

Chichester Neighbourhood Plan

What is a **PLACE** assessment?

Information from FERIA Urbanism



“Towns and cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody”

Jane Jacobs – journalist, author, activist 1961

PLACE

Planning



Landscape



Architecture



Culture



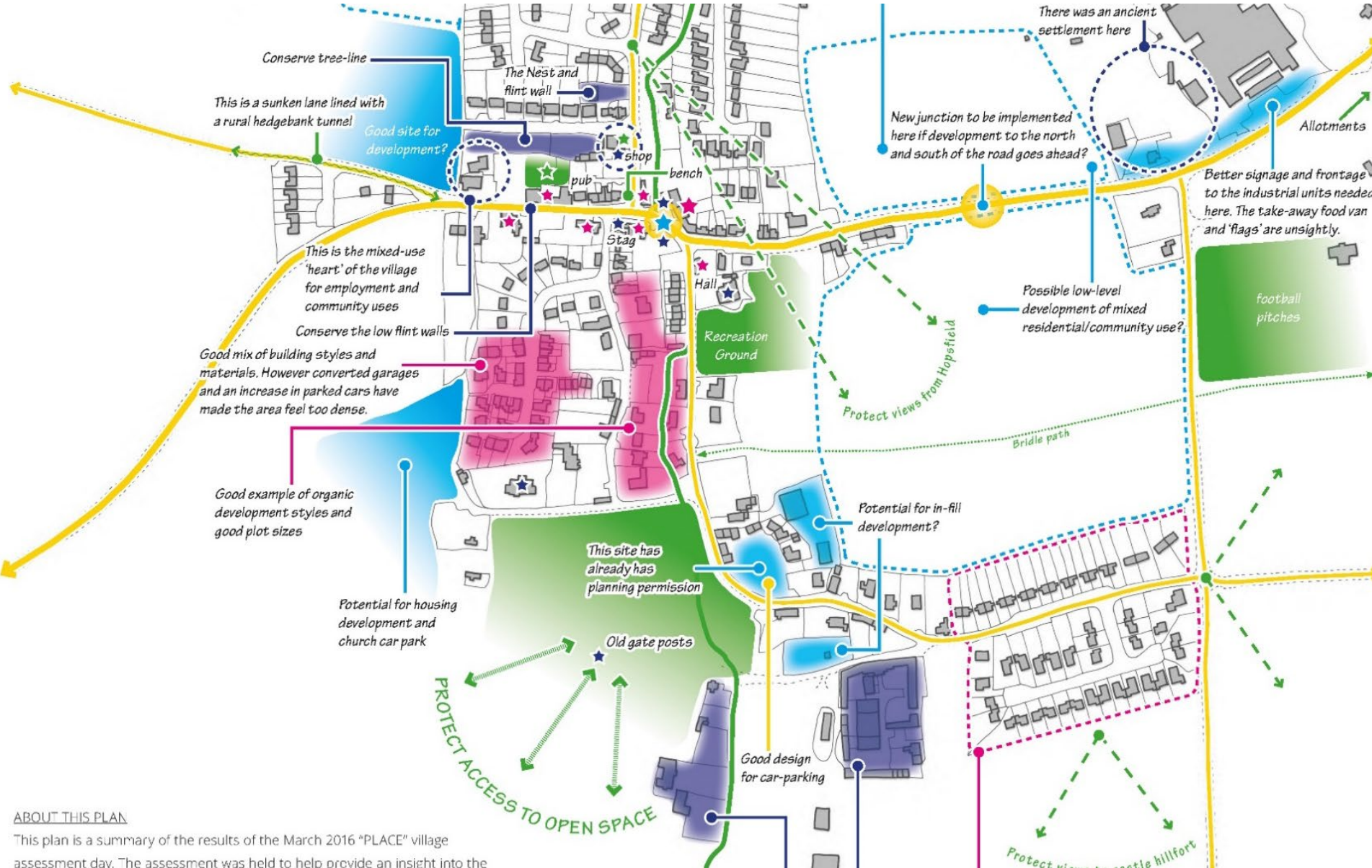
Engineering



Photos of a **PLACE** assessment in action (Milborne St Andrew, Dorset)



Example drawing prepared by Feria Urbanism (Milborne St Andrew, Dorset)



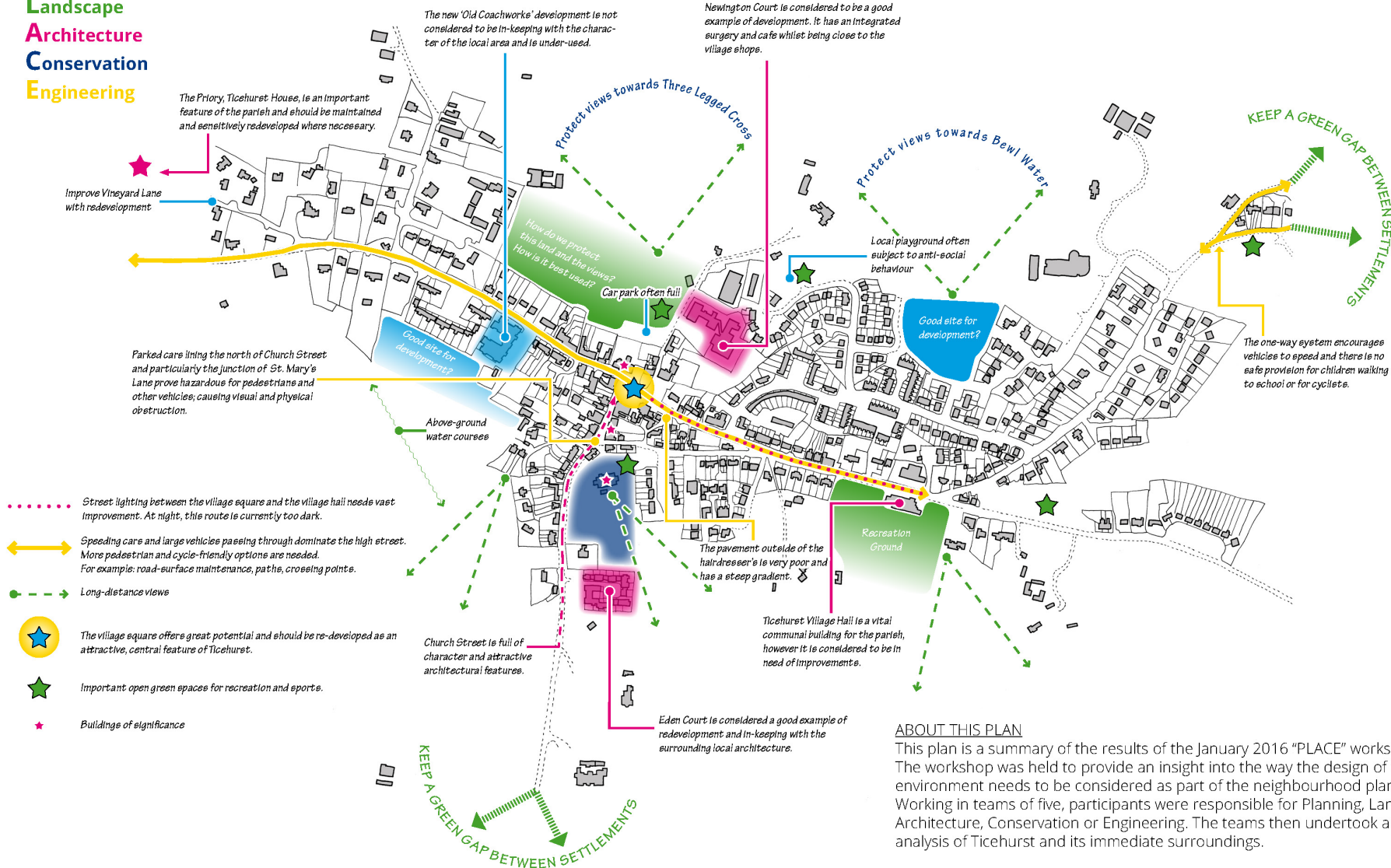
Note – This drawing was prepared using digital and hand drawn techniques. It was based on results from the local community, noting down issues using pen and paper. We want to follow the same process in Chichester.

ABOUT THIS PLAN

This plan is a summary of the results of the March 2016 "PLACE" village assessment day. The assessment was held to help provide an insight into the

Example drawing prepared by FERIA Urbanism (Ticehurst, East Sussex)

Planning
Landscape
Architecture
Conservation
Engineering




Note – This drawing was prepared using digital and hand drawn techniques. It was based on results from the local community, noting down issues using pen and paper. We want to follow the same process in Chichester.

ABOUT THIS PLAN

This plan is a summary of the results of the January 2016 "PLACE" workshop. The workshop was held to provide an insight into the way the design of the built environment needs to be considered as part of the neighbourhood plan process. Working in teams of five, participants were responsible for Planning, Landscape, Architecture, Conservation or Engineering. The teams then undertook a critical analysis of Ticehurst and its immediate surroundings.

