

Fletching Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation: vision, objectives and policy ideas

Fletching Parish Council is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan which will help shape future change in the area, related to development and land use. It is important that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects your views and ambitions.

In Winter 2023 we asked you for your thoughts on important matters to be addressed in the Plan. We have now used these to prepare a vision for the area, a draft set of objectives and associated policy ideas.

We would like you to tell us whether these ideas are heading in the right direction, or not, and whether you have any comments on these.

Please complete this survey, either by hand and returning to the Parish Council, or by completing online via the Parish Council website.

All the information you need to help respond is available on the website:

www.fletching-pc.gov.uk

Please respond by Saturday 31st May 2025

Vision and Objectives

Please use this section to let us know whether you think the vison and objectives are heading in the right direction, or not, and whether you have any comments on these.

	Are these heading in the right direction, or not?		
	Yes	Not sure	
The vision			
Objective 1: Climate change and sustainability			
Objective 2: Environment, countryside and landscape			
Objective 3: Conservation and design			
Objective 4: Housing			
Objective 5: Economy, infrastructure and facilities			

Do you have any comments on the vision or objectives?

Policy ideas: Landscape character and setting

Please use this section to let us know whether you think this set of policy ideas is heading in the right direction, or not, and whether you have any comments on these

	Are these heading in the right direction, or not? Yes No Not sure		
FLLC 01: Landscape character			
FLLC 02: Wealden to Waves nature corridor			
FLLC 03: Locally important views			
FLLC 04: Local Green Space designations			
FLLC 05: Biodiversity net gain			
FLLC 06: Dark skies and artificial lighting			

Do you have any comments on these policy ideas? (Please note there is a separate section on local views and Local Green Space designations later in the questionnaire)

Policy ideas: Conservation and design

Please use this section to let us know whether you think this set of policy ideas is heading in the right direction, or not, and whether you have any comments on these

	Are these heading in the right direction, or not?		
	Yes	No	Not sure
FLDH 01: Good design in Fletching Parish			
FLDH 02: Non-designated heritage assets			
FLDH 03: Historic routeways			

Do you have any comments on these policy ideas? (Please note there is a separate section on non-designated heritage assets later in the questionnaire)

Policy ideas: Housing

Please use this section to let us know whether you think this set of policy ideas is heading in the right direction, or not, and whether you have any comments on these

	Are these heading in the right direction, or not?		
	Yes	No	Not sure
FLH 01: Windfall development locations			
FLH 02: Housing type, size and mix			
FLH 03: housing design and resource efficiency			

Do you have any comments on these policy ideas?

Policy ideas: Services and facilities

Please use this section to let us know whether you think this set of policy ideas is heading in the right direction, or not, and whether you have any comments on these

	Are these	Are these heading in the right		
	dir	direction, or not?		
	Yes	No	Not sure	
FLSF 01: Community facilities				
FLSF 02: Fletching Recreation Ground				
FLSF 03: Allotments and food growing				
FLSF 04: Digital infrastructure and connectivity				

Do you have any comments on these policy ideas?

Key views and vistas

The settlement form and landscape allows for views across the Parish. These contribute to the strong sense of place. They include 'fixed' views from a certain point, and those which are 'kinetic' in nature, providing views along a public right of way. The impact of development on views should be minimised. Please tick the boxes below to indicate whether you think the view / vistas identified warrant being included in the Plan, or not.

'Fixed views'	Yes	No	Not sure
From The Griffin Inn Garden to Sheffield Park			
From Bell Lane towards the South Downs			
From Daleham Lane towards the South Downs			
From Down Street towards Maresfield			

'Kinetic Views'	Yes	No	Not sure
Along Footpath FLE/37/2 to Fletching Church and the			
South Downs			
Along Footpath FLE/13/1 across countryside and with			
views to the Church Spire			
Along Footpath FLE/15/1 to Fletching Church and the			
South Downs			
Along Footpath FLE/12/1 to Fletching Church and the			
South Downs			
Along Footpath FLE/16/1 to the South Downs			
Along Footpath FLE/14/1 to Fletching Church, South			
Downs and wooded valley between Fletching and			
Down Street			
Along Footpath FLE/34/1 across the landscape and			
River Uck			
Along Footpath FLE/1/1 across the countryside to the			
Bluebell Railway			
Along Footpath FLE/10/1 across open countryside			
Along Mill Lane to Sheffield Park and Church Spire			
Views of the Church Spire within Fletching Village from			
Church Street and Mill Lane			

Please add any comments here which help explain why you think the views / vistas are important, or not.

Local Green Spaces

The Neighbourhood Plan proposes to designated 'Local Green Spaces' for protection from development. National Policy says these must be demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of its wildlife.

Please tick the boxes below to indicate which of the criteria, if any, are met by each of the proposed Local Green Space designations. Please note the Fletching Recreation Ground is subject to a separate policy.

	Beauty	Historic significance	Recreational value	Tranquillity	Richness of wildlife	Does not meet any of the criteria
Garden at Trading Boundaries						
Splaynes Green						
Polo Ground						
Griffin Inn Garden						
Fletching Lodge Triangle						
Church Yard and Burial Ground						
Black Sheep Farm and Piltdown Pond						
Field adjacent to the Recreation Ground						
Sheffield Green						

Please add any comments here which help explain why you think the Local Green Spaces are important, or not.

Non-designated Heritage Assets

The Neighbourhood Plan identifies eleven 'non-designated heritage assets' in the Parish. These are buildings and structures of historic value and significance locally, which although not designated as Listed Buildings, should be treated sensitively, retained and enhanced.

Please tick the boxes below to indicate whether you think the buildings and structures identified warrant being included in the Plan as 'non-designated heritage assets', or not.

	Yes	No	Not sure
The Pump House			
Traditional Barn at Parsonage Farm			
Traditional Farm buildings at Church Farm			
Fletching War Memorial Hall			
Atheralls Farmhouse Barn and Oast			
Knabbs Farmhouse Barns			
Splaynes Green Post Box and Finger Post			
Splaynes Green Telephone Box			
Former 'B and B Trailers', Splaynes Green			
North Hall Barn			
The Piltdown Man			

Please add any comments here which help explain why you think the buildings and structures should be designated, or not.

Wider projects and aspirations

The Neighbourhood Plan can identify wider infrastructure improvements that the community would like to see take place across the Parish, but which are not directly related to development. Projects identified so far relate to improving the network of public rights of way, introducing traffic management, and refurbishing the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground.

Please use this section to let us know if you have any ideas for infrastructure improvements in the Parish.

Please tell us about yourself

Data protection: Data is being collected by the Parish Council. Data in this questionnaire will be analysed to inform the contents of the Neighbourhood Plan. Anonymous data may be shared as evidence that the Plan reflects the aspirations of the community. Email addresses will only be used as stated and will not be shared with third parties.

Are you (please tick as many as apply)?	
A resident of the Parish	
A visitor to the Parish	
An employee in the Parish	
A business or organisation in the Parish	
Other	

If you indicated 'other' above, please provide more information

Please provide your post code

Please tick one box to tell us how old you are							
Under 18	18 - 25	26 - 35	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	Over 65	Would rather not say

If you would like to be kept updated on the Neighbourhood Plan please provide your email address