



UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

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A meeting of the **PLANS COMMITTEE** to be held on
Monday 10 March 2025
Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Uckfield at 7.00pm

AGENDA

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, members of the public are able to film or record during a committee meeting.

1.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers are reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on this Agenda. Should any Member consider that they require a dispensation in relation to any prejudicial interest that they may have, they are asked to make a written application to the Clerk well in advance of the meeting.

Notice should be given at this part of the meeting of any intended declaration. The nature of the interest should then be declared later at the commencement of the item or when the interest becomes apparent.

2.0 STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

Members of the public are requested to notify the Town Council in advance of the meeting by emailing admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk

3.0 APOLOGIES

4.0 MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2025.

4.2 Action List

5.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – attached.

6.0 DECISION NOTICES – attached.

7.0 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS – attached.

8.0 TO ADVISE ON THE TOWN COUNCIL'S OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS OUTSIDE THE USUAL CYCLE OF MEETINGS - attached.

9.0 TO CONSIDER IF THE COMMITTEE WISH TO RESPOND TO A WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION: VALIDATION LOCAL LIST - RESPONSE BY 8 APRIL 2025

10.0 RESPONSE TO SURVEY ON EAST SUSSEX RIGHTS OF WAY ACCESS PLAN -FOR INFORMATION ONLY – attached.

Town Clerk,
4 March 2025

5.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

WD/2024/2919/MAJ FARMLAND TO THE NORTH-WEST OF SAND HILL LANE, HALLAND (APPROXIMATELY 500M NORTH-EAST OF CROCKSTEAD FARM, 360M SOUTH-EAST OF PALEHOUSE COMMON, 1.5KM NORTH OF HALLAND AND 2KM SOUTH-EAST FROM THE OUTSKIRTS OF UCKFIELD).

Construction of a battery energy storage system (BESS) with an output capacity of 600mw along with associated infrastructure and equipment, including fencing, security cameras, cabling, access tracks, transmission and distribution substations, together with associated landscaping, biodiversity enhancement and SUDS provision, and creation of new access track from Sand Hill Lane and supplementary secondary access track for emergency use only.

WD/2024/0715/LB CHESTNUT HOUSE, 127 HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1EH

Replacement of six pairs of sashes to two front bay windows with associated repairs, together with repairs to windows in side elevation.

WD/2025/0220/LB 200 HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1RD

It is proposed to demolish and rebuild a boundary retaining wall between 200 and 198 high street due to the partial failure of the existing retaining wall.

WD/2025/0181/F 49 HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1AN

Proposed part conversion of existing ground floor commercial space to form 1no. studio apartment, full conversion of existing first floor offices to form 2no. 1 bed apartments, new second floor roof extension to form 2no. 1 bed apartments, new external access stair to rear elevation, and new external bin and cycle storage area.

WD/2025/0403/F 49 HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1AN

New signage, air conditioning condenser units and extract grilles, shopfront and awning.

WD/2025/0455/F WHITE HAVEN, LONDON ROAD, UCKFIELD, TN22 1PB

Single storey rear addition.

6.0 DECISION NOTICES

Approved:

WD/2024/1760/F

REPLACE FLAT ROOF TO EXISTING GARAGE WITH NEW PITCHED ROOF. TO PROVIDE ANCILLARY ACCOMMODATION.

MOLESEY COTTAGE, HEMPSTEAD RISE, UCKFIELD

WD/2021/0744/FR

RETROSPECTIVE CONVERSION FROM GARAGE TO ANNEXE ACCOMMODATION AND HOLIDAY LET

COOMBE BANK, SNATTS ROAD, UCKFIELD, TN22 2AN

WD/2024/2949/F

PROPOSED GARAGE CONVERSION AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS WHICH INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXTERNAL WINDOWS TO THE SIDE AND CHANGED WINDOWS TO THE REAR ELEVATION. WITH ADDITIONAL VELUX WINDOWS TO THE GARAGE ROOF

