

Issues and Options Consultation Exercise – April to May 2008

In April 2008, the Council held a public meeting and an exhibition to illustrate the initial survey work that had been carried out on the West Hoathly Conservation Area Appraisal. The public meeting launched the exhibition at West Hoathly Village Hall on Monday 21st April 2008. The exhibition remained in the village hall for two weeks from 21st April until 5th May 2008. The exhibition panels were also made available on the Council's website: www.midsussex.gov.uk/planningpolicy.

The exhibition included a detailed assessment of the character of the conservation area, suggested a number of changes to the boundary and provided some potential ideas for enhancement. Questionnaires relating to the draft management proposals were made available at the exhibition. The deadline for the receipt of comments was Friday 23rd May 2008.

This document summarises the comments the Council received to the questionnaire and sets out responses prepared by Officers on behalf of the Council to the main issues raised. Wherever possible suggestions made by the public have been included in the appraisal document.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS TO THE WEST HOATHLY CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Question 1. Do you agree with boundary changes?

Yes – 8 No – 78

Additional comments

Respondent	Comments
Mr S Brand	Concern over cricket field which is proposed to be excluded from new conservation area. It has been suggested that the garage area should be included; this would be a mistake as the whole area is a hotchpotch of unsightly buildings and would benefit from re-development with "Sussex style" buildings.
Mrs L Clingo	Chapel Row can be of little interest as a conservation area. The old chapel is in a terrible state and has been for many years – why now decide to include these areas at the same time removing "open spaces" like the bowling and cricket ground which seems madness.
Mr M Horton	Due to living near the Ashdown Forest and all its existing benefits, further conservation areas are not necessary, as the financial implications of their upkeep and maintenance would fall on local people's council tax contributions.
Mr M McMillen	The old garage should not be included as it already looks tatty and is not an old looking traditional place.
Anon	I have visited the garage and it is in desperate need of being knocked down.
Anon	The old garage is all bits and pieces put together and mostly constructed of asbestos and should not be included.
Mrs A Nankervis	Chapel Row, in my opinion, does not warrant conservation area status. The Bowls and Cricket ground should remain in the conservation area.
Miss R Billings	Chapel Row does not appear to have the same level of original features as Queens Square in the centre of the village. Many of the homes seem to have had alterations and extensions.
Mr B Billings	I don't think there is any need to include West Hoathly Garage, as there is nothing old or nice about any part of the site.
Mr D Knight	Apart from isolated already listed buildings in Chapel Row, the area is of mixed development of no historical or architectural importance. The limits imposed will be very unfair to the residents who want to sell etc.
Mrs S Burrows	Yes agrees with boundary changes.
Mr J Burrows	Yes.
Miss B Picton	No. The Bowls Club and Cricket Pitch should remain and also possibly include the new Buttinghill.
Dr J Ralph	No. Cricket field should not be excluded. Buttinghill to Philpots Lodge should be included. The strip of land behind Peckhams, Bennetts Cottage, The Catholic Chapel, and Oak Tree Cottage should be included. In all cases these pieces of land need protection from development.

Mrs E Brinkworth	No. Bowling Green and Cricket Pitch should remain within the boundaries.
Mrs P Blunt	No. Cricket and Bowling Club should be in the conservation area boundary.
Mr M Robinson	Yes.
Mr C Watson	No. Cricket Field needs to be in conservation area boundary. The view must be preserved. If Chapel Row is to be included surely it is sensible to include the house that is by the West Hoathly Garage, even the area of the Garage itself.
Mrs K Coutin	No. Yes to removing area marked blue. No to Chapel Row but more power to Parish Council regarding alterations.
Ms I Niblett	No. Chapel Row houses should be excluded. The Cricket Pitch and Bowling Green should be left in the conservation area
Mr & Mrs Fish	Mostly yes. Preserve and protect the sports facilities and fine views. Yes add the area to protect the churchyard and views and the previous vicarage, and Melchbourne Villas and gardens etc. Add the suggested addition of North Lane and Selsfield Rd.
Mrs M Chipps	No. Chapel Row is not of any architectural interest. Old Chapel is definitely not worth conserving. Villages need to evolve to survive. Don't want the area to turn into a museum – not all progress is bad.
Mr M White	No. Cricket Pitch to be included. West Hoathly Garage to be excluded – is of no historic consequence.
Mr P Hoyd	No. Cricket pitch should be included and North Lane boundary.
Mr J Denne	No. Chapel Row does not have enough character for inclusion within a conservation area as they are mostly converted shops and the rear is very poor. See photos provided.
Mrs S Hilton	Yes. Supports changes, but opposes possible suggestion of WH Garage being included.
Mr R Denne	No. Chapel Row should not be included as the only 2 houses of worth are Knaves Acre and Laburnum Cottage.
Mr M Hilton	No. Object to removing playing fields from CA. Other boundary changes acceptable. Object to the possible idea of WH Garage being included in CA.
Mr M Clingo	No. West Hoathly Garage represents the very ethos of conservation, restoration, and preservation in a highly skilled and now very rare field or work. The future of the business is directly threatened if it is not able to move into appropriate premises shortly.
Mrs J Mykura	No to excluding the Bowling and Cricket Ground. Please include / extend to incorporate WH Garage. Yes to extending along North Lane and Glebe House and Chapel Row.
Mrs M McMenemy	No. Boundary should be extended, but don't remove the Cricket and Bowls Club from Conservation Area.
Mr P Hartley (on behalf of Parish Council)	No. Agree with the addition to boundary with North Lane (North), Chapel Row, Selsfield Road and grounds at Glebe House. Disagree with exclusion of the bowls/tennis/cricket club. The views should be protected towards the Downs. This area forms a green wedge on edge/entry of conservation area so should be protected.
Mr D Bartlett	No. Cricket/Bowling ground should remain in CA. Agree that Glebe House, North Lane and Chapel Row should be brought into the Conservation Area.
Mrs E Tamburrini	Yes. But want Cricket Ground kept in CA. Agree with suggested boundary changes apart from that.

Mr S Meacock	No. The Cricket/Tennis/Bowls Club shouldn't be excluded. Glebe House should not be included and highlighted in the report being the only house specifically mentioned. It has always been outside the conservation area. Why can't Finche Field be included in the area?
Mrs C Greenwood	No. The Cricket/tennis/Bowls Club and surrounding land should remain in CA. The area surrounding the proposed garage at the North Lane/Top Road junction should be included in the Conservation Area.
Mrs R des Forges	No. Recreation Ground shouldn't be excluded. The views from there need to be preserved.
Ms N Todd	No. Bowls and Cricket Ground should remain in the Conservation Area.
Mr C Ward	No. No other land should be included in the Conservation Area.
Mr G Lines	No. WH Garage should be included in the Conservation Area.
Ms E Gill	Yes.
Dr P Chapman	No. The changes to the boundary to possibly include West Hoathly garage is a patching up type of fix to complement recent (refused) planning application. The hub of the matter is the existing B2 unconditional industrial use for the WH Garage. This is a ticking bomb. If and when the garage owners leave we may well get a really intrusive industrial use and I can see no escape other than to allow housing on that site.
Mr & Mrs Edmonds	Yes.
Mrs C Goodridge	No. WH Garage site/woodlands/High Weald Landscape Trail to be included to protect the nature of Chapel Row / Worth Lane. Preserve ancient woodlands and bluebell woods and trees. Bowling/Cricket Club to remain in CA.
Mr M Goodridge	No. Include WH Garage site and woodland – protect ancient woodland. Bowls / Cricket club to remain in CA. Prevent development.
Mr D Slater	No. Strongly oppose exclusion of Cricket and Bowls Club. We'd lose excellent views and peaceful open space. Agree with including Glebe House, Butting Hill.
Mrs R Williams	No. All of North Lane plus the Cricket Field and Chapel Row should be included.
Mrs A Verelst-Way	No. Cricket Field area to remain in CA.
Mr G Lyford	No. Agree with extended boundary, but don't exclude the Bowls and Cricket Club – need to preserve views.
Ms P Cooper	No. Strongly object to Cricket & Bowls Club being excluded from CA. Removal of it might lead to being sold for development. Families and young people need as many facilities as they can get to develop a sense of community living as well as encouraging a healthy outlook. Young people need these facilities to stop them potentially turning to crime and violence.
Belinda Henson	No. Object to removal of open space / Cricket Ground and other areas within the conservation boundary in the south of West Hoathly
Mr R Ward	No. WH Cricket Ground should remain within CA. The West Hoathly Cricket Ground is a pristine example of an English

	Village Cricket Field with idyllic views of the surrounding countryside. The perfect example of English village life is becoming rarer and rarer and demands to be preserved for current residents of West Hoathly and all future generations.
Janey Walker	Agree to the extension of CA along North Lane but strongly object to the removal of the Cricket Ground. The local school use it for tennis lessons, is very much a part of village life.
Mr O Greenwood	No. Keep Cricket Ground in CA.
Nicholas Soames	The cricket ground should be kept in the conservation area – it is an important venue for the living heritage of the village. The views and open space need to be preserved.
Chris Hersey	Support the general village opinion (from the Parish Assemble Mtg) to keep the cricket ground in the CA. Include Chapel Row in the CA. Would like to see the WH Garage site added to the CA to provide additional protection and control for any future development.
James Temple-Smithson	Supports the Appraisal in general, but the Bowls/Cricket Ground should remain in the CA. It needs preserving for the open space it provides and that it is very much part of village life. The village strongly supports this view. The extension of the Conservation Area all along North Lane and into Chapel Row is extremely welcome and so it is logical that the garage site should be included so that the Conservation Area runs along an unbroken line around the corner of this junction. I acknowledge that some of the buildings currently <i>in situ</i> cannot be said to be worthy of conservation in their own right, but I feel the proximity of the site to the ancient woodland, the fact that it has been as it is for many years and as such must be developed with extreme sensitivity and the need to conserve views of the village from the countryside to the north of the site are all strong arguments for its inclusion. It is important to consider the issue of its inclusion objectively and in isolation of any redevelopment proposals and in those circumstances I believe the case for the inclusion of the site is clear and uncontroversial.
Drs HR & JI Sethi	No. Keep Bowls and Cricket Ground in the Conservation Area. As stated in the section of the appraisal 'Key Views'; this area has 'fine views'. There is a need to protect the Conservation Area's 'soft edging'.
Mr T Baker	No. I see no point in taking out the Cricket Ground. Seems politics are in play – including the Glebe and not Garage area.
Colin Robotham	Generally supports increases to Conservation Area. WH Garage should be added to CA to assist the quality, scale and materials considered if a change of use to housing is eventually passed. The inclusion of the adjacent Chapel, which is not listed, may in fact not be helpful to the development of this site and or access/visibility. Cricket ground needs to stay in as any development here would change the character of the historic area. Please note the lack of tight controls can be demonstrated in the negative by the development of the property just outside the CA to the east of Hook Lane and opposite the bowls club. Inappropriate design (including extensive use of man-made non-locally used materials). Supports inclusion of land surrounding Glebe House which must be to preserve the surrounding views.
Sue Robinson	Keep the Cricket Ground in the CA.
Molly Cooper	As Secretary of the West Hoathly Lawn Tennis Club I am writing to say how distressed we are to hear of the proposal to

	withdraw the conservation area status of the Cricket Ground. It is a well used facility by all of the community.
Mr P Brown (Parish Councillor)	No. Agree with addition of North Lane, Chapel Row / Selsfield Road and also Glebe House grounds being included. Disagree with exclusion of bowls and cricket ground.
Mrs A Denne	No. Cricket/Bowls Club should remain in – is part of village life. Don't include Chapel Row (see photos).
Mr&Mrs C StJohn	No. Bowling and Cricket Ground is valued and a vital amenity to both young and old, adds to the character and rural setting of the village.
Mrs C Wilson	No. The Conservation Area should be enlarged rather than areas taken out. The Cricket Ground is a fundamental part of village life.
Mr A.J. Earle	No. I am concerned that if the Cricket Ground is excluded from the Conservation Area it could be vulnerable to future development. The inclusion of the whole of the school site may place unnecessary and unfair restrictions on maintenance which could overstretch a very tight budget which could be otherwise be spent on learning resources.
Mr David Engel	The garage site should be included within the Conservation Area so that the Conservation Area boundary runs along an unbroken line around the corner of the junction. In addition it would need to be sensitively developed as it is very close to ancient woodland and there is a need to conserve views of the village from the north. The Bowls and Cricket Ground should not be excluded as they protect the rural setting of the heart of the old village as well as providing spectacular views. The ground is an integral and vibrant part of the long heritage of cricket in the villages of Sussex. To remove this area would contradict some of the statements in the appraisal regarding protecting views and the rural setting.
Dr A Glynn	No. The Cricket Ground and Bowls Club are important focal points of the community. If they are removed from the conservation area then they are likely to be developed, losing this important community resource. This area is a very special place in the village. It is a peaceful and pleasant area bordered by hedgerows and fields and with a spectacular view.
Mr D Judd	No. Cricket and Bowls Ground should remain, as it could be vulnerable to development, it is an area of beauty and integral to community life.
N G Pullan	No. Deplore the possibility of the historic and beautiful Cricket Ground being turned into housing development. Village cricket is important to our rural heritage.
Gerald Eve	Yes. Care needs to be taken to ensure that additions to the conservation area reflect the prevailing character of the conservation area. The exclusion of West Hoathly garage site is considered correct and deliberate, as its inclusion would serve to detract from the conservation area as a whole.
Caroline Rogers	No. The Cricket Pitch should remain in the Conservation Area due to the stunning views.
Emma Fulham	No. The view from the Cricket Pitch if not he buildings should be retained in the Conservation Area. The retention of the current area plus the remainder of Church Hill/North Lane and Chapel Row is a good idea. My only concern is that some of these buildings are of little consequence and could be replaced or improved in the near future. A village should not

	become stuck in a time warp and future development should reflect its time and not look back.
Mr & Mrs JJ	No. The Cricket, Tennis and Football Ground should definitely still be included. This is a marvellous open space, with beautiful views, a wonderful asset. The open space is well used for sport and recreation plus village celebration and social events.
Mr D Thorne	No. Object to the removal of West Hoathly Cricket Ground and Bowling Green being taken out of the conservation area. These areas are vital sporting grounds that have been part of village life for decades. There are fine views and the ground is an integral part of the community.
Mrs A Dawson	No. Excluding the Cricket and Bowling Ground will make it vulnerable to development. Strongly agree with the proposed areas to be included.
Mr D Hollings	No. The Cricket and Bowling Ground should remain in the conservation area.
Mr C Coleman	No. The Cricket and Bowling ground should remain in the conservation area, as it is one of the most important sporting facilities in the village. There are far too many sporting facilities being given over to development. We should be doing all we can to maintain areas like this.
Mr D	No. The Cricket Ground and Bowling Green should be included in the conservation area.
Mrs J Blackwell	No. The Cricket Ground and pavilion should not be removed. This area is actively used by the village bringing in visitors who spend money in the village.
Mr R J Blackwell	No. The boundary should continue to include the Cricket Ground and other sporting facilities as there could be the possibility of losing these valuable assets if a future administration decided to build on these playing fields
Mr P Lowry	No. The Cricket Ground together with the other facilities would be clearly at risk if this area is excluded from the conservation area. These facilities attract visiting teams providing additional revenue for the village and attract local youth to enter sport. An English cricket green is intrinsic to village life and should be preserved.
Emma Duggan	No. The Cricket and Bowling Club area should remain in the Conservation Area because this area is a very important part of the heritage of the village. It was originally included in 1972 because of the views over the cricket pitch and across the fields beyond. The views are stunning. It is also the only part of the conservation area which is not privately owned and therefore the community has a responsibility to protect it for the sake of our children. Land at Buttinghill should be included within the Conservation Area as its sits opposite the cricket pitch and any future development should be in keeping with the rest of the area. There is also a case for including Finche Filed as another area with nice views.
Mr & Mrs L Flowers	No. The Cricket Ground is an integral part of the unspoilt character of West Hoathly. If it is outside of the conservation area there is a danger of West Hoathly turning into another Sharpthorne.
Miss L Harvey	No. Agree it's a good idea to extend conservation areas. Disagree with removing Cricket and Bowls Club area. Any future development in this area should comply with the restricted rules covering conservation for new properties, extensions, change of use etc. This is the focal end boundary to the village with lovely views which should not be spoilt.

