

Battle Parish

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

HAVE YOUR SAY ...

Feedback Report

5th June 2017

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SITE CODE:

SITE:

Contributors:

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected			
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development			
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings			
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected			
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations			

GENERAL COMMENTS:

SITE CODE: B23

SITE: Starrs Mead?

Contributors: B23.1, B23.2, B23.3 BA31.30, BA18.2
BA18.4

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	3		- green spaces lungs to protect environment - Glengorse next door should be protected as a green space
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	3		
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	3		- distinct community, must be protected
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	3		
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	3		

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- concerned about the proposed development being linked into Starrs Mead and Blackfriars and making it too large a development
- infrastructure is too poor to support this/these developments/roads too narrow, no pavements, no crossings x 2
- site should be used for children's schooling only
- the land between stars mead and Marley Lane seems more suitable to development x 2
- this is not a vacant field but the garden of No 18 & No 30 Hastings Road and has no access; road access to No 30 is a narrow unadopted road and not suitable for construction traffic
- housing density is inappropriate for this area
- access on B23 red line is unclear. Boundary line would have to be changed
- suitable for development x 1

SITE CODE: B40 SITE: Saxon Farm

Contributors: B40.1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	18		- needs to be protected to keep uniqueness x 11
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	18		- this development would go against this x 9
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	18		- integrity of Battle's historic place in England's history must be protected x 12 - tourism would suffer if allowed
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	18		- we are an historic town
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	16	2	- improved bus services and dedicated cycle paths essential - lack of these facilities - too far for some in this area to do this

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- outside the development boundary for Battle X 5
- this development would increase congestion with people trying to get to the station plus cause danger to pupils at Claverham X 12
- infrastructure roads/narrowness of current roads/services can't cope with further houses x 10
- lies in an AONB/ unique to Battle X 11
- no amenities/shops this end of town so more congestion/this end have to travel to shops etc x 7
- current tenant farmer has 8 years left on lease/remain as farmland/it is not disuses x 6
- drainage issues
- Great crested newts in the pond and swamp land x 2
- more pollutants especially diesel X 3
- tourism the main employer for Battle would suffer / local business would suffer x 2
- habitat for crest crested newts, bats, grass snakes and birds/hedgerows need to be protected x 4
- we need smaller developments of 6 houses or less

SITE CODE: B45

SITE: Stone Croft/Chain Lane

Contributors: B45.1, B45.2, NSR.1

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	1		
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	1		
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	1		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	1		
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	1		

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- clarification needed of exact area covered and which is private roads that may be affected
- newly cleared piece of land next to Stonecroft; was woodland until April 17 cleared before we could get tree officer involved
- the use of chain lane as a road is NOT acceptable as it is a private road and public footpath
- the owners of the private unmade road would not consent to be made available for public and vehicular use
- this is an historic Drovers Path in use for over 400 years; residents of Welhampton? Gardens are all opposed to this development
- create more congestion into and out of Bttle

SITE CODE: BA6 SITE: Mount Street

Contributors: BA6.1, NSR.1

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	2		- keeping green spaces is a top response
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	2		
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	2		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	2		
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	2		

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Parking is a constant issue in Battle and may be contributing to shops and trade decline
- With parking being an issue could this site not be used as a parking area as opposed to more housing?
- More congestion into and out of Battle

SITE CODE: BA7

SITE: NE St Mary's

Contributors: BA7.1, NSR.1, BA33.1

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	3		- historic town should be protected
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	3		- unique place in history and should be recognised and protected
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	3		unique place in history and should be recognised and protected
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	3		unique place in history and should be recognised and protected
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	2		- essential - cycle lanes should not be on the High Street

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- the town's infrastructure needs to be improved before any new housing is considered
- unsuitable due to access and marsh ground. Also footpaths here
- would damage the church, it's appearance
- would add to the pressure of the bottleneck
- this is bad for both church and abbey

SITE CODE: BA12

SITE: Frederick Thatcher Place

Contributors: BA12.1 to 6, BA12.7, 8, 9, 10, 11,NSR.1

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	10		- this is a green space
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	10		- this a strategic gap
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	10		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	10		- Frederick Thatcher Place is a heritage/listed properties x 10
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	4	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - new residents will all have cars and will want to use them for shopping - shopping in Battle needs to be encouraged - assuming people will not use their cars is unrealistic

