

## APPENDIX F - Community Project List

Consultation with the community highlighted a number of issues of interest and concerns that cannot be the subject of formal policies in a Neighbourhood Plan because they do not directly relate to spatial planning.

These projects summarised below are intended to inform future project priorities to be managed by the Parish Council on behalf of the community and will be delivered as funding allows. Funding contributions for these projects would be sought, where possible, from planning conditions, Section 106 agreements, or the Community Infrastructure Levy.

### Project 1. *Enlargement of the Village Hall*

The Village Hall is not large enough to meet the needs of the community, and the additional housing in The Hanneys that has been approved, but not yet built or occupied, will increase demand even further.

A plot of land adjacent to the Village Hall had been identified as an area reserved for possible expansion. However, the VOWH planning department has confirmed that as the Hall is located in Flood Zone level 3b, planning permission would not be granted for any building work that would extend the current footprint of the building. The only option is to convert the veranda and Committee Room area of the Hall to provide additional community space within the current footprint. The estimated cost of the conversion is £40000.

### Project 2. *Enlarged Car park for the Village Hall*

Car parking at the village hall is insufficient for the present population. With the expected population growth and the fact that many developments are not near the village centre it is expected that more people will want to drive to the village hall. An area for car park expansion has been identified and approved by East Hanney Parish Council. It is located to the east of the Hall and will extend the current overflow car park on to an unused section of the playing field providing an additional 32 spaces. It is easy to implement and would consist of an open grid which allows grass to grow and so provide a robust but green looking parking area. The cost will be £43000 and planning permission has been granted for this project.

### **Evidence**

The carpark is often full when events are held at the village hall.

In the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, we asked the following question “Which of the following items should we seek to provide or improve through the Neighbourhood Plan process?” 55 out of 184 requested a larger carpark at the village hall.

### Project 3. ***Improved footpaths, stiles and bridleways***

This project would include replacing stiles with kissing gates to provide easier access for residents who have difficult climbing over stiles.

#### ***Evidence***

In the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, we asked the following “What improvements to public footpaths and bridleways would you like to see?” 68 out of 233 respondents would like to see stiles replaced with kissing gates.

At the consultation event at the primary school a number of people suggested improvements to footpaths to make them buggy accessible.

In the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, we asked the following, “What is your opinion of the village character?” 158 out of 237 stated that they strongly agreed that they value the network of footpaths.

The cost of replacing each stile with a kissing gate is £450.

### Project 4. ***Cycle path to Grove***

The West Hanney BOAT No. 2 and the restricted by-way to Grove (Cow Lane) is heavily rutted and unsuitable for walking or cycling. This project would be to improve the surface. The cost is dependent on the type of surface and the amount of work required.

This would provide a linking pedestrian and cycle route to Grove and potential new facilities there including a leisure centre, schools and railway station.

#### ***Evidence***

In the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire 184 respondents out of 215 residents suggested improvements to this by-way.

### Project 5. ***Community Infrastructure Levy***

To ensure that the local element of CIL funding is focused on projects that have been identified by the community.

The Parish Council is keen to ensure that, where appropriate, development contributes to village infrastructure. All new development is potentially liable for a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The infrastructure projects 1 to 4, above, have been identified during the production of the Plan. They will be prioritised as CIL funding becomes available. In working through the various projects and coming to decisions on their relative priority and delivery, the Parish Council will work with partner organisations to identify their various costs. This project refers specifically to the Parish Council’s use of the local element of any CIL funding generated in the neighbourhood area.

### Project 6. ***Campaigning for Traffic, Transport and Parking improvements***

To emphasise the importance of community efforts to engage with these issues.

The Parish Council is keen to ensure that the community is involved in its efforts to continue to improve traffic management and parking and to investigate options to re-introduce public transport links to the village.

**Project 7. *Meeting our local housing needs***

To ensure that the Parish Council is kept up to date with the current housing needs of the community.

To initiate regular surveys of parish housing need, regular consideration of potential Rural Exception Site development to meet affordable housing need, and making representations, where necessary, regarding any future housing developments where local needs may potentially be met.