

Parish Priorities Statement

Information Required	Response
Contact name	Mr Sam Cox
Town or Parish Council	Singleton & Charlton Parish Council
Main contact address	2 Pearman Court Singleton PO18 0HE
Main contact telephone number	07800993302
Main contact email	samsingletonpc@gmail.com With cc to singletonparishcouncil1@gmail.com
Details of public consultation and engagement used in the preparation of the PPS	<p>The parish council has undertaken extensive collaboration with the local community over the past decade (or more) to draft the Singleton and Charlton Parish Design Statement. This response is based on the work that has been undertaken to compose that Design Statement, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion at Parish meetings - Informal engagement with members of the parish community - Focus Groups - A number of published drafts for review and revision <p>The villages comprise a pair of very small communities and we are confident, therefore, that the views represent those of the collective population as best can be achieved.</p>

The vision for the future...

What are the three key changes you would like to see in your Parish over the next 15 years? These changes should relate to the priorities set out below. It will also be helpful to explain when you think these changes should happen over the 15-year period.

Vision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We want to ensure that the villages continue to thrive as communities in a beautiful rural setting. We would like to focus on maintaining (and improving) appropriate focal points in the village for the community to be structured around (such as pubs, play spaces, heritage assets) as well as perhaps an establishment of a local village shop, or cafe once more, to help bring people together and also serve those for whom transport is more difficult. • Improve transport connectivity to the villages for those who rely on public transport, walking and cycling as means of transport/active transport. Effective and safe connection with the Centurion Way would in part enable this and we would like to see that develop within the next 5 years. Additionally, with regard to transport, improve the parking in the village, in a way that is sympathetic to the village design, to enable tourists, school attendees and visitors to residents to be able to park in a more integrated manner. • Support people of all ages/mobility level/economic standing to have appropriate housing. At present, there is a lack of single story properties suitable for those of lesser mobility, and there is also a dwindling supply of houses that are appropriate to those of lower incomes due to the sale and further potential sale of some such houses by the agencies responsible for the provision of them.

Development and management of land

Information required	Response
<p>What type and level of development would you like to see in the parish?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low density developments that are well integrated into the present look and feel of the villages. • Developments that take into account the existing issues that the villages have with flooding. • Developments that take into account the existing issues that the villages have with parking (lack of) and that don't contribute to further on road parking, as well as having sufficient space to accommodate visitors.
<p>Are there any areas of the Parish you would like to see developed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any development should be immediately adjacent to any Settlement Boundary (Singleton) or developed area (Charlton, given our understanding of a lack of Settlement Boundary), to avoid impinging on the green spaces that we have designated as protected/cherished views that we wish to protect as detailed in the Parish Design Statement. • Site new development where, visually, it sits comfortably with existing properties and the rural nature of the settlements.

<p>Are there any specific areas you want protected for other uses?</p>	<p><u>Cherished green spaces within Singleton and Charlton include:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Village Green 2. The Cricket Pitch (National Trust) 3. Summersdean Bottom. 4. The Jubilee Plantation, donated to the parishioners as a place of calm. 5. Glebe Field, playground and amenity area. 6. Open amenity land in The Leys, beside the River Lavant. 7. The Cemetery. 8. The Fountain Pond and surrounding area, which belongs to Goodwood Estate and has protected species. 9. The Leys Meadow, an historic water-meadow and a strategic gap between the two villages. 10. Open amenity land in Charlton Mill Way. 11. The paddocks in Charlton. <p>See Appendix 1</p> <p><u>Cherished views within Singleton and Charlton include:</u> As the villages sit in a valley, they can be seen from all angles, particularly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Looking south from Levin Down, whether towards Charlton or Singleton. Or from some spots where both villages can be seen in a single panoramic view. 2. Looking north from Knights Hill: Whether heading down the footpath towards Singleton or looking towards Charlton from either the road or the footpath. 3. And east from Hat Hill, with Singleton in the foreground, then Charlton, with East Dean in the distance. 4. Across the Leys Meadow between Singleton and Charlton; the meadow forms both a visual break and a visual link between the villages. 5. South from the Glebe Field, towards Knights Hill and The Trundle. 6. West from the Cricket Pitch to Hat Hill and its approaches. 7. North from the school and its play areas to Levin Down. <p>See Appendix 2.</p>

Homes

Information required	Response
What type of homes would you like to see in your local community?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Properties that demonstrate a respect of the existing rural setting and are designed in a way that is sympathetic to this. ● Where possible constructed from materials that are in keeping with the existing aesthetics of the village. ● Properties constructed in a low density manner in keeping with the villages.
What size of home is needed locally?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A variety of property sizes, from those developed for mobility restricted individuals/couples, to those properties suitable for young families. ● Some of these should be considered as single story properties, which there is presently a lack of for elderly individuals/those who are mobility limited.
Any other requirements?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Designed in an energy efficient manner wherever possible using appropriate features to mitigate impact on the environment, noting that we are not on the gas grid. ● Sympathetic to the drainage issues that face the villages. ● Designs that add to the peaceful nature of and dark skies reserve that the villages are situated in. ● Roofs should be of traditional materials to supplement the existing characteristics of the villages and dormer windows should be small with pitched roofs in proportion to the rest of the roof. ● Relatively low height properties that do not rise above the existing 'roofline' of the villages.

