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Chailey Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Sir or Madam,

Last year, Chailey Parish Council took the decision to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan to guide development within Chailey until 2030. In effect, such a Plan is intended to interpret national and District Council planning policies and bring them down to the local level. The policies embodied in an approved Neighbourhood Plan will have to be taken into account by the District Council, when deciding future planning applications in the Parish. To this end, a Steering Group has been set up which will consult, publicise and prepare a Draft Plan for approval by the community, including a final referendum, with guidance from Lewes District Council. The Plan will cover such topics as Housing, Jobs, Leisure, Shopping and Transport and will be prepared by members of the community on behalf of the Village.

At the present time, the Steering Group is gathering information and seeking the opinions of anyone who might wish to comment on the future of Chailey. To this end, in October of last year, a questionnaire was circulated to all residents in the Chailey News asking their opinions on the various topics. Currently, we are assessing the responses and will be making the conclusions available at a public meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 29th April.

However, it is already clear that, whilst the various businesses and organisations in Chailey are vital to the life of the Village, the questionnaire has not been a successful way of gathering opinions from these groups. Consequently, we are sending a copy of this letter to those businesses and organisations of which we are aware in Chailey. We ask that if you have any comments or thoughts on the future of the Village, or on what changes you think are necessary or desirable, please share them with us. Ideally, your comments will be aimed at the topics listed above, but please do not hesitate to raise anything which you consider appropriate to this process. We will be more than happy to explain our proposals if you would like to contact or write to the Parish Council; full details are available on the website, but the e-mail address is chaileypc@btconnect.com.

Yours faithfully,

Dennis Matthews, on behalf of the Chailey Neighbourhood Plan group.

