

Comments on Balcombe Neighbourhood Plan Feedback

Housing Site Allocations

Rectory Gardens

Whilst reconfiguring the centre it would be lovely to extend the pub garden for villagers esp safety/enviro for children

Car park needs to be appropriately located and landscaped to avoid it becoming too dominant

Provided character of the village is not effected, and suitable provision for traffic calming. Car park must be sensibly located with good, safe access and suitably landscaped so as not to be an eyesore.

Site Q also very good. Sites C & D too far from village centre for easy pedestrian access to shop, school etc

The development will assist in re-centring the heart of the village

I am supportive of dwellings in the village centre that provide easy walking access to local amenities

Houses to look like Balcombe Houses

Having raised a family in and around Balcombe there are few if not no affordable properties for "downsize" to, it is a great wish to do so and remain in Balcombe

With adequate parking for the residents of new builds

They should pay due regard to the "Sussex" architectural style

In keeping with the village surroundings

Needs to take account of traffic concerns at the mini roundabout

Especially if it contributes to lower vehicle speeds in Haywards Heath Road

Only concern is access onto the road if near mini-roundabout near school

Subject to confirmation of where the "car park" will be and with respect to speed of traffic on the road, school traffic blocking road etc. Feel very strongly that the Rectory remains in the centre of the village. It is more important to be near the people than the church building for their access to the Rector and the Rector's awareness of village happenings. If the Rectory moves the church will become more detached not less. Where it is accessible esp. to the older residents who would not walk to the church area as they do now to the Rectory. Its location encourages people to pop in.

Will result in traffic problems at/near busy junction

Bare minimum

Public car park essential

Well thought out scheme, would enhance centre of village

Pavement needs to be wider

Please do not move the rectory. The current site makes the rector part of the village centre. It is a good location where it currently is.

but access on to this very busy road seems most inappropriate. Could some single storey dwellings be considered? Could part of designated C.P. be used for a garden for the Half Moon to promote trade. The tree lined frontage needs very careful consideration for appropriate planting of trees. Amateurs tend to forget that trees grow.

How residents join the highway is of significance particularly here where there is considerable congestion due to peak through traffic and school pickup times

In existing built up area so should be absorbed into main part of village without a great deal of disruption.

10 spaces only seems small bearing in mind costs involved

why not a few 4 bedroom houses for larger families?

This also is an opportunity to improve the safety of users of the footpath from Half Moon to the School junction.

Why only 10 car park space but 14 dwellings

Providing safe guards are in place for the above points

A car park is well needed and perhaps hedges will then be cut back

Not sure about the viability of knocking down the Rectory to then build it elsewhere

would support if social housing

Need to address access off main road and parking at beginning and end of school day. Road is severely congested at the moment.

Traffic could be a problem. The road is full of parked cars at drop off and collection times for the school, making the road sometimes unpassable.

To be in almhouse style in keeping with older style housing close by

We are concerned that development here will severely affect traffic in the village - can it be re-routed away from village centre?

what about school parking?

Car park ongoing management & operation to be transferred to district council. Management & maintenance of existing tree lined frontage to be responsibility of district council.

I would support this if fewer houses were built. 10 parking spaces good idea but will attract residents from the new build I fear. Too much extra traffic coming onto HH Road from this one area

Please keep vicarage in village centre NOT down by church

This is an already congested road and having an additional access will simply add to the problem

Support the need for housing but very concerned about vehicle access onto an already busy road, and loss of rectory from village centre

A dangerous area to build due to speed of traffic!!

allocate a portion of Rectory Gardens to Half Moon Inn to improve commercial viability; probable that car park will be used by the residents of new housing; access to /congestion on Haywards Heath Road

must be in keeping with the style of the village homes

This would ruin the appearance of this part of the village, and result in the loss of many fine trees

Lived in Balcombe for 60 years it's very busy with traffic NOW for school etc and passing traffic in this area

The centre of the village is already heavily developed and no matter how good the design development will not be able to complement the historic buildings

This area was cleared of trees several years ago clearly this development is long in the planning! I am sure the pub will appreciate the parking

Barn Field

Too far from village centre for easy pedestrian access

Too far from the centre. Requires cars.

Provided the scheme comprises proposals for traffic calming measures to the HH Road

see above

May I suggest that if traffic calming measures are introduced, they are much more effective than those between the Half Moon Inn and the village school

Busy Road!

We have anti-social housing in Balcombe. Importing more problem families from outside the village should not be considered. I hope this will be thought about carefully.

They should be set back from the road

Takes away far reaching views as you enter or leave village - bad, ill thought scheme

Possibly a proper roundabout at a new junction of this site and Oldlands?

Be aware of blocking existing houses

but careful consideration must be given to house design and placement because of exposure to the east winds. Speed limits need enforcement as eg road jumps are noisy and irritating to drivers. Empty lorries going to the proposed light industry site would make a terrible noise either over humps or in potholes which develop.

As above

Would recommend again that allocation of any social housing to tenants with Balcombe connections

Traffic calming measures should also be proactively proposed/thought about/ negotiated by BPC

Again, where are the car parking spaces

Haywards Heath Rod is already very dangerous and an accident outside Tiggers would be a disaster

Only supported if dwellings fit in with surroundings and there are plenty of parking spaces (ie 28 minimum) out of site from the road

would support if social housing

Need to publically agree traffic calming measures

What would the traffic calming measures be? This is already a very busy road at certain times of the day.

Good agricultural land. Would prefer Brown Field site at old Vintens Nursery

However speeding traffic already a problem with people trying to get out of Buttercup Barn and Oldlands - very poor visibility. There is an accident waiting to happen here.

traffic calming is essential on this stretch of road

Spoil country view. There is no traffic calming on H Heath Road. It's like living on a motorway nobody keeps to speed limit. It's not fair to farmers where will the cattle go!!!

Something effective needs to be done first about the speeding of the traffic along the Haywards Heath Road

Possibly better to use area for relocating Balcombe School and use Balcombe School site for housing an existing school site makes school extension difficult and would allow modern school building to be built.

as above

It extends the village. One of the only views from the village which all can enjoy from the public footpath. Extra traffic, noise, and traffic calming measures have not been successful in the past

This would ruin the beautiful view opposite the tennis courts

Traffic calming measures are always welcome for this area of the village. Development on the outskirts will not detract from the heritage centre

Less keen on this site as it feels like linear development away from the village

How does this "conserve and enhance the landscape and natural beauty of the AONB" when you are putting houses on an open field blocking the view of several houses to the landscape beyond? It is farmland! See attached sheet and photos

North of Station House

Care needs to be taken to ensure access onto highway safe

Very steep slope between road and railway. Not nearly as good as Site Q

Provides greater volume of starter homes

The road is too fast, and the railway too noisy. I would not want my family to live there.

see above

Road too busy to introduce another road and houses into the mix - more traffic will go past school

Again with adequate parking provided

Adequate parking and access. I hope they like trains.

Unlikely to be suitable for retired people or young families due to slope of land meaning steps/terraced gardens - unsuitable for buggies and elderly with restricted mobility

There needs to be parking for each dwelling and enough for their visitors - underground if it can be achieved

Providing this does not interfere with additional station parking

Provisional on the row of very tall trees following the line of the footpath being felled. These have grown out of all proportion and affect evening sunlight to Newlands (north) houses

All developments need sufficient parking which is already pressurised. Wouldn't want this to be higher than 2 storeys.

A smaller Rectory may be more manageable. The present location is central and desirable for people to find

As long as the appearance of this area/Rocks Farm is not harmed.

xxx site between station and busy road

Why no traffic calming here too? Speeds on London Road at this point are too high.

but careful thought needs to be given to the footway at the top of Rocks Lane. Perhaps impossible to widen and pedestrians have to walk in the road. Noise assessment of trains needs monitoring before houses/flats are built. Adequate fencing needed along the top of the quarry.

Access and lack of infrastructure could be a problem

The apiary area to the north of this site must be preserved as the bees provide a vital service to the village in pollination. The bees have been there for over 100 years and must not be disturbed. Please correct the map.

car parking?

Providing traffic measures are in place

Only supported if the dwellings fit in with the village and there is ample parking ie not a cheap block of flats and at least 28 parking spaces off road

as above

This proposed development will xxx xxx xxx on an already busy road with additional vehicular traffic and associated parking.

Too many dwellings proposed for size of area, its location and proposed access. Fewer dwellings would be a better proposal

Again, more effective traffic calming measures need to be made along the London Road. A "40 mile" limit also needs to be in place from Pilstye -Kemps area

in principal no major objection but question viability of site for residential construction

Too much traffic near the station

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as above

This would ruin the view west of the road

Unused land close to the station is beneficial development

Same as above, how does this "conserve and enhance the landscape and natural beauty of the AONB"?

Policy 3 Housing Design

Not if they are sat blocking the view of long standing residents in other houses

Very important the designs xxx adopted sympathetic to the local character of the village

The key is to build housing that will be suitable for 100 + years. Building tiny rabbit hutches will leave future slums

Single storey dwellings to suit older villagers

see above

Balcombe is an ideal family village so more bedroom houses may be needed

I think there should be a few larger properties - 5 or 6 bed

See above re "anti-social" housing people from outside Balcombe

4 + bedroom houses to be limited to 10%

Especially concerned re retirement area. Could thought be given to a retirement "village" (can be small) with a Warden/Manager. Does not have to be large and could be privately owned dwellings. This is lacking

Principle is good but in practice? What is a 3 bedroom house and study and loft conversion?

would support split of 60% - 40%

Is there any planning means of stopping large extensions being built on to existing large houses? Our stock of smaller houses has been lost over the years eg 2 cottages made into one house.

Could you also include disability access not only to enter the homes but also inside

The Sx 2/3 bedroom houses built and for sale around me have taken a long time to sell, viewers apparently reporting they are looking for larger houses, however assume demand has been analysed correctly

Too many 4 bed houses exist with just couples in, we require small units for young and old

Not supported on the grounds of proportion for occupation of retirement age - we need homes for younger people already too many people of retirement age

But is any for social housing?

We feel it has taken far too long to provide affordable homes. Lots of young people from the village have moved out as they can't afford it. It will all come too late for ourselves now.

Is there a way to prevent the existing predicament of extending homes subsequently. We are suffering from having too many homes being greatly extended, thus losing the original supply of 3 - 4 bedroom homes.

I believe these are the right size and demographic

No properties should be limited to any age restriction and should be made available to 100% of the general public

Village adequately served by larger houses for foreseeable future

Retirement dwellings OK 4 bedrooms seems excessive

4 bedroom is too big

classifying homes by no. of bedrooms leads to cramped rooms! Design should specify m2.

This proportion should benefit the village and prevent it becoming an exclusive village to the detriment of its development although affordable in Balcombe is never going to be cheap!

Not if they are sat blocking the view of long standing residents in other houses

Housing Design Guide

same as above

Needs to be rigidly enforced

To conform to local designs

Not specific enough to agree or disagree

Not enough information

Not sure what this is. Previous drop on events showed a drawn design and a photographed design which didn't match

More houses with more bedrooms for young families

External design, especially near village centre is very important

Green housing - eco friendly. Solar hot water min.

Sounds reasonable. Space and decent green areas around and between dwellings rather than small boxes please

The greatest possible care needed over this, with the new Council making themselves familiar with vernacular architecture and should be prepared to battle with developers over this.

would like to study designs when the plans are out.

When it comes to design people like different things. Quality of build, affordability, access and sympathetic joining of the highway are more important.

We trust that there will be a good % of homes for sale freehold and not just an exercise in extending the renting portfolio of existing landlords! If homeowners like us are unable to downsize by PURCHASING we will have to move away from the village which we don't want to do.

I think it a mistake to exclude larger houses (for larger families) we do not want to create slums!!

No more like the telephone exchange house on Oldlands please!

What is this?

Flats also needed

Any development should not detract from the look of the village

I'm not sure I gave it much attention

Never seen it

Hopefully some provision would be given for small private garden areas in the retirement properties as "not everyone" appreciates communal gardens

A well put together balanced document

no significant objections; a well written thoughtful document

all housing to be in keeping with the village

This looks like the previous question!

The design guide should focus on a high quality design, insulation etc and not the existence necessarily

I don't agree that there should be a preference for retaining/extending existing - this often leads to prolonging life of poor quality, accommodation. Each case should be determined on merit

same as above

Enterprise, Home Working & Broadband

Glebe Farm Business Use

Vehicular access must be improved with regard to sight lines on egress

As long as the requirements are adhered to re noise and "significant" increase in vehicles etc. How could this be monitored?

but who would be responsible for policing this! As it is very easy to agree to restrictions but then go on to make changes to the detriment of people living close by

traffic calming measures for the Barn Field development should be extended to include the access points to the Glebe Farm business development site

If a home is suitable for a "business use" surely there will only be an extra 2 maybe 3 cars at a time during working hours at the house/business in question.

Need to consider each case carefully through planning process. What is relevance of "Broadband" as we have Infinity?

Depends what the business is. It would have to be considered carefully by the council and residents. Adjacent to it.

I hope this will not open the door to a large industrial estate

Worried about access to Glebe Farm.. Need for better visibility on exiting the site

High speed broadband to be provided to out of village dwellings eg farms

but must be rigorously applied

Policy is too vague, Balcombe residential areas should remain residential to maintain the peace and tranquillity that attracted us to make homes in the village

the current business use causes noise pollution

Village Centre

Provided due consideration is given to the character of the village, and any change takes account of traffic and traffic calming measures

The village needs shops, pop up, low rent, whatever it takes. Never returns to commercial after converted to residential

No takeaway food thank you!

Perhaps the Rectory could be smaller. Land use by the Half Moon would help its viability. Perhaps a

Could discussions be opened with Chichester Diocese to give the area of garden adjacent to the Half Moon to the pub as a pub garden - this would greatly enhance the pub and make the Rectory garden more sensible in size.

we should try to keep all our shops

Please maintain pub as pub whatever the pressure

The importance of keeping in mind the fact of how dangerous the village centre crossroad is and put measures in place to improve safety BEFORE someone is killed rather than after.

Further attempts should be made to get a STOP sign at the junction especially on the south side where there is no proper/clear visibility

I have concerns over whether buildings could deliberately be kept empty enabling their eventual conversion to domestic dwellings

Once a village centre unit is gone, it's gone forever! The exception criteria listed should be applied and measured rigorously.

While empty units are themselves a problem, is there a risk of attrition, where each case merits change of use and eventually they are all changed

No parking outside Heads Together and the old Post Office

provided they have real and significant economic benefit to the village and parish

Primary School

It is necessary to keep plenty of green space for children to enjoy

So long as extensive "research" is taken that the development is necessary to serve the residents of the village only - not to accommodate those wishing to take advantage of a village location that do not live here

There is a danger that there will be fewer children in Balcombe when housing movement slows down - natural cycle - would school resort to fewer students in each class

Make sure you ensure good class sizes

If houses are built then the facilities must be increased

This would be vital to a growing village. Nursery provision may need consideration.

Need enough for village children to all have the choice to attend.

School isolated across road from rest of village - if expanded should be addressed

Very important for village children to attend the village school and not have to go to eg Ardingly/Cuckfield primary schools. Especially as previously children from Maidenbower have been allowed a place.

Provided provision of more school places is given to Balcombe children. Adequate crossing patrols (or alternatives) but are there going to be people willing to do that job, now that Balcombe has become a commuter village?

Necessary for increase in village children if extra housing goes ahead

This is essential - housing development should be resisted until funds for the development of the school are secured. New arrangements for drop-off and pick up are also essential (now) and esp. if development goes ahead at Balcombe House.

Only supported if extension to school fits in with existing building

As long as the safety of the crossing to school is maintained

Must give priority to village children. Must address parking congestion on main roads.

Only if this serves families in the village and not for children outside the village who already live nearer to a school other than Balcombe.

School should ask parents NOT to park on the road from the village centre which often causes obstruction to passing traffic

I support this provided there is no loss of the school's outside spaces

Insufficient staff parking already, traffic jams at peak times on HH will increase, especially if Balcombe House Gardens site developed. Existing sloped site of school on main road, is it really suitable for extension?

Has relocation of school itself been considered?

