

Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan
Initial Research Notes - Infrastructure

SWOT Framework

<p>Strengths - positive attributes internal to the situation that are within your control.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolated village high on the N Downs with steep narrow access roads, discourages large scale / inappropriate development. • 464 bus service to Biggin Hill, Croydon, on to Bromley, London. • Locally based taxi service and Buses 4U • Good internet access for most homes particularly in village centre, patchy in other places. • Unmade roads deter 'cut throughs' and excessive speed • Community response 'fills in' if external provision falls short e.g. Helpline, 1st responder • Limited street lighting supports rural identity & green agenda (turn off at 1.30am consistent with rural identity) • Location could support wind turbines. • Public right of way / footpath / cycleway / bridleway network linking to AONB? • 	<p>Weaknesses - factors within your control that may impede your ability to meet your objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location high on the North Downs in the snow belt can result in the village being cut off. Narrow/ unmade roads. • Mobile phone / broadband coverage unreliable • Some homes still on cesspool drainage • Large number of unmade, unadopted roads require constant repair by residents. • Overhead power and telephone lines are vulnerable to damage during storms • Insufficient street lighting (turn off at 1.30am) • Inadequate infrastructure prevents any large-scale housing development. • Narrow roads, homes with no off street parking result in road congestion at peak times. • Unmade roads inaccessible for elderly/ disabled • Bus service to the south (Oxted & Westerham very poor) • Bus service to train stations poor. • Parking on all roads getting worse.
<p>Opportunities - external factors that the project should (or could) develop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any significant increase in the number of homes built in the village should be conditional on significant investment in roads and infrastructure by the authorities or the developer. • Opportunity to do something for cyclists- e.g. – secure bike park near the bakery/ pub to encourage cyclists to stop and spend money in the village. • Ensure all applications for extensions/ new builds include adequate off-street parking. • Improved public transport links – i.e. bus service to Sainsbury at Chelsham. • Install car charging point in Village centre. • Signage re limited access on unmade roads • Flashing school signs • Improvement in roads / footways / cycleways • New village car park • Improved links to countryside beyond village? • 	<p>Threats - external factors beyond your control that could place the project at risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New development without significant investment in roads and infrastructure, would overload current services • Development without adequate parking provision would make problem worse. • Increased numbers of large vehicles associated with new developments • Increased congestion of new development could have an adverse impact on public/highway safety