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- some confusion about the location of site BA12
- the access road to the parcels of land west and to the rear is private and will be refused x 10
- the small field behind is not available for development x10
- Kelk Wood is privately owned and is registered as ancient woodland; owned by Beech Estate; will flood x 6
- Restrictive covenant forbidding building of any kind x 7
- Create more congestion into and out of town x 2
- More crossings need; bad town infrastructure needs to be improved before any new development x 4

HOWEVER: ref BA12.8 seems to contradict some of the above and offers spots that can and should be developed

SITE CODE: BA13

SITE: Black Friars???

Contributors: BA13.1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15
16, BA19.18

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	12		- if allowed to go ahead must have green space - once gone can't be replaced
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	12		- town is historically unique and shouldn't be spoilt and neither should Black Friars x3
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	11		- we already have urban sprawl - need to stop sprawl
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	11		- community spirit won't be retained if made too big
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	12		- imperative

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- next to Battle Great Wood, is beautiful and has a lot of flora and fauna encouraging wildlife and insects and shouldn't be built on x 7
- eco houses should be built
- access isn't big enough and it will bring too much traffic to an already congested area 5
- if developed it should be done efficiently with the bigger picture (as in Scandinavia) with cost effective eco homes, not cramming too many residences into small area
- town infrastructure unable to cope with any new development; congestion X 13
- wants a school on this site rather than housing x 8
- confusion with the maps to blue folder x 2
- this is unrealistic and challenging site; prone to flooding; if built on will increase flood risk x 7

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- needs a project that develops community (ie school, community centre) rather than a development company
- protected woodland between Blackfiars and k. meadow went up for auction recently; these areas must be kept separate x 3
- too much extra traffic; pollution
- car parking problems in this area and in the town
- there is too much development going on in the south east it needs to be centred up north to encourage employment and prosperity
- HOWEVER; this site development should be pushed for asap X 1
- This is a good site for development

SITE CODE: BA17 & 21

SITE: Lower & Upper Field Caldbec Hill

Contributors: BA19.18, BA19.19, BA19.20

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	2		This needs to be part of the protected green spaces
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	1		
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	2		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	2		
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	2		

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- site of historic importance; historic artefacts still to find
- PROBLEM with the incorrect information on the map/blue folder
- Owned by the town
- Beautiful hill and development will be visible
- Local amenity and must be touched
- What about access? Public footpaths run over it and allotments

SITE CODE: BA18

SITE: Almonry Farm S and E

Contributors: B44.1, BA18.2, BA18.3, BA18.4

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	3		- please consider this for green space area
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	3		
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	3		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	3		
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	3		- please develop cycle routes everywhere x

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- site is in the High Weald AONB x 3
- site is within and adjacent to Ancient and semi natural woodland
- poor access and narrow x 3
- highly congested road especially at peak times x 3
- site already rejected in SHLAA
- too near to the 1066 walk
- infrastructure too bad

SITE CODE: BA19

SITE: 16 Virgins Lane

Contributors: BA19, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19
BA19.20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	28		This should be a green space for Battle x 11
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	26	1	- we need to protect Battle's unique character and history x 4
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	27	1	
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	27		- did not understand the question
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	27	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - needs major investment for separate cycle lanes away from traffic - the traffic control would need to improve as out of control and dangerous x 2 - this will not make a big enough difference and then planning applications use this as a reason for not providing enough parking spaces for people

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- This site was designated as a red site in the Rother SHLAA report in 2013 and therefore rejected as not suitable for development x 8

