

## LITTLE HORSTED PARISH

This template is to help draw priorities from Parish Plans into a format that can provide evidence for the Wealden Local Development Framework Core Strategy.

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<b>Theme : Environment / Green space</b>	
<b>Three key priorities for PARISH: LITTLE HORSTED</b>	
1.	Threat of 'Greater Uckfield'. Concern that the town will spread across the A22 bypass into the parish. The natural beauty of the landscape must be preserved.
2.	The huge amount of 'rat running' along Bradfords Lane (see transport) has resulted in the verge at the side of the road being significantly degraded. Part of this verge is of special interest and marked as a special wildflower site. Traffic curbs are needed i.e. traffic calming or signs.
3.	Adequate, meaningful and affordable support services for older people.

<b>Theme : Housing</b>	
<b>Three key priorities for PARISH: LITTLE HORSTED</b>	
1.	Although Little Horsted has no publicly provided housing it does have a number of families living in relatively low rent homes owned by local landowners. There is a trend, once properties become vacant, for landlords to 'improve' the houses and relet them at much higher rents. This means that lower income families will eventually be forced to leave the parish, especially since some families will need bigger homes than they have at present.
2.	The parish's character must be maintained and not be swamped by new developments.
3.	All development plans must take into account drainage, lack of gas and public sewage system.

<b>Theme : Transport and Access</b>	
<b>Three key priorities for PARISH: LITTLE HORSTED</b>	
1.	Reducing the number of serious accidents on the A26. Black spots are the sharp bend by entrance to church and school and Isfield cross roads. Reduction to 50mph is welcomed but further reduction to 40mph is needed and flashing speed indicators positioned.
2.	Bradford Lane, which runs between the A22 and A26, is being used increasingly by HGVs using satnav. A ban on all HGVs except those requiring access is needed. Although there is now a 50mph speed limit on the A26, there is none in the lane and unrestricted speed signs at the end of the lane encourage drivers to turn off the A26.
3.	Widening rural lanes when the roads are resurfaced is wrong, since this only encourages higher speeds and more traffic. Despite the fact that verges are severely degraded, the best way to tackle this is by trying to reduce levels of traffic, not by increasing them.

<b>Theme : Prosperity / Employment / Economy</b>	
<b>Three key priorities for PARISH: LITTLE HORSTED</b>	
1.	Support farmers to diversify and thereby provide local employment.
2.	The trend for allowing small businesses in redundant farm buildings should be encouraged. However, businesses that significantly increase traffic, including HGVs should not be permitted unless they are directly related to the farming enterprise (i.e. farm shops).
3.	Develop a positive and mutually beneficial relationship between the community between the community with the East Sussex National Golf Resort and Spa.

<b>Theme : Health and Social Care</b>	
<b>Three key priorities for PARISH: LITTLE HORSTED</b>	
1.	Ensuring reasonable accessibility to Accident and Emergency and maternity services. People should not have to travel an unacceptable distance or in such high volumes of traffic that they cannot get essential treatment in the required time.

<b>Theme : Culture / Sport / Leisure / Play</b>	
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| 1. | No village hall or place for community to meet. Help Little Horsted school to raise money to build a new hall that could be shared by the community. |
| 2. | A water supply inside Little Horsted's church would be useful  |
| 3. | Recognising the needs of young families and adequately providing for them.   |