11 LYEWOOD WAY, UCKFIELD, TN22 5GL

Refused:

WD/2024/2625/F

ONE REPLACEMENT WINDOW TO THE REAR OF PROPERTY

FLAT 1, 130 HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1QR

Withdrawn:

WD/2024/2899/FR

REINSTATEMENT WORKS TO REAR OUTBUILDING FOLLOWING FIRE DAMAGE
228 HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD TN22 1RE

WD/2024/2798/LB

PROPOSED CONTEMPORARY EXTENSION TO EAST ELEVATION AND ASSOCIATED
MINOR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL WORKS
MILTON COTTAGE, PUDDING CAKE LANE, UCKFIELD TN22 1BU

WD/2024/2799/F

PROPOSED CONTEMPORARY EXTENSION TO EAST ELEVATION AND ASSOCIATED
MINOR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL WORKS
MILTON COTTAGE, PUDDING CAKE LANE, UCKFIELD, TN22 1BU

Raise no objections:

WD/2025/0159/OH

INSTALL H POLE AND INSTALL 200kVA 3PHASE POLE MOUNTED TRANSFORMER.
HIDDEN PLACE, RIDGEWOOD HOUSE, LEWES ROAD, UCKFIELD, TN22 5SN

Change of Enquiry Date:

WD/2024/1799/MAO - BIRD IN EYE FARM, BIRD IN EYE HILL, FRAMFIELD, TN22 5HA
THE INQUIRY WILL NOW COMMENCE NO EARLIER THAN
WEEK COMMENCING 14 JULY 2025, AND NOT THE 25TH MARCH 2025.

7.0 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

TM/2025/0040/TPO

RAISE CANOPY OF GROUP OF ASH TREES TO 5-6M ABOVE GROUND LEVEL WITHIN
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (UCKFIELD) NO 36, 1984
MILLINGTON COURT, MILL LANE, UCKFIELD TN22 5AZ

TM/2025/0031/TCA

REDUCE ONE WILLOW TREE BY 2.5M SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS DESIGNATED
UCKFIELD CONSERVATION AREA OCTOBER 1968/JUNE MARCH 2017
56 CHURCH STREET, UCKFIELD, EAST SUSSEX, TN22 1BT



Minutes of the meeting of the Plans Committee held in the Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, Uckfield on Monday 27 January 2025 at 7.00pm

Cllr. J. Love (Chair)
Cllr. K. Bedwell

Cllr. C. Macve (Vice Chair)
Cllr. S. Mayhew

Cllr. D. Bennett (to 7.42pm)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Lewis – Administrative Officer
Minutes taken by Linda Lewis
2 members of the public

1.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and officers were reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest that they may have in relation to any item on the agenda.

Cllr. Bennett declared a prejudicial interest in the following application, under item 5.0 Planning Applications, as he was a committee member of AFC Uckfield Town:
WD/2024/2955/MAO Land off Eastbourne Road, Uckfield

2.0 STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

P58.01.25 It was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders to allow a member of the public to speak. A resident wished to speak on Agenda item 5.0 Planning applications. He spoke firstly regarding application WD/2024/2949/F 11 Lyewood Way, Uckfield, TN22 5GL and commented that the road offered little on street parking, and that once these works were complete there would be insufficient space on the property to park two vehicles.

Secondly, the resident spoke regarding application WD/2024/2955/MAO Land off Eastbourne Road, and commented regarding safety concerns for the prospective number of vehicles emerging onto the Eastbourne Road.

He also gave calculations based on figures from the Office of National Statistics for the projected increase in the population. He calculated that for between 350 to 400 people on the development the water consumption required would be an additional 54,000 to 55,000 litres per day. This would be in addition to consumption from the houses at Ridgewood and those yet to be completed. He felt that Barcombe Treatment Works would not have the capacity to cope, and that another treatment works should be built along The Ouse before reaching Barcombe.