- THE MAP IS WRONG AND MAY HAVE MISGUIDED the public to the site at 16 Virgin's Lane to (BA33) 19-16 Virgin's Lane plot x 6
- The site description is wrong and inaccurate; it is not a garden but agricultural land and has grazed sheep, and currently has sheep x 5
- Planning history says NONE but this is incorrect; in Sept 1989 outline permission was refused for 4 dwellings (RR/89/1967/P). It was a smaller development but was requesting to demolish St Just (now Copperfields). St Just needed to be demolished to allow access to the site. An appeal also was refused in October 1990 (ref T/APP/U1430/A/149668/P2). X 17
- 13 reasons given by RDS Planning not to grant RR/89/1967/P x 2
- The land to the south side of Virgin's Lane is prone to cascades of water in wet weather; rivers of water flow down through the grounds of our properties and onto Virgins Lane. Further development would create more hardstanding roads and driveways (plus water from roofs) which would result in flooding the properties below due to the steep slope of the hill x 8
- This area is full of natural springs x 9
- Points raised in reasons for refusal; overlooking and lack of privacy: steepness x 9
- The road infrastructure in this area is insufficient to be able to cope with this site, BA33 and outline permission at Lillybank Farm. This road is dangerous now being used as a short cut/alternative route x 24
- The steepness of the site and potential wet roads in bad weather (plus if Lilly bank farm permission is granted with potential for overspill traffic) will mean parking will become dangerous as this road is already full of parked cars; believes some of cars parked are commuters so parking in town centre should be bigger and cheaper x 3
- Insufficient spaces at schools, surgeries and hospital x 13
- This area is part of the High Weald AONB, and it's protection should be rigorously maintained x 20
- This area has possible historical links providing the camp site for King Harold Godwinson prior to the Battle of Hastings in 1066; worried artefacts will be lost; area lies within an Archaeological Notification area 2017 (ANAS); site is close to the "Mal Fosse" and has been suggested as an alternative site for the Battle of Hastings itself x 13
- Goes against Rother District Plan and would severely affect the character and appearance of the settlement and landscape of this area
- This development would be highly visible on the brow of a hill; can be seen from Netherfield x 15

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- Because it is on the brow of a hill it will be very visible at night especially; can be seen clearly from Netherfield; it will shine like a beacon at night x 4
- Loss of light
- This green space should be protected for wildlife; precious wildflower meadows; site is close to a priority habitat site (Priority Habitats Inventory Jan 2016 x 10
- There is a magnificent Oak tree that needs to be protected and not pulled down; loss of trees and meadow ; registered ancient woodland x 4
- Would impinge on the public's enjoyment of the beauty of the landscape from King's Meadow/King's Mead footpaths x 8
- The new bypass has brought even more traffic through Battle
- Deeds on the south side of Virgin's Lane include a clause that forbids the roofline being raised on these properties. The development would contravene this x 6
- The access to the site is very steep making access difficult for large vehicles, increasing noise to current residents
- If this site were put forward for development it would go against the results of the Neighbourhood responses that have been published
- New entrance to this site would be hazardous to leave
- Offering cycling as alternative to using the car is good but people are inherently lazy especially in bad weather
- These plans should go on the internet or at least be available at the Rother Community Help Point

SITE CODE: BA25

SITE: Lillybank Farm

Contributors: BA25.1, BA19.31

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	2		
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	2		- strategic gaps will be over-ridden by political expediency viz Lillybank Farm
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	2		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	2		
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	1	1	Absolutely irrelevant. Some of the areas too far to cycle to

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- this is not a consultation as the Parish Council have already supported this development despite overwhelming opposition
- The group assumes that occupants of the new homes can walk or cycle to work but there are no plans to increase employment therefore the majority of people will have to use a car
- Having a town plan is utterly pointless when it can be overridden by vested interests or for political expediency.
- This does not feel like a consultation but an exhibition of decisions already made

SITE CODE: BA26

SITE: Netherfield Hill

Contributors: BA26.1, BA26.2

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	2		Particularly the allotments
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	2		These gaps should be strictly maintained
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	2		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	2		
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	2		

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Battle residents should all get free parking
- Worried about enlarging on the ribbon development along the road in a High Weald AONB area
- This road is used as a rat run for cars wishing to avoid going into Battle to join the A2100 HOWEVER the junction to get out onto the main road is a dangerous and difficult especially in rush hour when this road gets even busier
- The field being suggested has a footpath and a bridle path running through it as is regularly used by walkers to visit this beautiful site
- Any development would have a negative impact on the agricultural landscape
- Once one development has been allowed it would be very easy to expand into other fields, and therefore causing more congestion and increase in traffic both on the road and onto the junctions either side, especially on to the busy A2100

