



Setting the Scene

Over recent years many new housing developments have taken place in and around Hailsham and Hellingly. Providing the necessary transport improvements to manage the impact of these developments is key to making sure the new housing integrates well into the area.

A number of improvements have already been implemented in the vicinity of the development sites such as the new traffic lights and roundabouts along the A271, the Park Road and Battle Road cycleways, and a new bus service between Hellingly and Eastbourne. The developers have also agreed to make contributions towards further transport improvements across the town that the County Council will implement.

To identify exactly what improvements were required the County Council carried out a study: 'The Movement and Access Strategy for Hailsham and Hellingly' (MASHH). The improvements identified in the study were designed to accommodate both the housing development that is currently under construction and also the likely development that will take place up to 2027 which is the period covered by the next Wealden Local Plan.

In 2012 the MASHH steering group was set up. This consisted of members from Wealden District Council, Hailsham Town Council and Hellingly Parish Council as well as East Sussex County Council. Their key role being to prioritise spending on local transport improvements using the money which is being made available through contributions from existing and proposed developments.

The need for improvements to the High Street and surrounding streets was a key recommendation of the MASHH study. Plans have been developed showing the types of improvements that need to be considered and these form a key part of the exhibition.

The exhibition also includes outline plans for some key junctions that need improving to deal with the traffic from future development, together with proposals for the Hailsham to Eastbourne Sustainable Transport Corridor which will look to bring about a step change in the quality of the bus service between Hailsham and Eastbourne.