

## **Appendix 11a**

### **Meeting with Landowners NOTES 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015**

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## Meeting Notes

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<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>SG MEETING with landowners/agents and other interested parties</b>
<b>Venue</b>	St Mary's Church – Lavant Room
<b>Date + Time</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb Start: 18.00hrs Finish: 20.00hrs
<b>Attendees from NP SG</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cllr. Adrian Blades</li> <li>○ Cllr. James Pickford (Finance lead)</li> <li>○ Robert Newman (Vice Chair &amp; Built Environment Lead)</li> <li>○ Caroline Reynolds (Community Engagement Lead)</li> <li>○ Nick Reynolds (Natural Environment Lead)</li> <li>○ Alan Taylor (Chair)</li> </ul>
<b>Guests</b>	Pam Priscott Ian Hutton, Chair LPC
<b>Apologies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cllr. Elaine Mallett</li> <li>○ Chris Turner (Infrastructure Lead)</li> </ul>

Item	Topic	ACTION
1	<b>Welcome and introductions by Ian Hutton, Chair LPC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chris Hawker, Chair</b> Governors, Lavant Primary School</li> <li>• Mark Hoult, local landowner</li> <li>• Chris and Will McLaren Clark, with Ellie White of MCC representing David Lock</li> <li>• Ray Brown representing Mrs Chung</li> <li>• Mr and Mrs Pickvance – West Lavant, farmer and landowner</li> <li>• Alun Rees and Jeremy Hill – Goodwood Estate</li> <li>• Michael Kingsford – Lavant resident and landowner</li> <li>• Patrick Barry – agent representing Eastmead industrial <b>estate</b></li> </ul>	
2	<b>Volunteer</b> for note taking during today's meeting	<b>PP</b>
3	<p><b>Ian Hutton introduced</b> the meeting by saying that Lavant Parish Council has expressed a wish for a Neighbourhood Plan. There have been a few hiccups along the way but last July a Steering Group was formed, with Alan Taylor as the chair and LPC have delegated all the hard work to the group and have great faith in it. It works with mutual respect and trust. This meeting tonight is a preamble to see what is going on this Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February, with the village being presented with the various options and the SG thought it fair to show the landowners.</p> <p>James Pickford introduced what the NP is. Lavant's journey so far. Communities housing and facilities aspirations. What do we all want to live in? Plans are available.</p> <p>View – 2 concepts expressed in 4 options.</p> <p>There would be the opportunity for discussion.</p>	

<p>Arrange 1 to 1 meetings between the SG and the landowners.  SG sit on one side as enthusiastic amateurs and appreciate landowners have different standpoint. This is not the end of the road – just the views collected so far.  After any agreement reached then it all has to go to CDC and SDNP  <b>Why a Neighbourhood Plan</b> – Localism Act 2012. Parishes invited to do something about future. Lavant is split between under the authority of CDC and SDNPA – two bodies - each have to produce Local Plans. NP more detailed and sits alongside local plan. Local Plan has to be acceptable to authorities. NP to residents and local authority. CDC LP under assessment currently. SDNPA LP not ready till 2017. LP and NP together will shape planning over next 15 years. Want to make it work - if no NP produced then highly vulnerable to others, developers and their plans.  Where to now – Phase 1 – public meetings – any further information get from James.  Enlarged on beating the bounds – OP – elaborated on that.  Over 1000 replies questions at the various points.  Phase 1 into funnel – then Phase 2  Refinement, collaboration, cooperation concession down the funnel  SHLAA strategic housing land allocation assessment introduced by SDNPA  SDNPA are conscious of what the locals will need.  All the ideas being proposed are open to being thrown out – all that has been done so far is collecting views of the Parish.  Local landowners have been asked if they would like their land considered – there was a good response – the SG took the view that if they said no, then their land would not be considered. If a positive view then taken on board, if no view then land might still be considered.  Refined what village wants into four different options.  Concept 1 Option A B C  Concept 2 Option D  Villagers will be asked to vote which they would prefer out of the above.  In SDNPA local plan they have a specific meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March to discuss housing needs.  CDC local plan is very simple – no houses in the part of Lavant that they have an interest in.  Up to 15 march analyse option boards, feedback, discussion with landowners and SDNPA</p> <p><b>The Boards then were displayed.</b>  JP asked if any of the landowners had any comments so far.  <b>Concept 1 option A shown</b>  All documentation is evidence based, what the villagers would like.  Top right hand corner explains what option A is about and what is the gain.  Housing will be a gain – and is needed.  Pros or cons – feedback from beating the bounds.  More detail shown on option A – up to 45 affordable houses,  Village would gain a footpath along Fordwater lane – agreement of landowners will be necessary.  JP explained how the plans are shown.  Site 7 – mixed development site – wanted by the parishioners, by over 70%, pointed out concern over traffic and to help that a roundabout. Nothing else is feasible to slow the traffic down. More work needed to develop traffic calming ideas but good to have an idea from parishioners and landowners of what would be acceptable.</p> <p>Site 3 – football field – enlarged on footpath – that would be a gain.  Site 1 – school  Site 4 – 6, 7, 1 and 3 all shown on first board.</p>
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	<p>Option B – concept 1  Colour changed  Up to 75 dwellings – all from option A plus more leasehold dwellings  Housing needed for starter homes and also for more elderly people who don't want to leave the village. NP tries to address these desires. As there is an increased number of houses then we look for some village gains.</p> <p><b>Option B</b> brings in a bit of a road round the back of the school, traffic calming roundabout, take cars off the road, a few more houses could be fitted in.  Houses on the football field – football field moved.</p> <p><b>Option C</b> – up to 105 dwellings now – mixture of things – enhancement</p> <p><b>Mr Pickvance</b> asked what was meant by housing – A and B relates to subsidised housing option C relates to market housing – explained JP. NR explained that over the last ten years 120 houses have been built. Upwards of 100 is not unrealistic. RN explained that the housing is being driven by the needs of the villagers – now called dwellings and not houses. Key driver is the needs of the people who live here, small dwellings and not 5 bedroom houses. Looking at small sites, windfall. The survey could be argued to have been skewed – needed to find what the neighbourhood wanted, not the nation.</p> <p>This is the thinking of the parishioners, nothing set in stone, journey down the funnel. Mr Pickvance asked if all plots in SHLAA – SDNP are mindful of the needs of the parish. The gain to the village if the plan goes through. There are a lot more plots on the SHLAA many of them have been rejected by SDNP on environmental grounds.</p> <p><b>Patrick Barry</b> asked about affordable housing - the demand was for 45 affordable houses – if 105 built then some would be market housing. Mr Barry said that to get any planning gain there will have to be market housing. JP said that so far it has all been down to consultation with the parish.</p> <p><b>Final slide – Concept 2 option D</b>  Putting in a relief road – traffic has been raised over and over again. Outside the box thinking is putting in a relief road. May be unacceptable to the landowners. The funding for the new road would imply a significant increase in the housing numbers.</p> <p>There was then a break for the landowners to look at the plans on the boards which would be followed by their questions.</p>	
4	<p><b>Wrap up -</b>  <b>Chris McLaren Clark</b> asked about follow up 1 to 1s and was assured by JP that e mail contact would be made.  JP said that <b>input from the NP should go to SDNP</b> before their meeting on 15 March. Landowners asked to give their specific e mail addresses. NR said that the new LPC website is now up and running.  <b>Thanks</b> to all for coming.  <b>Alan Taylor</b> asked if those present felt that there could be any improvement on the information being disseminated at the meeting on Saturday. Chris McLaren Clark said that it will be easy for people to get confused – he wondered if there is too much information on the boards as they are – Michael Kingsford suggested a brief summary sheet would be useful – general opinion that the villagers could get confused. Landowners and agents understand and the SG understand as they have been working with it. . AT thought that to avoid information overload a simplified</p>	

	<p>version could be produced.</p> <p><b>Chris Hawker</b> (Chair of Governors, Lavant Primary School) wanted confirmation that villagers will be asked to vote.</p> <p><b>Chris MC</b> – whole question of affordable housing is laudable but that aspirations have to be controlled. RN have to recognise that SDNP are not interested in market housing. Chris MC said that SDNP do have to live in the real world.</p> <p><b>Mark Hault</b> – said one thing people will get confused about – looking at the diagrams to avoid misunderstanding – question should be what sort of size village do you want to live in. At this stage not after a solution, but what do people want – the vision.</p> <p><b>Chris Hawker</b> said that the idea that 120 houses built in the last ten years is a useful tool.</p> <p>The meeting closed.</p>	
5	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SG members stayed behind to review</b></p> <p><b>Meeting felt to be a success.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• atmosphere very friendly and positive</li> <li>• .during open/informal discussion while looking at boards landowners/ agents expressed interest and willingness to work collaboratively</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion to take comments re 21<sup>st</sup> Feb into account</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the stage area</li> <li>• When people arrive they will be asked if they are Lavant residents and number of residents in each household ( to try to avoid/discourage multiple voting) ..residents will be given the preferences voting slip and directed towards NP area</li> <li>• Projected screen of 'Funnel' showing where we are now and where going</li> <li>• Format to be boards with options on separate from each other .</li> <li>• each member of SG to take a small group round the boards</li> <li>• 'takeaway' sheet .. decided against this as want people to decide there and then / danger of them not getting round to it</li> <li>• will be a final table with a summary sheet of all the options</li> <li>• info re next opportunities and website will be displayed</li> <li>• box for preferences slip will be provided</li> </ul> <p><b>One to one meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed best if two SG members went to meeting ..</li> <li>• Will try to match SG members to particular landowners/agents dependant on expertise/ relationship already established</li> <li>• CR to try to arrange via e mail</li> </ul>	

## **Appendix 11b**

### **Invitation to Lavant Community Day**

Dear

**LAVANT COMMUNITY DAY – SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**

Lavant Parish Council (LPC) is committed to encouraging community awareness and involvement and to that end it is holding an event early in 2015 to give all local associations and groups an opportunity to promote their activities to the local residents. We know there are many excellent groups operating locally, but maybe not everyone in the wider community will be aware of what you do. All Lavant residents will be told about the event, and wider advertising in Summersdale, West Dean and Singleton etc will take place nearer the time, so hopefully we'll have a grand turn out on the day. An ideal opportunity for you to advertise what your group does, and possibly sign up some new members!

All the groups that are currently operating in and around the village, either at the Memorial Hall or at one of the two church halls, are being invited to attend our **Lavant Community Day**. We would like to see as many groups as possible represented, the only limiting factor being how many we can fit into the Memorial Hall on the day. We hope to have all age groups represented, from babies to oldies, so if you would like to attend we would love to hear from you. There will be no charge for this event, either to your group or anyone attending on the day.

**Lavant Community Day  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015  
10am until 3pm  
Lavant Memorial Hall**

A table (or equivalent space) will be provided for you to display any photos or other information materials about your group. If you need access to power, you will need to specifically request this. Refreshments will be provided for those people manning the tables at the appropriate times.

**RSVP**

Please respond as soon as possible by contacting Elaine Mallett on tel 01243 776997 or on email [elaine-mallett@sky.com](mailto:elaine-mallett@sky.com) Further details about the day will be provided in due course.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

**Lavant Parish Council**

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**Lavant Community Day – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015**

We would / would not\* like to have a table at the Lavant Community Day (\*delete as appropriate)

Name of Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Tel Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need access to an electric socket? Yes / No

Please return this slip to: Cllr Elaine Mallett, 68 Midhurst Road, Lavant, PO18 0DA.

## **Appendix 11c**

### **Leaflet Community Day**



# LAVANT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



## **New Year, New Resolutions,**

Time to try something new ..

Come along to the

**Community Day ... Memorial Hall  
Saturday, 21st Feb... 10 am – 3 pm**

Over 20 groups from Art to Zumba , from Quilting to Horticulture will tell you what they do and how you can join them.

## **The New Lavant .. the next 10 years.**

Come along to VOTE on the possible options.  
From roads to houses, the choices are yours.

**Sponsored by the Lavant Parish Council and the  
Neighbourhood Plan**

**[lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com) / 07503 637472**

## **Appendix 11d**

### **Neighbourhood Plan Extra Dates**



# The Lavant Neighbourhood Plan

NP.extradates

Further opportunities to **Vote** for **your** preferences

**St Nicholas' ..... Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 10.00-12.noon**

**St Nicholas' ..... Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 4.30 – 7.00pm**

**Via the Lavant Parish Council web site**

**At [www.lavantparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.lavantparishcouncil.co.uk)**

**Vote** for Preferences ... **Homes, Community facilities** and **roads**.

With the proposed development of thousands of houses in the Chichester area and with no provision for northerly traffic, the **roads** through Lavant can only become worse.

**Vote for Preferences ....** about the possible **sites** that have been suggested for development as well as traffic solutions and improvement of leisure facilities .

Further details from the Lavant Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan  
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## **Appendix 11e**

### **Dilemmas and Decisions Lavant News**

## Dilemmas and Decisions

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December St Nicholas' in Lavant hosted one of the final three Community Events which will lead to Lavant's own Neighbourhood Plan.

At this event residents were given Feedback from the Beating of the Bounds event held in September. They were also given another opportunity to comment on possible options. These options arose from the analysis of the nearly 2000 observation sheet completed.

And so, now the community of Lavant is faced with some key dilemmas.

Dilemmas which are illustrated by these comments taken directly from residents:- from one observation point on the Beating of the Bounds

Careful development and buildings which are sympathetic to the location and a 'village look' could extend to (.....) and to the (...) of the school to the (...) road. Could extend to the south along (...) side of Centurion Way.

This would be only the beginning of a vast sprawl .....

These paths are used by many villagers for walking dogs and exercise. (There are) lovely views and (this place is) not suitable for development

And comment from another Observation Point

Site v suitable for redevelopment. Development (which ) would enhance location / community highly recommended / no resistance to development

I think we ought to keep this as a light industrial space and upgrade it and try to support it in the village. It's a brilliant employment opportunity and a big space. Small business/start-ups are very popular and need to be housed, would bring in revenue to the area if it could be complimented by shop/cafe somewhere in the vicinity for people to pop out to.

Despite the variation in views there was a clear consensus for many other aspects of village life. These comments reflect the areas where the message was clear and united.

Make it a green and pleasant place with village shop and mixed housing especially smaller units for couples / elderly.

Community centre for residents to meet... give the kids something to do and regain community spirit

If houses are provided in this area, then land scape work should be carried out in conjunction with the provision of houses e.g. a play area for children

Traffic calming (is needed) access is a problem already - difficult to see when buses at the bus stop and cars parked at Yarbrook

There was also consensus about the areas of Lavant where residents could visualise development; development which would enable their aspirations. There were also suggestions about other locations .....

### **Dilemmas need Decisions (but there are still opportunities for comment)**

Based on all the information that has been collected so far, it is now the somewhat onerous task of the Steering Group to create some viable options. These will be presented on

### **21<sup>st</sup> February at the Lavant Community Day at the Memorial Hall between 10 am and 3 pm**

Residents who were unable to come along on 6<sup>th</sup> December can get hold of the summary sheets and copies of the information boards - **Contact the** Steering Group directly via [lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com) or phone 07503 637472

Residents, who would like to be part of the process of developing the options with the Steering Group and the various Working Groups, please **Contact the** Steering Group directly via [lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com) or phone 07503 637472

Residents who have any questions, comments or feel that the Steering Group could do better in communication and involving everyone:- **Contact the** Steering Group directly via [lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com) or phone 07503 637472

Located between in the South Downs National Park and next to the growing metropolis of Chichester, Lavant needs a Neighbourhood Plan to help it develop in the way the current residents want it to. We need only to look at some of the pressure on other villages around Chichester to understand what a lucky opportunity we have to shape our village.

A dilemma certainly exists – how can Lavant's Neighbourhood Plan balance the needs, wishes and demands of SDNP, landowners and current residents? It is difficult for anyone to happily accept a new Community Centre, Footpath, Football Pitch or houses at the end of their garden and it is also difficult to happily hand over Lavant's future to a developer only interested in profit.

**Be part of confronting and overcoming the dilemmas which face many communities across West Sussex.**

**Be part of the process ... the Lavant Neighbourhood Plan needs you to help solve the dilemmas and make difficult decisions.**

## **Appendix 11f**

### **Concept Options**



# Lavant Neighbourhood Plan Concept options - Summary

**NOTE**  
THE SITES REFERRED DO NO NOT INCLUDE ANY WHICH MAY COME FORWARD OR MAY PROVE NOT TO BE AVAILABLE FOLLOWING THE RECENT CALL FOR SITES FROM LANDOWNERS.  
NP.conceptoptions.summaryA

## CONCEPT 1

	Dwellings /type	Roads / Traffic calming /Footpaths	Community gain	Sites
<b>OPTION A</b>	Affordable 45	<b>Mini roundabouts:-</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at entrance to Industrial estate</li> </ul> <b>Footpaths</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East Lavant to Churchmead</li> <li>pond to mini roundabout at top of Pook lane</li> </ul>	<b>Traffic calming</b> <b>Footpaths</b>	<b>No3</b> 'Football Field' <b>No6</b> Churchmead <b>No7</b> Industrial estate
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<b>OPTION B</b>	Affordable 45 + Market 30	<b>Mini roundabouts:-</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at entrance to Industrial estate</li> <li>Opposite St Nic's</li> </ul> <b>Parking:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved access to Primary school and parking</li> </ul> <b>Footpaths</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East Lavant to Churchmead</li> <li>pond to mini roundabout at top of Pook lane</li> <li>Along field from Fordwater Lane</li> </ul>	<b>Traffic calming</b> <b>Footpaths</b> <b>Parking Land</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available for additional sports</li> <li>Ownership of Sports pitches</li> <li>Available for self – funded community building</li> </ul>	<b>No1</b> behind Primary School (incl Community Facility) <b>No3</b> 'Football Field' <b>No4</b> East Lavant <b>No6</b> Churchmead <b>No7</b> Industrial estate (incl Community Facility)



	Dwellings /type	Roads / Traffic calming /Footpaths	Community gain	Sites
<b>OPTION C</b>	Affordable 45 + Market 55	<b>Mini roundabouts:-</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at entrance to Industrial estate</li> <li>Opposite St Nic's</li> <li>Improved access to Primary School and parking</li> </ul> <b>Parking:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved access to Primary school and parking</li> </ul> <b>Footpaths</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East Lavant to Churchmead</li> <li>pond to mini roundabout at top of Pook lane</li> <li>Along field from Fordwater Lane</li> </ul>	<b>Traffic calming</b> <b>Footpaths</b> <b>Parking</b> <b>Land</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available for additional sports</li> <li>Ownership of Sports pitches</li> <li>Available for self – funded community building</li> <li>Partially funded community facilities (eg shop/ medical centre/ hub)</li> </ul>	<b>No1</b> behind Primary School (incl Community Facility) <b>No3</b> Football field <b>No4</b> East Lavant <b>No6</b> Churchmead <b>No7</b> Industrial estate (incl Community Facility)

## CONCEPT 2

	Dwellings /type	Roads / Traffic calming /Footpaths	Community gain	Sites
<b>Option D</b>	Affordable45 Market 100 (Plus more post 2030)	<b>Relief road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solve North-South traffic problems</li> <li>extra community facilities</li> <li>potential control of type of development in future</li> </ul>	sites to E of relief road only No other sites

## OPTION A

Upto 45 Affordable, mainly 1 or 2 bed dwellings.  
Lavant Community homes for rent or part ownership.  
Split between sites 6 and 7, plus partial development of site 3.

