



## **Results of the Neighbourhood Plan Survey 2014**

## Section One - Your views of the Parish

### 1 How important are the following to you?

	Not Important	Of Little Importance	Of some Importance	Quite important	Highly important	Total	Summary
Retention of the open/green spaces inside the village	0.34%	0.68%	4.56%	9.63%	84.80%	592	Important
The overall balance between population and facilities	0%	1.18%	8.91%	32.77%	57.14%	595	Important
The retention and/or reintroduction of local shops and services	0.51%	1.35%	5.25%	19.63%	73.27%	591	Important
The preservation of Nepcote Green	0%	1.19%	1.87%	8.32%	88.62%	589	Important
The preservation of the gap between Findon and Worthing	1.02%	1.02%	6.11%	12.39%	79.46%	589	Important
The preservation of Findon village's character as an absolute priority	0.34%	1.70%	2.89%	10.53%	84.55%	589	Important
Findon's status as an 'unlit village'	6.59%	6.24%	12.82%	25.13%	49.22%	577	Important

#### Comments on section 1

#### 75 responses

Over 25% love the village as it is and want it kept that way with it's green spaces and agricultural land maintained and the Gap kept.

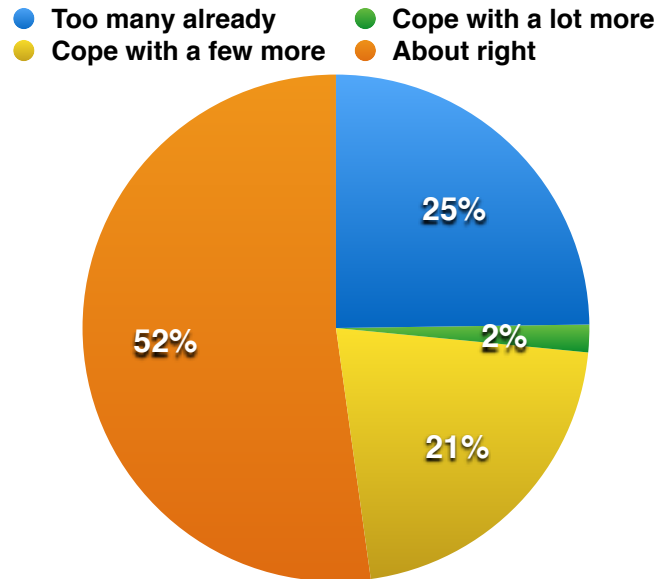
4 do not want to see more housing and 3 think it will have to happen

6 want the village to remain unlit with 19 wishing to see some sensitive lighting

Small number of request for shops.

## Section 2 - Managing New Development

1 What are your general views on the amount of housing currently available in Findon?



We could cope with a lot more	1.76% (10)
We could cope with a few more	21.27% (121)
About right	<b>52.20% (297)</b>
Too many already	24.78% (141)

2. What are your responses to the following statements about Findon?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Strongly agree	Total	Summary
There could be a loss of village identity from further development beyond its current <b>built-up area boundary.</b>	1.73%	7.79%	4.84%	24.57%	61.07%	578	<b>Overall Agreement</b>

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Strongly agree	Total	Summary
If there is a proven need, I am in favour of a small development of <b>affordable homes</b> for local people from the parish.	14.13%	13.78%	7.95%	51.59%	12.54%	566	<b>Overall Agreement</b>
I would support the provision of a few affordable homes on a 'Rural Exception Site' outside the village built-up area boundary, provided they respect the open countryside.	30.77%	27.10%	6.12%	29.90%	6.12%	572	<b>57.87% disagree with 36.02 % agreeing</b>
I would support the provision of a few affordable homes inside the village built-up area boundary, provided a suitable site becomes available.	20.80%	20.45%	6.24%	45.41%	7.11%	577	<b>41.25 % disagree with 52.52% agreeing</b>
To help subsidise affordable homes (that might not otherwise be viable due to land costs) a limited amount of 'Associated Market Housing' should also be permitted.	29.79%	29.96%	15.07%	21.63%	3.55%	564	<b>Overall disagreement</b>

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Strongly agree	Total	Summary
I would prefer any required housing to be built on a single site, rather than dispersed throughout or around the village.	17.15%	34.31%	17.88%	24.09%	6.57%	548	<b>51.46 disagree with 30.66 agreeing</b>
I would prefer any required housing to be dispersed throughout or around the village rather than built on a single site.	13.84%	19.37%	19.56%	37.45%	9.78%	542	<b>47.63% agree with 33.21% disagreeing</b>
Any development should preferably be located on the edge of the <b>built-up area boundary</b> , as any further infill development would result in a more cramped village.	13.32%	18.80%	13.32%	<b>37.23%</b>	17.34%	548	<b>54.57% agree with 32.12% disagreeing</b>

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Strongly agree	Total	Summary
Growth above and beyond the level of development required to meet housing needs may be acceptable if it can help safeguard or reintroduce local shops and services.	21.49%	37.16%	13.11%	24.77%	3.46%	549	<b>Overall disagreement</b>
Opportunities should be created to allow self-build.	13.87%	28.65%	25.91%	26.46%	5.11%	548	<b>42.52% disagree with 31.57% agreeing</b>
I would support a policy encouraging the conversion of disused farm buildings into housing (affordable or otherwise) or business use.	8.39%	13.50%	13.32%	54.20%	10.58%	548	<b>Overall agreement</b>

## Comments on section 2

### 78 responses

A mixture of one-offs and multiple development is needed
Against any building.
Against any further building of homes. Lets keep our village as it is.
although have answered above, we are not really in agreement with housing developments. the village needs to be protected to preserve its identity.
Any associated market housing must be within the built up area boundary
Any designs should be sympathetic to nature

Any development of whatever kind in or around the village will generate more traffic. There is insufficient parking available and car parking is already a severe problem. Any increase in traffic generated by housing development will be intorettable.
Any housing development single or group, should fit with the existing character of the other housing.
Any new development will increase traffic and exit to the A24 bypass the village roads and lanes would have problems coping with increased traffic.
As a single person under 40 i can no longer afford to live in Findon and now must move to worhting. I would benefit greatly from the addition of affordable housing.
Bigger maps of development
Conversion of old barns should preserve the area.People should not become consumers to corporate companies
Development on Rookery Farm could work.
Development would increase traffic.
Disused farm buildings could be converted to artist studios/gallery space ect.
Do not support the build, build, build system
Do not wish affordable housing to be in the village.
Don't want any new building
Feel Findon will be spoilt if more housing is built.
Findon would lose its village identity if even more houses were built in or around the built up area.
Flooding issues
Housing in rural locations gives the opportunity for further development
I am not in favour of any more development at all. And "affordable"" housing always eventually succombs to change of hands anyway
I do not believe there is any more scope to introduce more local shops into the village. It was a major mistake by the planning authorities to allow wintons to be converted into 2 houses.
I do not feel I know enough detail to offer a valid opinion. I feel it is of the most importance to preserve the rural, non-lit, unique and small village Findon has become.
I dont believe it would be of any advantage to the apperance of the village to have a whole housing estate built in one area.
I dont see why we should build more houses for second homes or affordable houses to be brought up rent out for houses for london over spill, which is the current trend.
I should think that any single site aught to be chosen close to the nepcote area in the general character of the round.
I would not agree with housing development impacting Cissbury Ring, Nepcote Green or inbetween Findon and Findon valley.
I would prefer to see conversion of property to be affordable homes only. We already have sufficient high priced houses, thus younger people cannot afford a home where they were raised and where future support is.
I would support a small development on a single sight consisting of homes ranging from affordable to self-built in a variety of styles including some of innovatory designs. The sight would need to be outside the existing built-up area, the ideal place being near the church in the area of the old village. This would be within easy reach of existing surfaces in the village although a foot bridge over the A24 would be needed, primarily to allow children to walk to and from the village school.

If Findon does not adapt to the need for more housing it will at best stagnate. There are opportunities to provide land for a single site :-west of stable lane: cissbory house :S.W of Findon place up to A24. The latter would bring St John the Baptist more into the village. However it would require a footbridge to be a consideration of the selection of the developer. Self build and permissions for different approach to requirements of three bed, two living rooms, kitchen and bathroom to be reviewed. Considerations be given to "kitchen and bathroom with the remainder of the house open plan" at occupation. This would minimise initial cost and allow occupant to "self build" the fitting out under supervision."