SITE CODE: BA27

SITE: Land behind Claverham Way

Contributors: BA27.1, BA27.2

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	2		Important to maintain greenery appeal as a tourist town
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	2		
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	2		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	2		Battle is unique
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	2		No parking in Battle High Street More footpaths and cycle lanes to Claverham School Good but will people forsake their cars

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Access to Tollgates to access field is extremely tight x 2
- School drop off times you can't get out on to the North Trade Road x 2
- At school times traffic queues come back here from the roundabout at the High Street
- Problems with sewer pipes being unable to cope with all the current houses and sometimes raw sewage ends up in people's gardens; how will proposed 65 dwellings impact on the existing properties x 2
- Frequent power cuts which will get worse if new developments are allowed
- Infrastructure unable to cope at the moment so how will it cope with 65 new homes x 2

SITE CODE: BA28

SITE:

Contributors: BA28.1, BA31.17

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	2		- important; once built on they are gone forever
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	2		
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	2		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	2		
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	2		

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- we agree that this site is not suitable for development
- Site 28 is using an old map and it was difficult to read

SITE CODE: BA29

SITE: White Hayes Caldbec Hill

Contributors: BA29.1, BA19.26
BA33.1, BA19.1,19&20,31,

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	4		This needs to be included in the green space protection
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	2		
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	4		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	3		Unsure of this question
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	1	1	Will not make a difference and then is quoted on planning applications as a means of not providing sufficient spaces - these cycle lanes should NOT be on the High Street

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Issues about the boundaries; the “bits of land” in red are not clearly identified x 3
- The maps shown are incorrectly drawn which may lead to misunderstanding
- Previous planning application have been refused here; would like to know the Groups criteria for choosing and declining
- Conflicts of interest should be made clear and who actually owns which piece of land
- This is a public footpath and a town amenity and should not be touched
- an area of High Weald AONB
- great historical interest and must be protected

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SITE CODE: BA29

SITE: White Hayes Caldbec Hill

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- roads cannot hold any further capacity for extra vehicles
- the infrastructure for Battle cannot cope with any more development as it isn't working now
- access problems
- prominent location and highly visible
- parking will be a problem here

SITE CODE: BA31 SITE: Glengorse Farm

Contributors: BA31.1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30 BA18.2, BA18.4

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	29		- Glengorse should have your green space protection too as there are rare trees here
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	29		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glengorse is part of the strategic gap x 2 - this area is still part of the AONB - Battle itself and it's surroundings should be protected as it is the main reason for people come here
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	29		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - this development encourages the urban sprawl - this residential area is congested and used as a car park
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	29		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glengorse is an integral part of Battle with a rich history and should be protected like the centre of Battle is - We need to protect Battle's and Glengorse's identity
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	27	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - roads are too dangerous for safe cycling - more provision should be made for car parking as not everyone wants to use a bike especially in bad weather - parking in the high street is a nightmare - Battle Hill has no path on the right side of the road and is very dangerous to walk or ride - Cycling is dangerous and public transport poor; needs to addressed before any construction anywhere is considered - Essential to ease traffic flow and safety

GENERAL COMMENTS:

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- historical planning records show that development of Glengorse School grounds for residential purposes and been rejected over
- many years based on serious motor access issues, and altering its unique place in the High Weald AONB
- there is a covenant stipulation that states that this area must be used for "educational purposes" which was satisfied until the riding stables were closed down
- big development at Starrs Mead means there will be another one in the almost immediate vicinity
- overdevelopment, when planning permission has already been refused for small developments of 5 and 3 and flats
- would comprise the "strategic gap" x 9
- would add to dangerous and standing traffic causing pollution x 7
- harmful to AONB, allowing development would affect the AONB negatively x 17
- cause severe light pollution over the High Weald x2
- confusion over the name "Glengorse Farm", never previously been used x 7
- planning has already been declined for 5 new homes in this area and other applications
- Contravenes Rotham local plan Policy DS4, BT1 and policies D51, D52, D55, D56, HG9, GD1, HG1 and HG2
- Limited and dangerous access onto A2100 x 5
- will go against previous refusals for house building affecting the AONB
- already a problem with parking from commuters from the station; Glengorse provides free commuter parking x 16
- the double yellow lines are ignored by commuters and no longer policed x2
- development by stealth
- Battle's infrastructure is already under pressure ie drains, drainage to stop flooding, health, schools how will it cope x 9
- Battle is limited in its flow of traffic, and alternative routes especially for the A2100. If one road has an accident or needs repairs the whole town gets blocked
- the access to Glengorse is not easy at the junction of the A2100 with restricted sight to make a good judgement to enter main road x 8
- getting out of Glengorse is a nightmare for both pedestrian and vehicle and can take 10 mins or longer x 14
- no consideration is given to the strain upon local services and the doctors surgeries, schools, dentist? is over subscribed x 9
- public transport is poor
- major roadworks would have to be done to the access into Glengorse which would mean traffic lights or a roundabout; there have already been 2 accidents

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GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Glengorse is home to a multitude of animal and bird life; buzzards, kestrels, fieldfare, redwing, geen and greater spotted woodpecker, owls, rooks, roe deer, fox, badger, and toads and DORMICE! X 6
- Glengorse is a close of executive homes and we pay Band F and G in council tax; the traffic passing through is already very high and we cannot take anymore increase in vehicles. We now have helicopters landing here too on a regular basis
- Holmes Property Group increased company units up to 5 or 6 when the stables are used. Continual traffic in and out all day
- Damage has been caused to curbs and road from large heavy vehicular use
- There is an agreement with the River Authority and Southern Water that surface water from roofs etc is disposed of by a pipe which runs from Glengorse across the field near Tumbledown. The increase in domestic housing would increase this flow so much that the pipe and Tumbledown will flood during wet weather
- Any increase in traffic by a this proposed large development will make it increasingly difficult for emergency services to access any emergencies here x 3
- If family homes are being built where are the children going to go to school as all the schools are full
- Battle needs to urgently re-assess parking and vehicular access to the town BEFORE any new developments or houses are built, it is not fit for purpose now
- Glengorse is outside the current development boundary which is in place to protect it's character. The more we change the restrictions set in place to protect our unique character the less likely people will come and visit and we are no longer a small town. Battle won top destination on the site TripAdvisor
- Re oversubscribed services but at the moment we already have to go to Robertsbridge when there are no appointments available at the Doctor Surgery
- I have almost been knocked of my cycle trying to get into Glengorse; no-one should be encourage to use a bike
- The town is full and cannot take on any more houses or cars and would catastrophic for residents on a local level and services would be unable to cope
- We are continually threatened by drought conditions with more dry periods forecast for the future; any new housing will make water use/saving difficult
- Concerns that this land is being offered when the owner has declined RDC any notion of development
- Perhaps LARGER developments are required to obtain more numbers of houses but concerned about traffic and parking in Battle as well
- This area has been identified as possible housing, it is unclear from the plans how much land can be developed; needs a mixture of housing and business development
- Suitable for development x 3

SITE CODE: BA33

SITE: 19 Virgin's Lane

Contributors: BA33.1, BA19.1

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected			
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	1		
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	1		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected			
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	1		No parking allowed on the High Street

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- An owner commented that there are issues with it's boundaries
- A concern was that all the suggested sites should have the ownership clearly stated
- THE MAPPING OF THIS AREA WAS INCORRECT AND HAS LED PEOPLE TO CONFUSE THIS AREA WITH PLOT BA19 AND BA29 Therefore the feedback for this area may not be properly represented x 2
- The description for this site states that a single dwelling was allowed under RR/2016/3208/P however application RR/2011.585?P for 2 houses was refused and refused again under appeal in Jun 2012 along with another failed application
- This area is prone to flooding and has natural springs. Building more houses on this site with roads and hardstanding will make it more prone

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- Due to the steepness of the site and issues with water runoff on the road, parking here is full to capacity on Virgin's Lane now. With not enough space for parking being given to new developments (as this will lose the developer money) there will be insufficient capacity for overflow parking. This is not a large town that can absorb many parked cars as it is surrounded by fields
- Planning was refused on application RR/2001/162/P with comments of it contained within the High Weald AONB and that it would be detrimental to retaining it's character. An appeal supported it's refusal and wasn't allowed

All the same arguments for sites BA33 and BA19 can be used for the sites [BA29](#), again which was incorrectly marked on the Consultation Map

SITE CODE: BA34?