Feria Urbanism
has prepared a
set of **PLACE**
assessment
booklets for
Chichester

| | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| <div><div><div>Chichester City Council Neighbourhood Plan</div></div><div><div>PLACE</div><div>Analysis</div></div><div>for a neighbourhood plan</div></div> <div><p>The purpose of this download is to help you create a map of elements that, when used together, show the character of your place. For this analysis, we are defining PLACE as Planning, Landscape, Architecture, Culture & Engineering.</p><p>Through this activity, you can start to establish what makes your place special, the qualities you want to build on and keep and what doesn't work — the things you would like to change. This activity will provide an insight into the way the design of the built environment needs to be considered as part of the neighbourhood plan process. Crucially, your research will inform future choices the steering group make about the focus of the neighbourhood plan.</p><p>Your neighbourhood plan potentially represents a once in a generation opportunity to shape the future of the neighbourhood and its surroundings. A question we need to ask ourselves is this: If sites were to come forward for new development, or sites for redevelopment and improvement were to be identified, what would be the right design response? What will your community consider good planning and good design? Only once we can answer this question, can we start to prepare the policies to be included in your plan.</p><p>Working in teams of five, each team member will be responsible for either Planning, Landscape, Architecture, Culture or Engineering. Each team of five will undertake a critical analysis of a specific area and its immediate surroundings. As you walk try to remain open-minded. Read through the prompts before you start and think about how to annotate the map. It important to undertake this task without any specific design proposals in mind.</p><div>© Feria Urbanism PLACE Analysis LANDSCAPE & ECOLOGY September 2020</div></div> | | <div><div>LANDSCAPE</div><div><p>This download is for considering landscape and ecology issues only. We ask that when you are out on site — either in the real world or online — you focus your observations around the prompts provided for this aspect only. You can make notes directly onto a map and in the spaces provided in this download.</p><p>Once the audit for your area is completed, it can be used to produce a complete map that registers the full complexity of the area, allowing, for example, architectural elements to be in conversation with engineering and landscape or culture. This whole picture will inform the neighbourhood plan and enable you to begin a full analysis of the specific issues you want to focus on.</p><p>Please record your field notes. There follows some prompts and ideas for you to consider. These prompts are by no means exhaustive. You will no doubt have your own ideas too.</p></div><div><p>L1. As you walk try to notice any longer distance views looking from the urban centre out to the landscape? Where are these from and what significance do they have? <i>Mark these views on the map indicating where you are standing and the direction of the view. Annotate anything you know about this view below.</i></p><p>L2. Where are the nearest parks or other green and open spaces? <i>Note down on the map where the parks and open spaces are and the quality of these spaces — what can you do here? (e.g walk, play football, fly a kite, explore an urban wild space etc)</i></p><p>L3. Make an audit of how many public green spaces there are in this area.</p></div><div>© Feria Urbanism PLACE Analysis LANDSCAPE & ECOLOGY September 2020</div></div> | |
| <div><p>...een spaces currently used for? <i>Note down your observations of how public green space variations (e.g. Sunbathing, picnics, park runs, children meeting at the playground)</i></p><p>...e green spaces connect? Is it possible, for e... using only greenways and footpaths? Does t... ve the beginnings of any green corridors (e... along natural features or streets and roads? ...ended or strengthened? <i>Note these routes, a...</i></p><p>...ke any comment on biodiversity? For exampl... iles or communities of gardeners creating a... <i>e your thoughts below.</i></p><p>...y nearby watercourses, either above ground... s? <i>Note these down on the map.</i></p><div>© Feria Urbanism PLACE Analysis LANDSCAPE & ECOLOGY September 2020</div></div> | | <div><p>...et trees nearby? Make observations about the trees beautiful, shady, sheltering, screening, damaged, sick or... <i>ese trees on the map.</i></p><p>... or routes that could accommodate more trees in the... <i>on of these trees on the map.</i></p><p>...hrubs, flowers, grass, planters, hanging baskets. Are wildlife or used for car parking? <i>Note below your thoughts the area you are walking in.</i></p><p>...this site lend themselves to a productive landscape for... are the nearest allotments? <i>Note down on the map any or potential growing space.</i></p><p>...gnificant hedgerows? If so, start to think about how they d incorporated successfully into any future redevelopment. <i>Note down on the map where these are.</i></p><p>L14. Are there any areas that could be used to form small-scale nature reserves? <i>Note down on the map where these could be located.</i></p><div>© Feria Urbanism PLACE Analysis LANDSCAPE & ECOLOGY September 2020</div></div> | |
| <div><p>L8. As you walk, look for tree cover. Are there any shelter belts? These could include trees or other planting that help create a more comfortable micro-climate. <i>Note down these areas on the map.</i></p><div>© Feria Urbanism PLACE Analysis LANDSCAPE & ECOLOGY September 2020</div></div> | | | |

How to run your own local **PLACE** assessment

1. Download / obtain copies of the **PLACE** handbooks
2. You will also need to download a copy of a map of the area to be assessed – *free online mapping services work just fine*
3. Working with as a group of 5 x local residents, each member of the group takes one of the handbooks and a map
4. As a group, walk around a defined part of the neighbourhood, making observations based on the prompts and questions in the booklet – *or you can run a digital version using Zoom and Google maps*
5. This exercise should take no more than 2-3 hours max. perhaps on a weekend
6. Photograph/screenshot and email your results back to us, or print and post:



info@feria-urbanism.com



Feria Urbanism, Second Floor Studio, 11 Fernside Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH9 2LA