### VILLAGE GAINS

- Part E-W footpath
- Traffic calming at Site 7 entrance

Large increase in N-S traffic flow due to CDC Local Plan + 7000 new dwellings

PROs & CONs % relates to Beating the Bounds returns

### SITE 7

Mixed development site, housing with commercial & employment provision.

PROs 72%  
Mixed development with employment opportunities retained.  
Brown field site already surrounded by housing.  
Minimal visual impact/hidden from SDNP views.  
Roundabout at entrance for improved access and provision of traffic calming.  
SDNP indicated not suitable for 100% housing

CONs 6%  
Flooding issues in NE corner.  
Traffic/access difficulties from A286 – must be mitigated with roundabout.

### SITE 6

Upto 10 dwellings above flood plain.

PROs  
Adjacent to existing village core  
Potential to be part of a new Recreation Area bordering the River Lavant.

CONs  
Access through existing residential areas.  
View from SDNP requires well designed dwellings at perimeter of village.

### SITE 1.

Large central site, potential to improve school parking & facilities.

PROs 60%  
Central to village, potential to create village centre.  
Close to school/existing facilities.  
Hidden from SDNP views.

CONs 28%  
Impact on West Lavant.  
Requires new access road off West Stoke Road.  
Intrusion into green space, village sprawl.

### SITE 4.

Dependent on flint walls being retained and max 5-6 units being provided.

PROs 48%  
Existing brown field site.  
Attractive flint walls could be retained.  
Very marketable dwellings.

CONs 23%  
Remote from centre of village.  
Access improvement needed.

### SITE 3

Dependent on an improved site for an alternative football pitch being provided.

PROs (based on loss of football pitch)  
Close to main village hall.  
Well screened, nice environment.  
Football pitch currently under-used.  
Close to bus stop.

CONs  
Remote from centre of village.  
Loss of football pitch.  
Historical Devil's Dyke needs to be preserved

Based on NP Consultations  
**CONCEPT 1**  
**OPTION A**



## OPTION B

Upto 75 Dwellings in total from Option A plus 30 leasehold dwellings (site 4 market dwelling mix) restricted to Locals and Goodwood employees. Collectively sites 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 will provide enough land. Site 1 & 7 will provide land suitable for Community facility.

### VILLAGE GAINS

- Option A plus
- Site 4 development of E-W footpath
- Traffic calming at Site 1
- Enlarged Village Hall car park
- Land for additional sports
- Ownership of new games pitches
- School parents car park
- Land for self funded building

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Additional car parking for Memorial Hall

Linked to Site 3 development  
football pitch, bowling green, croquet lawn, play area and carparking

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## OPTION C

Upto 105 Dwellings in total.  
Option A + B plus 30 market dwellings on site 1.  
Community Facilities and environmental improvements.

### VILLAGE GAINS

- Option A+B plus
- Community Centre
- or Shop
- or Coffee/meeting facility
- or Medical Centre
- or Creche
- or Sports facility.

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CONs 28%  
Impact on West Lavant.  
Requires new access road off West Stake Road.  
Intrusion into green space, village sprawl.

Additional car parking for Memorial Hall

Linked to Site 3 development football pitch, bowling green, croquet lawn, play area and carparking

### SITE 4

Dependent on flint walls being retained and max 5-6 units being provided.

PRO's 48%  
Existing brown field site.  
Attractive flint walls could be retained.  
Very marketable dwellings.

CON's 23%  
Remote from centre of village.  
Access improvement needed.

### SITE 3

Dependent on an improved site for an alternative football pitch being provided.

PROs (based on loss of football pitch)  
Close to main village hall.  
Well screened, nice environment.  
Football pitch currently under-used.  
Close to bus stop.

CONs  
Remote from centre of village.  
Loss of football pitch.  
Historical Devil's Dyke needs to be preserved

Based on NP Consultations  
**CONCEPT 1**  
**OPTION C**



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## OPTION D Alternative Concept

Lavant Village Relief Road.  
Provision of land sufficient to accommodate 100 Dwellings for open market (inclusive of 40 affordable dwellings), Community Facilities & Environmental Improvements.

### VILLAGE GAINS

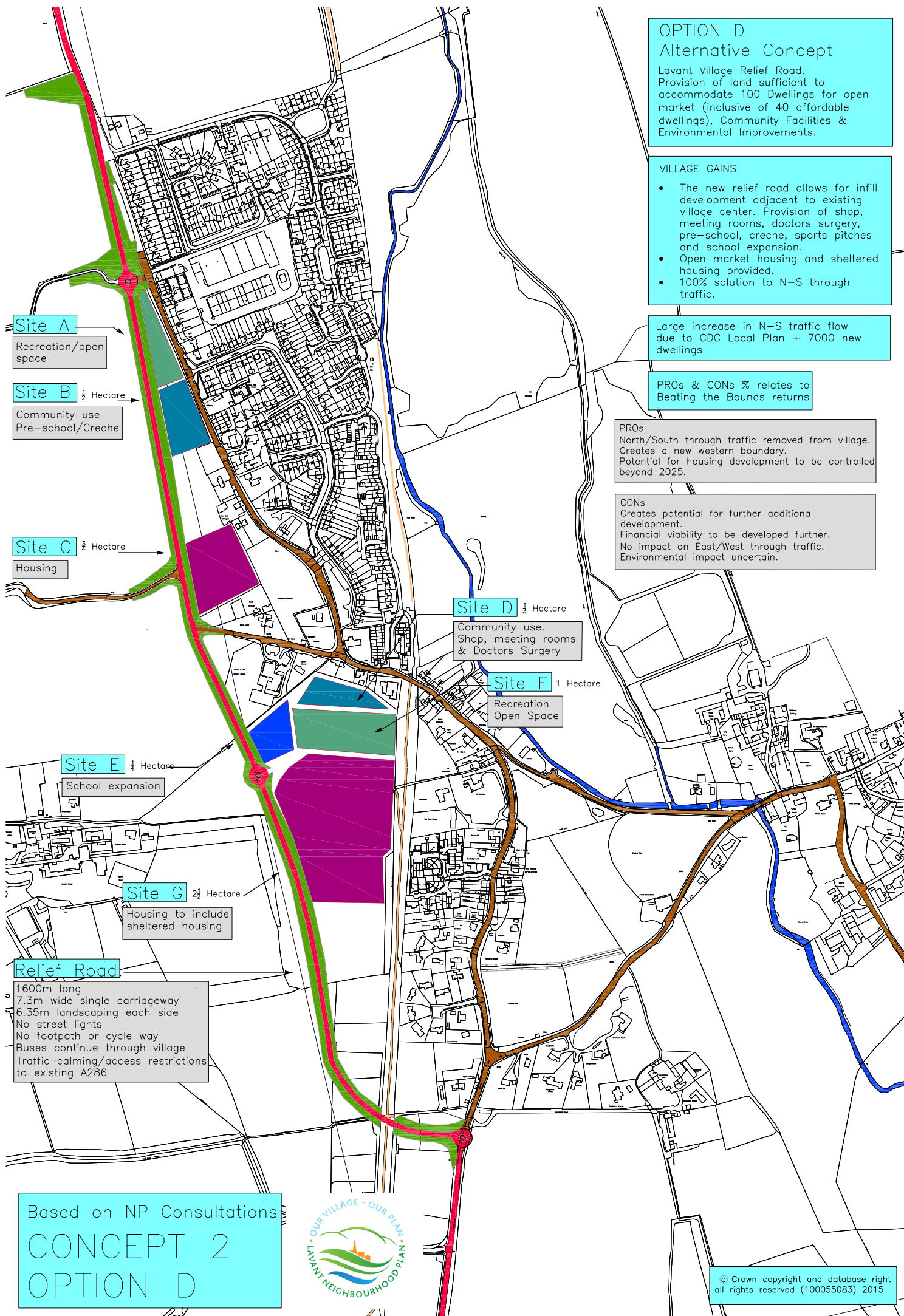
- The new relief road allows for infill development adjacent to existing village center. Provision of shop, meeting rooms, doctors surgery, pre-school, creche, sports pitches and school expansion.
- Open market housing and sheltered housing provided.
- 100% solution to N-S through traffic.

Large increase in N-S traffic flow due to CDC Local Plan + 7000 new dwellings

PROs & CONs % relates to Beating the Bounds returns

**PROs**  
North/South through traffic removed from village.  
Creates a new western boundary.  
Potential for housing development to be controlled beyond 2025.

**CONS**  
Creates potential for further additional development.  
Financial viability to be developed further.  
No impact on East/West through traffic.  
Environmental impact uncertain.



Based on NP Consultations  
**CONCEPT 2**  
**OPTION D**



## **Appendix 11g**

### **Poster for Memorial Hall**



# **The Lavant Neighbourhood Plan**

## **How to vote for your Option preferences**

### **What information was used to create these Options?**

All the responses and comments from the Open Meetings and Beating of the Bounds have been used to create the options.

### **Are these options set in stone?**

No, all the options are indicative and do **NOT** represent final choices. They give an idea of what could be possible. We need to find out what balance of Affordable / Market houses the village wants and what kinds of environment (roads/footpaths etc.) and Community features the village wants in the future.

### **What about the sites?**

Information gathered so far overwhelming suggests that the village would like to see development spread across the village rather than all in one place. Not all the sites would be needed for all the options and there is no intention that all the houses/ development would go on one site. Almost all the sites are 'Exception sites' which means that they would not normally be given planning permission. This helps to make them good potential sites for the provision of affordable homes and community facilities.

### **Are the landowners aware?**

There has been a 'Call for Sites' to which landowners/agents responded and the Steering Group have started the discussion with the landowners/agents.

**Visit the [lavantparishcouncil](http://lavantparishcouncil.gov.uk) website**

**phone 07503 637472**

**email [lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com)**

## **I would like some more information before I express my preferences.**

Come along to one of the opening meetings at St Nic's on:-

**Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 10.00am-12.00noon**

**Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 4.30pm – 7.00pm** There will be members of the Steering Group there who can answer any of your questions and/or you can send an email with your query to

[lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com)

### **How do I express my preferences?**

**Go to the lavantparishcouncil website or phone 07503 637472**

It is **very important** that you include your address, as only Lavant residents are able to vote. The completed form can be put in the box at the Memorial Hall or email it to [lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com)

### **What if I don't like anything and /or I want to make a comment?**

**Send an** email to [lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com) It is **very important** that you include your address, as only Lavant residents are able to vote .OR You can write "none" on the preferences form and add your comment(s) to this form.

### **Is there a closing date?**

Yes, it is **7.00pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Visit the lavantparishcouncil website**

**phone 07503 637472**

email [lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com)

**From roads to houses, the choices are yours**



## **Appendix 11h**

### **NPSG Audited Preference and Result**

# LPC Neighbourhood Plan STEERING GROUP

## Audited results – Preference Vote

Purpose	Top Line preferences result
Venue/ Date/Time	21 <sup>st</sup> February Lavant Memorial Hall 10am till 3pm 7 <sup>th</sup> March St Nicholas Church 10am – Midday 12 <sup>th</sup> March St Nicholas Church 4.30pm – 7pm 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb to 12 <sup>th</sup> March e-mail votes via Parish Website

### Votes Cast

234 votes were registered

### Rejected Ballots

20 no proof of residence (including 1 not resident in Lavant and 1 spoilt)

2 spoilt ballots

### Valid Votes

**212**

### First preference results

Concept 1 144 votes (68%)

Concept 2 62 votes (29%)

(note: not all ballot papers returned a preference vote)

In total 76 (36%) voted for concept 2 (Option D) with either first or second preference.

### Concept 1 - Distribution of votes

#### First preference only

Option A 65 (45%)

Option B 50 (35%)

Option C 29 (20%)

#### Combined first and second preference

Option A 103 (35%)

Option B 116 (39%)

Option C 76 (26%)

#### Weighted (first preference counts 2, second preference counts 1)

Option A 168 (38%)

Option B 166 (38%)

Option C 105 (24%)

#### Transferable Vote (second preference for Option A or B replaces Option C)

Option A 66 (49%)

Option B 69 (51%)

## **Conclusions**

1. The proposed relief road, has not gained sufficient support to be taken further.
2. Option C performs the worst of the Concept 1 options; residents do not support market houses for facilities.
3. Options A & B are very close, almost inseparable, because of the volume of second preference votes for B
4. Overall the community would support some Market Housing (Leasehold) if this enabled Affordable housing to be built

## **Declaration**

I have independently examined the ballots cast and the results presented above. I am satisfied that the ballot was recorded fairly and the results are true and correct.



Dr Andrew Chipperfield

1<sup>st</sup> April 2015

## **Appendix 11i**

### **NPSG Draft Preferences Comments**

# LPC Neighbourhood Plan STEERING GROUP

## Preference Vote Comments

### Overview

In total some 120 comments were made by residents on the preferences slip. These have been grouped under key headlines, and as such some residents’ comments are split between several different head lines

Vote No.	
	<b>Thank You! (9)</b>
9	Great work!
77	Well done thanks for your hard work
121	WELL DONE ALL OF YOU VERY THOUGH AND WELL – PRESENTED YOU’VE CLEARLY PUT A <u>HUGE</u> AMOUNT OF WORK INTO ALL THIS. THANK YOU!
148	Congratulations to all for your hard work
150	Thank you for all your hard work
153	well done
154	Thank you for all the work you have put in for the residents of the village.
199	Good Luck
217	Very impressive presentation, ovously a lot of work has gone into this

Vote No.	
	<b>Additional site (5)</b>
1	2nd pref. A + site 4
3	2nd pref A Plus Goodwood. Why has the site next to the Earl of March not been considered, it is central and heart of village, comment that it did not appear on original documents is not valid as neither did mention of a bypass and this received a full concept board
11	larger site 1 is vital to the concept 1 option A proposal 1
111	Surely the field between the Early of March and the Cricket pitch is ideally placed. It is close to existing sports file does not impinge on any existing housing.
121	Please consider the other pockets of land which I understand have been put forward by the landowners. (BUT NOT NORTH PADDOCK. CURRENTLY OWNED BY LAVANT HOUSE SCHOOL) Also I would expect – sites A+B the land to the west of A286 + south of two Barns Lane to be considered with a roundabout for access which could also be used for access to the Industrial Estate it could be viable & would balance the housing to the other (east) side of the 286.

Vote No.	
	<b>Support D (15)</b>
11	concept 2 could be developed in the longer term incorporating elements of concept 1 option A, the village
14	Ideally Lavant needs a bypass now (some hope!) but it needs to be put back into WSCC plans (Hence first preference) practically option C is best of Concept 1 and therefore the place to start
36	Option D would have the advantage of taking heavy traffic form village and restoring it's character
50	I think we have to live with the fact that more houses will be needed as a result I support there new road and the concept of increased p[revision of shop sports facility etc.
68	Really like the idea of concept 2 option D but understand it would not go ahead with A, B or C
118	but will the bypass ever be built
134	Only option to solve traffic and housing issue
138	Traffic is a key issue
154	The benerfits of a relief road for the village outway the effect that unfortunatly the effect would have on the residence of West Lavant, traffic calmin measures could then be put in place through out the village.
175	Overall the sensible option
183	I like the community development parts of D. I do not think any address the traffic problems in East Lavant
189	Need North South bypass esential to sort traffic, no more trafic onto Pook Lane -> rounbabout
200	North - South bypass solevs a lot of traffic issues in Lavant and creates a gap for planed developement
206	Options A B & C do not reduce the traffic in Lavant which will only get worse with time
225	I think that option D is unlikely to be viable thoe has many advantages and some major cons,

Vote No.	
	<b>Against D (20)</b>
40	Option D is totally unrealistic
45	The road will never get built it has been tried for ever will completely alter the character of the village it is on the edge of the SDNP if the need over the next ten years is proven then let it be 50/50 affordable/Market and try to use brown field sites
92	Concept D over development not wanted in Lavant, some parts of other options could work but can't support any one completely
99	Concept 2 would enable more infilling of houses than has been identified as needed.
111	Where are strongly against option 2 and its associated large scale developments which would irretrievably change the village character for the worst
112	Really against concept 2
115	any other option will completely ruin Lavant especially concept 2
117	Concept 2 I feel is not an option it would open the are to infill and could increase the size of our nice village.
121	Totally opposed to by-pass in Option D – although it would relieve traffic through village, noise + other pollution unacceptable.
129	Relief road price is far to high
146	Do not allow extensive by-pass development it will open up potential for development creep, developoe footpath into bridelpath / slash flood water over flow route + plus programme to increase school size as well
155	Option D leaves the village to open and vunrable to future development, wider disqusion and consultation required
173	Please not concept 2
176	Absolutly no to option D
180	Definatly not option D
201	Completely apposed to Option D
212	defiantly not D - very poor.
220	Certainly do not support concept 2
227	When was option D added it was not part of beating the bounds or in any presentation that followed it, it should not therefore be part of the ten year plan, since it is outside the process presented to all the residents of Lavant. Also its inclusion in-validates the voting for the other options
232	Option B&C make significant and undesirable use of green field sites and both option C especially eroded the strtic gap between mid Lavant and West Lavant. The precedent set by these options and the inclusion of the new link road west Stoke Rd to site 1 with the asocuiated visable and audibale traffic movments should not ne underestimated Option D has all three objections but significantly magnified

Vote No.	
	<b>No Change to Football field (13)</b>
17	I fell it is important at least for the time being not to developed the football field the view to the Trundell should not be lost
67	Site 3 the edge of the football field should be left for added recreational facilities
86	disagree with site 3 for housing,
100	NO to site 3. Traffic problems exasperated if houses built at junction plus Pook Lane
130	Avoid another / replasment football pitch
141	No to site 3. Extra traffic congestion and the charecter of Pook Lane is spoiled
151	Any development must incorporate improving the traffic the football field must not be developed it provides a central community ammenaty
168	Option B not keen on building on football pitch.
170	Not football field
171	Concerned about development of football field - Pook Lane would need complete redevelopment with proper pavment / footpaths also hoards of additional traffic using mini roundabout, also how fesable is alternative site for football pitch?
225	as I live near the football field I am reluctant to see it developed but I do think that some developemnt /parking is a good idea
229	do not like the idea of building on the football field
	Please Robert, I have already voted but did not realise for C&B I could say i did not want all the housing on the Football filed, I also hear they may be other sites coming forward from landowners which would be worth consideration but included in the above options

Vote No.	
	<b>Against Churchmead (6)</b>
35	No development at site 6 concern over flooding
47	No development on site 6 due to horrendous traffic problems on St Nicholas plus Springfield
81	No to site 6, as just completed extension, plus surrounding roads will not cop with extra traffic plus walkers and cycles just walk on the road
87	Option C without site 6, already to much traffic on St Nicholas and Springfield, dangerous to users on Centurion way and children at the play park
88	NO sit 6 to much traffic
	I don't want site 6 at all! Churchmead Springfiels & St Nicholas already a traffic hazard. The proposed site 6 is on boggy ground it is our only open view, housing will make the
122	whole road more  dangerous for children accessing the play area

Vote No.	
	<b>Support for Shop etc. (11)</b>
9	A shop etc. would be very useful in our community
27	I think provision for a shop would be important to
50	I support  the concept of increased prevision of shop sports facility etc.
60	Would defiantly like to see some sort of shop possible
78	The shop is pretty critical,
104	Local Shops
120	welcome a medical centre
128	All the maps are beautifully set out. In the future we will need to expand and therefore need a surgery meeting rooms shop etc
150	we like the idea of a community centre with shop etc.
185	Doctors Surgery etc
189	posibly Doctor surgery and shop