Design

Information Required	Response
Are there any areas of local character which are particularly important to the local community?	Both villages have their central core on Charlton Road and throughout their cores present a rural look/feel, but with a particular focus in the core of Singleton these present a 'chocolate box' style view. Whilst some areas of historical development haven't perhaps been of an entirely rural characteristic, this trend has been reversed in recent years and to retain the character of the villages, it is important that the property styles don't deviate from the core existing.
Particular features of buildings of local character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Walls should be of traditional materials. Generally flint or handmade/reclaimed brick. ● Roofs should be of traditional materials, such as plain clay tiles, slate or thatch. In particular, concrete/interlocking tiles should be avoided. ● Respect the dark skies nature of the park, ie

	skylights/rooflights kept to a minimum, with design features avoiding the shining of lights up/bright lights, and sensitive placement of exterior lighting to avoid unnecessary light pollution.
--	--

The natural environment

Information Required	Response
Opportunities to make nature bigger, better and more joined up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an opportunity to enable villagers (and visitors) to connect more with nature, by way of the creation of more safe cycle/walking routes. Wider pavements that are maintained from vegetation along the more major roads, as well as the proposed Centurion Way, would enable safe spaces for people to connect better with nature. Additionally, an integrated nature/travel option explored under this area could also be an opportunity to address the parking issue for visitors to the village, by way of the creation of a designated parking area.

Jobs

Information Required	Response
Information about business you would like to protect and business opportunities that should be provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The two local pubs (one in each village) form an important social connection to villagers and we would want to see them protected against any development. Both have significant gardens which provide play space for children, events such as open air theaters and beer festivals, all of which bring the local community together and also attract visitors. • Singleton has had a cafe for a long time, which recently closed. We would like to see this central property protected for use as another community function, such as a cafe, tea room or local shop (the latter of which there is not one in either village).

Public spaces

Information Required	Response
<i>Public Open Space, Public realm, Pocket Parks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would wish to protect the playground and the cricket pitch in Singleton, both of which provide spaces for the community to come together. • We would like to be able to make better use of the village hall in Singleton.

4

Infrastructure

Information Required	Response
<i>Active travel priorities, roads /parking, community building needs, waste / water infrastructure, broadband</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a parking problem in the village, we need to ensure new development has off street parking sufficient for both residents and visitors to it. • Above commentary around the importance of developing better active travel in the village, including cycling/walking routes. Options but not limited to better pavements and the effective development (and connection to the villages) of the Centurion Way. • See above commentary regarding the potential to use the Centurion Way project as an opportunity to address parking for visitors to Singleton. • Sewage is a significant problem for both villages, with annual flooding and dangerous discharge/leakages into the watercourse of the River Lavant. This regularly floods onto roads (including outside the school) and villagers' properties. • Whilst Singleton is served by a bus route between Chichester and Midhurst, Charlton doesn't benefit from the same transport and the distance between the two villages could present a challenge for less mobile residents to get to/from that transport network.

FINALISING YOUR SUBMISSION

As a reminder, before finalising your submission, please check you have addressed the following:

- **You have completed the details in section I, including details of public engagement events and consultation activities which have informed the statement. Where possible please identify the percentage of the community that have engaged in the preparation of the PPS.**
- **Please try to summarise the community's views and aspirations as much as possible,**

do not provide details of individuals who have commented, and bullet points for key priorities where possible.

- If you have supporting evidence or information, please use a hyperlink to the data where available, and summarise the information as much as possible in the PPS.

DISCLAIMER

The assessment process and outputs will feed into the Local Plan review process, but we cannot guarantee the delivery of specific community aspirations in the South Downs Local Plan policies, allocations or designations.

DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT

The information collected in this response form will be used by the National Park Authority, as part of its public task, to inform the local plan-making processes and other relevant Authority documents or processes. This information will then be retained until it is superseded. By responding you are accepting the information within your response, may be made available to the public. Any personal information provided (names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses or other contact details) will not be made public. Please let us know if you do not wish for your information to be shared in this way.

All information held by the South Downs National Park Authority may be subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act. If any information included is sensitive and you would like to have the opportunity to object to its release in the event of a Freedom of Information request, please contact us.

