

Q29 Comments - Survey 2 - Town Centre Regeneration and Business Development

Litter is a big problem here. Around the Kings centre by the bridge over Beeching Way is a disgrace.

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Which mission statement is more likely to succeed - the perfect commuter town or thriving business town with local employment. The different visions have different development requirements. If there is likely to be lack of government funds the former is easier to achieve - cheap multi storey car park in the St Margaret's Loop and more express trains to London will attract commuters who want to live in a 'country' location in the first AOB going south from London. This will also raise the demographic profile of the town which has been falling steadily. Town centre regeneration a la Horsham with a shopping Mall on the Iceland car park site linking to the Historic High Street. Inevitably the London Road shops will die and become a 'R&R' area and professional offices (as in US towns). This will enable pedestrianisation of London Road and High Street with seating, Trees, pavement cafes etc. Resite a manned police station in night club/pub area. Make trade deliveries after working hours. Extend resident only parking in town areas.

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Proper public toilets in accessible areas, including Bluebell .

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Chequer Mead needs more quality productions, put on bingo and we would probably fill it! Sometimes I wonder what kind of people we are!

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Survey should have been designed to identify the age group of the respondent.

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Pedestrianisation of the High street. Too many coffee bars/ cheap shops. Too many jobs at night - getting a reputation of a chav town.

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Destruction of trees at Station deplorable - should have been incorporated

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Appearance of London Road and Railway approach is disappointing. Signage and education re litter. More trees and greenery. Trees cut down at railway station very sad. Should have been incorporated not destroyed.

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I am a cyclist and I wish to see cycle path from Beeching Way through High Street and London Road to Railway Station. I would like to see Policemen on the beat through the town during day and night, at frequent but not routine times. One way system through High Street and London Road, but do not widen pavement. Leave room in road for shop delivery lorries since no access at rear of shops. The section Portland Road/ Ship Street needs to be made safer when exiting Portland Road.

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Preserve character

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Affordable parking at the station. Tidy up the town. Cleaning is insufficient. No affordable housing for first time buyers.

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Any further housing must be within the existing boundaries of the town. The AONB must be respected. Railway Approach needs much improvement, perhaps some green trees.

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Pavement in London Road has uncomfortable slope. One-way proposals are not the answer and make life difficult for residents.

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Development in East Grinstead, must remain within the existing boundaries. In particular the AONB must be respected. I should like to see more green spaces within the centre of East Grinstead - Railway station and Railway Approach areas in particular.

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Biggest issues - Parking prices, banked pavements, cleanliness, lack of architectural theme in shop windows, congestion, retail offering cannot compete with internet. Parking, parking, parking.

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Improve visual appearance/signage from North. Cinema looks uninviting from outside. Reduce phone shops. Council tax incentives for retail start-ups.

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Don't feel safe in Town Centre in the evening. Clean up the yobs.

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Improve road junctions. Safeguard green spaces. 1st 30 mins free parking. Ban parking in London Road and High Street - deliveries should be made out of hours.

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Regular cleaning of roads and pavements, especially round food outlets. Stop cutting down trees and hedges. Stop trolleys leaving supermarket car parks.

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No infrastructure to deal with housing increase. 20mph speed limit through town. Prepay parking system discourages shoppers to dwell - barrier system better.

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The railway should safely connect by cycle path from EG Station through the town to join the Forest Way to join up with the Worth Way. Does anyone know what a cyclist is to do at the roundabout at Sainsburys?? Not many car drivers do. We have such beautiful high street with its famous run of old houses and buildings lets make our town the place to visit especially with the draw of the Bluebell Railway capitalise on that - we should not try to compete with mass retailing of items such as washing machines, and tv sets, go to Crawley for that.

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Convert unused accommodation over shops to residential use.

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PCSO presence in town centre during normal hours. Beeching Way has too many lane changes. Parking needs a complete rethink and a multi storey provision. Signage poor. Vacant shop landlords should maintain the frontages. Paving badly maintained. Roads badly maintained. Schools should have anti litter campaign. Dog bins required in centre of town.

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1) Keep threatened bus routes open, eg Route 84. 2) Close High Street and London road to all vehicles except buses and delivery vehicles after 0900 hrs.

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Link High Street and London Road and West Street to create a 'heart' and a 'shopping realm'. Parking charges are extortionate and disproportionate to the 'offering'.

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EG definitely needs a better mix of shops to attract people. More up market shops, why does it have to be assumed that we need more discount shops because no one has any money - its

depressing. EG used to be lovely town in a lovely area. it needs to be restored to its former glory + thaqt means not always dumbing down to the lowest level, but going a little more up market.

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I moved to EG 25 years ago. When we moved the town centre had a wide variety of good shops, and most shopping could be done in the town. It was a nice place to socialise and spend some time, I now only ever visit when I have to. How many pound shops do we really need? Chequer Mead is brilliant & a definite asset to the town. There needs to be more for teenagers to do in the town. It was such a shame the bowling alley was got rid of - parents felt safe leaving their children there. The XMas fair is tacky, Martells is great.

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Cheaper parking and free parking to regenerate small businesses. Make more of bluebell

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The town centre has remained unchanged & stagnant for far too long... I despair that the Town Council are completely out of touch with the town and its residents needs.