If housing is allowed to be built between village and parish boundaries we will end up with an extended village that will lose all of its character.

If more houses are built it would clog up the village. There are so many cars parked along the high street and Horsham Road that it will be impossible for the buses to get through. I am nervous every time I come out of my drive with the car as I can't see it it is safe to go.

In an ideal world, Wintons would be reopened as a grocery store but the recent failure of the "convenience" store has shown that there is insufficient support for such a venture. Conversion to residential housing would be preferable to the present state of this listed building. Providing dedicated parking for this might have to involve losing some spaces beside the parish notice boards."

It is difficult to locate any reasonably sized area within the village boundary for any required housing to take place. It is easier to accept the concept of housing needs than to realise how much development this might involve in reality.

J: what opportunities, where? K: where are these? I can not really answer last two questions without further information as noted.

K) not for business use.

K) Providing no increase to footprint (F)+G) Impossible to comment hypothetically.

Keep Findon as a village

Less focus on money making

Look into more conversions

Low cost housing should be in town not village as less routes poor and expensive for low income families. Plus to live in Findon is expensive as a car is essential. Therefore, low income home with children should be nearer to working town centre where a car is not required.

More homes, more people, more cars, more traffic

New development needs to reflect the character and appearance of surrounding buildings

No development (F,G)

No further development

No more building

No further development, think about parking

Not sure how affordable 'affordable housing' could be

On an individual basis only.

Only barn conversion if good design

Retain the green belt

Retain the character of the village

Same selected, carefully chosen self build or conversions of farm buildings only (not affordable housing). As long as they retain the character of the village/original building.

See a. No more building thank you.

self build could take time and therefore could disrupt the village.

Should balance the homes being built - too many 5/6 bedroom, need more affordable houses

Stop development within the village



The development plan should make specific provision for the future refurbishment and occupation of the Wattle House. The current non use is an unsustainable situation.
The housing we have now compromises water drainage.
The last question suggests building outside the built up area boundary.
The village is over developed.
THERE ARE 6 FIVE BEDROOM (NEW) HOUSES FOR SALE NEAR ME AT £900,000 plus. WE DO NOT NEED ANY MORE OF THESE.
There are enough sops and services. Should re-use old farm buildings
There is already a rapid rise in very large detached houses with minimal outdoor space. There should be bigger gardens on these houses for the village to grow.
Think we have enough housing
Too many already
Too much traffic
Use empty retail units
We dont think anymore houses or business should be built in or outside of the village.
What is classed as affordable? Affordable housing wouldn't work in Findon village unless council housing.
Where are the farm houses?
whilst agreeing with i above this would need to be carfully controlled/assessed
Who is all this affordable housing for!! There is no industry, children DON'T want to live in the village. All ready overrun with housing. New houses will take away villages character.
Why cant we keep our village select-we do not need any more houses and we certainly do not want cheap houses in the village.
Would not agree to any building proposal that would spoil enjoyment of existing households.

**4 How high a priority is it that the following are considered when any new development is proposed?**

	<b>Not Important</b>	<b>Low Priority</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>High Priority</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Building design that respects the scale & design of the existing surrounding architecture	0.72%	1.80%	4.49%	34.65%	58.35%	557	Priority

	<b>Not Important</b>	<b>Low Priority</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>High Priority</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Any new building to be constructed with appropriate materials so as to be in keeping with the local architecture.	1.43%	3.57%	4.46%	34.11%	<b>56.43%</b>	560	Overall a high priority
A minimum standard for living space in dwellings is met.	1.44%	4.51%	14.98%	<b>40.25%</b>	38.81%	554	Overall a high priority
Recognition is given to the need for green space or gardens within any new development.	1.06%	4.59%	7.07%	35.87%	51.41%	566	Overall a high priority
Vehicular access is to have minimum impact on traffic flow affecting other properties, pedestrians, horses and the wider environment.	0%	1.42%	3.20%	25.04%	70.34%	563	Overall a high priority
Any new development should have sufficient parking space to avoid on-street parking being necessary.	0.81%	1.43%	3.39%	22.64%	72.37%	561	Overall a high priority
The appearance and character of village country lanes/ roads to be largely unaffected by any development.	0.18%	0.36%	2.53%	21.88%	<b>75.05%</b>	553	Overall a high priority