SITE: (south of Hastings Road)
Seat Garage?

Contributors: BA34.1, BA34.2,

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	2		- reference Map 3? - No ref Map 1?
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	2		Your Map 3 goes against your proposal to maintain The Gap ie Green Belt - very important
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	2		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	2		
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	2		

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- we need a footpath and cycle lane both sides of Hastings Road
- your proposal will remove wild life, natural habitats of many species on an already fast and dangerous road
- very important to maintain the SG south of Hastings Road (purple patch) and any other green areas

SITE CODE: BA41?

SITE: ? (opposite Battle Golf Course/Horseye)

Contributors: BA41.1, BA41.2

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	4		
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	4		
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	4		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	4		
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	4		

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- infrastructure not good enough to sustain any development of Battle as a whole but in particular this site from the A21/A2100. Traffic speeds need to be reduced
- requesting visit for potential development
- AONB x 2
- Adjacent Ancient Woodland x 2
- Adjacent to a right of way x 2
- Adjacent to a listed building x 2
- Adjacent to wet woodland x 2
- Create further traffic and congestion x 2

SITE CODE: BA44 or B44?

SITE: Almonry Farm

Contributors: B44.1

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	1		
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	1		
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	1		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	1		
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	1		

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- site is in the High Weald AONB
- site is outside the development boundary
- narrow track access
- there is a "right of way" on the northern boundary

SITE CODE: NE1

SITE: Netherfield ?

Contributors: NE5.1, NE5.2, NE5.3, NE5.4

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	3		
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	3		
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	2		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	1		
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	1	2	- Too far too dangerous to walk or cycle and most of activities are in Battle - A car is essential for this area with 2 buses a day twice a week, none at weekends

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- how can you build houses where there is already a lot of traffic and NO bus service
- infrastructure poor and would have to be improved FIRST; no doctor, one small shop, no pavements, no buses
- school shuts whenever there is an election/voting as council believe it is too dangerous to get to Village Hall
- these sites will be using our small congested roads for construction; already no where to park; not enough parking is allocated per housing unit, there is no overspill once the roads are full. And you can't get anywhere reliably by public transport. It would be disaster if an emergency vehicle needed to access to our roads as they would be blocked
- frequent loss of electricity results in loss of water supply as well as power cuts, similarly flooding potential from drains
- all the information at the consultation needs to be online as very difficult to see and get any information as there were many people there

SITE CODE: NE4

SITE: Netherfield ?

Contributors: NE5.1, NE5.2, NE5.3, NE5.4
NE4.1

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	4		
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	4		
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	3		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	2		
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	2	2	- Too far too dangerous to walk or cycle and most of activities are in Battle - A car is essential for this area with 2 buses a day twice a week, none at weekends

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- how can you build houses where there is already a lot of traffic and NO bus service
- infrastructure poor and would have to be improved FIRST; no doctor, one small shop, no pavements, no buses
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SITE CODE: NE5

SITE: Netherfield ?

Contributors: NE5.1, NE5.2, NE5.3, NE5.4, NE5.5

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	4		
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	4		
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	3		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	2		
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	2	2	- Too far too dangerous to walk or cycle and most of activities are in Battle - A car is essential for this area with 2 buses a day twice a week, none at weekends

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- how can you build houses where there is already a lot of traffic and NO bus service
- infrastructure poor and would have to be improved FIRST; no doctor, one small shop, no pavements, no buses
- school shuts whenever there is an election/voting as council believe it is too dangerous to get to Village Hall
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- all the information at the consultation needs to be online as very difficult to see and get any information as there were many people there

SITE CODE: NE10

SITE: Netherfield ?

