

Neighbourhood Plan SURVEY REPORT

The Civil parish of Battle

Rother DISTRICT

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1 Introduction

The Civil Parish of Battle consists of Battle town, Netherfield and Telham together with the surrounding countryside. The Steering Group has been asked to produce a Neighbourhood Plan which will influence how the area will look over the foreseeable future. The Plan can deal with housing, retail and office provision, leisure and transportation in all forms.

This survey was developed and undertaken by the Battle Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in conjunction with the Town Council. The aim of the survey is to guide and help inform the Neighbourhood Plan via the consultation activities and exercises.

Part of the Government's strategy for building sustainable communities is a strong recommendation that parish councils produce a document where local people can set out what they want for the future of their community.

One of the key stages of producing a neighbourhood plan is to obtain views of the local community as to what they think is good about their community and what they think could be better. The responses to the survey will now form part of the building blocks of the next stages of the plan making process leading to refined policies to guide and influence all future developments in the parish within the plan period.

The evidence that has been provided through this survey will be used alongside other consultation activity outcomes to set objectives and a number of policies.

Further consultation activities will be carried out throughout the process until the final plan is submitted and a referendum undertaken.

Section 2 outlines the methods used to distribute, collect and analyse the survey. It also provides information on the response rate which can be used as a general measure of how reflective the survey is of the wider population.

Section 3 outlines the key themes and messages observable in the survey responses.

Section 4 provides a breakdown of the answers provided to the questions asked in the survey. These are structured and organised with reference the themes outlined above.

The **appendix** provides details of the responses provided to the open-ended questions which were included within the survey. These allowed respondents to explain their answers, provide examples or to identify answers not provided within the list proposed.

2 Survey methodology and response rate

2.1 Methodology

The survey was conducted using a questionnaire consisting of both closed and open-ended questions. This mix allows questions to focus on obtaining specific pieces of information tailored at responding to certain issues or themes (closed questions), whilst allowing a degree of freedom in the responses which people provide (open questions).

It is important to support objective information with contextual and subjective reasoning in order to fully understand certain issues and to allow people to explain their reasoning or preferences.

2.2 Response rate

A total of 2,865 paper survey forms were distributed by hand to each household in the parish together with a pre-paid business reply envelope. A total of 987 responses were received in all. Out of these, 77 filled the survey forms online and the remaining 910 were submitted via the forms provided in hard copy. Based on the total number of surveys distributed to the parish households, this provides the survey with a response rate of approximately 34.5% which is generally regarded as a high return figure.

2.3 Presentation of the responses

Actual response figures and percentage breakdowns are provided for each question. These represent the number of responses received in relation to each answer as a proportion of all those responding to that particular question. This may not reflect the total number of responses received to the entire survey.

Please note – Not all of the respondents provided answers to all of the questions; therefore the numbers of responses for each question will not necessarily match the total number of respondents. In addition, not all percentages may round up to 100.0% due to rounding.

Open-ended responses are provided in individual appendices at the end of the report. These comments are taken unaltered from the survey forms. Links to the appropriate appendix are provided next to each question. Please note that due to illegible or indecipherable handwriting, these are on occasion best guess interpretations.

2.4 Note

- It is worth noting that a low response rate on an issue does not necessarily mean the issue should be less prioritised. It does not automatically make it an unimportant thing but rather, depending on the nature of the question, it could call for further exploring the result and identifying those that are being affected by it.
- A higher proportion of residents might be satisfied with a service because it may have little or no impact on their lifestyle whereas the same issue could be greatly limiting a few others movements.
- Percentages are a quick and easy way of identifying and addressing issues. However, they could easily lead to overlooking issues that require immediate attention. Surveys are done not only to see how well a place is doing, but what gaps are left that need tidying up - no matter how small - before they become big issues.

3 Key Findings

- A total of 987 responses were received to the survey. This represents a response rate to the survey of 34.5%.
- A majority of respondents 87.7% (844) identified their home type as owner/occupier; with 6.4% renting privately; 4.9% renting from a housing association, 0.6% in sheltered accommodation and 0.1% in a mobile home.
- Of the responses received to the survey and in relation to who lives in those households, the majority (871) were aged 61 plus followed by 587 aged between 41-60; 241 aged between 21- 40, 202 aged between 11-20 and 165 aged 10 years and below. Of these 1,124 were females and 959 were males.
- With regards to employment status in relation to who lives in those households, the majority (778) were retired; followed by 463 in full time employment; 33 at school or college; 199 self-employed, 166 employed part time and 30 were unemployed.
- When it came to what respondents most value about living in the Battle Civil Parish, the top five were as follows: a majority of 765 ticked the countryside; followed by 456 on medical facilities; 364 on shops, 338 ticked friendliness and 327 ticked links to London, etc.
- A majority of those in work (571) said their place of work was within 15 miles of their home whilst 119 travel to London for work. A total of 521 respondents work in the Battle Civil Parish area and 181 work from home.
- In relation of people's nature of work, of those who responded to this question, the majority (413) were professional; 178 were office based, 147 were manual and 91 were employed in retail.
- Regarding respondents' mode of transport to work, leisure facilities or education, the use of a car (1,657) dominated in general with 881 using it to get to the leisure facilities, 604 for work and 172 for education. This was closely followed by walking 100 metres as minimum (1,472) with 1053 walking to leisure places, 275 to work and 144 to education. The use of lorries was the mode least used.
- In response to the question, 'If approved, what benefits should arise from any new development?' the top five responses were as follows: the majority (547) went for parking; followed by improvements to public transport (343); homes for local people (323), local jobs and businesses (316) and conservation area maintenance (314).
- With regards to the question on what the major disadvantages from any new developments are, the top five responses were in order of majority: parking/traffic congestion/additional traffic violations (752) followed by infrastructure overload (544); possible loss of protected countryside (499), inadequacy of the local roads (482) and changes to the character of the area (454).
- With regards to what type of housing would suit respondents if they moved into a new development, the main preferences were two bedroomed houses (309) and three bedroomed houses (305). A total of 188 went for four bedroomed or more houses and 58 preferred a one bedroomed house. In terms of tenure, an overwhelming majority (860) would prefer to buy; 60 said they would rent from a Housing Association, 29 would rent privately and 9 preferred shared equity.

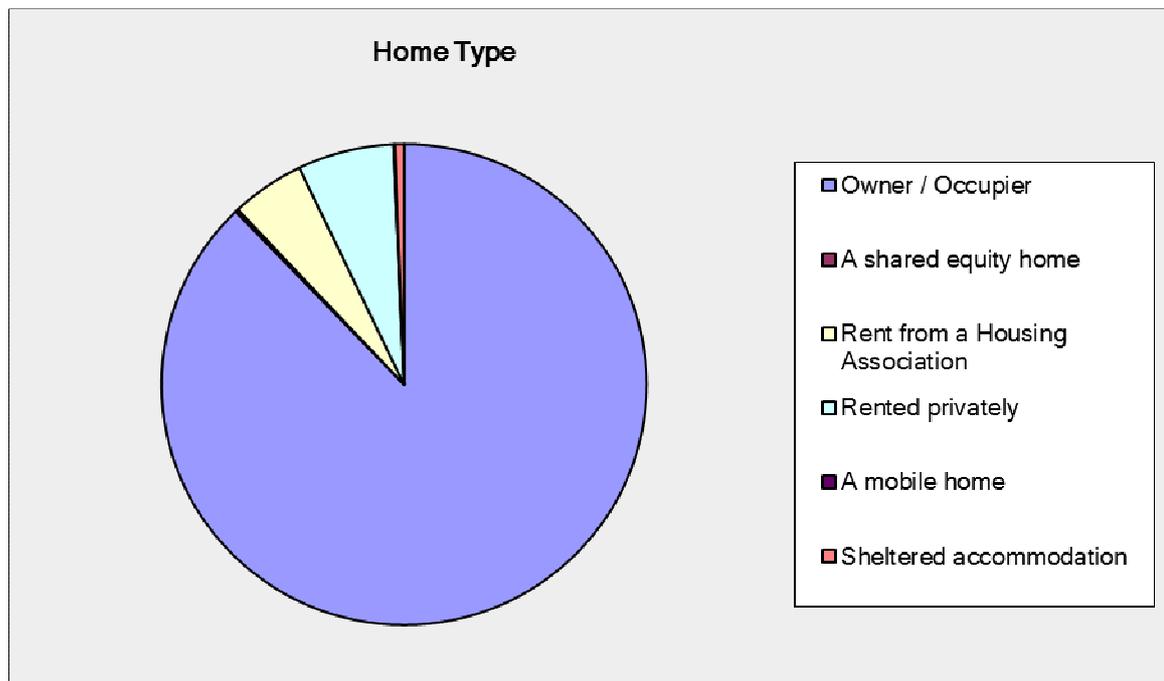
- In response to the question of an ideal size for a new housing scheme, 323 went for fewer than 10; 391 ranged between 11 and 30; 207 ranged between 31 and 50; 72 went for 51-100, 32 went for 101 to 200 and 21 went for over 201.
- The top five items respondents felt the neighbourhood plan should cover are as follows: any new scheme must have adequate infrastructure facilities in place or provision be made to install prior to building construction (596); a minimum of on-site parking for two vehicles (547); development designs should respect the character of the area (545), new building sites in the countryside should be modest in size (490) and new estates should not be larger than the existing settlement to which they adjoin (445).
- The top five strengths of the Battle Parish were identified as follows: medical facilities (658) followed by the train service (568) and then closely by secondary schools (547), primary schools (499) and the Library service (497).
- The top five weaknesses of the Battle Parish were identified as follows: an overwhelming concern on town centre congestion (855) followed closely by the lack of free parking (834); this was followed by the general lack of parking spaces (578), congestion on estate roads due to lack of on-plot parking provision (451) and the lack of evening entertainment for teenagers (439).
- With regards to the well-being of the area and community, a majority of respondents (754) felt walking should be encouraged for all age groups; 683 respondents felt all new homes should be energy efficient above current standards; 497 felt it was sustainability as an overall concept in any decision making process which affects the area and community, 405 identified cycling should be encouraged for all age groups with 147 liking the idea of solar farms within the parish countryside.
- In terms of how to support the local economy, converting redundant agricultural buildings into industrial/retail/office use and - only where justified – housing, and providing start-up units for smaller businesses were identified as the highest preferred with 559 and 553 ticks respectively. This was followed by 197 on encouraging larger businesses, e.g., over 50 staff, into the Parish if linked to public/private transport needs and 86 on allocating more land for commercial use.

4 Survey Responses

4.1 YOUR HOME

1. Type.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Owner / Occupier	87.7%	844
A shared equity home	0.2%	2
Rent from a Housing Association	4.9%	47
Rent privately	6.4%	62
A mobile home	0.1%	1
Sheltered accommodation	0.6%	6
25 respondents skipped this question		



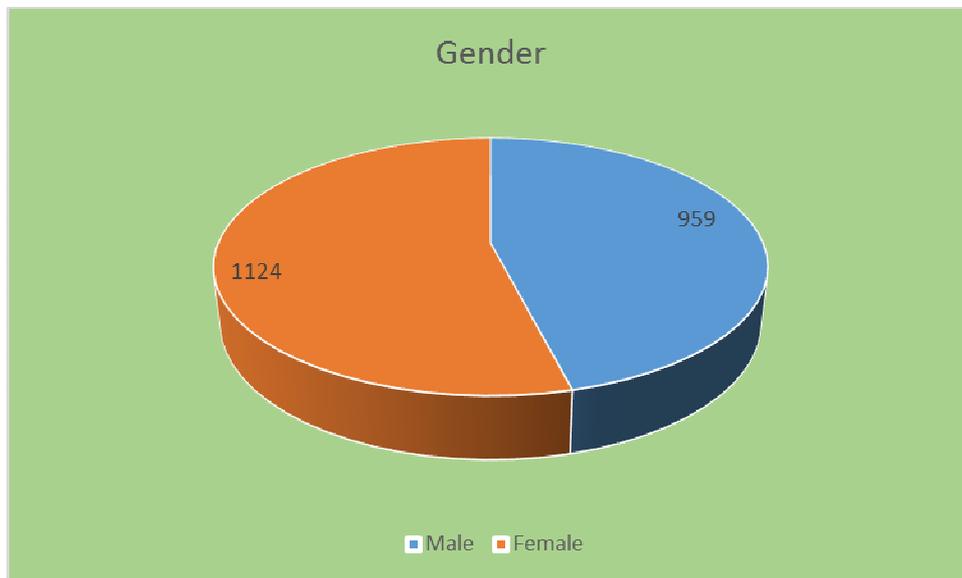
2. Who lives there?

2a. Age (total number of people's ages across the households that responded)

0-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	70+
165	202	110	131	245	342	411	460

2b. Gender

Male	Female
959	1,124



2c. Employment Status

Self-employed	Fully employed	Part time	Retired	Unemployed	At school or college	N/A
199	463	166	778	30	333	66

13 respondents skipped this question

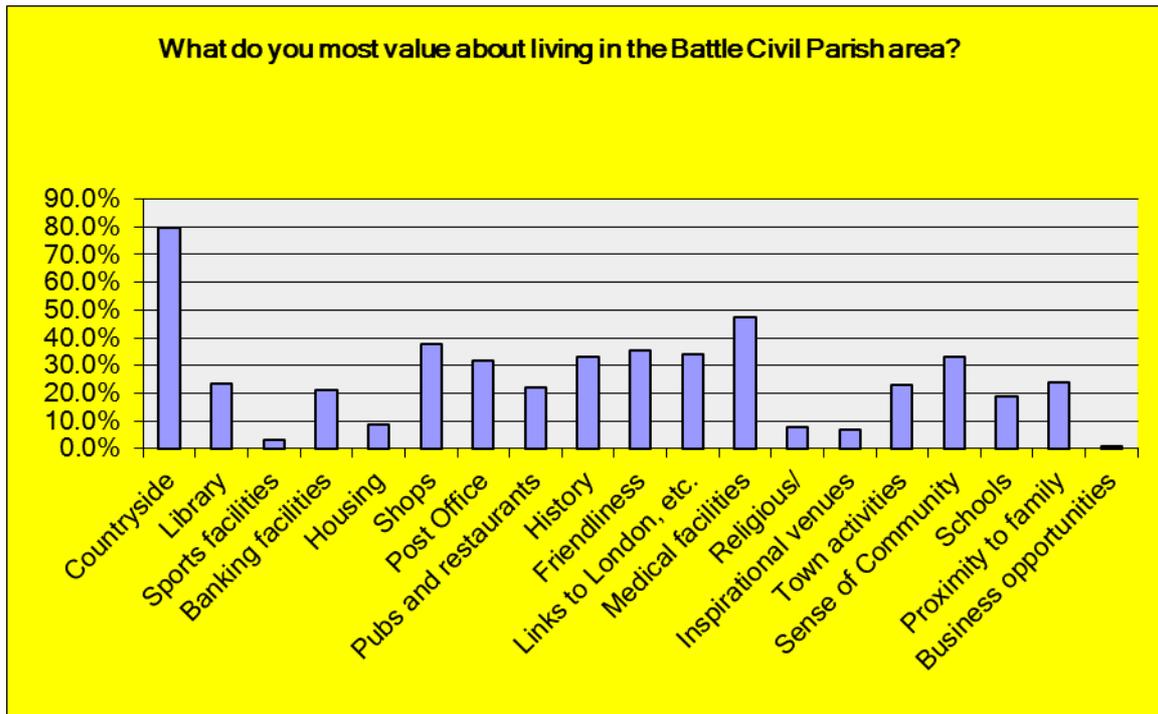


3. What do you most value about living in the Battle Civil Parish area?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Countryside	79.6%	765
Library	23.5%	226
Sports facilities	3.2%	31
Banking facilities	21.0%	202
Housing	8.9%	86
Shops	37.9%	364
Post Office	31.8%	306
Pubs and restaurants	21.9%	210
History	33.3%	320
Friendliness	35.2%	338
Links to London, etc.	34.0%	327
Medical facilities	47.5%	456
Religious/Inspirational venues	8.0%	77
Town activities	6.8%	65
Sense of Community	23.1%	222
Schools	32.9%	316
Proximity to family	18.8%	181
Business opportunities	23.9%	230
Other suggestions:	59 open ended responses were received – see Appendix 1	
26 respondents skipped this question		

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Rural Transport Jempsons Facilities High Street
 Arts Battle Swimming Pool Community
 Coast Town Shops Proximity Bus Service
 Parking Peace and Quiet Important Compactness
 Local Library Safety



4.2 WORK

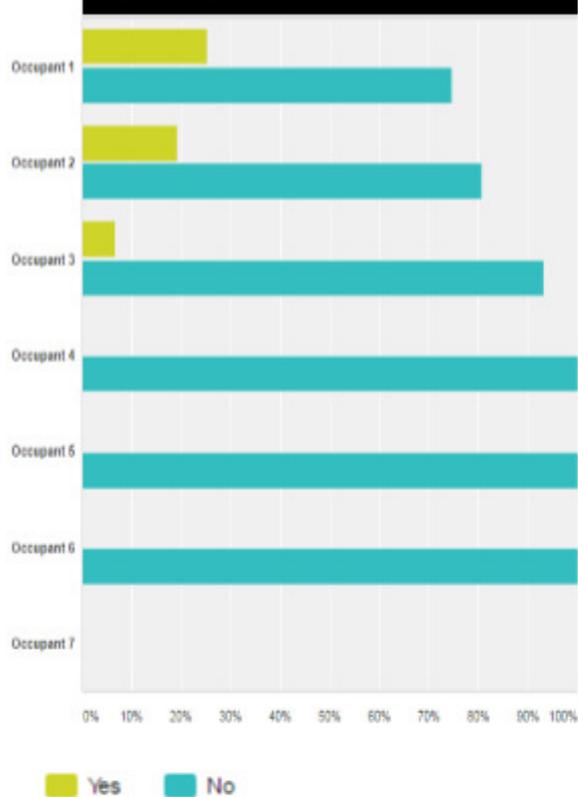
4. Details of those in work

	Yes	No
Do you work from Home?	181	668
Do you work in the Battle Civil Parish area?	313	521
Is your place of work within 15 miles of your home?	571	254
Do you travel for work to London?	119	695

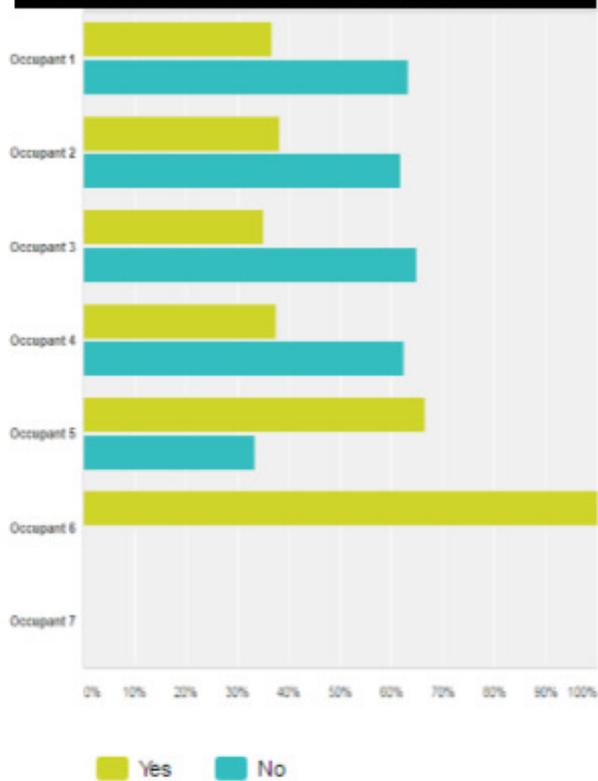
4b. Is your work manual (M), retail (R), office (O) or professional (P)?

Manual	147
Retail	91
Office	178
Professional	413
472 respondents skipped this question	

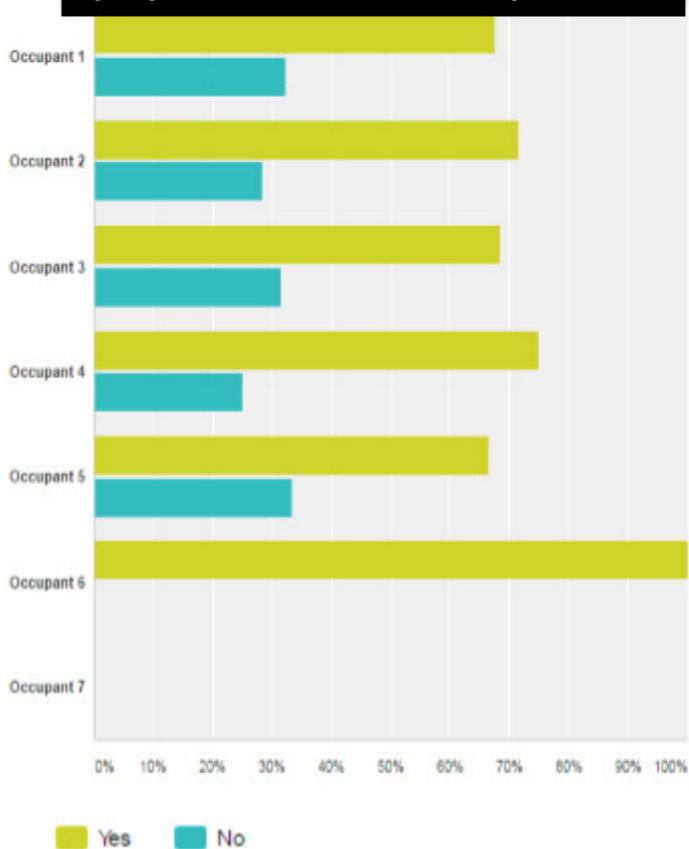
Do you work from home?



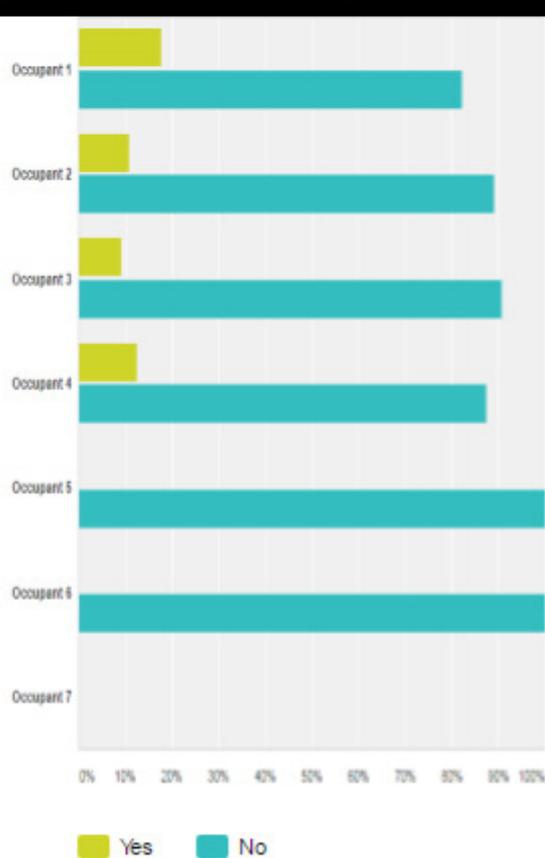
Do you work in the Battle Civic Parish Area?



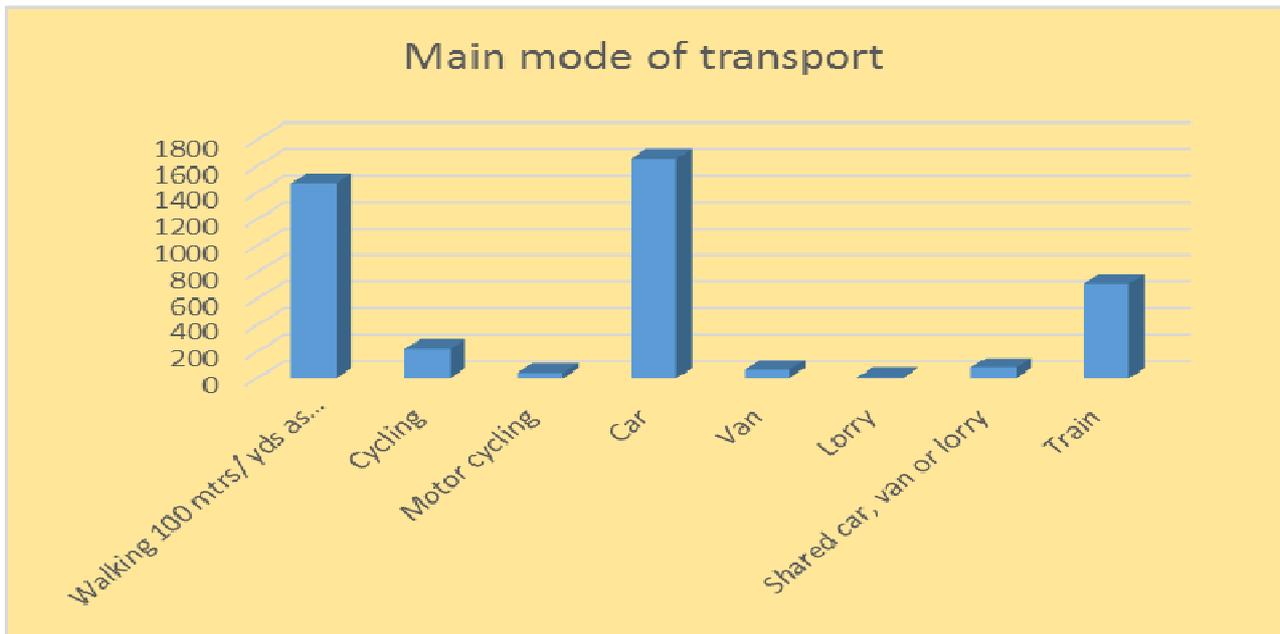
Is your place of work within 15 miles of your home?



Do you travel to work to London?



	1,472	219	40	1,657	61	7	79	712



4.3 NEW DEVELOPMENTS

6. If approved what benefits should arise from any new development?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Local jobs and businesses	33.5%	316
Improvements to walking and cycling routes generally	32.7%	308

Additional medical facilities	27.8%	262
Affordable housing	28.5%	269
Residential properties for elderly	17.9%	169
Starter homes	15.5%	146
Family sized homes	8.8%	83
Land for leisure activities	18.7%	176
Open spaces	27.0%	255
Parking	58.0%	547
Safe cycling and walking routes	32.3%	305
Rental properties	5.3%	50
Self builds	3.6%	34
Improvements to public transport	36.4%	343
Compatible housing	3.6%	34
Conservation area maintenance	33.3%	314
More shops	13.0%	123
Office units	0.5%	5
Infrastructure improvements e.g., electricity, gas, broadband, water and sewage treatments	30.8%	290
Homes for local people	34.3%	323
Any other suggestions:	166 Open ended responses were received – see Appendix 2	

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Netherfield Interesting Safe Form Access Theatre
 Swimming Pool
 Opportunity to Provide Energy Efficient
 High Street Green Field
 Development Cottage Hospital
 School Dangerous Parking
 Public Transport Battle Traffic Calming Road
 Management Housing Buses Affordable Horse
 Crossing Station Bus Routes

7. what are the major disadvantages from any new developments?

