



Theme: Environment

This document contains a list of responses, thoughts and suggestions made by parishioners to the environment theme during their visit to the Neighbourhood Plan launch event at the Amberley Museum on the 28th of March 2015.

The numbers in brackets after each item are the numbers of responses on the topic, if more than one, for example: Wey South path to be more prominent & publicised x 2 – two residents responded on this subject

Responses:

Floods

- Flood defences
- Flooding
- Clear ditches to avoid flooding

Footpaths

- Lobby WSCC to keep paths clear walking to the station
- Improve the surface of Ruffs Path
- Replace stiles with gates on public footpaths
- Improve access on Wey South path
- Gravel the whole of Ruffs Path so it is usable the whole year round

- Remove the barbed wire along Ruffs Path fence
- Wey South path to be more prominent and publicised x 2
- A path with seating along to watch birds and while away the time
- More bridges and walks across the river
- Improve access to football field and pavement linking to cricket club
- Develop a circular footpath around the village including along edge of floodplain
- Open up the PROW from Farm Cottage to B2139 (think this is now owned by Parham)
- I'd like to see a few more permissive paths e.g. Crossgates via Bostal across the Brooks and Crossgates to the Hill
- Improve Way South Path to provide better access to pedestrians, dog walkers etc and access to Ham Piece and River
- SDNPA to take over footpath and bridleway maintenance from WSCC
- Link No 2 Bostal to Wey South Path
- Open up all old footpaths, wonderful walks out of Amberley but reinstate the two river paths which would be wonderful

Litter

- Picking up litter schemes
- APC to sign up to HDC Adopt a Highway Scheme to reduce litter
- Don't leave rubbish bins out after collection
- Litter pick up
- Picking up rubbish
- More dog waste bins

River

- Lights on landing stages at caravan park are very intrusive. Bulkhead lights would be preferable
- A slipway access to river for public use x 3
- More bridges and walks across the river

Millennium Green

- Improve footbridge from Millenium Green to football field to make a formal path

Bonfires

- Don't ban bonfires but considerate use needed
- Set guidelines but do not ban bonfires. Amberley is a working farming village not a leafy suburb
- No bonfires
- Ban bonfires and limit fireworks
- OK if wind is blowing away from the village and after dusk when windows are more likely to be closed
- Not evenings when you want to go to bed with your windows open
- Restrictions on bonfires. Not midday when its sunny
- No bonfires and fireworks x 2
- If no bonfires then no barbecues!
- As a Downland village the environment is crucial to our village. Bonfires and fireworks banned
- Bonfires are ok provided they are lit when the wind is in the right direction
- Bonfires are also a means to conserve and replenish the land. Attention to the wind direction is all that's needed and commensense.

Roads and Speed Limit

- Road maintenance and improvement needed especially in Hurst Cottages/Hurst Close
- Repair potholes
- No road names
- Trees to be planted along the Turnpike Road to help dampen the traffic noise x 2
- A roundabout on the B2139/School Road junction

- Weight and Height restrictions on HGVs using B2139
- We must restrict lorry traffic on B32139 and/or reduce the speed limit
- 20mph speed limit thru village x 6
- Reduce road signs
- Stop HGVs along B2139
- Mirror at T-Junction of Church Street. Cars coming down the slope (from the pub) come too fast and don't stop
- No road markings. No road names
- It would be good to see trees along the road approaching Amberley rather than desert landscapes
- Lower the height of railway bridge by 1ft restricting many HGVs

Street Lighting

- Some street lighting in Amberley. Nice old fashioned Conservation style lanterns
- No street lights! Night skies are great! X 3
- Ban light pollution and noise at night
- No street lights. More effort to support South Downs Dark Sky policy

Cycle Paths/ cyclists

- Stop cyclists racing through the village and shouting
- Request cyclists to use bells so we know they are coming
- Walkers to face oncoming traffic and not listen to music then they will hear and see cyclists x 5
- Cycle routes to take them off the roads
- Pedestrians to keep an eye out for cyclists and not rely on their ears. Electric cars are coming
- Cycle path from station to village

Use of Cars

- Discourage all use of cars within the parish – walk or cycle!!
- Encourage smaller cars, no Chelsea tractors

Village character and Conservation Area

- Preserve unspoilt appearance of old village – no additional road signs – no yellow lines
- Increase the Conservation Area x 3
- Extend Conservation Area to cover whole village x 3
- A sensible approach to use of materials in/on listed building is required to reflect the wonderful modern materials available and are often not permitted eg UPVC that looks like wood but performs better i.e. less cost to the environment

Fracking

- No Fracking x 7
- Fracking is fine if managed appropriately x 2

Green Infrastructure

- Consider green energy strategy for the village – communal wind turbine, panels, geothermal
- A carbon neutral Amberley e.g. alternative sources of energy – solar, the river etc x 2
- Village midden to bottle methane
- Allotments and community orchard x 2
- Encourage Renewable energy schemes

Dislikes

- Close the caravan park at Houghton Bridge