FAQs:

Q: If the referendum vote is “No”, will there be another chance to vote for a revised plan?

A: No, this is a one-off vote. All the public consultations have already taken place. If the plan is not adopted at the referendum, we will have reached the end of the process and it will have to be scrapped.

Q: Does the neighbourhood plan mean that development will start soon in Wadhurst?

A: No. The plan can’t dictate when or if any landowners might apply for planning permission to build. That’s entirely a matter for them to decide. What the plan *can* do is set out what type, size and style of building would, or wouldn’t, be appropriate to fit in with the character of Wadhurst.

Q: Does the neighbourhood plan mean that Wadhurst has to build a certain number of houses?

A: No. The Wadhurst Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate sites, nor does it have a housing target. There is no obligation for any new homes to be built. The plan just sets out policies to make sure any building which would get permission anyway, (such as infill, or redevelopment of agricultural sites,) is in keeping with the village.

Q: If I like most of the plan, but there’s one bit that I disagree with, what should I do?

A: The Neighbourhood Plan is our best chance to protect Wadhurst from the whims of planners, who don’t know or care about our village, and are under pressure to say “yes” to as many applications as possible. Even if you don’t agree with every detail of the plan, you should consider voting “yes” to adopting it, to make sure the elements you *do* like are not lost.