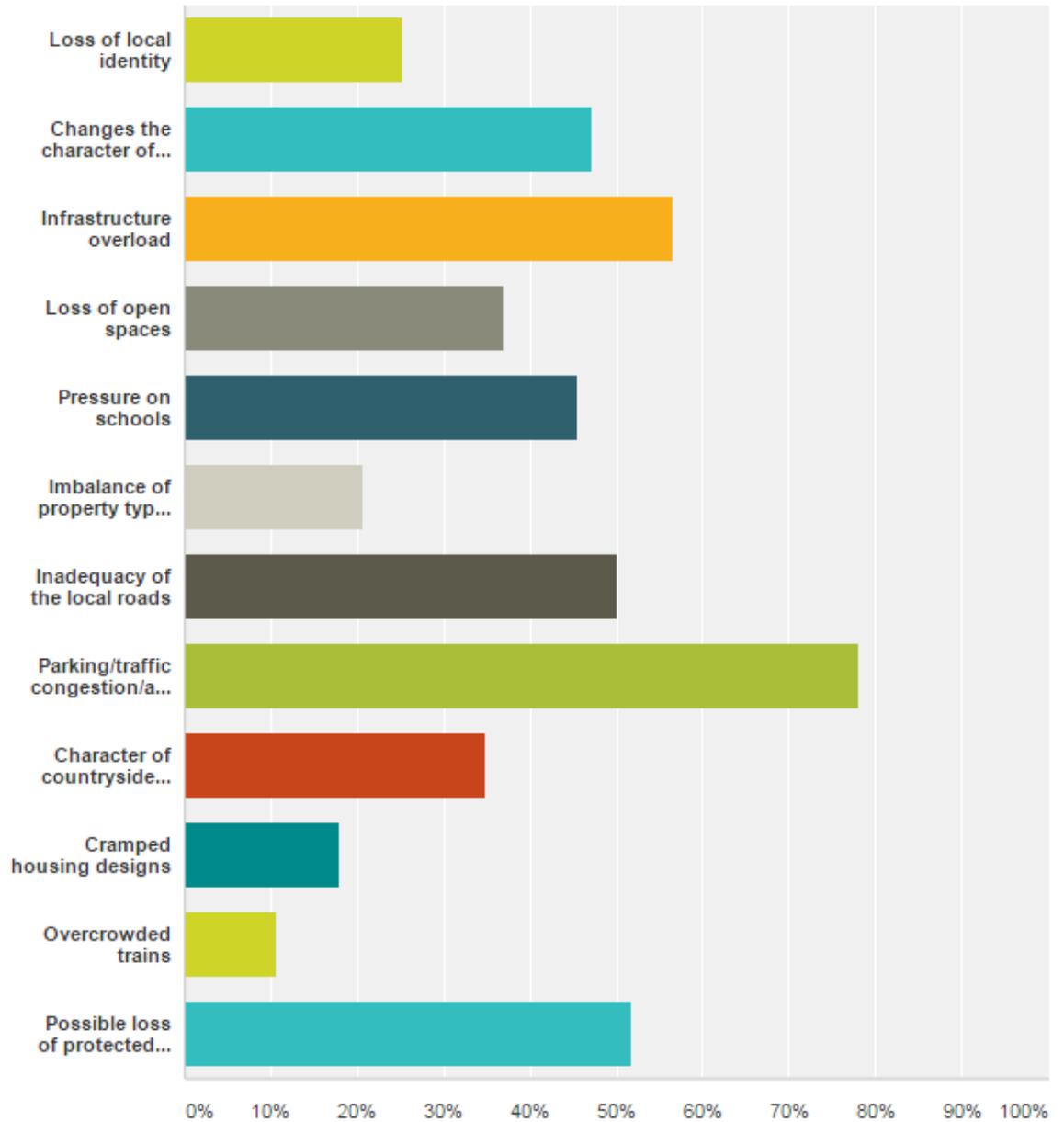
	Response Percent	Response Count
Loss of local identity	25.3%	244
Changes the character of the area	47.1%	454
Infrastructure overload	56.5%	544
Loss of open spaces	36.9%	355
Pressure on schools	45.6%	439
Imbalance of property types (not enough family, affordable or starter homes)	20.7%	199
Inadequacy of the local roads	50.1%	482
Parking/traffic congestion/additional traffic violations	78.1%	752
Character of countryside changed	34.9%	336
Cramped housing designs	17.9%	172
Overcrowded trains	10.7%	103
Possible loss of protected countryside	51.8%	499
Any other suggestions	76 Open ended responses were received – see Appendix 3	

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High Street Poor Medical Facilities Inadequacy
Parking Think Housing Strain
Development Problems Battle Green
Roads Pollution Local London Loss Considered
Countryside Planning Increase

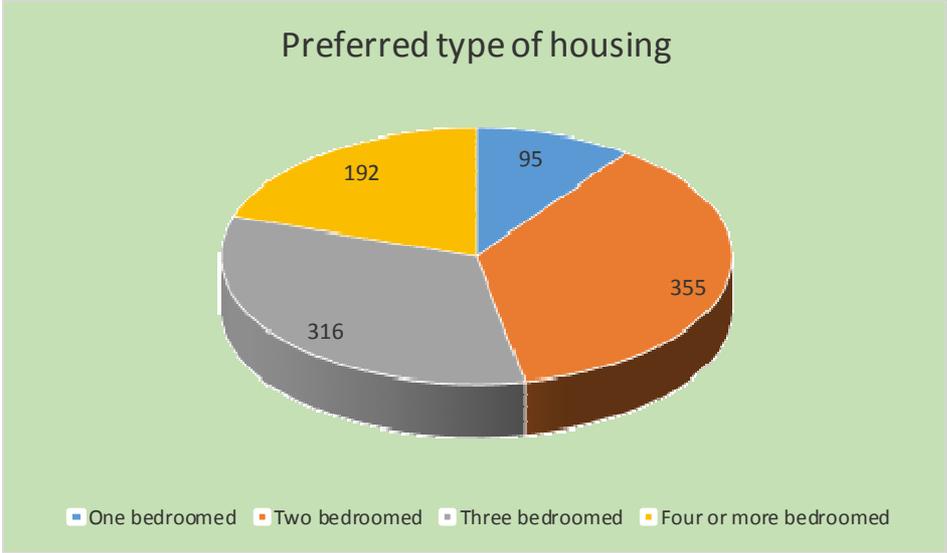
What are the major disadvantages from any new developments? [Please tick up to your five most important as you wish.]

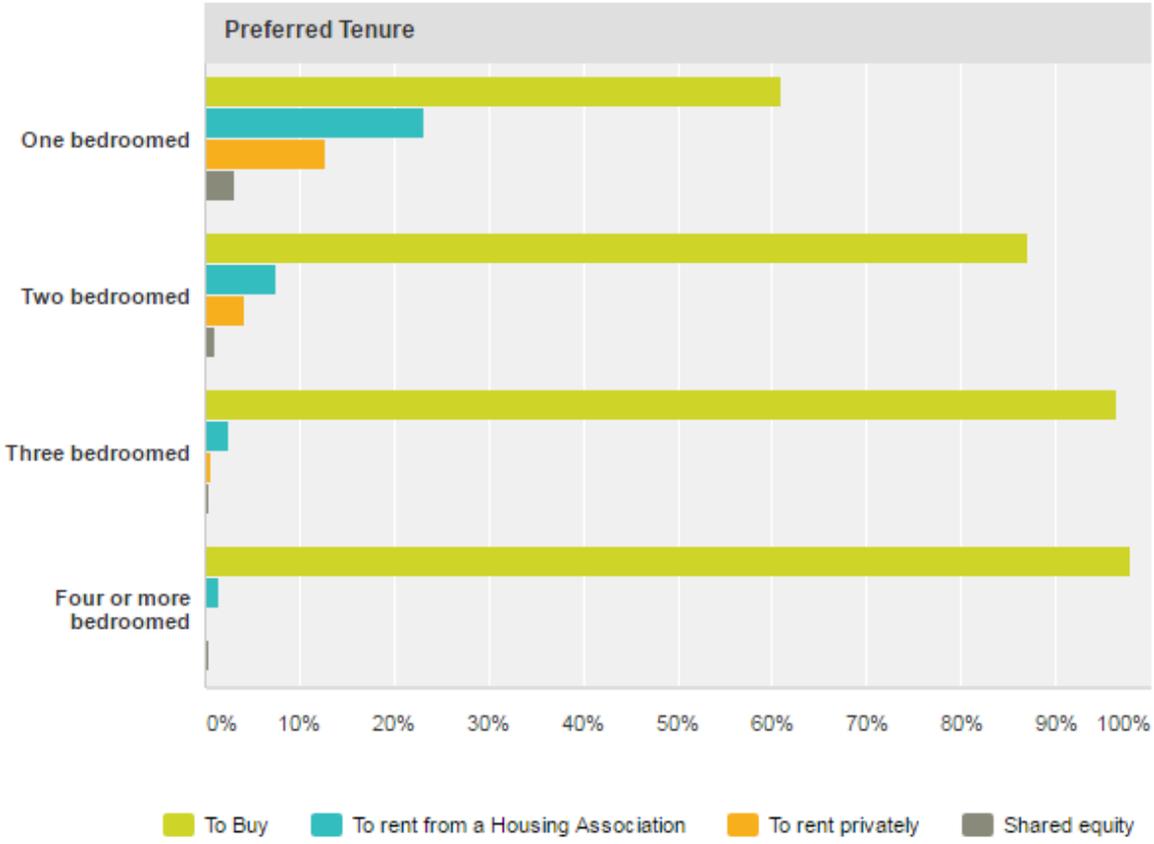
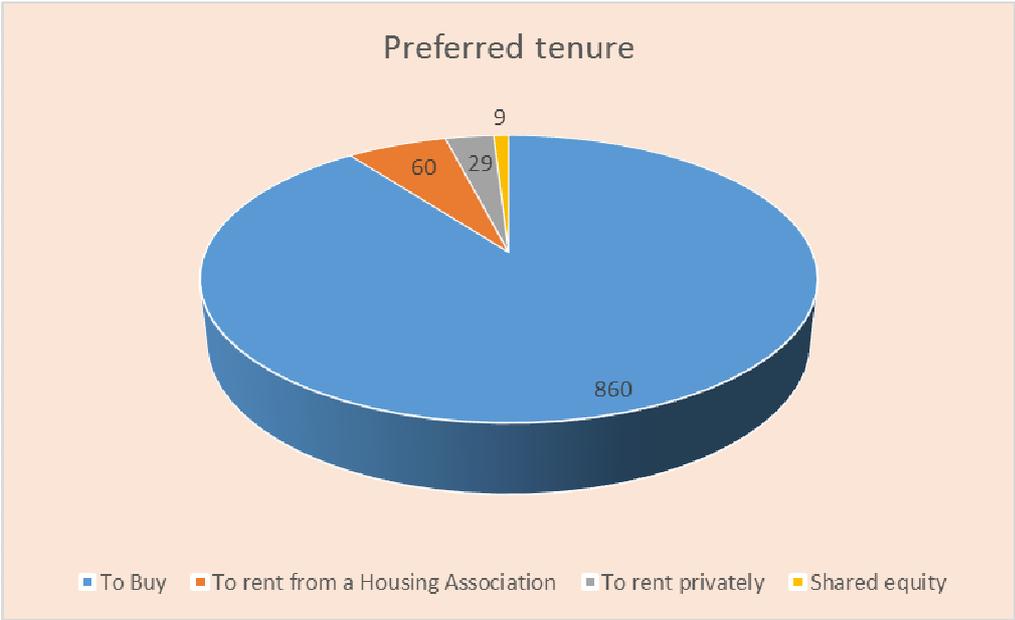
Answered: 963 Skipped: 24



8. What type of house would suit you if you moved to a new development?

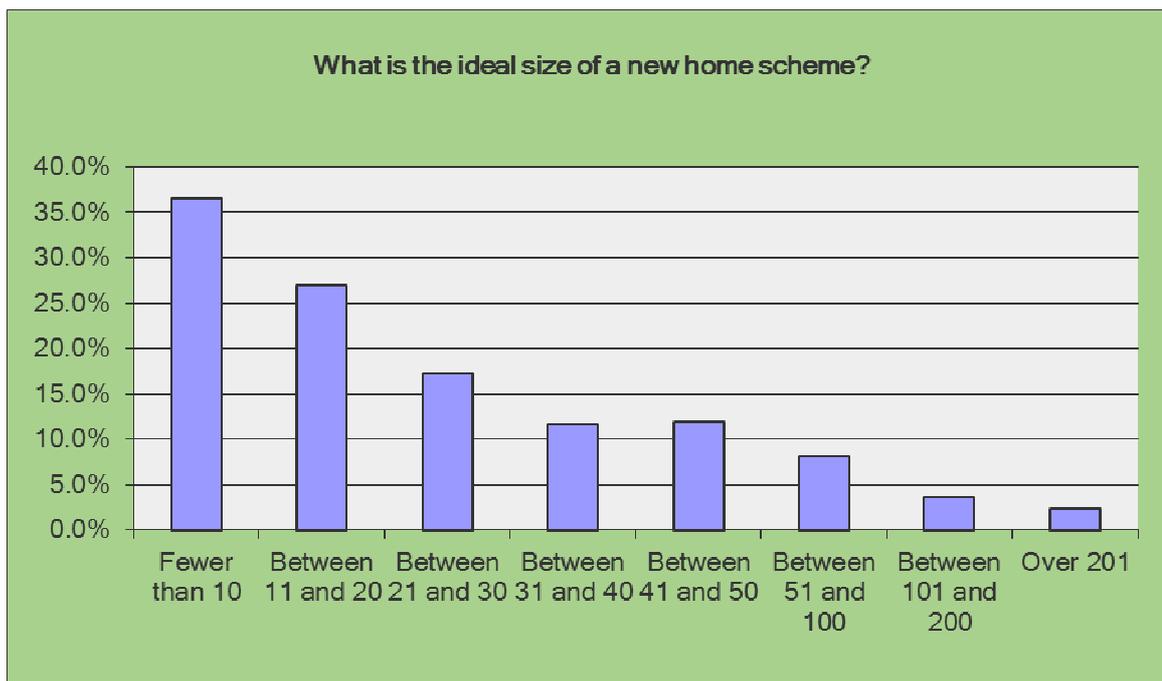
	Preferred Tenure				Totals
	To Buy	To rent from a Housing Assoc.	To rent privately	Shared equity	
One bedroomed	58	22	12	3	95
2 bedroomed	309	27	15	4	355
3 bedroomed	305	8	2	1	316
4 or more beds	188	3	0	1	192
Totals	860	60	29	9	





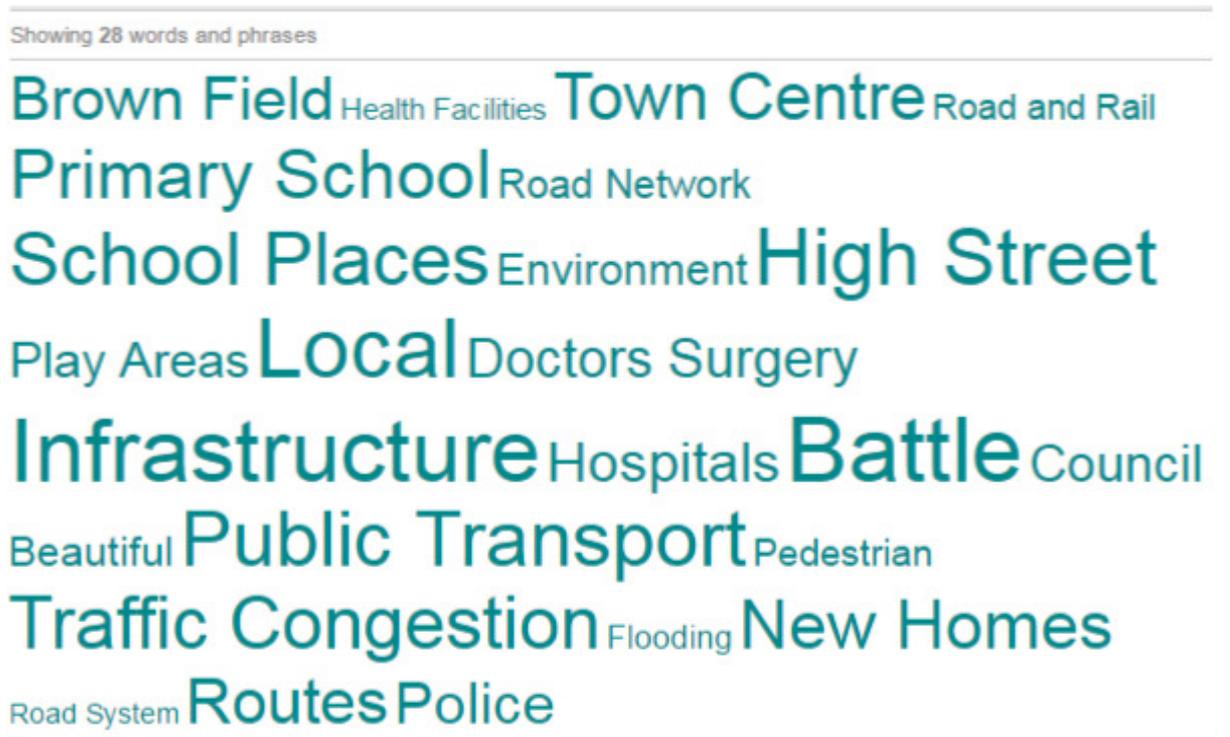
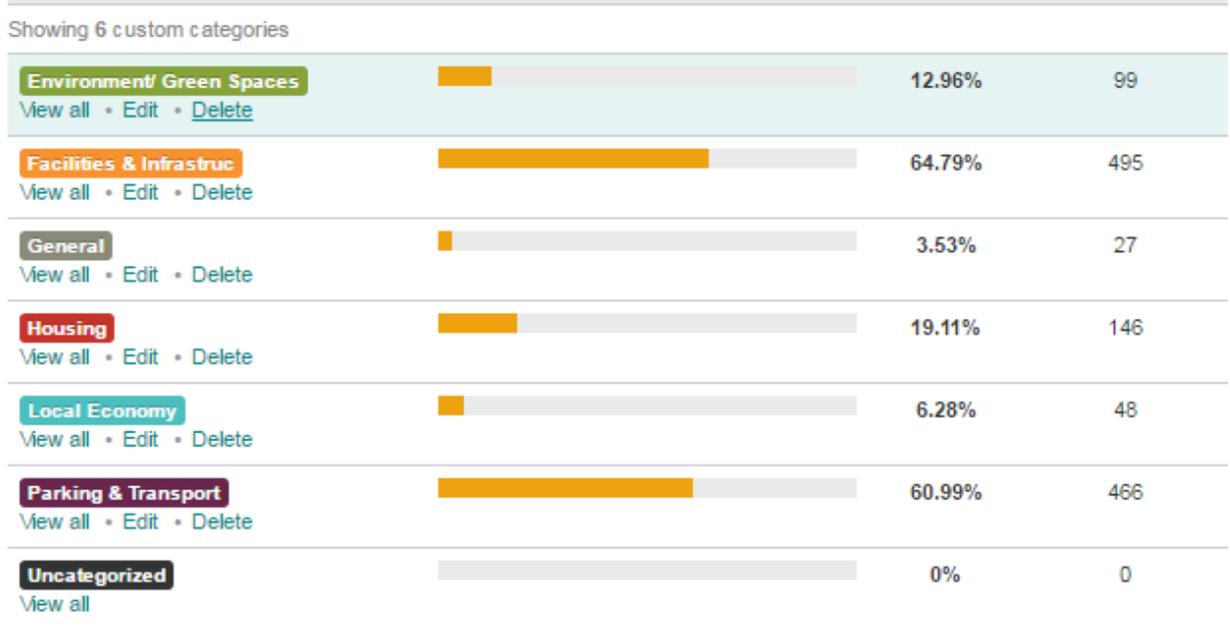
9. What is the ideal size of a new home scheme?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Fewer than 10	36.6%	323
Between 11 and 20	27.0%	238
Between 21 and 30	17.3%	153
Between 31 and 40	11.6%	102
Between 41 and 50	11.9%	105
Between 51 and 100	8.2%	72
Between 101 and 200	3.6%	32
Over 201	2.4%	21



10. Rother District Council Core Strategy talks about 475-500 homes in Battle and 55 in Netherfield that should be provided during the Plan period up to 2028. What should be considered to cope with these additional homes?

764 Open ended responses were received – see Appendix 4
 223 respondents skipped this question

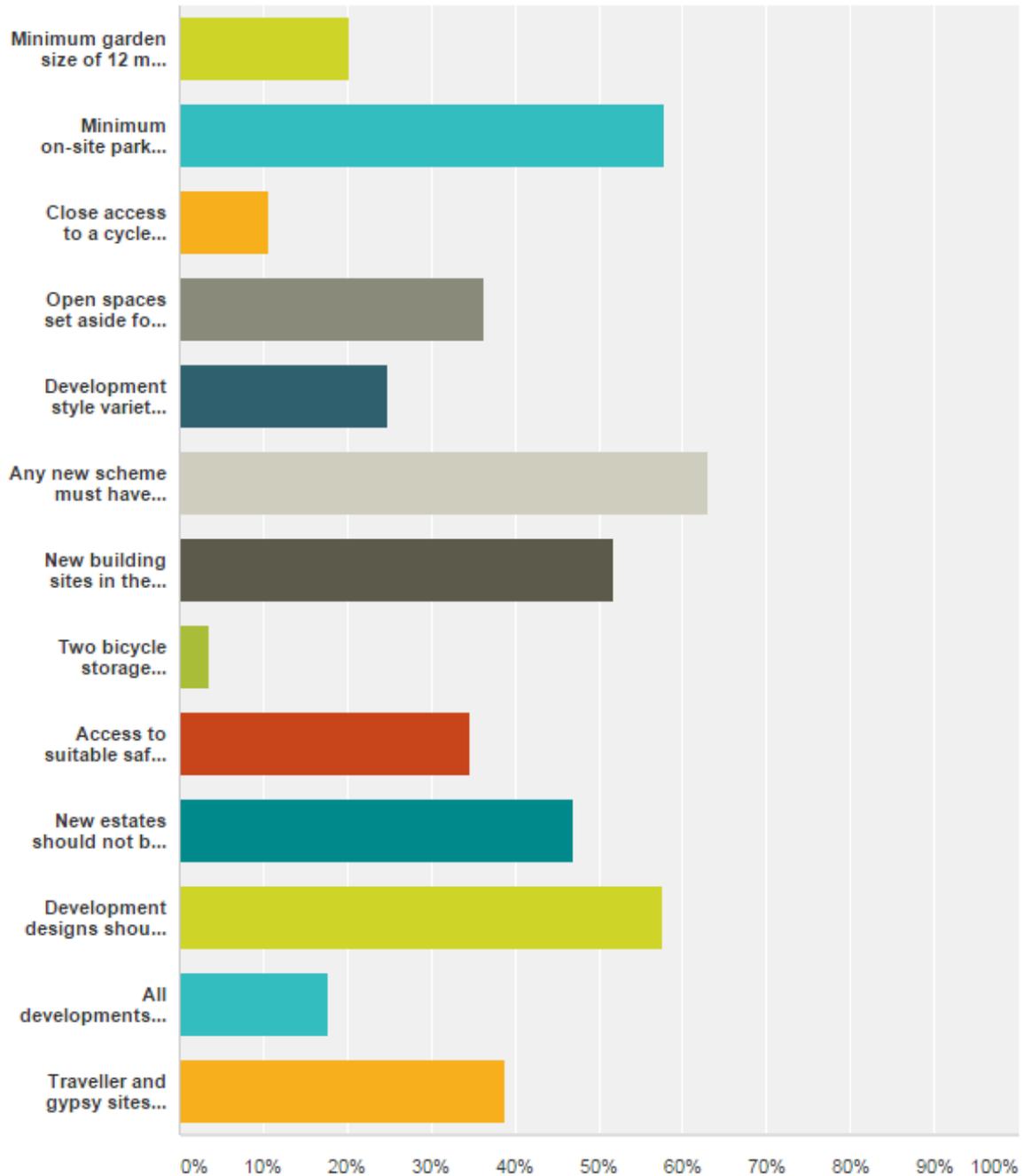


11.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Minimum garden size of 12 m deep for properties outside Battle Conservation Area	20.3%	192
Minimum on-site parking for two vehicles	57.8%	547
Close access to a cycle route near each development	10.7%	101
Open spaces set aside for children's play if none within 400m for any 30+ unit schemes	36.3%	343
Development style variety to enhance the street scene	24.9%	236
Any new scheme must have adequate infrastructure facilities in place or provision is made to install prior to building construction	63.0%	596
New building sites in the countryside should be modest in size	51.8%	490
Two bicycle storage facilities (set apart from the garage) for each house where only a single sized garage is in place	3.5%	33
Access to suitable safety footways/footpaths for each housing scheme	34.7%	328
New estates should not be larger than the existing settlement to which they adjoin	47.0%	445
Development designs should respect character of the area	57.6%	545
All developments must meet the new Neighbourhood Plan criteria	17.7%	167
Traveller and gypsy sites must conform to the latest government guidelines for their provision and be a minimum 500 m from any other sites for travellers or gypsies. No static sites shall be turned into bricks and mortar.	38.9%	368

Should the Neighbourhood Plan cover the following items? [Please tick up to your five most important as you wish.]