## Comments

46 responses

A-G is essential to keep the character of the village.
Absolute guidelines, nothing around historical area
Against any building or development.
All streets and lanes look more like a town car park at weekend?
Almost every road in the village is full of parked cars. Inconsiderate parking in the main through centre is highly dangerous and causes great difficulty for the bus drivers.
Already we are seeing the grass verges destroyed by inconsiderate drivers, builders, the village would benefit from stackstones or similar to stop this damage occurring.
As i do not believe there should not be any more development questions A-G are irrelevant.
Can't park on own road
Car parking on the roads is a problem many drivers going too fast for limited visibility. Speed limit should be 20mph.
Development should be sited so that there is no increase in traffic
Do not want any new development
Don't agree with any new development
Given time to village of infrastructure like fire station new communities should require fire sprinkler protection. Further contractors to village areas such as expansion of milford facilities and 106 rule should be mandatory.
Green materials should be used, renewable energy
I don't see why the provision of affordable homes should be considered for local people from the parish. affordable homes should be for any who choose to live here, including those that currently live elsewhere due to house prices, availability. houses for friends and family should be discouraged.
If there has to be more building it must involve gardens/green space and space for parking cars, as this causes problems if parked on the road.
In responding "not important" to b above i would not want to see all new developments having to "mimic" existing buildings. Findon has a range of diverse styles-old and new and i would want to see this eclectic mix continue."
Innovative design should be encouraged to keep the village alive and prevent fossilisation.
Item B much of Findon is second half c20 and a lot more is earlier c20. I do not see any reason to ape the character/materials of this period. However the use of slate and plain clay tiles, stock brick or and render, attractive paving and a sympathetic scale are important to blend with the village character. And do not forget trees and landscaping and windows - so important to a buildings appearance. do them nicely!!! end.
Judge each buying on own merit
Minimal impact and damage should always be ensured.
Narrow road do not allow on street parking plus cause a problem for pedestrians as no pavements. School hall is a real problem with road parking on a busy school position. restrictions are essential.
Narrow roads with parked cars
No further development should be contemplated
No more gates in front of any houses, please.
No more parking on Findon roads
No new development

Not everyone wants housing fitting with local architecture
Notwithstanding previous pages in this section it is considered that the village drainage infrastructure is insufficient to support any large development. Note the flooding in other parts of the country where new in other parts of the country where new development has taken place without due consideration to the possibility of it overwhelming inadequate draining.
On street parking on school hill and the village end of nepcote lane is already a problem - on site parking essential for new developments. New building designs must be high quality and complement existing buildings. It must not seek to blend with existing architectural design that is either poor or mediocre.
One way system near the school
Only give permission for property if off road parking is available
Parking a big problem
Preserve grass verges
Respecting existing designs should not mean copying them
See comments on traffic exit (section 1)
The green space is currently ignored
The statement (C) is surely self-evident to fully impact on the character of the village negatively one would be expecting some quite large estate development-100+homes?
The village is full of unattractive bungalows. Lets try to raise the standard and appearance if new homes are built.
The village is over developed, sort out existing problems first.
there are too many large houses being built - people who buy these large houses tend not to become part of the community (e.g. children go to private school, house only occupied at the weekends ect.)
This is only important if building continues.
Transport department has not put parking with development
Viable drainage
Young people would be happy with small homes

## Section 3 - Village Facilities

### 1. What are your views on the following existing village facilities?

	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
	Use: Regularly	Use: Occasionally	Use: Never	Import ant: Very	Import ant: Quite	Importa nt: Not	Adequ ate: More than	Adequate : Right	Adequ ate: Less than
<b>Allotments</b>	21	13	463	153	183	135	35	223	139
<b>Basketball court</b>	14	37	444	94	194	169	43	246	101
<b>Community swimming pool</b>	52	128	329	229	186	65	94	275	44
<b>Cricket Club</b>	40	95	366	245	162	75	143	242	24
<b>Doctor's surgery at Nightingales</b>	32	69	401	239	154	78	68	262	55
<b>Football posts (on Nepcote Green)</b>	25	73	403	125	195	145	62	262	74
<b>Children's play area at Homewood</b>	71	120	320	257	156	64	62	269	86
<b>Findon Pre-School</b>	42	23	443	283	106	73	65	263	56
<b>Mobile library</b>	23	67	417	230	167	77	64	303	40
<b>St John the Baptist Church</b>	85	190	232	306	119	61	160	242	14
<b>St John the Baptist Primary School</b>	71	57	372	335	80	53	152	222	22

If you feel any of the above village facilities are less than adequate, have you any suggestions for improvement or enhancement? Please list.

#### Allotments

19 responses

All asking for more allotments. Specific comments around the use of farmland; reinstatement of The Quadrangle as allotments; Use of land between East Lodge and the A24

#### Bus Service

1 response

Need a better bus service

## **Church**

1 response mentions the church

## **Footpaths**

1 response states that footpaths are poor

## **Library**

3 responses

Bigger library and more regular

## **Parking**

4 responses

Parking, The Car Park, cars parked by The Gun, Chevron parking in The Oval would benefit. Having too many cars (lots of residents have more than one car) evenings and weekends cars overflow down pavements to fire station. An ambulance or fire engine would not get through if there was an emergency.

## **Village Hall**

47 responses

Comments relate to the need for a new hall, extending the existing hall, cleaning the hall and better promotion of events at the hall

## **Traffic**

1 response

Speed camera to be installed on the High Street

## **Doctors Surgery**

6 responses

4 requesting a surgery, 1 seeking improvements to The Nightingales and another not knowing about The Nightingales surgery.

## **Street Lights**

1 response requesting more street lights

## **Shops**

10 responses

7 Requests for a village store/shops, one for a Post Office, one for a fish shop; one stated: Scope for a joint business/community venture to restore the Winstons store.

## **Pre-School**

16 responses mostly asking for the school to be upgrade and given more space

### **Sport and Play**

60 responses

5 relate to the football posts and nets which need improvement

35 relate to Homewood Park which all agree needs updating, the range of equipment increased and play equipment for alder children installed

6 relate to the basketball court which needs maintenance

Some requests for more for teenagers including a youth club and for a tennis court and improved swimming facilities

### **List additional facilities you would wish to see.**

**136 responses**

### **Travel and Infrastructure**

5 responses about the need for more buses or a community service along with the need for bus shelters

2 comments about footpaths with a suggestion that a circular path could be put around Nepcote Green

5 comments about parking and the need for public parking

2 comments about speeding including a suggestion that a 20mph limit be enforced through the village.

1 request for Allotments

2 requests for street lighting

1 request for a bridge over the A24

1 suggestion that brick pavers should be used at the central junction

1 suggestion that School Hill be made a one way street

1 request to grit Stable Lane when it is icy.

1 request for outdoor seating and national park signs as well as a request for seating at Pond Green

1 request for dog mess prevention and 1 for more rubbish and dog waste bins

1 request to protect all green spaces and paddocks

1 request for high speed wifi

Comment that much of the tree cover is nearing the end of its life

Years ago a barrier was put across bridle path to stop teenagers racing motorbikes up and down. Problem is mud builds up making it impossible to use path without wellies in winter. Can you take it away please. Horses stumble over it. Mums with pushchairs struggle. Everyone hates it.

More hedgerows  
Restrict travellers

## **Facilities**

5 suggestions for a cinema club at the Village Hall

1 request for housing for the over 55's

2 requests for a small meeting room and Internet cafe/desk hire space

1 request for a duck pond on the Green

Shops - 40 responses - Mostly asking for a village store, Winton's to be reopened and requests for a chemist, bakers, hardware store, pet shop, fish shop and tea/coffee shop

Two requests for a surgery with one suggesting it be put in the village hall.

7 requests for an improved village hall

Request that not all facilities are centralised - remember those on the outskirts

Suggestion that The Wattle House be used for profit and that the loss of the Fire Station is not proven and may need to be revisited

## **Sport and Play**

5 requests for activity days, football matches and evening clubs and suggestion that the school should be used in the evenings for clubs and classes

4 requests for improved play facilities including swimming

16 request for better/additional youth facilities, the general theme is that there is nothing for teenagers to do.

9 requests for tennis courts, 3 for bowling greens, 3 for a skate park 1 for a village band stand and riding/livery stables

**2. Do you feel that there are any existing facilities or areas of open space that would benefit from being designated as a Community Asset or Local Green Space?**

## **Assets of Community Value**

Swimming Pool, Cricket Club, Village Hall, Nepcote Chapel, Wattle House, Post Office, School, Shops

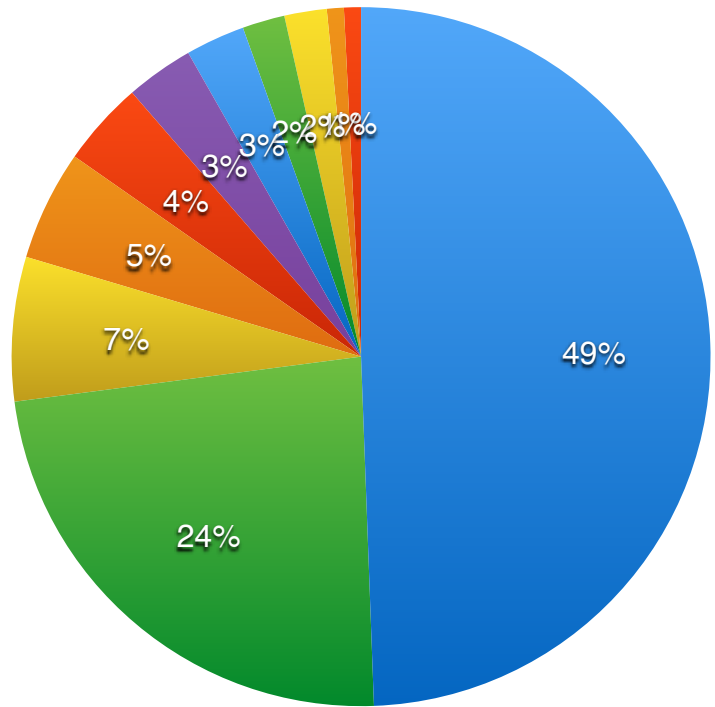


## Green Spaces

- Pond Green
  - Nepcote Green
  - School Fields
- Homewood
  - The Oval
  - The Limes
- Village Green
  - Stable Lane
  - Cricket Field
- Village Hall
  - Allotments

- Pond Green x 126
- Homewood x 60
- Village Green x 17
- Village Hall x 13
- Nepcote Green x 10
- The Oval x 8
- Stable Lane x 7
- Allotments x 5
- School Fields x 5
- The Limes x 3
- Cricket Field x 2

Others in small numbers



## Section 4 - Transport and Infrastructure

### 1. Do you feel that the following aspects of transport in the parish need to be considered?

Answer Options	Issue Needing Action	No Opinion	Not An Issue	Response Count
Speed of traffic through the village	369	51	154	574
Bus services	191	123	238	552
Public parking facilities in the village	361	68	138	567
Parking controls	251	84	222	557
Road and verge maintenance	303	97	166	566
Congestion in the village	316	79	166	561
The quality of cycle paths	142	216	190	548
The quality of public footpaths	229	96	229	554
The level of street and road signage	84	118	361	563
Road noise from A24	134	121	299	554

#### Suggestions where action needed:

23 calls for 20mph speed limit and some for 40mph on the A24, speed humps, yellow lines, traffic calming

Comments about parking on verges and parking in general.

Later bus service and issues relating to bus access due to parking

### 2. How often do you travel by the following modes of transport?

Answer Options	Never	Occasionally	Frequently	Response Count
By private car	12	43	514	569
By taxi	220	299	23	542
By public transport	148	289	116	553
On foot	14	144	398	556
On motorcycle	508	24	6	538
By bicycle	283	200	57	540

#### Comments (29) :

Age and Health have a bearing.

