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Building a Better Town Future

East Grinstead Housing and Infrastructure Development Survey

Your Town Council is working hard to produce a Neighbourhood Plan which will help shape our town for the next 20 years.

We are now asking for further views on Housing and Infrastructure Development, which will link into a series of previous and future surveys to complete the whole picture.

The release of this survey was delayed to allow for the publication of the Atkins 3 Traffic Management Study 2012 looking at the traffic capacity and possible improvements to key junctions along the A22 London Road. This report may have major implications on the nature and amount of future development in East Grinstead.

This full Atkins report can now be found by using the following link:-

Housing is an important part of the plan. Where will our children live? Have we sufficient starter homes? Is current housing meeting the needs of an aging population? Remember East Grinstead has an above average number of older residents. What about the needs of people who increasingly work from home? These are all questions we need to consider.

You have an opportunity at the end of the survey to include additional comments you consider relevant.

Your views are important to us, so please take the time to complete the survey and return it to us at:
East Grinstead Town Council
East Court, College Lane, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 3LT
Email towncouncil@eastgrinstead.gov.uk or telephone +44 (0) 1342 323636.
This survey can be completed on-line at www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk

Q How long have you lived in East Grinstead?

Under 1 year	
1 – 5 years	
5 – 10 years	
10 years +	

Q Which of the following attracted you to live or remain in East Grinstead? (Please tick as many as apply)

Safe environment		Good road links	
Good schools		Good bus links	
Good local facilities (e.g. shop, GP Surgery etc)		Good Sporting Facilities	
Strong sense of community		Clean and tidy town	
Close to place of work		Cost of housing	
Peaceful / quiet		Low Level of Crime	
Easy access to the Ashdown Forest		Character of the Town	
Good rail links		Family ties	

Q Your accommodation? (Please tick just one box)

Owner Outright	Buying on Mortgage	Renting from Housing Association/Trust	Renting from Private Landlord	Living with family member	Shared Ownership	Other

Q Are you or any member of your household on the housing waiting list? (Please tick just one box)

Yes	No

Housing Need

Over the last 10 years there have been approximately 950 new homes built in East Grinstead and there are approximately 765 homes with planning permission or outline consent or otherwise already committed but that are not yet built. Housing within the town will ideally have to be balanced between owner occupier, private rented, social rented, affordable homes. Currently there are 632 people in East Grinstead on housing waiting lists for Social and Affordable Homes. The expected growth in population across Mid Sussex (as suggested in the MSDC Draft District Plan) is expected to be 0.6% per year and will require 10,600 new homes to meet that need across the district over the next 20 years. Against this background we would like to ask some questions:

Q Thinking about the previous statement, do you agree that there will be a need for more homes in East Grinstead over the next 20 years to 2031? (tick only one option)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know, not sure

Planning for the future of East Grinstead, and to ensure it is a vibrant and sustainable town, we need to have the right mix of housing to deal with our current and future housing needs.

Q If new homes have to be built in East Grinstead should these be of a particular type?

(tick only one box per row)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know, Not Sure
Flats (1 – 2 beds)					
Smaller/Starter houses (e.g. 1- 2 beds)					
Family houses (e.g. 3 beds)					
Larger Family houses (4 Bed+)					
Homes for rent (open market)					
Affordable homes (i)					
Homes suitable for Home Working					
Retirement/sheltered homes					
Key worker homes					

- (i) Affordable Homes; Social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing, provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market. Eligibility is determined with regard to local incomes and local house prices. Affordable housing should include provisions to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households or for the subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision. (National Planning Policy Framework)

If we need to identify suitable additional sites for housing development within East Grinstead, we need to be aware that the town's urban boundary (built up area) borders directly with Surrey and East Sussex, with a large proportion of our other land within Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Q. In identifying suitable sites for housing development in East Grinstead, which areas would you say are appropriate. (please tick as many as applies)

Within the town's current built up area boundary.	
On green field sites adjacent to the towns built up area boundary	
On sites in designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (ANOB) adjacent to our towns built up area boundary	
On sites which are currently developed for other uses, but could be redeveloped for housing	
On green field sites not adjacent to the town's built up area boundary	
On sites in designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty but not adjacent to our towns built up area boundary	
Don't know	

Q. Do you agree, there is a need to identify and protect strategic gaps between neighbouring villages and our town to protect each others unique characteristics and prevent coalescence (merging)

Agree	Disagree	Don't Know

Infrastructure

Residents have raised concerns in the past that new homes and jobs will place additional demands on existing infrastructure and facilities. (By infrastructure and facilities we mean such things as transport, roads, leisure facilities, local amenities such as shops and schools, as well as key services such as water and sewerage systems)

Whilst new developments can mean more use, it also brings with it funding that allows increasing these facilities. It enables local investment in what people want, for example in roads or utilities.

More people in our town means that services in an area get more support. For example, more people might mean more custom at an existing shop and more children attending the local school.

Many infrastructural improvements will be funded by a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which will be charged on all new homes and some new commercial developments.

Q Thinking about the above, please indicate which of the following you think need to be improved or increased?

London Road A22 junctions improvements	
Improved Cycle Routes and Links	
Local school places	
Built Leisure Facilities	
Parks and Play Areas	
Car Parks	
Sports Fields/Pitches/Changing facilities	
Pedestrian Access to and around the Town Centre.	
Bus Interchange at the Railway Station	
Safe and secure cycle racks	
Number of GP Surgeries	
Number of Dental Surgeries	
Cemetery Capacity	
Allotments	
Community Centres	

The above list is not exhaustive and is designed to help you develop your own thoughts on what infrastructure improvements for the town are important to you. Please list these briefly below;

About You

To help us understand better the results of the survey we would like to know a little about you. All individual responses will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Q What is your postcode

Q Are you? Male Female

Please select **ONE**

Q Your age?

Please select **ONE** only

12-17	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
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Q Do you consider you have a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity?

(Long-standing means anything that has troubled you over a period of time or that is likely to affect you over a period of time)

Please select **ONE** only

Yes No

Q How many people are there in your household (Please tick just one box)

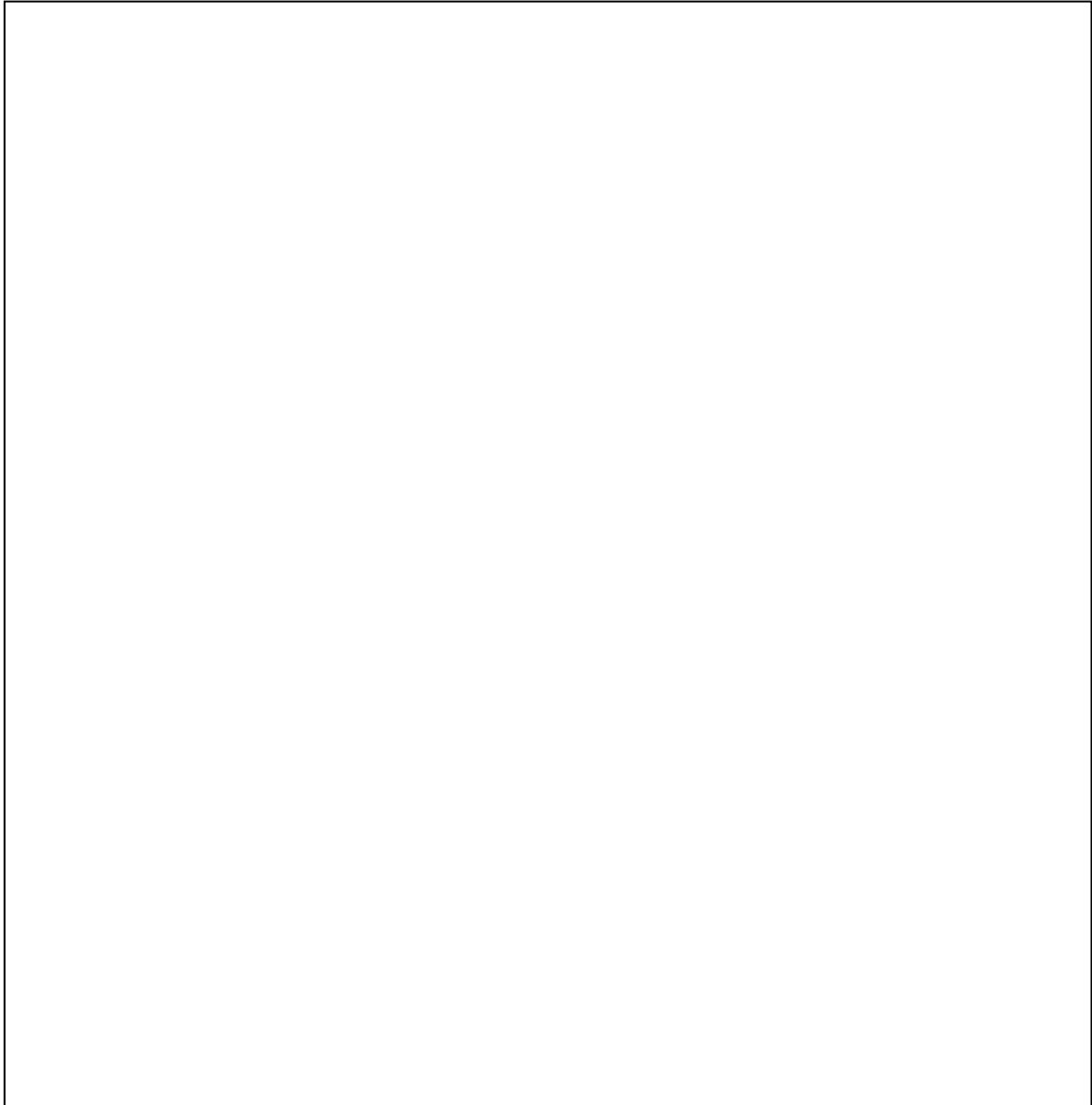
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Would you like to be involved in future surveys or receive information from the Town Council please let us have your email.

Email address

This information will not be passed onto any third parties.

Additional Comments..

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