Vote No.	
	<b>Traffic mentions (18)</b>
24	plus Traffic calming on Midhurst Road - not bumps
34	Once the traffic problems has been sorted then other options can be considered, we have waited to long for this to be sorted
79	NO provision for highway improvement or flooding.
98	Need more traffic calming and parking
99	Need to explore traffic calming long before a relief road
102	Traffic are huge issues
109	Would like to see East West traffic addressed
114	Plus definite measures to Traffic calming measures along Midhurst Road
117	Traffic calming should be considered through the village
151	Any development must incorporate improving the traffic
154	traffic calmin measures could then be put in place through out the village.
189	no more trafic onto Pook Lane -> rounbabout
208	Traffic through East Lavant is heavy and dangerous, some roads have to be walked on
218	Trafic claming measures are welcome. I
221	Option D will cause more traffic to use Pook Lane Lavant Straight none of the above helps East Lavant
226	Conceder need for noise abatement on relief Rd given anticipated level of traffic, speed limit? Embankment on the village side
231	Consideration needs to be given to speed limit of relief road to minimise increase in noise to residentail area
	Hopping their would be some sort of traffic calmimng near the school

Vote No.	
	<b>Parking (9)</b>
16	Field strongly about cars parking on the 326 at Yarbrook at night it is very dangerous and obstructing the pavement
59	and that space is provided for cars and parking.
79	All housing must have provision for a minimum of 2 cars
86	car parking desperately needed for the school
102	parking are huge issues all so local work and affordable housing
182	remove cars from Yarbrook
185	Two parking spaces per houses per house
211	Any improvement to he school Rd is extremely important is currently very <u>dangerous</u> crossings plus proper pavements are urgently needed
218	and carparking

Vote No.	
	<b>Other (48)</b>
1	Primary School to use existing playing field for parking and move play area / field into field behind
11	, provision for football pitch seems a strong priority for the health of youth in the village
15	I think the option of choice should involve small developments only
18	Other options (Than A)would change Lavant completely from being small Downland village
43	(B OR C) Complicated but necessary
44	Any development must address surface water drainage and improvement of existing mains drains
48	Developed land behind school more, avoid developing industrial estate, move football pitch and developed field
52	Would like to see factory site retained
54	No stated provision for improvements to infrastructure Pook Lane / flooding
56	Best option is access by school for housing being Garage and Industrial estate
57	Please to see no development is proposed for the allotments
58	Please to see option to build on allotments not included Thanks
59	Essential that any new building fits in with existing e.g. Brick and flint . Screen of any development of existing Football field
64	Minimise building needed keep charter of village
76	I do not support parts of all the options would prefer development of small village type houses in limited numbers (6-8) and not by major developers. i.e. North side of Lavant Down Rd and similar
79	NO provision for highway improvement or flooding.
86	There are some possibilities in all the options Brown field site (Industrial estate) would be ideal for housing. Footpaths are needed in Pook Lane and Marsh Lane
94	Pointless, given proposed development of 750 homes near by leave Lavant alone
96	I challenge the viability (Footpath) form East Lavant to Church Mead it floods in winter months, and it will completely ruin the privacy along the boundary of my property
102	..... allso local work and affordable housing
105	Round about at industrial estate would not be suitable for large lorries turning plus bus stop is there. Where would the shelter go
116	For any of this to take place we need to fully address the infrastructure needs
119	looking for a 3 bed house
121	A is the ‘easy’ option but does not deliver the housing we said we need. Parts of B+C acceptable but not happy with building on field behind the Primary School. The suggested footpaths are great – couldn’t we have Fordwater Lane to the east of Lavant with the other two footpaths even in Option A?! I would also prefer site 4 to be included in all options.
123	we don't over crowding
139	If 2 D where to move southerly to Hunters Race. Need a footpath west side from south Lavant to junior school
142	Roundabout outside the Industrial site would not be suitable, not enough turning space for vehicles to enter and Exit
146	develope footpath into bridelpath / slash flood water over flow route + plus programme to increase school size as well

Vote No.	
	Other (48) - cont.
152	Bit concerned about football pitch where suggested
161	Local housing for local people
168	It is important that there are not too many houses which would swamp the village and change its character. Option A is good as it uses brown fill and would actually improve the area
182	Eastmead does not need a roundabout for access #####
183	I do not think any address the traffic problems in East Lavant
185	Only comment is to make sure everything is tied down legally. i.e. No houses without facilities promised e.g. Doctors Surgery etc
189	need larger school and possibly Doctor surgery and shop no more traffic onto Pook Lane -> roundabout
198	I appreciate that concept A requires the minimum land requirements but B & C increase build up in centre of village which will allow future building south of school along centurian way
203	Would object to part of any of the options
210	This assumes that the new sporting area will drain sufficiently for regular use
212	More 3 bed affordable. Like mixed use of industrial estate
215	With option B it means house building in the field behind the primary school will be built on and that is too close to my garden as the footpath runs just outside my boundary and they only say 45 houses are needed.
216	I fully understand that housing is needed. But great care should be taken once all this moves on further especially with developers
218	Important that community receives rewards e.g. Footpaths recreational facilities and carparking for exchange for increased development, and a mix of social / sheltered housing for elder members of the community along sided market type housing to increase positives of development so that parish council has the ability to develop community based facilities
219	I think St Nics church would be a perfect community base for shops / community services
226	Conceder need for noise abatement on relief Rd given anticipated level of traffic, speed limit? Embankment on the village side
229	Like the idea of keeping local people within the community
230	I would also like little white gates before the mini roundabout either side of the road telling people they are now entering the southdowns national park
232	Option B&C make significant and undesirable use of green field sites and both option C especially eroded the stric gap between mid Lavant and West Lavant. The precedent set by these options and the inclusion of the new link road west Stoke Rd to site 1 with the associated visible and audible traffic movements should not be underestimated
	Please Robert, I have already voted but I also hear they may be other sites coming forward from landowners which would be worth consideration but included in the above options



## **Appendix 11j**

### **May Lavant News and Website**



# The Lavant Neighbourhood Plan

## Sums done and more calculations ahead

NPNNews

### Two Concepts to choose between:-

1. **Concept 1:** offering varying degrees of development of housing /community facilities/footpaths and traffic calming.
2. **Concept 2:** offering a radical view of a new relief road and the implications of this option.

### Three dates

21<sup>st</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> March, were the three opportunities for Lavant Residents to see, consider and discuss the possible Concepts and Options.

### 157 residents

Of Lavant came along to the 3 opportunities – a fantastic number

### 120 residents left comments

These have been recorded and collated.

### 234 'Preference votes' were registered.

Either on the 3 dates or via the web page or the box in the Memorial Hall.