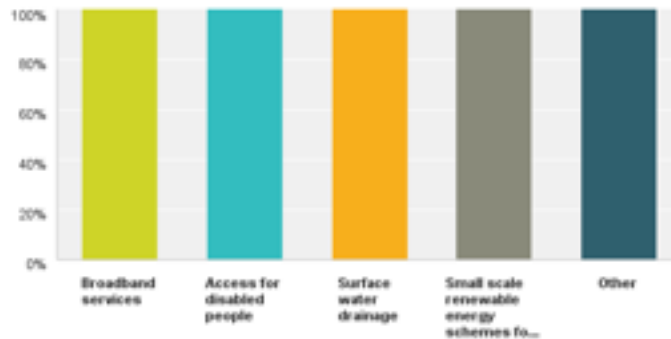
15 comments about buses - essential to maintain; wish they ran later; service impeded by bad parking

2 comments about cycle paths, one wanting some and one wanting one along th A24

3 comments that they use horseback

3 complaints about the state of the footpaths

3. Which of the following infrastructure provisions do you think the NP should consider as a priority?



Comments:

26 comments

- Bus and cycle routes
- Dog enforcement
- No fracking or wind turbines
- Employment
- Lights and paths
- Road maintenance, gritting, signs, traffic calming
- Tree preservation
- Digital TV and Mobile
- Ground and flash water wells
- Solar panels in village hall roof

## Section 5 - Local Economy

### 1. Do you operate a business from the village? If so, what type?

Accountancy
Architectural Consultancy
B1 BUSINESS UNITS; LIVERY STABLES
BOOK KEEPING
Both myself and husband own businesses in Worthing and Rustington. We work from home from time to time.
Building Maintenance
Business Consultancy x 2
Butchers.
Chairman Findon Parish Council
Civil Engineer
Confectionary production
Consulting - from home x 2
Design consultant
DOG BOARDING
Driving school
Engineering Consultancy
Fraud investigation
Graphic design consultant
HOLISTIC HEALTH AND WELL BEING
Hosterly
Hotel.
IMPORTATION OF TEA
Internet based business.
IT consulting
Julia's kitchen tearoom.
L C GARDENS CO HORTICULTURE DESIGN AND LECTURES
MARKETING CONSULTANT
Music publisher.
NAIL AND BEAUTY
NAIL SALON
Post office.
PRIVATE OFFICE x 3
Property investment and development.
Publishing and portrait art.
Racehorse trainer.
Restaurant x 2
Website

**2. What practical measures can the village take to help your business?**

Of the 38 responses, 15 want improved broadband/3G/mobile services

Shop locally.

Better promotion of services via new media, advertising etc

Stop buses coming through the village

More understanding of what economic benefits the hotel brings to the village in terms of employment, guest visiting local pubs and shops etc. Such strong feelings exist from people that even authorities consider it a "difficult" village to deal with.

Larger parking space with better road surfaces.

**3. Do you run a business from home and, if not, would you be keen to do so? If so, what are the main stumbling blocks preventing you from doing this?**

55 responses.

17 Yes, 15 No

Broadband connections main reason stopping people.

**4. Do you feel there are adequate levels of employment floorspace (workshops and offices) in the village or parish? Are more small business premises required?**

Adequate
Adequate for the village. Perhaps small businesses could use old farm buildings within existing village boundaries which is most important housing or business development.
Arguably not but it is a village.
Can't say no to housing and yes to business premises - would be hypocritical - so no
Don't know.
Don't know.
estate agents could answer this. I have no information on demand.
Might be useful for others
More business welcome.
More are needed
No opinion
No opinion.
No-some are vacant at present.
No-use of all existing premises would be good.
No x 6
No. Small units are essential to keep skills and local trades alive
No. Yes. The empty shop next to the butcher would make a good mini-market for small artist makers e.g. barties boutique in Worthing to sell their wares-each having their own section of the shop-like the toll house in lindfield.
Not relevant to our organisation.

Not sure
possibly
Probably adequate
Probably not.
Seems adequate
Shops seem to stay empty so maybe not
Small business buildings
Small business premises- shared office space for example.
Small shops would be great. Independent and not big chains. But will they be pushed out by other existing shops?? possible we think.
The long empty retail premises next to sylvan oak restaurant needs to be utilised. I have expressed an interest in renting these premises for retail use without success.
There are two empty shops in the village.
Would be a good asset
Yes - 17 people said yes.

