

Question 2 What do you think about the Objectives?

You may also want to consider the following

- Are these objectives appropriate for the district?
- Are there any objectives missing?
- Should any objectives be removed?
- What is the most important objective?

The objectives are appropriate; indeed they could easily be applied to almost any area as they are so broad and lacking in detail. Whilst the objective might be warranted the proposed method of implementation could be entirely wrong. For example; most residents would not dispute there is a need for some new homes to be built however to achieve this by building on green belt land or to build homes that attracted new people to the district instead of addressing local need would be utterly wrong.

Economy and Tourism

Better parking provision for rural shops would support local businesses, often people do not shop because they have insufficient parking.

Addressing the amount of 'red tape' and regulations that small businesses are required to comply with would encourage people to start their own business.

Providing faster more reliable broadband and mobile phone coverage would assist with home working and also attract new businesses.

Housing

Objective 5 to balance the supply of homes for mixed communities is of primary importance. To have affordable units will also address the noticeable number of lower paid workers who must travel into the district to work because they are unable to afford to live here currently.

Object 6 – to recognise and respond to the accommodation needs of the traveller community – of key importance here is the word 'need' – Tandridge has a disproportionately high number of the traveller community dwelling here in comparison to the rest of the County and these are almost all based in the southern section of Tandridge. The 'need' of the traveller community does not mean they should dictate where the accommodation is located and all care must be afforded by the district to ensure equal distribution across the district. Burstow, Horne, Outwood and Bletchingley cannot support any increase tot e traveller community in their areas.

Town Centres / Retail and Leisure

Rural communities need better public transport. Many residents (unless they drive) are unable to access leisure facilities due to reduced bus services and with no evening and weekend services available.

Protection of our open spaces from development are vital, unfortunately recent planning decisions by Planning Inspectors have allowed the construction of an access road through the QEII Field in Smallfield. Costs were awarded to the developer who lodged the appeal, which may result in the district granting permission in the future to application they otherwise may have refused.

Infrastructure

The lack of detail offered in the Plan makes it very difficult to comment on this issue. Sustainable transport is laudable but in rural communities proves difficult at best and often dangerous. HGV's and cars use narrow county roads as 'cut throughs' to avoid congestion and speed limits are often ignored. There are no footpaths/pavements and insufficient room to provide cycle lanes and so people move around by motorised vehicle. The infrequency of public transport means many potential users are not able to use this as a means of getting around..