### Of these 212 were accepted as valid.

**AND THE OUTCOME? (For details see the link 'audited results'.)** All the figures have been audited by Dr Andrew Chipperfield and accepted by LPC and the LNPSG)

- Based on first preference:- Concept 1 received 144 'votes' ; Concept 2 received 62 'votes'.
- Regarding Concept 1:- Option C was the least popular, preference was almost equally split between Options A and B.
- **Conclusions** – Concept 2 has not received sufficient 'votes' to be taken further.

The Steering Group are going to proceed on the basis of **Option B** as it seems the Community would support some Market Housing if it enabled Affordable Housing to be built and would help provide some Community Gain.

**Option B** consisted of 45 affordable housing dwellings plus up to 30 Market Housing dwellings spread across several sites. It also included possible improvements to parking, traffic calming measures and enhancement of leisure facilities and footpaths.

### **What's next for the Lavant Neighbourhood Plan?**

Using the outcome of the preferences The Steering Group are in discussion with Landowners, South Downs National Park Authority and CDC. So far all the Landowners have been very positive and keen to work in collaboration with the Neighbourhood Plan. Some new sites have been presented since March and the Steering Group is working to identify viable (rather than indicative) key sites. Environmental Impact and Landscape Assessments will be undertaken.

### **The next Update meeting:-**

**At** at St Nic's

**Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>**, From 10.00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup>**, 4.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

Further information about possible sites and the implications of Option B will be available.

Members of the Steering Group will be there to answer questions.

And/or you can send an email with your query to [lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com)  
Or phone **07503 637472**

It is hoped that the **Draft Neighbourhood Plan** will be well on its way by the time of the Village Fete in June. Once this document has been produced there will be **one last opportunity** for Residents to comment and help shape the final Neighbourhood Plan.

It is important that the final Neighbourhood Plan has Community support as the Referendum will **only allow a yes/no answer**.

The final **Neighbourhood Plan** will be the subject of a formal consultation period before going to an independent examiner.

After any adjustments asked for by the examiner **The Lavant Neighbourhood Plan** will be presented for a village **Referendum**.

**From roads to houses, the choices are ours**

## **Appendix 11k**

### **After Event Press Release**



# Lavant Neighbourhood Plan

## Report 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

[Chris.Shimwell@chiobserver.co.uk](mailto:Chris.Shimwell@chiobserver.co.uk)

Thanks Chris for coming along on Saturday, I am sure that you were as impressed as we were with the event.

Over 200 people came along. The organisations which had come to show what they did were varied and new members attained. It was great to see so much creativity and energy on display - there are no excuses for boredom, so much is going on at the Memorial Hall in Lavant.

The Neighbourhood Plan options were well received and evoked much discussion, which is part of the point! The realisation that the traffic from the new developments to the north of Chichester will have serious implications for Lavant gave many food for thought. Four options for the future were presented and have been created from all the responses and comments from the Open Meetings and the Beating of the Bounds which took place in September. All the options on display are indicative and do **NOT** represent final choices. They give an idea of what could be possible. Saturday's voting for preferences was designed to help find out what balance of Affordable / Market houses the village wants and what kinds of environment (roads/footpaths etc.) and Community features the village wants in the future. Information gathered so far overwhelming suggests that the village would like to see development spread across the village rather than all in one place.

It is really important that as many people as possible express their views, after all the village is ours to live in over the next 10 years. There are three further opportunities for Lavant residents to 'Vote for their preferences' - **Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 10.00-12.noon** and **Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 4.30 – 7.00pm at St Nicholas' or via the new Lavant Parish Council web site** [www.lavantparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.lavantparishcouncil.co.uk). The closing date for 'voting for your preferences is 7.pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> March .

The results from the expressed preferences, together with feedback from the call for sites from landowners and discussions with SDNPA will be used to formulate the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. There will be **one** more opportunity for residents to make final adjustments to the Draft Plan at an open meeting. After that the final Neighbourhood Plan will be the subject of a formal consultation period before going to an independent examiner. It will then be presented for a village Referendum. At this stage all opportunities for discussion will be over and the Referendum only allows a simple yes /no answer.

The Lavant Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group urge all Lavant residents who care about the future of the village to take up the opportunity to 'vote for their preferences 'now. ... Use it or lose it!

Further details can be obtained from the Lavant Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group [lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com) / 07503 637472

## **Appendix 11I**

### **Lavant Neighbourhood Plan Recently Asked Questions**



## LAVANT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

### Recently Asked Questions

**Q. Why does Lavant need a Neighbourhood Plan?**

A. Neighbourhood Plans offer communities protection against unchecked and often unwanted development. A community with a NP has more say about the ways in which their village may change in the future. Without a Neighbourhood Plan Lavant's future will be decided by others.

**Q. Who else has a Neighbourhood Plan?**

A. Many other parishes have NPs or are creating one. For example Boxgrove, Fishbourne, Bosham, Southbourne, and Wisborough Green.

**Q. Who is writing the Neighbourhood Plan?**

A. A Steering Group - appointed by the Parish Council and made up of Lavant residents who have volunteered to help complete the process.

**Q. What is the Steering Group's Job?**

A. It is the task of the SG to try to juggle three tasks:

1. Find out what most of the community might want
2. Find out and explore what is possible
3. Work out what is achievable by considering 1 and 2 above.

**Q. How are decisions made about the content of the Neighbourhood Plan?**

A. The Steering Group has to follow strict guidelines and criteria set by the Government. Every decision must have evidence to back it all up. Some of this evidence is drawn from public consultations, so make sure you give your views.

**Q. Why is the SG working on a Plan for 45 Affordable Houses, with some Market Houses and some Community Facilities? (Option B)**

A. The 'Vote for the Preferences' exercise and opinions expressed and gathered from other meetings (for example Beating of the Bounds) made it clear that many in the community would like some kind of 'community gain' from any houses built.

**Q. Can this number of houses be changed?**

A. It could be. The SG has to work out what might be possible and practical. The community can then make a decision about what they want based on known facts. There are further opportunities prior to and during the 'Draft Consultation stage' for the SG to gather, take in to consideration, and modify the draft plan according to the community's views.

**Q. How will decisions regarding sites be made?**

A. All of the sites that have been brought to the attention of the SG are being assessed. This is a complex process and the SG has employed a Consultant to oversee and assist. The site assessment process will eliminate some sites and indicate the suitability for various forms of 'development' of others. These assessments will be made available for everyone to see.

**Q. When will the NP be ready?**

A. The SG is currently writing the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. We hope to present this to the community by end of January 2016.

**Q. How do we keep informed and involved?**

A. During the 6 week Consultation period everyone in Lavant will have the chance to make comments on the Draft Plan and any modifications will be made before the final draft goes to an Independent Examiner. Watch out for the next Open Meetings at which you can see and hear the latest information and ask any questions you may have.

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