Answered: 946 Skipped: 41



12. Battle Parish (including Netherfield and Telham) strengths.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Free flow of traffic	22.3%	211
Train service	60.0%	568
Medical facilities	69.5%	658
Range of shops	47.3%	448
Allotments	25.0%	237
Access for the disabled	14.1%	134
Library service	52.5%	497
Cycle routes	5.5%	52
Choice of Religious/Inspirational Venues	24.0%	227
Primary schools	52.7%	499
Secondary schools	57.8%	547
Playgrounds	26.9%	255
Litter bins	26.2%	248
Homes for the elderly	31.2%	295
Bus services including the Battle Bus	36.9%	349
Footpaths around the countryside	44.7%	423
Free parking	22.2%	210
Society and club variety	22.2%	210
Your suggestions:	120 Open ended responses were received – see Appendix 5	

Tourists Nice **Bank** Heritage **Bus Services** Important
School Public Toilet Provision **Strength** Run
Needs Buses **Battle** Safe **Parking**
History **Town** Events **High Street** Club
Community Excellent **Road** Historic
Train Service Countryside

13. Battle Parish (including Netherfield and Telham) weaknesses.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Town centre congestion	88.3%	855
Train service	13.7%	133
Medical facilities	11.4%	110
Range of shops	25.1%	243
Lack of free parking	86.2%	834
General lack of parking spaces	59.7%	578
Congestion on estate roads due to lack of on plot parking provision	46.6%	451
Broadband provision	28.9%	280
Lack of primary school places	17.1%	166
Lack of secondary school places	13.2%	128
Playgrounds	10.4%	101
Cycle parking provision	14.2%	137
Lack of modern offices	3.7%	36
Lack of evening entertainment for teenagers	45.4%	439
Lack of footways to roads in the countryside	31.1%	301
Public toilet provision	35.3%	342
Your suggestions:	215 Open ended responses were received – see Appendix 6	

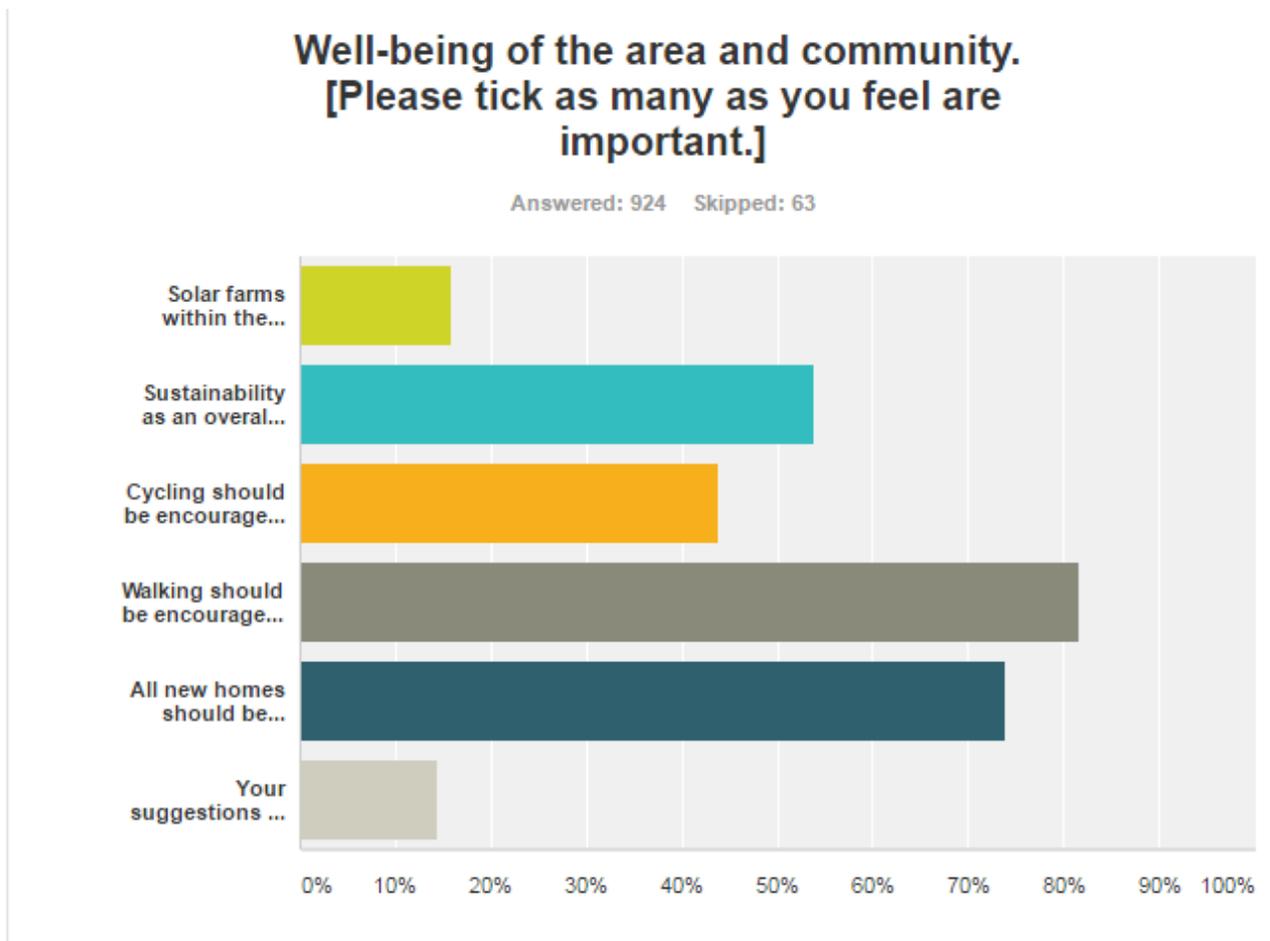
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Access Cheaper **Bus Service** Homes for the Elderly
Cycle Routes Living Accommodation **Centre**
Police Presence **Facilities** Broadband **Town**
Restaurants **Battle** Parking Spaces **Road**
Public Transport **High Street**
On-road Parking **Shops** Recreation Ground
Residents Not Enforced **Abbey** Waste
Double Yellow Lines Society **Public Toilets**
Weaknesses

14. Well-being of the area and community.

	Response Percent	Response Count

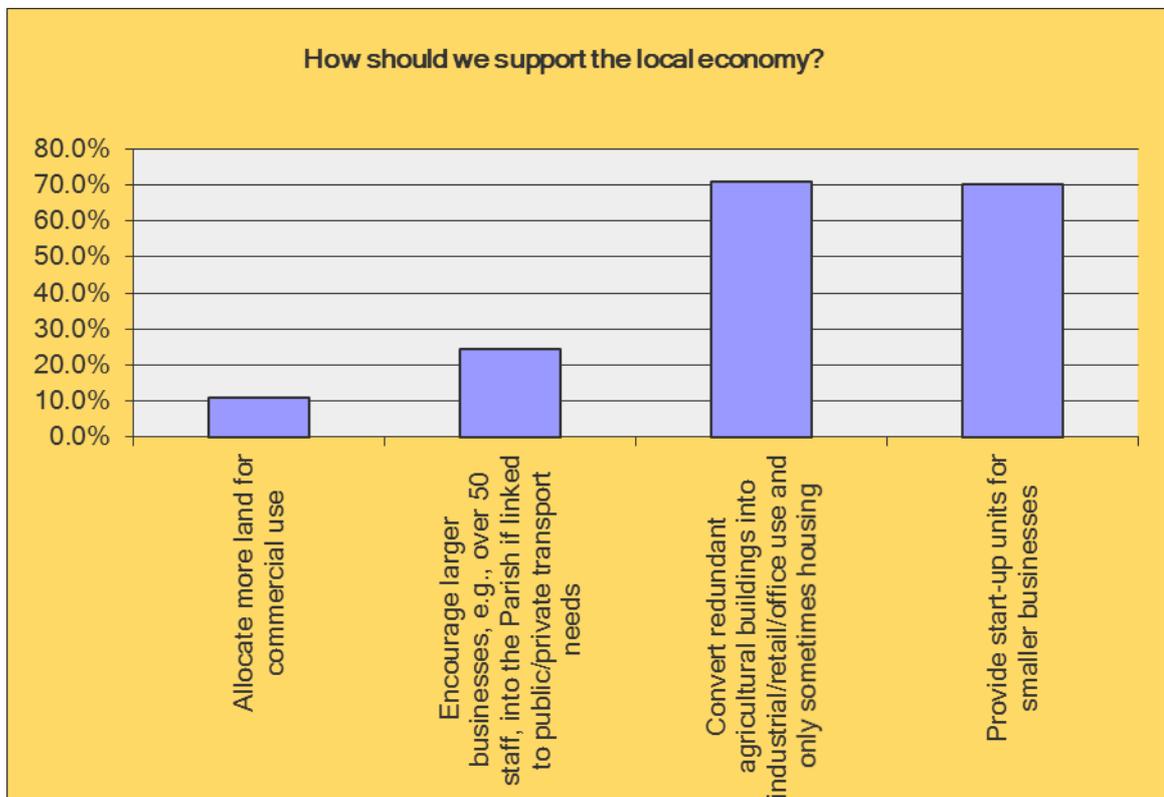
Solar farms within the parish countryside	15.9%	147
Sustainability as an overall concept in any decision making process which affects the area and community	53.8%	497
Cycling should be encouraged for all age groups	43.8%	405
Walking should be encouraged for all age groups	81.6%	754
All new homes should be energy efficient above current standards	73.9%	683
Your suggestions for additional sustainability items:	133 Open ended responses were received – see Appendix 7	



15. How should we support the local economy?

	Response Percent	Response Count
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Allocate more land for commercial use	10.9%	86
Encourage larger businesses, e.g., over 50 staff, into the Parish if linked to public/private transport needs	24.6%	194
Convert redundant agricultural buildings into industrial/retail/office use and only sometimes housing	70.8%	559
Provide start-up units for smaller businesses	70.0%	553
Your suggestions:	206 Open ended responses were received – see Appendix 8	



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Brownfield Taxes Rural Families
Small Businesses Blocks Housing Tesco
Town Broadband Local Government
Parking Redundant Agricultural Buildings
Battle Lower Business Rents Shops HSBC
Encourage Adequate High Street Care
Business Rates Short Development
Concerns

5 Appendix

5.1 Appendix 1 – Q3: What do you most value about living in the Battle Civil Parish area?

Anglo-Saxon population

- Vibrant mixed High Street is essential
- Fewer charity shops
- More businesses and no more reduction in banking services
A great shame that the post office has been relocated to Jempsons. This has significantly reduced footfall to that end of the High Street and therefore affected businesses near the Green.
All of the above are important
All of the above are important to residents!
All the above
Arts events.
Battle High Street
Battle is becoming too middle class, and these grown up with children cannot afford to live here due to the cost of property. WE DON'T WANT PEOPLE FROM LONDON, THEY ARE TURNING THE PLACE LIKE WHERE THEY CAME FROM.
Being a self-contained community, not a dormitory town.
Better bus service.
Better parking
Better weekend bus service.
Close proximity to the sea & supply of fresh, local fish From Hastings and Rye. Variety of country walks, especially 1066 Way.
Compactness
compactness of town centre
Easy access to coast
Facilities for the housebound,
Family roots
Feel proud to live in Battle
free parking
Free parking.
History also important. Loss of banking in town is inconvenient
It still contains the values of a decent, close community.
Jempsons
Limited to 5, but would also wished to have included Library and History and sense of community.
Local arts
miss the Netherfield bus
Peace and quiet.
peaceful environment (quiet), post office not as accessible since moving to Jempsons (i.e. well away from general shopping area)
privacy
Proximity to coast
Proximity to friends.
Proximity to the coast.
Proximity to work.
Public transport.
Quaintness
Rich diversity of clubs and societies
Rural living, peace and quiet, open space
Safety
safety
Sense of security, safety and community.
Small rural town/village atmosphere.
Small village feel but with all necessary amenities.
Sports facilities lacking. No swimming pool.

Swimming pool for all ages.
Taxi Service
The Abbey, 1066 and all that.
The inhabitants.
The library is pretty good. So are most of the shops and cafes.
The people!
The sense of opportunity to become involved in local issues.
The town has an excellent range of 'traditional' shops (butchers; confectioners;' second hand' shops, for example), so often absent from other community centres. This ethos should be maintained and encouraged.
The town is not too big.
Tranquillity and peacefulness
Transport (public) outside Battle to villages difficult. Battle parking expensive.
Unique tranquil and rural environment steeped in history. A genuine reminder of the England of yesterday.
Used to value bank; but sadly Barclays gone!

5.2 Appendix 2 – Q6: If approved what benefits should arise from any new development?

No further parking is needed, there are never a lack of spaces just lack of willingness of people to use them, with no parking enforcement people simply park where they like Parking charges need to be reduced, if the car parks were full the rise in income would offset the drop in prices -Battle is a small town with a struggling High Street which I witness regularly, we need to encourage visitors and parking would be one element of this, we have just lost a visitor attraction, 2 banks have closed and we have 4 charity shops this doesn't reflect a vibrant community
6th Form School (state run).
A cottage hospital
a decent supermarket
A fair balance between residential and commercial development.

A free or subsidised scheme for short term parking should be made available to local residents throughout the day, every day, to encourage use of local shopping facilities.
A mixture of new housing types More parking - free for residents outside speed limit areas. Windscreen sticker for example.
A permit system to allow people who live in the High Street to park for free or at a reduced rate.
A selection of free parking to encourage use of the town by local villagers etc. Present parking policy forces people to go elsewhere in the District.
A state run 6th form college/school
Access to train platform for disabled.
Additional primary school places within walking distance from home.
Additional school
Additional school facilities.
Additional school facilities. Over 500 new homes could create over 1000 more children in already overcrowded classrooms.
Additional schooling or improvements to existing school buildings.
additional schools
Adequate road improvements to cope with additional traffic throughout the town.
Affordable housing should mean affordable! Shared ownership housing. Housing association housing.
Any development should not spoil the "quaintness" / individually of Battle and villages.
Any new development should be limited in size and number, or the Battle area will cease to be a pleasant countryside location.
Battle is already over developed so there should be no further development.
Battle is full - no room for housing and schools.
Better bus services.
better pathways so children can walk safely to the recreation ground etc.
Better play area for the children of Netherfield
Better road links.
Better traffic calming in 30mph zone of North Trade Road
Bridge over level crossing Marley Lane. For feet traffic at least.
Build a covered, public swimming pool for year-round use, at least 25m long.
buses back on Sundays
bypass for Battle
By-pass for Battle and pedestrianize High Street
Cannot see any benefits from more development
Cheaper parking for locals.
Cinema / theatre
Close off Battle high street to large lorries and deliveries only 8pm - 8am
Congestion with HGV vehicles etc in the High Street
Cottage Hospital
Creation of a safe pavement down Netherfield Road and Hill even if only intermittent.
Curtail back land development
Cycling routes where are you going to put them? They use the path as if we just have no free room.
Development should only take place where it protected character of countryside, i.e. where sites are close to or adjoining main battle area where they can maximise proximity of shops, railway and minimises wider impact on landscape (AONB)
Disable access improvements.
Disabled access at Battle Station
Enforce existing traffic laws re parking.
Enforced parking restrictions Battle High St.
enough school places/new infant junior school(s)
Facilities for elderly Facilities for disabled

Finding space for a swimming pool in Battle.
Footpath to Netherfield Recreation Ground from Village Centre.
free parking for local residents
Free parking for residents before 10.00am
Free parking to collect medicals. Town needs a good Spring clean.
Free parking to residents. Planning laws relaxed for self builds.
Free parking!
Free parking.
Good size 2 bedroomed spacious flat with parking places for 2 cars at least.
Homes should only be for people with local connection to Battle. There should be plenty of 1 bedroom properties.
I can't see any benefit unless development is done in small clusters. Doctors, schools and roads can't cope now. There is no employment in the town so it seems like creating more problems for the area.
I don't think there should be any new large developments otherwise at risk of losing the 'small community' feel to Battle and surrounding areas.
I have heard that the leases on existing shops are high not good for business.
I have not ticked any housing development as Battle High Street seems to be at full capacity. More houses would inevitably mean more cars and the infrastructure is not present.
I see no benefits in further developing Battle. The negatives would outweigh the any positives
I think most local people do not want any sizeable new development because the infrastructure would not take it.
I would consider more than these 5 benefits from any development, but more than these other listed here free parking would benefit the towns and shops most.
Improve biodiversity and wildlife habitats, plant trees, strengthen hedges and require any new developments to show a measured benefit in this topic.
Improve Road and pavement surfaces. IE deal with potholes
Improved traffic control and management
Improvement in recreational facilities for children and teenagers. Benefit from a public swimming pool.
improvements to roads to be how to handle new development
In order to facilitate more housing the infrastructure would also need to increase. However there is a balance to be struck between enjoyment of surroundings and over development.
Inadequate disabled parking - must be improved before any increase in population.
Increased school provision
Infrastructure to be provided and included at the time. Deal with existing and prevent additional congestion and parking issues protect character of town and its ethos.
It would just cause more congestion on the roads that are already at breaking point around Battle
Land for housing urgently.
Linked with greatly improved public transport, we need bus shelters plus a leisure centre with pool such as the one in Rye with facilities for all ages.
Local work opportunities.
Locate pedestrian crossings at junction of High Street and Mount Street: delete crossing at Rue De Beyeaux: would ease congestion and frequent difficulties from parked vehicles.
Make car parks free on Sundays Market Square normally almost empty.
Make the parking in Battle free or more affordable, it puts us off going to Battle to shop.
More bus routes.
More cultural activities.
more free parking
More INTERESTING CONTEMPORARY buildings. Less boring faux-traditional building types.

More primary and secondary school places.
More primary school places, any large development (Blackfriars) would need an investment in school and leisure facilities.
More school places.
more schools
More tourist attractions, especially now Yesterdays World has gone.
Never destroy our greenbelt by building on it
New adult 3g football facility
New developments should infill or seek to extend existing settlements. These should not be endless 'ribbon' developments on roads out of town or village.
New primary school
New primary school in addition to Battle and Langton
New secondary school and primary school.
No access over Railway - been trying to get this for twenty years. No help from Town Council or county member - she did not know the crossing gates had been changed - no report after when she did see then went to get here last place.
No benefits for my household
No big housing developments
No charge for parking
No developments on green field sites, there are plenty of brown field sites to be used first. All developments should be small in villages so less impact on roads schools, doctors etc
No green field expansion. Brown sites only.
no new development wanted
No new developments!
None. Don't want any new developments.
Not in favour of new developments
Not in favour of new developments.
Off road riding for horses.
Opportunity to provide energy efficient new properties.
Opportunity to provide energy efficient properties.
Parking for residents only.
Parking in Battle High Street should only be available at all times for blue badge disabled and for High Street. Businesses up to 2 hours and free. Loading/unloading by lorry is 15 minutes only. And confined to off peak periods to reduce congestion.
Parking in Battle should be free in order to help local businesses. High Street should offer NO parking on double yellow lines.
Parking, parking, parking!
Please bring back HSBC and move post office back.
Police Station and other emergency services would be required locally - full time
Policing of illegal parking.
Public swimming pool for all ages
Public transport and buses
Quality parks and public realm.
reduce shop rates
reduction in parking costs
remove parking from high street and (illegible) all day
Respecting the beauty and uniqueness of this area and not covering it in rabbit hutch, cheap ugly housing estates - which cannot be supported - future slums.
road improvements and links east and west

Road Improvements especially in town such as No right turn from Mount Street and make turning right from Hastings not allowed. Or alternatively make Mount Street one way from the Car Park entrance to the town. These would prevent the whole town locking due to one vehicle turning right into Mount Street or a vehicle from Mount Street turning right across the traffic.
Safe walking routes - I am 78 and enjoy the walk behind high street along cricket ground but feel unsafe there.
School
School expansion or additional school. B & L currently overfull and unable to take all local children.
School is only just large enough and classes big already. Need to think how to cope with more children.
school places
School places. Better parking arrangements (i.e. permit parking for locals)
Schools
schools (primary)
Schools!!
Shops that are aimed for residents with lower priced goods instead of shops for tourists which many of us cannot afford.
Slower road speeds due to overcrowded roads. There are no benefits to more development in Battle
Small homes suitable for singles or couples with parking.
Smaller homes, located centrally, for "down-sizers" to relocate - thus freeing existing larger housing stock.
Special parking concessions for residents.
Speed control in 30mph area. Improved road maintenance. Too many potholes.
Start building starter homes for locals to afford - stop keep building homes for Londoners or commuters. Stop keep building on green fields.
Start homes need parking spaces. Parking if provided with homes.
Stop High Street parking, improve parking around Battle Hill area.
Street lights on at night!! Dangerous not to have street lights.
Suitable roads to feed into new developments and calm traffic through the town. Double yellow lines in high street and north trade road please!
Swimming pool
Swimming pool (at least 6 lanes x 50m or 25m) required desperately!
Swimming pool / leisure centre needed.
There are no real benefits that outweigh the disadvantages.
The character and ethos of areas surrounding Battle centre, and in particular of Telham, should be maintained and not adversely impacted by any new developments
The rec ground could be improved with a paved track for winter and more sports areas (like an all-weather astro). The Hastings Road pavement is dangerous when cars park on it, forcing buggies etc into the road to go round them. Battle High Street should be pedestrianised.
There should be more free parking. An issue in Battle and may encourage more to use local shops etc. NO more properties - Battle busy enough people and traffic wise!
There should be no further development.
Traffic calming measures along A2100.
Traffic congestion, dangerous pavements another zebra crossing, free parking, post office in centre good supermarket second school
Traffic free High Street.
Traffic management
Type of housing will dictate the money needed to be spent in future by Councils.
Versatile outdoor theatre/cinema/market area.
We have put in cycling but we are all avid supporters of horse transport; both ridden and carriage pulling. More provision of safely linked bridledways
We need a traffic warden. More interesting shops in the High Street for visitors.

We need older properties preserved not replaced and conservation area extended to Battle Hill - many old cottages grade 2 listed.
We see no redeeming benefits to any development in Battle
Why are horse riders not accounted for in this plan?!

5.3 Appendix 3 – Q7: What are the major disadvantages from any new developments?

- I believe the road could cope if they were kept clear i.e. loading bays less blocking of the main routes
4 and 3 bedroom houses are small these days. Larger new builds would be nice and garage's to get large car in and out.
Affordable housing for locals, not an opportunity for housing associations to flood the town with London borough residents.
Air quality due to more traffic pollution.
All above should be considered.
All new developments must be integrated within a cohesive development strategy and plan.
All of these could affect the area in a negative way.

All roads to have at least 1 pavement.
All the above are currently problems in the town.
Any new housing must be in conjunction with infrastructure, schools, medical facilities, parks, to cope with additional numbers of residents.
Battle & Langton primary is already over capacity and forced to take additional pupils per year group making class sizes over the 'legal' limit. Same at Sedlescombe primary.
Battle couldn't cope with more housing; there is also a problem with gypsies both resident in Battle and coming over from Robertsbridge. Fights have taken place in town on a regular basis
Battle is a historical town it does not need any more housing, as the roads an infrastructure is at breaking point
Battle is a rural town and this status should be maintained.
Battle needs more parking for people who work in the town.
Battle Town Centre and N T Road often gridlocked now especially when A21 closed and traffic diverted through Battle which is a regular occurrence!
Bigger roads attract even more traffic any inadequacy of existing roads is more due to lack of proper road maintenance.
Congestion Parking
Could increase crime.
Development should be small pockets, not large scale. Infill retains our character.
Don't build up Sussex to be like a suburb of London.
every new houses look the same no character
Fumes/pressure on local drs/dentists and nearby hospitals.
Further congestion along the North Trade Road and Battle High St. must be avoided and something, though what, done to reverse the current trend.
High Street parking = yellow lines as far as the Church.
I think these are all of major importance - not just 5.
Imbalance of property = If the new developments include affordable housing, this is not relevant.
Inadequacy of planning rules to insist on appropriate screening and harmonious design.
Increase of noise and light pollution. Increase in litter
Infrastructure is usually not considered during planning. Councils wait to see what impact is afterwards. Any new development will impact on infrastructure, parking, roads, and facilities. Loss of rural element and peace and quiet.
Infrastructure needs to be suitable for intended purpose - e.g. business, commercial development to account for HGV access and adequate separation from residential.
Just as important as the five options ticked is the loss of countryside and wildlife habitats
large influx of new residents that may be unfamiliar with local mood and culture
Limited to 5 but feel strongly that loss of local identity, parking/ traffic congestions, additional traffic violations, character of countryside changes should also be included.
Local pressure on doctors, emergency services, hospitals.
Local school having pupils from areas miles away from the school congestion from the cars.
Locals being priced out of the market and many new homes are bought by investors to rent out.
Loss of footpaths, Bridleways
Loss of parking facilities. Not enough medical facilities.
Loss off community. Lose village feel.
Massive strain on doctors and school
More indiscriminate parking let's have a parking warden.
No large estates. Small developments in appropriate areas.

No resident only parking Low police presence.
Not enough medical facilities/care. Not enough employment opportunities. I would never move to a 'new development'!
Overload of already stretched medical and dental service.
Overloading medical facilities.
Poor electrics - Morley Lane after last shortage - Network power company will not because overhead lines which were to be removed in the 70s check national grid - we do not appear to have a supply from them - so reported to MP - Fray Barker - Nothing done.
Possibly - depends on development - any development needs to be aesthetically pleasing but it is needed
Pressure on medical facilities
pressure on medical facilities
Relocate the tiny primary school to Battle outskirts.
Removal of green areas.
School choices for 6th form students are fairly limited now which would be worse with more new homes and more students. Battle needs a 6th form.
Since we have virtually no policing, more development could increase vandalism and crime.
Solution to congestion in High Street needed urgently.
Speeding and Safety of Pedestrians
Stop immigration and most housing problems would diminish.
Stop Urbanisation of the surrounding villages, stress put on all infrastructure, housing estates that encourage people to move into areas already overpopulated. Second home owners
Strain on medical services.
The high street is constantly rammed with traffic. Battle and Langton is so full it is I feel losing the Battle character of a local school
The last item on this list should be a 'given' - PROTECTED COUNTRYSIDE should mean exactly that i.e. sacrosanct and not open to debate.
The roads and school could not cope with the extra traffic. Be nice and let it keep it historical statues.
The roads aren't maintained well as it is, without any further traffic.
The roads were never built for what they are being used for when small we had a pony
The Starrs Green Farm and Starrs Mead estates through to Blackfriars are going to cause massive travel problems - either on Hastings Road (A2100) and Marley Lane for school traffic. A new school on Blackfriars estate is a must!
The whole point of Battle is that it is a historic market town. Residents and visitors alike want to see preservation of tradition and structures. Dilution of that is detrimental.
There are no positives for the local people, only the developers who will profit from new builds.
There are plenty of places where new development is carried out. Battle has something special that should be kept. Possible loss of protected countryside is most important.
Think it is good to encourage / help younger people to buy their first properties, but feel Battle big and developed enough in respect of that and will put too much pressure on limited local facilities!
To be compliant with the above boxes it is ESSENTIAL that the field to the south of Claverham Way remains an undeveloped green area within the AONB. These were the views of the local residents when the land was recently offered for sale to the residents and then mysteriously withdrawn.
Too many foreigners
Traffic is already too fast in Netherfield.
Ugly houses (i.e. faux-traditional!)
We should treasure our countryside for future generations, do not destroy it please.

When consent is given to development any site (even 2 or 3 houses) these should be low cost/starter properties and not yet more 4/5 bed. Executive homes. In addition the number of dwellings created should be deducted from those estimated in the core strategy. Neither of us would move to a new development, having had very poor experience of such in the past.

5.4 Appendix 4 – Q10: Rother District Council Core Strategy talks about 475-500 homes in Battle and 55 in Netherfield, should be provided during the Plan period up to 2028. What should be considered to cope with these additional homes?

Respect the local residents.
Traffic increase on the main High Street. School places both primary and secondary (secondary especially as we have no excellent secondary schools in or around this area).
parking
Schools, Bus services, Medical facilities, More frequent trains, Infrastructure improvements
roads, schools, doctors
School places. Parking in High Street - at present NO traffic warden, Parking around the schools, Poor access to main roads.
Improvement to train services to London (more reliable, farer charges and faster!) Places in schools, Local parking, Traffic congestion, Jobs Improvement technologically as Battle has very poor internet connectivity generally.

schools, roads, parking, public transport
As much as possible on brownfield sites. Maintain strategic gaps between Hastings and adjacent villages.
Better infrastructure including a by pass as High Street already too congested.
A bypass for Battle. Increase in school capacity (primary and secondary) At least one extra train to London during morning rush hour and the same in evening. Possible increase staffing level at police station. Increase in capacity of existing GP practices, or a new practice.
Bus service more than it is now. Longer trains, Parking warden on street, Cheaper parking of more spaces in paid for car park. Lower speed limit on Hastings Rd. to 30mph school sign on High Street.
Reduce the number to fewer than 10. Suitable architecture to fit with historical town.
We live in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It would be hateful to see an ugly housing development take its place.
Road improvements - Access to and through Battle Town Centre + Marley Lane Level X Additional surgeries, Additional town parking
Where? Schools, Doctors, Employment
New road structure, More schools, Medical and dental facilities
First priority is to the homeless. School spaces. Trying keep Battle beautiful. Traffic control. No one is fining drivers, lost revenue stream.
Parking, Traffic, Facilities
Bypass High Street, Bridge over Marley Lane road level crossing Better and more varied shops.
Pressure on existing roads.
Too many!
Please do not introduce cheap housing and areas housing executive housing so as not to devalue existing properties. Ribbons Development is preferred in order to keep the countryside.
No clear answer: depends on land availability and associated infrastructure smaller units would encourage community sense but by the same token smaller enclosures require reasonable access to local amenities. Larger clusters would rationalise services water/gas/electric/broadband/bus routes etc. Whatever is considered does the town need to encourage live and work in the area, or the establishment of commuter belt with the probable rise of commodity prices. Heed must be taken for good childcare provision and medical services. Would local hospitals be able to cope with envisaged expansion not only in Battle but in surrounding villages?
Parking; access to main A roads: A21/28/259; the ridge across is terrible to A21 and the new relief road to A259. A21 needs upgrading to Pembury.
Infrastructure able to meet demands - water, gas electricity. Sewerage, drainage needs to cope with demands. Would developments be incorporated into existing public transport routes, if so would this reduce local traffic congestion and so reduce lack of parking in town by reducing numbers travelling to work by car.
Schools, Medical facilities, Drains, electricity, gas, phones, broadband, Traffic, Police and fire presence, Leisure facilities
Schools, medical facilities, parking.
A road that bypasses Battle High Street.
Excess pressure on the small local community. Overcrowding of schools and medical facilities. Even more through traffic in rush hours which brings normal driving to a standstill.
Schools, public transport, GP practices, starter homes.
The town should not connect to Hastings/St Leonards We need to preserve green belt around Battle Battle cannot cope with 475-500 new homes that means 950-1000 more cars and more children needing school places.

<p>Infrastructure: gas, electricity, roads, etc. Schools - medical facilities, Jobs - transport, Countryside!, Activities for young people, Conservation, Loss of open spaces, Leisure facilities</p>
<p>New schools, drs, and no parking on the double yellow lines in the high street. Improved roads and hopefully no congestion as happens now.</p>
<p>School pressure, Congestion, Medical services</p>
<p>With correct infrastructure improvements (water, sewage, access roads etc.) Blackfriars looks like a good idea - see quote from your POLICY BT2 (2015): Land at Blackfriars, Battle, as defined on the Proposals map, is allocated for housing, education and open space purposes, to be brought forward through a comprehensive scheme. Two areas, totalling approximately 7.3 hectares, would be allocated for residential use, providing at least 220 dwellings (40% of which would be affordable). Other land between the two areas for residential development is allocated for a single form entry primary school and to provide a large area of open space. The development will be accessed by a new spine road, from the south from Hastings Road, off The Spinney, and from the north via Harrier Lane off Marley Lane. A Transport Assessment will be required. Developer contributions will be required towards both primary and secondary school provision and to provide for a children's play area on land adjacent to the housing allocation. In addition, developer contributions will be required to secure the provision of the spine road and other accessibility improvements. The pedestrian link across the railway is subject to further detailed examination of its viability and, if necessary, developer contributions for its provision will be required.</p>
<p>With this number of new homes the infrastructure would need serious consideration - drainage, gas, water, electricity, sewerage, road maintenance, street lighting, etc, etc.</p>
<p>Smaller developments in and around Battle would be preferable to a large 200+ development. 500 homes is a huge increase; it is vital all public services and private provision are involved so that there is capacity to cope with this large increase in population.</p>
<p>We do not want to lose any more of our beautiful countryside. Soon, in years to come, there will be none with all this building going on that is very important.</p>
<p>Schools - particularly pressure on already oversized and oversubscribed primary school. Access - footpaths and roads, parking.</p>
<p>Doctors, Schools, Roads - infrastructure, Parking</p>
<p>Roads, schools, medical facilities, no new supermarkets.</p>
<p>Schools, Parking, Roads, Services</p>
<p>To reduce congestion in the high street. Provide a service road at the rear of the shops, on the east side, running from the market car park to Battle Abbey, as proposed some 25 years ago.</p>
<p>Infrastructure, Homes for local young people that they can afford.</p>
<p>Parking, Bus Service, Footpath / cycleways, School Places, Doctor overload</p>
<p>Schools, Shops, Medical facilities, Parking spaces</p>
<p>Schools, Medical facilities, Blocked town traffic</p>
<p>Cycle routes.</p>
<p>Battle becoming gridlocked with through traffic!!! Bad enough already with bad parking. New schools as do not think Primary School would be adequate. Safe walking routes into Battle and restrictions on HGVs through the town. More leisure facilities etc. A better bus service to Hastings and Bexhill to encourage public to use them perhaps every 30 mins.</p>
<p>The people who already live here - we should get a say! Already too busy traffic wise, parking wise, only one school (Primary), healthcare, etc and don't want to see more countryside invaded.</p>
<p>Build in areas with infrastructure and more employment. Please build houses in small clusters (I know this is a futile require as developers will only build where there is money to be made i.e. large developments).</p>

<p>Battle High Street is already very congested. No loading / unloading 8.30am - 9.30 am. Heavy vehicles forced to use A21. Support infrastructure - new school</p>
<p>More school places, Parking, Traffic control, Banking facilities</p>
<p>Uplift in: schools inc 6th form, medical facilities, more appropriate shops, better youth facilities</p>
<p>Where to build? Use brownfield sites, replace large old houses and large back gardens where feasible. Road congestion</p>
<p>To take on 500 homes access to Battle would need improving. Housing would need to take into consideration the level of tourists visiting the town. The High Street would need to be downgraded to B road and the footpaths widened and parking prohibited, the latter being directed to short term free parking areas elsewhere.</p>
<p>Whether the present roads through Battle would cope with more vehicles. Parking restrictions to be properly enforced.</p>
<p>Traffic / roads, Shops, Parking, Schools, Doctors</p>
<p>Infrastructure, Schools, Medical facilities</p>
<p>Traffic through Battle, A bypass would be a good idea.</p>
<p>Better roads, More school places, Better local banking</p>
<p>Schools - totally overcrowded already improved parking, no loss of green space, need sports facilities - very little recreationally at the moment, swimming pool for local people.</p>
<p>Schools, Open space, sports facilities more banks more shops not coffee shops proper post office kino cinema swimming pool</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Preserving the nature of the countryside -Preserving the uniqueness of the Battle area and market town -Adequate pavements for increased population (upgrade all existing pavements) -Expand medical facilities and other infrastructure -Use of non-greenfield sites
<p>Even distribution of homes around outskirts of town, taking section 6 and 7 into consideration. A by-pass around town centre.</p>
<p>Black Friars seems to have come to nothing several houses could be built there but a new school is required on site to avoid more traffic through the High Street.</p>
<p>We feel that this quantity of homes is going to be detrimental to Battle which is already struggling to cope with its population. A town should be kept as a small town and not turned into a large town where it will lose its character and identity.</p>
<p>Green belt. Infrastructure, roads, parking.</p>
<p>The South East is already over-crowded. The only way to get my support is if the building project was on brown field sites and balanced by environmentally friendly, sustainable initiatives, e.g. cycling, walking parks, reduced traffic, global lower pedestrian friendly speed limits (20mph) whole town area.</p>
<p>Many people live in Battle because it, and the surrounding countryside, have retained their character. We moved here from London and rejected other historical towns because they were surrounded by a modern sprawl and their character was lost. You can imagine approaching Battle over hundreds of year and are able to see the history in the buildings and countryside. It is one of the UK's most important and significant historical sites!</p>
<p>Jobs, Parking / road congestion, Health care (so it's not stretched in each sector), Better travel routes / more often? - Especially buses.</p>
<p>Increased cross-town traffic. Increased pollution, Pressure on medical services.</p>
<p>Cross town traffic increase! Pollution increase, Pressure on Doctors, Schools, Dentists and opticians.</p>
<p>No point in building homes when there is no employment and huge lack of infrastructure i.e. schools, hospitals, etc.</p>
<p>School places, Doctors places.</p>

This would swell the town of Battle enormously. The whole purpose of moving here was to get away from housing estates and other problems social housing can bring. People pay a premium to live in Battle and our Council Tax reflects this. Nothing should be built within AONBs.
Land for leisure activities, Parking, Improvements to public transport, More shops Infrastructure improvements e.g. electricity, gas, broadband, water and sewage treatments. Loss of local identity, Infrastructure overload, Inadequacy of local roads, Parking, traffic congestion, additional traffic violations, Overcrowded trains.
School facilities Roads.
Utility supplies, Pedestrian access, Road access.
More parking and more transport to other parts of east Sussex, bike routes.
Better / improved public transport.
Services in general, Infrastructure
Perhaps 4 tower blocks of 125 flats for Battle and 1 tower block for Netherfield.
We would need a new school to cope with the increase in children (possibly two) the high street which already has an excess HGVs and general traffic would become an even bigger problem. Too much traffic via Gatwick already makes what is a pretty historic street noisy and polluted. A by-pass is needed but this would encroach on the open countryside.
Congestion on roads. Schools already full.
To build on Brownfield sites where possible. More health facilities. More public parking More sports and leisure for the children, More Health Clinics, Decent Public Transport.
Schools (spaces), Local shops, Residents parking, Quality and adequacy of roads, Public transport (buses), Medical facilities.
Local road conditions, town car parking (free), upgrading medical facilities, public transport, schools.
Links into schools / colleges, towns and other transport links. Infrastructure with energy providers and other service providers. Creating local jobs so people can live and work locally.
We are already overcrowded and our roads congested.
Traffic
Schools, Shops, Roads, Doctors, Public Transport, Leisure facilities (swimming pool)
A complete rethink to an idiotic number
Whether the infrastructure can sustain such development.
See answers given to other sections.
Transport, Parking, Schools, Medical facilities, Open areas.
Infrastructure and recreational improvement e.g. Public Transport, sports facilities (swimming pool?), entertainment - cinema.
-School capacity, -Supermarket access, -Town parking
Parking,
The pressure on our local Doctors The increased class sizes in our local school The congestion in the town 8.8 - 9.30am and 4.30 - 6.00pm week days. All these need to be addressed when building is in the early planning stages.
Infrastructure (1) it is hard to see how roads cope with additional cars; congestion is not confined to battle centre e.g. frequent tail backs along North Trade Road leading as far as Claverham School and beyond. (2) Parking (3) Medical facilities - more would be needed (4) Supermarket facilities inadequate (5) Character of Battle needs to be preserved.
Drainage, Medical facilities, Shops, etc, Parking.
Schools, Battle Community, High Street, Parking, Overcrowding, New roads would be needed Basically a stupid idea and I expect anyone that lives in Battle would agree!!

Well I think we would just become a suburb of Hastings / St Leonards if that is allowed. The traffic congestion, which is already a problem, will become an absolute nightmare!! Schools would definitely suffer, they are already struggling.
They should be within walking distance of the town centre. Compact housing (no subsidiary spread) No executive homes Appropriate / vernacular style (e.g. Sunny Rise)
Schools, Traffic, Medical services, Countryside.
Better local transport. The less new homes the better.
The traffic on Battle Hill is increasing all the time and is worse since the Bexhill Bypass opened. With over 1000 houses to be built along the new road, Hastings Road will not be able to cope with the amount of additional cars and lorries. The town centre of Battle is being damaged which is an historic area.
An extra Primary School in Marley Lane area Extra Doctors Surgery.
Infrastructure, Schools, Medical facilities, Bypass for Battle Town, Parking
A key consideration is the increased over-crowding on the local roads and the poor state of public transport. Improved bus and train services, walking and safe cycling routes are essential to any plans.
No encroachment into countryside. Development of brownfield sites Development of back land adjacent to existing housing No construction in areas liable to flooding Provision near to town of a mixture of property suitable for the elderly to buy, lease, rent with warden assistance and community centres available.
Cultural opportunities i.e. more clubs and shops
No idea already overloaded.
Firstly where are these high numbers to be located? Where is the space without using farmland/woodland new schools? Increase size of sewage, water supply, gas, electricity etc. where? Refuse? Are these figures just plucked from the air to satisfy some government or EU initiative?
Safe access to main roads, Infrastructure, Out of sight storage facility for rubbish bins, Adequate policing, No street parking.
Battle does not cope with its existing residential population - witness oversubscribed schools, pressure on hospital and GPs and traffic congestion which bring the town to a standstill every day. Talking about another 500 houses in Battle is laughable!!
Traffic congestion through Battle, Parking, Schools - can they cope?
Housing, Schools,
Shops and medical facilities with parking.
Schools, Extra community centres, Shops, Medical facilities, Transport, Infrastructure overall.
If Blackfriars is built and plus all infills we have met this quota. Infrastructure, Parking, Medical, Schools, Planning gain should be put in place.
Traffic, Schooling, Basis infrastructure Can Battle cop with possibly 1000 - 2500 more people?
Medical facilities, Hastings road cannot cope with more traffic, Parking, Disabled parking
Bigger resources, Bigger sewage disposal works, Bigger schools More Doctors and hospital that can cope with more people.
The gridlocked road system.
Transport, Pavements
Road congestion, Schools, Parking, Leisure facilities, Hospitals / GP Care
Better roads and parking Protecting wildlife and countryside.

A new Council!
Not building them Train frequency increase, Road bypass through centre of Battle Schools, Additional facilities and infrastructure.
Schools, Doctors, Parking, Roads
Adequate infrastructure.
No loss of AONB areas. Sufficient infrastructure (all, but especially roads) to cope Expansion of services (e.g. medical / social) to cope Mixture of housing to suit all ages / sizes of occupants.
Improved shopping including restaurants - how about a Waitrose?
Infrastructure and road links, School places.
New school, Ban on HGVs driving down the High Street Enforce no parking on double yellow lines Any new development would require a new medical centre.
Infrastructure upgrade, More schools places. Encouragement to attract new businesses into town.
Schools, medical facilities, parking and roads. Ban HGVs / coaches from using the High Street. Provide coach parks and transfer facilities from station area. Make lorries go via A21 / 2100. Unloading at specific times, Car parking is horrendous and getting worse. Locals must be considered, Cycling is dangerous to all at the present time.
Additional High Street parking.
Adequate parking, Not to be in open countryside Consider flooding / environmental impact
A vastly improved link to London and Brighton. Vastly improved infrastructure - schools, colleges, medical facilities, services, road improvements (conditions of roads).
Roads - congestion High Street, schools.
Roads, Schools
Schools
Roads, Parking (both residential and on High Street)
We won't be here at that time, as by then we will be occupying spaces at the local crematorium (if there is room). The number of houses proposed would, in our opinion, destroy Battle as we now know it.
Depends where they are located.
Infrastructure facilities of schools, health facilities, walking and cycling quality facilities, environmental impact and leisure facilities especially a need for a public swimming pool in Battle.
B & L Primary School is very overcrowded. The doctors' surgery would be over stretched.
Roads, Schools, NHS
Problem of increased traffic needs to be addressed. New home schemes should remain small to enable occupants to integrate into the community.
The preservation of the countryside and the fragility and nature of Battle as a living area of historical and architectural importance.
Last time we did one of these the area asked for a train station at Glyne Gap instead of a bypass. They ignored it. Tick your boxes elsewhere.
In Netherfield: Petrol station, Medical centre, Police station, Better cared for roads.
Infrastructure
Roads, Transport, Medical facilities

<p>Battle and Netherfield could not cope with that extra housing. Battle at present is completely congested in the morning and evenings. No buses in Netherfield. It would ruin the natural beauty of Netherfield Hill. Trains are packed. Parking in Battle is atrocious. People working in Battle cannot park without great expense. Overload GPs and health visitors.</p>
<p>There is no bus service up Netherfield so have to have a car. No good for people going to work or school without a car. Congestion already terrible in Battle.</p>
<p>More medical centres.</p>
<p>Pressure on schools, medical facilities.</p>
<p>Need to improve infrastructure such as roads and public transport. Declassify Battle High Street to a C road status. Make Battle High Street no through road during 9.00am - 6.00pm. Pedestrianize the town centre.</p>
<p>Roads, Schools, Health Service, Police cover</p>
<p>Infrastructure - more doctors, dentists, school places, bus services, car parking.</p>
<p>Better roads and traffic control, More medical facilities, Another primary school</p>
<p>Protection of the countryside, Provision of adequate infrastructure, Adequate school places</p>
<p>Parking facilities. Traffic chaos in Battle which is already overloaded Safety for all ages, not ruining a beautiful town as Battle is. Making sure of the type of people who are housed here - some places have been ruined locally by the type of people that now live in Battle.</p>
<p>School placements, Housing, Traffic Give local people first refusal on a home then consider people outside the village after.</p>
<p>Extra parking.</p>
<p>Small developments blending in with existing developments. No large estates. Developments to take consideration of local landscape, i.e. remain on the ridges and keep valleys free to maintain the 'country' feel.</p>
<p>Doctors Surgeries, Schooling, Suitable pavements, making walking safer.</p>
<p>Roads, Infrastructure, Medical facilities, Traffic problems</p>
<p>Traffic and parking.</p>
<p>Sustainability, Infrastructure, Travel to / from work demands, Schools.</p>
<p>Schools, Doctors, Transport, Jobs, Parking Restriction of heavy goods vehicles who use main road as short cut.</p>
<p>Amenities upgrade i.e. gas, electric, water, roads, pavements. Medical facilities upgrade GPs and dentists.</p>
<p>Far too many (ridiculous), Impossible around one street town Chaos at times now, Remember tourists, Bypass needed</p>
<p>Use of disused sites, old building / construction sites. No green sites should be used.</p>
<p>Pressure on local schools, GP facilities, infrastructure. Congestion in the High Street (especially at school opening / closing times) Maintaining the essential character of Battle and area.</p>
<p>Schools - primary and secondary Further education facilities (6th Form College, etc) Inadequate infrastructure in Netherfield Medical and leisure facilities Road infrastructure Volume of traffic and speed of traffic Public transport Electric, broadband, sewage</p>

Doctors, Dentists, Schools, Buses
Development spread around existing settlements to encourage integration. Traffic flow around Battle is impacted by illegal parking, both the parking and traffic flow will increase as the population grows.
Communication to the residents of these towns.
Schools, Medical facilities, Public transport
The amount of homes would necessitate a complete change to the infrastructure of Battle. New schools, new leisure facilities, new shops, everything that would need to be in a community that could have up to three thousand new residents accessing its resources.
More public transport (especially buses to Battle, Hastings town centres on a regular basis from 7.00am - 7.00pm.
Schools and health facilities.
Medical facilities, Schools, Roads
Medical facilities. School places, Parking, Road infrastructure
That all local services, such as doctors, schools, transport, etc should be sufficient to cope with additional homes.
Maintaining character of Battle. Not increasing traffic
I doubt that we will cope with the increased population without the parish changing for the worse. (Please see attached document).
Infrastructure - roads, drains, policing. Schools - primary and secondary. Shops - not multiples.
Traffic congestion. Schools - pressure, Doctors - pressure
Doctors, Schools, Road network, Parking
Additional infrastructure.
Major improvements to local roads - most notably the drainage under the roads as this is what destroys them. Infrastructure updates - faster broadband in the outlying villages is a must for modern living. Investment in local schools, especially primary and sixth form.
Public transport from Netherfield, Pressure on schools, Community facilities in Netherfield
Schools, Road improvements, Medical centre?
School places, Recreation facilities, Parking
Houses for local people, Improved infrastructure (utilities), Roads, Public transport Improvements to station and associated parking. Parking in the town centre - greater control on parking on double yellow lines to allow flow of traffic and reduce congestion. Leisure facilities.
Whether schools / doctors surgeries can cope with the extra numbers.
Extend development area towards Hastings on Battle outskirts.
Road and rail links. Overcrowding, Waste, Loss of identity.
Roads, Schools, Hospital, Doctor, Police, All emergency services
Parking, Schooling, Elderly care / residential homes
Increasing the population and size of Battle could prove detrimental to the existing residents and business owners who have chosen to live and work in the area. Battle is a unique and beautiful place to live due to its historic buildings and setting. Introducing modern housing and facilities in quantity will threaten this way of life and has the potential of reducing Battle to 'just another town'.
Everything in No 7.

<p>Not losing the village feel and open countryside. Traffic already an issue through the High Street in Battle. School already over-full - has more than the recommended 30 children in each class! (Battle and Langton).</p>
<p>We are NOT in favour of additional homes in either area.</p>
<p>Mains drainage. Better broadband, Facilities in rural areas. Traffic calming to reduce speed through local villages. Bypass for Battle to avoid yet more congestion.</p>
<p>Additional schools.</p>
<p>Schools, Medical</p>
<p>New school, new doctors surgery and build on brownfield sites and infill where possible.</p>
<p>Pedestrian crossings. Marley Lane up to Battle High Street already congested due to parked cars (you have to consistently give way as it is basically one lane now). Limited parking in Battle already. Homes need to be in keeping - Battle is known for its quirky / country properties not run of the mill housing developments. Can schools cope?</p>
<p>Parking, Schools, Traffic congestion, Improved bus links.</p>
<p>All of the indicators above. The infrastructure just isn't there. One road through which easily gets congested. Lack of parking at affordable / reasonable prices. Green spaces disappearing thus affecting rights to walk in the countryside. This has a knock on effect for general health. The schools are fit to bursting, doctors' appointments difficult to get, bus services lacking. No more space.</p>
<p>Schooling, Doctors, Public Transport, Loss of greenfield land, How big do we want Battle to become before it loses its character?</p>
<p>Better train service. Vigilant High Street Parking zones. Extension of infrastructure and local facilities (medical, educational, etc) across the board.</p>
<p>Medical facilities, better shops, free car parking for local residents, improvement to schools, off road parking</p>
<p>Traffic/transport, medical, shops, schools, fitness</p>
<p>The planned new homes will change the landscape and area beyond recognition. The reason we moved here was for the peace and quiet and little or no light pollution. If they are built then how will the infrastructure cope? Schools, dentists, drs, water, power, litter noise and pollution</p>
<p>New housing must blend in with existing settlements and not be too large so as not to become new parishes.</p>
<p>School facilities, overloaded infrastructure. Maintaining identity and character of the town and village.</p>
<p>School provision - nursery, primary and secondary. GP practices - case load. Pressure on conquest Hospital - not enough beds already. Roads - congested, small. Parking - inadequate. Loss of green spaces. Main route through town always congested - delivery lorries etc. Provision at Battle station - parking and drop off inadequate and difficult to pull out of junction.</p>
<p>Battle cannot cope with this, the traffic is already struggling today with no local roads able to take any additional traffic. The ridge in Hastings has added to the misery of the traffic congestion by opening a new road which has not seen development yet any further development will bring area to a standstill. Trains are also inadequate today.</p>
<p>Water supply, sewerage system, F.O. Broadband connection.</p>
<p>Roads, schools, doctors, parking</p>
<p>Solar panels. Insulated homes fully. Better receiving for TV, internet, pillow box, bus route, up and down toilet facilities, make road facilities to cope with extra traffic, car parking spaces of main roads, street lighting.</p>
<p>Who has decided on 500 new homes in Battle? Infrastructure, jobs, shopping facilities, parking are already at capacity. The Council should appreciate the importance of preserving the unique character of Battle, which is of great historical significance and therefore any new homes should be built anywhere but Battle.</p>

Where would the demand come from? A development of 500 homes could add 25% to the population of Battle and irreversibly change its character - I do not believe this is necessary.
Roads, infrastructure, schools, transport
Overloading of current medical provision, traffic.
Increased medical facilities, More parking space, Limiting school places to local residents. Improved traffic control, Enforcement of conservation orders, especially in AONB.
Do not build!
Road junction improvements especially around centre of Battle. New housing developments should be walking distance to station (new footbridge over railway may be needed) and able to access A2100, and on Hastings side of Battle which is where most car journeys from Battle go to. Next to existing modern housing estate, where countryside character has already been changed, so there is no new area degraded.
Vital increased infrastructure in place before any development.
People who already live here and have spent their lives building up their homes.
School provision, Parking, Medical facilities, Public transport.
Battle high street and the approach roads get highly congested already, additional residents will make this worse so through traffic needs to be rerouted. Increased medical and school places will be required.
Battle does not need any more new development schemes other than those previously agreed. If any development takes place it will have to be within current development boundaries.
Biggest issue is a space for parking. Battle's roads are already clogged with parked cars and verges damaged because of inconsiderate parking. Also traffic flow in the town and school places and medical facilities.
Availability of employment.
Infrastructure!
More leisure facilities for under 18's.
Infrastructure and loss of countryside.
Pressure on existing medical facilities. Pressure on existing local schools (which are already over-subscribed) Pressure on local road network and local parking Pressure on public transport facilities Protection of historic character of Battle and preservation of countryside / open spaces.
Traffic control, safe walking, gas/electric/cable etc. exercise for older residents e.g. at sports centre
Schools - up to 18 (not just private schools). Expand tourism in Battle to provide more jobs (live concerts, big events etc) Sports and leisure activities (a swimming pool etc) Infrastructure in general More GPs Parking (free)
Attractive developments. Roads that join well to existing roads.
This should NEVER be approved - there is not enough capacity in neither Battle nor Netherfield to cope with new homes on this scale without ruining the local character and countryside.
Better parking facilities, better play areas for the children, homes offered to local residents first, overload in the local primary school Netherfield
Parking Sympathetic architecture and placement
1) Schools 2) Infrastructure 3) Preservation of heritage
School places, medical facilities, better broadband (Netherfield), paths and walkways (Netherfield), electric, gas, sewage and water.
Will increase traffic, decrease space.

Existing infrastructure can not cope with large developments. Schools, doctor's practices, dental practices etc are all at full capacity. A good hospital with full A & E needs to be extended to cope with rise in population.
There should be no additional homes in Battle and the parish council should consider employing legal advice on the number of planning applications that are passed despite many objections from the local residents.
People on benefits with disabilities and children who cannot afford private rent or to buy.
Parking. More shops. Restrict heavy lorries through Battle. Downgrade A2100 to B road to achieve this. Since opening of the new road Hastings / Bexhill, increase of traffic through Battle High Street - dangerous!
Congestion in the High Street is a nightmare already. There is no 6th form / college. There are no toilets in the park which makes it unusable for parents.
Need for affordable housing, including mixed-type development. Industrial demands.
Parking, Banking, Library, Litter, Footpath maintenance.
Schools, Using 'brown field' sites, Public transport, Balance of property types, Protected countryside Traffic congestion, Infrastructure
Overcrowded schools, Flooding, Loss of countryside.
Can the infrastructure cope? - Schools and doctors are already at capacity. Are there brown field sites which can be redeveloped, -Do not use green field sites
Improved road system to and from the A21 and through Battle itself. Better parking facilities that aren't expensive. Improved cycling/walking places to get to schools.
New primary school for south of town. By pass of town centre.
schools, medical facilities, public transport
Road congestion, School overcrowding
Access to schools and railway. Protection of AONB, Parking and traffic difficulties.
Provision for: Children schools etc, Road travel - congestion, Doctor/dentist facilities Jobs - are there any? Don't just want more commuters to London!!
Medical facilities, Congestion on roads, Parking, Overcrowded streets, Local youth employment Vandalism, Rubbish / litter
This is a ridiculous number of houses/homes. A small number of family homes would not stretch or change the community. Anything more would destroy the benefits of living in this area. If anything a small primary school would help ease the pressure on Battle and Langton.
More than enough new homes already, Medical, School places
The overall effect on AONB. Schools, doctors, parking facilities (at schools for safety reasons is very important). Effect on existing residents of Battle.
All depends on the exact locations of these new houses. North Trade Road does not cope with the traffic at school times at the moment. Which is mainly due to the roundabout at the junction of North Trade Road and High Street, where motorists seem unable to use without blocking it. Mainly due to them moving onto the roundabout when there is nowhere they can go, thus blocking the whole road.
The impact on traffic in and around Battle. The impact on schools, doctors and emergency services (fire station at Battle only daily manning) The impact on green belt open areas - impact on wildlife and existing residents. Need improved public transport and facilities for families / teenagers.
Infrastructure, utilities, use brownfield sites, don't take any more of the countryside away.
Infrastructure, Schools, Medical facilities, Activities for children, No loss of local identity No change of character to area.

Suitable access, Use derelict buildings if possible to save our diminishing countryside. More water used. Schools.
Building small developments to fit in with existing areas. Making sure all infrastructure able to cope. Mixed sizes etc.
Doctors, Schools, Roads, Parking, AONB - also loss of open spaces.
Mini roundabout at the Spinnly - Battle/Hastings junction
Infrastructure, Drainage, water supply, etc.
Roads, Schools, Parking
Local jobs and businesses, Parking. Safe cycling and walking routes. Improvements to public transport. Conservation area maintenance. Changes the character of the area. Infrastructure overload. Pressure on schools. Parking, traffic congestion, additional traffic violations, Possible loss of protected countryside.
Parking - off road, Extra school
Infrastructure. Parking - policed. No travellers / gypsies.
Living in Netherfield we have neither adequate infrastructure, schools or roads. I would be concerned that areas of outstanding natural beauty would be lost. No adequate footpaths - the road is too dangerous - traffic is too fast.
Enough space in schools? Parking
Roads leading to the estates and general infrastructure adequate to sustain the new homes and future developments.
More school places.
Schools, Public Transport, Medical facilities, Roads.
Overload of everything, roads!!, parking. Too small a town for so many houses.
Public transport from Netherfield is a big must.
Medical Facilities, Schools, Traffic, Parking
Roads around Battle, Schools, Leisure facilities, Range of housing types. Maintenance of Battles heritage and surrounding countryside. Small independent shops and businesses.
Another school. More GP services and dentists.
Supportive infrastructure - traffic, parking, schools, doctors, etc. Variation in housing type - no estates or identical detached houses.
Land usage.
Any necessary infrastructure and amenities should be considered first.
Infrastructure - schools, doctors, roads. Countryside - keep as much as possible. Play areas.
Local infrastructure and services, GPs and Dentists. Road traffic volumes. Using green belt land and extending the town boundaries.
Battle is a unique and beautiful place to live, not just because of its history but because the countryside can be accessed easily from roads within the town. I feel strongly that any new developments should be kept as new building sites in the countryside of modest size, not a great swathe of housing across the countryside and especially not encroaching on any areas of precious broadleaved woodland. Any new housing should blend with the area, not impose upon it.
1. Suitable social infrastructures i.e. larger medical centre, improved transport facilities, suitable water supply and other utilities. 2. Parking facilities would need to be improved (with free parking for at least ½ hour).
The infrastructure at Battle would not be able to cope with the additional traffic that that this would cause. There is already grid lock at peak times, in the high street due to parking, delivery lorries and school traffic. We need free parking to clear the car parking on the High Street to enable the traffic to flow.
Small groups scattered around 20 - 50 infilling, More general shops - less cafes. Adequate medical facilities.

Schools and the essential services are already stretched. Traffic through the town is already often congested, more management of the traffic is needed.
The maintenance of the historical character of Battle should be a priority. This would mean keeping open spaces and all protected countryside. Any houses built should be in keeping with the town's character. Developmental spread should be very carefully considered and in keeping with the current 'dumbell' shape otherwise the district could merge into Hastings. The type of homes needs to be carefully considered and family homes will need a change in infrastructure to cope with extra cars, school places, etc, etc.
The additional needs that those living in the development will have e.g. if families, education and health, if retirement GPs. Whatever the needs will add to the general congestion which exists in Battle.
Make them affordable to first time buyers so that the youngsters who were born here and belong to a long line of local people to stay close to family.
Traffic/roads, Schools/medical
Local infrastructure: roads, schools, etc.
Totally inadequate infrastructure mainly - water/electricity Broadband in Netherfield. Additionally there are no safe footpaths/access for children/adults to access the existing recreation area. Why build more houses in Netherfield when every time the power fails we lose water too.
Water supplies, drainage of waste water as so many homes are on tanks. Better sewage for existing to tie in with new homes. Broadband is too slow to cope with more so need upgrading.
Schools, Roads, Medical facilities, Sports / Recreation facilities Minimal loss of countryside in order to keep Battle identity and 'village' feel.
Roads, traffic, water, power and parking in Battle.
I doubt that this number of new homes could be built in the Battle area without completely changing the character of the area and overlooking the existing infrastructure. Sadly I also fear that filling in this form will make little difference to the outcome.
NO MORE HOMES
Schools - all years up to 18, Sports facilities, Transport (public)
Off road parking Parking in retail areas - subsidised/free station car parking should be subsidised to free up parking in residential areas.
Roads, Parking, Town centre congestion, Current loss of shops, Loss of countryside, Impact to views and environment, Schools, Doctors, etc.
Necessary infrastructure to cope with what is being built. Including schools, doctors, dentists etc. Affordable for local young people to be able to buy/rent. Varying sizes to accommodate families or older people.
Road structure, School sizes, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Local houses for local people Shared equity for keyworkers
ALL categories as stated in Q7.
1) Not building them at all 2) Ensuring unused eye sores are used 3) Not to use up our wonderful open areas.
Employment, Traffic management, Better policing, Improved parking
Free parking, Improved infrastructure
Schools, Parking, Medical facilities i.e. doctors and dentists, Amenities, gas, electric etc, Roads
Education for children. Parking in the town. Infrastructure improvements or extra. No parking on high street to avoid hold ups and long congestions, on carriageway - only one road -

Over 201 will help achieve the nation's housing target and help lower house prices BUT this should be achieved by building what is in effect a new town with a) it's own infrastructure e.g. sewerage plant b) its own school(s) c) new roads or existing roads adapted to what will be increased traffic d) some shopping facilities (to reduce the need to drive into Battle or Hastings)
Would not buy a new home at this stage of my life. The page before listed the concerns i.e. parking, schooling, housing, infrastructure, railway etc. Care should be taken not to just build anywhere. New house across the road was built on a most unsuitable site with no care at all for how it fits into the environment, size and look completely unsuitable. I don't know how it was passed - each house that is an 'infill' in an existing garden should be sympathetic to the environs. New 'estates' should be sympathetic to the surroundings too. Traveller and gypsy sites should not be part of this particular scheme.
Schools, Roads, Parking, Medical facilities
Adequate infrastructure
Impact on countryside. General infrastructure in Battle. Loss of amenity space. Impact on the identity of Battle. New schools to cope with increased need.
Parking; At the moment parking is everywhere. Especially on narrow roads causing driving a hazard.
parking
Parking is already a huge issue in parts of Battle. We own our home and already regularly have to walk a distance to our home, with baby, shopping, work items in the rain, dark and even snow.
Overload on already busy roads. Overload on already stretched services, doctors, car parks, sewer system
More schools, better policing, doctors and fire services and parking.
More support of small businesses on the High St
Using brownfield sites not green, bypass, sixth form and a second primary, don't sell land to London Boroughs!, use section 106 agreements to secure local apprenticeships and job opportunities, use new homes bonus money to invest in skills for local people.
There are a number of sites that have been subject to planning for many years, let's start there!
Roads, Doctors, schools, hospitals, rail travel.
As previously stated, new home schemes of 2/3 properties should not be excluded from this process. I regret to say that these surveys present a fait accompli rather than a consultation process. The number of homes to be provided should be widely distributed, small in numerical terms and include individual site redevelopments. It is also assumed that the core strategy figure includes the pending Blackfriars development near to Battle station. Any sensible planning process would realise that small developments, properly distributed have less effect on many elements of the infrastructure and are more readily absorbed into and accepted by the existing community. Question below is loaded. New estates and their size should be considered in respect of overall impact.
Can the roads cope? Can the schools cope? Can the medical facilities cope? Where are the new homes to be situated?
Improved infrastructure, On site car parking
Battle town as presently configured cannot accommodate 500 additional households. If those 500 are forced upon the town it will simply seize up.
Schools, Doctors, Dentists, access to food shops, roads/infrastructure, and bigger post office. More buses.
Adequate infrastructure, not spoiling countryside
Parking. Pedestrian safety. Medical requirements. Schools.
If we have to have them: extra infrastructure - doctors, hospitals, schools, heavy traffic control, parking, transport - buses, trains. etc.
A new school (primary). Development of Claverham Secondary School (expansion - new leisure / sports facilities) All new homes to have parking spaces. Cycle routes in to Battle Town.
Schools. Parking. Loss of near countryside. Medical facilities.

The infrastructure advantages and disadvantages of having all the 475 - 500 homes in Battle as one development.
New schools. Play areas.
Definitely NO.
Road congestion, especially in high street parking to use shops
Congestion of traffic. Overburdened medical facilities and infrastructure and pressure on schools in the area.
Loss of green field sites, road infrastructure already badly congested particularly The Ridge and through the High Street to North Trade Road at peak work - school times very slow. Already abysmal parking facilities in the town. Larger supermarket badly needed. A new larger medical centre with parking to replace Martins Oak would help. Can the schools and nurseries cope with more homes? Why do we not have a decent sports centre - swimming pool? There is nowhere to get fit apart from the private clubs.
Parking and free flow of traffic. The A21 is inadequate!!
Re-ordering of traffic system through Battle, with plans to service shops, businesses etc without need for large lorries in High Street. Additional school places. Additional medical provision. Ring road.
If this is the case, the primary school will find it difficult so a new school should be built as there is already pressure on the present one.
Additional school capacity
Everything mentioned over leaf.
Traffic flow, School Places, Parking restrictions off road parking, Retain NHS dentists.
Build-up of traffic in Battle. School places. Doctor (GP) facilities.
Traffic congestion, Parking, Medical facilities, Other facilities - schools, libraries, etc.
Nothing - Don't build them!
Additional Doctors Surgery, school places, better transport links and parking areas.
Doctors, Dentists, Hospitals, Roads, Parking, Sewage / water, Broadband, Schools.
Within existing estate boundaries? Utilising existing road structures and not destroying fields.
Infrastructure, More schools and medical facilities, Open space.
Loss of identity, Changes the character of the area, Imbalance of property types. Parking, traffic congestion, additional traffic violations, Possible loss of protected countryside.
Traffic congestion, especially on High Street. Infrastructure re Doctors, Dentists and Schools. Loss of countryside.
Extra Facilities.
This area has dismal public transport, Battle High Street is always busy and polluted. More housing means the High Street will become a traffic nightmare.
No more on Darvel Down there is plenty of room adjoining in unused fields Bus services that is what council tax subsidy for, still paying but no-one can get to work or school.
Road network and maintenance, Medical facilities, Schools.
Broadband, Roads
Cycle network between towns. Hydrogen refuelling points and electric charging points for cars. More free parking. Zero tolerance of parking violations. Adequate emergency services.
The traffic problem in Battle.
Maintaining country feel. Further school places and improvements to traffic easing.
Traffic is already a nightmare. Parking. Schools almost full to capacity. Green spaces should be kept.
Better roads, More schools, Doctors Surgery's, Better Public Transport
Roads with paths and lights.

Schools, medical facilities, roads.
None
Not enough school places. Complete absence of parking control. Current infrastructure already struggling. Loss of community spirit.
New Primary School. It is NOT suitable to continue to extend Battle and Langton Primary. New building with parking and extensive medical services for the GP surgery currently in the High Street.
Schools, Doctors, Transport
An access road between Marley Lane and Hastings Road is desperately needed. Whenever the level crossing is closed for repairs / maintenance (which over the last 2 years has been frequent) it necessitates at least an 8 mile detour. In an emergency i.e. fire / ambulance / police the time of the detour could result in loss of life.
Distance from facilities - transport i.e. buses.
New home scheme size: if it is planned thoughtfully with sufficient infrastructure, schools, open spaces and diversity of housing then it might as well be a decent size.
Infrastructure, schools, open spaces, medical facilities, community facilities e.g. halls, play areas, possible swimming pool etc. Corner shops, etc. Transport connections, adequate parking.
Pressure on schools. Traffic pressure in Battle. Change in character therefore protect it.
Planned infrastructure to more than cope with additional pressure. School capacity. Better public transport where trains can't help.
Overuse of local roads.
More car parks. Diversion route for heavy vehicles to avoid Battle High Street.
Cost and environment this affects.
-Schools, -Roads, -Parking, -Pavements
Please consider risk of flooding for new development and loss of green space leading to flooding to existing houses in Battle.
Schools! Overcrowded already Roads? How are we going to cope with this level of traffic? New local supermarket.
Schools, Medical dental services, Traffic and traffic congestion
Pressure put on medical facilities and facilities. Additional traffic volume through Battle and particularly Netherfield Road hill if more houses are built between Netherfield and Battle - there is no provision for pedestrians. Depending on where these homes are intended to be built it could change the whole character of the town. We feel battle is already becoming overcrowded.
Infrastructure, overcrowding, road congestion, school places, medical facilities, local shops, public transport, outside facilities for children.
Another primary school, expansion of secondary school to include sixth form, more local shops, greater variety of shop, improve railway from Hastings to Tunbridge Wells, how to sustain busy tourist industry, new community facility/youth services, dentist, doctors.
Congestion Traffic
Moving some home building to Telham
Infrastructure to go alongside any development. Keep some green spaces.
Battle. 475-500 possible? School and medical facilities needed. Retain character of Battle. Thought to high street traffic. High St. congested but removal of parking in HS could develop rat run. Parking costs prohibitive for people living in villages and needing to park. New low cost parking required.
Netherfield. 55 max. Should be associated within existing development of Danehill Down. Not ribbon development. School, medical facilities? Lighting poor. Sewage (i.e. main sewers) non-existent in parts of Netherfield, drainage a problem.

Congestion on roads. Parking. Speed of traffic. Walking and cycling access.
Better roads and footpaths, much more off-street parking. All homes to have garage.
Schools, traffic. public transport, conservation area, recreation area
Public feeling, conservation of surrounding area, infrastructure
Need to provide suitable utilities, e.g. medical, schools, roads, green areas and play areas for children.
Community cohesion. Sufficient infrastructure - especially to do with waste water.
parking!!, roads, schools, medical, infrastructure, improved leisure facilities
Any new housing must be in conjunction with infrastructure, schools, medical facilities, roads, walkways, parks, green areas, and play areas for children, traffic free roads (particularly town centre) to cope with additional numbers of residents.
schools, doctors, access roads, parking, bus routes
Effect on local traffic. Road and rail. School overcrowding.
Traffic congestion, schools, where in Battle? Would this not take away the village feel that Battle has - I would oppose this many houses.
We won't be around then.
Infrastructure to cope! Can't cope now.
None - leave as open countryside.
Traffic congestion in Battle high street/North Trade Road. Improvements to secondary and primary schools. Additional low cost parking facilities. Pressure on medical facilities/GP surgeries.
How much farm land being destroyed is a valid point?
Does this include the outline planning permission for 240 between Starrs Mead and Marley Lane? That any developer must pay in enough to the town for extra school places, extra GPs, improved roads and paths for cars, walkers and bikers.
Infrastructure - particularly sewage and utilities. Pressure on small roads. Leisure space.
Measures to reduce traffic through Battle town centre. Increased recreational facilities. Improved community facilities. School classes fit for purpose. Improved off-street car parking. Improved footpaths.
Use of brownfield sites. Small developments.
Rail/road/bus improvements. 'Brownfield' sites should all be used before 'greenfield' sites are even considered.
Leisure facilities a must - things to get kids active. Better phone / broadband, Better shops, Street lighting Better recycling - use the same model as Shepway District Council All the above are for Netherfield.
The road structure is already overcrowded as are the schools.
1. Freeing up agricultural land for building purposes. 2. Adequate police presence.
schools, road schemes, cycle routes
Improved public transport and parking areas. Improved paths and cycle lanes.
Improvement to the A21 both north and south of Marley Lane. Improvement or new road to Eastbourne from Battle. A ban on low level or potential flood plain development. More schools. Local clinic or small hospital/day treatment centre entertainment venue for all ages.
Traffic, medical facilities, schools.
Schools, dentist, road, parking.
Good infrastructure to the new development. Incorporated medical facilities, children's playgrounds, local shops within the local development area. If 500 homes planned - new school? Good pathways to main shops, enough open space so doesn't feel like an 'estate'. Bus links developed to new homes.
Open spaces, parking, schools, and medical facilities.
Travel - bus and road - infrastructure and decent access. Also shops and integrating with the local architecture - not making new homes not in keeping with the area.
Infrastructure, congestion on roads, schools crowded, doctors surgeries stretched.

Additional schools and medical facilities.
Infrastructure already unable to cope with additional recent housing development. Improved hospital facilities including allergy clinic. Provide patient parking adjacent to GP surgeries (or move surgery!) Additional disabled parking space outside the old post office in Battle High St. (installed then removed at request of Royal Mail). Drop off/pick up points on college premises to relieve North Trade Road congestion. Short stay free parking in Battle for collection of prescriptions etc. Improved small retail outlets. No fishmonger/shoe shop any longer.
Everything mentioned in section 7. We are already bursting at the seams around here and every public facility is stretched to its limits. WE ARE OVER POPULATED AROUND HERE! To avoid the inevitable problems with enforced change/overcrowding - let's serve the people who live here first - and their families.
Capacity of schools. Volume of additional traffic.
The road infrastructure is inadequate now - how ill it stand up to over 500 new homes?
traffic management, parking facilities, medical facilities
Schools, a sensible route round Battle to ease congestion through town.
Ensure school places for children, provide ample parking to ease congestion on residential roads, improve public transport for homes built away from town centre.
Pressure on school places, medical/dental facilities. Congestion on roads especially North Trade Road/High Street area. Speeding vehicles on Netherfield Hill. Poor transport links to/from Netherfield. Lack of youth facilities in the town.
No lorries to go through Battle High street on their way to Hastings. Notice to that effect should be signposted at the 21-2100 fork. Any lorries disobeying should be fined heavily.
Not on land that is listed as outstanding natural beauty. Use brown sites where possible and use living accommodation above shops. Convert empty shops.
Leisure/sports facilities, road access - avoiding high street
B & H school too small, access roads would not cope. GP/dentist and local services would be compromised. Leave better alone!!!
schooling - urgent, traffic flow on high street - ban on lorries passing through, improved leisure facilities for families, incentives for local shops and businesses, upgrade play parks - Marley Estate are very poor
Larger infant school, Larger medical facilities, Leisure complex Reinstate bus - Battle to Heathfield Later buses from Tunbridge wells more frequent buses.
Schools, Medical Facilities
Additional infrastructure, schools, medical facilities. Ability of roads to cope with additional traffic especially through town centre of Battle.
The main consideration should be provide homes for local people, with the priority of development in favour of young families and retired housing association tenants who want to move to small homes e.g. one or two bedroomed but remain in their present location. And in many cases to support their families.
Small developments, No flats, Every property should have parking
Should not be built
Infrastructure, Infrastructure, Infrastructure. That is all. Places and areas need to develop and with development comes change. Change happens, people don't like it, although they may pretend to if it doesn't really affect them. However change, in all aspects of life, is inevitable and healthy. All of us need to understand, accept and embrace that fact.
Congestion in High Street and parking, School Places, Road access, Protecting wooded areas No traveller sites.
Schools, Doctors, public transport
Disruption while being built
Schools, Police, Fire, Medical, Dentists

I can't see that these extra homes are needed in such volume. We must consider the damage to our environment - i.e. more traffic, more pollution and loss of our precious countryside. The loss of our wildlife and our community spirit.
School, Transport, Roads, Walkways
New Roads, New School or extension, Larger doctor's surgery.
Road Capacity, Medical Capacity, Countryside Destruction, Parking capacity in Battle Inadequate banking/library/shops.
school places
Leisure centre/swimming pool, additional schooling (education facilities), outdoor playground/leisure facilities, safe/improved pathways.
Public transport, parking, schools, medical facilities
General increase in infrastructure especially schools (junior already almost full) this has increased nearly 3 times from 25 years ago. Medical facilities. Increased public transport and parking XXX. Bin storage. Solar panels and or wind power on each new build.
Schools, impact on local traffic, train overcrowding
Roads through Battle are too crowded. Houses should be built to the south of Battle where access to St Leonards is on better roads.
Houses built with parking spaces or garage. Public transport. Medical facilities.
Sensible priced starter homes, balanced infrastructure development, priority given to local residents
Better parking (some free) and traffic warden around permanently; more shops.
Improved road structure including bypass. Increased parking facilities. Improved recreational areas. Improved public transport links.
Infrastructure of schools, medical facilities and roads
Traffic Doctors Noise.
Development west of town to reduce traffic through town when accessing schools.
Drains, Roads, Schools, Accommodation for single people, land drainage.
A bypass for Battle High Street. A new primary school as Battle and Langton is too big already. More leisure facilities - pool, rentable studio space for groups etc to keep people in the community, not travelling out.
Roads are appalling, narrow and overcrowded. Too many cars school traffic. Area in Netherfield not suitable for housing development.
Road structure - too much through traffic. Parking in town and at station. Shop delivery timing or access.
Increase to size/capacity of local schools. Battle and Langton already overcrowded.
Development of 'in fill' land. There is lots of land which is outside current development plan where new homes can be built. In fill land already has development around it therefore it will not change the street scene significantly. I believe all 'in fill' sites should be considered before looking elsewhere for development sites. Be proactive in identifying possible sites and approaching owners.
local areas can cope with such large development
All of question 7 disadvantages plus lack of medical facilities, police, firemen
Infrastructure, roads, schools, medical facilities. The conquest is already at breaking point.
Consider stopping lorries going through High Street except for delivery. Man the yellow no parking signs and stop illegal parking to allow legal traffic through. Make sure homes have garages to keep roads clear - ban parking on grass verges. Anything to keep Battle and Netherfield as beautiful as they once were. Mainly try and manage the traffic and traffic offences - which are dangerous.
Would need a mix of different sized houses for the area. Better road links. Big roads
schools
more town centre parking
use all existing 'brownfield' sites first
increased school capacity (Primary and Secondary)

More footpaths, more bus services, larger library, playground sited away from busy road, traffic calming on North Trade Road - find alternative route for lorries.
parking
Telham needs new playgrounds. New path away from road for town access. Get bypass away from town centre.
It is crazy to accommodate all this extra housing within battle and Netherfield which were never created for this amount of homes and extra people. We do not have the infrastructure. It just is not possible!
-Another primary school would be essential (Our current school is oversubscribed and full) -Parking permits for local people to stop the illegal/dangerous parking we see now. -Better rail links -Another doctors surgery -The High Street needs to have a "no parking zone" to stop the huge levels of congestion caused by illegal parking especially at rush/peak times.
The local schools are overcrowded. The high street already locks up all the time and there are no traffic wardens to move on illegally parked cars causing chaos. We desperately need more parking and free or permit parking for all Battle residents as we have to pay for parking every time we have doctors, dentist or other appointments. Lack of parking discourages use of local shops and business. We need a public swimming pool and better leisure/sports facilities. Additional medical facilities will be needed.
Above all else, road repairs and a strict control of parking.
A bloody lot
schools, health facilities e.g. doctor, NHS dentist, parking, road infrastructure
Another primary school, better sports centre, more parking areas.
Better/another medical centre, another primary school, parking in Battle itself - stop parking charges to stop illegal parking on double yellow lines in the high street, make shops/doctors/vets more accessible, impact on congestion through the town.
Educational facilities including schools. Improve Roads
Schools, traffic, North Trade Road Battle High Street always congested how are you going to deal with this?
Parking and certainly no parking in Battle High Street
transport, doctors, roads, parking, shops, schools
Traffic or main routes.
Improved infrastructure to be provided before houses built. Houses to be spread over larger sites so that they fit into their surrounds and not look like sardines in a tin!
access, suitable size, to be built in keeping with the history of Battle
Netherfield would not be suitable for any further development. No bus service, no adequate facilities for children, school can't cope and no adequate parking. Drainage, Sewage. Road infrastructure would not cope. Council would not cope with more housing, can't cope with what they have. Have to phone all services when bins need emptying. Bad weather etc.
direct connection Hastings rd. to Marley Lane
Safe roads and lighting. Also footpaths, shops, schools, doctors surgeries
The space to build more houses. Also the local school to cope with more children. Another important factor is the space for car parking.
Brownfield sites. Build some in Mountfield for a change!
schools
school/college places, repair and maintenance of roads, parking spaces for residents and reduced costs to parking permits for residents, more shops and better variety
Battle is already suffering from traffic congestion - within Battle centre itself there should be little if any housing development. Any development should be undertaken in the immediate outskirts of the town.
Infrastructure, impact on existing community. Avoiding cross town movements.

Where will they be and how will infrastructure cope?
adequacy of infrastructure, additional traffic congestion, adequacy of local roads, parking capacity
more medical facilities
infrastructure improvements, extra schooling provision, medical facilities, roadway improvement
Parking - including free public parking for residents. Roads - currently unable to cope adequately, more development will exacerbate existing issues. Parking within home curtilage for minimum 2 -3 vehicles and allow for visitors. Road widths on new developments (not narrow roads) potential rat runs. Loss of rural nature. Noise impact. Variety of house style. Semidetached not terraced. Large gardens. Spaced out development. Properties not overlooking each other.
Better local transport (buses etc.), better parking free/cheap enlargement to existing school.
Sewage treatment. Battle has doubled in size since I came here in 1947, it is big enough.
Don't actually want them!
Schooling, parking/congestion relief.
Eliminate congestion in Battle High Street, much more car parking, infrastructure overload roads etc. Doubt if Battle can handle 500 homes.
If 475 - 500 is decided upon - then roads and parking would have to be improved.
The thing is promises will be made but they won't be carried out. Not enough school space. Parking to tally inadequate. Sewage and drainage systems on overload. Flooding etc. Issues like these need to be addressed on the existing estates first. The parking in particular. Condition of roads. Lighting drainage etc.
To ensure that upgrading of local facilities and infrastructure are also carried out.
council planning attitude
Bypass ring road avoiding Battle high street for lorries at least.
Roads, schools, GPs, police, fire station, social services, bigger supermarket.
Not sure
schools, medical facilities
We would need more doctors, a new medical centre, more primary and secondary school places, better roads and parking facilities - space for which we do not have. We are a rural area.
type of properties, infrastructure to cope, damage to environment
Rother/Netherfield has not got the facilities to add 550 extra properties to the area taking the countryside walking parks away from the residents who live there.
Drs surgery, parking, schools
more school facilities, more medical and social facilities
schools, doctors, road links, local entertainment e.g. cinema/theatre
Adequate school provision, traffic congestion and parking, employment opportunities.
High quality apartments to allow downsizing from existing ownership.
I strongly feel that no new homes should be provided. There is already too much pressure on the local infrastructure - roads, doctors and schools. How you can plan for them when the town can't cope with more traffic especially is beyond reason. No building sites in the countryside. No traveller sites to begin with.
Not too cramped in, not using too much green space.
Infrastructure/local identity
Traffic calming in residential areas, safe pedestrian crossing points on main roads, cycle paths to Catsfield and Pebsham, public transport to Hastings/Bexhill, extend primary and secondary schools and provide safe walking routes to them, importance of open spaces/countryside, footpaths and new seats.
Infrastructure, improvement or changes to traffic flow in Battle high street, education facilities, transport facilities
Impact on infrastructure - GP/schools/transport. Loss of countryside. Type of housing and increase in population,
road access and parking, infrastructure
Free parking is essential, especially on days that are important to Battle i.e. farmers market, is it too much to ask for 1 Saturday a month free parking? Plus high days and holidays - free parking.
Better road and rail

New schools, more drs, most important parking
Transport
More medical facilities, more trains
Roads into town, schools, medical services, parking outside homes, local countryside, animal protection - deers etc., actual property being built, spacious, flats etc., gardens, views
New road from Harriers Lane off Morley Lane to Stars Green Want footpath bridge over railway so that we can get to Battle town - they could also get town bus service around the block with the town bus service - our local town people have no idea or vision to see this.
1) Should not be allowed 2) Traffic overload 3) Extra infrastructure needed to cope Really too many houses in this plan.
New primary and secondary school, As current schools already struggle to cope with capacity Enough off road parking for new houses, Increased capacity for medical services (doctors and dentist)
All items listed in question 6.
Roads, parking, schools, public transport, infrastructure capability, not losing the historic small town feel of the area.
school places, doctor and dentist facilities, parking, employment
More school and reduced facilities to cope with the extra loads.
All considerations.
Better pathways from houses to town facilities. Netherfield - a decent bus service.
Character and type of housing, local needs, infrastructure including schools and medical facilities and banking facilities. Traffic implications, congestion. Adequate allowance for leisure facilities, open spaces etc.
Swimming pool, Another school, More Parking, More playparks
Traffic, parking, type of housing, don't want too cheap or too compact as could impact on crime in area.
Roads, schools, parking, open space, protection of the environment and the character of the area.
Children walking to school and volume of traffic etc.
traffic congestion, general infrastructure
High quality supporting infrastructure i.e. utilities, roads, school, sports/leisure facilities. Jobs in area Ensure balance of green sites vs new homes.
Cancel any additional homes, where will these people work! Should be your question, how can the services cope?
The destruction of ancient woodland and wildlife habitat is continuing at an alarming rate. Without protection of these special places we are in danger of losing things that are vital to our own wellbeing.
Do not build any do up all the empty tatty places around and keep the beautiful countryside.
Infrastructure, road network, parking, ;imitations of high street access for traffic/parking
Pressure on schools, recycling, refuse collection, parking, road maintenance, train space.
infrastructure
More Free Parking Stop non-retail businesses from occupying premises in the town to attract more retail (that includes an undertakers)
Horrendous thought but infrastructure as such as roads, doctors, dentists are already under pressure.
Parking

<p>Housing estates should only be built on B or A roads to stop large amounts of traffic using country lanes. Green fields should never be used in villages for housing development because of loss of agricultural land, open spaces, rural feel. I would NEVER buy a home on new housing estate. Houses in Netherfield should be built as infills not on new estates or on brown field sites only and local roads should be given consideration when these houses are being built so huge lorry's don't block them, ruin verges etc. Up to 55 houses could easily be accommodated on infill/brown field sites and would not face the local objections that a larger site would. Paddocks and fields left to rot by their owners should not be considered brown field sites either. Housing in Battle should be on roads where the new influx of residents don't cause extra traffic to existing residents i.e. access from housing onto larger roads</p>
<p>The local schools are already overcrowded with many people out here trying to get their children into claverham. I know of lots of people who move into battle just to get their children into claverham and then move out the area once the child has a place. Building more properties will just enable more families to do this which is not fair on the people who really do live in battle.</p>
<p>infrastructure</p>
<p>This amount of housing could not be supported without the proper infrastructure. More school places would be needed, more medical facilities and better management of the town's traffic and parking. Currently these things are already required!</p>
<p>Nothing - Battle doesn't need any more homes to be built.</p>
<p>-Infrastructure, -Schools, -public transport, -Parking, -cycle & walkways -Local play areas for children</p>
<p>Sewage management. Town centre parking and traffic management. Easy access to medical emergency facilities and continued good provision of access to doctors' surgeries.</p>
<p>The road infrastructure given the build-up of traffic into and through Battle during school drop off and pick up times and other busy times in the year.</p>
<p>DO NOT BUILD..... Need bigger schools. Better roads in and out of town. Ban all vehicle over 3.5 tons. Get rid of on street parking. Get a traffic warden 7 days a week. Stop delivery lorries/vans delivering between 9/6. Shall I go on? We are grid lock most of the day putting more houses in Battle will only add to the problem.</p>
<p>School places. Traffic control and management including parking Leisure facilities Broadband capacity</p>
<p>The existing road structure (through the historic centre) already struggles to deal with the volume of traffic at rush hour times. Adding additional homes detracts from the quality of the existing town, making it more of an urban sprawl, and destroying the surrounding countryside.</p>
<p>Any new developments would place considerable pressure on the infrastructure within the area. Battle high street and surrounding areas cannot cope with any further traffic congestion. Building on the existing countryside would have a negative impact on the desirability of the area, and house prices for existing owners would fall in value. Battle does not have the room for any new housing, and we strongly believe that alternative locations should be considered in order to protect the town's identity</p>
<p>Infrastructure, Schools, leisure facilities, Road improvements</p>
<p>infrastructure, traffic, public transport improvements</p>
<p>Schools, Roads and infrastructure</p>
<p>Maximise use of brown field sites. Protect woodland areas</p>

<p>The proposed number of additional houses within a 12 year period is tantamount to an explosion, increasing the current population of the area by circa 30%. This would inevitably change the character of the neighbourhood and not for the better. Therefore the numbers should be revised downwards by a considerable amount.</p> <p>But whatever the number, any development must minimise hard landscaped and built-on areas to avoid surface water drainage overload and the inherent increased risk of localised flooding.</p> <p>Extending development to the south of Battle should be avoided as it will inevitably lead to the town becoming a northern suburb of Hastings and loss of valued rural identity.</p>
<p>Additional Medical/GP practices, improved affordable public transport, free parking facilities, another primary, secondary and further education college as well as upgrading all the infrastructure to cope with the demand!</p>
<p>Capacity of local schools, support to local businesses and preservation of Battle's sense of community spirit.</p>
<p>Mainly infrastructure, e.g. Schools roads public transport. Equally as important is to preserve the countryside</p>
<p>More school places including 6th form places, preferably a 6th form in Battle. Better public transport, better roads to ease congestion at peak times, free parking. Do not lose the countryside atmosphere by making Battle too big. Keep open spaces, green fields.</p>
<p>An alternative location with the infrastructure capable of sustaining an uncompromised way of living for existing residents.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) More medical facilities 2) More Schools 3) Bypass for Battle town centre.
<p>Schools</p>
<p>A re-consideration of the whole strategy - the infrastructure is already under pressure; parking is a free for all with no co-ordinated strategy between the various authorities; and the attraction of Battle is its history and surrounding countryside. Further development would be retrograde and an anathema.</p>
<p>Better traffic management, Schools, Medical centres</p>
<p>Schools, Doctors, Parking</p>
<p>All the infrastructure and services.</p>
<p>Preserving the environment which makes Battle so attractive e.g. Woodland, open views, history, architecture.</p>
<p>Schools, Medical Facilities, Transport</p>
<p>The wishes of the people of Battle need to be considered. The town infrastructure cannot cope with any further developments.</p>
<p>Complete refrigeration of roads. High Street cannot cope! Larger supermarket and more high street banks.</p>
<p>Location and boundary of town infrastructure and local services.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Provide affordable homes for local residents, especially first time buyers to allow local youngsters to remain in the area. 2) Transport links 3) Infrastructure 4) Schools.
<p>If the care and concern dedicated to the speeding on Netherfield Roads and their maintenance is continued into planning and building more houses then we can expect and ugly shambles. I would suggest improving what you've already got, to then perhaps inspire some confidence in the locals.</p>
<p>A new link between A21 and A22 avoiding North Trade Road. Battle Bypass. Bigger shops and free parking as per supermarket.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Protection of countryside -Protection of historic sites -Improved/free parking to encourage people to shop locally and support local business -Protection of local identity -Support for local primary and secondary schools to ensure high level facilities and small class sizes -Restriction of HGV using High Street to promote ease of traffic flow
<p>Preservation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Historic character of town; -Preservation of the rural character of Battle; -Sufficient infrastructure
Parking, Pavements, Schools
Previous points 6 + 7 are mostly all relevant. Road through Battle - major issue.
Bigger schools
Goodness Knows
Schools, Medical facilities (doctors and dentists), Roads, Parking, Drainage, Sewerage, Transport
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved roads - allocate sufficient parking for new builds (many families have 3 cars now as kids stay at home into late 20s) - Support services e.g. medical, schools, transport
Drainage, utility supplies, road access.
Better roads and wider!
Road access and keeping houses in character with surrounding area.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All major roads into/out of Battle double yellow lined to stop/reduce congestion due to parked cars 2) Sixth form college at Claverham 3) Free residents parking area in centre of town 4) Character properties with space and greenery between buildings.
Traffic, Parking, Character of town
Schools and traffic and no adequate leisure facilities
Traffic congestion in the town. Parking, School places.
Loss of countryside, Local transport overload, Medical facilities overload,
<p>Fire services/ambulance/police, Doctors, Dentists</p> <p>Schools - primary/secondary and college-6th form especially as now they have to stay in training until 18</p> <p>Local hospitals, Add school buses</p> <p>Chaos already on roads during school times it would be absolutely awful if more homes than 50 were built!</p>
Improvement of all infrastructure to support increased population
<p>In considering suitable locations for new building priority should be given to the utilisation of existing domestic and commercial buildings and sites that are suitable for re-development and/or expansion. Only after such opportunities have been fully exploited should consideration be given to the introduction of new sites. Use of greenfield sites should be avoided. This will help to maintain the character of these areas.</p> <p>Of particular concern to us is the potential impact of new developments on traffic levels on the Hastings Road. This has increased significantly in recent years and it is essential that the Neighbourhood Plan recognises and addresses the need to avoid any further traffic flow problems in and around the affected areas.</p> <p>We note that this question does not specifically mention the Telham area, which presumably in this context is included in the name 'Battle'. In contrast, Telham is specifically mentioned in the headers of other question headers. This makes it difficult to assess the potential impact on the Telham area and further clarity on this should be provided by Rother District Council.</p>
Road network
New school and improved parking. parking in High Street managed due to congestion

Schooling, Doctors, High St Congestion
Roads, Parking, Public transport, Health Services, Schooling
Somewhere to park surplus cars around Darvel Down.
Roads, schooling, parking and double yellow line enforcement.
Obviously with that number of extra homes, medical facilities and schools would come under pressure. Roads would become more congested.
Roads, Parking, Sewage + water etc, Schools
Schools, GP's, Parking
Medical facilities, parking/traffic congestion and job availability.
Any new housing scheme should be within reasonable and practical walking distance, say about 1km, of day to day need such as; one or both Battle schools, shops, library, recreational facilities especially the young, doctors and dentists.
Affordable to buy for younger people otherwise they will leave Battle.
School, Parking, Roads,
Medical Services, Fire Service, Schools, Maintenance of roads and increase road network. Increase in crime If these are housing association properties what will the new residents bring to the town. If on benefits etc... Not paying council tax!
Traffic through Battle, which is unacceptable at present.
Too much traffic congestion already along North Trade Road, into Battle. = 2 schools + 1 playgroup in less than 1/2 mile.
Access - Roads (and parking), Medical facilities, Gas/Water/electric facilities, School places
For Netherfield, infrastructure, a bigger school. A proper play park for the children, a transport system that works between Battle and Netherfield. A sports centre that is open all day and not just in the evenings.
Energy Efficient homes
These are outrageous figures and would completely change the character of the area. The local infrastructure in particular small narrow roads could not cope.
Loss of protected conserved country side and open spaces also loss of the character of Battle and can you imagine the congestion of road traffic.
School facilities, Infrastructure, Play areas for the children
Additional parking, More trains (frequency), More roads
Schools, doctors, parking, postal facilities.
Medical Services, School places, Roads infrastructure, Local transport - buses
School, doctors, parking.
Don't build on the countryside.
Better infrastructure - roads/transport, Schools
Parking, Public transport, Medical - dental facilities, Schools
Leisure facilities / leisure centre / swimming pool, Infrastructure, Doctors facilities
Traffic management, Schools, Medical Facilities, Public transport, Preservation of open space
Everything (use brown field sites only) Roads not changed around Sussex since horse and cart days.
School, Medical,
Improved roads, traffic, Schooling facilities, Cycle paths, Safe walking routes.
More shops, banks, post office, Better pathways, Bungalows for elderly, Less congestion.
Infrastructure, Transport, Shops

530 new properties would be about 2000 additional people, no doubt a mosque would be included, the country should have less people, trashing our land with extra people who will only contribute agro etc, more of the current infrastructure, works properly, homes are easily built, turning our country as like where these people have come from, turn the clock back 2 thousand years, go and live in Africa or the Middle East and come back, with your eyes open, not for a holiday but to live and work.
Available gas for all homes.
Such extensive development would destroy the very character of the area which renders it so sought after. Every aspect of infrastructure would be over extended. The whole town would be degraded for residents and tourists alike.
Transport issues. Illegal parking in the town centre making roads grid locked even with current traffic flow. Local schools are oversubscribed currently.
With one of the oldest populations in the country more homes where retirement age people would like to live e.g. bungalows, purpose built community complex, flats etc. should be built. This would allow people to downsize in their local area and families to move into their houses. It would also mean less impact on existing infrastructure i.e. roads, schools which more family homes would create. On my street of four bedroom houses over half are occupied by two or less people who if they could find more suitable houses in the area would probably be happy to move - their only alternatives would be to move out of the area!
water, electric and gas, cable tv etc, roads, footpaths on Netherfield Road/ Hill
Again, The Infrastructure with additional Roads, Schools, Medical Facilities and Shops
Medical facilities, Roads, Schools
More school places, particular primary.
Access
Schools. Parking. Traffic congestion. Infrastructure. Improvements. Medical facilities.
Infrastructure, road capacity, roundabout junctions for any new roads, parking and town congestion, sport and leisure facilities for all age groups, public transport improvements.
Roads, Parking, Schools, Medical Facilities Battle is a one road town, with severe traffic overload.
What? You must be joking! Build as many as you like around the Hastings to Bexhill Link Road. You have more than enough room to link the two towns into one. To join Battle as well would be a mistake. There are not enough schools, medical practices, lack of good infrastructure and the roads and parking are a joke NOW. Get all of the above running well first.
Nil
More useful shops - e.g. Sainsbury, Waitrose, greengrocers, reasonably priced ironmongers. Larger Drs, larger Boots Free parking, restaurants, better access (kerbs are awful) for disabled
-School places sufficient for increase in population -Medical facilities sufficient for increase in population -Improvement to roads, not sure how any would be implemented (Battle bypass??)
Traffic schools
Congestion on roads. Schools overcrowding. Increased parking problems. Doctors surgeries.
Would need more schools, More doctors, More congestion on roads, More parking facilities Destruction of countryside
Need Schools, Medical, Roads, Super markets
Infrastructure, Parking, Roads
Infrastructure, Medical Services, Schools, Transport links e.g. to rail station
Schools, Medical care, Infrastructure, Parking
Roads, parking, infrastructure, schools, loss of countryside, wildlife, impact on local community.

The size of Battle High Street, congested already, need to keep the on street parking to allow the shops to survive, each house likely to have 1 or 2 cars....another 1,000 cars through the High Street, really??
Enough school places and doctors. More shops (supermarket). More public transport (Not only on the hour buses to Hastings and Bexhill) Also Sunday bus!
Schools, Road, Medical Facilities
Battle is a unique, historic town. New developments should be small schemes on the edge of the urban area with good footpath/cycle path links to the town.
Additional facilities and infrastructure
Parking around High St., Help for local businesses. Local care provision for elderly.
-School plans, -High quality design including wheelie bin spaces out of sight -Allowing some sensible back development Oliver's Yard -Looking at Battle gates and developing along to Vale Road
Battle cannot take many additional new homes, the AONB should be protected and not built upon.
Road network. Provision of suitable pathways to encourage walking - there are some roads with inadequate footpaths (they are narrow, which makes it difficult for parents with buggies, older people with mobility scooters). Also, some footpaths simply stop.
Improved road system to and from the A21 and through Battle. Perhaps a bypass away from Battle. Better parking facilities that are not expensive. Improved cycling and walking places.
Might like to think about how to get up the High Street at school times. General problems of traffic and state of the roads. Change in character due to adding another maybe 200 people to community - or an extra 30%. Schooling. Medical facilities. Trains. Policing and parking restriction enforcement.
Schools!! Make sure they have spare capacity.
Doctors, Schools, Roads, Parking, Congestion in town centre, Leisure facilities
Large supermarket, Schooling - extending or new, More trains, More health facilities, Recreational areas Shops to attract younger audience, Roads through Battle stop-pedestrianize
Restriction of traffic through High St, Restriction of parking in High Street Re-direct lorries away from Battle, Another school for extra residents, More regular bus service
Congestion in High Street, Parking, Schools, Doctors
The need for housing is more important than preserving the status quo. Short term disruption should be mitigated in the face of longer term goals.
Go Elsewhere
They should be considered for working single parents who fall into the category that I do where I earn £18,750 + tax credits and have to rent privately at £750 per month and £127 tax - and am left with just enough to live on. When my daughter leaves home I will not be able to afford to live in Battle.
Make sure buses run for people to get to and from work! New primary and secondary schools needed. Another doctor's surgery.
Under no circumstance should they be built on what is now currently fields/woods etc. Any new build should be located on brown sites and disused office/shops should be considered to homes before new builds.
1. Make sure there will be enough school places for the future children. 2. Ensure houses not built on flood plains
Schools, Doctors, dentists etc, Traffic
The already overcrowded South East of England. We have beautiful countryside which we should protect for future generations. Our transport systems and roads are already overcrowded. Rail and road links to London are terrible. Please do not add to existing problems by building more homes and causing more overcrowding.
Schools, Doctors, Dentists, Roads, Parking

Build 10 houses in villages e.g. Netherfield, each, which have existing facilities open to expansion
Traffic difficulties, Public transport should be enhanced, Already insufficient parking Disabled access both platforms on Battle Station, Another GP surgery
1. Location. Any mass building in Battle will ultimately destroy any woodland or fields. 2. Build elsewhere. Hastings is already a town develop that and its empty properties for housing. 3. Rush hour traffic is already horrendous, we do not need several hundred more cars added to this. 4. The schools would need substantial extensions.
Free parking, schools, 6th form, better bus services and a supermarket.
Tick for between 21-30 for both residents
Road Improvements especially in town such as No right turn from Mount Street and make turning right from Hastings not allowed. Or alternatively make Mount Street one way from the Car Park entrance to the town.
These would prevent the whole town locking due to one vehicle turning right into Mount Street or a vehicle from Mount Street turning right across the traffic.
Move all pedestrian crossings to Pelican crossings to reduce the widespread habit of pedestrians continually following each other just as the first leaves the crossing, not allowing time for traffic to flow(especially at start/end school times).
Provision of additional town centre parking, additional resources/buildings for schools, a more affordable/accessible supermarket, more leisure facilities, better utilisation of Market Square area as it's
Cross town transport links and road safety with policing must be improved.
Developments within walking distance of Battle station and provision of walking and cycle paths to station
Infrastructure improvements e.g. :-) Schools Roads Doctors Parking
It is important to ensure that adequate resources are provided for any increase in population without spoiling what is here at the present. Battle is a lovely historic town in a largely rural environment and any development should not interfere with the atmosphere in this community.
Road infrastructure, parking, schools
They are a number of peripheral sites close n and around the battle town centre which should be preferred. The council should avoid urban sprawl and protect gaps between nearby settlements so identity of battle and villages are maintained and therefore concentrate where access is good to the town centre activities and transport. A number of smaller sites is preferred to protect character of the town and ensure greater control over delivery and avoid placing undue reliance on one or two big sites (this is where developers can prey on uncertainty if one site stalls) and therefore a number of well-designed schemes (which utilise high quality materials and design) which are well contained in landscape terms is preferable.
Use land bordered by Marley Lane, the railway and Battle Hill/Hastings Road
They should be affordable.
The impact on current infrastructure, which is already heavily overloaded. Additional schooling will be required and a provision for further education will be needed as current secondary school is oversubscribed every year and has no A-level facility -poor when children have to stay in education till 18 years old!
INFRASTRUCTURE - Roads, broadband, public transport, GP surgeries, leisure facilities, promotion of community cohesion by having improved/modern community hall and recreational facilities in Netherfield in particular, within easy and safe access from main residential area.
Road access.
Overload on schools. Parking would be horrendous. Battle would turn into suburb of Hastings.
I will not answer question 8 as no new developments should be built until the congestion and overcrowding in Battle area has been solved. There is not sufficient infrastructure to support any new developments. Again for question 9, there is no ideal size for a new home scheme as the Battle area cannot support any housing development

Provision of new primary and secondary schools. Battle High Street is so congested at peak school times. No parking should be allowed in high street except 30 mins for disabled vehicles between the hours of 1000 and 1400
- A mixture of 2 - 3 bedroomed houses, - Far less by to let, - Less Executive home
More schools, medical facilities, better traffic management and affordable parking.
Where these houses can be built within reasonable access to Battle with space to provide parking and easy access to a main road, close to amenities e.g. buses or near to secondary school so children can get to school independently - bus or walk.
Discourage large vehicle traffic bypassing the weighbridge by moving it to North of A21/2100 roundabout.
The problem of increasing Battle High Street congestion must be solved -e.g. The main schools are at one end and the station the other. The siting of new houses must be in sympathy to the needs of the occupants -e.g. families with children near the schools and rail users the other. Cycling should not be encouraged since this will increase the dangerous use of the narrow High Street pavements by cyclists avoiding using the road. (yes it happens)
Maybe some kind of High Street bypass could be designed - but I cannot envisage a suitable route.
Schooling, roads, shopping amenities, health care, environmental impact (added pollution via extra traffic, waste etc.), parking, devaluation of historic site and recreational improvements.
The newly opened Hastings Link Road provides more than enough capacity for tens of thousands of houses. Battle should remain as it is, especially as it is in a Conservation Area. Impact on Nature, Local Amenities and Infrastructure, including Roads and Congestion thereof, would need to be seriously considered.
Large enough houses for families, proximity to schools, good roads and traffic calming measures where needed
Stop selling land for profit at the cost of every single disadvantage listed above!
Infrastructure- roads; PARKING, medical.

5.5 Appendix 5 – Q12: Battle Parish (including Netherfield and Telham) strengths.

- The library most certainly needs to be protected both in opening hours and not redistributing valuable staff
"Police" no parking areas.
A better range of shops not charity and estate agents as Battle is now.
A dedicated leisure facility where rugby club, football club, swimming, aimed at youth / children provision, but also for adults.
A large community hall
Access for the disabled is pathetic in Battle, this shows a lack of understanding by the Council and Chamber of Commerce.
Additional homes will not make things better but worse. Concentrate on what we have now.
All of these things should be maintained and perhaps some of the bus services improved.
An area set aside and run by the RSPB or similar organisation.
Arts and crafts events.
As long as no more pound/charity/betting shops are allowed to open.
Attractiveness to tourists including museum.

Battle has achieved an excellent balance between all of the above which would be vulnerable with the development of housing estates.
Battle has not enough parking congested high street
Battle High Street takes far too much traffic. Bypass?
Battle High Street urgently needs more zebra crossings, especially for the elderly who have to walk quite a distance to each of the two crossings.
Battle sports centre, Battle rec.
BRIDLEWAYS THAT ARE SAFE TO ACCESS; LINKED BRIDLEWAYS THAT BEGIN AND END ON AN ACCESSIBLE ROUTE
Build a bypass
bus service provision is not a strength
Bus services need improvement.
Bus services should run more frequently to Hastings. There should be a bus service on Sundays!
Car parking should be free for up to 1 hour to allow local access to doctors/dentists and banks and shops.
Character, tourist destination.
Community events (annual marbles competition, Battle gala night) and community involvement. Flower displays/Battle in bloom etc. Railway ticket office. Friendliness within town and its businesses. Town/village character, rural nature
Community spirit
Community spirit.
Council Help Point in Battle.
Countryside.
Doctors excellent
East Sussex does not need an increase in population but the north does.
Encourage businesses by short term free parking, extra crossing half way along High Street, Battle. Almost impossible for less nimble to cross the road!
Events and great things / activities to get involved with in town. Great Xmas lights!
Fair parking charges to reflect short stops for shopping - control of yellow lines and loading zones.
flow of traffic through high street and free parking
Footpaths on both sides of road.
Free 30 minute parking to drop off/collect prescriptions etc or free parking altogether like Wealden DC
Free car parking for Battle residents and cheaper for visitors.
Free flow of traffic could be improved if traffic was controlled and not allowed to park on double yellow lines on the High Street (missing a revenue opportunity) Train service could be improved.
Free parking for local residents in the town.
Free parking is definitely not a strength - it doesn't exist in Battle.
Free parking would be nice (like Bexhill!), What cycle routes?? Public toilet provision is good.
Good quality schools although already very crowded classrooms.
Good variety of restaurants in Battle.
Heritage
Historic buildings and visitor attractions. Beautiful Battle gardens around town. Countryside.
History and beautiful location in the surrounding countryside.
history and range of related activities/tourism and all that attracts e.g. cafes/shops/jobs
HSBC Bank.
I do not class any of these as strengths!
I don't understand question - is this a present strength or a hoped for strength? I have ticked for hope for strength.
I have been impressed by the friendliness and sense of community in Battle. Respect for heritage/history.
Improve powder mill road. Important and A21 - Marley lane junction (death trap)
Improve what we have.

Improved train service. It truly is appalling. Parking permits for residents which allow up to 1 hr. We would use local shops much more if we didn't have to pay for a 15 minute pop in.
Independent shops crucial for character of town.
Is this a joke? Free flow of traffic access for disable, cycle routes, litter bins, Free parking? Strengths in Battle. Ha.
It is almost an insult to put the free flow of traffic in the above list as a possible strength.
It is good there are buses but they need to run later at night.
Living in a pleasant area which cannot, of course, avoid some development given increasing demand, but also needs careful management to ensure strengths are not overwhelmed by weaknesses.
More buses to Sainsbury's, now that the 95 bus does not go there anymore.
more free parking for residents and traders
More free short stay parking for residents. Better flow of traffic. Tourist information office.
More litter bins should be made available in rural areas to try and stop all the litter on the road sides.
More out of school activities / entertainment for teenagers.
More parking for High Street and cheaper. More bins at the north/south end of the high street.
More regular buses.
More state secondary school facilities up to 6th Form...
More support for Memorial Hall, i.e. money, grants as it is an important social centre.
Must keep a bank in High St.
Need much better facilities for young and old - cycle paths and safe areas. Congestion bad Free parking.
Needs a modern review
Nice country views from most properties
No evidence of overcrowding. The disposal of broken glass and bottles still a problem refuse collection is otherwise good. The one glass and bottle bank near Jewsons store appreciated.
No parking on High Street. Available parking on Abbey Green.
None of the above are considered as strengths.
Not always a good train service though. Cycle routes could be better. As mentioned, better parking, either cheaper or free, no further houses - use any existing derelict buildings - don't build more homes - it will ruin an oversized Battle.
Not enough free car parking
Not enough litter bins. More free parking.
Open and accessible countryside around the town - which needs to be preserved.
Other than library none are Battle strengths a big let-down.
Parking free or cheaper for 1/2 hr parking to encourage people to shop in Battle town. Clear road signs cleaned and clocks in town to be put right time not just decorations.
Parking is appalling. Far too expensive should have free time for residents.
Parking is costly. Footpaths not maintained, Train service really bad.
Parking provision totally inadequate. High Street should be clear for loading / unloading only, and residents outside town limit should be provided with free parking (2 hrs).
Playgrounds and recreational facilities at southern end of town.
Playgrounds ok but need to be modernised. Primary and secondary schools to cope with current need locally and surrounding village in catchment area - but may not cope if more families in area.
Poor bus services often do not turn up - broke down - touring response - lack of service - e.g. Hastings station they would like to see Battle only single decker bus one an hour - all others to Rye - Bexhill - Eastbourne - Tenterden more per hour and double deckers - why?
Promote the history of Battle more to encourage tourists.
Public toilet provision!
Reduced parking fee for Battle parish residents as represented by electoral roll.

Respect for conservation of parish's history.
Restrict heavy lorries - downgrade A2100 to B road.
Rural, countryside feeling.
Safe cycle routes.
Schools are great but no 6th form!!
Sense of community.
Services generally have deteriorated or are non-existent since we moved here.
Sign posting at Telham playground - no caution still after years of asking!
The High Street needs less traffic!
The lack of police activity has led to considerable deterioration in many areas of the town, particularly with regard to traffic.
The people - community feel - atmosphere. Safe neighbourhoods - lots going on for young and old (not teenagers!)
The sense of community that comes from having evolved organically rather than in large developments.
The train service is a good service to have access to, however it has frequent disruptions and the service is slow - you can get to London quicker from the Midlands than from here! Ridiculous! My suggestion is to improve journey times.
The 'village' atmosphere of Battle and its environs is precious and should be fully respected in preparing the Neighbourhood Plan.
There are none.
There is minimal free parking in Battle. Any volunteering, participation in club or society requires a payment of £4 for 2 hours plus during the day.
There must be free parking to enable local people and tourists to use the local shops, e.g. in Hawkhurst and Lewes Tesco provides hours of free parking enabling shoppers to use the town shops, etc.
This question is not clear as to whether it refers to current strengths or those being sought. I have assumed the former.
Toilets needed.
too much heavy traffic especially at school time needs to be addressed
Tourism opportunities.
Town activities e.g. Battle bonfire, medieval fayre, scarecrow festival/easter marbels
Traffic warden should be employed to ease traffic flow in town centre.
Venue of historic significance provides local businesses with a steady stream of customers (and should be exploited)
Village feel. Sense of community, Safe and low crime rate.
We need our banks re-instated in the high street.
Where is free parking?
Would like buses to run on Sundays into Hastings.
Yellow lines up one side of Marley Lane to town as parking causes much congestion. Also in high street which is often chaotic.

5.6 Appendix 6 – Q13: Battle Parish (including Netherfield and Telham) weaknesses

<p>- I do not advocate free parking just reduced parking charges to fill the car parks we have and so reduce congestion</p> <p>- Another weakness of the area is general untidiness, lack of litter picking , street sweeping, weed control the area starts to look tired</p>
<p>1) Cycle tracks</p> <p>2) Crossing road to little Tesco, too dangerous to ride on roads</p>
<p>1. Baby-change facilities required in Mount Street car park. 2. Parking spaces in Mount Street too narrow for modern cars. 3. Lack of taxi and takeaway companies willing to travel this far.</p>
<p>6th Form College needed</p>
<p>A post office no longer at the centre. In spite of the above - no buses on a Sunday (not within your control)</p>
<p>Access for the disabled to several shops impossible</p>
<p>Access for the disabled.</p>
<p>Again, I don't understand the question. I have answered with present weaknesses.</p>
<p>allow catchment area 2 hours free parking a day (doctors/chemists etc)</p>
<p>Although there are at least two public toilets, the one in Market Square is in desperate need of an upgrade.</p>
<p>An urgent need is to stop both illegal and in considered parking which endangers human life and limb.</p>
<p>And baby changing facilities.</p>
<p>another toilet provision near Abbey area</p>
<p>Are there toilets at Abbey end of town?</p>

At the moment Battle is a great place to live but this could easily change if it is swamped by new estates.
Ban any parking in the High Street allowing people to park, throw open doors and cross between cars is dangerous and makes driving a hazard.
Ban double parking on high street when lorries unload. Encourage more evening/night deliveries. Designated lorry and van parking areas and drivers to carry goods further distances to shops.
Ban parking on high street. Provide free parking for 20m in car park AND POLICE IT
Battle High Street urgently needs more zebra crossings, especially for the elderly who have to walk quite a distance to each of the two crossings.
Battle Hill - speeding, lack of safe crossing areas. Speed in general through Battle. There is a good range of shops but many seem to be closing.
Battle is so busy with traffic as now schools was built at Bannantynes as was promised - I don't trust these promises. What is your definition of modest? Dear Battle Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group - I hope that by filling this in it can be proven that we were listened to. Is this just an exercise to make us 'think' we were listened to? To be honest I feel helpless and powerless. I don't know anyone that wants huge estates to be built. The areas between Harries Lane and Starrs Mead if built on huge numbers will form that area into one huge estate. This is the only green area on this side of town. It is unique in terms of wildlife. I am worried about the amount of traffic already on the roads - our walk to school feels treacherous down Battle Hill. It will be worse with more traffic. I have to work but work is not in Battle (same for majority of people) and my journey to work takes twice as long in rush hour. You will ruin the unique character of Battle if you go ahead and build another huge estate. Build in small clusters. However, only the money for developers matter (not us) so I don't believe you will take any notice of anything people say as, money talks, not ordinary families. I hope to be proven wrong but I am sure all has already been decided and this is to placate the powerless ordinary person. You will ruin Battle environment by building so many houses. Our doctors, roads and schools are already full to the brim. Please don't make Battle a stressful place to live.
Battle parish weaknesses to many to mention no improvement Battle properly never be made a big let down
Because of outside parkers bins are not being emptied because of restricted access.
Before any additional homes are built the current facilities (schooling, traffic issues, shopping options) need to be increased.
Better train service. Cheaper or free parking.
Broadband currently not good.
Build a bypass
Bus service - why have you left this off the list? Homes for the elderly - why have you left this off the list?
Bus service could improve.
bus service is shocking
Bus service.
Bus Services Inadequate Allow indiscriminate parking in the High Street - on double yellow lines, on bus stops etc, making it unsafe for moving traffic and pedestrians alike.
Can't get broadband in Battle.
Complete lack of enforcement with illegal parking - 20mph limit is not enforced and also causes daily obstructions for traffic. Same offenders use double yellow lines for their own personal parking and same for 20 mins + bus stops.
Concentrate on improving what we have not by adding to a problem.
Congested parking in town centre. Provide free parking elsewhere and block all parking in town centre.
Congestion caused by cars parked on double yellow lines. Stop all parking on North Trade Road If car parks charged for say 15 mins at a reduced rate then more people would use them for quick visits to the bank etc, instead of parking in the High Street.
Congestion on estate roads due to all day and even long stay parking for trains.

<p>Congestion on estate roads due to lack of on plot parking provision and garages being converted into living accommodation.</p> <p>Overuse of outdoor sports facilities at Claverham College by children and adults causing excessive noise nuisance to nearby residents.</p> <p>Council has allowed small bungalows intended for the retired to be extended into family accommodation, therefore pensioners must live in flats and become isolated.</p>
Cost of parking
Could do with public toilet provision near Battle Abbey.
Council not stopping illegal use of fields/woods as housing.
<p>Cut down speeding on Netherfield Road, Netherfield.</p> <p>A 30mph sign would help as one enters it, at Netherfield.</p>
cycle routes
<p>Cycle routes leading to schools (away from roads, safe).</p> <p>No public noticeboards in Battle (suggest alleyway from High Street through to Mount Street car park).</p>
<p>Delivery restricted to times in morning and afternoons to ease congestion in High Street.</p> <p>Free parking for 1 hour to OAPS. Marked parking bays on estates. No parking in Marley Lane.</p>
Disabled parking, Station parking, Too many charity shops
Discounted parking charges for local residents (disc scheme?).
<p>Discussions should be undertaken with network rail to cure the need to close level crossing in Marley Lane when the work on the tracks. This cuts the area in two and causes inconvenience all round, work access to the lines can easily be made from Station car park for all plant and materials.</p>
Do not use shops because lack of free parking
<p>Don't understand why large delivery lorries are not banned from the high street from 7am - 6pm. Businesses such as the co-op, florists, Holland and Barrett and that sofa shop can easily arrange to accept deliveries out of hours - it costs more in man hours lost to people going about their business than it does to those establishments. Maybe you can offer a deduction in bus. Rates as an incentive.</p>
Driving through Battle is a nightmare at times too many lorries driving.
<p>Either increase parking spaces at Battle Station (build second floor) or reduce charges. Currently commuters park in nearby residential roads. The more houses built the worse it will be.</p>
Encourage shop keepers by capping rent rises for 5 year periods.
Existing pubs and restaurants are disappointing in the service they offer.
<p>Failure to stop cars being parked on double yellow lines in the high street and in Mount Street. Test the DNA of dog faeces left on pavements and footpaths and fine the dog's owner.</p>
<p>Few parking spaces at Doctors Surgery.</p> <p>Public toilets could be cleaner.</p>
Fill in the small gap between the yellow lines in North Trade Road what was the point of yellow lines if cars are parked there
Footpaths good, more needed e.g. from North Trade Road across to Catsfield Road has no pathway.
<p>Footpaths not maintained. Speed restrictions not enforced.</p> <p>Congestion impossible and toxic.</p>
Free car parking all day or free before 10am
<p>Free disc parking for local residents</p> <p>Free car parking will relieve local roads/high street congestion and encourage local trade and regenerate the dying Friday market.</p>
Free parking if only for local residents.
free parking in car parks available for 1 hr.
Frequency of public transport
<p>General lack of maintenance to footpaths and road signs are not kept clear of vegetation.</p> <p>Overgrown hedges and trees.</p>
Get rid of parking on Battle High Street. It is a nightmare.
give residents free parking by providing permits
Good hotel accommodation both quality and size.

GPs are good but overloaded. They couldn't cope with a new housing estate.
Health care service you still go to Robertsbridge - little used by doctors. (next sentence illegible)
High street parking should only be for disabled & lorry deliveries. Should be a clampdown on parking on double yellow lines. All the other car parks should be free for the first hour, with the introduction of parking discs to allow shopping / doctors /dentists visits.
Housing prices.
I do not feel I can comment on weakness that are more likely to affect other people, families or younger.
If any new schools need to be built they should be prepared for future growth, e.g. Battle and Langton was too small and needed repairs from the start. Teenagers should be asked what entertainment they would like and then encouraged to take part.
If lack of primary school places it is because of allay Hastings people to enter Battle schools when they have plenty of choice, it should be Battle residents and local villages first before allay Hastings/Bexhill pupils. Need public toilets lower end of Battle - should have kept Battle Abbey ones open to public.
If on-the-road parking on the High Street were properly invigilated there would be a much better traffic flow.
In fact all of these apply.
Inadequate bus service to Conquest, especially at weekends. Our markets suffer, due to lack of free parking for local residents. Large supermarkets (there are 4 within 5 miles) and shopping outlets (Ravenside) all offer free parking which encourage local residents to shop away from our town.
It is often already a problem accessing Hastings Road/Battle Hill; and crossing to the Tesco/Esso store is an accident waiting to happen. A development on the Blackfriars site will aggravate the problem exponentially. The best I can suggest is that the number of dwellings built on Blackfriars be severely limited.
Lack of 6th form at Claverham. Can we encourage other shops (not estate agents or charity shops)? Improve footpaths to the town.
Lack of affordable family housing (3+ bedroom).
Lack of choice of restaurants in town.
Lack of co-ordination and a week planning system, that mitigates the availability for the district council to adjacent development site owners work together for the sake of residents.
lack of cycle routes
Lack of cycle routes and roads, safe for inexperienced cyclists and families.
Lack of cycle routes for experience and inexperienced cyclists and families.
Lack of cycle routes. Toilets close too early!
lack of dog bins away from the town centre
lack of enforcement of road speed limits, absence of traffic calming measures
Lack of footpaths and cycle ways at southern end of town. Witnessed young married couple and pushchair trying to cross road at Hastings Road bend into Glengorse. The dad walked into the road to see if safe to cross before called wife and pushchair with baby in to cross road. They couldn't go further uphill to safer place to see traffic better because then they would have to go on muddy grass verge. No path from garage shop up to Glengorse completely either.
Lack of free parking which causes congestion on roads and estate roads. This problem is a huge issue. Car parks should charge £1 per day and Bexhill which is free for parking should start charging the same!
Lack of hotels in the High Street and surrounding area.
Lack of leisure facilities / leisure centre / swimming pool
Lack of maintenance to footways e.g. London Road
Lack of NHS dental care
-Lack of parking warden. -High Street is massively congested as it's the only free parking available. Resident permits need to be considered. As does a "no parking zone" in the High St.
Lack of restaurants
Lack of safe cycle routes, Footpaths often unusable in winter Public toilets at recreation ground, Schools stretched to maximum.

Lack of safe cycle ways, lack of footpaths in some areas, total gridlock on some roads (high st, north trade road), increasing noise and pollution, huge lorries on high street increasing.
Lack of sports centre/swimming pool facilities.
Lack of traffic calming on non-main roads. No traffic warden. Holiday coaches dropping off and picking up at Battle Abbey.
Lack of traffic warden - if only part time. Too many large lorries up Battle High Street.
Lack of traffic warden, Bad road conditions
Lacks good independent restaurants.
Local bus services, lack of police presence.
Loss of banks. Lack of free parking / parking.
Lost toilets by the Abbey - never replaced. No toilets that end of town.
Maintenance of roads i.e. potholes are dangerous.
Make more land available for building on Battle outskirts.
Make people cut hedges back instead of letting them go over foot paths Lavender Cottage needs to cut theirs back your arm is over the kerb or you tear clothes on the hedge.
Martins Oak Surgery provides a good service but needs to be relocated to a more suitable and accessible building, Battle Health Centre has limited opening times.
Medical facilities would need extending if more houses built. Ditto schools.
More cycle routes please. A town of this size should have a swimming pool - indoor, heated.
More free and cheaper parking. Traffic warden. Change High St. bays to 30 mins and monitor!
More free parking is needed plus a traffic warden to monitor the parking in the high street.
More frequent buses, Lack of banks, No more charity shops
More homes for the elderly to rent or buy
More involvement by English Heritage especially outside Abbey during re-enactments. Reinstate lavatory at bottom of town. Poor tourism promotion - some buses don't stay in town as not encouraged to.
More out of school activities / entertainment for teenagers. Free flow of traffic. Society and club variety.
More road markings especially for unloading. Existing ones too vague especially outside the co-op in high street.
More strengths than weaknesses.
More very-short-term (30 minutes, no return in 2hrs) parking
Mostly congestion, traffic, parking, litter, fly tipping, street lighting, police presence.
Move all pedestrian crossings to Pelican crossings to reduce the widespread habit of pedestrians continually following each other just as the first leaves the crossing, not allowing time for traffic to flow(especially at start/end school times).
Ban heavy lorries from loading during peak periods Fine all road users who block the road by parking on double yellows, as most of these are there to help traffic flows.
Current traffic overload during peak hours must be producing significant pollutant levels in the town as it can take 10-15 minutes per car to leave the area in school times
Must have more parking!!!
Need a traffic warden there is too much illegal parking in town centre. Dog mess on paths never cleared (no bins!) Needs a pelican crossing
Need for coordinated parking strategy involving all interested parties to reduce street parking and force people (drivers) to use existing facilities e.g. commuters drive into Battle park in residential areas blocking access and spending no money here.
Need to improve bus service. Just getting to Conquest is near impossible.

<p>No control by council over noise nuisance from Senlac Public House No safe cycle routes Dirty and poorly maintained pedestrian walkways Poor supermarket provision.</p>
<p>No control regarding vehicles parking on yellow double lines and wherever they please in the High Street.</p>
<p>No cycle routes.</p>
<p>No leisure centre or swimming pool - almost time we had one in Battle. It would be so well used. I have to take my grandchildren to Tenterden for safe and shallow swimming. We need a proper larger medical centre with parking.</p>
<p>No leisure facilities (Netherfield). Could use Village Hall better.</p>
<p>No safe cycling</p>
<p>No walkway on Hastings road. I have to cross the main road several times to walk into town. Lack of cycle paths.</p>
<p>No year round/decent swimming pool, adult education options, Battle post office location since it moved away from general shopping area, costa and 'major' chains which do not participate in local town events, certain businesses e.g. costa dumping huge piles of trade waste on narrow pavements - unsightly antisocial and dangerous, other businesses don't do it (and have same waste collection options), disabled parking, short term parking close to shops especially helpful if you're not disabled but have mobility problems, significant increase in plane activity and noise since concentration of flights/stacking from Gatwick especially late night/early morning low flying airliners.</p>
<p>Not enough access, especially via bridleways on to Battle Great Woods</p>
<p>Not too many charity shops and cafes.</p>
<p>Offices essential.</p>
<p>Our car park was taken to build new houses now cars have to park on grass verge. All that can be done is to tarmac the grass verge for extra parking. Verges are a mess and will not get any better due to more cars on roads.</p>
<p>Over the years I have worked and lived here, I have noticed a significant drop in the numbers of people visiting and shopping in the town. Although we have a huge amount of traffic passing through, the people on foot has declined and continues to do so and that is due to the lack of free parking and high charges.</p>
<p>Parking / free parking, good for business. Congestion major headache.</p>
<p>Parking charge i.e. the main issue - Battle High Street will die if this not addressed!</p>
<p>Parking in Battle too expensive. Provide 2 x 1 hour parking to encourage trade in shops and help people going to medical facilities to have enough time for appointments. Enforce parking restrictions on double yellow lines in High Street.</p>
<p>Parking on north trade road - please! People parking on pavements obstructs pavements for wheelchair users, buggies, mums and children, it is dangerous and stops traffic! Playgrounds could do with a makeover!</p>
<p>Parking on pavements and double yellow lines, especially at schools.</p>
<p>Parking provision to the eastern side of Battle would be welcomed and reduce flow of traffic through the High Street.</p>
<p>Parking should be allowed one side of high street because when you have medical problems and get older you don't want to walk far to the shops.</p>
<p>Parking too expensive. Poor town facilities for Abbey visitors to spend their time/money. Lack of public toilets. Battle market should be an attraction - not a junk yard.</p>
<p>Pathways not lit well along Hastings Road to Telham and beyond. Makes running dangerous.</p>
<p>Pedestrianize High Street, say 10am-4pm</p>
<p>Playgrounds could be improved on. Facilities for children and teenagers needed.</p>
<p>Policing of on-road parking abuses poor</p>

Poor drainage at Battle rec. leading to loss of facility for 3 months per year. No full size 3g pitch at Battle sports centre.
Poor local bus services.
Poor road upkeep (especially dangerous for cyclists); poor footpaths outside of Battle centre (e.g. Hastings Road, North Trade Road).
Public toilet by the Abbey (restored)
Public toilet provision not at the southern end of town.
Public transport to nearby towns is poor e.g. Eastbourne Banks rapidly diminishing.
Recreation ground gets too wet to be used properly for football. Needs better drainage.
-reinstate free parking in RDC car parks from 6pm. -No enforcement of parking restrictions, e.g. parking on double yellow lines and bus stop. -Footbridge needed over level crossing for pedestrians
Reinstate the monthly Farmers' Market on Abbey Green, with adequate marketing and advertising
Remove 'A' advertising boards in High Street, 24 present count in High Street.
Resident parking on the roads around the station Improve the youth centre.
Roads on estates e.g. Coronation Gardens lacking of parking - verges churned up like ploughed fields due to parking on them. Makes the estate look run down. Remove verges to provide parking places.
Safe cycle routes.
Schools too small for number of pupils - those outside Battle should not be accepted - they should be using their local schools.
Schools will struggle further with new housing. Battle & Langton struggle today because they have to provide 3 classes and were not able to combine years due to parent pressure. Further development would put even more strain on this great school.
Severe lack of public transport in rural areas.
Shop deliveries restricted to time before 8am and after 6pm. No parking in Marley Lane. Marked parking bay on housing estates. 1 hour free parking permits for OAPs. No parking in high street to ease congestion.
Shops and businesses closing down due to high rates. Charity shops opening.
Signage on main approach roads indicating historic sites, local hotels, tourist attractions, leisure and sports facilities.
Society and clubs for elderly
Somehow stop the illegal parking on the high street as this causes congestion.
Speed of traffic on High Street and to Station - parking in the High Street. Bring back a traffic warden.
Stop parking in Battle High Street and Marley Lane or employ a traffic warden.
Summer tourists already put pressure on limited facilities.
Superfast broadband needed across the board.
Tarmac Chain Lane to reduce roundabout chaos. Waste of scruffy woodland between St martins and the scout hut - it ought to be compulsory bought for parking or a cottage hospital.
The Abbey may date back to 1066 but the roads don't have to! Tarmac surface is embarrassing sort it out.
The current minimal free parking facilities, whilst welcome, are too little, too restrictive and not appropriate for short requirements of local residents through the day for shopping, visits to the doctor/dentist etc. Battle High Street on-road parking should be monitored.
The level of traffic on the Hastings Road is steadily increasing and it reaches 'bottleneck' levels whenever (frequently) there is a problem on the A21. The location of new developments should be considered with this factor clearly in mind!
The RDC Core strategy says the school place provision can meet the population increase. The parish is cut through by roads carrying too much through traffic, particularly HGVs.
The rec on north trade rd. needs toilet - I know this is the plan but it should been years ago!
The whole area is not pedestrian or cyclist friendly. No safe cycle paths No effective speed limits. Difficult just to cross the road. Dangerous.

There are too many housing developments in Battle town to the over 55s. It is virtually impossible to buy/rent a modest flat to younger people/now oaps.
There is no provision for cycling, the roads are dangerous and sadly you see very few people (especially children) using bikes.
There needs to be toilet provision in the playing fields (North Trade Road).
There seems to be enough car parking spaces but a woeful lack of free spaces. It would be helpful to shop owners if there was more free parking. As mentioned above - improve rail journey times.
To stop parking in Battle High Street altogether, but make surrounding car parks free to park in for up to 2 hours and then charge. You cannot even go to the doctors without having to pay and it does not benefit local business.
Toilets near the Abbey required. Lack of parking for residents.
Toilets should be installed at the park - it's useless without them as taking more than 1 child is a nightmare. Battle and Langton school has gone badly downhill.
Too many charity shops.
Too many people. Reduce or limit population.
Too many properties converting garages to living accommodation thereby pushing car parking for householder / visitors into the roadway.
Total lack of parking enforcement in High Street responsible for much of town centre congestion - loading bay invariably blocked by parked cars. Total disregard for double yellow lines.
Town centre parking control, there are always vehicles illegally parked. Lack of tourist attraction support.
traffic calming or speed cameras needed along Hastings Road as cars ignore the 30 or 40 restrictions (Battle to Telham)
Traffic in Battle is endless! Too many HGVs coming from Johns Cross turn off and driving through to St Leonards industrial estates.
Traffic warden needed
Traffic wardens, free car park but no parking on Battle High Street.
Traffic/parking regulations e.g. double yellow lines should be enforced by traffic wardens.
Unsafe roads for cycling. Lack of outdoor but undercover places to picnic...
Very poor road infrastructure around the town.
We lose out to Bexhill residents on things like free parking in the town.
We need banking services!
We need free parking for town residents and better provision for disabled people to access shops.
We should have a tourist information office. We are an important town.
What's going on with the gypsies down Powder mill Lane then? Who seem to be expanding as and when they wish.
Why don't we have times when deliveries are allowed in the town so that it is controlled, also no lorries through the town at weekends as in many places abroad.
Why is there a lack of free parking? It would encourage people to use local businesses and shops. It's a disgrace!
Wind Farms
Wishful thinking, most of the traffic that come through Battle is in transit and wider route via the A21 is required to reduce this transit traffic.
You must conform to your unitary development plan and respect your responsibility to keep Battle as it is. The area is vulnerable to traffic congestion and overcrowding as a consequence of building bypasses in the area.

5.7 Appendix 7 – Q14: Well-being of the area and community.

- More involvement of the community in decision making or even to listen in - Any committees, open meetings are generally during the week during the day when people could not attend
20mph global speed limit.
Priority given to walking, cycling, bus, train.
20mph speed limit on North Trade Road at school closing time for Claverham Community College and Battle and Langton School.
A network of safe cycling routes needs to be established.
Access from any new development into the town should encourage non-car use.
All cycling should be in the roadways and NOT on footways shared with pedestrians.
All new build homes should have solar roof TILES and grey water recycling.
All new homes should be built with solar panels and facilities to charge electric cars.
All new homes should have solar panels/wind turbine included when built.
All new homes to be fitted with rooftop solar panels to provide electricity.
All new houses should be fitted with energy systems e.g. solar and or wind.
Another obscure question! Does this mean wellbeing we would like?
Any developments must not infringe the countryside.
Any new development above the Marley Lane estate must take into account water run-off to avoid flooding of the existing houses.
Any new homes should have solar power as standard.
At present the roads are too busy and congested for safe cycling.
Beautiful views, unspoilt countryside.
Better bus service to avoid excessive car use.
Better recycling collection. Tip needs to be better organised so people are not climbing stairs.

Better sports facilities e.g. full size 3g pitch.
Care about positions of existing post-boxes!!! Some of us still write letters and like to send cheques for all our bills!!! I refuse to be bullied and go on the internet!!!!
-Cars (through traffic) discouraged from High Street. -Better managed and maintained public areas (e.g. wardens to prevent dog fouling, street cleaning etc) -A much better supermarket required to encourage local food shopping.
Change existing street lighting to LED elements and leave lights on especially on 'through roads, e.g. Marley Lane lights go off before the last trains arriving and is a major road into the town off the A21 and several estates.
Consistency of bin collection services in Sunny Rise, North Trade Road needs improvement.
Create more affordable housing and create more local jobs that are paying well above minimum wage to match the increasing cost of living.
curtail parking in high street, restrict size of vehicles
Cycling can only be considered for leisure as in and around Battle area roads are too congested for utility cycling.
Cycling cannot be encouraged. The roads are far too dangerous (even for cars!)
Cycling encouraged but only if it can be made safe i.e. by the provision of proper cycle routes away from vehicles.
Cycling is desirable but having two teenagers who have had bad on road experiences and now refuse to cycle into Battle or to their holiday jobs due to traffic fears- only dedicated cycle paths are going to solve the problem.
Cycling not safe on roads.
Cycling should be encouraged but must be made safer. Turf roofs on industrial buildings and wherever feasible.
Cycling should be encouraged but there is already too much traffic making this a major safety issue.
Cycling should be encouraged only if the roads are used and not footpaths which are used in Battle the paths are too narrow and you are liable to get hit as I have. The parents tell their children not to ride on the roads also parents are using the paths as well.
Developers should be forced to invest in facilities and their ongoing upkeep.
Divert all through traffic onto the A21 and pedestrianize the high street.
Do not spoil the character of the town.
Domestic home roof solar panels should be encouraged and approval simplified, not left to multi-nationals to be the sole provider of 'free' energy.
Easier flow of traffic through town, Cheaper parking or free parking
Energy efficiency needs to balance against cost, builders and those setting control parameters should look at methods used elsewhere in Europe - terracotta tiles, etc. Standards unnecessarily high.
Facilities should be put in place before the area is enlarged or a good chance these issues will never be addressed.
Fewer street lights. All new builds have solar panels. Compost collection alongside recycling.
Financial incentives for householders to install solar panels.
Fit all new homes with solar panels.
Free Parking and non-High Street parking, Pedestrianised High St Speed management of A2100 traffic.
Getting basic infrastructure right is more important.
Good sound insulation to properties, protection and regard for the town/village character, respect. Protection and respect for the rural and peaceful nature of the area. No overcrowding. Protect locals. Protect the environment. Solar farms do not do this. They are noisy in the extreme when it rains and detract from rural nature.
Grey water recycling in new build homes.
Homes (new) should have their own energy sources, such as solar, wind or geothermal.
If sited to minimise visual impact.

