

EAST PECKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision for East Peckham is one of a strong and thriving community where our history and heritage are celebrated and sustained, and where our rural setting and character are preserved and enhanced for both residents and visitors. In order to meet the needs of the Parish in the 21st Century, we aspire to:

- Maintain and enhance the built and natural environment for present and future generations
- Support small scale housing and business developments that meet local needs and are in keeping with the scale and demands of a small rural parish
- Encourage opportunities for parishioners across the generations to find enjoyment and fulfilment through a range of educational, sporting and leisure activities
- Ensure that the parish is a welcoming setting for visitors by improving facilities within the context of a safe and secure rural environment
- Foster partnership working between Parish organisations and institutions for the mutual benefit of all.
- Support local businesses and services that contribute to the quality of life for residents and visitors, including support for suitable diversification and use of new technology.

The specifics:

- Encourage a small proportion of new **residential development** which is focused in or around existing village development or brown-field sites, ensuring that any new developments, renovations or extensions are in keeping with existing building.
- Encourage **demographic and social balance** and use of **renewable energy** and waste-minimizing technologies.
- Encourage the growth of socially and environmentally compatible **business** and **light commercial** activity/employment and redevelopment of existing redundant facilities so as to enhance the prosperity of the Parish.
- Encourage the development of the local **tourist** trade by promoting and developing parish amenities and the surrounding countryside whilst ensuring that the environmental impact is assessed and managed appropriately.
- Promote activities and a supportive community network to ensure a safe **crime-free** community.
- Encourage awareness and community involvement in projects to maintain and enhance the **natural environment** of the parish so that it is sustained for future generations and is seen as a model for other parishes
- Encourage and support the development of a wide choice of stimulating **activities** for all age and interest groups; and facilitate co-operation and understanding between groups to build **community spirit** and support.
- Raise awareness of local **transport** services and encourage modes of transport (e.g. car sharing and cycling) that support the needs of all major demographic groups and are environmentally friendly.
- Continuously work on infrastructure and behaviours to ensure that **roads** are maintained, safe and used responsibly by local and through traffic. Manage speed whilst ensuring that the control measures do not negatively affect the village and rural environment.
- Identify, maintain and develop **infrastructure** and key **facilities** and other services that enhance the quality of life in the parish.
- Continually improve the modus operandi of the **Parish Council** and encourage broader involvement and contribution to the management of parish matters by existing groups and the general population.

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