



Please return by 30th July 2009

‘Your Vision for Petts Wood’ – Questionnaire Introduction

If you attended the AGM, you will have seen our display and heard the Chairman speak about our new project – ‘*Your Vision for Petts Wood*’.

As an association, we do not hold power to make or overturn decisions; however we liaise and consult with key influencers regularly on behalf of our members and this can help influence decisions based on local feeling.

At all times, we seek to represent the views of our members, and to ensure that not only are you informed about planned changes in Petts Wood, but are consulted at every opportunity.

Often, however, the timeframes for responses to public consultation on planning and other such issues are very short, and to consult with all our members within these tight timescales can be logistically impossible. We may, therefore, need to respond on your behalf without having consulted you on a specific planning application. But how should we respond? What should we support, object to or merely comment on? And should our comments be positive or negative?

‘*Your Vision for Petts Wood*’ is our way of determining what you want Petts Wood to be, what you want the PWDRRA to be and how you want the Association to both represent you and support you.

This will enable us to keep the Association in the forefront of the development of our community and keep our members’ views constantly in the minds of our local councillors, local authorities and the Business Association.

To ensure that we represent you as fully and as accurately as possible, and to speak with authority on your behalf, we need your input – we need to develop *Your Vision*, and then work towards seeing that vision materialise.

Instructions

This form should be printed and completed by hand.

Please circle or tick your answers as appropriate.

If you need more space for comments, please continue on a separate sheet.

Once completed, please return the form:

- *By post: to the Chairman, PWDRRA, 8 Sherborne Road, Petts Wood, BR5 1GW.*
- *By hand: to any member of the PWDRRA Committee as detailed on the back cover of the Gazette.*
- *By telephone: call any member of the Committee and they will be pleased to arrange a mutually convenient time to collect the questionnaire.*

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

A. Planning for Petts Wood Shopping Centre

1. 'It is better to have a shop in use rather than remaining empty'. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Agree **Disagree** *If not, why not?*.....

2. What sort of leisure facilities would you like to see in Petts Wood?

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3. We would strongly comment / oppose any application which would contravene / impact on the Area of Special Residential Character / Conservation Area to protect the area. Do you agree?

Agree **Disagree** *If not, why not?*.....

4. What type of shops would you like to see more of in Petts Wood?

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5. What sort of outlets would you prefer not to see more of in Petts Wood?

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6. Should we be involved in major commercial / residential developments outside the area which may impact on Petts Wood residents?

Yes **No** *If not, why not?*.....

7. We currently assess retail / commercial planning / licensing applications based on the following criteria – if the application fits one of these criteria, we will reassess and comment if necessary:

- Are the premises currently empty?
- Has there been an application for change of use?
- Does the development involve extending the premises?
- Are there likely to be parking access issues?
- Does the application seek to change the trading hours?
- Is there likely to be any environmental impact?

Do you think this list is adequate?

Yes **No** *If not, why not?*.....

Should we consider any other issues?

Yes **No** *If yes, what?*.....

B. Residential Planning

1. We, as an association, neither oppose nor support a residential planning application. We will, however, submit comments based upon local feeling / letters received related to the Conservation Area and the Area of Special Residential Character unless extenuating circumstances apply. Do you agree?

Agree **Disagree** *If not, why not?*.....

2. As a matter of principle, should we oppose back garden developments?

Yes **No** *Comments*.....

3. Are there any other aspects of residential planning on which you feel we could have more input?

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4. We currently assess residential planning applications based on the following criteria – if the application fits one of these criteria, we will reassess and comment if necessary:

- Is it in a Conservation Area?
- Is it in an Area of Special Residential Character?
- Is it a back garden development or infill?
- Is it a new build or multiple new build?
- Is there a potential to have parking / access issues?
- Will it significantly impact upon the local environment?
- Has there been a change of use proposed for the dwelling?

Do you think this list is adequate?

Yes **No** *If not, why not?*.....

Should we consider any other issues?

Yes **No** *If yes, what?*.....

Notes:

- (1) When asked, we will inform our members of the process regarding residential planning applications, but we do not become involved in the preparation or submission of applications on behalf of residents.
- (2) We can advise only of processes involved in neighbour to neighbour issues.

C. The Residents' Association

As an association we feel we should be more pro-active on your behalf...

1. We currently cover the following areas regularly on behalf of our residents, which of these do you feel that we should continue to explore and report on your behalf? *(please tick)*

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| • Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Health | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • National Trust | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Police / Crime | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Public Transport | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Traffic and Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Other (please specify)..... | | |

2. What local issues do you feel we should concentrate on for the next 3 years?

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3. Should our input in these designated areas extend to: *(please tick)*

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| • Reporting | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Lobbying | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Campaigning | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Representation on local committees | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

4. Do you have any other comments on what the Association could or should be doing on your behalf?

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5. Do you have any general comments about the Committee, the Gazette or the annual subscription fee?

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D. Community Projects

1. Should we be encouraging projects to support the following groups of residents:
(please tick)

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| • Mother and baby / child | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Youth activities | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Families | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Older residents | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Minority groups | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Leisure / sport | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

If so, which of the following examples would you support? (please tick)

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| • Drop in Centres | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Holiday Clubs | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Evening Clubs | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Lunch Clubs | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Befriending Services | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Community Centre | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Other (please specify)..... | | |

2. Should we give financial support to charities from: (please tick)

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| • Association Funds? | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Fundraising events? | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

If so, what should the criteria be? (please tick)

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| • Based in Petts Wood | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Links to Petts Wood | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • National charities | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| • Nominated by residents | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

3. Are there any other community based issues that we should be covering on your behalf?

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4. Would you volunteer for any community project initiated by the PWDRA?

Yes **No** *Comments*.....

E. Traffic & Parking

1. Do you believe that we need more traffic calming measures?

Yes **No** *If yes, what?.....*

2. What improvements in Public Transport for the benefit of our residents should the Association be campaigning for?

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3. Would you support the introduction of more cycle lanes in Petts Wood?

Yes **No** *Comments.....*

4. What could be done to improve the traffic flow in Petts Wood?

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Are you? *(Please tick)*

- A Resident
- A Retailer / Business Owner
- Other (commuter /shopper/ etc)

Age group of respondent: *(Please cirde)*

Under 25 25-34 35-44 45-54 Over 55

Do you wish to be kept up to date on planning issues by e-mail?

If so, please complete your e-mail address and we will add you to the planning update group.

E-mail address: