

# Battle Neighbourhood Plan

## SWOT:

### ENVIRONMENT and COUNTRYSIDE

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weakness</b>
<p>Within High Weald AONB (Double national average of woodland <i>ref HW AONB</i>)</p> <p>Three SSSIs</p> <p>Predominantly wooded hilly countryside (70% ancient woodland <i>ref HW AONB</i>)</p> <p>Relatively low traffic density on most country roads</p> <p>Open access land</p> <p>Small farms (averaging 36 ha - half national average <i>ref HW AONB</i>)</p>	<p>Increasing traffic traversing CP, both east-west (A271/A2100) and north-south (A2100)</p> <p>Inadequate District Council maintenance of footways, hedges etc.</p> <p>Poor or no countryside bus services</p> <p>Inadequate County Council PRow maintenance activity, special statutory road/FP markings</p>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<p>More District Council maintenance activity</p> <p>More County Council PRow of footways, hedges etc. maintenance</p> <p>More small holding/farming &amp; forestry enterprises</p> <p>Designation of more SSSIs and/or SNCIs/LWSs</p> <p>Employment from increased mineral extraction</p>	<p>Road widening / grass verge intrusions</p> <p>Loss of hedges, woodland screening</p> <p>Factory-farming enterprise: effluent run-off into multiple watercourses etc</p> <p>Fallow deer population spreading - RTCs</p> <p>Destruction of countryside by increased mineral extraction</p> <p>Bexhill / Hastings link road traffic diverting through Telham and Battle to go north rather than via A21</p>