

CHAPTER 3 - VISION AND OBJECTIVES – UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

QUESTION 1	
a) Do you agree with our overall vision for the district?	In general, the Vision was supported by members.
b) Do you agree with our mini visions for the district?	In principle, but some of the mini visions need to align better with the contents of the full chapter.
c) Do you agree with the objectives for the district?	In principle, but some need to align better with the contents of the full chapter, which we have elaborated on below.
d) Should we change anything. If so, what should we change and why?	<p>Mini Visions and Objectives</p> <p><u>Supporting the delivery of infrastructure</u> (b) how can this be promised given the history of sustained cuts to local services; (c) development reduces health and wellbeing. Need to increase sports and leisure funding. With funding cuts from central govt to local govt, this is proving more of a challenge; (d) profit and land values – developers are building houses not leisure facilities; (e) improved provision of social activities – sporting/leisure All these are laudable, but are they realistic?</p> <p><u>Living safe, inclusive and healthy lives</u> (a) after ‘take up of’ add ‘affordable;’ Place more emphasis on ‘public’ and access to public transport; (c) already at maximum efficiency in current layout. Ribbon development of Uckfield restricts available routes. Residents of outlying developments will not walk into the town centre to shop. Cycling difficult due to the topography.</p> <p><u>Vibrant town and local centres</u> Encourage use of local goods, products and services by reducing business rates, and reducing costs to produce local products. The employment and economic study said that some units didn’t match requirements needed by businesses now. Need to lobby owners, to ensure buildings are relevant to demand; To support growth of the High Street and shopping and to ensure properties on the High Street do not get turned into dwellings. Perhaps create small flexible office spaces; Improve local infrastructure for all forms of transport, to enable good business links and improve trade efficiency and economically.</p>
e) Have we missed anything?	<p>Overall vision</p> <p>In the overall vision, it was noted that there was no reference to transport/sustainable transport methods which is vital for the economy and day to day movement around the district. It was suggested that wellbeing could be included after ‘quality of life.’ It was suggested that it should read ‘allowing people to live and work well.’ Further suggestion to state ‘have a fair, stable, sustainable, and growing economy.’</p>

Mini visions and Objectives

Responding to the Climate Crisis

Please reference 'green and blue infrastructure' to mirror the wording of the overall Vision.

Attractive and locally distinctive places

Incorporate the need for housing design to complement and reflect the natural environment of that local area (e.g. don't use flint in a sandstone area and tiled roofs not slate).

Delivering new homes for all

Add (c) – maintain the community spirit;

Living safe, inclusive and healthy lives

Public transport linkages from outlying developments will be essential to negate social isolation;

Add (d) ensure that effective public transport provision (rail, bus etc) is prioritised alongside road transport.

Supporting a sustainable and prosperous economy allowing people to live well

Perhaps new objective would focus on updating skills of workforce;

Digital communications and connectivity - Improve WI-FI and mobile phone coverage, to ensure businesses can develop and expand;