Contributors: NE5.1, NE5.2, NE5.3, NE5.4

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	3		
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	3		
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	2		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	1		
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	1	2	- Too far too dangerous to walk or cycle and most of activities are in Battle - A car is essential for this area with 2 buses a day twice a week, none at weekends

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- how can you build houses where there is already a lot of traffic and NO bus service
- infrastructure poor and would have to be improved FIRST; no doctor, one small shop, no pavements, no buses
- school shuts whenever there is an election/voting as council believe it is too dangerous to get to Village Hall
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- frequent loss of electricity results in loss of water supply as well as power cuts, similarly flooding potential from drains
- all the information at the consultation needs to be online as very difficult to see and get any information as there were many people there
- DARVEL DOWN: There is a pinch point at the school, with congestion and double parking and blocked roads. How can this be being suggested as an access route?

SITE CODE: TBA1

SITE: Land adjacent to Squirrel Inn

Contributors: TBA1.1, TBA1.2, TBA1.3, TBA1.4

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	3		(Is this green space not protected??)
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	3		- isn't this a strategic gap
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	3		- ditto
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	3		
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	3		

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- close to schools
- on the much quieter part of town
- would avoid traffic congestion in town centre (unless you happen to be coming the other way?)
- room for a mini roundabout
- good site for all directions Bexhill; Boreham Street, Netherfield, Battle
- the site could be contained on the lower level of the hill so view to Hastings would be unobstructed
- HOWEVER; in the High Weald AONB; will be highly visible both day and night; further expansion can only be made by going upward to the brow of the hill. Access is steep

SITE CODE: TBA2

SITE: The Cedars, Telham Lane

Contributors: TBA2.1,2,3,4,5,6,7

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - essential and this green space should be kept - is not in the strategic gap?
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if this is allowed it will further the ribbon development - removal of land between Hastings Rd and railway line strongly resisted as provides scenic views to the SW and from the SW
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	6		
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	5		Battle is a tourist destination and the appearance is most important. Trade will depend on the “look” of the town
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	4	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - everyone will have to drive as no facilities here - Telham Lane is not within easy walking of Battle - Will also need a regular bus service to reduce car use to railway station

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- an area in the High Weald AONB. Can't understand why this site is even being looked at x 4
- doctors surgeries, schools, roads already full
- town doesn't have the infrastructure to cope with any more housing/people x 3
- the A2100 is like a mini M1 motorway; there is trouble joining the road out of Telham Lane in the morning; 80 to 100 extra cars will have to be accommodated on the lane and entering onto the A2100
- Telham Lane has become a “rat run” for traffic and they go very fast along this lane/s; the traffic has increased since the link road has opened
- More houses mean more people mean more cars. The infrastructure isn't here to cope with any increase
- TELHAM REC; was gifted to the area by the landowner to provide play and an area for the local children and so cannot be developed

SITE CODE: TBA3

SITE: High Views, Loose Farm

Contributors: TBA3.1, TBA3.2

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected			
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development			
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings			
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected			
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations			

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- the land could accommodate 4-6 houses easily
- brownfield site
- site within the AONB but during a planning appeal at this site the Inspector overturned the decision not to allow building saying that there was already a visual ribbon development along this road
- there are already 2 traveller sites here and new government legislation states that favouritism cannot be given to travellers and not then to house dwellers
- there is a field sited between the new Care Home extension and the strip of housing (3 houses deep in places) along the A2100 that would not affect the High Weald AONB as it is level and sandwiched between these 2 developments

SITE CODE: NSR

SITE: General

Contributors: NSR1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20
 21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,
 39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56
 BA19.36

