

Developer Contribution Survey 2014

In order to gather residents' views on potential future facilities for the village that might be included in negotiations with developers, a short questionnaire was devised by Salehurst & Robertsbridge Parish Council. Householders of voting age were asked to indicate how important to the community they considered each item to be, and there was space for their own suggestions too. The questions came from existing suggestions for negotiation plus a couple from the previous consultation in this parish.

The questionnaires were included as inserts in the March 2014 issue of the Salehurst & Robertsbridge Parish Council newsletter, which is delivered to virtually all households in the parish. There were 1052 households in Salehurst & Robertsbridge at the 2011 Census. 101 questionnaires were returned, representing 10% of the households. Residents were encouraged to use each form for more than one voter in the home, where present, by putting a tick *per person* in the response boxes. The 101 forms gave responses for 187 individuals, which was approximately 9% of the parish population of voting age according to the 2011 Census.

Q1. New 'health centre' premises for current doctors and dentists surgeries			
Importance Rating	No. of responses	% of respondents to <i>this</i> question	% of total 187 replies
None	5	3	3
Low	18	10	10
Middling	52	30	28
High	97	56	52
SUB-TOTAL	172		92
(not answered/left blank)	15		8
TOTAL	187	100	100

Q2. Extension for over-subscribed Robertsbridge Children's Services			
Importance Rating	No. of responses	% of respondents to <i>this</i> question	% of total 187 replies
None	17	11	9
Low	26	17	14
Middling	48	31	26
High	66	42	35
SUB-TOTAL	157		84
(not answered/left blank)	30		16
TOTAL	187	100	100

Q3. Skateboard ramp (half-pipe)			
Importance Rating	No. of responses	% of respondents to <i>this</i> question	% of total 187 replies
None	58	37	31
Low	62	40	33
Middling	28	18	15
High	7	5	4
SUB-TOTAL	155		83
(not answered/left blank)	32		17
TOTAL	187	100	100

Q4. BMX track			
Importance Rating	No. of responses	% of respondents to <i>this</i> question	% of total 187 replies
None	55	35	29
Low	55	35	29
Middling	33	21	18
High	14	9	7
SUB-TOTAL	157		84
(not answered/left blank)	30		16
TOTAL	187	100	100

Q5. Financial help towards a Highways review of parking restrictions and yellow lines			
Importance Rating	No. of responses	% of respondents to <i>this</i> question	% of total 187 replies
None	12	7	6
Low	22	13	12
Middling	39	23	21
High	94	56	50
SUB-TOTAL	167		89
(not answered/left blank)	20		11
TOTAL	187	100	100

Q6. Facility / classroom improvements at the Primary School			
Importance Rating	No. of responses	% of respondents to <i>this</i> question	% of total 187 replies
None	11	7	6
Low	19	12	10
Middling	61	40	33
High	63	41	34
SUB-TOTAL	154		82
(not answered/left blank)	33		18
TOTAL	187	100	100

Q7. Robertsbridge Community College (unspecific support)

Importance Rating	No. of responses	% of respondents to <i>this</i> question	% of total 187 replies
None	26	19	14
Low	36	26	19
Middling	52	38	28
High	24	17	13
SUB-TOTAL	138		74
(not answered/left blank)	49		26
TOTAL	187	100	100

