that is rich in nutrients and ideal for large-scale and small-scale growers and gardeners.

2.5.12 The demand for allotments among Barnham and Eastergate residents has steadily grown and there is now a waiting list of 50 households who have requested allotments.

2.5.13 Villagers are regular visitors to Chichester (Eastergate and the neighbouring settlement of Westergate having Chichester postal addresses whilst Barnham has a Bognor Regis designation only because of the railway branch line, not an attachment to the town). Chichester is their salient destination for retail visits, especially non-food, leisure and entertainment such as nights out and cinema. Bognor is the preferred destination for DIY and grocery in the easily accessible out of town retail parks, the town centre having a limited draw, with Arundel and Littlehampton having less frequent visits.
2.6 Employment and Enterprise

2.6.1 Barnham and Eastergate is generally perceived as an affluent area but there are challenges for the local economy to address, such as pockets of significant deprivation within the two parishes, changes in the working population and the nature of modern employment.

2.6.2 Registered unemployment is low at 3% but a quarter of these are long term unemployed, not having worked in over a year. Youth unemployment levels are double the overall rate and many local job opportunities are only seasonal.

2.6.3 The parishes host some large employers in the horticulture, education and care sectors but the key employment areas lie outside the villages in Bognor Regis, Chichester and beyond, with consequent high levels of commuting.

2.6.4 Local shops and businesses provide a range of services but many are worried about future viability due to the increase in out of town shopping, as planned in the enterprise@Bognor Regis schemes.

2.6.5 As a result of the open and rural aspect of the villages and location between the Downs and the seaside, tourism can play an increasing part in the villages' economy with a range of local attractions, visitor accommodation and services to meet visitor needs.

2.6.6 Good broadband links are seen as important to support home working for around 30% of residents, whilst facilitating the growth of enterprise and e-commerce.

2.6.7 Promoting local trade and encouraging networking between businesses and the community is considered to be important for the long term development of the local economy. Connections between local schools and businesses are seen as important by residents.

2.6.8 Employment locally is dominated by wholesale and retail trades. A lot of work is seasonal and most residents travel more than two kilometres to work.

2.6.9 The main employment locally is in horticulture. Eric Walls Ltd grows tomatoes on 30 acres of land at Barnham and employs 90 permanent staff and a further 80 in the summer months. Fleurie Nursery has four sites covering 70 acres and employ 25 permanent staff and 25 seasonal. The Farplants group whose sites are accessed via Lake Lane are the largest supplier of garden plants to Garden Centres in the UK producing over 11 million plants a year on 70 hectares. The group employs 350 staff directly and a further 150 indirectly through haulage companies and support services. Over half are permanent employees.
2.7 Housing

2.7.1 Barnham and Eastergate have a mix of housing types and densities, consistent with their semi-rural character and historical development. The core Conservation areas of each village feature heritage buildings. The houses bordering the B2233 and in West Barnham are largely detached or semi-detached houses built between the wars. Later development provided medium sized estates which were well laid out and provided green spaces yet increased building density within the defined Built Up Area. Rural outlying properties exhibit a blend of agricultural, individual and public housing in low density, consistent with their surroundings.

2.7.2 The parishes have each been designated within the Draft Arun Local Plan an allocation of 100 new homes to be built.

2.7.3 The lack of an adopted Local Plan and the inability to justify a Housing Land Supply consistent with the requirements of the NPPF has left the villages open to speculative development. There are currently approved plans for 222 new dwellings in Barnham Parish with another 107 awaiting the decision of an appeal. In Eastergate Parish 17 dwellings have been built another 54 have planning permission with an appeal pending for a further 11. See Appendix B.
3. VISION STATEMENT AND CORE OBJECTIVES

The Vision Statement and Core Objectives were developed with the local community at a community engagement event. They form the foundation of the Barnham and Eastergate Neighbourhood Plan.

**The Vision Statement**
Value, protect and promote the unique parishes of Barnham and Eastergate, by respecting their heritage, appreciating the current community and being aspirational when planning their future.

3.1 The main view from local people is that existing gaps should be maintained and there should be no further large scale development in the villages.

3.2 Using the vision statement and the views of local people helped us to put together a set of principles for delivering our vision. These are that Barnham and Eastergate must:
- support, encourage and promote a range of shops and businesses and provide an environment for enterprise to flourish.
- make the most of the rural aspect through protecting views, providing good access, enhancing facilities and maintaining biodiversity.
- preserve, enhance and ensure the enjoyment for all, of the valued green spaces and environments
- promote and support safe travel for all and resolution of parking issues
- foster and promote a thriving healthy community with plentiful opportunities for education, training and employment for people young and old.
- continue to be an attractive, diverse, well ordered and vibrant community in which residents, visitors and businesses can thrive.
- continue to be distinctive, vital and thriving communities where identity, heritage and aspirations for the future are valued, protected and promoted
- ensure that the community is supported by an effective infrastructure particularly in relation to drainage and flood protection

3.3 Looking at these principles in more detail, achieving the vision means:
**Supporting employment and enterprise**: Barnham and Eastergate need to retain a good range of different shops and businesses and support better online connections to help businesses thrive.

**Making the most of our diverse natural environment**: Barnham and Eastergate must preempt the future effects of climate change by forward planning and awareness of expert advice to preserve the balance between natural assets and human development.

**Valuing our green spaces**: Barnham and Eastergate must ensure that, as far as possible, the villages continue to be surrounded by productive green environments with agricultural land for livestock and food crops, with the addition of community allotments, in recognition of their benefits to health and wellbeing.
Promoting and Supporting safe travel: Barnham and Eastergate must seek to increase cycle routes, reduce traffic impact and encourage sustainable transport, especially rail, support the maintenance of footpaths and increase access to local green spaces.

Promoting and supporting Education and Training Opportunities: Barnham and Eastergate must support opportunities for increased employment both within the local six villages, Bognor Regis, Littlehampton and Chichester and ensure adequate places for EG and BN children to attend local schools.

Fostering a well ordered and vibrant community: Barnham and Eastergate must maintain a sense of place and local character in a high quality environment, protecting their cultural and historical heritage, ensuring that access, outlooks and breathing space are preserved.

Barnham and Eastergate must retain their distinctive heritage and identity: The villages are very different and should remain so. They each have a heart and their individual identities should be recognised, preserved and promoted.

The Core Objectives
3.4 The Core Objectives are grouped under five headings:
- Environment and Sustainability
- Getting Around
- Community, Leisure and Wellbeing
- Housing and Design Quality
- Employment and Enterprise

3.5 For each heading, there are some comments about the main issues raised through the public consultation, followed by the Core Objectives that were developed from these comments.

Environment and Sustainability
Main comments raised by local people during the consultation include:
- Maintain distinctive boundaries
- Prevent flooding and improve drainage
- Design new development so that it is sympathetic to Barnham and Eastergate's character
- Extension of and improvement to footpaths and access to the countryside
- Greenfield and open spaces should be protected
- Historical features should be protected

Objectives:
- Work with the relevant bodies to address flooding and drainage issues
- Encourage energy efficient and sustainable development
- Seek to improve footpaths and protect and increase access to greenfield and open spaces
- Protect the character of the villages
- Preserve features that are important to the villages historical and archaeological heritage
Getting around

Main comments raised by local people during the consultation include:
• Safe cycleways and cycling
• Speed restrictions
• Traffic impact reduction
• Improved signage
• Additional paving to improve safe access and travel
• Reduce congestion/transport to and from schools
• Provide new footways and cycleways
• Solve the parking problems

Objectives:
• Improve footpaths and cycleways
• Promote the use of walking and cycling routes
• Engender support from the responsible bodies for improvements in the maintenance and signing of footpaths and cycle ways
• Present a substantiated case to the appropriate authorities for improvements to traffic management, speed and public transport
• Improve signage
• Work with residents to produce a parking management solution for Barnham

Community, Leisure and Wellbeing

Main comments raised by local people during the consultation include:
• Value of the green spaces
• Need for high quality play provision
• Plan for an ageing population
• Adequate provision of school places

Objectives:
• Plan for an ageing community
• Develop opportunities for participation on sport and leisure activities
• Liaise with statutory providers to enhance health care provision, particularly addressing shortages
• Lobby for high levels of emergency service cover and community policing
• Liaise with WSCC to ensure adequate places for local children at village schools
• Seek opportunities to increase play provision
Housing and Design Quality

Objectives:
- Create a design guide for future development
- Work with the relevant bodies and local community to address flooding and drainage issues
- Development should reinforce the character of each village
- Encourage energy efficient and sustainable development
- Allow small scale development

Main comments raised by local people during the consultation include:
- No new housing estates
- Maintain distinctive boundaries
- Prevent flooding and drainage issues
- Design development so that it is sympathetic to the character of its surroundings

Employment and Enterprise

Objectives:
- Ensure car parking in the village supports the viability of the shops, businesses and tourism
- Support Barnham and Eastergate's shops
- Market the area as an attractive tourism destination by developing publications and website information
- Improve broadband links
- Safeguard and develop the range of services available to residents to meet their daily needs
- support opportunities for increased employment within the local six villages, Bognor Regis, Littlehampton and Chichester.

Main comments raised by local people during the consultation include:
- Encourage small business start ups
- Improve broadband links/homeworking opportunities
- Promote tourism
- Seek new opportunities for employment
4. THE FUTURE VISION FOR BARNHAM AND EASTERTAGE

4.1 The Plan provides the overall future vision for Barnham and Eastergate. This plans for:
- additional homes.
- promotion and retention of business & retail.
- retention, improvement and promotion of tourism, heritage, leisure and recreational provision
- new and improved connections in and around the village.
- new and improved open spaces.
- supporting local people.

Additional Homes
4.2 The identification of land/site(s) for possible future housing sites based on housing need, location, appropriateness and availability.

Promotion and retention of business and retail
4.3 to ensure the continued usage of local shops and businesses.

Retention, improvement and promotion of tourism, heritage, leisure and recreational provision
4.4 to ensure that the villages retain their unique identities as good places to live, visit, work and play.
4.5 to preserve buildings and features that are important to the historical and archaeological heritage of the villages.

New and improved connections in and around the village
4.6 the future vision identifies the potential to improve existing roads and pavements, pedestrian and/or cycle routes, as well as providing new ones. These include:
- road traffic mitigation schemes.
- improving cycle and pedestrian footpaths
- enhanced pedestrian and cycle provision
- ensuring adequate bus services in the village and with surrounding areas.

Given that the Neighbourhood Plan is intended to provide a framework for decision making throughout the next 12 to 15 years, some understanding of the planned or projected expansion of transport should be taken into account. As control of both the road and rail thoroughfares reside with other authorities, obtaining any information about changes and expansion has proved elusive. Only limited general projections have therefore been considered.

The overall population expansion and growth and business development in all of the surrounding villages during the period under consideration, will be reflected in the growth of the transport commodity and will have a significant impact on Barnham and Eastergate.
Even allowing for the expected rise in the cost of motoring fuel and the consequent slow decline in private transport, traffic flow through the villages will undoubtedly rise in the short term. Barnham rail station is also likely to see increased throughput as a major interchange for commuters. Even in the current economic climate, with the economy running well below optimum, the demands for commuter parking are considerable and are already seen as a problem by village residents. With economic recovery and significant projected growth, there is likely to be a short term substantial increase in the demand for additional commuter parking.

**New and improved open spaces**
- enhancing current provision and maintenance of these.
- improving and extending current play and playground provision in the villages.

**Supporting local people**
- ensuring adequate educational provision for children and adults in Barnham and Eastergate.
- enhancing links between schools and business.
- promoting the adequate provision of health and wellbeing provision for a growing community.