Mrs S Robinson	No. Agree with extended area but not with removing Bowls Club and Cricket Ground. This is a valuable area which is needed by all ages in the community – it has outstanding views and space.
Mr R Taylor	No. It would appear that excluding the Cricket Ground and Bowls Club is an underhand way of selling it to a developer for building purposes. Having this facility is part of village life and has been for a very long time. To destroy it would destroy the cohesion that this village enjoys.
Mr P Hartley	No. I agree with the increases of the Conservation Area. I do not agree with the removal of the Bowling Club and Cricket / Tennis Club from the Conservation Area as these facilities have wonderful open views to the south which should be conserved. Retaining this area within the Conservation Area will protect the rural setting of the conservation area (see point 4 on Ideas for Enhancement).

Question 2. What are the special features of the Conservation Area that contribute to its character and appearance?

Respondent	Comments
Mr S Brand	Many houses, although not historical, are in the Sussex style and made with local materials – this should be encouraged.
Mrs L Clingo	Open spaces – like the Bowling and Cricket Ground. The area around the Church.
Mr M Horton	Excluding the Bowling Green and Cricket Ground from the Conservation Area makes them vulnerable to future development. Having played many times at the Bowling Green, the loss of such important recreational facilities would be a tragedy!
Mr M McMillen	The High Street and old stone buildings.
Anon	The area around The Cat and the Bowling Green area help make the village what it is. The majority of the buildings do not play any part in its beauty.
Anon	The village of West Hoathly is a very traditional village and it is a shame to spoil it.
Mrs A Nankervis	The existing boundary is an obvious conservation area but believe we must not forget this is a living village, not a museum.
Miss R Billings	I believe that the area around Queens Square is worthy of being in a conservation area.
Mr B Billings	The Cat, Church.
Mr D Knight	The original conservation area is correct including the Priest House, Manor House etc
Mrs S Burrows	Your presentation was sound and I have nothing to add.
Mr J Burrows	Church, pub down to the Cricket Pitch and Bowling Club.
Miss B Picton	The real 'village' character where has time stood still, views, peace and lack of town bustle, cottage gardens, trees, old tile-hung buildings.
Dr J Ralph	It is important to have regard to the buildings, open spaces and surrounding countryside environment as special features in that they form an entity which needs protection as a whole. The details of buildings. materials, styles etc are well looked after by present planning and building regulations. The answer is to leave West Hoathly well alone.
Mrs E Brinkworth	The beauty of the area and the fact it is compact and unspoiled – gives a village atmosphere.
Mrs P Blunt	The Manor House, Horsham Slab roofs.
Mr M Robinson	The old character buildings should be retained.
Mr C Watson	I value the heart of the village from Hook Lane up to North Lane, Queens Square on to Chapel Row.
Mrs K Coutin	Variety of style and materials used for the buildings, gardens, unpaved grassy areas, trees, all contributing to the rural and historic aspect.
Ms I Niblett	The style of buildings and material used in the area around the Church.
Mr & Mrs Fish	Queens Square, Manor and Priest House, Church and churchyard, with their views facing Comber Cottage.

Mrs M Chipps	Queens Square and the area between the Bowls Club and the School contain character properties of interest, Church Hill, the Old School, and Weavers Cottages.
Mr M White	Historic buildings.
Mr P Hoyd	Original look.
Mr J Denne	The local stone used in Queens Square, and the tiered Church / churchyard.
Mr R Denne	The layout and design of Queens Square.
Mr M Hilton	The heart of the village with the Church, pub and Manor House.
Mr M Clingo	The long lived social and restful pace in the village, the Church, Manor House, Priest House, The Cat Inn, the Old School House, and several of the different looking cottages in the southern part of village. The open area that includes the Bowls and Cricket. Ground.
Mrs J Mykura	Building materials, open spaces, but also the local amenities of the Cricket Ground and Bowling Green.
Mrs M McMenemy	The Cat Inn, Manor House, St Margaret's Church, Priest House and Lunctons.
Mr P Hartley (on behalf of Parish Council)	The buildings in the West Hoathly Conservation Area provide an attractive street scene with traditional arrangement and (largely) local materials. The more recent buildings (late 19 th and 20 th century) complement the older listed buildings and provide appropriate setting for them. The green area (cricket club etc) is valued by residents and visitors alike. Other green areas, Finche Field, North Lane Recreation Ground also provide green/open settings for the Conservation Area.
Mr D Bartlett	Priest House, Church, Manor House, superb views from Church, 'old village feel'.
Mrs E Tamburrini	Value the historic buildings and surrounding countryside. Particularly value the traditional building styles and materials, the community feeling and the woods and open spaces. Value the views to North and South Downs.
Mrs C Greenwood	Open space, woodland walks, natural wildlife, quiet dark skies at night, traditional Sussex village feel and architecture therefore character worth preserving and all good reasons for living within a small village community.
Mr C Ward	West Hoathly Cricket Club have been playing cricket at the ground for more than 60 years and still going strong with its beautiful views and a strong community spirit behind the club.
Mr G Lines	The appearance of the village is like a step back in time, a place that hasn't changed for hundreds of years, apart from the cars.
Ms E Gill	The traditional buildings.
Dr P Chapman	Like the fact it's a quiet village.
Mr & Mrs Edmonds	Preservation of the older houses in the area, particularly the 'Sussex type' houses.
Mrs C Goodridge	Value the 15 th Century buildings which are well and appropriately maintained due to being in Conservation Area. The variety of interesting houses showing local crafts and materials including ironwork. The Conservation Area has restricted

	demolition and inappropriate building and has limited commercial development.
Mr M Goodridge	15 th Century and more recent Georgian/Victorian properties, local crafts and materials. Conservation Area designation restrains inappropriate building and demolition of existing properties/walls/trees without careful consideration.
Mr D Slater	Buildings, materials and layout, central Queens Square, The Street, the Church and churchyard viewscape and historic memorials, The Priest and Manor House, absence of wirescape, and absence of yellow lines despite parking problems.
Mrs R Williams	The building traditions and materials, the outstanding views, the residents of the village maintain and add attractiveness to the village.
Mrs A Verelst-Way	Local life is greatly enhanced by having a focal community point for playing tennis, cricket, and social gatherings.
Mr G Lyford	The diversity of buildings in terms of age and materials used. The open spaces and the southerly end of the village should be preserved.
Belinda Henson	The views from the Cricket Ground and southern part of West Hoathly.
Mr R Ward	I value life in a traditional English village environment with all the benefits that gives me and my family. The Bowling Green and Cricket Pitch are the perfect example of a friendly village community life.
Janey Walker	The views from the Cricket Ground.
Mr O Greenwood	Hedgerows, trees, open space to play, walk and run, stunning views and feeling of open-ness and lack of artificial light pollution maintaining village's dark night skies.
Dr HR & JI Sethi	Queens Square and the Church.
Mt T Baker	The clean streets and uncluttered with cars.
Mr P Brown	The Cricket Ground which is appreciated by both visitors and residents is our only open space, the buildings are in keeping in terms of size and out of scale development such as at Buttinghill in Hook Lane and Hangdown Mead in Sharpthorne should be avoided.
Mrs A Denne	Queens Square, Manor House, Church, and the Pendants museum etc, the use of local stone and half tiles.
Mrs C Wilson	The originality of the village untouched by mass development.
Mr A J Earle	The richness of the area lies in the quality, design and variety of buildings and natural features. All projects and developments should be sympathetic to the surrounding buildings; however conservation should not prevent the people of today making the history of tomorrow, as modern buildings can be equally attractive.
Dr A Glynn	The character of the buildings and the setting of the village surrounded by fields and woodland.
Mr D Judd	Beautiful countryside and views.
Caroline Rogers	The conservation area is a small oasis of calm. The road bypasses the village and leaves us with a past time feel. There is a need to retain that calm and encourage unsuitable traffic to avoid the village. The buildings should retain their character but still evolve so that improvements that save the environment or conserve energy are encouraged.

