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Eastergate Parish Council



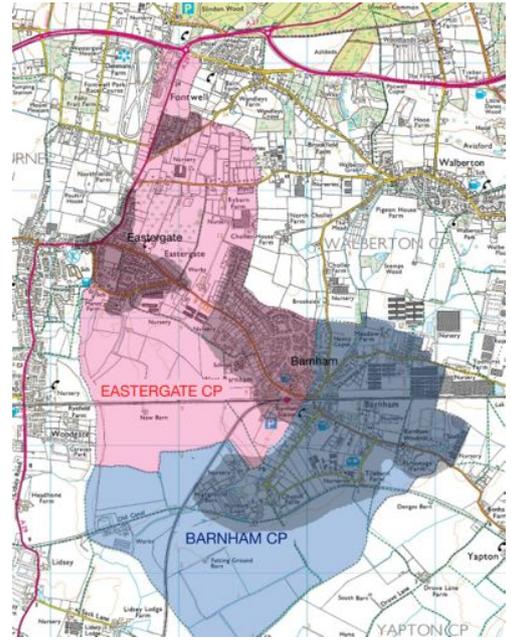
This is the fifth joint newsletter issued by the two Parish Councils, letting you know what is happening in the two parishes of Barnham and Eastergate. The two PCs want to combine the resources, funds and skills in on key projects and initiatives across our communities, this newsletter is one way we can do this.

The main focus of this newsletter is planning and the future of our village. On the 2nd July we have a local Referendum on our Neighbourhood Plan. We will explain what this is and why it is important to that you vote.

The Arun District Council Local Plan has received enormous publicity over recent months. The plan to site a strategic development of 2,000 houses south of Barnham, Eastergate and Walberton has been very controversial. We will update you on the issues

We urge you to consider this matter, to look at the Neighbourhood Plan documents, and to express your views by voting on July 2nd.

The Neighbourhood Plan can be found on-line at barnham.arun.gov.uk or eastergate.arun.gov.uk.



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Neighbourhood Plan Referendum 2nd July A Unique Local Opportunity - Don't Miss It

The question: Do you want Arun District Council to use the Barnham and Eastergate Neighbourhood Plan to determine planning applications in our area?

A Yes vote will mean Arun District Council include your Neighbourhood Plan in the planning decisions which shape our community and approve development

A No vote will mean Arun District Council only use District wide policies.

Barnham and Eastergate Neighbourhood Plan 2014-29



What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

The Localism Act was passed in 2012. The government believes that as many decisions as possible should be taken at a local level and the Localism Act enshrines this in law. A Neighbourhood Plan is seen as a way of enabling local communities to have their say about the future of their community.

We started to do the groundwork with a joint Barnham and Eastergate Plan. The two Parish Councils supported and funded the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan Team, made up of local residents and a specialist consultant.

Our team drew up and delivered a questionnaire to every household in the two Parishes in mid-2012. We had a 20% response from you, our parishioners. From these responses the Team decided what areas and subjects they were going to research, collected hard evidence and drew up a set of "Policies".

For example, knowledge on local flooding problems defined our policies on drainage for new houses; local preferences determined our policies on supporting & retaining local shops

and businesses. A huge amount of data has been gathered on wildlife & environment, housing styles and needs, facilities for young and old, for leisure, education and health.

There were public exhibitions held in late 2013 for parishioners to see and discuss the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. This provided valuable feed-back and additional information and preferences were incorporated into the Plan.

The draft Plan was then submitted to a government- approved inspector (in our case a barrister specialising in planning law) who reviewed and amended the Plan to make sure it conformed to the law. It was also reviewed by various statutory bodies which included West Sussex County Council, The Environment Agency and Arun District Council.

The Neighbourhood Plan is now at its final stage which is a Public Referendum.

You, our community, get to vote on whether you approve it or not. If a simple majority approves it, then it becomes law. If not approved then planning in our villages is governed, as today by the Arun District Council emerging Local Plan and retained planning policies.

What you told us in the Household Survey

You want to preserve green spaces, the green gaps between the villages and the flood plain to the south of the villages

You want protection from flooding and improvements to the drainage infrastructure

You want to preserve the heritage and character of our villages

You want protection of the countryside, wildlife habitats and to have access to these areas

You want more say in where housing and other development goes.
Development must be high quality

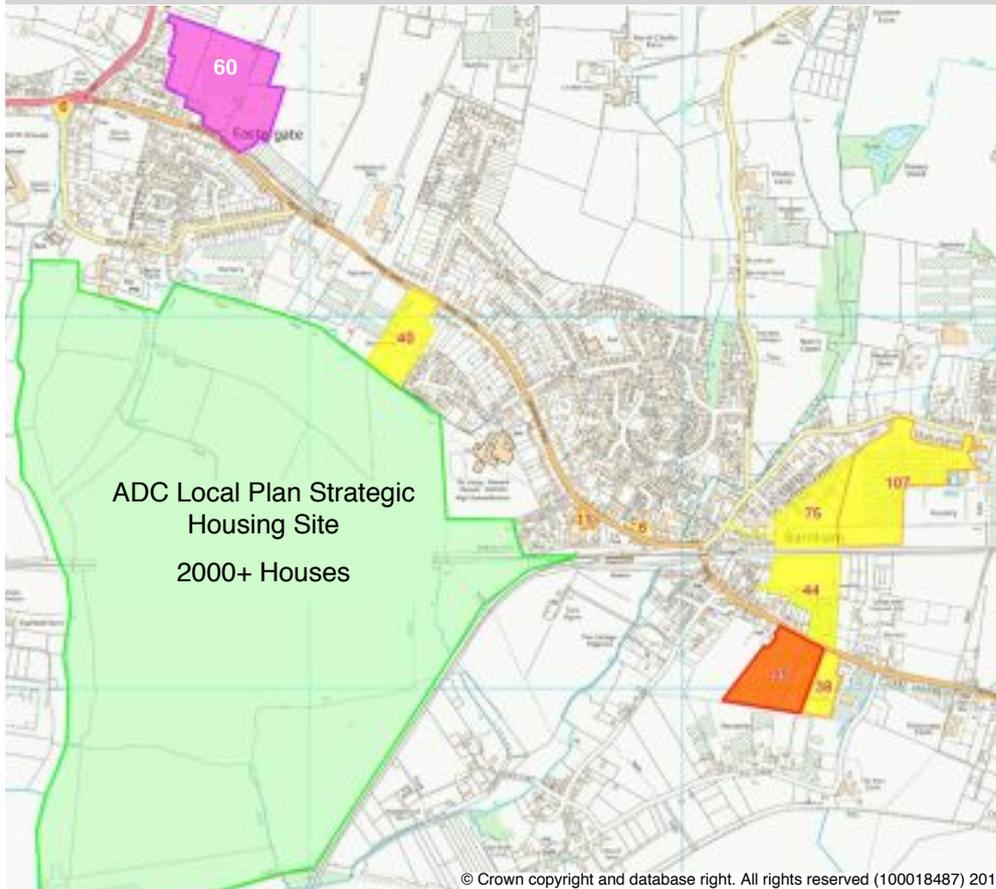
You support the need for small scale housing development to meet local housing needs

You want improved children's play facilities and protection of school places for local children

You want strong village centres with shops, businesses and opportunities for local employment

You want improvements in infrastructure, reduced traffic speeds and more control over commuter car-parking

Where is New Housing Going?



Map Key:

- Neighbourhood Plan Proposals
- With Planning Permission but not Built - Supported by Parish Councils
- Speculative planning permissions secured on Appeal due, in part, to ADC not having an adopted Local Plan.
- Arun District Council Strategic Housing Allocation

The Policies the Neighbourhood Plan Covers

Support, encourage and promote a range of shops and businesses and provide an environment for enterprise to flourish.

