

ANGMERING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2014 TO 2029



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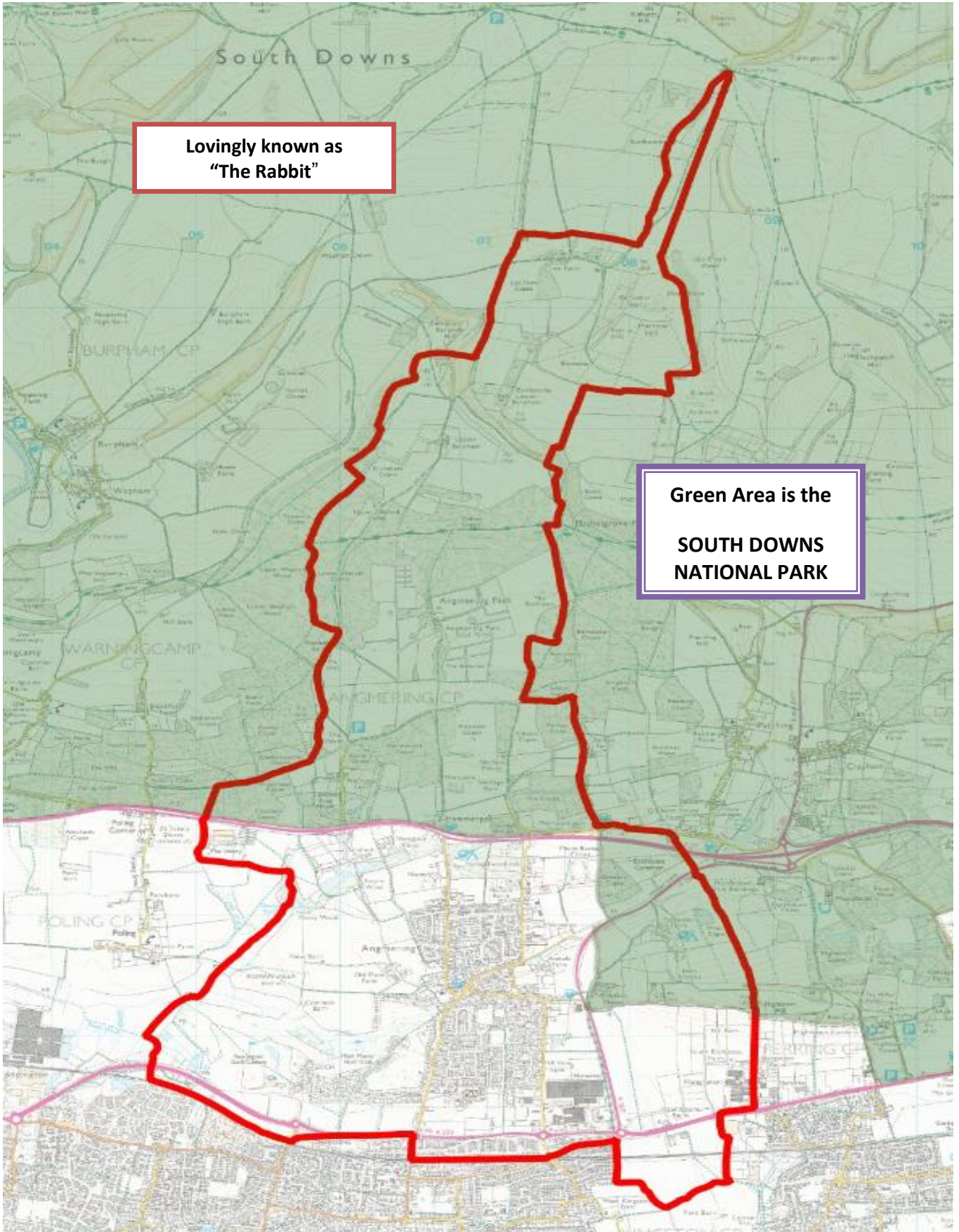