A member gave some interesting facts from East Sussex County Council's response into increasing Gatwick Airport. He read from the report that between 2020 and 2025 Wealden was expected to see the greatest increase in population, by some 22%. This would be an additional 43,600 people, all of which would put strain on the water supply as well as other amenities.

P59.01.25 It was **RESOLVED** reinstate Standing Orders.

3.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. P. Ullmann due to work commitments.

4.0 MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2025

P60.01.25 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Plans Committee of the 6 January 2025, be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4.2 Action List

Members reviewed the action list and agreed that the following actions could now be removed:

CONSULTATION: ENVIRONMENTAL FRAMEWORK FOR EVENTS AND LICENSED BUSINESSES

WITHDRAWN APPLICATION WD/2020/1650/F CHARLWOOD MANOR
DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE DWELLINGS WITH NEW ACCESS PROVIDED.

HIGHWAYS INTERNAL CONSULTATION REF. S1/450 COOPERS GREEN ROAD,
UCKFIELD PROPOSED S278 HIGHWAY WORKS

5.0 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2024/2899/FR 228 HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD TN22 1RE

Reinstatement works to rear outbuilding following fire damage.

P61.01.25 It was **RESOLVED** to support the application as long as it was in accordance with the Conservation Officer. Members welcomed the return of a much valued business to the town.

WD/2024/2949/F 11 LYEWOOD WAY, UCKFIELD, TN22 5GL

Proposed garage conversion and internal alterations which include additional external windows to the side and changed windows to the rear elevation. With additional Velux windows to the garage roof.

It was discussed that most modern garages were not large enough to house modern vehicles and the garage was not used for parking. It was therefore felt that the conversion would not alter the available parking space. Members noted the resident's comments, however it was noted that there were no fixed legal requirements for a minimum number of parking spaces for new-builds.

P62.01.25 It was subsequently **RESOLVED** to support the application, subject to any concerns by ES Highways, on the following grounds,:

- The works would not affect the street scene;
- The works would not be detrimental to the neighbouring properties;
- A precedent existed as similar works applied for had been approved;
- There were no planning grounds to object to the application.

Cllr. Bennett reiterated his prejudicial interest in the following application and left the meeting room.

WD/2024/2955/MAO LAND OFF EASTBOURNE ROAD, UCKFIELD

Outline application for the erection of up to 145 dwellings with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SUDS), vehicular access point and provision for suitable alternative natural green space (SANG). All matters reserved except for means of access.

A member stated that sadly the time to have objected to this application would have been at the Regulation 18 Consultation for the Draft Local Plan and acknowledged that, as this application was included in the Draft Local Plan, there was no doubt that this would go through irrelevant of what the Town Council said. Uckfield Town Council would respond to the application to ensure the applicant and the local planning authority were aware of local knowledge and expertise, and ensure key points were considered in the review of this application, to mitigate the impact on the local environment, and safety of road users.

Members felt they could have an input to the design and development particularly at the Reserved Matters stage.

Major concerns were raised regarding the speed of traffic along this section of Eastbourne Road and that there were no traffic calming measures, unlike that for the development of 90 houses off of Eastbourne Road, opposite Fernley Park. The entrance to that development had a roundabout next to it which would slow traffic. The proposed site within

this application was unlike the development opposite Fernley Park as there was no safe footpath to the town centre and it was in a more rural location, despite being off of the same road. Therefore, this application should be considered on its own merits by the local planning authority and not compared with the 90 home development opposite Fernley Park.

The application showed no mitigation for highway safety and there was no report from ES Highways.