5

Further details on how we manage your information, including your rights under the GDPR, are available in our Privacy Notice <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/national-park-authority/transparency/privacy-statement-2/>

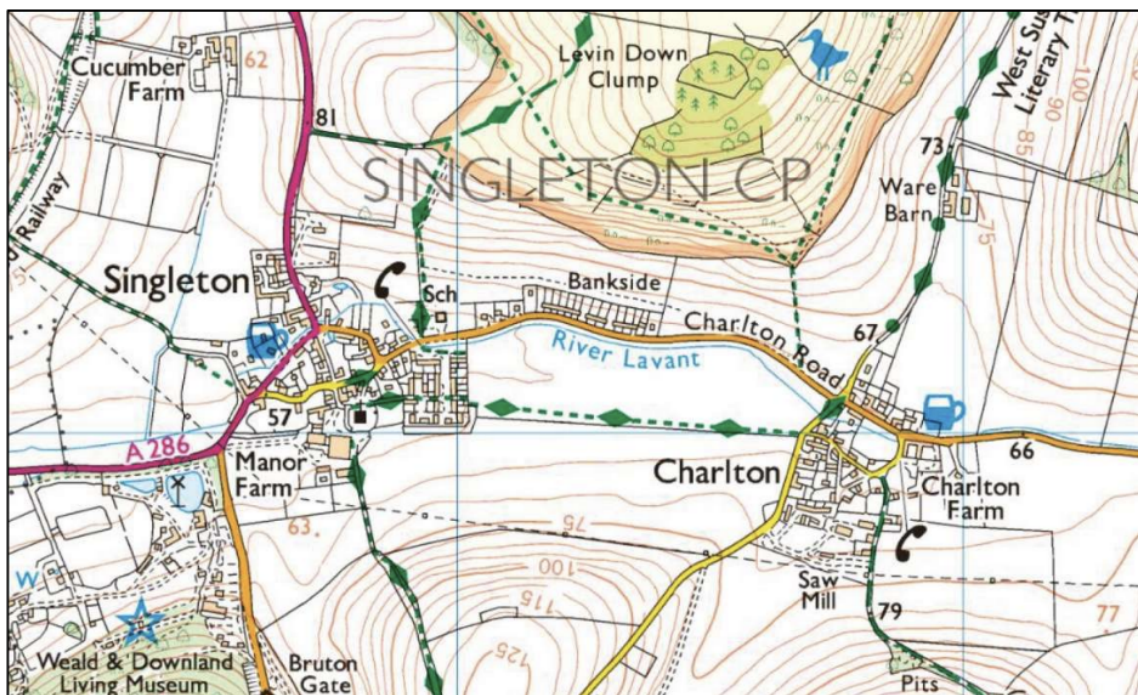
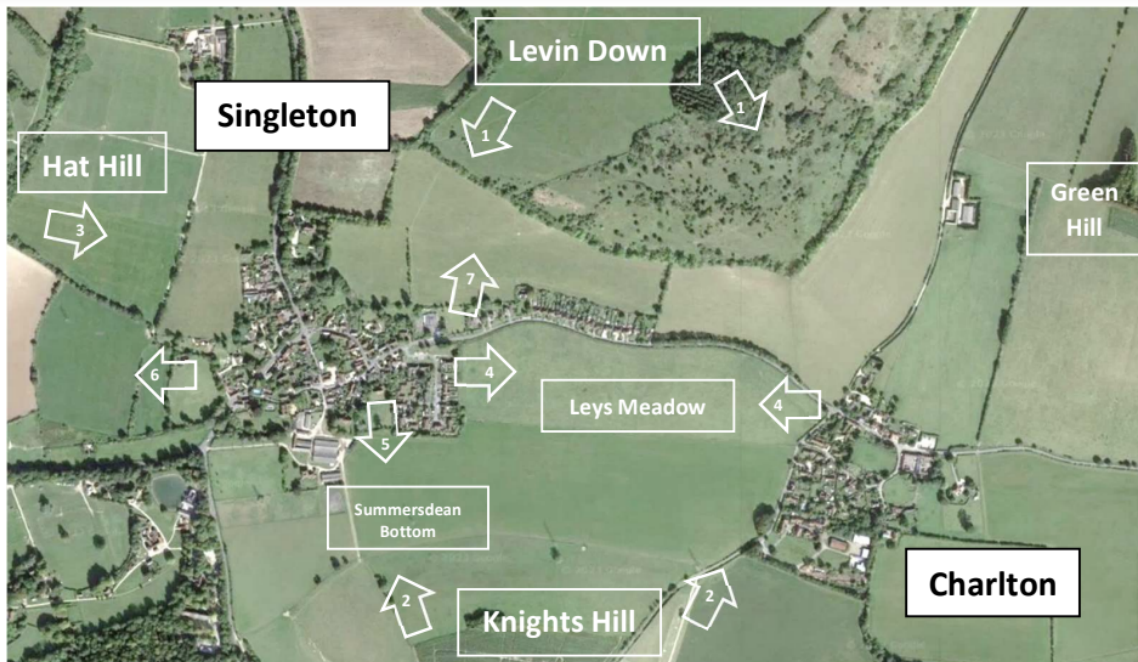
Tick	Please tick here to confirm you have read and agree to submit your information in accordance with the disclaimer and data protection statement.
------	---

Information required	Response
Print Name	Sam Cox
Date	23/10/23

APPENDIX 1



APPENDIX 2



We ask that forms are returned by email to planningpolicy@southdowns.gov.uk

If you are unable to return the form by email please post to:
Planning Policy Team, South Downs National Park Authority, South Downs Centre, North Street