Mr D Thorne	Particularly value the open spaces where I have played cricket, as well as enjoying the village over many years.
Mrs A Dawson	The architecture in the Conservation Area, including the proposed additions.
Mr D Hollings	The Cricket Ground.
Mr C Coleman	The Cricket Ground and Bowling Green are integral to the community. The aspect and views are part of the joy in participating in activities here.
Mr D	The Cricket Ground is an appealing green space with stunning views over the Downs.
Mrs J Blackwell	The pavilion is of recent historic interest being built after the war and last year modernised. It is positioned so that players and spectators can enjoy the views. This is valued by all who use the facilities here.
Mr R J Blackwell	The beautiful views and wonderful atmosphere when playing cricket, which is also enjoyed by visitors.
Mr P Lowry	The Cricket Pitch is finely located, due to the views, excellent light. The pavilion is a first class example of 1950's architecture which is fast disappearing due to being undervalued.
Emma Duggan	Value the older part of the village around the Church, The Cat Inn, Manor House, Priest House and the little cottages nestled in between all these important buildings. They are a great representation of styles of each period. We have a busy C of E Church and a Catholic Chapel that is unique and peaceful, a useful village hall and a primary school. There are not too many signs in the village but these are increasing which is a worry. The verges and hedgerows are valued, however they are being damaged by HGV's especially over the last 26 months. Nothing beats the cricket team playing late on a Sunday afternoon in the summer with their friends and families cheering them on.
Mr & Mrs L Flowers	Particularly value the tranquillity and unspoilt character of West Hoathly and the Cricket Field (apart from keeping a nice open space in an ever increasing built up area) provides marvellous amenities for all the residents of West Hoathly and the surrounding area.
Miss L Harvey	I value spectacular views across the valleys, listed buildings and beautiful character of other houses within the centre of the village (particularly by the Church, Manor House and Priest House). It is important to retain the heart of village around Queen Street and North Lane.
Mrs S Robinson	Architecture of historic buildings, easy to walk around, the views from Churchyard and Cricket Ground. The Cricket Ground provides sports facilities all year round (nets, football, tennis courts, bowls and informal games). I walk my dog play with my children and village events are held there such as The Summer Ball and Barn Dances.
Mr R Taylor	The provision of open space.
Mr P Hartley	A mixture of traditional Sussex buildings interspersed with more recent housing which is generally in keeping in layout i.e. front gardens, village gardens, housing fronting the road.

Question 3. Is there anything causing harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area?

Respondent	Comments
Mr S Brand	The village is used as through “rat run” for traffic. The answer to this is to build the East Grinstead by-pass, with no left turn from Nutley at Wych Cross traffic lights except for access for villages and no access to M23 from here.
Mrs L Clingo	Conservation areas are a great idea but to be special, they need to be carefully controlled. To start to include areas just to appease certain people and stop villages growing and maturing is silly.
Mr M Horton	How anyone can consider West Hoathly Garage to be part of any conservation site astounds me. These buildings are rundown, a complete eyesore, being a mass of crumbling and disintegrating “sheds”. The whole vicinity requires modernising and rejuvenating.
Mr M McMillen	If it stays as it is, “no” – but we don’t want “crappy” old buildings falling into this.
Anon	No, apart from all of the traffic finding its way around East Grinstead.
Mrs A Nankervis	Parking has become a real problem but it is for parents at the school and local residents to resolve. Sandy Lane is in a dreadful state. How about improving this for drivers and walkers?
Miss R Billings	Some houses in North Lane do not really deserve the conservation classification.
Mr B Billings	No.
Mrs S Burrows	Traffic is a problem. The combination of small school children, builder’s vehicles, buses, refuse collectors, car parking on Sandy Lane, North lane and beyond, football traffic, church traffic etc is unpleasant and very dangerous. It would be an asset if walkers and cyclists could use the village safely.
Mr J Burrows	Volume of traffic and cars parked. A new parking area should be created on Finche Field.
Miss B Picton	Traffic, particularly heavy lorries using Hook and Cob Lanes as short cuts to Haywards Heath via Ardingly. ‘Diversification’ by adjacent farm into clay pigeon shooting and 4by4 motor cross on muddy field slopes! Also chain saw carving and the noise it creates.
Dr J Ralph	Too much traffic, which is also too fast and too noisy and there is a lack of parking. Local and through traffic is getting worse and there is a need for clearer road markings stating roads not suitable for large vehicles with signs sited at the entrance to the village. There needs to be improved communication between public, District and Parish Council, the police and the people who cause the problems. Planning restrictions should be much tighter. Publicity and a sustained campaign against all forms of nuisance should be initiated.
Mrs E Brinkworth	Traffic and car parking.
Mrs P Blunt	Too many parked cars on road sides.
Mr M Robinson	No.
Mr C Watson	Remove overhead cables and put underground, additional car parking is needed, the new school building is out of

	keeping with the rest of the buildings in the Conservation Area.
Mrs K Coutin	Random car parking, removal of hedges in front gardens, probably to allow for car parking and ease of maintenance.
Ms I Niblett	Too many cars parked on the roads.
Mr & Mrs Fish	So much traffic, especially heavy vehicles, lack of parking facilities, the entrance to North Lane Recreation ground is an eye-sore.
Mrs M Chipps	The Old Chapel and West Hoathly Garage building are a bit of a shambles, the school extension is totally out of character with the rest of the building.
Mr M White	West Hoathly Garage is an eye-sore.
Mr P Hoyd	Parking outside school.
Mr J Denne	Street parking by visitors and school.
Mr R Denne	Politics. North Lane residents parking in the Recreation Ground would help the problem.
Mr M Clingo	The school extension is poorly done and isn't shown accurately within the conservation boundary. Although Sandy Lane is not included within the conservation area, where it borders with it, is something of an eye sore with its badly finished road and edges.
Mrs J Mykura	Traffic, the junction by West Hoathly garage is so dangerous. Would like to see traffic slowed along Top Road/ The Hollow.
Mrs M McMenemy	Traffic; there is a need to use smaller buses. And Quiet lanes should be introduced. Car parking at Finches Field could be increased with clear markings and signs saying unsuitable to HGVs.
Mr P Hartley (on behalf of the PC)	Parking in front of gardens. There is a need to improve parking generally and to bury overhead utility lines. Security lights which shine into windows or act as informal street lights need to have narrow angles and time settings reduced.
Mr D Bartlett	Car parking along North Lane, see No 6 of questionnaire response.
Mrs E Tamburrini	Traffic, wheelie bins, proposed developments, such as the WH Garage site. The ideas for enhancement suggest several ways of reducing this in terms of what development is allowed.
Mrs C Greenwood	Any large car parking areas or signage, lighting or change of use of the area surrounding the garage would cause harm to an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
Mrs R des Forges	Parking is a hazard in West Hoathly and would welcome any improvement.
Mr C Ward	No.
Ms E Gill	Too much heavy traffic and large lorries passing through.
Dr P Chapman	Harm is caused by uncertainty.
Mr & Mrs Edmonds	WH Garage is an eye-sore. Re-developing this site would enhance the village.

Mrs C Goodridge	Cars and parking are causing harm to the area and the radio masts in Broadfield detract from the whole village.
Mr M Goodridge	Through traffic and parking problems, radio masts near Broadfield detract from whole village and should be re-sited away from local residents.
Mr D Slater	Lack of parking space, ridiculous Sat-Nav routing down Hook Lane and Cob Lane have resulted in destruction of the verge and increased traffic hazard at Luctons / Priest House corner.
Mrs R Williams	Traffic and parking, the size of the lorries using Philpots Quarry is a problem, Satellite Navigation directs traffic to use Cob Lane and this lane is not suitable for heavy traffic use.
Mr G Lyford	Concerned more about the style and character of new buildings and additions than the materials used. It is difficult to distinguish wood from plastic (UPVC) if quality and style are good and in keeping.
Mr R Ward	The threat of developers is harming the Conservation Area, which is why the Cricket Ground must remain in the Conservation Area.
Janey Walker	The threat of development, the dangerous junction between North Lane and West Hoathly garage.
Mr O Greenwood	The conservation area would be harmed if the WH Garage site was developed. It would bring traffic lights and queues and street lights to the North Lane – Chapel Row end of the conservation area.
Drs HR & JI Sethi	The appalling damage of our verges by very frequent, too fast, heavy vehicles, poor maintenance of some houses externally, untidy gardens and litter.
Mr T Baker	Cars, wheelie bins, roads not swept, no action or control on existing Conservation Area e.g. cars in front of the Church and delivery of new wheelie bins to houses.
Colin Robotham	The threat of inappropriate housing, especially as you approach the village from Hook Lane.
Mrs A Denne	On road parking blocking the views of buildings.
Mr& Mrs C StJohn	The removal of areas out of the conservation area such as the bowling and cricket ground by removing its protection.
Mrs C Wilson	Excessive traffic.
Mr A. J Earle	The use of village roads by inappropriately sizes vehicles.
Dr A Glynn	No
Caroline Rogers	Litter and selfish parking should be discouraged. The village must remain alive, the school is vital as is the post office and shop. The parish should support the school and work to ensure the reinstatement of a village post office with a good shop. The sense of community is as vital as the look of the community.
Mr D Thorne	Plans to develop green space for yet more buildings.
Mr D Hollings	The possible future loss of Cricket Ground and burial ground.
Mr C Coleman	Land being given over to housing development
Mrs J Blackwell	The potential of moving the boundary will put the Bowling and Cricket Ground at risk of future development which will