The development lacked measures to: -

- slow the traffic along Eastbourne Road which had a 60mph limit;
Members would suggest to move the national speed limit to be beyond the Palehouse Common turning, and to amend the speed limit along this stretch of the Eastbourne Road to 30mph and introduce speed cameras and the use of SID units as currently vehicles travelled in the region of 50-60mph on this straight stretch of road;
- improve safety for those exiting onto the Eastbourne Road for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists;
- provide safe walkways and to provide provision to allow people to cross the road to the bus stop, potentially to provide a pelican crossing;
Members commented that the footpath on the southern side of Eastbourne Road was currently very narrow and not wide enough for a pram/buggy;
- consider the impact to Uckfield AFC Football Club and the dangers of pulling out from the football club, especially at night, particularly with the bend in the road hindering the ability to judge on-coming vehicles;
- consider the detrimental visual impact the development would have to Framfield Place which was a Grade II Listed Building mentioned in the National Archives. A member quoted NPPF 20D and NPPF11 that there needed to be a strong reason 'how to mitigate to protect assets.'
Lighting that would be necessary to light the Eastbourne Road for pedestrians and within the development itself would also be detrimental to the visual impact of landscaped garden at Framfield Place;

As previously stated, an up to date Sustrans report was needed for East Sussex, as the last one had been approximately 6 years ago.

Concerns for the increased traffic onto New Road were also raised.

One member had walked the route from the site into the town centre and concluded that social isolation would be far worse than for the Ridgewood development. The site was totally divorced from the town since there was no other housing close by.

The Chair had partially read the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner's report which stated that Police in Sussex would need financial contributions from developers to provide the right number of police and facilities at Uckfield Police Station. Although the town council would not have a similar document the town would need financial contributions.

Through Section 106 an opportunity needed to be made to address the needs of the Town Council to financially support the infrastructure of the town, to support the increased use of facilities of the Civic Centre, provision and increased demand for allotment space and the provision for green recreational space. At present, there was no indication if the applicants were intending to contribute to adjacent sports provision at the Oaks (Uckfield AFC Football Club), or Framfield Fisheries, or indeed the town's sport and recreation provision.

P63.01.25 It was **RESOLVED** to **strongly object** to the application for all of the above reasons. There was a lack of consultee reports to fully consider the application, especially as there was no report from ES Highways. It was to be noted that members had no communication from Gladman Developments Limited and it was felt that this application had been rushed through. Had the developer contacted the Town Council, members could have provided this information at an earlier stage in pre-application discussions with the local planning authority.

It was also worth noting that also previously, *(because of the lack of communication between the Town Council, the applicant developer and Wealden District Council)* the Town Clerk had attended Planning Committee North to put forward the views of the Town Council. Comparisons made in relation to road safety and the position of the development on Eastbourne Road was incorrect by Wealden DC Officers and therefore at Committee gave the wrong impression of how safe the road was and where it was in relation to the town.

Cllr. Bennett was unable to rejoin the meeting due to a prior appointment and left the meeting at 7.42pm.

WD/2024/2743/FA 20A LEWES ROAD, RIDGEWOOD, UCKFIELD, TN22 5SN

Variation of conditions 5, 10, 15 and 17 of WD/2021/2398/F (demolition of existing workshop and barns, construction of 9 no. residential units comprising of 1 no. 5 bedroom house, 6 no. 3 bedroom houses and 2 no. 4 bedroom houses) to enable removal of car port to house types a and A.1, revised car parking/refuse vehicle turning arrangements and amended landscaping.

Members questioned why there were significant changes to a planning application which had already been agreed and why this would not come under planning enforcement. Condition 5 was to do with remediation of contaminated soil and it was queried what this applied to.

P64.01.25 It was subsequently **RESOLVED** that members were unable to comment on the above application since they did not have the technical knowledge to understand the variation of the conditions and why it was necessary for these variations to be made.

6.0 DECISION NOTICES

Approved:

WD/2024/2793/F

PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION
50 DOWNSVIEW CRESCENT, UCKFIELD TN22 1SA

WD/2024/1798/F

CHANGE OF USE OF OFFICE UNIT TO FORM ONE 2-BED DWELLING, INCLUDING REPLACEMENT EXTERNAL DOORS WITHIN REAR (SOUTH) ELEVATION AND PROVISION OF EXTERNAL RAILINGS TO FORM PATIO GARDEN
SUITE C, PORTLAND HOUSE, 60-64 FRAMFIELD ROAD, UCKFIELD, TN22 5AR

Members noted the Decision Notices.