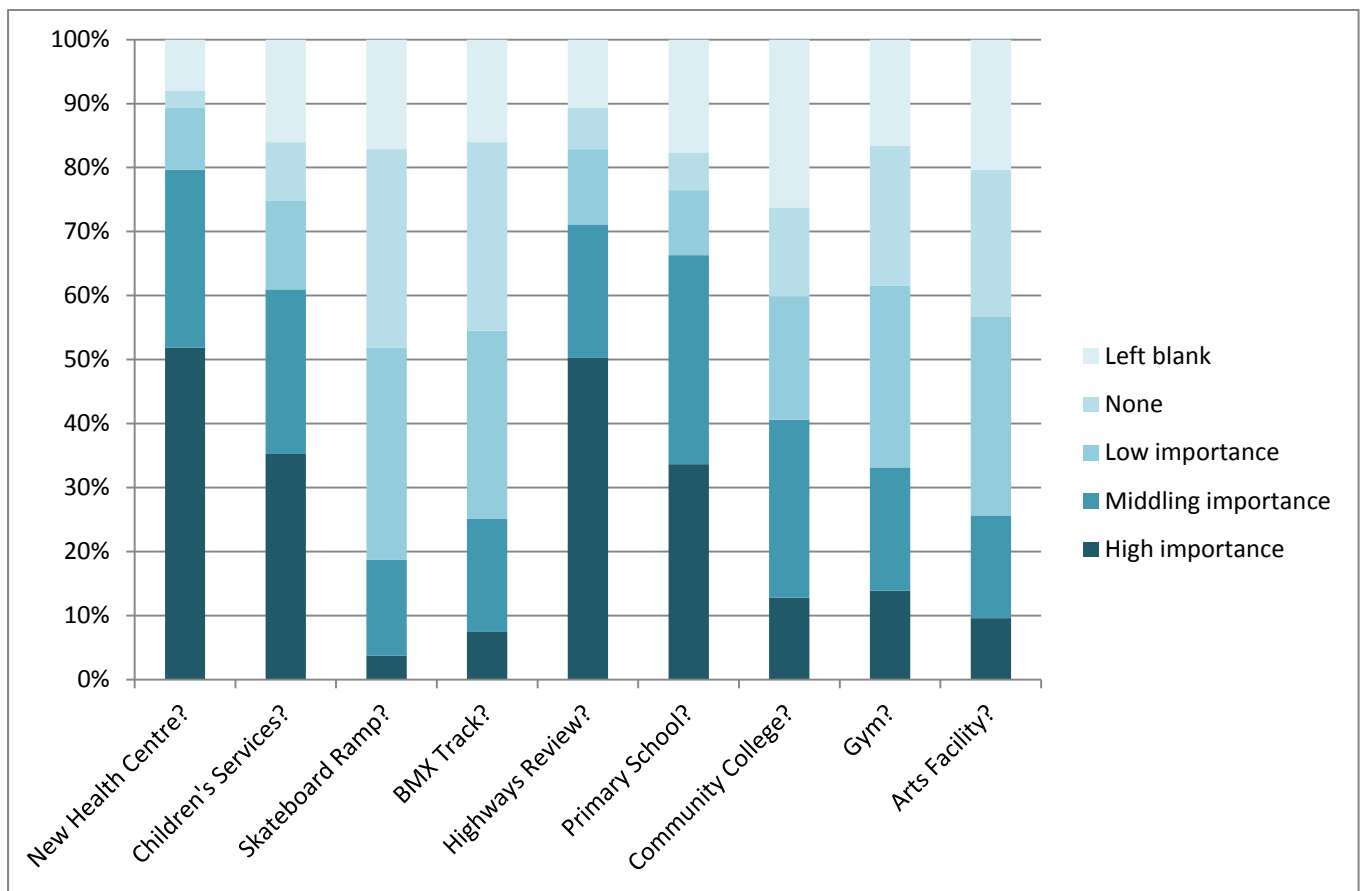
Q8. Equipped Fitness Gym

Importance Rating	No. of responses	% of respondents to <i>this</i> question	% of total 187 replies
None	41	26	22
Low	53	34	28
Middling	36	23	19
High	26	17	14
SUB-TOTAL	156		83
(not answered/left blank)	31		17
TOTAL	187	100	100

Q9. Arts facility

Importance Rating	No. of responses	% of respondents to <i>this</i> question	% of total 187 replies
None	43	29	23
Low	58	39	31
Middling	30	20	16
High	18	12	10
SUB-TOTAL	149		80
(not answered/left blank)	38		20
TOTAL	187	100	100

Comparison of responses to the 9 questions, from 187 respondents



Q10. Suggestions (optional)

Accommodation

- Sheltered accommodation for the elderly
- Affordable housing
- How is the warden-type Housing provision for elderly people?
- Sheltered or assisted housing for the elderly
- The Mill Site should be utilised for the health centre with plenty of parking & accessible for less-able. Also older peoples housing as we currently don't have any specific housing for older people in the village. Well-designed good quality housing for older people will help free-up family homes.

Drainage/Wastewater

- Upgrade of main drainage with regard to sewage management
- As a Trustee of the Village Hall I am deeply concerned about the wastewater management when we have heavy rain. The infrastructure is inadequate, Bakery Place must have exacerbated the problem, and if development behind Culverwells happens the sewage/surface water disposal problem must be addressed
- Drainage upgrading support for Rother Valley Railway
- Ditches are not cleaned adding to flooding

Litter

- More litter bins
- Additional dog litter bins as I am reluctant to use the ordinary bins for the purpose!

Q10. Suggestions (optional) contd...

Parking, road markings & road safety

Free or low cost/affordable car parking in association with parking restrictions elsewhere in the village (high importance)

That adequate parking is provided for both residential and commercial development

Better parking facilities for surgery patients

Free commuter parking at the station or reduced fees. Restrictive parking in Mill Rise, due to street cleaning & refuse collecting

The parking in Station rd and George Hill is definitely worth serious attention

Enforcement of parking restrictions essential particularly Station Road. Yellow lines top end of Station Road when car park is steps away

Additional off-street parking facilities near school/village centre. Regular enforcement of all parking restrictions to deter commuter parking - commuter parking in Mill Rise is bad (consider use of yellow lines with one hour restrictions during day to deter commuter parking similar to Willowbank)

Providing car park facilities for High Street

Access to & from drives in Langham Rd is becoming very difficult for anything other than a small car because of parking opposite driveways. Cars left all day. Had to have a low loader for car breakdown. A nightmare!. Parking needs reviewing.

