

Feedback from Initial Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

Annual Village Meeting

18 April 2013

(22 respondents)

Q1&2: Most enjoy/least enjoy about living in Rottingdean

Key findings: MOST ENJOY 82% referred to sense of community/community activities & amenities

72% referred to the sea 50% referred to the Downs or countryside

LEAST ENJOY 86% referred to the traffic

MOST	LEAST
Being in a village with a historic centre which is well cared for	The constant traffic and pollution in the High Street
The huge variety of activities that are available	Traffic
Social groups	Traffic
Vibrant working groups	Traffic
Lovely scenery	Large lorries driving through the village
The natural environment	Buses driving through the High St causing
Facilities in the village –can shop without the car	massive road blocks
Community spirit	The traffic in the Falmer Road, leading to High
The Downs/walks/the beach	St congestion
Village community	Paper based questionnaires which are costly, fail
Proximity to shops, pubs and restaurants	to reach residents
Am a native of this village	Please issue email addresses for councillors to be
It is a quintessential English village	accessible
Community spirit and dialogue	Please upload website info which affect
Sun, sea and saxophone	residents e.g. city council minutes approving
The sea	neighbourhood plan, growth accelerator,
People very friendly	funding, grant opportunities
All the local amenities	Traffic congestion on High St
Village atmosphere (v friendly)	Repetitive roadworks
Love seafront & downs so accessible	Tesco
V good social mix/music, drama etc	St Aubyn's school!!!
The green spaces in and around the village	The traffic
The sea	Traffic
The wide range of cultural, sporting and social activities	noise
Between the downs and the sea is ideal	Traffic on Madeira Drive (259)
After 21 years opportunity to leave centre of Brighton	Parked traffic opposite fish & chip shop
Brighton	Traffic volume on the High St
Living closer to the sea	Worried about High St shops closing
More of a sense of community in access to Beacon Hill, Windmill and historic cricket ground	Pollution from traffic fumes
Whiteway Centre	The traffic!
Near to the Downs & the sea for walking	Too many empty shops
Being part of the city but out of the city	Very poor radio reception
Whiteway Centre courses, friendly and good quality courses	No newsagent
	Inconsiderate cyclists on undercliff walk
	Excess traffic
	Lack of affordable housing

The sea and terraces	Speeding cyclists on undercliff & cycling in 'No Go' areas
Whiteway Centre (plenty going on)	
The Downs, village pond, church	Traffic- our High St is used as a cut through from Pyecombe via Woodingdean to Rott H S then to 259 to Peacehaven, all to avoid Brighton
Charming, friendly village	
Near to sea, countryside & Brighton	
Excellent public transport	Brighton Council
Community atmosphere	Green Party
Good local facilities, including Grange and Garden	The difficulty and time lapse of getting things done
Cultural and social activities/ Smugglers Nite	The lack of facilities for the elderly
The village atmosphere	Traffic
Community/compactness/neighbourliness	Traffic in High St is dangerous
The country/sea/in close proximity – with resultant benefits	Housing access to the High St is tricky Parking on the pavement is unhelpful to pedestrians
By the sea	
Bus route – flat and I know I will be able to live here for ever and a day!	Traffic Overdevelopment
The sea – undercliff walk – the beautiful downs	Closure of High St businesses i.e. Barclays Bank, St Aubyn's school
A country village by the sea	
Local amenities	High St congestion – buses, goods vehicles etc
Well rounded community	Pedestrian precinct would be excellent
It's by the sea. The toilets are a big help	Dean Court Road – parking between Northfield
There is more consideration for under 20s at last	Rise & the High St
The location & amenities	
Coast & undercliff walk & countryside to the North	
Developing amenities in Rottingdean ART, White -Way Centre	
The Gallery exhibitions & the natural Environment – Beacon Hill etc	

Q3: What improvements would you like to see in the village?

Control over access by heavy vehicles using it as a through road
One way traffic system up Steyning Road, round onto Coast Road up the High St northwards
Concerned about the narrowness of the High st & the way vehicles mount the pavement. Would it be possible for the traders to avoid having major deliveries during peak hours?
We would love to see the Windmill illuminated as the church is. It has electricity so why not put some lovely lighting in for the night-time? After all Rottingdean Windmill is the landmark and very beautiful
A bypass down Court Ord Rd & through the hill to Greenways, restoring(?) the Beacon Hill to Longhill Road with a light footbridge
Windmill illuminated as a permanent beacon
A single website for community consultation & info
More representation/voice in City Council tourism department
More greenery & floral display?
Better litter management
A wet fish shop/counter?
Less heavy traffic
Single smaller buses – mostly empty on High St

Diversion of through traffic to other routes
Better traffic control
Tidying up of area to the Gap – pretty tatty
Time for a new bus stop outside White Horse – belongs to the 1920s
More pedestrianisation of High St
Improve the seafront end of the High St – more pedestrianisation, opportunities for sitting out & less car parking.
Less traffic!
Film club in Village Hall
Better lighting in alleyway near Village Hall
No plastic flowers in hanging baskets
Better signage of Ovingdean undercliff café for cyclists
Control of air pollution in High St by use of CCTV monitoring
That the 20 mph speed be imposed in the High St/Falmer Rd and up to Woodingdean
But preferably closed to all traffic in High St except buses/taxis
Tighter planning regulations, enforcement of HGV traffic in High St
Homes for the elderly, homes for low income families
Affordable housing
A village bypass
Areas for young people to relax and play
Children have the park
Pedestrianise the lower High St
Preserve St Aubyns school at all costs
Stop possible development (if St Aubyn's school goes)on playing field
Re-routing of High St traffic & parking restrictions extended to part of Dean Court Rd - a one-way system of traffic through the High St would ease congestion

Q4: On a scale of 1-10 how satisfied are you with planning control in the village?

Scale	Respondents	%
1	0	0
2	2	9
3	2	9
4	3	14
5	3	14
6	2	9
7	4	18
8	3	14
9	0	0
10	0	0
No score	3	14
TOTAL	22	-

Individual comments:

'I don't know what planning control there is!'

'Rottingdean Council VG (sic) B & Hove very poor, i.e the Cape, 28 Marine Drive etc'

'Some very odd decisions – Victorian yards with squashed in houses off the High St for instance'

Q5:Other comments:

'Increased use of raising roof to increase light of bungalow up to house level and building in gardens'

'Traffic problems and change to village environment and atmosphere'

'The old flint walls need more preservation. It would be a tragedy to lose them even if they are privately owned – subsidy! But must be lime mortar.'

'Lower High St parking problem – needs bollards – redevelopment'

'Good to have an involvement in Neighbourhood plan for Rottingdean'

'It's important to spend the local levy to enhance the environment.'

'Stop any further development.'

'We do not like the bus lane coming into Rottingdean – causes endless traffic queues coming towards the village. It was much better before.'

'Yes, a resiting of the fire sign at the bottom of Bazehill Rd so that the Windmill work of art can be appreciated. Perhaps even a white plastic surround to make it more visible.'

'Re reducing costs & paperwork: almost every resident has access to a PC and internet allowing RPC to issue news and consultations via the existing village website. This will increase engagement.'

'We are new residents & love it. Hoping to find somebody who would like to share an allotment as the waiting list is so long.'

'We have a very good Parish Council!'

'Obvious concern about the future of St Aubyn's school grounds.'

'More creative ideas needed on traffic management inc 20mph limit close to White Horse Hotel.'

'St Aubyn's school closure is cause for concern, as the open space (playing fields) would be threatened.'

'Rottingdean is a lovely place to live. I am impressed by the neighbourliness, community spirit and warmth of the residents, also the wide range of activities available.'

'Find a strategy to change traffic management of traffic to reduce road pollution.'

'Pedestrianise High St please.'

'Many thanks for all your hard work during the year on our behalf.'