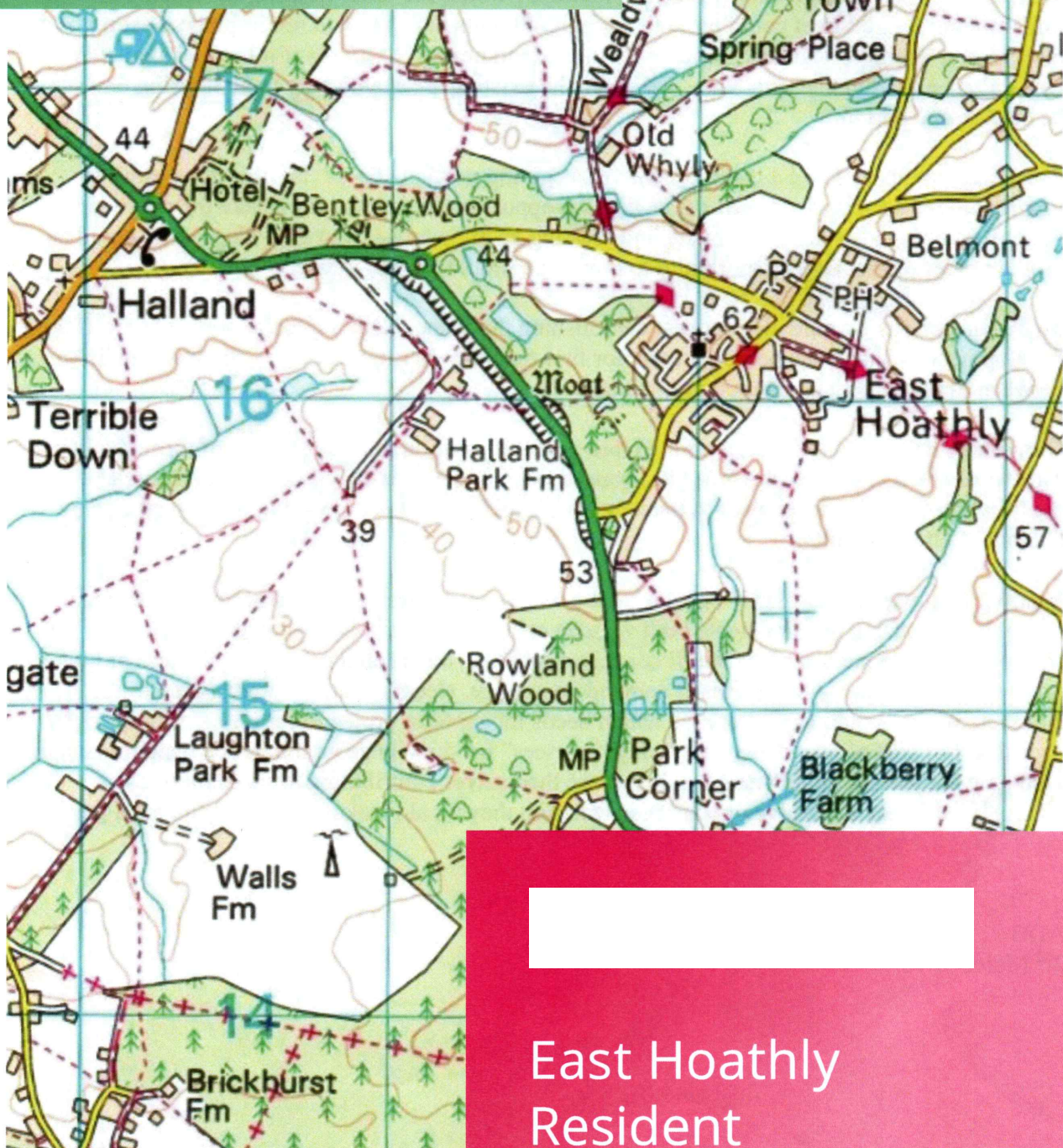


East Hoathly with Halland
Neighbourhood Plan

Position Statement

March 2018



East Hoathly
Resident

The neighbourhood plan gives an opportunity for the residents of EH & H to express their views as to the future development of both villages within the constraints of present infrastructure. I am assuming from anecdotal evidence there will be no investment in transport, school, health and leisure so any growth in housing unit numbers has to be undertaken sympathetically to what is currently in place. My views are pointed towards East Hoathly as that is where I live. Residents of Halland being better placed to comment on their long term plans.

It is incumbent upon us as existing residents to leave a legacy for our successors. A legacy which sees the village in 15 years time looking substantially as it does now with some organic infill growth on brown field sites as well as on small land parcels which are currently available (referred to locally as Miles land on South Street). This develops on the theme expressed at the inaugural meetings on the 24th & 25th January where I stated there should be growth within the limits of the availability of services to cope with increasing demand.

With the knowledge some land will be put forward I would see small housing developments. The infill land on South Street could provide some 30/40 units which would not impinge existing resources or encroach significantly on green field land nearby. Lydfords if it became available could also be used in the same vein. These are the existing areas where up to 50 housing units could be built over a period.

Our village needs 1, 2 and 3 bedroomed houses giving young people / families the chance to progress to the housing ladder whilst having the opportunity of remaining where they grew up thereby retaining a sense of belonging and creating an ongoing heart to the village. This could also provide older residents the opportunity to downsize should they so desire.

To be contentious I would also suggest demolishing the Village Hall replacing with a "mews" type development of 3 or 4 one bedroom units for first time buyers (maybe flats) with a twitten linking between South Street and Church Marks Lane.

Our village hall needs to be incorporated into a rebuilt pavilion to enhance both of those facilities. This would be financed by the proceeds from the sale of the existing village hall, a financial contribution from the developers of the new houses in South Street topped up with maybe some National Lottery funding.

Finally talking about the "Stud" plans what we do not need, want nor could accommodate are overly large housing developments built with no concern for the present infrastructure or environment. The current plans are ill conceived and take no account of present services or how to improve them to cope with increased demand on sewage, electric, transport, education or the closeness of the Ashdown Forest area which needs longer term protection from harmful nitrogen deposits. The cost of improving day to day "services" for the village would not be insignificant and I am sure the present landowners would not see themselves contributing towards these costs although were they to be given planning permission they would make substantial financial gains.

ADB

2nd March 2018