7.0 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

Uckfield New Town TM/2025/0004/TPO

CROWN REDUCE ONE SYCAMORE TREE BY UP TO 2M WITHIN TREE
PRESERVATION

ORDER (UCKFIELD) NO 23, 1982
5 OAKLEA WAY, UCKFIELD TN22 2BL

Members noted the Tree Preservation Order.

8.0 TO CONSIDER PROCESS FOR RESPONDING TO SURVEY ON EAST SUSSEX RIGHTS OF WAY ACCESS PLAN

Together members went through each question of the survey and gave answers which the committee clerk was instructed to complete online before the deadline of the 14th March.

The meeting closed at 8.13pm.

Meeting of the Plans Committee
Monday 10th March 2025

AGENDA ITEM 8.0
TO ADVISE ON THE TOWN COUNCIL'S OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS OUTSIDE THE USUAL CYCLE OF MEETINGS.

1.0 Summary

1.1 The report provides the Town Council's comments and observations on the applications listed that were not placed on an agenda as their date for response falls outside the usual cycle of Plans Committee meetings.

2.0 Background

2.1 At a meeting of Full Council on 8 April 2013 a resolution was made on the procedure for the Town Council's comments and observations on applications for which Wealden District Council need a response that would fall outside the usual cycle of planning meetings. FC.77.04.13.

3.0 Procedure

3.1 The following application was emailed to Plans Committee members for consideration.

A public notice was put up on:

11th February 2025 for:

WD/2025/0159/OH HIDDEN PLACE, RIDGEWOOD HOUSE, LEWES ROAD, TN22 5SN

Install H pole and install 200kva 3phase pole mounted transformer;

and

WD/2025/0227/F 35 MANOR WAY, UCKFIELD, TN22 1DF

Proposed car port over existing parking space;

5th March 2025 for :

WD/2024/2792/F 46 CHURCH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1BT

Installation of a timber garden room in the garden

4.0 Declaration of Interests

4.1 Cllr. Macve declared a personal interest in WD/2025/0227/F 35 MANOR WAY, UCKFIELD, TN22 1DF.

5.0 Comments

5.1 The following comments were emailed to Wealden DC Planning to meet the deadline.

WD/2025/0159/OH HIDDEN PLACE, RIDGEWOOD HOUSE, LEWES ROAD, TN22 5SN

Install H pole and install 200kva 3phase pole mounted transformer.

Uckfield Town Council have no objections to the application.

and

WD/2025/0227/F 35 MANOR WAY, UCKFIELD, TN22 1DF

Proposed car port over existing parking space.

Uckfield Town Council have no objections to the application.

5th March 2025 for :

WD/2024/2792/F 46 CHURCH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1BT

Installation of a timber garden room in the garden.

Uckfield Town Council support the application. However, as it is within the Conservation Area as well as being in the boundary of a listed building, members would like to Heritage/Conservation Officer to pass comment or any advice.

It was questioned whether the Heritage/Conservation Officer felt it would have an impact on Monks House and Milton Cottage, as it would be visible from Puddingcake Lane as the applicant had detailed in their statement.

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 It is recommended that members note the report.

Contact Officer: Linda Lewis

Meeting of Plans Committee

Monday 10 March 2025

Agenda Item 9.0

TO CONSIDER IF THE COMMITTEE WISH TO RESPOND TO A WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION: VALIDATION LOCAL LIST - RESPONSE BY 8 APRIL 2025

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 Uckfield Town Council has been approached along with other parish and town councils to feed back to the local planning authority (Wealden District Council) on their 'local list' for validating planning applications.
- 1.2 This is essentially the checklist of information they need with a planning application before it can be validated and placed out in the public domain for consultation.
- 1.3 Local planning authorities are required to review their checklists every two years. The current list was adopted in February 2023 and an updated list has been produced.

