



Infrastructure Priorities

During the First Public Consultation undertaken as part of the creation of the Peasmarsh Neighbourhood Development Plan, the stakeholders of the parish were asked for their opinions of the current infrastructure providing services to the parish :

- education
- electricity
- health services
- police services and safety
- roads
- sewage disposal
- surface water drainage
- telecommunications
- public transport
- water supply

Gas supply was specifically excluded because of the expected changes in government policy.

As can be seen from the results of the consultation [q.v.], in some instances, the stakeholders were asked to rate particular elements of the infrastructure. This, together with the opinions and comments received, has allowed the volunteer group to prioritise its next steps in discussing the current situation and the ability to cope with future development with service providers.

First Priority Drainage

This includes both sewage disposal and surface water drainage; stakeholders report issues with both, the low-lying topography of the parish making both difficult.

Second Priority Public Transport, Roads and Traffic

Stakeholders consider the current frequency and routing of local bus services to be very inadequate. In addition, the A268 through the village is very busy and frequently the traffic is well in excess of the speed limits. The speeding problem is exacerbated by a lack of policing. These discussions will be supported by the data now being collected using a newly acquired BlackCAT Traffic Monitor.

Third Priority Electricity Supply

The parish – or at least parts of it – experiences frequent supply disruption ranging from less than a second to hours or even days. This aspect also includes the substantial increases in demand from the existing population resulting from government policies as heat source pumping and EV charging are imposed.



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Fourth Priority Telecommunications

There are reports of deterioration of broadband performance at peak periods and cell phone coverage will clearly come under increasing pressure.

Fifth Priority Health Services

The parish does not have a medical centre or surgery and travel to the practices in Rye and Northiam is difficult due to the public transport issues, quite apart from congestion and enrolment issues at those centres.

Other Priorities

There are many other issues raised, which will need to be considered – to include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following :

- Education, both primary and secondary
- Police services
- Fire
- Rescue
- Rubbish collection and disposal
- Infrastructure maintenance