



CATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL PARISH PRIORITY STATEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Catsfield Parish Council is committed to the well-being of our community and is working to produce a Parish Priority Statement (PPS) which will reflect residents' opinions when decisions affecting our future are being made. A PPS is a statutory document that Rother District Council must consider when setting out their Local Plan. Catsfield is the first Parish Council in Rother to produce a PPS. The first step in this process is to ask residents their opinions on key issues. Further consultation with residents will follow when we have consolidated the responses.

See also further explanation of a PPS in this linked document.

<https://www.catsfieldpc.co.uk/Docs/Parish%20Priority%20Statement%20Catsfield%20PC.pdf>

You may also want to refer to the Parish Council's long term aims (this does not apply to housing) which can be found here:

<https://www.catsfieldpc.co.uk/Docs/Catsfield%20Parish%20Council%20AIMS.pdf>

If you need more space to comment, please comment on an additional sheet and clearly label the question you are addressing.

There will be two opportunities for you meet and speak to members of the Parish Council, once when we have consolidated the survey response in April and again to review the final draft of the statement in May. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact the Parish Council Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors.

The closing date for the questionnaire is **27th Feb 2026**. You can return the questionnaire via email to the Clerk Clerk@catsfield-pc.gov.uk or in the Catsfield Parish Council post-box which is on the village hall wall near the noticeboard.

We need to know who you are to confirm you are a resident. By entering your contact details, we will assume you agree to us contacting you for Parish Council purposes only. If you do not want to be contacted, please state No here. _____

Please note that your personal details will not be shared with anyone, they will only be used internally within the Parish Council to keep you updated with Parish Council messaging to residents.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact email: _____

The vision for the future

Q1. What aspects of the Parish do you most value and want to protect? *e.g Housing design, The natural environment.*

Q2. 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.*

Development and management of land

Q3. Do you have any comments on the January 2026 RDC local plan consultation? *(See page 89 of the linked document for site allocations in the Jan 2026 version of this plan)*

https://rdcpublish.blob.core.windows.net/website-uploads/2024/04/New-Local-Plan_Reg-18_version_Final.pdf

Please also note that Devolution (A Sussex Mayor) and Local Government Reorganisation (A Unitary Authority for East Sussex) will change how housing planning is managed. See link:

<https://www.catsfieldpc.co.uk/Docs/Devolution%20and%20Local%20Government%20Reorganisation.pdf>

Q4. Are there any areas of the Parish you would like to see developed? *E.g For housing, services, Recreation ground facilities.*

Q5. Are there any specific areas you want protected for other uses?

Homes

Q6. What type of homes would you like to see in your local community and why? *E.g Family home, smaller homes, affordable homes, retirement homes.*

Q7. What size of home is needed locally and why? *E.g number of bedrooms.*

Q8. Any other requirements?

Q9. Would you support permitted development of community led housing? *This is a form of affordable housing that is usually located beyond the development boundary, with 5-15 plots, with restrictions on use to local people. See link for more information <https://www.ruralsussex.org.uk/>*

Design

Q10. Are there any areas of local character which are particularly important to the local community

Jobs

Q11. Are there any business opportunities that you feel should be provided in the community?

Natural Environment & Green Spaces

Q12. What makes Catsfield's natural environment special to you?

Q13. What actions should be taken to protect and improve biodiversity and green spaces?

Q14. Would you support the Parish Council taking opportunities to reduce the carbon in the community?

Infrastructure

Q15. What improvements in the community would you like to see (Tick all that apply)

- ☐ Better cycle paths ☐ More parking spaces ☐ Improved community buildings ☐ Better mobile signal ☐ Faster/more reliable internet ☐ Improved drainage ☐ More renewable energy sources ☐ Better pavements & footpaths ☐ Better transport links ☐ Other (please note below)

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.
YOUR VIEWS MATTER AND WILL HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF CATSFIELD.**