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We need to see positive action stemming from questionnaires recently and currently produced for planning purposes. The granting of business licences for the town centre should be more carefully and intelligently planned. Recent apparent lack of thought has resulted in a multiplicity of tea/coffee shops and charity shops.

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small M&S . Develop historic element.

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My wife and I have lived in East Grinstead for nearly 40 years. one of the main attractions of this town is the historic High Street and we believe that pedestrianisation of this street should be an urgent priority. the fumes and danger caused by through traffic (even at 20mph) is not conducive to a calm and pleasant environment, which is surely what these ancient and iconic buildings need for their future survival.. The High street minus motor vehicles would be a far greater draw for local people and tourists. If this can be achieved in other Sussex towns (such as Horsham) why not in East Grinstead? Having already allowed unattractive modern buildings to intrude into the town in recent years, we hope that Planner will in future give more consideration to preserving and enhancing the unique character of East Grinstead, particularly in the Town Centre area.

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Seats in Queens Walk and London Road - walking from the car parks difficult for elderly and disabled.

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Restore Moat Pond with lilies and swans.

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No more houses until infrastructure is addressed. Otherwise overcrowding.

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Business rates should be slashed. First 2 hours of parking free. Pedestrianise High Street. Encourage interesting specialist shops.

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New shops - more job opportunities for youngsters. No new housing. Encourage tourism on back of bluebell.

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Since moving to E.Grinstead in 1961 I have seen the decline of what was once thriving, charming town, to its present dismal state. Dramatic, urgent action is needed to bring about a change, though I doubt this will ever happen.

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Rogue parking in town needs to be addressed. Deliveries should be made at night. More stringent control of parking hours. Please don't change the High Street.

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This is a fantastic town - all our friends who visit from London are very impressed & rightly so. It does however feel like a town that reflects Britain at present ... having to change & adapt but doesn't quite know how. The High St epitomises this with old and new not quite managing to mix seamlessly. We have been fortunate to raise our four children here - who all love returning to 'Grinny'. To make sure other families are as happy & safe as we have been please..a) continue to support two excellent schools, b) invest in youth services/activities especially during school holidays, c) educate people that littering impacts on quality of life, d) ease the choking of town centre residential roads by folks who park for free all day outside our houses, e) encourage more robust policing. 10pm to 2am. Thus, Fri, Sat. When our lovely town can feel more like Ibiza.

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Fully pedestrianise the lower high street. Redevelop Queens Walk. Improve heritage signage. Shuttle bus from station to town.

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Keep the Parish Halls

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Do not get rid of Parish Halls - learn how to budget

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Town needs more shops

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No parking in EG would I think encourage a lot more people back to the Twon Centre. Make the High Street buses only, and London Road one way. I think it should be made clear whether the traffic calming in town are crossings if they then do away with the traffic light crossings, if they are not then make it clear to pedestrians.

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Get some real shops so we do not have to go to Crawley or TW. Do not allow more banks, hairdressers, coffee shops or charity shops. Need M & S or similar. Reduce rents & rates so businesses can afford to trade here.

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Redevelop Queens walk keeping Martells as an independent store. Lower shop rents to encourage more small businesses. Convert old offices into apartments. Promote town business parks to encourage local employment. Reduce parking costs and try to prevent all day street parking by commuters.

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Why are the landlords holding East Grinstead to ransom? Lowering the rents would surely help towards a thriving town.

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Prefer less signs/notices

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Clearly there is a need for cheaper and /or periods of free parking at weekends in Vicarage and Chequer Mead car parks. Car parking is the main issue for local and businesses in the town as this stimulates growth and business prosperity. We are depply concerned that this apperas no where on your questionnaire. We therefore question your ability to recognise and act on the priority needs of the town and community. We are well aware that the town

council do not currently have control over parking, however we understand that mechanisms have been put in place at national level to recognise this longstanding anomaly.

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There are too many mobile phone, charity shops and coffee shops in East Grinstead

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More parking and cheaper parking at Station. At the moment our streets are clogged with commuters trying to avoid expensive parking at Station. Lower business rates and parking permits for owners of businesses.

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consider residents of surrounding villages who regularly use EG infrastructure e.g. doctors, schools, supermarkets, station, etc.

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Offer more support for people with learning difficulties. A set of traffic lights along Railway Approach.

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Keep toilets at both ends of town open. Disappointed that there are only 2 ladies toilets in new block and not 4. Interchangeable parking tickets so that they could be used in each car park. Many people are not disabled but still have problems getting round the town.

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Key word is sustainability. I think any new development should pass a sustainability test.

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Key part of Town is the Station/Bus interchange and Mid-Sussex Timber site - only part you see if you are driving through the Town on a22. What can be put here to encourage people to stop and visit the Town Centre.

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Stop illegal parking on double yellow lines in High St and London Road. Railway approach needs significant improvement when Bluebell Railway comes to town. More facilities for young people - bring back Snooker and Ten Pin Bowling.

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No more large scale housing. Retain all green leisure spaces. Improve key traffic junctions at Imberhorne Lane, Lingfield Road and Moat Road. Retain all health facilities.

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More even surfaces on pavements.

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Less empty houses - especially behind station (Grosvenor Road). Car parking needs to be created - more affordable on outskirts, multistorey. More up to date shops in centre, less coffee shops, phone shops, and charity shops. Less housing being built from new or from office blocks. Develop businesses to encourage a more lively town centre midweek, people will come to EG if shops were better.

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A useful exercise - keep up the good work.

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Need to improve parking but multi storey could be eyesore and discourage 'country town' feel. Multi storey at station would be ok and might solve commuter parking problems.

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I think a one way system of traffic through the town centre would make it feel more pedestrian friendly. The London Road end needs new pavement and features which make it look more attractive i.e old style signage, lampposts, flower boxes, trees. The type of new business coming to the town centre needs checking because there are too many of the same type i.e. phone shops, coffee shops, nail bars. change of use wants looking at very carefully in the future.

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The Chequer Mead Centre is superb. It is expensive to maintain I presume, but adds a great deal to the quality of the town. I envisage toilets are expensive too, but are nevertheless essential in a town wanting tourists, let alone for its own residents.

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Trees are being lopped savagely.(eg near the clock tower and opposite the junction of Railway Approach and London Road) Maybe new trees could be planted and wildflower areas sown. Grass cutting around the upper car park at the station has eliminated a lot of the wild flowers that used to flourish there. Hopefully new trees will be planted when the redevelopment of the Station area is complete.

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It is a good idea to encourage walking, buses and bikes for the town BUT not to the detriment of the car user. Lots of people live on the outskirts of the town and need their car to get into the town for shopping etc. If doing a lot of shopping it is more convenient to use a car. We need a good variety of shops to keep people in the town

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Better bus services especially at night

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Rather a limited survey that assumes you are working. I am a housewife and so found some of the questions irrelevant. Also I have no experience of using some of the towns facilities and when you were asking for their rating there was no option to state this. I think the most important thing for East Grinstead is to provide cheap short term parking to encourage residents from outlying villages to use our town. Only then will shops be interested in opening branches here. At the moment it is very easy to bypass East Grinstead and head to Tunbridge Wells or Crawley with their range of shops and easy parking. Yes these town charge a lot for their parking but they offer the choice of shops.

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The unique historic High Street could be a beautiful and exciting attraction to the town but currently is traffic choked, polluted, noisy and pedestrian unfriendly. Some buildings are 600 years old but are constantly subjected to traffic vibration and polluted air. What a waste of a great asset! London Road shopping area is not an attractive place to shop because the continuous stream of traffic means it is difficult, unpleasant and even dangerous to wander from shop to shop. Other towns with which EG has to compete have pedestrianised shopping areas (and malls) where people can sit, socialize and shop unhindered.

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A good survey. Our town Council has always been good at this sort of thing...ie understanding the needs of it's residents. Wouldn't it be nice if those remote organisations known as the District and County Councils had a similarly serious approach..... Unfortunately I have no confidence at all that little old East Grinstead will ever hit their priority list to get the commitment and investment we deserve. The other big issue you need to address is how to further maximise the use and value of that wonderful facility....East Court. Still, Good Luck. Regards to all at East Court... Rob Musk

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Your questionnaire doesn't give you much choice to answer as you want! I think the important thing to remember is that EG is a small town and should be kept as one - it offers many of the things you need except a choice of shops especially clothing for women. The High st and railway approach would benefit from a new look making them more inkeeping with the high street and the history of this town. Queens walk needs updating and we need some high st chains like - M&S , Next , Debenhams, HMV to bring more people into the town to shop. We also need to ensure that we support the independant retailers who keep the character of the town - especially on the high street. In order to draw people into town from the railway station - a good bus service would help that regulary runs in line with the train time table! Also a re vamp of some of the railway approach retail areas. I think the idea of

adding more trees and benches a lovely one but the place that needs this is London road and I don't think that it would be realistic to add them there. I am not in favour of the high street or london road being made one way. I can't see that this is going to help improve traffic flow at all - it will just drive people out of town and on the other smaller roads - surely we want people in town - we need cheaper parking. we need some decent public toilets - the cinema area / building needs to be improved. It is run down and attracts the wrong type of people. Your comment about new paving or increasing the width of the paving - why?? the paving is quite wide anyway - this to me is an unnecessary cost. We need to encourage the small retailers to stay - recently we have lost a few on london road who said it was due to high rates - surely we should lower them and help people when times are hard - an empty shop doesn't do anyone any good. I hope you will take my thoughts into account when you are making your decisions.

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East Grinstead was once a market town then, in addition, a railway town. Apart from the Bluebell Railway, the emphasis has now changed, and the Town needs to recover its purpose and emerge from the stigma of being a dormitory town. What are its chief assets? - its library, the Queen Victoria Hospital, perhaps Chequer Mead theatre but particularly its proximity to the Ashdown Forest and the exceptional beauty of the upper Medway Valley between Hartfield and Groombridge. The virtues of the latter two features should surely be promulgated in order to help restore to East Grinstead some point in existing. Regrettably, at present it is a somewhat dead loss town

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Cycle provision in East Grinstead is woeful. The one way system is especially dangerous, even the postmen cycle illegally on the pavement. The few cycle paths provided are useless eg London Road into town from the North.

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We need to explore brown field sites to redevelop, not ruin the gorgeous natural environment that surrounds our town. We also need to ensure that we do not become a suburb of Crawley. Also concerned that EG roads are becoming one big car park for commuters - train station needs to better parking facilities. I believe online shopping is the future, so big shops in town might not be a long term answer, although we have large proportion of housewives who would love somewhere to shop other than spend their money on coffee and cake! Please keep our gorgeous town gorgeous.

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A retired, local office worker, I was born and brought up in East Grinstead which has changed beyond all recognition. We need a vibrant centre to our town, with a good mix of large and small shops, good pubs, restaurants and public transport, but keeping our historic past alive. We have a great Art and Theatre centre at Chequer Mead but could do with better Cinema and sports facilities and MUST keep Wallis Centre Youth Club or we will have

more problems with our young people. Clean, Safe streets especially in evenings should be a priority, as should providing adequate toilet facilities.

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Thank you for the consultation. East Grinstead has so much potential - there just needs to be some drastic change to improve the town centre facilities. I just don't understand how it has got like this, it almost feels as though there is something holding back the development and if this is the case then it seriously needs to be addressed.

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A) I am retired, so answers on work and associated travel are blank. B) For Q28 - We would like a retail park, not technology or industrial park C) We need a by-pass to link A264 Crawley-A22 London-A264 Tunbridge Wells-A22 Forest Row D) A water feature in the town would be calming and relaxing

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Pedestrianise the high street to make a more shopping friendly atmosphere and protect the listed buildings from constant traffic vibration

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With safe cycle paths and sufficient bike racks in town we would (a) reduce car usage by 80% and (b) be incentivised to use East Grinstead as a social centre (drinks, cinemas, restaurants and shopping) as once we are in a car we might as well then go to TunbridgeWells or crawley. The further the cycle path increases the bigger the catchment area will be.

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Introducing a one way system is crazy in a town of this size. It's vital to stop grandiose plans like this TALKING about redevelopment and never doing anything but blighting businesses, stopping them from investing eg Caffyns and the conflict between the council & Martells over improving the shopping, so nothing happens. Accept that people want to drive, bring down the cost of parking and provide more spaces, the shopping will follow if you're open minded about development. People love East Grinstead and want to support local business, but it's the council driving people away

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As a commuter who needs to get to the station early for the first train, the imminent loss of free on road parking on Brooklands Way where there is no conflict with residents parking, means significant additional costs which will stop me commuting from East Grinstead. I support more parking at the station but it needs to be affordable. We love East Grinstead but whatever development is done has to be in character with the existing historical heritage. We certainly don't need more coffee shops or mobile phone shops and every effort should be made to attract, support and retain independent businesses. East Grinstead is the hub of a

large area containing diverse tourist attractions, with historical and sporting attractions and areas of outstanding natural beauty, yet there is little in the town to encourage those visiting the wider areas to stay for any length of time. The town centre looks tired and dated; it needs to be re-invented in a way that is different from other surrounding towns and generates it's own unique appealing character. A smaller 'Horsham' maybe...

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The town centre is dying, aided by MSDCs absurd parking charges. Lets get rid of the overpriced coffee shops and some of the obscure charity shops and attract some real retailers rather than a surfeit of £1 shops who while they have their place generally sell a load of tat. This place needs to be run by local people with local visions, not the fat cats in Haywards Heath

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The whole parking system needs a re-think. Barrier parking nees introducing. Illegal street parking (loading bays, yellow lines) needs stamping on to unclog London Road.

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Of all the ideas on which you have sought my opinion I feel that the re-development of Queens Walk is the most important as it is grotty and run-down and detracts from the town centre. Martells is part of this problem and must be replaced by a decent feature store ie. a M & S, John Lewis, or House of Fraser. The town also needs a decent green space close to the centre and I feel that Kings Field next to the leisure centre should be re-developed to this purpose. It should have gardens with seating, a quality childrens play area, and a cafe. The existing ponds could be incorporated into the scheme. Current use of the Kings Field for football and other sports should be relocated to East Court. A cafe at East Court would also be a good idea.

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The whole town's high street area looks tired and run down. A good face lift keeping to enhance the historic town centre and the reflect the history of the town, to attract visitors, and local businesses plus the bigger companies to invest in EG. Forest Row has over the past few years expanded and greatly improved their little village with lots of specialist shops, restaurants. Their area is much smaller than EG but it has expanded but not destroyed the local atmosphere but improving it.

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Q13 FORCES me into a choice ie 5 whereas I only agree with 3 answers

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East Grinstead needs less charity and coffee shops and a much more diverse range of places to shop, its a lovely town with great character which is being destroyed by so many repetative shop types. In this economic climate there are going to be a large number of

vacant shops in the high streets. It would be nice if perhaps local artwork or the like could be displayed in the windows to enhance the look of these types of premises. For example Wickendens in the old High Street which always has something of local interest/interesting to see in the windows despite the shop being vacant.

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I believe a frequent and reliable bus service around the town stretching to residential areas north and southwards would benefit EG. I would certainly use it for occasional shopping, eating out etc. This could lessen the need for more parking spaces and reduce bottlenecks at junctions.

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The town looks very sad and unloved. It needs a town square with outside eating and drinking. The place needs to have an injection of life. Even the smallest villages on the continent encourage more social life in this way. However, why did you block the use of umbrellas by the one cafe brave enough to have outside tables? I heard that it was to do with health and safety, and if this is so, for goodness sake, I can't say that I have heard of mass injury caused by umbrellas on the continent. I think the planners need to get over themselves. We don't need to be nannied. However, the snow clearance both last year and this of pavements was pathetic and left them very slippery and dangerous - where was health and safety then? Either the Council should do it, or make it compulsory for all householders and shop owners to clear outside their premises.

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My only comment is that the survey does not allow me to rank my preferences - of course I support local business initiatives, or more shops, however the survey does not test, for example, what I would be prepared to pay for as a council tax payer, or what services I would trade in order to bring-in other services into the town. To my mind, the survey really needs to tease out these trade-offs to be of real value.

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Because the answers insisted on a certain number of responses I was forced to include things that I did not think appropriate for the town in my opinion. It is important that the town becomes a vibrant place to be whilst retaining the sense of an attractive small market town

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Main concern is the lack of free parking . Our road is used every day by people working in EG who won't pay to park. Having visited Lewes recently where there is a great variety of shops and cafes - there must be a reason why EG is not thriving like Lewes. Is it the business tax driving local shops to close.

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Radical planning is needed to regenerate the Town Center: Predestination of the top of the High Street, That is the space from the Church to the roundabout top of the High Street including the surrounds of the Market Square and old HSBC building. This would discourage traffic from coming through the Town and create a 'shopping experience' that would attract shops and shoppers.

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There is a bias in the survey against cars. For everyone who lives outside the centre of East Grinstead, getting in by car is by far the most convenient. More effort could be made towards making EG a tourist base to explore the surrounding countryside. Thought should be given to making the floors above the shops in - for example - the London Road residential, which over time would help provide a more vibrant atmosphere.

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Parking restrictions are only effective if policed, if they are not going to be policed do not install and save your money for better causes. Short term inexpensive car parking in Town is a must. There are too many cafes and eating places already in the centre of town. Roadside litter needs to be cleared especially around the Kings Leisure centre/playing fields and Beeching Way

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I am concerned that the questions about improving access to the town focused on an increased one way system. The current one way system does not work well so extending this seems like a recipe for disaster.

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Work for local people - building works carried out by local tradesmen. More investment in youth provision. Greater liason between neighbourhood panels. Work for the abolition of Mid Sussex District Council as soon as possible - return our power and taxes to East Grinstead Town Council - district is an unnecessary level of council that we don't need or want.

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Free parking!

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A restricted questionnaire which seems to be trying to force opinion in a way that the Council would like to push things through.

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Some of these questions are too vague and too varied. We need to prioritize making the London Road one way from the High Street to the traffic lights, add plant troughs and bench

seating, allow more on street parking which would be possible due to the single file traffic, allow cafes to have some tables and chairs on the pavements in restricted areas, perhaps lay cobble stones to reduce traffic speed and introduce barrier parking to allow shoppers the first 45 mins free. This CAN be achieved if we were to employ BIDs, as the businesses of EG would subsidize the loss. BIDs could also take over the Christmas Lights and give Melvin a much needed rest!!

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It is work and jobs we need in East Grinstead There are lots of empty office blocks around drop the rentals and bring in new companies. This would then bring in jobs for our local teenagers. Stop developing houses our roads are blocked now, there is a shortage of water, not enough doctors, dentists or hospitals in our local area.

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Please introduce better shops into the town. When I grew up in East Grinstead in the 80's the town was so much better. Now its a run down embarrassment, with far too many coffee shops, mobile phone shops and charity shops. You used to be able to get most things in the town but now you can't and have to go further to the larger towns to get the things you need. We also need more activities and centres for the teenagers. There is nothing really in the town aimed at them at all.

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The traffic calming in the town centre should be more like other towns which make the area feel "car unfriendly" - rather than physical barriers, bumps etc. There should be better public access other than by car to EG Sports Club. The restaurant area does not have anything like the range of Reigate, Tunbridge Wells or Haywards Heath.

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Not impressed by this survey. Forced to put in 5 answers to many questions where only wished to put in 2. Gives a false impression of views. E.G. I do not think department store or womens clothing shops will enhance town but had to enter something. Also would not support industrial estate but would support technology park but unable to differentiate. Questionnaire either very amateur or deigned to give the answer the council want irrespective of peoples' real views.

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Any regeneration needs to be done in a way that reflects East Grinsteads history. We do not need large shopping centres or department stores but a town centre that encourages small independant traders with a larger weekly market. Any improvements need to take place quickly to be of any benefit to the existing businesses.

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East Grinstead is great place to live but some facilities such as the leisure centre are in desperate need of refurbishment. The only option for public transport to Crawley is an infrequent bus, it would be great to be able to better utilise the Bluebell rail link to three bridges.

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Parking charges in East Grinstead are far too high. The station car park in particular especially when being charged now over £5 the car park is not even cleared of snow. Also looking at the police website for national crime levels we seem to be above average in some areas, why is this and what is being done to address it?

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You appear to be trying to run before you can walk. The town will die unless it is made a lot easier and attractive to visit and park. Business rates must be addressed and any new businesses must also provide car parking space for their employees instead of the use of residential roads which in my case leads to a lot of inconvenience.

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Please look into a one way system through the Town centre. I believe this should start from Sackville College and go through the High Street and then down London Road... this would provide the most scenic entrance encouraging visitors to stop in the town to shop. Approx 5 years ago when we had major gas works this exercise proved very successful with traffic calming, pedestrian awareness and will be able to provide wide pavements and more on street parking.

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Moving the Citizens Advice Bureau into London Road or even signposting it clearly would let more people know of its existence. This would have to be done with greater council support as funding is very limited.

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Make the town look good - paint it. Better family run restaurants and a proper wine bar to attract people to spend their money. The lower part of the town is horrid. Need clothes shops for men. I would encourage M&S, John Lewis and little shops like Tree Frog. Lets make it a pretty town. Sainsbury's lorries block the train station approach - You have done next to nothing about this. Keep phone and charity shops to a minimum, reduce rents and make it worth the while for us to open small businesses. Tidy up the cinema area and let development start on the building across from it. The council are good at smiling but not that great at 'doing'. Please make a difference. The fairs that you have in the town are full of rubbish. Don't close down the roads for this. Have proper events. Help us help you and the town will be less of a ghost town. I would get rid of the road in the old town if possible and make it a big sitting area with cafe-bars etc. We need action now otherwise people will move out of the area and go to T.Wells or back to London.

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Save the AONB areas from greedy developers property developers.

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If you want a mobile phone, a haircut, a cup of coffee or to browse charity shops East Grinstead is the place for you. I assume it is only these shops that can afford the rents charged? Until you encourage a diversification of shops the town will continue to die. Maybe that is the fate of small towns these days and what we all need is an "out of town" shopping mall with all the access and facilities provided there? I see that in another 10 years at most that East Grinstead will be a ghost town surrounded and in the middle of a large housing estate as far as the eye can see!

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More motorcycle parking at the station. This has been completely overlooked in the redevelopment with a few spaces in the staff car park being added as an afterthought. LOOK AT HAYWARDS HEATH for comparative provision!!!!!!!!!!

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More parking available for residents - I have to pay to park as permission for a driveway was refused. Tackle the kids that are out late at night causing havoc and littering (police patrols) Better rail links (fast trains to London Bridge and London Victoria)

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The town is dreadfully uninspiring: the selection of shops is dire and their appearance is unappealing - Martells, tatty charity shops and many dreary cafes. Parking is exorbitant: if visitors are to be encouraged to spend time and money in the shops then they shouldn't be penalised by high parking charges. Get cars out of the centre: pedestrianise the old High Street and London Road from the High Street to King Street. Some questions in the survey required a fixed number of answers, but the options available were not always appealing. It should have been possible to pick UP TO a given number of options.

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More needs to be done about the one way system from the railway station to McDonalds as this regularly becomes too business and traffic is a nightmare.

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I have lived in East Grinstead for over 26 years. In this time I have seen the town run down. Poor quality shops. Why do we need a 99P shop and then £ stretcher next to it. This town is becoming a gheto

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In the section regarding travelling into town to shop etc., I mainly use my car but I also, on occasions, walk. There was not an option to select both. I selected "car" in all cases but I don't think this is an accurate reflection of my personal means of getting into town.

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The No.1 priority for the town & council must be to provide a better infrastructure. If this is done successfully, I would fully support further re-generation, housing and development of Industrial Parks, etc. Unless this is done the town and surrounding areas will continue to suffer.

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This is great, really nice to get the opportunity to give input. The survey (as surveys always are) is a bit fluffy, would like to be asked for opinion on specifics as they arise. I think East Grinstead has a wealth of business people who travel to London and could offer very sensible input in to the ongoing strategy of the town if engaged correctly. Also, I really think we need something for teenagers, there are some great outdoor things and I know the wallace centre is there but as I understand it is under subscribed. I would sell wallace centre and use the money to build an amazing purpose built youth facility, with playstations and under 18 nightclub. This age group currently just want to get out of the town ASAP and only a small percentage come back or we get left with the worst of them. I think if we engaged them and made them want to come back after uni for work and to grow a family it would be in the long term interest of the town. Email me if you like, I have put a lot of thought in to this and am just waiting for a lottery win to make it happen! Terry.pullin@backboneconnect.co.uk You should also capture email addresses on this survey so you can engage respondents next time!

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I found the questions had a bias to them. To provide the infrastructure required in the town there must be industrial and residential development to fund this requirement. East Grinstead is a traffic bottle neck which discourages businesses from setting up here. Without the residential and commercial expansion there will never be a vibrant retail sector within the town no matter how much is spent on internal road systems and town centre facilities.

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Being forced to choose five options on some of the questions meant some of the answers weren't really my opinion at all, I just chose some of the answers at random because I had to.

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there needs to be a cohesive link between the station and the town centre and High Street; whether this takes the form of improved signage, or a sculpture trail, a free bus, or a land-train such as you see at the coast. The town also fails to capitalise on being on the National Cycle Network. A facility for bike hire, sales, repairs etc near the NCN but in the town would be welcome. Also on cycling, many parts of the town are bike unfriendly with some

one way streets that could easily allow two way cycling (eg Cantelupe Road is plenty wide enough) and some footpaths could become shared with bikes (eg Mount Noddy to Hackenden Lane). But good luck with the consultation !

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I have been living in the area for thirty years. I have seen opposition to the building of a by pass and development of Queens arcade, which has stopped these projects which would have transformed the town for the better. East Grinstead is declining because of a vocal minority that want no changes. It costs developers money to put these schemes forward and if there is too much nick picking they won't bother. I remember the bowling alley closing for lack of skilled workers. I think affordable housing is also holding us back as well as the area around the town divided into 4 local authorities, non of whom have any interest in helping the town develop.

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The life blood of the town is shopping and services. To attract more people into the town to shop we need free short-stay car parking such as is available in neighbouring Forest Row and other towns in West Sussex. It is the role of the local authority to stimulate the economy of the town and not stifle it. With free parking you wouldn't need all the maintenance of equipment and quasi Police 'Community Enforcement Officers'. Good quality toilets are urgently needed in the High Street, particularly with the closure of poor quality ones in Cantelupe Road.

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The 30 mph roads discourage people from East Grinstead Chequer Mead has always been and will always be a constant drain on the town

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Some of the questions were a bit loaded for a yes answer , especially at the beginning . Since yes I would also like the sun always to shine and for there to be constant good will to all men. So it felt a bit pointless . The road system also needs to be sorted out too many of the major A roads have been reduced to 30mph in the name of safety - meaning traveling through East Grinstead is awkward with road speeds constantly changing sometimes only for a few yards .Madness

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Please do not waste any more taxpayers money subsidising Chequer Mead. It should stand on its own two feet, if people want this facility, they should pay for it, not the majority of residents who resent this use of our scarce resources.

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I said I would support new opportunities for businesses but not a new industrial park. this is because I think better use of the existing ones would be preferable. There are many empty

buildings that could be utilised. East Grinstead does not have a very good mix of shops in the town centre, thus most people only come to do the basics. Charging for parking or making parking more difficult discourages this and drives people out of the town centre. Free parking would encourage more frequent trips in the town centre, which would increase business for all of the shops and restaurants in the town. Constant attempts to reduce traffic levels drives people away. We need more measures to deal with increasing volumes of traffic!

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The constant conversion of offices into flats has serious adverse economic effects - it cuts potential employment in the town, forces the new residents to work elsewhere, and reduces the number of customers for the town shops, particularly during the week. The provision of free parking for Sainsburys makes town centre shopping uncompetitive. The market should be relocated in Queens Walk - it's more central, and partly covered, and the succes of the existing fruit/vegetable stall there shows what can be done to revitalise this run-down area.

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I hope that any new development in East Grinstead will definitely fit in with the town's historic background. I would not like to see large concrete blocks and for East Grinstead to become another Crawley. We need more specialist shops - a butchers would be nice. The town council should take a look at Oxted and note that it has free parking, a butchers, a greengrocers and many independent small businesses. It is a thriving town whereas EG is hardly attracting people from the surrounding areas.

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East Grinstead should operate free parking following the example of Oxted, Surrey. Empty shops in Oxted are very rare and there is a good selection of independent shops and also specialist shops for everyday needs such as a butchers, greengrocers, fishmongers etc., There are too many mobile phone shops and takeaways in EG. We need more variety of shops and certainly a better choice of restaurants. The size of the current post office is far from adequate -and the queue is often outside the door. Very disappointed that Caffyns - a landmark in the town is going to be a Travel lodge and Wilkinsons certainly not in keeping with EG. I hope the development of the town will be a more traditional style and not modern glass/concrete buildings

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We need to encourage new shops into the town. Too many of our shops are shut. Having read articles in the local paper it seems that shops leave due to the high rents they are charged. I know this is down to private individuals / companies being greedy but surely a lower rental income is better than none? Can the Council encourage this?

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The timetabling of trains and the line from East Grinstead needs improving. Trains need to start at least half an hour earlier eg 5.30am to enable people to reach central London in time to start work. As a branch line there are frequent disruptions to services. These factors in combination have forced me to switch from rail to road to get to work. People don't mind what the station looks like they just want a robust and reliable service.

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East Grinstead must provide new shopping and parking facilities to counter the outflow of potential customers to the shopping malls of Crawley and Tunbridge Wells. Clear signage at the station and in the town centre will help town businesses benefit from the likely upsurge in day visitors to the town when the Bluebell line link is completed.

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Over the past 10 years, longer in fact, the town has transformed from somewhere I used to enjoy living, to a 'micro-Crawley' - full of nightclubs, vandals, youths vomiting on the street, litter strewn everywhere, charity shops, empty buildings, big-issue sellers and £ stores. The town could have become like Tunbridge Wells, or Reigate - where there are no nightclubs, plenty of high-quality restaurants - in addition to not pandering to liberal voices in town councils that allow the development of low-quality shops, 'youth facilities' and betting shops.

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East Grinstead could be a lovely place to shop. There are a lot of people with money to spend but East Grinstead has no where to spend money other than the pound shop and charity shops. Tree Frog, Waitrose and a couple of others are good but otherwise extremely poor. I have to go to Tunbridge Wells or Lakeside. You should be planning for extra trade with the Bluebell railway extension. We have beautiful buildings but again we don't make the most of how East Grinstead could look. I wish I could be on the council to sort this out.

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The questions that must have 5 answers are poor...many of the things I would suggest are not listed and can't be added thus the stats you draw will be flawed by me having to choose from your list. Some suggestions.... 1. give people who work in the town cheap parking in car parks and get them away from using our streets as car parks.... 2. we don't have any problems getting into town... we only have a problem with through traffic. Changing roads in the town centre will not help.... 3 make parking easier for people who actually live in the town centre... 4. get the streets in the town centre where people live cleaned up properly and stop businesses like Royal Mail and Boots having load of litter in their back yards.... 5. Get rid of wheely bins from terraced houses that have no side entrances and from blocks of flats...they are a disgrace

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Do NOT make any more streets one-way, there is actually NO route for the return traffic coming the other way. DO give us a REAL bypass as promised since the 1930s, this would remove much traffic from the town centre and allow those who WANT to be here much more facility. NONE of the other town/villages bypassed in Sussex have demanded to go back to the old way, as per an answer at a public meeting years ago. THE REAL BYPASS IS ACTUALLY THE ONLY THING YOU NEED TO PROVIDE, ALL ELSE WILL SORT OUT FROM THERE.

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Improve the infrastructure PLEASE! We have no end of new flats and houses being built but have no new infrastructure to cope with this. More and more people are coming to live in East Grinstead, particularly from other countries yet we are not expanding to cope with this either. Perhaps some houses could be built at the Imberhorne farm end of E.G. instead of the hospital end as this end of the town is full to capacity with twice the number of cars using the roads but, again, nothing in place to cope with this.

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Create a cycle lane from Norton House car park to the fire station, to bypass the one-way system (via Tower Close and the car park). It might only be 10 metres long, but would be beneficial.

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My church is Trinity Methodist, not sure if this is included as TOWN but I have ticked yes for worshipping in Eg same would go for clubs in EG

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CAR PARKING If you are serious about attracting more shoppers to the Town Centre then you have to address parking charges. Try FREE parking for a while, to get people into the habit of visiting the town. (No parking between 9am and 9.30am to deter commuters). Review the charges after 1 year. Tunbridge Wells and Uckfield behave as if they want shoppers, so that is where we go for other than food shopping. Get on with the Martells plan to improve the town centre.

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I have been forced to choose five answers to questions where I only wanted one, two or three of the options. This means that you have made me support things that I actually oppose!

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Parking provision too expensive & deters longer stays in town; too many coffee shops/mobile phone and charity shops; business rates appear too high for small independent shops which are closing almost on a weekly basis; trend to increase residential development in town at expense of other/business uses (eg conversion to flats above Whitehall and Olive Grove) will add to decline of trade; most evenings town centre is full of drunk, loud and leery

youths with overspill from pubs blocking pavements eg Bridge Bar and is a no-go area for families. Lack of decent public toilets - using shops/pubs not a suitable alternative, esp for disabled; Queens Walk currently a dreary 1970's throwback and the proposals for flats and underground car park a dire alternative, the greed of the developers to make money on housing has blighted this area; removal of shade trees on the Queens Walk car park adds to the desolation. The alternative shopping centres (Crawley, Redhill, etc) are of the same bog-standard collection of multiples and chain stores with the added hassle of getting there so East Grinstead is my choice by default!

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I feel that we have adequate coffee shops, charity shops, restaurants, phone shops and the like but we don't have enough independent and chain stores to attract shoppers into the town. Perhaps, helping new business startup by offering a reduction in business rates for the first couple of years may encourage new businesses and help them establish a customer base whilst times are hard. In addition, parking charges in the town should be reviewed with a view to encourage shoppers into the town and in turn help the shops. One way would be to introduce free short term shopping for say, 2 hours. Even if this was only on certain days of the week this would help trade levels and encourage new customers to come to the town.

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Need to do something about people who park outside cash machines etc on the London road causing an obstruction

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make queens road one way from queens way to west hill and remove the stupid traffic light filters at the crossroad between queens rd, London Road, and kings rd. they cause confusion to non residents of East Grinstead the locals ignore them.

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Please speed up the redevelopment of the Queens Walk area. Please make the High Street and London Road into a one way system and widen the pavements.

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A bypass would be attractive to residents and attracting new businesses. Reestablish the east west rail link and the south extension to Lewes which were closed by Beecham.

Pedestrianise the Old High Street 'a la Pantiles'. Try to attract one decent pub or restaurant.

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Just get on with it!

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You do not mention traffic congestion before you get into the town !!!! I believe that this is the most important problem to solve. What puts people off getting into EG is the existing traffic congestion - made worse by more apartments/house being built in the central area. If this is not solved then all the work you do to improve the town and the welcome arrival of the Bluebell Railway will be wasted.

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