**Monitoring and review**
4.7 The Barnham and Eastergate Neighbourhood Plan will be monitored by Arun DC on an annual basis and formally reviewed on a five year cycle or to coincide with the review of the Arun Local Plan if this cycle is different.
Pics from left to right: Church Lane house; Wilkes Head Eastergate; Portsmouth and Arundel Canal; Granary, Eastergate; Lych Gate and Old Walls, Church Lane, Eastergate; View south; Old walls, Eastergate; Barnham Railway Station
Section 2 - Neighbourhood Plan Policies
SECTION 2: INTRODUCTION TO POLICIES

2.1 Introduction

2.1.1 Section 1 sets out the overall vision for Barnham and Eastergate. This section sets out the policies to support and deliver the vision. The policies are grouped under the following topics:
- Environment and Sustainability
- Getting Around
- Community, Leisure and Wellbeing
- Business and Tourism
- Housing and Design Quality
- Employment and Enterprise

2.1.2 Each topic has its own chapter. The chapters are structured in the same way for each topic with:
- a summary table setting out the policies, showing which section of the Core Objectives they support
- each objective is set out with explanatory text
- each objective is supported by a number of policies.
- each section provides a reason for our policy
- each section identifies relevant ADC Local Plan Policies

2.2 The Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

2.2.1 Planning applications which accord with the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan will be approved, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Planning permission will also be granted where relevant policies in the Neighbourhood Development Plan are out of date or silent unless:
- other relevant policies in the Development Plans for Arun indicate otherwise;
- or any adverse impacts of the proposal would significantly and demonstrably outweigh its benefits when assessed against the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework taken as a whole;
- or specific policies in the Framework or other material considerations indicate that development should be restricted.

Barnham and Eastergate Parish Councils will take a positive approach to their consideration of development. The Council and the local planning authorities will seek to work with applicants and other stakeholders to encourage the formulation of development proposals that can be approved. (Conformity Reference: NPPF, para 14)

This policy incorporates the key principle from the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) into the Plan. Where planning applications are to be considered against the policies of this plan then this policy will underpin the approach the Council and local planning authorities will adopt in delivering sustainable development in the parish.
Environment and Sustainability

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| Development should reinforce the character of Barnham and Eastergate      | ES3: New development must contribute to local character by creating a sense of place appropriate to its location  
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|                                                                           | ES5: Development proposals must maintain visual connections with the countryside |
| Preserve features that are important to the villages historical and      | ES6: Building style must be appropriate to the visible historic and local context  
| archaeological heritage                                                  | ES7: Design new buildings to reflect the three-dimensional qualities of traditional local buildings  
|                                                                           | ES8: Preserve and promote the remaining line of the Portsmouth and Arundel Canal  
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| Encourage energy efficient and sustainable development                    | ES10: Increasing the energy efficiency of our buildings.  
|                                                                           | ES11: Support for renewable energy schemes |
| Improve footpaths and protect and increase access to greenfield and      | ES12: Support will be given to proposals that improve and extend the existing footpath network allowing greater access to the countryside surrounding the villages. |
| open spaces                                                               |              |

Objective:
Barnham and Eastergate recognise the need for housing for local people but want to protect the unique character of the environment by allowing for growth whilst ensuring that design quality is high, heritage assets are preserved and that the countryside surrounding the settlements is maintained. The significant issues relating to drainage must be addressed by all new development.

Policy ES1: Applications for new development must address flooding and drainage issues.
New development should aim to reduce the overall level of flood risk in the area:
• Development, other than minor domestic or commercial extensions, will not be supported until completion of the Surface Water Management Plan for Lidsey Catchment and the Aldingbourne and Barnham Rife Strategy.
• No development shall commence until full details of the proposed surface water drainage scheme have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

• The concept of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) as an alternative to conventional drainage will be supported provided that they can be shown to be suitable in the intended location. No development shall commence until full details of the maintenance and management of the SUDs system is set out in a site-specific maintenance manual and has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The manual is to include details of financial management and arrangements for the replacement of major components at the end of the manufacturers’ recommended design life. Upon completed construction of the SUDs System, the owner or management company shall strictly adhere to and implement the recommendations contained within the manual.

• No development shall commence until full details of the proposed foul water drainage scheme, to include details of its routing, design, and subsequent management/maintenance, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. No building shall be occupied until the foul water drainage scheme has been implemented in accordance with the approved details.

• The opening up of watercourses and their banks for recreation and amenity use is supported. There is a presumption against culverting and the constricting of watercourses and their immediate environs.

2.1 Barnham and Eastergate Parishes are located on the Arun coastal flood plain and, together with the neighbouring Parishes of Aldingbourne and Walberton, they have experienced numerous incidents of localised flooding over many years during periods of prolonged and heavy rainfall. The most serious event was in December 1993 and the most recent occurred in June 2012 and December 2012 resulting in the flooding of residential homes and businesses, surcharging of the local foul sewer network and disruption of the local transport infrastructure. The community has strong views on the need to reduce and minimise flood risk and seeks to ensure that potential development does not increase the risk of flooding within the Parishes or to its neighbours. (See Evidence Base for locations of flooding in the parishes.)

2.2 The design should follow the hierarchy of preference for different types of surface water drainage disposal systems as set out in Approved Document H of the Building Regulations, and the recommendations of the SUDS Manual produced by CIRIA. Winter groundwater monitoring to establish highest annual ground water levels and Percolation testing to BRE Digest 365, or similar approved, will be required to support the design of any infiltration drainage. No building shall be occupied until the complete surface water drainage system serving the property has been implemented in accordance with the agreed details.

2.3 The manual is to include details of financial management and arrangements for the replacement of major components at the end of the manufacturers’ recommended design life. Upon completed construction of the SUDs System, the owner or management company shall strictly adhere to and implement the recommendations contained within the manual.
2.4 It is important to ensure that the environment and water quality of the rife system within the catchment is either maintained or improved to its highest possible level including seeking to enforce riparian responsibilities.

Policy ES2: New dwellings - Code for Sustainable Homes

- In line with Level 5 of the Code for Sustainable Homes (DCLG), all new dwellings will be designed to have a predicted water discharge of no more than 80 litres of water per person per day.

2.5 The Code for Sustainable Homes is the national standard for the design and construction of homes. The Code is intended to set the future direction of Building Regulations in relation to measures to reduce surface water runoff and prevent flooding. Given the history in the villages which has seen many homes blighted by flooding the application of the highest level of compliance is justified.

Policy ES3: New development must contribute to local character by creating a sense of place appropriate to its location

- All new development within the parishes will be of a high quality design and will be expected to conform to the forthcoming Barnham and Eastergate Design Guide.

- All new development of more than 3 dwellings must secure 12 out of 12 Greens according to Building for Life 12 and to demonstrate the quality of their schemes, through full and thorough assessment. (See Evidence Base)

- New development must not create concentrated new commercial/retail/service locations within the villages.

2.6 New development should be designed to respond to the specific character of the site and its local surroundings and to create a sense of place. This is important as the different parts of the parishes give rise to differing styles, each with their own local strengths and weaknesses. The village centres will remain important focuses for community activity and identity.

The application of Building for Life 12 sets standards which reflect all of the policies in this plan and will allow developers the opportunity to promote their development as being of the highest standard in terms of design principles.

Policy ES4: Development within the Local Gap/Green Infrastructure Corridor will not be supported

- New development within the Strategic Gaps/Green Infrastructure Corridor is not appropriate and will not be supported.

2.7 New development within the defined Local Gap/Green Infrastructure Corridor between Eastergate and Barnham is not appropriate and not supported by the community. The Green Infrastructure Corridor or Local Gap is defined in the Local Plan, provides a green buffer between Barnham and Eastergate and contributes to the character and identity of the villages. It is crucial to giving a sense of separate space to each village.

Policy ES5: Development proposals must maintain visual connections with the countryside.

- Open views towards the countryside or across open spaces must be maintained. An assessment of views to and from the development must be produced to accompany all planning applications.
2.8 Local people value the connection they have with the open countryside surrounding the parishes. The creation of public space within new development does not make up for the loss of open countryside.

**Policy ES6: Building style must be appropriate to the visible historic and local context.**

- The quality of design must ensure that new buildings contribute positively to the historic character and should reflect the design principles of their time so that the richness of varied character continues and is extended into the future. Listed Buildings and their settings and Conservation Areas and their settings and the area of Special Character, will be conserved and enhanced to reinforce the quality and character of the villages.

2.9 The integration of new buildings into the context in which they are located is important. There has been much incremental development over the years and the villages have a range of design styles.

**Policy ES7: Design new buildings to reflect the three-dimensional qualities of traditional buildings**

Generally, buildings should be designed:

- as a three dimensional whole, so that elements such as bay windows are designed in from the start rather than being 'bolted-on' at the end
- with windows and doors set back from the external surface of the building, to introduce some depth and modelling to the facade
- with changes in material related to the design of the building rather than a random approach. For example, changes in material may relate to a change in form such as a setback or projection.

2.10 The community considers the lack of design detail and sensitivity to location of new buildings being located in the villages. Buildings often lack the three-dimensional qualities of traditional buildings and often present a bland uniform style.

**Policy ES8: Preserve the remaining line of the Portsmouth and Arundel Canal**

- Development proposals that encroach unacceptably on the remaining line of the Portsmouth and Arundel Canal will be deemed inappropriate and will not be supported.

2.11 The route of the early 19th century industrial waterway which linked Portsmouth to the river Arun, as part of a network of waterways linking the coastal industry in the Solent to London, stretches across the southern landscape of the two parishes. It is an important link to the ecological and industrial heritage and tourism offering of the villages and its protection is endorsed by Arun DC in its emerging Local Plan.

**Policy ES9: Trees and hedgerows will be protected.**

- Development that damages or results in the loss of ancient trees or trees or hedgerows of arboricultural and amenity value will not be supported. Development proposals must be designed to retain ancient trees or trees or hedgerows of good arboricultural and amenity value. A minimum buffer of at least 15 metres in width should be maintained between ancient woodland and any development boundary.
- Proposals should be accompanied by a survey that establishes the health and longevity of any affected trees or hedgerows and a management plan to demonstrate how they will be so maintained.
- Plans for tree planting on new developments of more than 3 dwellings or commercial developments over 300 square metres must anticipate the effects of climate change.
2.12 Trees and hedgerows are a major feature of Eastergate and Barnham and contribute to the open and pleasant feel of the villages, the parks, play areas and residential properties. The hedgerows are home to a wide range of species and contribute to the GI Corridors throughout the villages. There are two areas of ancient woodland in the Neighbourhood Plan area, all located within the village of Barnham and six veteran trees (source - The Woodland Trust) as well as many trees the subject of Tree Preservation Orders.

Policy ES10: Increasing the energy efficiency of our buildings.

- All new housing development with the exception of the conversion of listed historic buildings should have a minimum energy efficiency standard equivalent to Level 5 of the Code for Sustainable Homes (DCLG 2006) rising to Level 6 by 2016.

- Where an existing building is extended or refurbished, or there is a change of use, where technically feasible the renovated part of the building must meet the following standards:
  - Use of high quality, thermally efficient building materials
  - Use of double glazing (at a minimum)
  - Installation of cavity wall and loft insulation (where relevant)
  - Improve the average household SAP rating by a grade (e.g. from E to D)

- In all cases, consideration should also be given to upgrading the whole property to meet higher energy efficiency standards.

- Where an extension increases the property size by more than 30%, on-site energy generation from renewable sources should be incorporated into the site where feasible.

2.13 The retrofit of heritage properties/assets is encouraged to reduce energy demand and to generate renewable energy where appropriate, providing it safeguards historic characteristics and development is done with the engagement and (where required) permissions of relevant conservation bodies.

2.14 The Government has an ambitious target of reducing the UK’s CO2 emissions by 80% by 2050, and the National Planning Policy Framework says that ‘local planning authorities should...actively support energy efficiency improvements to existing buildings.’

We have a responsibility to contribute towards meeting the national CO2 target, and increasing the energy efficiency of our existing buildings is central to this.

2.15 The Code for Sustainable Homes is the national standard for the design and construction of homes. It includes measures to improve energy efficiency which is line with the aims of the Arun District Council Energy Efficiency Strategy 2009-2013 which contains a requirement for Level 6 to be adopted from 2016 onwards.