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Green Spaces identified in the display should be protected	47		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it is good that 21 sites have been identified and must be fully protected esp if AONB or Ancient Woodland - these must be kept to allow for spaces in between the Battle areas x 5
2a. The distinct identities of Battle Town and the surrounding village communities should be protected by strategic gaps which would prevent ribbon development	45	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Battle is an historic unique town and everything should be done to preserve this character x 3 - RDC proposal to remove part of gap is wrong x10 - Gaps put in to protect and if keep altering and making smaller it will detrimental x 4 - The gap between Crowhurst and Battle needs to increase
2b. The distinct identity of Battle Civil Parish should be protected from urban sprawl towards Hastings	43	3	
3. Building and built-on land that is part of the character of the civil parish or that provides a community resource should be protected	41	1	<p>Couldn't get to map, too crowded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - civil society is promoted through community - will lose it's distinctive historical background; heritage for future generations
4. Battle town is already heavily congested with traffic. Should new developments provide every opportunity for people to walk or cycle to local destinations	45	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - will have little impact as most people will need to use cars - needs 'health' pathways x 1 - we need dedicated cycle paths - extra parking for bikes are/will be needed for bikes in the town - use this opportunity to facilitate walking and cycling in Battle

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- you have done a good job of identifying suitable sites. Keep these sites but only strictly for small developments of 6 houses or less; excellent consultation; Maurice Holmes was very good but overwhelmed by questions x 5
- character of Battle's unique and ancient position in history must not be lost x 3
- Battle CP is totally within the High Weald AONB and design and positioning of new developments v important x 3
- Wasn't able to see individual site plans; can they go on website x 2
- Infrastructure too bad already so cannot cope with more traffic, more schools, need for doctors, etc x 30
- Unless congestion is sorted there will be more air pollution
- Parking very difficult; is it affecting the town's shops?/parking in High Street for disabled and deliveries only; HGVs should be banned; parking spaces are being reduced as you are using car parks for houses X 5
- A traffic warden is a priority x 3
- Unsure as to benefit of health pathways (?) x 2
- Dedicated/safe cyclepath to Claverham from all areas of the town route from Claverham to Station via Battle Abbey grounds; cycle path down A2100; speed should be reduced on A2100 to make it safer; ways of slowing speed along A2100 x 4
- Parking an issue too expensive, car park should be free, cascade affect as people then park in the High Street; makes High Street very dangerous; parking in High St should be restricted to 20 mins to encourage more use of shops and better use of car parks x 2
- 1.5 days? (but display was on for longer); not professional enough; display in too small an area, etc, etc/ should have been open to public for longer/too much info in one go with too little time x 3
- online information would have been useful x 3
- would be helpful to know the time scale for the developments and how big Battle's population will increase
- we need a bypass or an alternative main route other than High Street; stop HGVs coming thru town; parking for disabled only in the High Street x 4
- affordable housing with a local need as prices are rising
- 425 houses means 800 vehicles which means 1600 vehicles movements or more therefore we need 2 large developments rather than small ones as it will be easier to work out how to cope with more traffic and people

- why can't some of the empty places (shops?) be used for housing
- green paths/connectivity of green spaces/wildlife corridors should be kept to help wildlife and insects move about; small areas of green are just as important as the larger sites identified x 4
- co-ordinated development/s rather piecemeal approach but a challenge for planners; more amenities in each development
- Health Pathways would be a brilliant flagship for Battle
- "Green Space No 5" the space is designated as allotments but there are non here just fields
- Battle needs more and safer paths
- Some disagreement with RDC's plans to remove part of the Strategic Gap between Hastings and Battle to the west of Telham Lane. Needs to remain as is to keep Battle, Telham and Crowhurst separate x 2
- Moved from an increasingly built up area to Battle and would hate it going the same way with no green spaces between the houses
- HASTINGS ROAD; Speed limit needs to come down from Telham; only one path (if at all) needs one either side of the road; traffic makes it dangerous for pedestrians and wheelchair users; traffic calming measures put; no overtaking
- Development has to go ahead but no thought is being put forward to it's existing habitants. The town cannot cope if amenities and services aren't expanded
- We need to preserve the agriculture as part of our environment
- When properties are built they are rarely aimed at first time buyers
- Housing targets for Rother are not largely there to deal with housing needs arising in Rother. Driven by SE as a whole, particularly London where people are having to move to commute potential for work as can't afford to live there
- The approaches to Battle town still retain some semi-rural features but they will be lost if not nurtured and protected
- These documents need to go online or at lease be available at the Rother Community Help Point
- Battle needs Parking Enforcement Officers x 8
- Strategic Gap between Battle and Crowhurst important, less important between Battle and Netherfield