

Thank you for taking the time to look at our exhibition and completing the questionnaire. All the details can be viewed on our website: www.hurstpierpoint-pc.org.uk

You might have a few other questions, such as:

What happens next ?

The Parish Council will consider the feedback from this consultation and decide what changes, if any, it will make to the proposals. If a scheme can be agreed, and approved by the Highway Authority, then the construction would start around the beginning of 2014. We would hope to complete the works as quickly as possible, but it would take a few months. We would do everything we can to avoid a closure of the High Street while the works are proceeding.

What will it cost ?

Our provisional estimate is about £145,000, which includes all the preparation and design work. We might look to add some enhancements, such as planting and signs, to add to the character of the Street, and this would be an additional cost.

Who will pay ?

A combination of the Parish Council and West Sussex County Council (the Highway Authority). We are expecting that some funds will be available from developers (s106 payments) who gain planning permission in the area.

Will it make things any better?

Any solution will be a compromise, because of the physical limitations of the High Street. As ever, sensible and considerate driving will make the biggest difference, but we hope that the proposed scheme will be an improvement for shoppers, pedestrians and drivers.

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QUESTIONNAIRE PUBLIC EXHIBITION + CONSULTATION

Thursday 22 to Saturday 24 November 2012

9.30 am to 1.00pm Village Centre, Trinity Road

High Street Improvements Scheme 18th century street taking 21st century traffic...

The traffic in Hurstpierpoint High Street has been a problem for many years. As traffic increases so difficulties with parking, congestion and pedestrian safety have grown.

Last year the Parish Council asked specialist consultants Stilwell Partnership to investigate the High Street and come up with some options for solving the problems. It has become obvious that a road that was suitable for a horse and cart is never going to be right for modern traffic. However, there are some changes which could make it safer and more pleasant and we now want to hear what you think about these ideas.



***Please take a few moments to complete
this leaflet and hand it in to the Parish
Office***

(Village Centre, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint).

Thank you

The problems....

- Narrow pavements mean pedestrians are at risk from passing vehicles.
- Traffic congestion leads to frustration, and sometimes to 'road-rage'.
- Drivers cannot see past parked delivery lorries.
- Vehicles mounting the pavement in order to get through.
- Illegal parking adds to the congestion and prevents 'forward visibility'.

What would we like to see ?

- A safer and more pleasant place for pedestrians.
- Safe parking spaces where feasible.
- Reduce the congestion.
- Improve the 'forward visibility' for drivers.
- Stop inconsiderate parking.

The constraints:

- Illegal carparking is very difficult and expensive to enforce all the time.
- Preventing all parking (even if it was possible) would allow the traffic to speed up, which is not good.
- The shape of the High Street is irregular, with side turnings and accesses.
- We want to try and keep the character of the High Street and, if anything, try to enhance the 'village feel'.

What are the options.....

Our specialist consultants have looked at a range of options, but these reduce to just three basic ones:

(1) Traffic lights: Because of the irregular shape and the number of side turnings, there is no system that can work. The lights would be too far apart and too many vehicle movements in between (parking, turning and so on) which would be confusing and possibly dangerous.

(2) Shared space: This would combine the pavements and the road, so that vehicles and pedestrians would move around each other. This has worked in some other places and it has the effect of slowing the traffic, but the problem in the High Street is that there is not really enough space to share.

(3) Priority give-way: This is an extension of the existing arrangement at the east end of the High Street, which generally works well. Two more 'priority give-way' sections would be built, to control vehicle movements and limit the parking to safer areas. The pavements would also be widened in some places.

This is the option we are proposing. What do you think ?

QUESTIONS: Please let us know what you think by commenting on each statement about the proposed scheme:

Please tick one box in each section.	AGREE	NOT SURE	DO NOT AGREE
The existing priority give-way generally works well			
The existing pelican crossing should be replaced by a zebra crossing (to avoid traffic light confusion)			
The Village Garden bus stop should be moved and the bus layby converted to parking spaces			
The priority give-way pinch-point at 'Nationwide ' is a positive improvement.			
The priority give-way pinch-point at the 'New Inn' is a positive improvement.			
Providing short-stay parking on the High Street is a positive improvement			
Widening the pavement between 'Nationwide' and Norton House is a positive improvement.			
Narrowing the road between West Furlong Court and 'The New Inn' is a positive improvement.			

Please tell us if you have any other comments: