

Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Plan

SURVEY RESULTS

The Parish Council carried out a village survey over the summer to gather views about future plans and development in Rottingdean. The survey was available on the Parish website as well as on paper. We had 188 responses in total.

The issue that people felt most strongly about was that of traffic and traffic management. They complained about traffic noise, vehicles mounting the pavement and long queues. 86.5% of those completing the survey wanted the Parish Council to reduce the amount of through traffic in Rottingdean and 93.5% felt that enforcement was needed to reduce the numbers of large lorries, especially down the High Street. 71.5% were in favour of the pedestrianisation of Lower High Street.

Related to traffic levels, 51.5% raised the issue of air quality in the High Street.

Additionally, people were concerned about illegal and inconsiderate parking with 76% in favour of stronger enforcement measures.

72% of people thought that the open spaces in Rottingdean were very valuable but were worried about dog fouling and litter. 82.5% wanted the Parish Council to prevent development on St Aubyns Field and to see whether it could be included in the Conservation Area.

There were various suggestions about encouraging more trade in the High Street such as alternative parking arrangements, a greater variety of shops and improving transport links with Ovingdean. 80% of people felt that tourism should be encouraged in the village and 66.5% wanted a coach drop-off point.

Quite a few people felt the village needed more family accommodation, starter homes or affordable housing. There were concerns about overdevelopment, particularly extra properties being built on land attached to existing houses.

Suggestions for extra facilities in the village included more sports facilities, a new doctors' surgery or health centre and additional play areas in the village centre. There were calls for improved disabled access and more disabled toilets.

People felt more precept money could be spent on benches, paving and the general appearance of the village, maintaining its character.

Many thanks to all of you who took part in the survey. We were disappointed at the lack of response from young people but will be doing further work with residents of all ages before publishing a first draft of our Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

For the full survey results, please see the Noticeboard page.

St Aubyns Update

Parish Council members recently met Adrian Richardson, Principal of the Cothill Trust who own the former school site and St Aubyns Field to discuss their plans for the future.

Although the Trust are planning to sell the site, Mr Richardson said there was no desire to see the field 'concreted over.'

The Parish Council and Brighton & Hove City Council intend to put a Planning Brief together for the whole of the site, in consultation with the village. The Planning Brief will identify acceptable uses for the different areas. We very much hope that the Cothill Trust will work with us on these plans.

Cllr Sue John & Cllr Heather Butler