<p>Improve/repair roads Control traffic/parking in High St</p>
<p>Improved bus routes</p>
<p>Incorporate green designs in all new development.</p>
<p>Instead of solar farm all homes should be fitted with solar panels at low costs.</p>
<p>It is sad it is even being considered to build more homes in Battle. This can only have a negative effect on an over stretched town. No more countryside destroyed - revamp scruffy areas or empty properties.</p>
<p>Leave the countryside alone - no building on it. This will and does benefit people's health and wellbeing.</p>
<p>Less executive homes and more starter/low cost homes for local people on a limited scale.</p>
<p>Long term funding.</p>
<p>Maintain woodland regularly Tree surgery training</p>
<p>Make the High Street a one way circular route, using Powdermill Lane. Encourage cycling and provide wider (safer) pavements for pedestrian usage.</p>
<p>More allotments.</p>
<p>More housing will need to be carefully considered. Battle is a wonderful place to live - don't ruin it.</p>
<p>More solar units on buildings (esp. public buildings) rather than in countryside.</p>
<p>More support and protection for farming and rural areas. Better policing and traffic control.</p>
<p>More trees to be planted to offset increase in pollution, and loss of drainage area.</p>
<p>New cycle and walking paths. Reduce speed to 20mph on High Street.</p>
<p>New drainage (water pressure too low), Faster broadband. More efficient garbage collection - a disgrace at present</p>
<p>New homes could/should incorporate photo-voltaic roof tiles. While they are more expensive than solar panels, they are visually acceptable when compared to ugly solar panels, which should be forbidden in the plan; certainly when it comes to new-build and conservation area.</p>
<p>New housing should have solar panels and other energy saving modifications.</p>
<p>No solar farms! All new building should include solar panels.</p>
<p>No wind farms.</p>
<p>No wind turbines! Inefficient energy source.</p>
<p>Not sure if this counts, but could we have an American-style school bus service for local children who don't live within walking distance?</p>
<p>Not the business of elected representatives to tell electors how to live.</p>
<p>Not to over develop the area and create social, medical and education problems.</p>
<p>Our police station should not be closed and manned 24 hours daily especially if the proposed housing increase and provision of traveller sites goes ahead and a direct phone line to the station without going through Lewes.</p>
<p>People should walk or cycle if they wish. Children can be encouraged by parents or teachers.</p>
<p>Plant 10 trees for everyone removed.</p>
<p>Police on the beat.</p>
<p>Properties being grade 2 listed should be able to install suitable energy efficient windows.</p>
<p>Protect our woodlands and natural habitats.</p>
<p>Provide employment opportunities.</p>
<p>Put solar panels on roofs not in fields!</p>
<p>Recycling facilities at the south of the town to replace the one at Battle Hill Service Station.</p>
<p>Reduce the carbon footprint created by vehicles. Your line of questioning seems to be entirely focused on raising revenue for the council at the expense of the historic and heritage character of Battle.</p>
<p>Reducing through traffic - High St and Lower Lane completely unsuitable for traffic and powdermill lane just a death trap. Reducing local traffic and especially cycle path provision for those not contemplating suicide. (I'm a cyclist)</p>
<p>Re-establish proper local community presence.</p>

Reinstate buses for less car use.
Roads need to be safer to encourage cycling.
Safe cycle routes.
Safe cycling routes. Walking bus to school.
Safe route for cyclist, horse riders and walkers.
Set a walking distance of 1000m criteria from all new sites to the town centre and railway in order to encourage sustainable modes of transport and provide social inclusion within the community
Shops and businesses discouraged from leaving lights on at night (unless using LED, low energy, solar lighting).
Should not just be cycling / walking but leisure facilities should increase.
Social cohesion.
Solar farm should be banished on farm land. Farms are for food.
Solar 'farms' can be installed on existing building roofs with less impact on the countryside and without damaging the areas character, if well planned. Commercial, industrial and educational buildings should be reviewed.
Solar farms should be community owned. Wind turbine should be considered.
solar farms should generate electricity, not vast profits for the owners
Solar farms should not utilise green field sites. They should be sited on brown field. Industrial complexes and the like and new buildings and houses should be required to accommodate solar panels too.
Solar farms would need to be discreet. Cycling great for all ages but safe cycle ways would need to be developed.
Solar farms would reduce the wellbeing of the community.
Solar panels for roofs at industrial units and homes but not on land in countryside. Wind turbines to supply energy to new developments.
Solar panels on homes not farms!
Some footpaths are in poor condition i.e. Whatlington Road. (Wheel Chairs and Buggies use the road instead of the footpath in places). Footpath required from Playground area to Car Park at the Recreation Ground.
Stop caravans in shed's (Farm eggs Farm!)
Sustainability of population and stop immigration into what once was our country and we are being overrun, each country requires a population limit!
Swimming pool
Swimming pool and fitness centre for local people.
Swimming pool and leisure facilities - please - let's keep everyone healthy!
Swimming pool for all
The look and maintenance of the town is vital to its continuance as a tourist attraction. This includes surrounding countryside.
The maintenance of the 'village community' ethos should be a key consideration. Critical factors in this will be the location, size and character of new developments, which should be designed to foster a cohesive sense of 'belonging' to the community and infrastructure that already define and shape the Battle area.
The occasional wind turbine is not unsightly, well positioned.
toilets badly needed
Traffic free town centre.
Upgrade of facilities in Children's Playground. Improve football pitch which can rarely be used for matches.
Use of collected rainwater for household use Permeable drives to reduce flow off into roads
very ambiguous question
Walking can't be encouraged road system too dangerous.
Walking in Battle is a nightmare due to volume of traffic. Children at risk of lung damage.

We could also do with an exercise free thing on the rec like they have in Eferton Park as gyms are so expensive please please thank you
We must not get caught up in being overzealous but maintain a common sense approach!
What businesses could be encouraged into the area. How many people would this bring into the area. How many people would this bring into the area a) to work (b) to live (c) to both live and work in the area. I should add that the status quo seems to be working but sustainability is always ongoing.
Whatever the public say, no doubt will be ignored as per usual. All this general new building will lead to is the total destruction of the environment.
Whilst encouraging walking and cycling is a worthy aim, it should not be done by covert restriction of the use of a car as many rely on this as their only practical/realistic means of transport.
Why take up fields with solar panels when all new buildings could be fitted with them.
Wind farms
Wind farms in Netherfield or Telham or Mountfield Ground heat source for more developments
wind turbines
wind turbines
With improved infrastructure, transport and facilities, more long term businesses might be attracted to set up in the Battle area. Good employment prospects and better market for local businesses can be created.

5.8 Appendix 8 – Q15: How should we support the local economy?

1) Rate relief on business employing less than 10 people. 2) Relax planning laws to allow the development of small holdings, subject to proof of self-sufficiency.
1) Reduce business rates 2) Encourage owners of retail spaces to charge fair rent 3) Actively encourage national chains to set up business in Battle.
1. Freeing up agricultural land for building purposes. 2. Adequate police presence.
A bypass enabling free flowing traffic. Ensure all High St parking is legal including outside Yesterday World where Blue Badge holders need to know NOT to park dangerously. Delivery to shops only during certain specified hours.
A premier supermarket would be good. Lower commercial rates for small independent shops.
All of the above could be considered but the interests of the local population must be protected at all times.
All of the above would be acceptable for a normal uninteresting locality. Battle is quite unique and all of the above would only detract from its timeless and historic appeal. All of the above would devalue Battle's unique selling point and reduce it to just another modern 'soul-less' development / town. You should be looking to build on Battle's historic nature and heritage not destroying it.
Allocate more land for free parking for local businesses/short term local parking for residents, there is not enough space for employees at present and wanting to shop locally for milk/papers etc becomes an expensive hobby that reduces local shop incomes.
Allow one large supermarket to be built i.e. Aldi, Tesco, Lidl, Sainsbury.
Already unused commercial at the A21 end of Marley Lane. Empty space in High Street (2 banks at least).
Any business needs to fit to the community spirit within Battle but most important be sited where roads can take any extra traffic and be near public transport.
Ask all new businesses what stumbling blocks they encountered.

<p>Attract people from outside of the town to come here by providing unique and family-friendly entertainment venues. e.g. bowling, good-quality soft-play, encourage local businesses to use chip & pin technology, encourage butchers and greengrocers to team up to provide home delivery, have a Let's Do Business-style event to encourage local recruitment/awareness of local companies and employers.</p>
<p>Avoid overdevelopment. Convert and redundant buildings into commercial and residential options. The problem with smaller/start up units for smaller businesses is that they can be limited in appeal (location/facilities/types) and once a business has started to develop, the business has to move out to larger premises which would usually be out of the immediate area. Flexibility is required to allow small businesses to grow and develop without having to move. Make it as easy as possible to support local small independent businesses e.g. parking options, prevent large brands moving in in competition.</p>
<p>Battle has a serious traffic problem and oversubscribed schools and no 6th form for students. Building up to 500 new homes without first addressing these issues would be wrong.</p>
<p>Battle has lost yesterday's world which drew in tourists or kept tourists in the town for longer. Tourist attractions or improving those remaining are important. Support and improve the museum and almonry gardens, stage more exhibitions.</p>
<p>Battle has not got the facilities for large commercial businesses being a tourist visiting place it needs more parking.</p>
<p>Battle is a historic town that should not be overdeveloped.</p>
<p>Battle is a historic town. Its importance in the history of our country is not exploited properly. Considering the number of coaches that arrive in Battle the time spent by such visitors is a maximum of 60-90 minutes. I would do much to encourage the visitors to stay at least half a day so that retailer's museum etc and Abbey get the full benefit of their tourists. Work needs to be done with the coach companies here.</p>
<p>Battle is too small to encourage large businesses. Need to help smaller businesses in community to keep the unique shops that tourists enjoy and the locals take advantage of.</p>
<p>better broadband</p>
<p>Better use of the Abbey. Proms were a good source of visitors. Promote the history of the town as a resource.</p>
<p>Bring down the rates of empty shops and offices already in the town, encouraging any more businesses on other land would only make more traffic, which we certainly don't want!!</p>
<p>Brownfield sites need to be developed!</p>
<p>Build houses for local people.</p>
<p>Building more houses - will support the local economy - with more people using local amenities. If parking was free in Battle, this would encourage more people to go the local shops rather than shopping where parking is free. Charging for parking is a real barrier to use local shops/businesses.</p>
<p>Business rates and rentals are a huge problem for small businesses - never mind the overhead costs!</p>
<p>By not building any more houses at all!!</p>
<p>Carry on encouraging tourism by providing free parking and helping local shop owners on Battle High Street. Tourists now visit virtually all year round and it is a shame to see empty / closed shops / units along the High Street. Help could include lower rates. I would be willing to pay more Parish charges if it means keeping the High Street thriving.</p>
<p>Charging points for electric cars.</p>
<p>Compulsory buy the land on the corner of Marley Lane (National Trust?) and use it for houses and light industrial use. It is useless and has been useless probably since 1066!</p>
<p>Conversion of non-profit making business premises into housing. Cap business rates for small businesses in order for them to grow and therefore employ more people from area.</p>
<p>Convert charity shops into retail use!</p>
<p>Convert redundant agricultural buildings into housing first. Prevent unnecessary new building in Battle. Build outside of Battle. Perhaps acquire some of the ample land between Battle and Hastings and leave Battle alone.</p>
<p>Converting redundant buildings need to have access will controlled to prevent HGVs using country lanes.</p>
<p>Discourage 'chain' outlets (Costa, Tesco, etc).</p>

Do a proper consultation about what current business needs / wants, draw up Action Plan and get on with implementing it. What is Battle good at? Let's do more of it. Get some professional help to make things happen.
Do not increase Battle size.
Don't allow so many charity shops, process and encourage widespread shops to bring people into the town.
Don't use green land for start-up units. We would shop locally much more if we had 1 hours free parking. Do not allow building on the Battle golf course!!
Don't use the Parish as a dumping ground for problem families from other areas such as South London.
Emulate Uckfield!
Enable local businesses to function rather than outside companies taking away from community.
Encourage agriculture into the area again, i.e. fruit and vegetable growing. Areas in the country should be growing more to entirely support the regions around them.
Encourage businesses which target their services at older residents.
Encourage greater range of market traders on Friday, co-operative health shop (like Trinity Whole Foods, Robertson St. Hastings)
Encourage larger businesses but only if it does not ruin the area.
Encourage more tourism / visitors. Help traders by making shoppers parking more affordable.
Encourage multi-national business to take office space in / around Battle / Netherfield.
Encourage new business and more variety particularly in Battle. Keep poll tax low.
Encourage people to shop and buy locally by improving the parking situation, especially free parking for residents.
Encourage people to stop voting tory because it means the majority of people have less money to spend locally! (I know you can't do that, actually!) Build a cinema.
Encourage small businesses to occupy any redundant properties.
Encourage the use of vacant retail units - Barclays, Bookmakers etc. and discourage the introduction of non-independent chain businesses that would dilute the character of Battle.
Encourage tourism - town centre free of traffic over certain day /or times
Encourage: A) Reduction of rents/rates for local shops B) Encourage branches of high street banks to remain open.
Expand the 'Community bus' concept for more frequent short trips.
Exploit the historic value of Battle. More interesting and commercial events. More interactive activities for children - think outside the box - so sad that Battle Abbey is a school and not a site of culture + history for all - worldwide!!
Facilitate community based schemes. Promote agricultural uses for redundant agricultural buildings.
Fair commercial rents. Fair business rates.
Far too much emphasis on cyclists. Priority should be given to providing footpaths for people of all age groups to use to reach various destination whether in the villages or town.
farm buildings have been converted into small businesses all over Battle (ex farm worker)
First time home buyers for single persons. Mainstream shops for those that cannot travel.
Free / cheaper parking!
Free car parking for residents in town centre car parks to encourage people to shop locally.
Free more parking to attract local business - currently workers clog up residential roads. Stop deliveries in High Street at Busy times - congestion horrendous and puts people off visiting the town.
Free off street parking.
Free or subsidised parking in Battle to help local businesses.
Free parking - encourage people in! Grants for reduced rents for start-up businesses.
Free parking as per Wealden (would have huge difference to the local economy)

FREE PARKING or at least: free parking after 5.00pm., free parking for a few hours each day Local residents free or half price parking.
Free parking to encourage people to shop locally and use leisure facilities, cafes, pubs and restaurants. Regular markets.
Free parking.
Free/affordable parking - at least 1 hour free? Then enforcement of double yellow lines!
Grass cutting divided between BTC and RDC is inefficient. Separate suppliers of water and waste costs Battle residents up to 4 times as much as residents of Hastings and St Leonards. This should be rectified.
Guides/cubs/brownies some sort of regular club for the children in Netherfield. An area to walk in in the local woods that has not been churned up by quad and motorbikes.
Hastings and St Leonards existing housing blocks should be refurbished to negate the necessity of developing Battle and East Sussex.
Housing a good idea if it kept the original character of the building -i.e. barn/oast house conversions. We need to encourage more small and local business and enterprise to enrich and encourage the unique character of this area. This is why it's so lovely to live here. Keep our local population and history please!
I wouldn't want to do anything that encourages more people to live/work in Battle.
If so many new houses are planned where will the children go to school, the doctor surgeries are already maximised to capacity. Surely this will also create more cars in an already heavily used market town of Battle, leading to further congestion...
If, like myself, have always lived in this part of Sussex, now old, should be able to get a flat or small house before people from far away.
Improve (robustify and increase) public transport to better allow people to live (and thus spend) in Battle but work elsewhere.
Improve and introduce free parking for residents. Divert traffic from high street especially heavy vehicles as these are destroying the fabric of listed buildings.
Improve parking areas.
Improve parking so that the existing shops can benefit.
Improve short-term parking so we can use what we have!
Improve the broadband - this is essential if businesses are to survive in rural areas. Modern payment methods rely on it as does nearly all communication and lack of fast effective broadband connection is our biggest stumbling block.
Improve the online/website advertising for Battle's local businesses and tourist attractions. For example, Bexhill makes a better job of it!
Improve traffic flow, Manage the High Street parking problems. Slow the through traffic and make the High Street safer to walk around Encourage more small and independent shops.
Introduce the Battle pound (as in Lewes) for shopping locally. Work with English Heritage to hold more public events at Battle Abbey.
It would be good if there were realistic local employment opportunities. This means better paid jobs - most people (or a lot anyway) who live in Battle could not afford to stay if they also worked in Battle (or the surrounding area)
Keep Battle Abbey open all week during the winter season. Encourage/develop new tourism venues.
Keep on asking for our views, needs and concerns. Thank you!
Keep rental for retail premises low so to attract business to use the empty spaces. The banks buildings that have closed.
Keep rental prices down so smaller shops can afford to stay on the house street.
Leave it as it is.
Little knowledge in this area. Are there not business units already that are vacant?
Local jobs for local people, No travellers
Local produce / production from agricultural land.
Look after the businesses that are already established and encourage new ones.

Look at commercial rental to ensure retail shops/buildings are occupied. Promote local, fresh produce.
lower business rents
Lower business rents in first year of business.
Lower commercial prices in the High Street. No more charity shops and estate agents.
lower local taxes/rates
Lower rates/rents for small start-ups to encourage independent traders.
Lower shop/pub rates encouraging businesses to stay and therefore lowering their prices and therefore helping economy. Free parking say - one Saturday a month!
Lower taxes. Increase funding.
Make it easier for locals to shop in Battle by restoring limited free parking. Ideas like those above carry major implications for Battle's infrastructure.
Make it hard for large nationals e.g. Boots, Costa, Starbucks etc. to come into the town and favour local businesses through rates or other controls, to keep a local focus, otherwise the area becomes the same as everywhere else, and loses its identity.
Make parking easier and cheaper for customers to the business in the town.
Make the High Street safer and more accessible.
Make the rent on existing retail units on Battle High street affordable. How small businesses manage to survive is a mystery, but I'm glad they do. I will always support my high street.
Make us of what we have got i.e. The Abbey, The Tunnels, make it into a viable commercial concern in other words use the history of Battle to bring money into the town, we are lucky after all to have it integrate the houses into what we have left use the town as it should be used don't keep making excuses.
Monitor the expenditure of Rother District Council who seem to spend most in Bexhill at the expense of other areas.
More care homes for elderly.
more free parking
More free parking and better bus services to encourage more people to shop, work and use facilities.
More free parking residents only.
More start up units and desk space for growing freelance economy!
More support for small businesses providing accommodation, B&B's, Guesthouses. Planning permission less strict for outhouse conversions into extra housing / accommodation. Subsidies or incentives for young people who want to start up their own businesses.
More support for tourism, including an information office (a good example is the information office in St Valery sur Somme). Encourage greater supply of tourist accommodation - ties in with need for more parking. Multi-storey? (build down, not up) BUT - more cars and congestion - problem.
Music and arts festivals and events to bring visitors to Battle.
No fast food chains allowed. Liaise with English Heritage re Abbey opening hours, over expensive parking and encourage them to support town and day visitors and coaches.
No more building. Keep Battle as a country town for future generations.
No new land is required for this purpose because the Rotherfield Swimming Pool site along Marley Lane lies half derelict and crying out for inducements to new businesses to be offered. If not businesses then much of the housing commitment of the parish could be met by developing this site.
No room around Battle for any of the above.
No space has been allocated in this questionnaire for comments on Battle Abbey but, as English Heritage is aiming to increase visitor numbers there, they should be told to increase car parking spaces, and allow local members to use parking tokens in the winter months.
None
None of the above has high priority. Highest priority is the development of the Tourist Industry by the Town Council's proactively taking the lead in developing a coherent, integrated plan with key players such as English Heritage, local Hotel & B&B owners, restaurants, shops, the Museum, the proposed Battle Heritage Arts Trail, the Battle Arts Festival etc..

None of the above. Encourage small businesses in battle by; negotiating with local landlords about the cost of leases; tackling the level of business rates; and solving the congestion/parking issues in Battle.
None of the things suggested ring a bell. I would suggest pressure on the government to keep the Abbey open and build up our tourist trade.
Only the development of existing brown field sites. Encourage the largest supermarket in Battle to be open on Sundays.
Opening Battle Abbey during at least some weekdays over the winter, rather than just weekends. Surely somewhere so very famous should be open, even if it isn't in line with other Heritage Sites. Have encountered quite a few disappointed visitors. Back to the parking again, something needs to change very soon, to encourage people to come here, our retail outlets are really suffering and we will lose them!
Parking seems to be an issue for visitors to Battle High Street. People like the individuality of the shops so large retail chains should be discouraged. Preference given to sole traders.
Perhaps convert some redundant agricultural buildings into start up units for small businesses, and have a few starter homes in these areas.
Please leave our town as it is, an improve facilities. The main thing is we have enough housing.
Possibly all of the above and others, but on a case by case scenario rather than imposing a blanket policy for one particular category.
Promote tourism. Keep the town neat and tidy.
Protect our green space - do not allow over development.
Provide affordable and starter homes for younger people, couples, families and singles. If you do not provide for young people, the old will die and so will Battle.
Provide bypass (es) to preserve the rural market town nature of Battle and to preserve the ancient properties.
Provide cheap parking - allocated to shop workers only - daily or weekly set rate as does the station.
Provide free car park or provide more generous terms to 'Pay and Display', then people would spend more time and money in the local shops, cafes, etc.
Provide free parking for access to High Street shops and businesses
Provide free parking to encourage visitors to shop in Battle. Encourage visitors attractions i.e. replacements for yesterday's world.
Provide free parking to support local shops and businesses
Provide free parking: - for exclusive use of residents. - elsewhere for shoppers / tourists (time limited 2 / 3 hrs)
Provision of free parking to encourage more use of local shops.
Queensway has huge amount of industrial units it can't let, we don't need any more so close to Battle. Too many charity shops indicates that retail shops hard to fill in Battle so no need for extra retail space. More free parking needed on short stay bays
Re-establish the 2 hour free parking in Battle rather than free High Street parking. Consider an extra zebra crossing along the High St in Battle.
Reduce business rates for shops in high streets. Encourage all shop units to be occupied by business users, not charity shops. Give financial assistance to individuals/companies to set up new shops in high street.
Reduce business rates for small shops, etc.
-Reduce Business rates -Encourage individual shops to the area.
Reduce business rates, reduce parking charges to encourage more people to shop/come to Battle socially.
Reduce the business rates on shops in the High Street. Offer free car parking on Saturday and Sundays in all car parks.
Reduce the rent of shops in Battle to keep the High Street busy and vibrant. Barclays Bank has been empty for too long - HSBC now empty. Current restaurants need more competition - another Italian Restaurant like local Sussex chain Brios or a Wine Bar - perfect location.
Reduction in business rates??
Re-utilize the small shops in Battle town centre

<p>Road systems in the Battle area will not cope with large business. Battle and villages are rural and should remain so. We have nothing in common with Bexhill - therefore, we should become part of Wealden (a rural area), not Rother, which is a seaside town like Hastings.</p>
<p>Roads are too congested already for much extra business premise The road through Battle to Hastings is much too busy as it is and the lesser road are always full of potholes.</p>
<p>Same as written on question 10. Is Battle the only Rother area without free parking?</p>
<p>Shop locally.</p>
<p>Shops are always closing down in Battle. Is this because there is a lack of free parking or perhaps the leasing/rental is set too high? We seem to have lost some great banks/shops.</p>
<p>Should be limited to say 2 businesses max. As it would otherwise overload available services/transport/parking and preferably located away from the town/village areas.</p>
<p>Smaller business units or home-site businesses would not overwhelm Battle or its surrounding countryside and have less impact both visually and putting stress on its services and communication links</p>
<p>Stop any further developments adjacent to Battle Hill and Hastings Road as roads cannot cope at present.</p>
<p>Strengthen tourism opportunities.</p>
<p>Suggest you just do something about parking and High Street Road Plan 2007. Nothing improved only worse! Leave Battle alone.</p>
<p>Support businesses already in the High Street.</p>
<p>Support small businesses by way of free admin assistance. Create more of a fuss about the way Bexhill waste money i.e. Delaware Pav.</p>
<p>The area is not an industrial site. It is rural so not suitable for commercial concerns. It would increase traffic etc.</p>
<p>The Battle economy wholly depends on tourism which means pubs, restaurants, hotels etc. Within range of properly maintained historic sites.</p>
<p>Office development and industry is irrelevant to this historic town.</p>
<p>The biggest problem in Battle is parking. Battle is discriminated against and so people go to out of town shopping centres where it is free. Make English heritage open all days all year round!</p>
<p>The biggest single problem is traffic congestion and until that is solved it is likely to be a deterrent to any business for which road transport is significant.</p>
<p>The entire country is stuffed with business parks and empty units! There is only so much business - if Battle grows someone else must shrink and vice versa.</p>
<p>The impact on roads / congestion etc would need to be considered if more retail / offices are built - use brown belt areas and stay away from green belt areas.</p>
<p>The road infrastructure into Battle is not flexible enough to support a massive influx of businesses. The Abbey is a site of historical importance to Battle, and should be regarded as such. If Battle is going to develop it should be handled with care and not by those that love self-interest at their core. My family has lived in Battle for over 500 years, I would like to see it retain its charm and character and support the young people who grow up in this community. Unfortunately you cannot please all the people all of the time but Battle must remain Battle.</p>
<p>The transport links need to be radically improved if businesses are going to thrive.</p>
<p>There are already far too many industrial/retail units, which remain predominantly empty. Whilst it is always good for businesses to relocate within the parish any brownfield sites or long vacant industrial sites should be used for housing, thus obviating the need for green belt land to be used, wherever possible. Perhaps a survey should have been distributed which would lead to the answers the local community wish to give. What this survey does is to steer the person completing it towards the answers and conclusions that the steering group obviously wishes to reach.</p>
<p>There are too many empty properties - why build new?</p>
<p>There is a thriving community of small businesses in Battle. This suits the character of the area. The development in Red Barn Mews is ideal.</p>

<p>There is huge concern that the countryside is being swallowed up with over-development. This is detrimental to people's health and wellbeing. It is very important to leave plenty of green spaces for people to enjoy.</p>
<p>There is sufficient space for business already. The new Hastings/Bexhill bypass has created massive opportunity for nearby commercial development without further sites being needed in the foreseeable future.</p>
<p>To refrain the rural nature of the town I don't see the point in encouraging large employers - focus should be on small, local, rural start-ups, specialist retail and craft based enterprises. More support to tourism, medium, high end accommodation.</p>
<p>Treasure what a beautiful place Battle is and refuse to consider government pressure to destroy it and the surrounding countryside, by building on greenbelt. We will regret destroying small communities and the countryside. Especially for the future generations.</p>
<p>Turn empty flats above shops into housing.</p>
<p>Turn the green back into a car park at the moment it is rarely used waste of space.</p>
<p>Use brownfield sites first.</p>
<p>Improve all public transport and roads (maintenance - pot holes etc., new roads - new Battle bypass)</p>
<p>use local people for works</p>
<p>Use local shops and businesses.</p>
<p>Use locally employed staff to do the work of town maintenance, e.g. human parking attendants, smaller scale street cleaners, not contracted out to 3rd party who use massive, noisy, machines. Employ local people.</p>
<p>Grow trees instead of cutting them down.</p>
<p>Use the businesses locally instead of going further afield to shop, etc.</p>
<p>Voluntary work where it might help the community as in the garden scheme.</p>
<p>We are not in favour of new developments in the area.</p>
<p>We feel that there is adequate provision in the area for large businesses. Perhaps better public transport would make them accessible for those who do not drive. No need to allocate more land as plenty of unused provision already exists in the area.</p>
<p>We must consider meeting local needs from local sources - Agriculture and manufacturing. So we don't need warehousing and retail parks but we do need an emphasis of encouraging local food and local industry.</p>
<p>We need to engender a greater sense of 'this is OUR community'. There are many groups and organisations that would work so much better together.</p> <p>Parking permits: access to local amenities and tourist attractions would encourage TN33 residents to stay local and boosting the local economy. Smaller minibuses offering local trips- home / school / town centre would relieve the congestion at prime times.</p> <p>I am concerned about the selfishness of drivers parking in Battle High Street since we lost our Warden - double parking, parking close to the zebra crossings; parking in bus stops (meaning buses stop in the High Street rather than by the old Battle Post Office which affects the elderly and mobility restricted and sight restricted passengers often miss this vital link with Bexhill / the north of the town and towards Robertsbridge).</p> <p>A restriction on lorries delivering to the shops between 8.00am - 9.30am and 3.00pm - 5.00pm would also ease congestion.</p> <p>Walking and footpaths: PLEASE can we re-consider a footpath between Claverham School and Saxonwood Road to encourage walkers of all abilities, ages and people with buggies, wheelchairs, mobility scooters safe and level access from one end of the town to the other.</p>
<p>What about Brownfield sites?</p>
<p>When they come they bring joy, when they leave or fold they bring misery. Very complicated and high tech or high grade engineering in any form has to be the future, no more people who shuffle paper are needed, including government to worse of all worlds. Like County Hall!</p>
<p>Why encourage larger businesses in a small town area. Let Pondswood and Casleham take the strain (after all that's why millions were spent on the Bexhill bypass, not over crowd Battle and Netherfield PS I Cannot understand your thoughts here.</p>

With the local traffic issues which exist, any businesses (new) need to be away from main High Street area.

Work to find ways to bring empty retail units back into use - e.g. old Barclays and HSBC offices.

You need to concentrate on the businesses in the High Street first. The decline over the last few years is worrying. It used to be thriving with a diverse range of businesses, banks, post office, retailers etc now, if you're not careful, it will become a street of tea rooms and charity shops. You've only got the Abbey to draw people here. Get the heart of Battle right first then you can look into the ideas you have listed under this section.

You should maintain what is already in place. Before doing more. If you can't do that, then you should not consider more.