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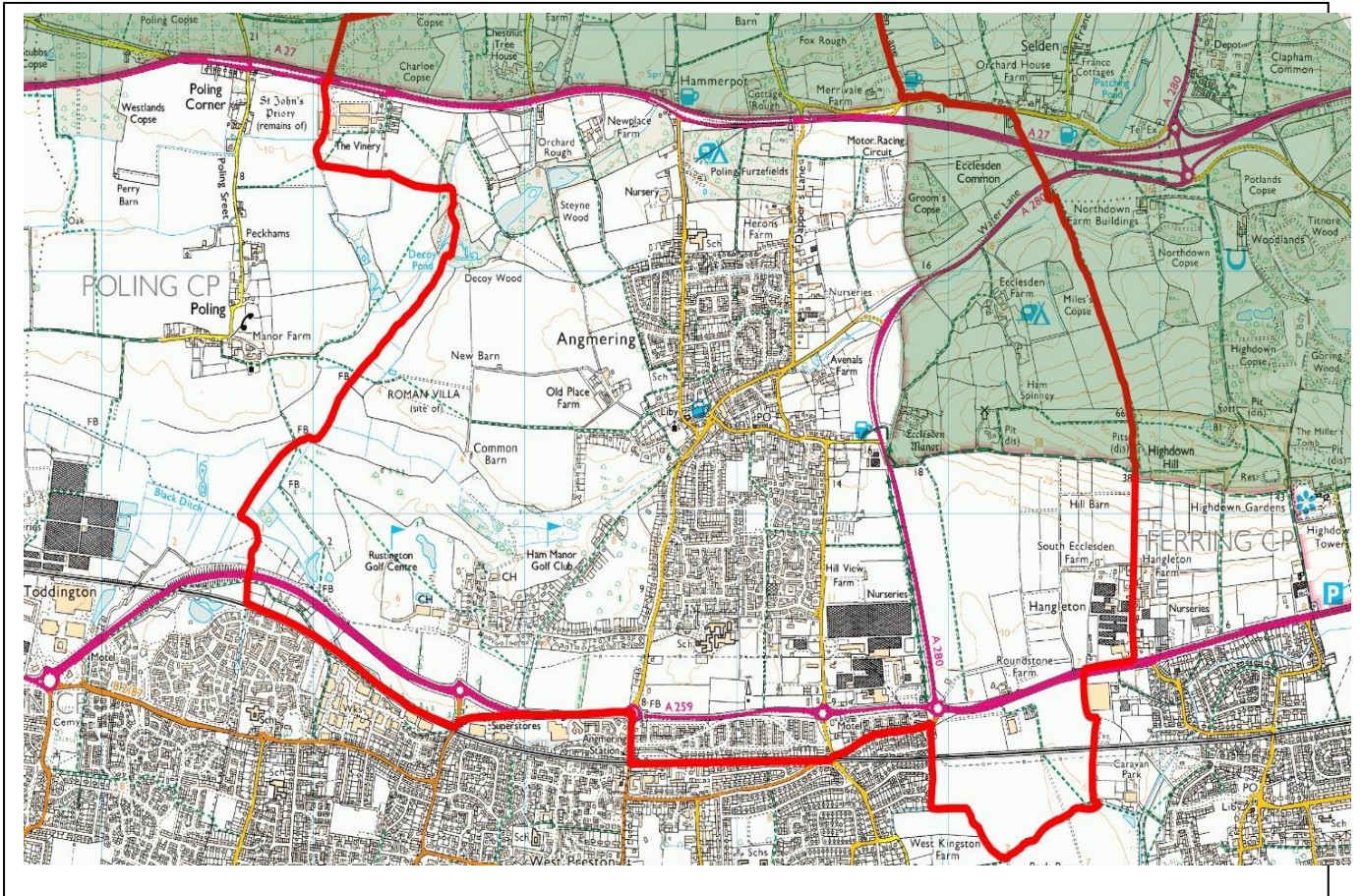
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ANGMERING'S PARISH BOUNDARY



MAIN RESIDENTIAL AREA OF ANGMERING

This map shows the built-up-area of Angmering - mainly between the yellow minor road lines - which any development outside, would have a detrimental impact on the South Downs National Park. The map also shows the watercourses that run through the village and to the west which at times has caused immense flooding inside and outside the built-up-area. The red continuous line indicates the Parish Boundary.



1) The purpose of this document

1.1 This document provides a record of the notification, publication, and consultation that took place regarding the Angmering Neighbourhood Plan (which for the purposes of this document shall be called “The Plan”). The methods used to promote and publicise the publication are documented, along with a summary of the main responses received.

1.2 It was deemed necessary for Angmering to have a plan in place, because Arun District Council’s (ADC) 2003 Local Plan had expired and was being reviewed. It was also deemed necessary for “The Plan” to be completed as soon as possible because of the significant pressure for development being placed by developers on land within the Plan area. Within recent times, three major applications have been granted planning permission (370 dwellings) prior to ADC’s Emerging Local Plan being produced.

1.3 In September 2011, Angmering was one of the front runners to receive the £20,000 financial assistance from the Government.

1.4 At all stages of the process Littlehampton Gazette ([Appendix A](#)) and Angmering Parish Council at the Full Council Meetings ([Appendix B](#)) were kept informed together with poster ([Appendix C/J](#)) notifications being placed on notice boards and in shop windows.

2) Regulations and Government Guidance

2.1 The Town & Country Planning, England Act 2012 (No.637) The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Part 5 Regulations 14 to 20 provides clear guidance on the process and content of the Neighbourhood Plan.

3) The early stages and formation 2009 to 2011

3.1 In 2009 ADC’s “Core Strategy – Options for Growth” identified Angmering as one of the main Strategic Areas for Development (ADC preferred option: 1,500 homes & retail/employment business area). Angmering had already been increased in size by a new estate of 700 dwellings and a By-pass. The Residents disagreed with this Option.

3.2 At the beginning of 2011 Angmering Parish Council’s Development Working Group (which was formed in earnest as a result of this Strategy) began the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

3.3 On 9th April 2011 The Parish Council held an initial Open Day. This was publicised through the poster, shown in [Appendix C](#) which was put up in several prominent places around the parish, the Parish Council website, the Angmering Village Life website, and Parish Newsletters shown in [Appendix D](#). The purpose of the Open Day was:-

- to explain the point of the Plan;
- to encourage Residents to actively participate in the production of the plan – see [Appendix E](#);
- to encourage the Residents to express their feelings and experiences; and
- most importantly, to express their aspirations for the Parish.

3.4 This Open Day was supported by “Action in Rural Sussex” (AiRS) which was commissioned by Angmering Parish Council in February 2011 to assist and guide with the production of The Plan. AiRS produced a list from the many comments and post it notes. AiRS stated: - *“In total, there are 169 comments. These comments will form the basis for the generation of the survey that will go out to every household for everyone including those that have been generated by the Parish Council. Any existing questionnaires that have not yet gone out can also be included if relevant.”*

3.5 The response to participate on the working groups was very encouraging with approximately 50 people showing an interest in being involved. This meant that there were approximately seven members of the public on each group together with at least two Parish Councillors to assist and guide where necessary. It was agreed that the Chair of each group would be a Parish resident. It was also agreed that the constitution of the Steering Group would be the chairman of each group and five Councillors one of which had to be the Chair, thereby making a group of 12.

3.6 The participants were placed in at least one, in some cases two, of the following initial groups according to their skills and interests. Such groups were necessary to make The Plan a complete document covering all aspects of Angmering Parish, the quality of life of its residents, and its future:-

Initial Groupings	Evolved Groupings
Housing Needs & Development	Housing
Local Business & Employment Opportunities	Employment & Retail
Local Sports & Leisure facilities and public amenities	Community Leisure & Wellbeing
Education	
Health & Medical Facilities	
Local Roads, Transport & Parking	Traffic & Movement
Staying and Feeling Safe (Crime, Road Safety)	
	Environment & Heritage

Fig 1 – Initial Groups in 2011 and the Groups as they eventually became as experience and knowledge grew.

3.7 Members of the Public and the Parish Council were involved with the Plan in the early stages until the majority of the investigative work was completed in 2013. Then the Steering Group took over to see the plan through to Referendum and completion.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC		MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL	
<p>Val Jerram (Vice Chair)</p> <p>Rita Williams</p> <p>Paul Kempsell</p> <p>Rob Kanaar</p> <p>Norman Hadley</p> <p>Liz Lupton (Secretary)</p>	<p>Steering Group as at June 2014</p>	<p>Councillor Pat Turner (Chair)</p> <p>Councillor Sylvia Verrinder</p>	<p>Steering Group as at June 2014</p>
<p>Martin Catling</p> <p>Melanie Clifford</p> <p>Tracey Daley</p> <p>Alison Ellis</p> <p>Rhona Gorringe</p> <p>Matthew Hollywood</p> <p>Martin Jarvis</p> <p>Richard Murphy</p> <p>Nick Rogers</p> <p>Geoff Sperling</p> <p>Dave Tupper</p> <p>Trevor Unstead</p>		<p>Edwin Clifford</p> <p>Julie Cundy</p> <p>John Dingle</p> <p>Geoff Gibbs</p> <p>Ron Hanmore</p> <p>Jim Hughes</p> <p>Roger Miles</p> <p>Nigel Nunn</p> <p>Paul Rogers (deceased)</p> <p>Suzannah Stacey</p> <p>Sophie Tupper</p> <p>Susan Ware.</p>	

Fig. 2 – Participants, showing those members (in blue) who are seeing the plan through to referendum – Some names of participants are withheld at their request.

3.8 The Working Groups held their first meetings in September 2011:-

- to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman,
- to discuss initially the subject matter and the processes they would use to get the information required to formulate the policies.

- to initially plan the content and production of survey questionnaires. These were delivered to every household within the Parish and the resulting responses are part of the “Evidence Base.”

3.9 The Initial Steering Group meeting was held on 21st October 2011.

3.10 In December 2011 a progress meeting was held with the Groups to:-

- Explain the necessity for a Neighbourhood Plan
- Explain “The Plan” process and legislation governing the process
- Explain the proposed timeline to referendum
- Explain the process for election of Chairman of groups
- Explain the setting up of a Steering Group. Who was eligible to be a member of that group?
- Discuss progress of each group since April.

3.11 During this period members of the “Local Sports & Leisure facilities and public amenities” team, visited Angmering School to discuss the plan and to find out what amenities the youth of the Parish enjoyed, found missing and would like in the future. This was very encouraging the secondary age pupils entered into a meaningful dialogue which helped the team greatly in putting together the plan policies.

3.12 The “Health Group” visited the 2 local medical surgeries to discuss current and future requirements. Their reports can be found in the Evidence Base.

3.13 The “Business Group” visited all the local shops and businesses to discuss current and future issues. This information enabled them to draw up the survey produced at the later drop-in session.

4) Middle Stage Group Process 2012 - 2013

4.1 It was during the initial stages that members of the neighbourhood plan team realised that they needed some form of training to assist with their understanding, investigative work, and the ongoing process. Two sets of training sessions were arranged, one with “Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)” and the other with “Communities & Local Government (DCLG).” Both of these also reviewed the proposed policies and advised on how to better them. All paperwork is now part of the Evidence Base.

4.2 Further attempts were made to encourage resident participation at open days on 10th and 13th February 2012. Residents were given the opportunity to take part in surveys produced by the individual Groups. (Appendix O). Results of these surveys are discussed in the appropriate minutes for each group, and are part of the Evidence Base.

4.3 In the first half of 2012, AiRS worked with the various working groups to produce a questionnaire (delivered to every household in June 2012) which would give the residents of Angmering additional opportunities to have their say. The Survey Questionnaire (Appendix P) and Survey results are part of the “Evidence Base.” These were delivered to every household, made available in the Parish Office and the Library as well as online. <http://www.angmeringparishcouncil.gov.uk/main.cfm?type=SURVEYRESULTS>.

4.4 The result was encouraging with a 41.68% response rate: 1,367 replies out of a total of 3,280 delivered. The 49 key findings of this survey are also part of the “Evidence Base.”

4.5 One of the reasons for the good response rate was considered to be that during June 2012, major flooding occurred in Angmering giving a new focus to this particular issue. The flooding was fluvial rather than coastal and highlighted the issues around drainage systems in Angmering, run-off from the land (South Downs), plus the possible effect of large-scale housing developments being proposed on reduction of open land and groundwater emergence sites to the east of Angmering. Angmering is in a Medium to High Groundwater Emergence Zone. Angmering was also affected by the weather conditions of 2013 and 2014.

4.6 In addition a large horticultural business in Angmering employing 100+ people announced that it was moving from Angmering as its lease was not being renewed in 2015. This was because the landlord was putting the site forward for housing development.

4.7 In October 2012 AiRS along with the Housing Group, conducted a survey on “Housing Needs” to which 871 of 3,571 survey forms were returned giving a response rate of 24.39%. This document is also part of the “Evidence Base.” Results for this survey can also be found on the Parish Council website.