Policy ES11: Support for renewable energy schemes

Planning permission will be supported for energy generating infrastructure using renewable or low carbon energy sources to serve individual properties or groups of properties provided that:

- The energy generating infrastructure is located as close as practicable and is in proportion to the scale of the existing buildings or proposed development it is intended to serve and is appropriate to the location;

- The siting, scale and design of the energy generating infrastructure does not compromise public safety and allows continued safe use of public rights of way;
• Adjoining uses are not adversely impacted in terms of noise, vibration, or electromagnetic interference;
• Where appropriate, the energy generating infrastructure and its installation complies with the Microgeneration Certification Scheme; and
• A scheme is agreed with the local planning authority to remove the energy generating infrastructure as soon as reasonably practicable once it is no longer used for energy generation.

2.16 The Arun DC Energy Efficiency Strategy 2009-2013 actively encourages the use of renewable energy schemes and the Parish Council supports this approach.

2.17 Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) is an internationally recognised quality assurance scheme, supported by the Department of Energy and Climate Change. MCS certifies microgeneration technologies used to produce electricity and heat from renewable sources.

**Policy ES12: Support will be given to proposals that improve and extend the existing footpath network allowing greater access to the countryside surrounding the villages.**

2.18 The villages enjoy reasonable access to the surrounding countryside but increasing the footpath network would encourage walking and more sustainable methods of transport. There is much movement around the two villages and if this could be more safely achieved by the use of footpaths there would be health benefits as well as an improvement in traffic numbers.
## Getting around

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**Objective:** To reduce traffic impact on the local community and its heritage assets and increase the number of journeys undertaken by walking, cycling and public transport.

**Policy GA1:** Developer or CIL contributions required to support the provision of a comprehensive cycle and footpaths network.

- Developer or CIL contributions will be sought from all new developments to fund improvements to the existing cycle and footpath network as well as providing new connections where none currently exist.

3.1 Car parking and traffic issues blight the villages. Contributions will be sought from all new developments to fund improvements and new links into the existing network.

3.2 Opportunities to provide cycle hire at Barnham station will be encouraged and signage improved to ensure a high level of use of the green infrastructure network.

**Policy GA2:** Pedestrian and cycle routes must link together potential destinations, such as new housing and the village centres, green open spaces and the countryside. The loss of existing cycle routes, rights of way and public footpaths will be resisted.

- New developments must integrate with the current green infrastructure network and provide access to public and community transport to connect residents with the social, community and retail facilities of the villages.

3.3 Connections between the villages are important as they share a range of community facilities such as shops, medical facilities and schools. More than that the social fabric of life in the villages revolves around movement along the B2233 and any reduction in traffic on this route must be encouraged.

3.4 Residents support the need for greater access on foot and by cycle to the countryside surrounding the villages.
Policy GA3: New development to provide parking on site for occupants and visitors.
• All development must increase net parking consistent with that development and developments which remove off road parking must make alternative provision which maintains the number of accessible parking spaces available. Spaces shall thereafter be retained at all times for their designated purpose.

3.5 Car parking in the villages is at breaking point. The major commuter rail link in Barnham sees huge numbers of vehicles arrive every day from outlying towns and villages which clog up the village centre and all adjoining roads on both a short and long term basis.

Policy GA4: Encourage better signage and better planning of public transport
• Support will be given to developments that provide improved publicity and signage relating to the promotion of the parish facilities provided that they enhance their surroundings, and do not impact negatively on the visual and environmental amenity of their surroundings.

• Support will be given to proposals which increase the use of railway land to expand affordable commuter parking.

3.6 Improving signage to promote the facilities available in Barnham and Eastergate will support businesses and tourism. Improvements to bus and community transport is important given the age profile of residents and the need for traffic reduction.
Community, Leisure and Wellbeing

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**Objective:** The Plan seeks to ensure that there are adequate medical, educational and recreational facilities for both young and old and to secure the long term future of community facilities that make the parishes special.

**Policy CLW1: Support independent living**
- New, converted and extended independent living and care homes will be supported provided that the design and scale of development is in keeping with the character of the location and that the impact on the amenity of surrounding residential properties is acceptable.

4.1 22% of the community are aged over 65 with 4% of those claiming attendance allowance. Provision of services for the elderly are limited and not considered sufficient to meet the demands of our ageing population.

**Policy CLW2: Developments which provide potential new medical facilities will be supported.**
4.2 There is no medical provision in Barnham. Resident surveys have shown concerns about increased waiting times at GP surgeries and the pressure on services when the additional approved housing is built. The direction of developer contributions into schemes that address the shortfalls in medical infrastructure is a priority for the villages.

**Policy CLW3: Protect existing and increase leisure opportunities**
- Existing open spaces including school playing fields, outdoor sport and recreational land should not be built on. Development of recreational
buildings will be supported provided that the design and scale of development is in keeping with the character of the location and that the impact on the residential amenity of surrounding residential properties is acceptable.

4.3 Our outdoor spaces are seen as vital to maintaining a happy and healthy community. Surveys have shown how well valued the open spaces and leisure facilities in and around Barnham and Eastergate mean to residents and visitors.

**Policy CLW4: Provide allotment space**
- Allotment space must be provided within the development site set out in the Proposals Map and additional space provided within all future developments of over 20 houses.

4.4 There is currently no allotment provision within the parishes and a waiting list of around 50 households. Allotments are a place of social connectivity and not only provide opportunities to grow food but also contribute to local wildlife habitat and improved health and fitness.

**Policy CLW5: Retain Assets of Community Value**
Proposals that will enhance the viability and/or community value of the properties registered as Assets of Community Value will be supported. Otherwise, proposals that result in either the loss of the asset or in significant harm to the community value of an asset will not be permitted, unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the operation of the asset, or the ongoing delivery of the community value of the asset, is no longer economically viable. Typically this would mean the site has been marketed at a reasonable price for at least a year for that and any other suitable employment or service trade uses and no interest in acquisition has been expressed.

See Appendix D for list

4.5 The buildings registered as Assets of Community Value are recognised as significant in the economic and social viability of the villages. The loss of the only shop in the village of Eastergate would have a significant impact on the community. The two public houses are part of the social fabric of each village as are the two community halls. Each asset is a major feature of daily life for residents and play a central part in the vitality of the parishes and the sense of community.

**Policy CLW6: Protect Local Green Spaces**
- The Parish Council has designated areas shown in Appendix E as Local Green Space in accordance with paras 76-77 of the National Planning Policy Framework. Proposals for redevelopment of land identified as Local Green Space will not be supported. Exceptions will only be made where the benefit of the development outweighs any harm, and it can be demonstrated there are no reasonable alternative sites available.

4.6 Barnham and Eastergate are semi rural parishes defined by their open spaces, surrounding fields and woodland and views to the south downs. Rampant development proposals with few design principles and even fewer attempts to integrate the development with local features is eroding the quality of life in the villages. Maintaining existing green spaces encourages biodiversity and reinforces village identity.
Policy CLW7: Protect Local Open Spaces

• The Parish Councils have designated the areas shown in Appendix F as Local Open Space.

4.7 These open spaces are children's playgrounds as well as places that contribute to the open and pleasant ambience of the area and are used by residents for exercise and children's play but also contribute to wildlife biodiversity and habitat.

Policy CLW8: Developments which ensure adequate facilities for children to attend primary schools in Barnham and Eastergate will be supported.

• Existing school playing fields will be protected from development, unless the school is relocated to a suitable, larger site within the parishes.

4.8 The direction of developer contributions into schemes that improve provision of school facilities are a priority for the villages.
Employment and Enterprise

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**Objective:** These policies are intended to raise the profile of employment and enterprise within the parishes, thus helping to enhance employment opportunities and nurture, retain and grow locally based commerce. They seek to encourage a vibrant and enlarged local economy based around the key activities of horticulture, tourism, convenience retailing and service provision for the community. They support businesses to work together and engage with their community with the goal of helping them all develop, promote and secure their own futures.

**Policy EE1: Support business expansion**

- Proposals to upgrade or extend existing employment sites will be supported provided that the impact on the amenities of surrounding properties is acceptable.

5.1 Encouraging business to remain in Barnham and Eastergate is important given the limited amount of employment opportunities. Proposals to upgrade or extend should be encouraged.

**Policy EE2: Retain existing employment land in employment use**

- Proposals for the redevelopment or change of use of land or buildings in employment use to non-employment uses will not be supported. This may only be reconsidered if the existing use can be shown to no longer be economically viable typically because the site has been marketed at a reasonable price for at least a year for that and any other suitable employment or service trade uses and no interest in acquisition has been expressed.
5.2 Opportunities for employment within the villages are limited which contributes to the massive amount of out commuting each day. Small scale employment sites contribute to the liveliness and activity in the parishes and also support trade in parish shops.

**Policy EE3: Encourage a diverse range of commerce in the parish by supporting new office, workshop and light industrial uses.**

- Change of use to Class B1 Light Industrial use or development for Class B1 purposes will be supported where the impact on surrounding residential and community amenity is acceptable and other policy considerations are complied with. Where permission to change to or develop new General Industrial use (B2) and distribution and storage (B8) use is requested, there will be a presumption against this where it will create a significant amount of HGV traffic that would have to pass through the villages.

5.3 General Industrial use (B2) and distribution and storage (B8) are considered inappropriate for the parishes due to the heavy goods traffic they can generate. The village centres are very small confined areas and the only road through the villages is single track and winding with considerable parking and traffic issues. Any increase in heavy goods traffic will have a detrimental effect on the villages and on existing businesses.

**Policy EE4: Retain existing retail frontages**

- Change of use from retail (A1) to financial and professional (A2) and from retail (A1) to food and drink (A3, 4 and 5) uses at ground level will be supported:  
  - provided it can be demonstrated that it satisfies an identified community need and its establishment would enhance the village centre’s “convenience and destination appeal” or demonstrate tangible community benefit in accordance with Local Plan policy SP6
  - a shop window display frontage in keeping with the character of the area is maintained.

5.4 The village centre in Barnham is an essential part of the fabric of life for many residents. Out of town shopping makes it hard for small local shops to compete. The Plan seeks to support and promote local shops and businesses and recognises the importance that easy parking makes to their success.

The vitality of the village centre is dependent on primary retail frontages and so it is important that the retail frontages be retained and enhanced.

**Policy EE5: Retain Car Parking**

- Change of use of any existing car parks will not be permitted unless equivalent and equally accessible parking can be provided as a replacement.

5.5 Car parking is seen as vital to supporting the shops within the village and existing car parking issues caused by commuters must not be exacerbated.
Policy EE6: Support and promote recreational and tourism activities

- Development proposals for recreational and tourism activities and facilities will be supported provided that:
  - the siting, scale and design has strong regard to the local character, historic and natural assets of the surrounding area, and
  - the design and materials are in keeping with the local style and reinforce local distinctiveness and a strong sense of place.

5.6 Tourism is important to the local economy with touring caravan and camp sites playing a part in the sustainability of local businesses. Proposals that seek to encourage tourism will be supported. The Plan seeks to encourage and support retailers and other commercial interests in the parish to participate in an appropriate trade organisation to coordinate retail operations and to jointly market local facilities to local customers and visitors.

Policy EE7: New development to provide high quality communications infrastructure.

- All new residential, employment and commercial development must be designed to connect to high quality communications infrastructure.

5.7 The importance of high quality communications connectivity to allow access to online services, build businesses, improve educational opportunities and for simply keeping in touch with family and friends. The West Sussex County Council Better Connected Broadband Delivery Plan supports the need for high quality communications infrastructure within the county area.
Housing and Design Quality

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Objective: Provide housing as required by the Arun District Council Local Plan. The allocation set down by Arun District Council (ADC) is 100 new homes in each parish.

Barnham and Eastergate recognise the local need for housing and will meet and provide for additional homes over and above the allocation set down by ADC. The lack of an adopted Local Plan and the inability to justify a Housing Land Supply consistent with the requirements of the NPPF has left the villages open to speculative development. ADC has agreed that any development granted planning permission after 31st March 2013 can be counted against the parish allocations. There are currently approved plans for 329 new dwellings in Barnham parish (see Appendix B) and 51 in Eastergate Parish. Those that have been granted permission after 31st March are as follows:

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By setting standards by which future planning applications will be measured it is intended that current drainage issues will not be exacerbated and that the character of the parish will be maintained whilst allowing for controlled growth and alteration.

**Policy HDQ1: Allocate land for up to 60 homes on land identified on the Proposals Map**
- Permission will be granted for up to 60 new homes in Eastergate on land identified in the Proposals Map provided that the development meets the requirements of the policies set out in this plan and the emerging Arun District Council Local Plan.

6.1 60 homes is the net balance of the original 200 dwellings target allocated to the parishes.

**Policy HDQ2: Local Connection**
- Affordable houses in the Parishes shall only be occupied by persons (and their dependents) whose housing needs are not met by the market and who have a local connection to the parishes.

Local Connection is defined as:
1. The applicant or their partner are living in the Parishes and have lived in the Parishes permanently for at least 5 years immediately prior to the application date, or have lived permanently in the Parishes for 10 years out of the last 15 years.

2. The applicant or their partner needs to be in the Parishes to give or receive support from or for a close relative (parents, adult children, brother and/or sister). The family member must be a permanent resident in the Parishes and have lived in the parishes permanently for at least 10 years immediately prior to the application date.

Note: Parishes is defined as Barnham and Eastergate in the first instance but will be extended to include Aldingbourne, Walberton, Slindon and Yapton if insufficient applicants come forward from the first two parishes.

6.2 The allocation of affordable housing has a significant effect on the shape and nature of local communities and the imposition of the Local Connection policy will help to ensure that our young people have a chance to stay in the villages.

**Policy HDQ3: Integrate allocated site**
- Proposals for new housing must ensure that the new homes are well connected to the surrounding villages and visually integrated with their surroundings.

6.3 It is important that any new housing does not feel like an add on to the villages but is fully integrated to the community and its facilities.

**Policy HDQ4: Integrate windfall sites**
- Permission will be granted for small residential developments on infill and redevelopment sites within the parish subject to the policies of this plan being met.
6.4 Small residential developments on infill and redevelopment sites will come forward during the life of this plan. All such sites must incorporate the principles set out in this plan.

**Policy HDQ5: Provide a mix of housing types**
- New housing sites must provide a mix of housing types including homes for the elderly.

6.5 The parishes have provided significant numbers of affordable homes but none suitable for the needs of elderly people wishing to downsize.

**Policy HDQ6: Provide new facilities**
- New housing development will be expected to provide contributions to community facilities as set out in the policies.

6.6 Developers of new residential development, including windfalls, will be expected to make financial contributions towards new and/or improved infrastructure.

**Policy HDQ7: Design new development to be of high quality and demonstrate how it will reinforce the character of the parishes**
- Proposals for new housing must be of high quality and consistent with the character of the immediate surroundings. They must demonstrate how they meet the policies set out in this Plan.

6.7 Good design that reflects the character of the location will help with the integration of it into the surrounding area.

**Policy HDQ8: Provide good quality private outdoor space**
- A private outdoor garden amenity space, or a shared amenity area must be provided for all new dwellings.

6.8 The amount of land used for garden or amenity space should be commensurate with the size and type of dwelling and the character of the area, and should be of appropriate utility (for play and recreation) and quality having regard to topography, shadowing (from buildings and landscape features) and privacy.

**Policy HDQ9: Comprehensive attention to detailing from the start of the design process**
- The following items must be considered early in the design process to ensure full integration into the overall scheme:
  - bin stores and recycling facilities
  - cycle stores
  - meter boxes
  - lighting
  - flues and ventilation ducts
  - gutters and pipes
  - satellite dishes and telephone lines.

6.9 These items are all too easily forgotten about until the end of the design process. By considering them early, it will be possible to meet the following requirements:
- Bin stores and recycling facilities should be designed to screen bins from public view, whilst being easily accessible for residents. Bin stores must be placed in a position that meets the County Council’s Highways standards.
• Meter boxes need not be standard white units: consider a bespoke approach that fits in with the materials used for the remainder of the building. Position them to be unobtrusive.
• Carefully position flues and ventilation ducts, ensuring they are as unobtrusive as possible. Use good quality grilles that fit in with the approach to materials for the building as a whole.
• Ensure that gutters and pipes fit into the overall design approach to the building and aim to minimise their visual impact.
• Lighting schemes that prevent light spillage and glare and face inwards away from open landscapes.

Policy HDQ10: New development must demonstrate how it will reinforce the character of the parishes.
• Where a Design and Access Statement is required developers must demonstrate how their proposed development reinforces the character of the villages and how the proposals follow the policies set out in this Plan as well as other local and national policies.

6.10 The policies set out in this plan aim to ensure that the character of the villages is maintained and not lost to poorly designed and badly integrated development.
Map A - Proposed change to the Eastergate Built Up Area Boundary

Map B - Proposal map
Appendix A - Sites allocated for Housing

In order to deliver the 100 new homes required in the plan period 2014 - 2019, the Neighbourhood Plan allocates the following sites for housing development, as shown on the Proposals Map, subject to the development principles outlined:

i. up to 60 dwellings on land north of Barnham Road – comprising 2 and 3 bed open market houses/bungalows,

ii. 11 flats and a shop unit on land to the rear of 43, 45 & 47 Barnham Road

(Conformity Reference: Arun Local Plan 2003 Policy GEN5, Arun Draft Local Plan Policy SP11 and SP12 and NPPF para 47)

The type of housing provided on each allocated site will reflect the proximity of the site to the village centres. In which case:

i. sites that are within 400m walking distance from the village centre will be particularly suited to meeting the needs of smaller households of older or young people without private transport and will therefore have at least 50% of the total number of homes provided as houses/bungalows or flats with two bedrooms or fewer

ii. sites that are beyond 400m walking distance of a designated village centre will be suited to households with access to private transport and will therefore have no more than 25% of homes provided as houses and flats with two bedrooms or fewer

(Conformity Reference: Arun Local Plan 2003 Policy GEN 5, GEN7, DEV 17 and DEV18, Arun Draft Local Plan Policy SP2, SP3, SP11, SP12, SP13 and DM14 and NPPF para 50)
Appendix B - Sites with Planning Approval or appeal pending

BN/27/09/
Angels & Hyde Nurseries Yapton Road Barnham
Outline application for demolition of all existing structures and redevelopment with up to 95 dwellings (including up to 38 affordable homes) together with associated open space, landscaping and access improvements
Allowed on appeal

BN/7/12
Land north of Yapton Road & east of Garden Crescent Barnham
Outline application with some matters reserved for up to 44 no. dwellings including 30% affordable, comprising of a mix of 2-4 bed houses with associated landscaping & works (this application is a Departure from the Development Plan)
 Allowed on appeal

BN/15/11/
Land east of Goodacres Barnham
Outline application for residential development comprising 75 dwellings, access and associated landscaping and works - This is a Departure from the Development Plan & affects a Public Right of Way
Allowed on appeal

BN/3/13/
The Lillies Caravan Park Yapton Road Barnham
Demolition of 6 no holiday lodges, toilet block. Removal of circa 30 touring caravans/ motorhomes/camping pitches & replace with erection of 38no. residential dwellings, associated garages/car parking, formation of access road & change of use from current C1 (Hotels) to C3 (Dwelling Houses) - This application is a Departure from the Development Plan
Refused - appeal lodged

EG/44/12/
Land to the rear of 43, 45 & 47 Barnham Road
Demolish existing single storey buildings to the rear of no's 43 & 45 & redevelop the site incorporating no. 47 for residential use, comprising 11 no. 1 & 2 bed flats, a shop unit & associated external works
Refused - Allowed on appeal
EG/27/12/
Elm Tree Stores Nyton Road Eastergate
Application for Approval of Reserved Matters following Outline Application
EG/72/08 for conversion of existing dwelling into 2 No apartments, conversion of roofspace above existing shop into 1No apartment and first floor extension of existing shop to provide 2 No apartments. Extension to existing shop and erection of 3 No apartments & covered parking area. Improvements to existing access & service area.
Approved/Conditionally

EG/66/11/
The Barnham Hotel 24-28 Barnham Road Barnham
Conversion of 1st & 2nd floors from ancillary (A4) to 6 no. self contained flats (C3) together with rear first floor extension, dormer windows & rooflights
Approved/Conditionally

EG/29/13
Former Brooks Nursery, Eastergate
Residential development for 40 dwellings, including 30% affordable, with associated access, landscaping and ancillary works. Re-Submission following EG/73/12.
Approved Conditionally

BN/16/12
Pollards Nursery
Outline application with some matters reserved for a development of up to 107 no. residential units (this application is a Departure from the Development Plan)
Refused - Allowed on Appeal
Appendix C - List of Flooding Incident Locations

(compiled by BVDG 04/11, revised 06/12 and 06/13, edited by JWM)

1. Flooding incidents caused by surface water run-off

1.1 B2233 gulley on the northern side of the road approaching Barnham from Eastergate, at the junction with Downview Road. Questionable soakaway system serving B2233 and poor outlet from ditch at rear of Brooks Nursery site and Fiveacres Nursery

1.2 Downview Road, particularly at the top (northern end) by the ‘T’ junction.

1.3 Ewens Gardens, mainly due to run-off from adjacent fields on slightly higher ground to the west. Arun DC dug a ditch system to channel water from these fields around the northern and eastern sides of properties in Downview Road, eventually discharging into the Rife at the northern end of Hedge End Wood.

1.4 Low-lying portions of gardens to rear of properties on south side of the B2233 Main Road, Barnham (including but not exclusive to No. 103).

1.5 Pelican crossing just east of the B2233 Elm Grove junction

1.6 Beneath the ground floor of properties in Tisted Cottages, Elm Grove, Barnham, due to run-off from higher ground to the east.

1.7 Properties at eastern end of Oriel Close, Barnham, due to run-off from higher ground to the east.

1.8 Fields to the western side of Wentworth Close. Arun DC dug a ditch to channel water from these fields to the Rife at the northern end of Hedge End Wood.

1.9 Fields to the north of Hedge End Wood on either side of the Rife. These fields are almost always quite waterlogged.

1.10 Hedge End Wood, north of the sandbank bund across the Wood. This is a designated ‘holding pond’ area in the event that the surface water sewers running south from Hedge End Wood beneath Farnhurst Road become full to capacity.

1.11 Goodacres, due to run-off from adjacent fields on higher ground to the east. This surface water will then flow westwards along Goodacres, across Barnham Lane and into Dial Close, where it eventually enters the Rife at the bottom.

1.12 Back gardens of properties on the northern side of Lake Lane, backing on to Rife immediately upstream of the Barnham Lane bridge.

1.13 Back garden and ground floor of ‘Tyche’ by the first bend in Lake Lane, due to flooding from the Rife which runs behind the rear garden.

1.14 Back gardens of new-build properties on the northern side of Lake Lane, backing on to Rife behind the former Holts Bakery site.
1.15 Junction of Lake Lane and Park Lane.

1.16 Under the railway bridge at Barnham.

1.17 Highground Lane, Barnham, due to flooding from the Barnham Rife.

1.18 Hill Lane, Barnham, due to surface water flooding (poor drainage).

1.19 Junction of Hill Lane with the B2233 Yapton Road, on the north side of Yapton Road.

1.20 B2233 Yapton Road, Barnham on the double bend by the pumping station.

1.21 Ditch running along north side of the B2233 Nyton Road, Aldingbourne. The level of water in this ditch, particularly near the junction with Northfields Lane, is a good indicator of groundwater levels in the area.

1.22 Gulley at the junction of the A29 and B2233 at Eastergate memorial roundabout.

1.23 Eastergate Lane, in the vicinity of Winter Egg Farm, due to run-off from adjacent fields. The direction from which the surface water originates is unknown at present.

1.24 Junction of A29 Fontwell Avenue and Wandleys Lane. At times of heavy rainfall and/or when the water table is high, the pumping station borehole goes artesian and ground water flows across the A29 Fontwell Avenue into entrance of Wandleys Lane. Natural springs in the gardens of properties in Wandleys Lane may also lead to surface water flooding at such times.

1.25 Walberton Pond area, from grille outlet at northern side of Barnham Lane, overflowing across the road.

1.26 Outside Olive Branch PH at junction of the B2132 and B2233 in Yapton.

1.27 North Choller and Choller House farms – bend on Barnham Lane surface water flooding (poor land drainage). Inundation of Foul sewers.