	destroy the character of the village.
Mr P Lowry	Ensure that the current conservation boundaries remain and modern development does not encroach upon the character of the village.
Emma Duggan	The damage by HGV's to our verges and hedgerows is devastating to the Conservation Area. The work at the quarry should be reviewed with a view to curtailing work or agreeing an action plan of repairs and maintenance where damage has been caused by the HGV's. They are also damaging the pavements. The planners should also be fighting harder to prevent unsympathetic extensions and alterations to properties in the Conservation Area. A poor garage extension has been allowed and the use of modern paving and fencing in a recent refurbishment which looks totally out of character.
Mr & Mrs L Flowers	We do not think anything is causing harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area at present and any future harm could be prevented by keeping the Cricket Field within the area.
Miss L Harvey	Cars parking on footpaths and pavements causing pedestrians to walk on the road (including pram users). Sunday parking should be diverted to safer alternative sites i.e. Finches Field, football pitch & (with permission) The Cat Inn car park.
Mrs S Robinson	No. Apart from damaged hedgerows at edge of Cricket Ground on Hook Lane – caused by builders working on new property which the developer should repair.
Mr R Taylor	Extend the Conservation Area for protection but still include existing boundaries.
Mr P Hartley	Car parking causes lots of aggravation in the village – blocking access and bus routes. Weed killing in front of picket fences by MSDC or WSCC killed off hollyhocks along line of fence in 2008.

Question 4. Do you agree with Ideas for enhancement?

Yes – 24 No – 20

Additional comments

Respondent	Comments
Mrs L Clingo	I think this is being done for political reasons not to enhance the village at all.
Mr M Horton	I have worked within the village of West Hoathly for over 20 years and although I live in Uckfield, I have concerns regarding these unsuitable plans to extend the conservation area to include the garage site.
Mr M McMillen	Keep the village as it is but let the world grow as we need more housing.
Mr J Burrows	Yes
Miss B Picton	Yes
Dr J Ralph	Yes on the whole. We must not let people's desire to park more cars, build and extend houses ruin the very character which they come here to experience.
Mrs E Brinkworth	Yes
Mrs P Blunt	Yes
Mr M Robinson	Yes
Mr C Watson	No. Serious thought must be given to car parking.
Mrs K Coutin	Yes. Give the Parish Council the ability to recommend or have views about alterations to all buildings. There is no way at present to prevent unsuitable new windows being inserted in properties.
Mr & Mrs Fish	Yes
Mrs M Chipps	No. We should not impose restrictions on properties that are not listed buildings.
Mr P Hoyd	No. What is the point of change for change sake?
Mr M Clingo	No. Can't see any historic, material or characterful addition that can be achieved by making any changes to the existing footprint.
Mrs J Myruka	No do not agree that West Hoathly needs more parking, but yes to enhancement plans regarding design ,open spaces, building materials and views.
Mrs M McMenemy	Yes.
Mr P Hartley (on behalf of Parish Council)	Generally yes in terms of palette of colours suggested but how can this be implemented? We have no street lights and don't want any. Roadside weed killer should be used carefully and not so that it kills soft edges.
Mr D Bartlett	Yes

Mrs E Tamburrini	Yes
Mrs C Greenwood	No. Provision of car parking or building on ancient woodland open ground is irreversible and indicates the land maybe used for future development.
Mrs R des Forges	Yes Chapel Row should be added to Conservation Area.
Mr C Ward	No. This would spoil everything that is right for this village and no one wants change.
Mr G Lines	Yes
Ms E Gill	Yes
Dr P Chapman	Sensible ideas yes. Present adhoc fixes – no.
Mr& Mrs Edmonds	Yes
Mrs C Goodridge	Yes. North Lane and Chapel Row included in Conservation Area as they are under attack from development, inappropriate traffic and ribbon development . This would encourage residents to maintain properties and help to protect views and countryside.
Mr M Goodridge	Yes. Subject to what said in previous response that we must protect views/countryside/woodlands/bluebell woods. And discourage ribbon development.
Mr D Slater	Yes. Broadly agree but note that we have consistently restricted streetlights and do not want any in the village. The choice of blue lids for the recycling bins is particularly insensitive.
Mrs R Williams	Yes.
Mr G Lyford	No. UPVC windows should not be prevented. We badly need to prevent the loss of front gardens. Parking should take account of needs and quality of the environment. Maybe put more parking in Recreation Ground against the hedge.
Janey Walker	Disagree that West Hoathly needs more parking as a new car park would introduce 'hard urban edges' which is exactly what should be avoided.
Mr O Greenwood	No. Best left as it is.
Dr HR & JI Sethi	No. We do not have any street lights. It does not make sense not to be able to use modern materials which are easier to maintain and are environmentally friendly for windows and conservatories.
Mr T Baker	No. Why expand the Conservation Area? I can only see this costing resident's money.
Mr A J Earle	No. The ideas for enhancement are in fact restrictions. Whilst most suggestions are reasonable and excellent, public buildings should not be restricted form using certain materials especially if the areas affected are not visible from public areas.
Dr A Glynn	No.
Caroline Rogers	No. The rear of the school should not be included in the Conservation Area.
Mr D Hollings	No. This puts at risk future use of the Cricket Ground and Bowling Green.

Mr C Coleman	No. There is no need for further development in West Hoathly which will add more traffic, parking problems and pressure on community facilities.
Mr D	No. Must retain the sports facilities for generations to come.
Mrs J Blackwell	No. Removing the Cricket Field and Bowling Club from the Conservation Area is not an enhancement
Mr R J Blackwell	No. The removal of a Cricket Field from the Conservation Area cannot be viewed as an enhancement
Mr P Lowry	No. The removal of a Cricket Field from the Conservation Area cannot be viewed as an enhancement
Emma Duggan	Yes. I agree with the enhancements relating to design, but in a huge number of cases it is a little too late and some horrific building work has been allowed which makes me wonder if Mid Sussex have any real sympathy with these enhancement ideas. People should be able to use UPVC as wood is very expensive. If wood is to be used a budget should be provided to meet the increased costs.
Mr & Mrs L Flowers	No. It would spoil the rural-ness and tranquillity of the area.
Miss L Harvey	Yes.
Mrs S Robinson	Yes.
Mr R Taylor	Yes.
Mr P Hartley	Yes. Fully agree

Question 5. Do you have any additional ideas for enhancement?

