

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Responses 7th December 2023 Event

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1. What do you want the Neighbourhood Plan to do? Put the following in order of priority/preference, with the highest priority at the top.

- A. Conserve the local character and history of the area
- B. Allow for new development in particular areas
- C. Boost the opportunity for employment in the area
- D. Support and encourage existing local businesses and commercial operations
- E. Recognise buildings and spaces of importance
- F. Protect the ecology and biodiversity of the area
- G. Provide affordable housing for local people with a local connection
- H. Provide suitable housing for downsizing to enable local young people and families as well as local older people to remain in the area
- I. To promote and support alternative sustainable transport initiatives to the use of the private car
- J. Maintain and enhance existing local community facilities.

Rank Response: Highest	1	A
	2	F
	3	H
	4	G
	5	B
	6	D
	7	I
	8	E
	9	J
Lowest	10	C

2. Environment and heritage

a. What are the main issues relating to the environment of the Parish?

Response; Retain trees and hedges . Reduce light pollution. Encourage sustainable transport /cycling /walking. Protect historic landscape , protect existing buildings of local significance not protected by statutory listing.

b. Why is it important to protect the area's valuable heritage and historic assets?

Response; Irreplaceable ,once lost or significantly damaged the harm can not be undone. Our heritage and historic assets'ground' the community, giving a sense of place.

c. Is it important to discourage loss of tree cover, hedges and natural vegetation, particularly within the settlement areas?

Response; Yes , loss impacts the environment , protected species and vital wild life required in this time of climate crisis

d. What local green spaces do you know of that are important to protect?

Response; Is this designated local green space ?- see previous draft NP which lists these in the Parish

e. Is it important to ensure sustainable drainage for surface and foul water for all developments?

Response; Yes to reduce flood risk and environmental pollution. further investment is required into foul drainage to serve the Parish

f. How can biodiversity be protected, recovered or enhanced?

Response; retain trees and hedges , green open spaces , encourage better agricultural practices, reduce light pollution
Invest in projects to improve biodiversity . Limit inappropriate development in this rural area

g. Any other comments?

Response; Recognise the importance of the rural country side supporting biodiversity and protect it from excessive and inappropriate development

3. Infrastructure

a. What buildings/land should be identified as community assets?

Response; those identified in the previous draft neighbourhood plan , shops, community halls, church ,public house, recreational facilities ,telephone boxes

b. Should community assets be protected?

– **Response;** Yes

c. What additional infrastructure should be provided in the Parish (cycle routes, footpaths, open/play space etc)?

– **Response;** Improved and better linked public footpath/cycle/bridleway network to allow for better access and recreation and also safe connection between the settlements
Recreational space is urgently required for Ifold a settlement of 470 houses has no public open space. the community hall has no outside space other a tiny area to the front , not suitable for recreation or community activities.

d. Any other comments?

– **Response;** the linking of Ifold to Plaistow as one service village means that there is no imperative for Chichester District council to address the lack of provision in Ifold . Plaistow facilities are 2miles from Ifold with access by a busy narrow country road with 60 mph limit , making it too dangerous to walk and unsuitable for children to safely cycle. Forcing residents to drive to access facilities not within their own community.

4. Housing

a. What are the main issues relating to the provision of housing within the Parish?

- **Response;** Existing housing stock mainly 4/5 bedroom high value preventing younger people to access housing and elderly to downsize. Limited suitable sites therefore only a small number of houses could be built without damaging the valued countryside. Lack of sustainability ,a car is required to live in the Parish.

b. Should affordable housing be a priority for provision within the Parish?

- **Response;** Yes , but limited number of affordable low rent needed (cost of living in the countryside place low income families in rural poverty with limited access to employment) Low cost market housing required to encourage younger people and young families.

c. What should the tenure of affordable housing be?

- **Response;** Market low cost and self-build market housing .

d. What size of dwelling should be provided?

- **Response;** 2 , 3 bedroom and housing suitable for the elderly to downsize.

e. Should the existing housing stock be protected?

- **Responses;** Redevelopment of larger units will lead to loss of biodiversity by increasing the density with loss of trees hedges and increasing the pressure of lighting, noise and car movements.

f. Any other comments?

- **Response;** Designating some housing outside of Ifold settlement boundary could be used to fund and provide for public open space for the community ?

5. Economy and Employment

a. What are the main issues relating to jobs and employment in the Parish?

- **Response;** Rural community , work places in the Parish is limited those who work in the Parish mainly self employed working from home .

b. How should new opportunities be provided for new/start up businesses?

- **Response;** Some limited B1 and office space , carefully located , access is poor to country roads.

c. Should existing employment floorspace be protected?

- **Response;** Yes generally where the existing use is appropriate and not resulting in unacceptable levels of vehicle movements and noise

d. Should the expansion and development of existing employment be encouraged?

- **Response;** Only where it would not result in excessive vehicle movements and noise and light pollution
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e. Any other comments?

- **Response:** Any employment premises existing or new should not impact adversely existing rural and residential areas by significant increased vehicle movements, size of vehicles, noise and light pollution flood risk, impact biodiversity

6. Transport

a. What are the main issues to do with transport and accessibility in the Parish?

- **Response;** limited size country lanes , reducing capacity to take more traffic. Poor public transport. Country lanes dangerous for walking and cycling

b. How should alternative modes of transport other than the private car be encouraged?

- **Response;** Provide better public transport ,more frequent service of smaller buses linked to railway timetable. Better safer cycle routes and foot paths

c. How would the provision of cycle routes encourage less use of the car as a mode of transport?

- **Response;** Better cycle link between the main communities may encourage more cycling for school / shops/ access recreational facilities. But generally residents will still drive .
Better cycle routes and improved bridleway may encourage more cycling for recreation.

d. Where should cycle routes be proposed?

- Response;** Between Plaistow and Ifold and Loxwood

e. Any other comments?

- **Response;**

7. Climate change

a. What issues arise from development that are related to climate change?

- **Response;** Vehicle usage , loss of trees , hedges ,open spaces , flooding , inherent carbon usage in materials concrete etc. to produce new buildings , roads etc.
Loss of biodiversity

b. What features should the Neighbourhood Plan promote on developments to mitigate the impact of climate change?

- **Response;** low impact housing development reduce tree hedge loss ,promote tree planting , use sustainable materials for buildings , low carbon heating , use of renewables like PV electric car charging points etc.
Garden space / public open space

c. How can the effects of climate change be addressed through the management of development?

- **Response;** Require better sustainable developments , use of materials , build for lifetime requirements, well located to local facilities to reduce vehicle usage , green spaces , hedges/ tree provision.
Manage flood risks , surface water disposal .

d. Any other comments?

- **Response;**