Review of parking availability esp. at Station Rd & High St.

More car parking area around the village

More parking in the village

More land required for car parking as more house = more cars therefore more problems

Mill Rise, Station Road. "No Parking between 9:00am to 10:00am. Monday to Friday" would significantly reduce congestion. Safety for children living in Mill Rise is essential

(re:highways Q5) More yellow lines where people park on corners obstructing view of turning out of roads

Double yellow lines essential on Station Road between High Street & Car Park and on Northbridge St by Rutley Close Bus Stop.

More parking spaces to relieve congestion

That all streets that are currently blighted by commuter parking, have some daytime parking restrictions, to ensure commuters park at the station car park

Parking along Station Road sign say 9am - 5pm no return in 1 hour. This seems to be totally ignored. Very difficult for us older people to park when visiting the doctors.

(re:highways Q5) can this include solid white lines

Proverbial parking especially when shopping and appointments particularly for elderly

Lowering of the curb opposite Drs surgery, at moment it almost impossible to use if one has difficulty in mobility. The alternative is to cross road by the Sussex Cattle office and to walk up road, which is hazardous

Give Way lines at certain junctions

Roundabout at south end of by-pass

(re:highways Q5) Financial help towards infrastructure improvements, not surveys

(re:highways Q5) Particularly post - rail problems!

Is there any way of being able to cross the A21 between the farm shop and Poppinghole Lane safely? My grandchildren need to be safe when doing so.

Resurfacing the track to Grove Farm/Guide Hut (meeting hall for many ages including senior citizens)

Improve pavements and pedestrian safety in Station Road and High Street

Community speed camera/controls in place for Northbridge Street, The Clappers and Church Lane (Salehurst) as children play in these areas and many local drivers ignore the 30 mph limit

Q10. Suggestions (optional) contd...	
Parking, road markings & road safety (contd...)	
	<u>Urgently needs a roundabout</u> at the top end of by pass onto A21. More than 4 crashes there in 3 years. Van parked on grass <u>obstructing view</u> out of <u>Heathfield Gardens</u> .
	Permanent crossing facilities for the school
	Pot holes need repairing
	Speed checks in Station Rd/Brightling Rd
Sport facilities	
	Swimming facility with shallow area for toddlers and babies
	Swimming pool (not too large by useful for teaching & community generally)
	The whole community would benefit if a swimming facility could be included at the Sports Centre
	A swimming pool would be beneficial for the community
	Gym/swimming pool
	Heated swimming pool
	Indoor swimming pool at new Sports Centre
	Sports facilities especially swimming pool
	Swimming pool leisure centre with outdoor lido also + sauna & steam room (high)
	Public swimming pool centered at Robertsbridge Community College
	Tennis courts
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	Although health care and education are vital community concerns we feel they should be centrally funded. We would love to see tennis courts in Robertsbridge. Burwash have them and they are well subscribed by the community in general
	Tennis court for <u>all</u> age groups
	All-weather football pitch
	Floodlit football pitches
	Donations to local sports clubs with equipment
	Archery area/canoe jetty
Voluntary Groups	
	The Scouts. We always need extra funding. The Scouts work hard for the community. Keep the local children busy.
	Improve facilities for Scouts
	<u>All Voluntary Youth Groups</u> . More houses more children putting extra pressure on already over-subscribed groups. Voluntary groups are part of this community and provide a service to the community.
	Voluntary Youth Services in the village who unlike the schools + childrens centre are not government funded + rely on voluntary help to operate (x 2 people views)
	Robertsbridge Scout Group support - facility improvements
Other	
	Better banking - eg. Natwest open more
	Electric fence to stop that infernal vandal from destroying trees at the bottom of Bishops Lane ?!!! (not serious but I wish something could be done)
	Cafe area
	Updating toilet facilities (water supply seems inadequate etc)
	Additional Doctors surgery to cope with new population growth - very high importance!
	If more housing is to be built we will need a bigger surgery to accommodate extra people. And car park.
	Monthly Films at Village Hall, not finish in March, continue throughout year.

Q10. Suggestions (optional) contd...

Other (contd...)

Do not agree with street lights turned off at midnight. Can cause increase in crime, and dangerous, anti-social behaviour is hidden.

More family seating space at the recreation ground

It would be much appreciated by elderly people if some of the difficult styles could be replaced with gates

Replace/Upgrade old play equipment

Improved Broadband connectivity + WiFi

Assisting Env. Agency to dredge rivers

'Waitrose' type supermarket/filling station at Mill Site

Mill Site top of the list (Brown site). Old Livestock Market ie. For elderly. Try to get the Old Mill Site sorted

Support for Rother Valley Railway - which when complete will bring much improvement to the village economy

More benches around both parks (high)

More allotments (high)

That an inducement is offered (eg. Reduction in rates) for new businesses/shops