1.28 Just north of Yapton Lane level crossing at junction with Lake Lane

2. Flooding incidents caused by surcharging of foul sewers

Many parts of Barnham and Eastergate parishes do not have a separate surface water sewer or highways drainage system. Consequently, at times of heavy rainfall and/or when the water table is high, the foul sewer system in may parts of these parishes becomes overloaded with infiltrating surface water and surcharging of the foul sewer system occurs.
2.1 Junction of Elm Grove and Orchard Way, Barnham including gardens of properties adjacent to junction. Frequent 24-hour tankering operations take place here by Southern Water Services or their nominated contractors. Severe impact on local properties – unable to use toilets.

2.2 Playground of Elm Grove Primary School due to surcharging of school’s sewers by surface water. Subsequent action by West Sussex County Council and the installation of a pump system has improved the situation.

2.3 Junction of Elm Grove and Oriel Close, Barnham at eastern side of road. Here a foul sewer and a surface water sewer run side-by-side. Frequent 24-hour pumping operations take place here by Southern Water Services or their nominated contractors. Water from the surcharging foul sewer is pumped into the adjacent surface water sewer. (See 2.1)

2.4 Concrete apron alongside Farnhurst Road children’s play area. Severe ponding of contaminated water occurs at this location. Frequent deep-cleansing operations have been necessary at this site by Southern Water Services or their nominated contractors.

2.5 Barnham Lane, at bend by track leading to North Choller Farm. Some ponding of contaminated water from a surcharging foul sewer running down from Walberton village at the northern and western side of the road.

2.6 Barnham Lane, south of bend by track leading to North Choller Farm, at every foul sewer inspection cover down past Choller Farm towards Barnham. Contaminated water from the surcharging foul sewer runs down the western side of the road and into the ditch. Occasional 24-hour tankering operations take place here by Southern Water Services or their nominated contractors. (See 1.27)

2.7 Just north of junction of Barnham Lane and Lake lane on the western side of Barnham Lane. Contaminated water from the surcharging foul sewer runs into the adjacent highways drain. Regular 24-hour tankering operations take place here by Southern Water Services or their nominated contractors.

2.8 Car park of St. Philip Howard Catholic High School, Elm Grove South, Barnham due to surcharging of school’s sewers by surface water. Subsequent action by West Sussex County Council appears to have resolved this problem.

2.9 Properties at the western end of Marshall Close adjacent to the Barnham Rife where it emerges from under the railway line. There is a ‘permitted discharge’ into the Rife here from the foul sewer system in the event that the large chamber and ‘scrubber unit’ beneath the Marshall Close recreation area becomes surcharged to beyond capacity. In such conditions, when Rife levels are very high, contaminated water comes up through the toilets in the Marshall Close properties identified above and inundates those properties. Frequent ‘clean-up’ operations have been necessary at these properties by Southern Water Services or their nominated contractors.

Amended: J.W. Mason
7th June 2013

Revision RH – 13 June 2013
Appendix D

Assets of Community Value

The Neighbourhood Plan proposes the following buildings are assessed by the local planning authority for designation as Assets of Community Value, as shown on the Evidence Base, as a result of their acknowledged importance to the life and enjoyment of the community:

- Eastergate Village Hall
- Barnham Community Hall
- Elm Tree Stores
- The Murrell Arms
- The Wilkes Head

Proposals that will enhance the viability and/or community value of the assets will be supported. Otherwise, proposals that result in either the loss of the asset or in significant harm to the community value of an asset will be resisted, unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the operation of the asset, or the ongoing delivery of the community value of the asset, is no longer financially viable. (Conformity Reference: NPPF para 70)

This policy proposes that new Assets of Community Value are designated by the local planning authority in line with the Community Right to Bid provisions of the Localism Act 2011. The Council is a qualifying body to make such a proposal to the District Council.

The assets listed in the policy are all considered to meet the definition of the Act, i.e. that “a community asset is a local building or piece of land which the community considers to be of particular value to the local community. Each community is free to decide for itself what it values.” All the assets selected are considered to be buildings and uses of some considerable longstanding in the local community and with which local people have a strong affinity. If designated, the policy supports proposals that will continue the viable use of the community asset but requires proposals to that will result in the loss of an asset to clearly demonstrate that all reasonable steps have been taken to retain its present use and its community value as a viable concern.

In addition, the inclusion of these sites on the local planning authority’s register of Assets of Community Value will provide the Council or other community organisations within the parish with an opportunity to bid to acquire on behalf of the local community the asset once placed of sale on the open market.
Appendix E - Local Green Spaces Map E

The listed areas are of special importance to the communities of Barnham and Eastergate Parishes and need special protection. These areas are in reasonably close proximity to the communities they serve. They offer beauty, tranquillity and views to the South Downs. They are also important for the richness of wildlife found on them. Some already have existing rights of way over them.

1. Murrells Field
This large area is the largest public use pleasure, recreational and leisure land in the village of Barnham. It has a multi use games area, fitness trail, football pitches and children's playground. It has footpaths around the outer perimeters, which are extremely popular with walkers and dog walkers. It hosts the annual bonfire and fireworks and summer fairs. The area is also home to a variety and numerous number of trees and hedges and supports a range of wildlife.

This is designated as Local Green Space because of its significant recreational value.

2. Eastergate Sports Field
This sports field is the only public use field in Eastergate and is used for football and village fetes. It is popular with dog walkers and with people wishing to exercise.

This is designated as Local Green Space because of its significant recreational value.

3. The Line of the Portsmouth and Arundel Canal
The Portsmouth and Arundel Canal along with the Wey and Arun Canal formed part of the route of the early 19th century industrial waterway linking Portsmouth to London.

A public footpath follows the line of entire length of the canal. The line of the canal stretches from west to east across the southern landscape of Barnham Parish. It shows the open farmland to the south and views of some of Barnham's historic buildings and the South Downs in the distance to the north.

The tow path and bed of the canal are clearly visible for much of the route and the remains of several swing bridges are evident. The footpath is popular with walkers and bird watchers and gives a home to a wide range of flora and fauna. Consequently it is an important link to the ecological and industrial heritage and a tourism attraction.

This is designated as Local Green Space because of its significant recreational value, historic nature and tranquility.

4. The Lidsey Rife
Home to a variety of fauna and flora the Lidsey Rife has been designated as a Biodiversity Opportunity Area due to the rich variety of birdlife on the water, banks and surrounding fields. The rife should be designated Local Green Space to ensure its importance for animals and birds.
This is designated as Local Green Space because of its significant natural wildlife.

5. Nanny Copse and Land west of Nanny Copse and east of Barnham Lane
There are very few examples of ancient woodland remaining in any area bordering the South Coast. Within the parishes of Barnham and Eastergate lies two such precious sites, one is Hedge End wood and the other is Nanny Copse wood.

Nanny Copse and the land to its west and east of Barnham Lane is known as “the triangle”. The designation of ancient woodland status signifies its importance not only as a heritage site but also for nature conservancy and ecological diversity, as such sites tend to be richer in terms of species composition and the natural resources required to support and sustain a rich diversity of wildlife.

Although there are tree preservation orders in place the open countryside surrounding the Copse acts as its protector. Apart from being prime grade 2 land, a natural flood defence for the village and part of the village gap, it serves as a natural barrier to human intrusion and the possible damage this can cause. The scenic amenity however is maintained because of the open aspect of the landscape and the close proximity of both Barnham Lane and Lake Lane, allowing pleasant views by both vehicle and pedestrian travellers.

The area’s significance as a place of historic or archaeological interest is unknown although surmise to say its name may give us a tentative link to its past, that is as a worked coppicing wood, and give us an insight into how we (people) interacted with it. If this is the case Nanny Copse could contain a wealth of cultural history just waiting to be brought to light.

This is designated as Local Green Space because of its significant natural wildlife character and interest and its Ancient Woodland status.

6. Land north of Barnham Road and east of Fontwell Avenue
This land open out to the north of Eastergate giving views of the South Downs. It is an area of ancient orchards and is home to a large variety of wildlife.

This is designated as Local Green Space because of its significant natural wildlife character and interest.

7. Land south of Barnham Road
The District Council in its Local Plan (both drafts) expresses a wish to provide a Green Infrastructure Network from the coast to the South Downs in order to prevent the fragmentation of important wildlife species. The land south of the villages with fields (often flooded), meadows, hedges, copses, rifes and ditches provide a rich resource of wildlife especially birds. Recent evidence from Sussex Ornithological Society indicates large numbers of ducks and wading birds in these fields, especially when flooded. e.g. over 200 wigeon, 60 shoveler, 120 tufted duck, 300 lapwing, 70 golden plover, 60 whimbrel.

Sightings of rare birds of prey (hen harrier, marsh harrier, red kite, short-eared owl and even osprey) have also been recorded. Developers of an adjacent plot of land (Brooks Nursery) admitted that they found 70 reptiles. This area also borders the main historical conservation areas of Eastergate and Barnham.
Although not a designated wildlife site, the characteristics of this match the criteria for all the Type A GI Corridors, specified in draft 1 of the Local Plan.

This is designated a Local Green Space on account of its natural biodiversity particularly in relation to the variety and number of birdlife; its importance to maintaining the continuity of a GI Corridor linking the Downs to the coast; the natural flood plain that it provides for the protection of Bognor Regis and Felpham from surface water run off and potential flood water when the rifes overflow; and for providing a clear open view towards the coast into and from the heritage parts of the two villages.

8. Hedge End Wood
The ancient woodland known as Hedge End Wood is bordered on one side by Hedge End estate and the other side by the Farnhurst estate. This woodland, with paths, has a variety of trees species growing in it including Oak, Ash, Maple, Holly, Hazel and a few Apple, Elder, and Yew. Ground plants include Bluebells, Bramble, Old Man’s Beard, Wild Garlic, Nettles, Wood Anemone, and Ivy. It also is home to a large variety of birds including woodpeckers, wrens and rooks. At the North end of the wood it looks over farm fields with views of the South Downs.

The rife (stream) runs on one side of the wood, over ground, and then through a weed screen and underground through a large pipe to join up with other rifes. If the weed screen becomes blocked or the flow of water is too much for the pipe to cope with, the water will flood the wood, this being an important part in flood defence at times of heavy rain.

This is designated as Local Green Space because of its significant natural wildlife character and interest and its Ancient Woodland status.
Appendix F - Local Open Spaces

In Barnham and Eastergate Parishes there are several areas of open green spaces. These offer a range of opportunities for recreation and enjoyment, providing places to meet and relax. Access to them has a clearly beneficial effect on physical and mental health and encourages social contact and integration, providing space for physical activity and play. The trees improve air quality, and provide shade in summer.

Open spaces are good areas for all forms of wildlife, both flora and fauna.

1. The School Playing Fields
There are school playing fields at Barnham Primary School and Eastergate Primary School and at St Philip Howard School. These are primarily for school usage as part of its sporting and health awareness and activity programmes. Nationally there has been a decline in the amount of area allocated to schools for sporting, health related and recreational activities. With great pressure on the local school system due to development it is felt that the playing fields should be maintained at the current level and therefore should have Local Open Space protection to ensure this.

2. Nursery Close Open Space, Saxby Close Open Space, Stempswood Way Open Space, Market Close Open Space, Hedge End Open Space

Hedge End Open Space
An open area of grassland adjoining Hedge End wood, well used by local residents for playing and relaxation.

Stempswood Way Open Space
This is an open area of grassland with mature Oak trees and a Copper Beech. This area is well used by local children.

Nursery Close Open Space
A large area of grassland with mature Oaks and a London Plane tree.

Market Close Open Space
An area of communal grassland surrounded by houses.

Saxby Close Open Space
A small private area of grassland alongside the children's play area. The open aspect of these spaces enhances the ambience of the area and contributes to a pleasant street scene. They contribute significantly to the overall appearance of the area and are used for recreation, dog walking and exercise as well as providing wildlife links to the wider Green Infrastructure Networks and should be designated as Local Open Space.