Respondent	Comments
Mr S Brand	Replace the “wooden” finger post at the end of North Lane with another wooden one.
Mrs L Clingo	Ensure that the areas already included are well looked after and maintained for the villages and visitors.
Mr M Horton	A subject that really does need to be addressed is the availability of affordable housing and the expansion of our present infrastructure for local younger residents. Housing development is a “must” for our younger generation.
Mr M McMillen	A lot of affordable new housing and places for kids to play.
Anon	New affordable homes would be nice. I am a first time buyer and it’s impossible to be able to buy my own home!
Anon	Perhaps a small car parking area for local people would help to take the cars off the main road.
Mr B Billings	No
Mrs S Burrows	Need a footpath for the road between the school and St Margaret’s Church, and between Intrepid Fox to St Margaret’s Church.
Mr J Burrows	Community building on Finche Field selling teas and coffees etc. Enhanced parking to attract walkers and a crèche for young mums.
Miss B Picton	The Bowls Club car park is usually empty (apart from Thurs & Sat pms in the summer) and could be used for additional parking or possibly enlarge Finche Field.
Dr J Ralph	No.
Mr M Robinson	No
Mrs M Chipps	Sandy Lane – Hill Top Road both need to have a proper road surface.
Mr M White	Off-street parking.
Mr P Hoyd	Build more houses.
Mr J Denne	A one way system through the village to avoid congestion via the school.
Mr M Clingo	Make the best possible efforts to ensure what is currently included is treated sympathetically and truly in keeping with the need to conserve.
Mrs J Myruka	Preserve the amenities and open space of the Cricket Ground and tennis courts by keeping them within the conservation area.
Mrs M McMenemy	Return paddock next to Priest House to allotment space.
Mr P Hartley (on behalf of PC)	Would like some traditional signage for village car parking areas (e.g. Finger Post).
Mrs E Tamburrini	The WH Garage area should be included in the conservation area – not to preserve the building as such but to ensure

	only suitable development is permitted in an area bordering ancient woodland and thereby saving views to the North Downs.
Mrs C Greenwood	Finche Field car park was improved with the bin-bay excavation and it could be slightly enlarged. Could consider one way traffic through village and ask the permission of the owner of the pub to allow some access to car park .The School car park could also be used on Sundays.
Mr C Ward	Only develop areas that already have buildings on them.
Mrs C Goodridge	Enlarge Conservation Area to protect Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, including garage and properties from the Church to The Intrepid Fox. Liase with Highways to reduce the volume and speed of traffic through the village. Introduce the Quiet Lanes initiative and put a pavement along Chapel Row.
Mr M Goodridge	Reduce volume and speed of traffic, introduce a roundabout for access to and from North Lane, possibly install a zebra crossing and limited lighting on Selsfield Road. The Conservation Area should include WH Garage site and all properties south of lane from Church to The Intrepid Fox site.
Mr D Slater	Generally preserve the setting and outward views– this is a change of the rule (inward only) which applied when the original Conservation Area was established.
Mr G Lyford	Giving up some front gardens in return for pleasantly designed drive-on space would benefit residents and visitors alike.
Janey Walker	West Hoathly Garage should be included in the Conservation Area to stop more development.
Dr HR & JI Sethi	Highways to give consideration to the verge problem.
Mr T Baker	Additional car parking could be provided by extending the car park at the Cricket Ground at Finche Field or build a new car park at the Recreation Ground.
Mr P Brown	Avoid street lighting, remove electricity poles and telegraph wires in North Lane.
Mr A J Earle	The wise application of respect for the environment whilst applying common sense to what is or is not permissible.
Dr A Glynn	Yes there is a significant parking problem in the North Lane area of the village, but I do not have any suggestions to address this.
Mr D Hollings	Improve facilities at Cricket Ground.
Mr C Coleman	Make extra use of the sporting facilities with the addition of better cricket nets, grass tennis courts and an enhanced pavilion.
Mrs J Blackwell	Tidy up the area around the pavilion, another dog waste bin by the tennis courts.
Mr RJ Blackwell	Improve the appearance of the pavilion and use local West Hoathly bricks.
Mr P Lowry	Increase the depth of the car park at the Cricket Ground.
Emma Duggan	No more signs especially not a new one for the quarry.
Mr & Mrs L Flowers	No more ideas.

Miss L Harvey	Provide everyone in the village, particularly in the conservation area with a leaflet detailing the enhancements agreed/adopted to ensure all know what is required of them also highlights any restrictions that should be observed.
Mrs S Robinson	No more ideas
Mr R Taylor	No further ideas
Mr P Hartley	How can sympathetic colours for buildings in the Conservation Area be enforced? Would MSDC and WHPC establish a joint committee for the Conservation Area?

Question 6. One of the suggested ideas for enhancement is to provide additional public car parking in the village. Do you think there is a need for this and can you make any suggestions where additional public car parking could be provided?

Respondent	Comments
Mr S Brand	Yes, there is a need. Many years ago, it was suggested and agreed to provide a one lane slot parking at the Recreation Ground.
Mrs L Clingo	No, we should be encouraging people to walk, cycle more and not provide parking for cars. Most people who live in the village can easily walk to the shop, school and doctors.
Mr M Horton	I don't feel that there is any particular need for further car parking within the village.
Mr M McMillen	Yes, there are too many cars blocking the road.
Anon	I think the existing area could be used to much better effect. There are some fantastic views new residents could appreciate.
Mrs A Nankervis	There is no suitable area in the village for parking. The Recreation Ground is for the residents' recreation.
Miss R Billings	I would suggest additional parking area in the Recreation Ground as North Lane is often over-crowded with parking.
Mr B Billings	Additional car parking could be provided at the Cricket Field.
Mr D Knight	We badly need extra parking but enlarging conservation areas is hardly the answer to the problem.
Mrs S Burrows	There is a definite need for more public parking – ideally this could be an extension to the current Finche Field car park. A sign stating 'Village Car Park' would be helpful.
Mr J Burrows	Parking should be on Finche Field and NOT on the recreation ground or North Lane.
Dr J Ralph	Strict parking restrictions are needed; however people will not walk from Finche Field if extra parking is provided there.
Mrs E Brinkworth	There is an urgent need for extra parking. Suggestions include 1) On North Lane side of the Recreation Ground. 2) Increase parking at Cricket Ground and Finche Field. 3) Parking only for residents and disabled. 4) Clear signs to car parks. 5) If all this fails double yellow lines where appropriate.
Mrs P Blunt	Additional car parking is a priority. Extend Finche Field car parking and create a new car park along the hedge in North Lane Recreation Ground.
Mr M Robinson	Yes there is a need for more parking as parking in North Lane causes problems as it is used as a bus route.
Mr C Watson	There is a need for more car parking as inconsiderate parking can block residents in. The school must provide parking for its own staff.
Mrs K Coutin	Enlarge car parks at Finche Field and by the Cricket Field. Ensure new houses are built with garage in basement.
Ms I Niblett	Yes there a need for more car parking.
Mr & Mrs Fish	Yes. This could be provided at North Lane Recreation Ground. I would support part of Finche Field but not sufficiently close for the elderly.
Mrs M Chipps	Yes. The edge of the Recreation Ground.
Mr M White	Put parking next to football pitch and / or Cricket Ground.

Mr P Hoyd	Finche Field should be developed for parking.
Mr J Denne	Yes more parking needed, possibly by Cricket Ground.
Mr R Denne	Parking could be provided along the hedge of the Recreation Ground closest to North Lane.
Mr M Clingo	I am concerned that adding bespoke parking in such a small village in a time we are looking to preserve the wider environment, seems to be a contradiction in terms. I think it is unwarranted and inappropriate.
Mrs J Myruka	Not needed.
Mrs M Mc Menemy	More parking should be at Finches Field with clear sign posting. Ask the publican at The Cat Inn to allow use of car park by public out of opening hours e.g. for pre-school drop off and pick up (9.30 and 12.15). Add space for 2 or 3 more cars next to public conveniences by moving hedge and curb.
Mr P Hartley (on behalf on PC)	Lack of parking is a major concern. Solution could be to re-order football field at North Lane Recreation Ground to allow for some car parking. Advice is needed to see how the car park on Finches Field can be enlarged.
Mr D Bartlett	Car parking certainly needed, possibly on part of North Lane Recreation Ground.
Mrs E Tamburrini	Better sign posts for car parking at Finches Field and the Cricket Ground.
Mr S Meacock	Do think additional parking is required maybe at back of public toilets but if cars are to be taken off North Lane it is essential that North Lane does not become a race track.
Mrs C Greenwood	Make more use of school, pub and Finche Field also Sandy Lane garage site which is currently little used.
Mr C Ward	Car parking is only a problem at rush hour.
Mr G Lines	There is no room for additional car parking.
Ms E Gill	Additional car parking should be provided next to Cricket Pavilion which is under used and is a good place for parking as it is near to the centre of village. There needs to be signs to indicate where the parking is located.
Dr P Chapman	More parking is not required.
Mr& Mrs Edmonds	Already sufficient car parking in the area.
Mrs C Goodridge	Great need for parking this could be provided at the Recreation Ground. Encourage 'crocodiles' to schools so that parents and children walk rather than use cars
Mr M Goodridge	Yes more car parking is needed as there is severe congestion around the school and the Church. Part of the Recreation Ground could be used or maybe on Selsfield Road if through speeding is reduced.
Mr D Slater	Agree there is a need for more parking. Part of North Lane Recreation Ground could be used but suggest use of hollow bricks to allow greening rather than concrete, gravel or tarmac.
Mrs R Williams	Need parking restrictions in North Lane as this is a very big problem, maybe restricted to residents and disabled only. Extra parking could be provided at the Recreation Ground with a sign to say village parking.
Mr G Lyford	Yes need additional parking and suggest a new car park at North Lane Recreation Ground. This would particularly ease congestion when football matches are on.
Janey Walker	No to more parking – not needed.
Mr O Greenwood	No more parking is needed.