2.0 Check list for validating planning applications

- 2.1 Their current checklist has been reviewed and is now available for consultation on Wealden District Council's website:
www.wealden.gov.uk/validation-local-list-consultation
- 2.2 They advise on their website that the changes that have been made include:

The following changes have been implemented:

- Biodiversity Net Gain – National and Local Validation Requirements have been added to reflect the latest legislative and policy updates.
- Fire Statement Form – Now included as a National Validation Requirement to support fire safety considerations in relevant applications.
- Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) – Updated to incorporate the SuDS Decision Support Tool, which provides guidance for small-scale developments.
- Application Type Checklists – Previously listed validation checklists by application type have been removed to streamline the process.

These updates aim to improve clarity and efficiency in the application process.

- 2.3 The deadline for responses is 5.00pm on Tuesday 8 April 2025.
- 2.4 Once approved, the 'adopted' local list will form the basis upon which planning applications are deemed valid by Wealden District Council.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are asked to advise the Clerk if they wish to provide a response to the consultation, and if so, to consider the way in which they will compile a response in time to meet the deadline on 8 April 2025.

Rights of Way Access Plan - Parish and Town Council Survey

It is preferred that you complete this survey online at:

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/eb728fd7/>

If this is not possible, paper copies can be posted to Sharon Bayne, Blackwood Bayne Ltd, at 8 Herts Crescent, Loose, Maidstone, Kent ME15 0AX or emailed to esccrowap@blackwoodbayne.co.uk or ESCCRoWAP@eastsussex.gov.uk

Overview

East Sussex County Council is responsible for around 2,000 miles (3218 km) of [public rights of way](#). These paths are both in the countryside and urban areas. They are important for enjoying and exploring, for travelling to work or school and for health and wellbeing. They are part of what makes East Sussex a special place to live, work and enjoy.

A public right of way is a path that anyone, by law, has the right to use. There are four types:

- Footpaths for walking, mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs
- Bridleways for walking, horse riding, cycling, mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs
- Restricted byways for walking, horse riding, cycling, mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs and horse-drawn carriages. Byways for all modes including motorised vehicles

Every council that is responsible for public rights of way must have a Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP). This sets out how public rights of way meet the needs of the public, now and in the future. Our current Rights of Way Improvement Plan dates from 2007 and needs to be reviewed. The new plan will be called the Rights of Way Access Plan (ROWAP).

Why your views matter

Your views will help us to make sure that our new Rights of Way Access Plan meets the needs of everyone in East Sussex.

If you use public rights of way, we'd like to know about your experience and how important they are for you.

If you don't use public rights of way, we'd like to know what prevents you and what, if anything, we can do to support you in using them.

Your feedback will help to develop the priorities and actions of the new Rights of Way Access Plan, which will be produced in 2025. Once the new Rights of Way Access Plan has been finalised and approved by the council it will be published on East Sussex County Council's website.

Please complete our survey by the 14th March 2025.

The process of producing the new Rights of Way Access Plan is being supported by an external consultant. If you need to discuss the process of preparing the new ROWAP please contact escrowap@blackwoodbayne.co.uk. Alternatively, please contact East Sussex County Council at ESCCRoWAP@eastsussex.gov.uk or on 0345 60 80 193.

This survey is to support the Rights of Way Access Plan only. If you want to report an issue on a public right of way please click on this link: [Contact us](#) or report and issue on a Right of Way or call 0345 60 80 193.

We are committed to protecting your privacy when you use any of our services. Our Privacy Notices explains how we use the information about you and how we protect your privacy: [Rights of Way and Countryside Team - Privacy Notice - East Sussex County Council](#)

Rights of Way Action Plan - Parish and Town Council Survey

1. Please enter the name of the town or parish council you are replying on behalf of:

2. Please provide your name.

3. Please provide your contact details in case we need to get in touch with you. This could be an email address or a phone number.