These open spaces are children’s playgrounds as well as places that contribute to the open and pleasant ambience of the area and are used by residents for exercise and children’s play but also contribute to wildlife biodiversity and habitat. They should be designated as Local Open Space.
4. St George’s churchyard, Eastergate, St Mary the Virgin churchyard, Barnham

**St George’s churchyard, Eastergate**
To get to the church and churchyard you walk through the conservation area farmyard of Manor farm passing the 17th century half timbered granary. The church dates back to Saxon times. The churchyard, with mature Yew trees growing in it, is a very peaceful place supporting a range of flora and fauna, overlooking farmland.

**St Mary the Virgin churchyard, Barnham**
The 11th century church is next to the manor house, Barnham Court. Several trees grow in this peaceful churchyard supporting a range of flora and fauna, overlooking farmland.
Pics from left to right: View of the South Downs; Barnham railway bridge; Cottages in Barnham; Barnham shopping area; Barnham Windmill; Murrells Field and Barnham Community Hall; Barnham Railway and street view
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Communications Strategy

Barnham and Eastergate Parish Council’s Communications Strategy

1. Statement of purpose
This communications strategy shows how effective communications can:
• help us achieve our overall communication objectives and engage effectively with stakeholders
• demonstrate the success of our work
• ensure people understand how they can play a part

2. Current situation
As the first level of government, Barnham and Eastergate Parish Councils are the channel for action on much of the local infrastructure in and around the parishes. The Councils decided to create a Neighbourhood Plan which sets out where development will go and what development could look like in the future. The Councils formed a Neighbourhood Plan Group who aimed to produce a plan by the Autumn of 2013. Communication and public involvement in the process were very important as the plan had to evidence local views and involvement. The Councils have web sites which were used to convey local news as well as the business of the Council. Monthly parish newsletters were used to promote key issues and notes and posters were added to community notice boards.

3. Organisational objectives and communications objectives
The Neighbourhood Plan Group aimed to ensure that all residents, businesses and local stakeholders had an opportunity to have their views examined and included in the plan process. It had a project plan which set out the key targets it had to meet.

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<td>Identify key stakeholder groups</td>
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<td>Keep the subject high on the local radar</td>
<td>Ensure that a message is delivered weekly by one or more media channels</td>
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<td>Arrange consultation events</td>
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<td>Create consultation questionnaires</td>
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### 4. Stakeholder Communication Methods

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<td>Leisure provision, job creation, housing</td>
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# Evidence of Community Engagement

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<td>Newsletter to all residents</td>
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<td>Youth engagement through St Philip Howard School</td>
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Full details of the results of consultations can be viewed on our web site. Specifically they are:

- Final Survey Results from the October 2013 survey
- Youth Survey Results from the November 2013 survey
- Sticky board results from the October open events
- Spot analysis from the October events
- Statutory Consultee responses from the Reg 14 consultation (contained in our Consultation Statement)
- Public Consultation Responses from the I Love my Villages event
- Play provision responses from children's survey
Environment and Sustainability

The two adjoining Parishes of Barnham and Eastergate, with their associated villages and settlements, are situated on a coastal plain extending from the foot of the South Downs to the present sea coast. Historically the coast lay further inland and the region is effectively the remains of ancient beaches and alluvial flats. The area is characterised by a flat, low lying and undulating landscape, criss-crossed by a network of ancient watercourses or drainage channels known as "rifes". The Parish boundaries are in part defined by these rifes. To the west, between the neighbouring Parishes of Eastergate and Aldingbourne, there is the Eastergate Rife which runs into the Lidsey Rife and the boundary between Barnham and Eastergate Parishes is marked by the Barnham Rife (See Appendix Map of Barnham and Eastergate). The Lidsey Rife runs southwards to Lidsey Waste Water Treatment Works (LWWTW) where it is joined by the Barnham Rife, before continuing southward to the confluence with the Aldingbourne Rife just to the east of the railway line north of Bognor Regis. The Aldingbourne Rife drains into the sea at Felpham (near Butlins) either through a series of tidal sluices or, at times of high tide and high flow, through a major pumping station. There are other substantial "drains" which feed into the rifes, some of these being substantial permanent watercourses in their own right, e.g. the southern boundary of Barnham Parish is defined by the south-westerly drain which joins the Lidsey Rife south of Lidsey WWTW. This drain is crossed by the Barnham to Flansham cycle way and is sometimes referred to as the Yapton Rife.

The topography within the two Parishes reflects the low lying coastal plain of the surrounding landscape. The Barnham Rife flows through a culvert system beneath the railway embankment just east of Barnham Station and the elevation of the road at this point is the same as high tide at the pumping station at Felpham - about 3m. This compares to an elevation of approximately 10m AOD at the roundabout at the junction of Fontwell Avenue/Barnham Road/Nyton Road ("The Lion War Memorial"). South of the course of the old Chichester-Arundel Canal (south of Barnham and Eastergate Parishes) the land falls to an elevation of generally between 0-3m AOD or lower, characterised by low lying farmland and drainage ditches towards Flansham. This land is the main flood plain although it has been reclaimed and drained since late mediaeval times, when there were tidal creeks, salt marshes and salt meadows in the south of this area. There are three significant man-made obstacles to the general north-to-south flow of surface water across this section of the coastal plain (from the South Downs to the sea), namely the A27, the railway and the Chichester-Arundel Canal. In the near future the Bognor Relief Road, which is currently under construction to the north of the town, could present a fourth man-made barrier to the north south flow.

There is significant evidence and research to support there drainage section all of which can be found on our web sites. Specifically:

Neighbourhood Plan Drainage Overview
Aldingbourne Flood Risk Draft
Barnham Flooding and Pollution Southern Water Position Statement
Barnham and Walberton Flood Map
Draft List of Flooding Incident Locations June 2013
EA - Sustainable Drainage Systems
Responses to survey questions relating to drainage:

Q55 Has your house been flooded?
587 responses
Yes 6.30%  No 93.70%

Q56 Has some of your garden been flooded?
576 responses
Yes 28.82%  No 71.18%

Q57 Where did the water in your garden come from?
125 responses

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<td>run off from surrounding area</td>
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<td>Sewers</td>
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Q58 Have the sewers backed up at your house?
558 responses
Yes 10.22%  No 89.78%

Q59 Has pressure of liquid ever lifted the sewer inspection covers in your garden?
551 responses
Yes 5.63%  No 94.37%

Q60 Do you agree that there should be no further housing development until an adequate solution to the flooding and drainage problems has been implemented?
491 responses
Yes 96.89%  No 3.11%
Appendix C to the Neighbourhood Development Plan identifies the main areas of flooding.

Tankers arrive daily to remove liquids from Barnham to the Waste Water Treatment Site

Manhole cover lifting with the pressure of water

Children’s playground underwater

The Aldingbourne Rife following heavy rain in January 2014. WSCC closed the A29 and stated that they could not pump more water into the rife for fear of causing problems to properties downstream in Felpham and Middleton-on-Sea.
Heritage and Natural Environment

The two Parishes are both areas of historic importance containing 24 Listed Buildings, 14 Buildings of Special Character, 3 Conservation Areas and 1 Area of Special Character.

Work carried out by the Environment and Heritage Group has identified a number of buildings and features that they believe should be added to the list of Buildings of Architectural and Historic Interest.

The Murrell Arms PH and outbuilding, Yapton Road, Barnham. Currently only on the local list.

The Old Rectory, Old Rectory Drive, Eastergate. Currently only on the local list.

The Old School, School Lane, Eastergate.

1-4 Field Cottages, Church Lane, Barnham, built 1890. Currently only on the local list.

1-4 Fishbourne Cottages, Elm Grove North, built 1901.

1-4 Tilsted Cottages, Elm Grove North, built 1906.

Vine Cottage, Yapton Road, Barnham, built 1801. Currently no listing.

The flint wall between Manor Farm and Eastergate School, seeking advice, guidance and grants for its restoration, including materials to be used.

The flint walls along Church Lane, Barnham, seeking advice, guidance and grants for their upkeep, including materials to be used.

The two pillars marking the entrance to Highground Lane, Barnham. Lych Gate of St. Mary's Church, Barnham.

The land surrounding the villages is open countryside supporting a wide range of flora and fauna.

Evidence of the extensive research carried out to understand the local natural and heritage environment can be found on our web sites. Specifically:

Natural Environment

Fontwell Racecourse SNCR Ar 1

Synopsis of Desktop Biodiversity Report

Bird sightings in Barnham and Eastergate

Biodiversity Opportunity Area 64 - Lidsey Rife
Results from the October 2013 survey:

Q44 Are you aware that the open spaces in Barnham and Eastergate parishes are home to a number of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and insects?

596 responses
Yes 87.42%  No 12.58%

Q45 Did you know that large numbers of a great variety of birds are regularly sighted in the fields, rifes and hedgerows within our parishes?

594 responses
Yes 86.53%  No 13.47%

Do you have information about sightings or particular nest sites?

Bats in back garden at dusk
Bats in fields by Barn Rise.
Bats, shrews, stag beetles, buzzards, kestrels at Highview Road Heron, swans at Barnham on ditches on cycle path
Brown trout in the rife
Buzzards Barnham area Farm Egrets Rife
buzzards regularly seen, skylarks have disappeared since nursery ground ploughed up
Deer and foxes in garden (Barnham Road)
Egret and buzzards Barnham Lane
Egrets in the fields and ditches, pheasants, foxes, grass snakes.
Every day
Fieldfares/redwings in winter, reed/sedge, warblers, herons and others.
Fish trout in the rife need protecting from pollution.
Foxes in Foxes Croft and birds nesting in gutters.
Foxes.
From our garden we see and feed buzzards, sparrow hawks, rooks, bluetit, coaltit,
great tit, wren, chaffinch, greenfinch, starling, sparrow, robin, blackbird, doves,
nuthatches, foxes and hedgehogs
Gold finches.
Green woodpecker. Large magpies.
Green, greater spotted woodpeckers; sparrow hawk regular buzzard sightings -
no knowledge of nests
Have seen deer/owls/skylarks.
Hedge end woods has a variety of wildlife
Hedgerows in fields beyond Wentworth Close.
Heron, Coot, Moorhen, Swan, Buzzard (at midday over The Brooks), Hen Harrier,
Red Wing and Fieldfare (last three in winter snow in my garden)
Herons nesting by cycle path to Flansham.
Herons, woodpeckers, red wings in winter, owls - in field behind garden.
I have noticed the total absence of thrushes for years one walked right into my
sitting room
I keep a list for the area beyond Church Lane towards the Rife.
I participate in environmental surveying for a big local business.
Its an important green corridor for migratory birds.
Kestrel sighted in my garden last night 6.10.13.
Kestrels in Chichester canal site.
Kestrels in the poplars at the end of our garden.
Kites, Owls, Sparrowhawks,
Kingfisher on the rife
Lake Lane has large area where birds roost. Morning and evening bird song
amazing.
Lapwings most on open farmland, land adjacent to public footpath Barnham /
Fontwell
Large heronry on way to Flansham via cycle path, just over wooden bridge/Rife.
Shame new bypass will be near it.
Mallard ducks on the roof of house next door in the spring.
No but I see em
No unfortunately.
No, but I talked to a twitcher who counts the species of birds as I walk my dog.

Only buzzards: woods south of Wandleys Lane, Eastergate.

Only pertaining to our own “wildlife friendly” garden

Owls and Kites, field behind Downview road and country mead

Owls by the Church Barnham.

Owls, larks, short eared owl

Owls, Woodpeckers, Gold crest, Kingfisher, Gold Finch, Long tailed tits.

Possibly.

Red Kites seen recently over Eastergate.

Redstart, Willow warbler on flood plains south of Barnham Church

Reluctant to divulge as cannot trust all to respect such areas

RSPB member/Birdwatch survey.

Short-eared owls using the fields by St Mary, Barnham to field.

Sightings Woodpeckers, Buzzards, Long Tailed Tits, Foxes, Badgers, Deer, All seen.

Slow worm and variety of bird life nesting in site next to Laurels, Yapton Road.

Slow worms and bats in the field behind Scholars Row.

Slow worms and lizards in green space between Goodacres and Lake Lane.

Sometimes see water voles in our brook and kingfishers.

Sparrowhawks.

Spotted white herons in fields at Eastergate.

Stag beetles, slow worms, bats, variety of birds often seen in our garden

There are fewer birds to be seen than, say, 10 years ago.

There is a wealth of information provided by the Sussex Ornithological Society of sightings in our area,

including some rare visitors. Just outside our parish, the heronry is a copse of trees full of heron and egret

nests.

this is wonderful and should be preserved

Various nests in our garden.

Water vole in the streams in Eastergate.

We get lots of garden birds in our garden (Gold Finches, Green Finches, Gold Crests, wrens and bats amongst many others).

We have a group of field fares which annually congregates in our garden during migration.

We have deer in the field behind our house and many birds.

We have grass snakes, stag beetles, lots of different butterflies and moths. I used to see water voles in the rifes over on the farm fields and cuckoos.

We now have birds of prey on our lawn, which we never had until a few years ago.
We saw a large bird about a month ago which we think was either a red kite or a sea eagle.

Woodpecker - Buzzards, Rookery

Woodpeckers in Eastergate playing fields.

Yapton Road by village hall, you can hear owls.

Yes

Yes - buzzard etc.

Yes but pass on Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre.

Yes stag beetles, wild bees hive

Yes - hedge end woods nanny copse

Yes, belong to RSPB.

Yes. We value the birds, nests, hedgehogs, fox etc seen in garden.

Q46 Should these areas be protected from development and be preserved as local green spaces?

584 responses

Yes 92.47% No 1.54% Don’t know 5.99%

Q47 Should our ancient woodlands, hedgerows and individual trees with preservation orders continue to be protected from inappropriate development?

589 responses

Yes 95.59% No 1.19% Don’t know 3.23%

Q48 Do you think more information should be proved about our wildlife?

589 responses

Yes 80.48% No 7.98% Don’t know 11.54%
Sport, Play and Leisure

Barnham and Eastergate are tourist destinations with significant numbers of people visiting to enjoy the open countryside, easy access to the South Downs and the south coast and to use the camping and caravanning sites and tourist accommodation.

There are issues with play provision for certain age groups and in particular issues in Eastergate.

Evidence of the extensive research carried out to understand the leisure and tourism issues can be found on our web sites. Specifically:

- Arun District Council Play Strategy
- Youth Survey 2013
- Tourism in Barnham and Eastergate
- Results from the 2013 residents survey

**Q3 Do you agree with a plan for our Villages that seeks to:**

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<td>Improve play facilities for our children?</td>
<td>92.95%</td>
<td>7.05%</td>
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<td>Offer better community activities for our young people?</td>
<td>96.98%</td>
<td>3.02%</td>
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<td>Improve access to Sport and Leisure activities for all ages?</td>
<td>96.31%</td>
<td>3.69%</td>
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<td>Provide some allotments for residents?</td>
<td>91.88%</td>
<td>8.12%</td>
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**Q11 Do you agree with a plan that seeks to:**

| Promote and support Tourism in the Villages and surrounding areas? | 85.37% | 14.63% | 540   |

**Q23 If a communal site was designated would you be interested in having an allotment to develop and maintain?**

474 responses

Yes 21.31%  No 78.69%

List of names of 74 people interested in plots
Getting Around

Transport Infrastructure

Barnham and Eastergate have major issues with car parking caused by commuter from Barnham Railway station.

The villages also have a network of footpaths and cycleways.

Evidence of the extensive research carried out to understand the local transport infrastructure can be found on our web sites. Specifically:

- Car Parking Survey undertaken March 2013
- Transport Infrastructure Report
- Results of October 2013 survey

Q2 Do you agree with a plan for our Villages that seeks to:

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<td>98.31%</td>
<td>1.69%</td>
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<td>Improve road safety as traffic through the villages continues to increase?</td>
<td>97.62%</td>
<td>2.38%</td>
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<td>Have additional commuter parking space near Barnham Station?</td>
<td>78.27%</td>
<td>21.73%</td>
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<td>Improve residential and retail parking in Barnham village?</td>
<td>92.57%</td>
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Q29 How do you get to work?
315 responses

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Q62 Would you support traffic restrictions in the centre of Barnham Village that limited parking to one hour?
583 responses
Yes 85.25%  No 13.55%

Q63 Do you think additional Retail parking should take precedence over additional Commuter parking?
553 responses
Yes 73.24%  No 26.76%

Q64 Would you like to see a 20mph speed limit throughout Eastergate and Barnham?
580 responses
Yes 55.52%  No 43.79%
Community Leisure and Wellbeing

Assets of Community Value

The Neighbourhood Plan proposes the following buildings are assessed by the local planning authority for designation as Assets of Community Value, as a result of their acknowledged importance to the life and enjoyment of the community:

- Eastergate Village Hall
- Barnham Community Hall
- Elm Tree Stores
- The Murrell Arms
- The Wilkes Head

Proposals that will enhance the viability and/or community value of the assets will be supported. Otherwise, proposals that result in either the loss of the asset or in significant harm to the community value of an asset will be resisted, unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the operation of the asset, or the ongoing delivery of the community value of the asset, is no longer financially viable. (Conformity Reference: NPPF para 70)

This policy proposes that new Assets of Community Value are designated by the local planning authority in line with the Community Right to Bid provisions of the Localism Act 2011. The Council is a qualifying body to make such a proposal to the District Council.

The assets listed in the policy are all considered to meet the definition of the Act, i.e. that “a community asset is a local building or piece of land which the community considers to be of particular value to the local community. Each community is free to decide for itself what it values.” All the assets selected are considered to be buildings and uses of some considerable longstanding in the local community and with which local people have a strong affinity.

If designated, the policy supports proposals that will continue the viable use of the community asset but requires proposals to that will result in the loss of an asset to clearly demonstrate that all reasonable steps have been taken to retain its present use and its community value as a viable concern.

In addition, the inclusion of these sites on the local planning authority’s register of Assets of Community Value will provide the Council or other community organisations within the parish with an opportunity to bid to acquire on behalf of the local community the asset once placed of sale on the open market.

Local Green Spaces

The listed areas are of special importance to the communities of Barnham and Eastergate Parishes and need special protection.

These areas are in reasonably close proximity to the communities they serve. They
offer beauty, tranquillity and views to the South Downs. They are also important for the richness of wildlife found on them. Some already have existing rights of way over them.

Map on Page 92

1. Murrells Field

This large area is the largest public use pleasure, recreational and leisure land in the village of Barnham. It has a multi use games area, fitness trail, football pitches and children’s playground. It has footpaths around the outer perimeters, which are extremely popular with walkers and dog walkers. It hosts the annual bonfire and fireworks and summer fairs. The area is also home to a variety and numerous number of trees and hedges and supports a range of wildlife.

This is designated as Local Green Space because of its significant recreational value.

2. Eastergate Sports Field

This sports field is the only public use field in Eastergate and is used for football and village fetes. It is popular with dog walkers and with people wishing to exercise.

This is designated as Local Green Space because of its significant recreational value.

3. The Line of the Portsmouth and Arundel Canal

The Portsmouth and Arundel Canal along with the Wey and Arun Canal formed part of the route of the early 19th century industrial waterway linking Portsmouth to London.

A public footpath follows the line of entire length of the canal. The line of the canal stretches from west to east across the southern landscape of Barnham Parish. It shows the open farmland to the south and views of some of Barnham’s historic buildings and the South Downs in the distance to the north.

The tow path and bed of the canal are clearly visible for much of the route and the remains of several swing bridges are evident. The footpath is popular with walkers and bird watchers and gives a home to a wide range of flora and fauna. Consequently it is an important link to the ecological and industrial heritage and a tourist attraction.

This is designated as Local Green Space because of its significant recreational value, historic significance and tranquillity.
4. The Rife

Home to a variety of fauna and flora the Rife has been designated as a Biodiversity Opportunity Area due to the rich variety of birdlife on the water, banks and surrounding fields.

The rife should be designated Local Green Space to ensure its importance for animals and birds. It is also connected by public footpaths and cycle paths and is much valued by residents for its tranquility and access to the countryside.

This is designated as Local Green Space because of its significant natural wildlife character and interest and its importance to residents and their connection to the countryside surrounding the villages.

5. Nanny Copse and Land west of Nanny Copse and east of Barnham Lane

There are very few examples of ancient woodland remaining in any area bordering the South Coast. Within the parishes of Barnham and Eastergate lies two such precious sites, one is Hedge End wood and the other is Nanny Copse wood.

Nanny Copse and the land to its west and east of Barnham Lane is known as “the triangle”. The designation of ancient woodland status signifies its importance not only as a heritage site but also for nature conservancy and ecological diversity, as such sites tend to be richer in terms of species composition and the natural resources required to support and sustain a rich diversity of wildlife.

Although there are tree preservation orders in place the open countryside surrounding the Copse acts as its protector. Apart from being prime grade 2 land, a natural flood defence for the village and part of the village gap, it serves as a natural barrier to human intrusion and the possible damage this can cause. The scenic amenity however is maintained because of the open aspect of the landscape and the close proximity of both Barnham Lane and Lake Lane, allowing pleasant views by both vehicle and pedestrian travellers.

The area’s significance as a place of historic or archaeological interest is unknown although surmise to say its name may give us a tentative link to its past, that is as a worked coppicing wood, and give us an insight into how we (people) interacted with it. If this is the case Nanny Copse could contain a wealth of cultural history just waiting to be brought to light.

This is designated as Local Green Space because of its significant natural wildlife character and interest and its Ancient Woodland status.

6. Land north of Barnham Road and east of Fontwell Avenue

This land opens out to the north of Eastergate giving views of the South Downs. It is an area of ancient orchards and is home to a large variety of wildlife. It is crossed by a footpath well used by residents and provides easy access to the countryside.

This is designated as Local Green Space because of its proximity to the community, significant natural wildlife character and interest.
7. Land south of Barnham Road

The District Council in its Local Plan (both drafts) expresses a wish to provide a Green Infrastructure Network from the coast to the South Downs in order to prevent the fragmentation of important wildlife species. The land south of the villages with fields (often flooded), meadows, hedges, copses, rifes and ditches provide a rich resource of wildlife especially birds. Recent evidence from Sussex Ornithological Society indicates large numbers of ducks and wading birds in these fields, especially when flooded. E.g. over 200 wigeon, 60 shoveler, 120 tufted duck, 300 lapwing, 70 golden plover, 60 whimbrel. Sightings of rare birds of prey (hen harrier, marsh harrier, red kite, short-eared owl and even osprey) have also been recorded. Developers of an adjacent plot of land (Brooks Nursery) admitted that they found 70 reptiles. This area also borders the main historical conservation areas of Eastergate and Barnham. Although not a designated wildlife site, the characteristics of this match the criteria for all the Type A GI Corridors, specified in draft 1 of the Local Plan. The land is crossed by public footpaths and links up to the Rife and to the The Portsmouth and Arundel Canal making a circular walk of much interest which is used by residents and visitors.

This is designated a Local Green Space on account of its beauty, natural biodiversity particularly in relation to the variety and number of birdlife; its importance to maintaining the continuity of a GI Corridor linking the Downs to the coast; the natural flood plain that it provides for the protection of Bognor Regis and Felpham from surface water run off and potential flood water when the rifes overflow; and for providing a clear open view towards the coast into and from the heritage parts of the two villages.

8. Hedge End Wood

The ancient woodland known as Hedge End Wood is bordered on one side by Hedge End estate and the other side by the Farnhurst estate. This woodland, with paths, has a variety of trees species growing in it including Oak, Ash, Maple, Holly, Hazel and a few Apple, Elder, and Yew. Ground plants include Bluebells, Bramble, Old Man's Beard, Wild Garlic, Nettles, Wood Anemone, and Ivy. It also is home to a large variety of birds including woodpeckers, wrens and rooks. At the North end of the wood it looks over farm fields with views of the South Downs.

The rife (stream) runs on one side of the wood, over ground, and then through a weed screen and underground through a large pipe to join up with other rifes. If the weed screen becomes blocked or the flow of water is too much for the pipe to cope with, the water will flood the wood, this being an important part in flood defence at times of heavy rain.