Dr HR & JI Sethi	Yes. 'Green car parking'. I.e. 'brick and grass' on the Cricket and Football Ground, with whole of North Lane controlled by permit only for residents.
Mr T Baker	Yes need more parking. Any new plans should address current problems e.g. car parking on street. However there is no good introducing restrictions if there is nowhere else to park. You can only stop parking if a new area is introduced e.g. car park at Recreation Ground.
Mr P Brown	Lack of parking is major problem. Expert opinion is needed to see if the North Lane Recreation Ground could be reordered to provide children's playground and some parking. Perhaps relocate football to Cricket Ground. Enlarge Finche Field car park.
Mrs A Denne	Yes need more parking. Parking could be provided along hedge opposite village shop in the Recreation Ground however this must be fenced off because of children playing.
Mrs C Wilson	Why do we need more parking as the times when there are large amounts of traffic in the village are momentary?
Mr A J Earle	Yes if this ensures that the main lanes are not blocked by careless parking.
Caroline Rogers	Parking is always an issue but with thought and commonsense most people manage to park. Finche Field is an ideal place to park; however a few tend to park their all day restricting space for others.
Mr D Thorne	No. In these times of climate change we should not be encouraging car use.
Mrs A Dawson	Yes, but uncertain where this could be provided.
Mr D Hollings	People should walk more.
Mr C Coleman	There are too many cars and extra parking would just encourage more.
Mrs J Blackwell	Extend Finche Field car park and at the Cricket Field. North Lane Recreation Ground needs a car park.
Mr RJ Blackwell	There is a definite need to increase car parking. The Finche Field car park could be enlarged and a new car park built at the Recreation Ground in North Lane.
Mr P Lowry	Additional car parking could be provided by enlarging Finche Field car park and creating a strip of car parking at North Lane recreation ground.
Emma Duggan	If extra parking is provided the HGV's will speed up in the village as they will be able to more easily manoeuvre through the village.
Mr & Mrs L Flowers	We do not think there is a need for additional public car parking.
Miss L Harvey	Utilise existing areas (Finches Field, Recreation Ground, Cricket and Bowls Club) but with permission and clear signage so visitors to the village are aware of car parking facilities.
Mrs S Robinson	Expand area on Finche Field for parking, and the edge of West Hoathly Recreation Ground (by public toilets).
Mr R Taylor	No. Public parking is provided at the Cricket Ground and apart from pub visitors, the main visitors numbers are for sporting occasions.
Mr P Hartley	There is an urgent need for this. Suggestions include a) Enlarge car park at Finche Field – in combination with imminent surfacing of Sandy Lane, this would promote walking to / from school. B) Provide some parking on North Lane Recreation Ground – behind hedge. MSDC should assist West Hoathly Parish Council to formulate a parking plan.

Question 7. Any other comments?

Respondent	Comments
Mrs L Clingo	I understand that including West Hoathly Garage is / has been considered (although these plans fail to mention it!) This is complete madness. The buildings are totally inappropriate, in a bad state of repair with asbestos roofs. Some really should be demolished.
Mr M Horton	Traffic calming needs to be addressed, especially within the area of West Hoathly Garage. This is a more important issue to be dealt with than creating expensive conservation areas.
Mr M McMillen	I think some people should get on with their life and not worry about other people.
Miss R Billings	There is a rumour that West Hoathly Garage has been put forward for conservation classification. I find this hard to understand, as the appearance of buildings seems unworthy of conservation.
Mr B Billings	No.
Mr D Knight	Instead of enhancing the value of properties, the restrictions proposed will make it very expensive for movers and prospective owners. We need more economical houses in this village, not less. I did much renovation in Chelsea and similar areas of London. The rich people could afford to comply with the restrictions, the people of West Hoathly cannot.
Mrs S Burrows	Need an improved Sandy Lane road surface – it would make the village safer to access by foot. I do not think car parking should be provided by the shop as through traffic would still shoot through village. We need to encourage people to walk.
Mr J Burrows	A sign with 'Village Parking' at the entrance to Finche Field.
Miss B Picton	Give a copy of guide to a Conservation Area to every household in village, plant more trees – particularly around the Bowls Club perimeter and on Finche Field.
Dr J Ralph	The problems can't be 'solved' but they can be alleviated by communication, education, publicity and community spirit. Philpots School should be able to reduce taxi traffic; local tenants could avoid unnecessary tractor traffic.
Mr C Watson	Need to reduce amount of heavy traffic in the village.
Mrs K Coutin	The West Sussex Records Office has copies of plans of all buildings recorded by the Wealden Buildings Study Group.
Ms I Niblett	I don't think West Hoathly Garage should be included in the Conservation Area as it has no special features and the workshops are in bad condition and unsightly.
Mrs M Chipps	We have no streetlights therefore this shouldn't be mentioned in the ideas for enhancements.
Mr P Hoyd	The Planning system is long winded and bureaucratic paid for by the taxpayer I might add.
Mr J Denne	West Hoathly Garage should not be included as it is an eyesore.
Mr R Denne	West Hoathly Garage should not be included in the Conservation area. The surrounding woodland is not ancient but

	planted by the Forestry Commission and the buildings are not the sorts that anyone would want to conserve.
Mrs M McMenemy	Excellent quality exhibition. Many thanks.
Mr P Hartley (on behalf of PC)	A very well presented and useful consultation. Very timely (with our thoughts of a Parish Plan). Maybe we should look at renaming the section of North Lane to the south of 'The Cat' – it's confusing.
Mrs C Greenwood	No traffic lights or streetlights. West Hoathly Conservation Area is seriously considered as an historic village, and there is a need to ensure there are no other large threats from development.
Mr C Ward	Please don't ruin our world up here!!!
Ms E Gill	I live in Chapel Row in a cottage built in 1840. It used to be the local general store. Candlestick Cottage next door used to be a tearoom. I think the cottages in Chapel Row should be included in the CA as they are part of the village history.
Mr & Mrs Edmonds	Cricket/Bowls pitch to be preserved. No development on that area.
Mrs C Goodridge	West Hoathly is under threat by further urbanisation, cars and commercial vehicles. It needs protecting and including additional areas within the Conservation Area will help to protect it.
Mr M Goodridge	Must protect safety of residents. There is a need to sort out through road volume of traffic. Prevent over development and fringe development which is not in keeping with present architecture.
Mr D Slater	Suggests a suitable height restricting bar at entrance to Cricket/Bowls Club Car Park would prevent mis-use by overweight large vehicles. (See letter attached)
Janey Walker	Traffic needs to be slowed down on dangerous junction at North Lane / West Hoathly Garage as emerging traffic need to be able to see around corner.
Mr O Greenwood	Traffic lights leading to the need for street lighting would be particularly harmful to the village character.
Nicholas Soames	The letters I have received have generally been complimentary about the thoroughness and sensitivity of the work carried out thus far in the review. I would echo these sentiments.
Dr HR & JI Sethi	We love this village and are generally concerned for its whole welfare. However, evolution takes place in any organism or organisation and we must enhance modern sympathetic technological change and not be a preservation society.
Mr T Baker	This whole plan has been thought up on a fag packet and to solve political issues.
Colin Robotham	There is no reference to traffic and any measures to calm the speed, reduce the danger, noise or disturbance in general and in particular Selsfield Road, not even to replace the rumble strips to the North of the village. Your penultimate point in 'Ideas for Enhancement' may be a general point placed in all similar proposals but I think you should, in this village, seek to remove all unnecessary items. The whole process needs a clear timetable.
Mr P Brown	Finger post sign in centre (Queens Square) could indicate facilities including car parks discourage twee gates and fencing, rename North Lane west of Queens Square 'The Street'.
Mrs A Denne	Don't include WH Garage. The ancient woodland that surrounds it is not ancient. This is Forestry Commission, planted