**5. In your view, would a publicly available community hub with shared meeting or office space to rent be of importance to the village?**

<b>Yes</b>	35.56% (64)
<b>No</b>	64.44% (116)

**6 Do you represent an organisation within the parish? If so, which organisation and what is your position in it?**

Chair of governing body at St John the Baptist School
Chairman - Findon village pre-school
Chairman of St John the Baptist primary school PTA Sife saver and volunteer for the community swimming pool
Chess club - i run it
Churchwarden of Baptist Church
Findon Chase Management Committee - Convent Gardens Chairman
Findon Conservation Branch
Findon Downs Women's Institute President
Findon Fair Secretary
Findon Friends of St Barnabus
Findon news. Editor and financial controler
Findon pool - secretary Findon School - PTA and Governor Findon Church -family service team
Findon tastevin group- chairman
Findon Village Gardens Association Secretary

Findon Village Hall Booking Secretary
Findon village pre school parents communities-secretary.
Findon village W1 treasurer
Janice Oakes treasurer of sheep field.
Member of Findon Village WI
NP Volunteer and swimming pool maintenance
Parochial church council - secretary St Johns the baptist primary school: governor/vice chairman
Paws animal sanctuary. Custodian.
president Findon village WI, secretary Findon village hall trust, membership secretary Findon gardens assoc.
School Governor
Several charities
Sheepfair committee
St Barnabas Fundraising - Committee members
St John Baptist Church and Sheep Fair
St John Church
Village Hall Treasurer
Village Hall Helper
Village Hall Trust Member

**7. What practical measures could the village take to help your organisation?**

A new village hall
Advertising
BETTER BROADBAND
Chevron parking in The Oval. Visitors and volunteers cannot park outside.
COMMUNITY WEBSITE
FIND NEW MEMBERS
help with no waiting cones.
IMPROVE THE VILLAGE HALL
LOCAL BUSINESS
MORE VOLUNTEERS
NEED MORE ROOMS
NO MORE THAN IS ALREADY BEING DONE
Promote events on parish council website.
PROVIDE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FAIR
Publicity outlets - more noticeboards
Upgrade main village hall, and install an audio loop system, with wireless microphones
SIGNPOST POINTING TO CHURCH FROM VILLAGE CENTRE

Support infrastructure, building and advertising improvements and encourage safe access.

This is completed in my personal capacity however I am not aware of any special needs for FCMC from the parish

We rely on infrastructure of power/broadband/telephone etc and the local businesses to advertise

**8. Which of the following are important to support the village economy? Please let us know in “other” about any you would use if they were available.**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Not particularly important</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Very Important</b>	<b>Tick if you use them reasonably regularly</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Post Office / Newsagent	2	29	488	502	567
Butcher	14	115	397	351	562
Saddlery	171	251	100	46	522
Tea shop	36	233	256	190	542
Shoe Shop	188	230	110	72	528
Public Houses	10	139	380	345	553
Restaurants	13	164	343	311	542
Hairdressers / Beauty salons	90	259	176	123	528
Garden centre	46	248	233	337	549
Livery stables	106	258	150	32	515
Kennels	188	228	89	26	505
Free-range egg producer	135	228	143	115	512
Other	3	19	24	14	47



9. What are your responses to the following statements?

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Summary</b>
The plan should include policies seeking to prevent the conversion of important retail or business premises into non-retail or domestic homes.	185	189	75	73	35	556	Overall Agree
The plan should introduce greater flexibility in the use of buildings to ensure shops, offices or indeed homes can be converted into other uses if there is a need.	44	243	78	138	50	553	Overall Agree
It is important to ensure that enough jobs are provided for our residents within the parish, even if it requires greater levels of development.	29	82	103	240	105	559	Overall Disagree

The provision of increased jobs within the village is not a priority as increased mobility, improved communications and Findon's proximity to the coastal conurbation means jobs are no longer geographically restricted.	166	281	58	39	14	557	Overall Agree
The parish benefits from a good variety of food and drink establishments.	285	233	20	20	8	565	Overall Agree
The plan should support greater levels of rural diversification (new business types on farms) to help support the existing agricultural economy.	128	285	107	22	18	560	Overall Agree