



Theme: Facilities, Transport and Services

This document contains a list of responses, thoughts and suggestions made by parishioners to the Facilities, Transport and Services 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: 20mph speed limits in the village x 3 – three residents responded on this subject

Theme: Facilities, Transport and Services – Summary:

The issues on which there was much comment were speed limits, parking, yellow lines, sleeping policemen, transport and the B1239.

Responses:

Speed limits, and other traffic issues

20mph speed limits in the village x 3

Speed limit of 20mph or less

Sleeping Policemen and 20mph signs

Sleeping policemen or other traffic calming measures plus a 20 mph speed limit

A reduced speed limit in the High Street

Something done about the speed of cars coming from East Street round the Black Horse Corner (an accident waiting to happen)

One way traffic in the High Street

The traffic in the High Street is often a nightmare with parked cars, delivery vehicles, buses and other large vehicles trying to pass through

No parking for long periods in the High Street

A mirror at the Village Square Junction (an accident waiting to happen)

Reduce size of vehicles allowed in the High Street Half hour parking in the High Street outside the shop

No restricted parking for residents without off road parking.

Residents parking in Church Street

Need to have controlled parking around the village, emergency vehicles will have access problem

No parking on grass verges and pavements – Castle Garage and Hurst Cottages

No to sleeping policemen x 3

Yes to sleeping policemen x 2

Sleeping policemen or other traffic calming measures plus a 20 mph speed limit

No yellow lines in the Old Village

No yellow lines

Yellow lines at 'pinch points' before children are hurt

Yes to yellow lines

No parking on verges and pavements

Response from the Vicar

My request for the Neighbourhood Plan is parking. With weddings on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays this year there is going to be competition between the school

mums, the tea shop and the wedding families. For Saturday weddings I try to hire the school playground as that gives the school income as well as reducing the need for on street parking.

On school days I need to ask visitors coming by car to the vicarage to come outside school run time as once in my drive reversing out is impossible for around half an hour in both the morning and afternoon. When there are after school clubs and meetings it can make the vicarage inaccessible for longer. I am amazed no one has been down the ditch recently, some have been very close.

Car Park and Community Centre

Small car park off Church Street on land by Drewitts Farm or on edge of field next to main road

Car Park at bottom of Twitten and Croft Path

Yes to Car Park and Community Centre x 7

A Car Park is essential x 8

Village Car Park and Community Centre at entrance to village

A Car Park is essential to take the pressure off Church Street and School Road. The situation will only get worse with Drewitts.

Car Park is a necessity near to the school to control visitor parking which will only increase with SDNP

Car Park on the first field on the right entering the village x 2

Would SDNP maintain a much needed Car Park? If so a Dog Waste Bin would be good.

School could have a number of parking places in Harvey's Field to take the pressure off School Road

Car Park next to the Village School and safe pathway through for visitors x 2

Car Park beside road could be screened effectively and landscaped

Don't like the idea of car parking facing B2139 – ugly entrance to village

Car Park with landscaping, closed at night x 2

Car Park must be handled sensitively

If there is a Car Park the shop should be moved there to reduce problems in the High Street x 3

Car Park and Public Toilets x 2

Recharging points for electric vehicles

Anywhere but my back yard

If you have a Car Park how are you going to stop bad parking in the village that already happens

No Car Park at the bottom of Hurst Cottage, no through road, too much traffic

A Car Park will only attract more visitors and require being bigger and bigger

No Car Park in Conservation area such as High Twitten

No village Car Park not needed x 2

No village Car Park and Community Centre

Concerns re Car Park – bikers, campervans, “travellers “, and rail travellers

Village Cinema (*in community centre?*) “Flicks in the Sticks”

The parish cannot support two halls

Transport

Later trains at night out of London

A later train from London perhaps leaving Victoria at 11pm would be good x 2

More trains stopping at Amberley Station

More trains stopping at Amberley Station especially between 5-6.30pm

Preserve Bus Transport

Always stop slow trains at Amberley

I would like a better bus service e.g. more days a week for people who cannot drive and feel cut off.

Keep good rail service from Amberley

Better trains to Barnham for schoolchildren

Co-ordination between bus and some trains

More car parking space at the station

B2139

Biggest impact on traffic on the B2139 would be an improvement of the A27 not just at Arundel but also around the north of Worthing

Restrict HGVs using Turnpike Road and plant hedge all the way along

Pedestrian Crossing at the end of School Road across B2139 to Mill Lane. It will slow traffic down and provide an entrance for pedestrian from the CP to the South Downs for Visitors

Speed cameras on B2139

Why were all the previously approved works on the B2139 shelved?

Double white lines past Newlands Gardens

Extend 40mph eastwards but no speed cameras

Village gates would provide good visual clues for vehicles to slow down

Exiting from and on to the B2139 from driveways

Lowering Railway Bridge by 2 ft would stop all large lorries and would not cost much

Cut back and lower boundary hedge of corner house so that oncoming traffic have a further view to drivers accessing main road. Would stop vehicles on B2139 cutting the bend. X 2

Speed restriction required on B2139

Don't forget the 30mph speed restriction at Houghton Bridge when thinking of traffic calming.

Slow down signs at both ends of the High Street near to the shop where it is narrow and restricted.

B2139 is essential to us; we use it twice a day Monday to Friday as we commute to work, needs restrictions at village entrance and half way along Hurst Cottages

Drop height of Railway Bridge by 1 ft – far less lorries

Arundel by pass is a must to reduce number of big lorries on B2139

Broadband

Faster broadband x 7

Communication

The Welcome Pack and Listserve are great tools but they must inform but cannot embrace. What about a newcomers lunch/welcome party?

There is a recognised downside to Listserve in there are unintentional consequences that people stop talking to each other.

How do we ensure that newcomers meet people and encourage them to engage in activities?

Allotments

Field at bottom of Hurst Cottage ideal for allotments and open space

No Building on the Old Piggery. It could become allotments less intrusive x 2

Allotments on the site of the Old Piggery at Hurst Cottages

The Surgery

Convert surgery to an internet café for those without access to their own computers

The Village Surgery may cease to have a use for clinics. What alternative use is feasible and how to be funded?

The Church

A part time Vicar is not sufficient to meet the needs of the village - a full time vicar at least x 3

Miscellaneous

Road between Rackham and Amberley needs to be improved

How can residents be induced to make more use of the shop and post office?

Gates at Football Field

Please have a policy on the exclusive use of Malmstone (upper greensand) in the village, too much foreign stone has already come in

Keep field from the Old Piggery to B2139

Please put the amenity and character of the village first when proposals for facilities are afoot and do not neglect these.

Public access to Defibrillators at Hurst Cottages, Houghton Bridge and Crossgates

Upgrade the surface of the Millennium Path

Aerials to be put underground as in Castle Coombe

Adopt a Granny System so elderly are looked after