



Battle Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

'LET'S PLAN OUR FUTURE TOGETHER'

BATTLE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EVIDENCE SURVEY

Dear Resident,

The Civil Parish of Battle consists of Battle town, Netherfield and Telham together with the surrounding countryside. We have 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. To help us to consider the wishes of residents and local businesses we need to find out more from **you**. We are doing this by asking **you** to fill in this survey, either by doing so online, by post or delivery to The Almonry, High Street, Battle. All responses are anonymous and **you** are not being asked either your name or address. The more returns to this survey the greater knowledge there will be of the area and the better the Neighbourhood Plan will become for us all.

Please complete this survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BattleAreaNDPSurvey>, or return by hand to The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, The Almonry, High Street, Battle, TN33 0EA, or by post using the enclosed pre-paid envelope to Action in rural Sussex by Monday, 29th February 2016. Thank you for your help!

YOUR HOME

1. Type [Please tick one box only]

Owner / Occupier	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rented privately	<input type="checkbox"/>
A shared equity home	<input type="checkbox"/>	A mobile home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rent from a Housing Association	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sheltered accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Who lives there? Do not enter names.

Occupants (No names)	Age	Gender (M/F)	Employment Status, e.g., Self-employed, fully employed, part time, retired, unemployed, at school or college, N/A.
Example	42	F	Fully employed
1			
2			
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NEW DEVELOPMENTS

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

[Please tick up to your five most important as you wish.]

Local jobs and businesses		Safe cycling and walking routes	
Improvements to walking and cycling routes generally		Rental properties	
Additional medical facilities		Self builds	
Affordable housing		Improvements to public transport	
Residential properties for elderly		Compatible housing	
Starter homes		Conservation area maintenance	
Family sized homes		More shops	
Land for leisure activities		Office units	
Open spaces		Infrastructure improvements e.g., electricity, gas, broadband, water and sewage treatments	
Parking		Homes for local people	
Any other suggestions:			

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

Loss of local identity		Inadequacy of the local roads	
Changes the character of the area		Parking/traffic congestion/additional traffic violations	
Infrastructure overload		Character of countryside changed	
Loss of open spaces		Cramped housing designs	
Pressure on schools		Overcrowded trains	
Imbalance of property types (not enough family, affordable or starter homes)		Possible loss of protected countryside	
Any other suggestions:			

8. What type of house would suit you if you moved to a new development? [Please tick boxes in each column which apply to each person in your household over the age of 18.]

Preferred Type	Preferred Tenure			
	To Buy	To rent from a Housing Assoc.	To rent privately	Shared equity
One bedroomed				
2 bedroomed				
3 bedroomed				
4 or more beds				

9. What is the ideal size of a new home scheme? [Please make one tick for each occupant]

Fewer than 10		Between 41 and 50	
Between 11 and 20		Between 51 and 100	
Between 21 and 30		Between 101 and 200	
Between 31 and 40		Over 201	

10. 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?

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

Minimum garden size of 12 m deep for properties outside Battle Conservation Area		Two bicycle storage facilities (set apart from the garage) for each house where only a single sized garage is in place	
Minimum on-site parking for two vehicles		Access to suitable safety footways/footpaths for each housing scheme	
Close access to a cycle route near each development		New estates should not be larger than the existing settlement to which they adjoin	
Open spaces set aside for children's play if none within 400m for any 30+ unit schemes		Development designs should respect character of the area	
Development style variety to enhance the street scene		All developments must meet the new Neighbourhood Plan criteria	
Any new scheme must have adequate infrastructure facilities in place or provision is made to install prior to building construction		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.	
New building sites in the countryside should be modest in size			

12. Battle Parish (including Netherfield and Telham) strengths [Tick up to a maximum of 10 boxes.]

Free flow of traffic		Primary schools	
Train service		Secondary schools	
Medical facilities		Playgrounds	
Range of shops		Litter bins	
Allotments		Homes for the elderly	
Access for the disabled		Bus services including the Battle Bus	
Library service		Footpaths around the countryside	
Cycle routes		Free parking	
Choice of Religious/Inspirational Venues		Society and club variety	
Your suggestions:			

13. Battle Parish (including Netherfield and Telham) weaknesses. [Tick up to a maximum of 10 boxes]

Town centre congestion		Lack of Primary school places	
Train service		Lack of Secondary school places	
Medical facilities		Playgrounds	
Range of shops		Cycle parking provision	
Lack of free parking		Lack of modern offices	
General lack of parking spaces		Lack of evening entertainment for teenagers	
Congestion on estate roads due to lack of on plot parking provision		Lack of footways to roads in the countryside	
Broadband provision		Public toilet provision	
Your suggestions:			

14. Well-being of the area and community. [Please tick as many as you feel are important.]

Solar farms within the parish countryside		Cycling should be encouraged for all age groups	
Sustainability as an overall concept in any decision making process which affects the area and community		Walking should be encouraged for all age groups	
		All new homes should be energy efficient above current standards	
Your suggestions for additional sustainability items:			

15. How should we support the local economy? [Please tick as many boxes as you wish.]

Allocate more land for commercial use		Convert redundant agricultural buildings into industrial/retail/office use and only sometimes housing	
Encourage larger businesses, e.g., over 50 staff, into the Parish if linked to public/private transport needs		Provide start-up units for smaller businesses	
Your suggestions:			

THE NEXT STEPS

We will undertake an analysis of your return to establish what you believe are the most important things likely to affect our community over the next few years.

With all the information we receive the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will produce policies to supplement those contained in the Rother District Council’s Core Strategy relating to our area. We will publish our policies and the reasons behind them in the near future for you to comment upon. Any adjustments can then be made. Local exhibitions will then be held to explain why we reached our subsequent conclusions and gain your views on their suitability.

If a large print version is needed of this survey, please contact the Battle Town Council office on 01424 772210 and one will be sent to you.

Thank you for taking the time to read and complete this survey.

Although this survey is anonymous, should you wish to be kept informed about the neighbourhood plan process and also be entered into a draw of all completed returned forms, please add you email address and telephone number for an opportunity to win a voucher for £100 to dine at the Nobles restaurant in Battle High Street!

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