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April 2017 Residents Questionnaire

Dear Residents,

I wanted to ask for your feedback on development and housing in our area, given that the local plan is nearing the consultation phase. I will be attending some meetings next week in the Council that will discuss the future of planning in the Borough and Saxon Shore and whilst I feel I have a good understanding of the general view in the ward, I wanted to ask a few specific questions:

- 1. Development in rural areas tend to deliver projects of 2-50 homes with some funding that is currently used for local projects such as play areas .**

What additional projects would you like to see included in this funding?

- Pothole repair
- Dropped kerbs
- Traffic calming
- Speed restriction technology
- Public transport improvements

Are there any other infrastructure projects that you consider should now be permitted to be included in this (106) funding?

2. What degree of development do you consider reasonable over the next 15 years?

- an increase in population of 5% in each area selected for development
- an increase in population of 10% in each area selected for development
- an increase in population of 20% in each area selected for development
- Other

How important is it that any increase in population is linked to:

Very important important not so important

- funding for bus services
- funding for local schools
- funding for road improvements
- funding for maintaining rural characteristics
- Other (please mention)

3. What do you think needs to be delivered in the local plan to ensure that our rural area stays rural?

- Clear guidelines on acceptable numbers of expected development over the 15 year period?
- A commitment to limit the size and number of minor residential developments permitted to go ahead in rural areas
- More involvement to be expected by ward members and parish Councils to engage with the public on planning matters with regard to developments before they are a fait accomplis
- A commitment from the Council on “saturation points “ for rural areas and levels of compensation if these are breached
- Other

These are tough times with regard to protecting the rural setting. The Landscape protection policy is being incorporated into the local plan but I still need your feedback to fight any further plans, to ensure if development is permitted, it fits with our rural way of life.

Many thanks

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