If people living in village can get priority rather than people outside the village

No parking on the road adjacent to the triangular green space opposite the primary school. If the primary school was to be expanded there would not be enough parking space for cars. Existing parents "clutter up" the roads at the moment

see earlier comments about relocation of school to area near Barn Field and existing school site should have significant value for residential development

I support one classroom for each year group

Car parking is needed in the scheme as the present parents cause a traffic jam

I think there should be a one way system on the roads as the present scheme is an accident waiting to happen

Community Facilities

But not so sure about Bramble Hall or Skateboard Park

Could BT be persuaded to give up/lease the land within the telephone exchange for car parking?

Not skate park

Explore joining pub and Balcombe stores as a community hub. Fund land for small pub garden or land to be rented just for spring to summer.

Explore joining the pub and shop together as a community hub. Look to see if any land can be included to make a pub garden

Apart from the skateboard park

Bramble Hall has proved to be an excellent facility. It is to be hoped that a long term lease can be negotiated to ensure its continued use as a village hall.

As long as "in keeping" eg station

See policy 5 re Half Moon Garden. The front part of the adjoining garden could make a small car park for the pub ONLY and the rear (Orchard area) for the pub garden.

I do not support the skateboard park being on the recreation ground at the pavilion end. This is directly outside the bedroom window and I am concerned about the excessive noise etc this will bring.

Do not put skateboard park at pavilion end of recreation ground. This is directly outside my bedroom window; I am concerned about noise,, especially the impact of landing tricks which environmental assessments state as particularly annoying.

Yes - support all this ex Bramble Hall. This is an expensive luxury for a village this size and which is already well served.

Any one P.A. needs very careful consideration re the viability of other community facilities on the list. In particular the historic importance of the Victory Hall and its frescoes needs to be considered at all times.

Got to move with the times and the expected increase in residents

Except for skate board park. Very last century

Supported? In what sense? Financially - then may be.

As for policy 6

Skateboard park discussed separately

No for skateboard park

Consideration should be made of the risk to children crossing London Road to access the skate park, as proposed

& allotments

Balcombe CE Primary School and playing field to be accommodated under Policy 6. Parish Room & Scout Hut demolished land released to be xxx for village usage. Permanent Scout Hut xxx be xxx to policy 6.

All depend on car parking possibilities

Can it be reasonably demonstrated that a skateboard park would be fully used or would it just become an eyesore? I cannot remember the last time I saw a child on a skateboard in the village

Provided the design guide principles are followed

Providing tennis courts, skateboard park and playing field are well maintained

with reservations - see comment re school and uncertain of a skateboard park locally would result in an attractive facility for use by wide range of children and young adults

Development or partial re-development usually means extending. Do we really need a skateboard park? Extra noise - attracting people from all over - traffic, parking issues

as and when if really needed

How popular would skateboard be in 10 years' time?

Not skateboard park

Skateboard Park

Who is responsible when someone breaks a leg?

Vintens Tip or Recreation Ground

Recreation Ground

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Not for Balcombe

Maybe vulnerable to providing a "meeting point" for other non social activities? (unsupervised)

Recreation Ground of course

In the park

Recreation Ground or Cricket Ground

Would be nice to have a mini park near the skateboard park

If people want skateboard parks they should move to the town

Vintens

A probably yes but slightly concerned about who might be attracted

Site H

Please use as much noise-reducing materials as poss

but with concerns about kids loitering after dark

Wrong location xxx road near school would increase vandalism

Have no particular views - would it be properly used or become another problem area or generate problems eg vandalism, behaviours etc

Minor asset

Cricket Field

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there seems to be a great danger to children crossing such a busy road

NOT in the recreation ground

Recreation Ground - where else!

Should be properly screened however

Must be sure it would be used!

Recreation Ground

The Rec - a safer area for children to play

It would be better in the recreation ground because children would have to cross London Road (Dangerous)

Not in the village

Not near main road

Skateboarding is noisy will encourage youngsters to hang around. It is also not so popular an activity and is gender specific (mainly boys' activity)

Is stakeboarding still the "in thing"? Cost of park could outweigh advantages keep any park away from Rec.

Recreation Ground - would rather not have a skateboard park than have it in that location. Do we have to have one? Is there an alternative?

Is there evidence that one is needed/would be well used?

Whose idea for skateboard park (Marty McFly) this 2015 not 1988 - how many would use it.

Def. near recreation ground

Is this a known need? How many would use it?

At the recreation ground site of tarmac area near gym equipment - where road markings have been painted for children to play on

Bagpiths Field or the Recreation Ground (avoiding the need to cross busy roads)

On the recreation ground

other greenfield space. How many residents of the age to use it and how do you decide its design and size

not appropriate for village

will the village youngsters use it enough?

HH part of proposed residential site; by station instead of proposed residential site - better use of this poor quality of land; on the recreation ground, hard area by pavilion?

Park

In the park

By cricket pitch or in recreation ground

Supported but with concerns that it is maintained and kept free of drugs and anti-social use

Possibly B2

B2

In the recreation ground

Recreation ground

safe place to cross the road. Fenced and locked between 5.00 pm and 9.00 am closed Sundays

Recreation Ground adjoining the basketball courts London Road is too busy for children to cross and play next to.

see previous comment/reservation if facility would be sufficient to provide adequate challenge

Rec area

Recreation ground - better to be inclusive and part of the community

Why does a rural village need a skateboard park? Plenty of countryside for children to enjoy. It is an urban phenomenon

Up on recreation ground

Having it where suggested would mean it would be between 2 public buildings (Scout Hut and School) that are empty a lot of the time, so there could be vandalism. I suggest the Rec as that's where the teenagers meet anyway!

At the recreation ground

Is skateboarding that popular now? What is demand? It would be a potential eyesore/white elephant

Not near Scout Hut. As could be detrimental and cause more vandalism

Vintens or the Rec.

Who is responsible when someone breaks a leg?

Local Green Spaces

These local green spaces help maintain the character of the village, and people's quality of life and wellbeing. It is imperative they are maintained and protected.

The character and quality of the village has to be taken into account and any proposal must not blight the area, and undermine the village and allotments

So long as the development encourages social facilities for the betterment of the village social/family infrastructure

Keep as much greenery as possible!

Should also include allotments

Support in the main but would it hurt to build on Bagpiths Field?

Sometimes people can get too ambitious with development causing ugliness, noise and nuisance

Burial Ground

Area Q is more suitable

Not ideal location proposed

Not ideal

People who have resided in the village for a lifetime deserve to rest here. I do believe spaces are now very limited? (I'm lucky, I have my spot...!)

The existing burial ground should be extended

Could be better used for another purpose - not enough room to bury people when they can get cremated instead. Use the land for the living!

With parking

The Churchyard could be full within five years

I think it is a great shame that land adjacent to the current graveyard cannot be made available. I have a poor view of grieving families/friends having to negotiate the main road in something reminiscent of "Monty Python" even if not everyone has a strong feeling about the "Church" there is something special about the graveyard here and the alternative will create a lesser experience in every way. BUT space is needed soon.

How do you cross church hill carrying a coffin with a car flying towards you, ridiculous - should do a deal with Balcombe house - housing for burial ground

Burial should be replaced by cremation

The burial ground needs to be as near the church as possible. Could Mr Smith be persuaded to release land immediately adjacent to the present churchyard in exchange for some other concession re housing sites.

It is a very boggy area. It would be very dangerous for pedestrians to cross the road there from the church.

See policy 12

Though we support this we are just concerned about the drainage

Is it to be C of E land or for other Christian org!

If ground can be found for houses then the burial ground should be attached to the church not in a remote very wet field, both the church and the landowner should talk and an area and cost should be sorted out to extend the existing one eastwards

Perfect location close to church from the map it doesn't really look big enough though

Safety implications for road crossings - may need provision of additional signage and crossing points

Just get this plan moving as soon as possible space is getting desperate in the churchyard

no an ideal solution but to date no other possibility has been identified and there is an urgent need to xxx available burial ground

If pleasantly landscaped and unobtrusive/screened

the existing burial ground should be extended, so it keeps it near to the church

More spaces needed for local people

Land is at a premium. This is not a priority when cremation is an alternative that does not require this kind of real estate

Station Car Park

Subject safety measures and road calming measures

Subject to safety and road calming

Transport plan needs to consider Bramble Hill commuter parking issues now that Newlands demonstrates that change is possible

Attention to access with traffic calming

Not sure we need it due to the extra village parking

Don't think you will ever stop people parking on the verge- after all it's free...!!! I propose that is bollarded off as it is dangerous

We should be encouraging all cars off the road between Cuckfield and the station. It's an accident waiting to happen!

Put solar panels on the new houses!

Only if the price remains sensible - there should be discounts for those living within the village. Plus more trains to London

Insist the car park charges are reduced so the car park is well utilised. NOT the local roads.

However, will people use it or continue to clutter the village to avoid paying - can costs be negotiated to a level people would pay - is everything about profits! (rhetorical!)

Hardly worth it, unless more trains stopping at Balcombe - at least 2/hr in each direction

Haphazard parking by rail travellers is causing danger to car drivers and pedestrians, and daily annoyance to parishioners throughout the village. Any solution is welcome.

or only when the station car park is fully use of if parking stopped in Newlands, Bramble Hill and outside station on Cuckfield Road

Will the extra spaces (not free!) be utilised or will commuters still use roads such as Bramble Hill

In conjunction with efforts to cut the out of village parking by commuters

Providing it is not managed by Nat Rail

We should not pander to commuters. A pay car park will not be used, a free car park will draw more people in from outside the village. Neither will solve the parking on residential roads.

This would be pampering to the needs of the commuters from outside the village and not for any real benefits to the residents of the village

But how to ensure that people use the car park, as at present cars are often parked along the London Road while there are spaces in the existing car park.

This proposal will combined with Policy 1 lead to further traffic congestion and parking difficulties locally. Providing additional extra station car parking has proved unworkable; without incentives it will continue to be so.

It seems that no matter how many parking spaces are provided at the station, unless they are Free people will always park on the street

If it will remove cars from Bramble Hill, Newlands and random parking on London Road. But will it?

Providing the cost to park is zero or low amount so people use it instead of parking on other roads in Balcombe

Must put a stop to parking on Bramble Hill, Newlands and London Road

Station car park is not fully used now why make more space

Spaces should be free or discounted to parish residents but only if combined with incentives to use car park or access, London Road, Bramble Hill etc; possibly "free" parking for Balcombe Parish residents

yes but would need to be designed so that people use it, as current station car park does not seem to be used to full capacity

Station car parking too expensive so people go elsewhere

The existing car park is not fully used. BR wants to lower the charge even further to encourage people to use it instead of parking outside

Provided commuters parking is controlled and removed from residential streets close to the station including Bramble Hill, Newlands etc

Though hope it won't be necessary

Hopefully parking along the road will stop

The station car park is largely unused, due to people parking for free on Newlands. Why is providing more spaces going to change this?

Renewable Energy

Renewable energy fine - but extensive use of solar panels very usually obtrusive. Perhaps woodchip boilers better - we have plenty of woods in the parish

Renewable energy is a tax on the poor

Approval for limited oil extraction

Provided no additional costs incurred by house owners

Would need more information

Not enough information - a major issue

The way ahead. No fracking the Parish cannot support fracking.

"Significant" means? I am sure that land can be acquired which would not be visible at all for solar panels. They look appalling but perhaps land owners could think of a really suitable spot - in which case I would agree.

Important that we are pro-active on the science of global warming is accurate

Not sure about this - some schemes are hideous and many people disagree as to what is "significant detrimental effect"

Solar panels on house roofs are often detrimental to the customary and acceptable appearance of houses in a country village. The Parish Council should not encourage their use in conspicuous locations.

No wind farms, no rush to put solar panels on every roof - I am in favour of some LIMITED DEVELOPMENT where it is well screened etc

More detailed information required

Energy subsidies should go to those in need not protest groups

Can not see how solar panels or such like cannot have a detrimental effect on the AONB - they are an eyesore.

As long as this is well researched and explained

We strongly support RePower Balcombe!

who will decide this. I believe I know it should be us

Solar panels OK but some idiots are suggesting useless windmills, let's face it Balcombe will never be self sufficient in electricity without destroying the village, only a few people are trying to make money, let them finance it themselves.

but not just AONB concerns but other environmental concerns as well

In principle would agree

Providing it does not pollute the environment ie noise, chemicals, air, traffic etc

As long as it is not fracking or fracking in disguise