	with larches which last year they started to fell. The garage site not worth conserving – see photos.
Mr& Mrs C St John	Absolutely imperative to retain the existing conservation area boundary around the Bowling and Cricket Ground.
Mrs C Wilson	Loosing the Cricket Ground from the Conservation Area is a huge mistake.
Mr A J Earle	The whole of the school site should not be included in the conservation area.
Caroline Rogers	The village is a wonderful place to live and work or just visit. We must not damage this pleasure by being too restrictive. Encouraging pride in the village will restrict thoughtless and damaging changes.
Mrs A Dawson	The presentation was informative and will enhance parishioners pride in the village.
Mr C Coleman	Enhance and retain green field sites for the future health of the population particularly children.
Mr D	It would be appalling if the protected status was taken away from such an excellent facility as the cricket pitch area.
Mrs J Blackwell	We must look to the future and protect sports facilities in the village.
Mr P Lowry	MSDC should protect this one unspoilt village, others having been spoilt by through traffic, noise pollution and inappropriate housing or industrial development.
Emma Duggan	An urgent review of the quarry is needed as the HGV's are decimating our beautiful village.
Mr & Mrs L Flowers	In an ever increasing urbanisation of West Sussex, we feel it essential to keep already existing conservation areas as already designated.
Miss L Harvey	Suggest that a yellow line is placed on the road around the very dangerous bend opposite Priest House (from Rose Cottage to Bowls Club), as there have been too many near miss accidents because of cars parking up on verges.
Mrs S Robinson	Why is the Cricket Ground and Bowls Club being considered for exclusion? This would be a tremendous loss to the village.
Mr R Taylor	The Cricket Ground is one major public facility which is valued highly by visiting teams from suburbia. The destruction of this is a cynical way of making money, to the detriment of the village & visitors.
Mr P Hartley	A very good submission.

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICER'S RESPONSE

As can be seen, views were expressed on a wide range of issues. Where appropriate, the West Hoathly Conservation Area Appraisal has taken these comments into account. The main issues raised and ways of addressing these are referred to in the Management Proposal section of the document. All the individual comments and suggestions will be passed onto the Parish Council and some of these can be pursued further through partnership working with other organisations such as the District and County Councils.

The main areas of debate are considered in more detail below:

The Bowling Green and Cricket Pitch

Part of the Conservation Area Appraisal process is to review the boundaries of the Conservation Area and to recommend any areas that should be included or any areas that should be excluded. As part of the early engagement and consultation on the Conservation Area Appraisal a number of changes to the boundary of the Conservation Area were suggested. One of these suggested changes was to remove the Bowls and Cricket Ground from the Conservation Area. The reason for this was that this land comprises formal playing fields, modern pavilions and car parking and was considered different in character to the medieval houses and irregular historic plots that adjoin it. However there has been an overwhelming response from residents opposing the exclusion of this land and highlighting the special features that they value. A number of important characteristics are mentioned. The tradition of village cricket being played here for decades, the attractive open space, the community value of the area, that it is an important venue for village events and the spectacular views are all highlighted. It is considered that this area should therefore not be excluded from the Conservation Area both because of the response from the community and because it has a special character and value in its own right.

Chapel Row and West Hoathly Garage

Another proposed change to the Conservation Area boundary was to include an area known as Chapel Row as far as Knaves Acre, including the Chapel but excluding West Hoathly Garage site. There has been a mixed response to this suggestion, some respondents supporting the proposal and others considering that the area is not of the same quality as the existing Conservation Area. It is considered that this unique part of the village with a special character worthy of protection. Properties in Chapel Row have been built along the sandstone ridge with terraced gardens constructed on the steep valley sides. Large sandstone outcrops are exposed and included in some of the gardens. There are spectacular panoramic views to the north across the High Weald to the North Downs. These are some of the best views in the area. The properties along this section of Chapel Row include the listed buildings of Laburnum Cottage, Knaves Acre and Potters House and other 19th Century properties with some more recent development. There is an unity in the design of a number of the properties along Chapel Row seen

in the use of similar materials such as weatherboarding, tile hanging and painted brickwork and that properties are of a similar scale and form, predominantly semi-detached. This area exemplifies the linear expansion of the village outwards from the central core. The Chapel is also of historical interest and therefore warrants inclusion. The inclusion of Chapel Row is supported by the West Sussex Architectural Advisor.

There has been some debate over whether the garage site should also be included in the Conservation Area as part of the Chapel Row extension. Whilst the house, frontage and garden are fairly attractive, the majority of the site contains unattractive industrial buildings and large areas of hardstanding. Looking at historic maps of the area, the garage was built at a later date than the rest of Chapel Row which it adjoins. Furthermore there has been no strong support from those responding to the questionnaire for the inclusion of the garage site within the Conservation Area. Therefore on balance it has been decided that the negative features of this site outweigh the positive and therefore the garage site should not be included in the Conservation Area.

The inclusion of other areas within the Conservation Area

Some respondents have suggested that other areas in the village should be included within the Conservation Area such as Finche Field, Hoathly Hill and Buttinghill to Philpots Lodge. Some of these suggestions are made in the belief that it will prevent development. If these large areas were included, the conservation area coverage of the village would be very widespread and would nearly cover the whole village. It is considered that such blanket coverage would diminish and dilute the effectiveness of the existing conservation area designation which is to protect areas of special architectural and historic interest. Importantly, the whole of the village lies within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Beauty which affords additional protection to the village and where all proposals for development are subject to the most rigorous examination and must conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the landscape.

Traffic and Parking Issues

Many residents have concerns about the amount and speed of traffic travelling through the village, the lack of car parking provision, that heavy lorries using Hook and Cob Lanes are damaging the verges and that there is a need to review and control the quarry's working practices. In the Management Proposals section of the appraisal document it is suggested that a traffic calming scheme could be considered together with appropriate signage to deter lorries and unnecessary traffic travelling through the village. Many residents support the West Sussex Quiet Lanes initiative. It is also proposed in the document that a review of parking provision is carried out. This should involve assessing the potential for a designated car park or extending existing car parking and looking at the ways of improving the management of existing on-street and off-street car parking. Many respondents have made some good suggestions such as extending the car park at Finche Field or at the Cricket and Bowls Club or providing a new car park at North Lane Recreation Ground. One suggestion is that The Cat Inn Car Park could be used at times when

the pub is quiet or not open. A few residents consider that no additional parking should be provided and that people should be encouraged to walk rather than use their cars or that removing parking from the street will encourage traffic to speed up through the village.

As explained in the introduction to this section, these comments will be passed onto the Parish Council. If it is considered by residents and the Parish Council that traffic and parking are priority issues then these will need to be addressed through partnership working between the Parish and District Council's and West Sussex County Council in consultation with residents in order to provide the best solution to these problems and meetings will be set up to take this initiative forward.

The need to retain the traditional rural character of the village and prevent the introduction of suburban features

Some respondents consider that there is too much signage in the village, that security lighting is obtrusive. They value the dark lit skies, the rural character of the village and the lack of suburban features such as lighting columns. There is concern that new development could necessitate the introduction of alien features such as traffic lights, street lighting or widening of roads. Others consider some suburban features have been allowed such as inappropriate fencing, paving and garages.

Some of these issues are mentioned specifically in the Appraisal document. The document aims to identify the special qualities and features of the Conservation Area that gives it its attractive historic, rural character and sets out how these can be preserved and enhanced. The purpose of preparing the West Hoathly Conservation Area Appraisal is to give clear guidance to the community and to those assessing planning applications on what is appropriate in the Conservation Area and prevent the introduction of inappropriate suburban features that could harm its character.

Wheelie Bins

In July 2007, Mid Sussex District Council provided every property in the District with new wheelie bins for the storage and easy movement of both household rubbish and recycling materials. This has created problems in the West Hoathly Conservation Area because those properties without side entrances, particularly those that have little or no front gardens have difficulty in storing their bins without them being visually intrusive. This is obviously a problem for properties across the District and the Council has been looking at possible solutions.

Some smaller bins are available but these obviously have reduced capacity. Another possibility is to use 'bin art' – images which can be stuck to the side of the bins to help them blend in with their background. The District Council will continue to explore other options.