<http://www.angmeringparishcouncil.gov.uk/main.cfm?type=SURVEYRESULTS>

4.8 Residents were kept informed of the progress throughout via the Parish Newsletter which was delivered to every household, with a supply held in the Parish Office and Library, as well as being obtainable online. (<http://www.angmeringparishcouncil.gov.uk/main.cfm?type=PARISHNEWSLETTER&objectid=2596&searchterm=direct=newsletter>)

4.9 During this period meetings were held with the following, the results are part of the Evidence Base:-

- Action in Rural Sussex
- DCLG in addition to training
- CPRE in addition to training
- Navigus Planning Ltd, neighbourhood planning consultants
- Arun District Council
- West Sussex County Council
- Developers, such as Persimmon, Barrett’s and Chandlers agents.
- Owners of The Rugby Club

4.10 In April 2013 an initial draft pre-submission document together with a pre-submission newsletter (Appendix F) was issued and distributed to various Consultees (Appendix G).

5) Final Stage – Prior to submission to the Examiner 2014

5.1 At this point a timetable (Appendix H) was produced in order to monitor the work being done and needing to be done prior to Pre-Submission.

5.2 On 30th April 2014 the pre-submission document went live. Every effort, as follows, was made to publicise the fact and to encourage as much response as possible:-

- Leaflets were dropped into every household (Appendix I)
- E-mails were sent to organisations, etc (Appendix G)
- Posters (Appendix J) were placed on every external notice board and in shop windows as well as notice boards within prominent buildings.
- Hard copies of the Plan and response sheets were placed in the Village Hall, the Community Centre, the Library and Angmering Sports and Recreational Association for people to view.
- Two drop-in sessions were held on 30th May in the Village Hall and 3rd July in the Community Centre, again these were advertised as above together with the Parish Council Website, Angmering Village Life Website, and Save Angmering Village website and Facebook page (see Appendix L). Over 60 hard copies of the plan were distributed during these sessions.
- At each location the public were shown a “Historic Timeline” of the work done by the Team to get to pre-submission. (Appendix K).
- Some of the organisations in turn, forwarded the plan out to their members – this included Save Angmering Village, The Angmering Society, and the W.I.

5.3 The response to the Open Days was encouraging with approximately 100 people visiting. They were impressed with the display (Appendix N) which they considered explained the whole plan process in layman’s terms and especially at the knowledge shown and accrued by the Working Group.

5.4 The response to the Pre-Submission (*Appendix M*) could have been better, but it did show overall a favourable response, with some undecided.

5.5 During this consultation period, the Chairman of the Steering Group visited St Margaret's School to present the plan. From the multitude of questions asked by the primary age pupils, she was astonished at the amount of concern and ideas put forward, (*Appendix Q.*) They also showed a keen interest in the history of our village. This is perhaps something that could be encouraged further in the future and would be an excellent reason for continuing to work towards a heritage centre for the parish.

6) Conclusion

6.1 The programme of community consultation carried out during the production of the Angmering Neighbourhood Plan was extensive and varied. It reached a wide range of the local population and provided opportunities for many parts of the local community, including people of different ages and diverse social groups, to have an input or make comments on the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

6.2 The comments received in response to the Pre-Submission Consultation in respect of the draft Neighbourhood Plan have been addressed in so far as they are practicable and compatible with the emerging Arun District Council Local Plan. (*Appendix G*)

6.3 The Consultation Statement and the supporting consultation documentation are considered to comply with Section 15(2) of part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.



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APPENDICES

- A) Newspaper Cuttings
- B) Extract from Minutes of Parish Council Meetings 2011 - 2014
- C) Open Day Poster
- D) Newsletters
- E) Registration Document
- F) Pre-Submission Newsletter
- G) Consultation list
- H) Timetables
- I) Pre-Submission Leaflet - Dropped to every household and business
- J) Other Posters
- K) Historic Timeline
- L) Drop-in posters (1&2)
- M) Plan Responders
- N) Drop-in Session Paperwork
- O) Working group questionnaires
- P) Angmering NP survey
- Q) St. Margaret's School presentation
- R) Responses Spreadsheet
- S) Response from Arun
- T) Response from Rydon Homes