Make the most of the rural aspect through protecting views, providing good access, enhancing facilities and maintaining biodiversity.

Preserve, enhance and ensure the enjoyment for all, of the valued green spaces and environments

Promote and support safe travel for all and resolution of parking issues

Foster and promote a thriving healthy community with plentiful opportunities for education, training and employment for people young and old

Continue to be an attractive, diverse, well ordered and vibrant community in which residents, visitors and businesses can thrive.

Continue to be distinctive, vital and thriving communities where identity, heritage and aspirations for the future are valued, protected and promoted

Ensure that the community is supported by an effective infrastructure particularly in relation to drainage and flood protection

Arun District Council Local Plan

This will eventually be a blueprint for how Arun District will develop over the next two decades – housing, infrastructure, jobs, leisure and environment. It has not run according to plan and most people will know about it simply as a threat of 2,000 houses in a new “Garden City” on the green fields between Barnham, Eastergate and Aldingbourne with a new A29 that passes through the strategic gap between Barnham and Eastergate.

On the 30th April Arun’s elected councillors voted to include into the Local Plan a strategic development of 2,000 houses and Barnham, Eastergate and Westergate. This housing allocation, and others, is now to be worked into the emerging

Local Plan which will go back to Full Council in the autumn.

There was considerable public disquiet including protestors outside and at the meeting. A few days prior to this the Parish Council chairs had met with Arun Leadership, Councillors, Officers and Nick Herbert MP but despite this considerable effort we were unable to change sufficient minds to overturn the proposals.

The campaigning will continue and when the Local Plan goes back to Full Council for ratification, and then on to Independent Examination in Public in 2015, we will continue to press our, and your, serious concerns and objections.

The principle issues are sustainability, flooding, drainage, use of green-field land and the funding package for the A29.

Leave Oving Lights Alone

Oving Parish Council are running a major campaign to keep the Oving junction with the A27 open. A planning condition of a major housing development is that the developer must close this junction.

This however is not just an issue for Oving. The impact of this closure will be felt right across the five villages. Many of us use this route to access Chichester conveniently when the A27 is congested or closed. We are all familiar with congestion on the A27 as a result of road accidents; flooding; major events at Goodwood and sunny bank holidays.

If this junction is closed and the A27 impassable there will be no short alternative access to A&E (St Richards Hospital). Additionally, emergency vehicles stationed in Chichester won't be able to get out to the villages quickly.

We are supporting Oving's LOLA 2 Campaign (see inset) and ask you to join us by taking some, or all, of the following actions:-

Sign the e-petition and get other family and friends to also do so (maximum 2 per household).

Support the Oving Planning Application to remove the closure condition when it appears on the Chichester DC online planning portal

Write letters to the Observer newspapers - Bognor and Chichester

Write a letter/email to Nick Herbert MP (www.nickherbert.com)

Leave Oving Lights Alone

(LOLA 2)

The Highways Agency and Hanbury Properties Ltd intend to close the traffic lights to through traffic at the junction of the A27 with Oving Road as a condition of the outline planning consent granted for the Shopwyke Lakes development.

Oving Parish Council is strongly against this plan, as it would isolate the residents and businesses in the parish and beyond, and will add to the already congested traffic on the Chichester Bypass. We have submitted a Planning Application to remove the condition and prevent closure of the traffic lights.

If you support this application please take the time to sign the e-petition “Leave Oving Lights Alone Phase Two”

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk>

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Whats On

Wed July 2nd	Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Barnham Community Hall Eastergate Parish Hall
Sat. July 5th	Skittles Night Barnham Community Hall BLADE www.barnham.info
Sat. October 18th	Quiz Night Barnham Community Hall BLADE www.barnham.info
Sat. November 1st	Annual Firework Night Barnham Community Hall & Park BLADE www.barnham.info
Sat. December 6th	Christmas Music Concert Barnham Community Hall BLADE www.barnham.info