This is designated as Local Green Space because of its proximity to the community, its significant natural wildlife character and interest and its Ancient Woodland status.
Local Open Spaces

In Barnham and Eastergate Parishes there are several areas of open green spaces. These offer a range of opportunities for recreation and enjoyment, providing places to meet and relax. Access to them has a clearly beneficial effect on physical and mental health and encourages social contact and integration, providing space for physical activity and play. The trees improve air quality, and provide shade in summer.

Open spaces are good areas for all forms of wildlife, both flora and fauna.

Map on page 92

1. The School Playing Fields

There are school playing fields at Barnham Primary School and Eastergate Primary School and at St Philip Howard School. These are primarily for school usage as part of its sporting and health awareness and activity programmes. Nationally there has been a decline in the amount of area allocated to schools for sporting, health related and recreational activities. With great pressure on the local school system due to development it is felt that the playing fields should be maintained at the current level and therefore should have Local Open Space protection to ensure this.

2. Nursery Close Open Space, Saxby Close Open Space, Stempswood Way Open Space, Market Close Open Space, Hedge End Open Space

- Hedge End Open Space
  An open area of grassland adjoining Hedge End wood, well used by local residents for playing and relaxation.

- Stempswood Way Open Space
  This is an open area of grassland with mature Oak trees and a Copper Beech. This area is well used by local children.

- Nursery Close Open Space
  A large area of grassland with mature Oaks and a London Plane tree.

- Market Close Open Space
  An area of communal grassland surrounded by houses.

- Saxby Close Open Space
  A small private area of grassland alongside the children's play area.

The open aspect of these spaces enhances the ambience of the area and contributes to a pleasant street scene. They contribute significantly to the overall appearance of the area and are used for recreation, dog walking and exercise as well as providing wildlife links to the wider Green Infrastructure Networks and should be designated as Local Open Space.

These open spaces are children's playgrounds as well as places that contribute to the open and pleasant ambience of the area and are used by residents for exercise and children's play but also contribute to wildlife biodiversity and habitat. They should be designated as Local Open Space.

4. St George’s churchyard, Eastergate, St Mary the Virgin churchyard, Barnham

St George’s churchyard, Eastergate

To get to the church and churchyard you walk through the conservation area farmyard of Manor farm passing the 17th century half timbered granary. The church dates back to Saxon times. The churchyard, with mature Yew trees growing in it, is a very peaceful place supporting a range of flora and fauna, overlooking farmland.

St Mary the Virgin churchyard, Barnham

The 11th century church is next to the manor house, Barnham Court. Several trees grow in this peaceful churchyard supporting a range of flora and fauna, overlooking farmland.
Allotments

There are currently no allotment spaces in the parishes.

Evidence of research:
Current waiting list.
Allotments survey
October 2013 survey results:

**Q3. Do you agree with a plan for our Villages that seeks to:**

| Provide some allotments for residents? | 91.88% | 8.12% | 554 |
Health Care

There is no medical centre in the village of Barnham. Residents have to travel to either Eastergate or Yapton.

Evidence of the extensive research carried out to understand the issues relating to medical provision are as follows:

2013 Survey results

**Q41 Where are you a patient?**

599 responses

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<td>Avisford In Yapton</td>
<td>36.39%</td>
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<td>other</td>
<td>6.34%</td>
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**Q42 How many days did you have to wait for your last appointment?**

543 responses

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<td>1 to 2 days</td>
<td>46.22%</td>
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<td>3 to 7 days</td>
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<td>8 to 14 days</td>
<td>14.36%</td>
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<td>over two weeks</td>
<td>8.29%</td>
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1-2 days and 3-7 days.
1-2 days to see nurse or any doctor or over 2 weeks to see my own doctor.
3 to 7 days and 8 to 14 days.
8 to 14 days BAD!
cannot remember - long time ago!
Depends on Dr.
Depends on need - routine or urgent appointment, or to see nurse or doctor. To see doctor for routine appointment usually takes over 2 weeks but can be same day when urgent
I got an immediate appointment - same day
If early same day
if you get to surgery by 8.30am you will get a doctor. It is no good ringing it is either engaged or they don’t answer phone.
It’s not generally possible to book in advance sooner than 2-3 weeks, although you can phone for slots on the day if urgent
No wait at all, seen same day.
None. Same day appointment.
not applicable - I've never had a need for an appointment
0 days.
On the day.
Only ever get emergency appointments, same-day
Over 2 weeks to see doctor of choice.
Same day appointments always available for emergencies.
Same day.
This was a non-urgent appointment. Usually manage to get appointment on the day.

Q43 When you visit the doctor how do you travel?
580 responses

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<td>cycle</td>
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<td>drive</td>
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<td>bus</td>
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<td>community transport</td>
<td>0.52%</td>
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Employment and Enterprise

Raising the profile of employment and enterprise in the parishes is key to retaining and growing locally based commerce.

Evidence of the extensive research carried out to understand the local employment and enterprise infrastructure can be found on our web sites. Specifically:

1. The Vision
2. Analysis of the current recession and its impact on employment
3. Employment trends
4. Local economic activity 2011
5. An analysis of the neighbourhood demographics
6. Neighbourhood Skill Set Data
7. A review of neighbourhood Wealth and Incomes
8. Dangers of Spatially Targeted Enterprise Policy
9. Tried and Tested Govt Employment Solutions
10 Tried and Tested Govt Employment Solutions Re-engineered
11 Small Business the way forward for B&E NP
12 B&E NP_employment_and enterprise.doc
13 B&E_NP_employment_report.doc
14 Employment Task Diagram

Results from the 2013 survey

Q24 Employment. Are you

578 responses

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<td>employed full time</td>
<td>36.16%</td>
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<td>part time</td>
<td>14.88%</td>
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<td>retired</td>
<td>43.94%</td>
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<td>student</td>
<td>0.35%</td>
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<td>not working</td>
<td>3.29%</td>
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<td>unemployed</td>
<td>1.38%</td>
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**Q25 If in employment are you:**

**275 responses**

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<td>self employed</td>
<td>30.91%</td>
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<td>an employer</td>
<td>12.73%</td>
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<td>an employee</td>
<td>56.36%</td>
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**Q26 Would you like to start your own business in the area?**

382 responses

Yes 9.16%  No 90.84%

**Q27 If yes, what assistance would you require?**

26 responses

FINANCE
A grant
A Venue Sponsorship.
Advice and finance
Already have own business.
Already have own business.
Already work out of home; if I move/downsize, small workshop or yard to rent or buy would be needed
Annual local census data, Business mentors, A buy local campaign. Opportunities to trial & promote my business. A strong local business association
Better ways to advertise
BUT I HAVE STARTED A BUSINESS 24 YEARS AGO - NEED SUPPORT WITH RENT & RATES & RUBBISH COLLECTION & BROADBAND
Faster broadband
Financial
Financial support, advice
Have own business.
High speed internet connection, and eventually 4G mobile phone facility.
I already have my own business. Facilities with regard to expansion and other support areas would be welcome and used.
If I did, financial loans to start up.
Keep rates low.
Low-cost workshop
Money.
My husband works hard and earns well. We pay our way - or try to - we own a property and I care for my teenage children. This is paramount in our life.
Not sure.
Nothing specific as home based
Parish website for local businesses to add their details.
Rates break. I'd like to re-open the pub in Walberton. Again, the developers got one over on A.D.C.!

**Q28 Where Do you usually work?**

326 Responses

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<td>Locally 6 villages</td>
<td>32.52%</td>
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<td>Bognor Regis</td>
<td>7.67%</td>
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<td>Littlehampton</td>
<td>4.29%</td>
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<td>Chichester</td>
<td>20.25%</td>
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<td>Brighton</td>
<td>2.15%</td>
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<td>Portsmouth/Southampton</td>
<td>4.91%</td>
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<td>Gatwick Diamond</td>
<td>1.23%</td>
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<td>London</td>
<td>6.13%</td>
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<td>elsewhere</td>
<td>20.86%</td>
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Results from the 2013 Youth Survey

**Q 16 Are there enough links between schools and local businesses to help you make choices about local employment?**

34 responses

Yes 44.12%                  No 55.88%

**17 Do you think it will be possible for you to stay in the villages when you have completed your education?**

34 responses

Yes 44.12%                 No 55.88%

Comments - if not, why not

BECAUSE ITS NOT BIG ENOUGH, SO NOT MUCH OPPORTUNITY

I don’t want to.

I have other plans

It hasn’t got a good set of amenities.

**8 Have you been able to find a part time job?**

34 responses

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<td>In Barnham</td>
<td>5.88%</td>
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<td>In Eastergate</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>Elsewhere</td>
<td>23.53%</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
<td>70.59%</td>
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Housing and Design Quality

Housing

Understanding housing needs and aspirations of the local community is a key element of the Plan.

Evidence of the extensive research carried out to understand the local housing requirements can be found on our web sites. Specifically:

Population Analysis
Community Portrait
Barnham Community Profile
Eastergate Community Profile
Site Appraisals

Results of October 2013 survey

Q10 Do you agree with a plan for our villages that seeks to:

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<td>Support small scale development that meets local housing needs?</td>
<td>91.16%</td>
<td>8.84%</td>
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<td>Build up to a maximum of 350 new homes over the next 20 years?</td>
<td>70.57%</td>
<td>29.43%</td>
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<td>Ensure all development is energy efficient, sustainable and does not cause flood/drainage issues?</td>
<td>98.97%</td>
<td>1.03%</td>
<td>581</td>
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<td>Enforce design standards and reinforce character of the Villages?</td>
<td>96.32%</td>
<td>3.68%</td>
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<td>Have only energy efficient sustainable development?</td>
<td>91.04%</td>
<td>8.96%</td>
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Q11 Do you agree with a plan that seeks to:

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<td>Support sustainable</td>
<td>97.73%</td>
<td>2.27%</td>
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<td>growth and employment in</td>
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<td>local shops and businesses?</td>
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<td>Promote education</td>
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<td>and training opportunities</td>
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<td>for all?</td>
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<td>Build links between</td>
<td>95.67%</td>
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<td>local businesses?</td>
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<td>Improve online access</td>
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<td>Promote and support</td>
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<td>Tourism in the Villages</td>
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<td>and surrounding areas?</td>
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Q12 Please show the order of importance with number 1 the most important

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<td>49.39%</td>
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Q13 Would you like to downsize to a smaller dwelling?
574 responses
Yes 11.50%  No 87.46%  Don’t know 1.05%
Q14  If so, what sort of dwelling and number of bedrooms would you need?

<table>
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<th>House</th>
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<th>Bungalow</th>
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Q15  If you are not already a homeowner would you like your own property in Barnham or Eastergate?

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<td>64.29%</td>
<td>10.71%</td>
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Q16  If you are a younger person living in the family home would you like your own property in Barnham or Eastergate?

61 responses

Yes  52.46%  No  16.39%  Don't know  0%  N/A  31.15%
Q17  If yes, what type of property might you be looking for?

32 responses

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Q18  Are you on the housing register held by ADC?

420 responses

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<td>14.29%</td>
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Q19  Would you be prepared to accept limited additional housing if it provided some or all of the following facilities? Tick all that you agree with.

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<td>allotments</td>
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<td>more cycle lanes/routes</td>
<td>56.46%</td>
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<td>medical facilities in Barnham village</td>
<td>78.95%</td>
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<td>more local footpaths and access to the countryside</td>
<td>61.72%</td>
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<td>facilities for teenagers</td>
<td>54.31%</td>
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Design Quality

Affordable housing should not come at the expense of good quality well designed homes with access to quality outdoor space and which reflect the location in which they are placed.

Evidence of the extensive research carried out to understand the local design quality issues can be found on our web sites. Specifically:
- Building for Life 21
- Conservation and Archeological Heritage
- Buildings at Risk Register
Maps

Local Green Space and Local Open Space Maps

Green with darker edge = Local Green Space
Green with red edge = Local Open Space
Conservation Area Maps

Eastergate Square Conservation Area
Eastergate Church Lane Conservation Area
Barnham Conservation Area