4. In what capacity are you representing the parish or town council (choose all that apply). Note – this should be the official response of the council.

- Parish or town clerk
- Chair
- Parish or town councillor
- Footpaths / access warden
- Other (please specify)

5. Does your parish have a public rights of way officer, warden or other representative? Please select only one item

- Yes. If yes, please provide further details in the text box below.
- No

6. Do you carry out or pay for any maintenance work on public rights of way in your parish? Please select only one item.

- Yes. (If yes, please provide further details below.)
- No

7. Do you have volunteers who help with the maintenance and improvement of public rights of way in your area? Please select only one item.

- Yes. If yes, please provide more detail below.
- No

If yes, please provide further details on what work your volunteers carry out. Please provide an estimate of how many work days volunteers contribute to works on public rights of way.

8. **If you do not already have a volunteer group in your area, would you be interested in setting up a group to maintain public rights of way in your Parish?** Please select only one item.

- Yes
 No

9. **Does your council promote any routes?** Please select only one item.

- Yes. If yes, please provide more detail or a link to your promoted routes in the text box below.
 No

Public rights of way in your area

10. **How satisfied are you with the following aspects of public rights of way in your parish?**

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
Vegetation clearance (paths are not overgrown)					
Reinstatement and clearance of paths through crops					
Waymarking of routes – the directional signing along routes					
Fingerposts at the end of public rights of way where the route leaves the road					
The condition of stiles and gates					
The condition of timber bridges					
Surface condition					
Accessibility for less mobile users					
Paths being free from obstructions (not including crops)					

11. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The public rights of way network in our parish/town is:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
An important asset for residents in our parish					
Important to support the health and well-being of residents in our parish					
Important for travelling to work and school					
Important for enjoying and exploring nature					
Important for tourism and the visitor economy					

12. Do you feel that over the last 10 years the general condition of public rights of way in your parish or town has:

- Improved
- Stayed the same
- Declined
- Not sure / don't know

Please provide reasons for your answer below.

Reporting PROW Issues

13. Have you reported a public rights of way issue to East Sussex County Council in the past 12 months?

- Yes
 No

14. How did you report the problem? Please tick all that apply.

- Through East Sussex County Council's online Rights of Way Map
 Through East Sussex County Council's Highways Contact Centre via phone
 Directly to the Rights of Way & Countryside Team's email address/inbox
 Other: Please specify below

Service When Reporting Issues

15. How would you rate the service of East Sussex County Council when you reported an issue?

	Very poor	Poor	Neutral	Good	Very good	Not applicable
Ease of reporting the issue by phone						
Ease of reporting the issue via email						
Ease of reporting the issue via online map						
Ease of tracking the progress of your report						
Overall service you received						

16. How could we have improved your experience of reporting a problem on a public right of way?

Priorities

17. We aim to provide a public rights of way network that serves the needs of East Sussex County residents. To do this, we may need to prioritise where we spend our available budget while delivering on our responsibilities under (within) the law. In your opinion how important are each of the following:

	Not at all important	Of little importance	Neither important nor unimportant	Important	Very important
Maintaining the current public rights of way network					
Protecting and improving the public rights of way network through changes due to development and major infrastructure projects					
Improving access for those living with disabilities					
Improving access for people to improve their health and well-being					
Improving public rights of way for commuting, to work, school or other facilities					

Are there other areas which you think should be a priority?

18. Do you have any additional comments which will help us to draft the Rights of Way Access Plan?

19. Please tell us of any specific public right of way issues or improvements in your parish. Please provide route numbers (if possible) and/or a precise description of the location of the route. Continue separately if necessary and email to esccrowap@blackwoodbayne.co.uk or ESCCR0WAP@eastsussex.gov.uk