

# Summary of Concerns



Outline some of the ~~our~~ key concerns:

- Additional traffic on an already over-stretched road infrastructure
- Impact of potential access points to Station Road on congestion and safety
- Additional risk to children and pedestrians when walking to access amenities
- Environmental impact on damage to wildlife (see separate wildlife study)
- The spoiling of rural landscapes, removing a key reason for locals decision to live here
- The threat is real and imminent – developers have already approached landowners

We are looking for Plumpton Parish Council assistance to:

- Inclusion of road infrastructure concerns into Strategic Transport Study
- Inclusion of the pedestrian safety concerns into the Village Appraisal
- Inclusion of the countryside protrusion concerns into the Landscape Capacity Study
- Challenge LDC on the consistency of way O2PL and O5PL have been treated

**PLEASE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE TO INFLUENCE NOW**

Plumpton Residents Against Development

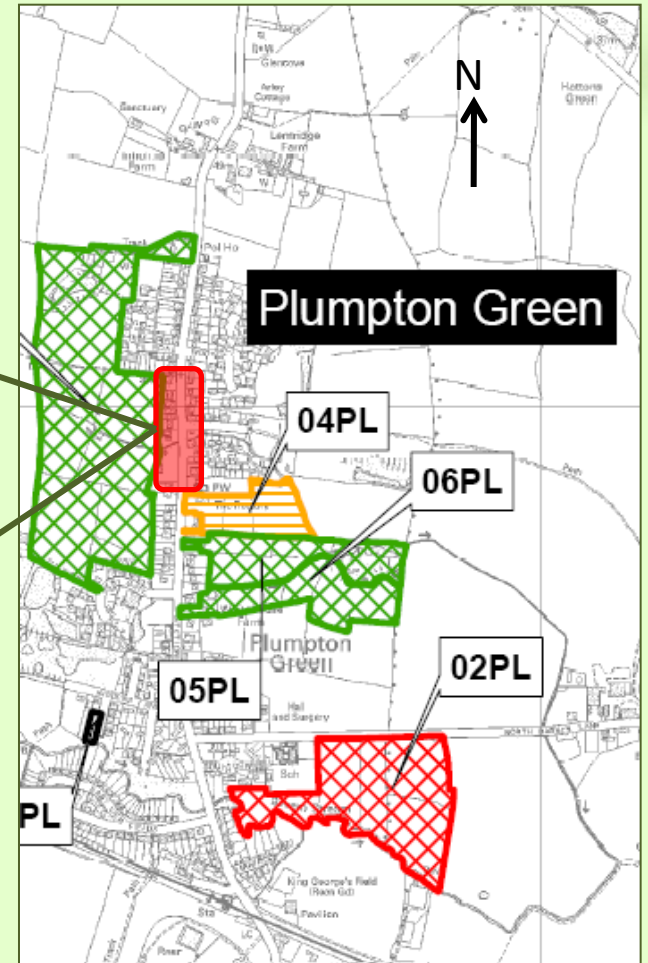
# Impact on Road Infrastructure 1



Looking North on Station Road  
(from just beyond Fountain PH)



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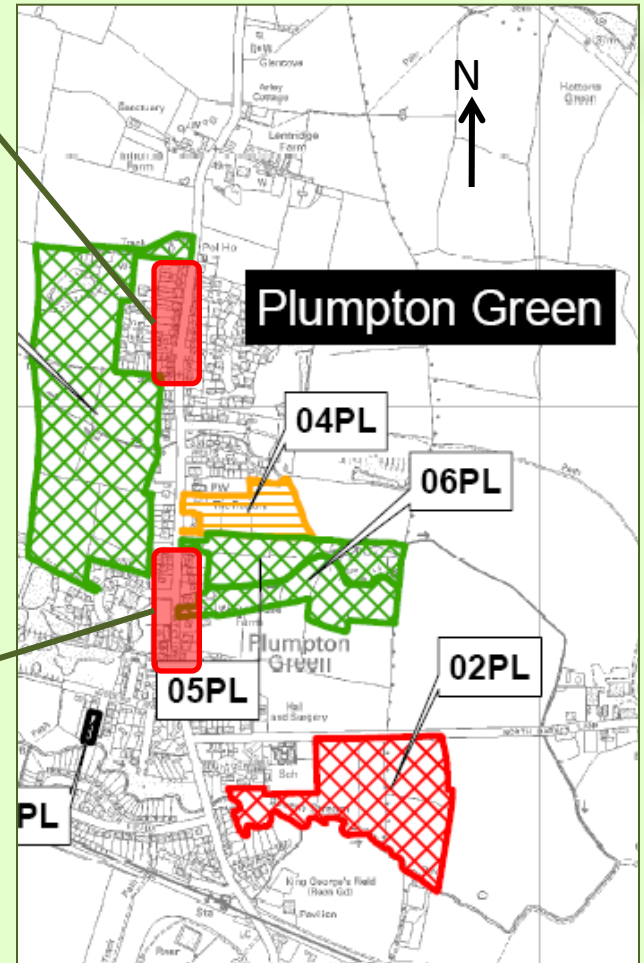
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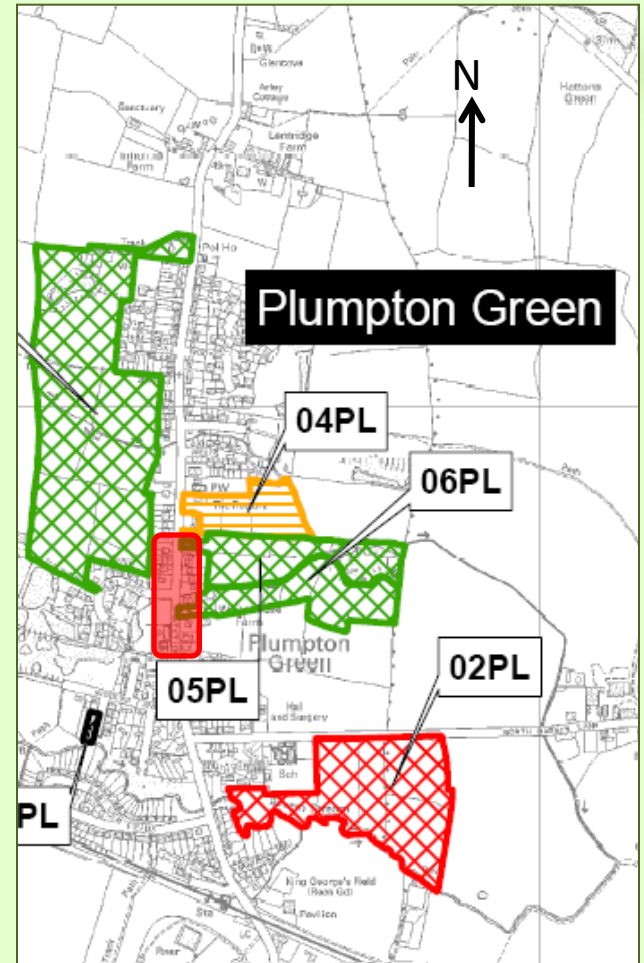
Looking South on Station Road  
(from northern entrance to village)



Looking South on Station Road  
(from West Gate)



# Impact on Road Infrastructure III



# Impact on Road Infrastructure IV



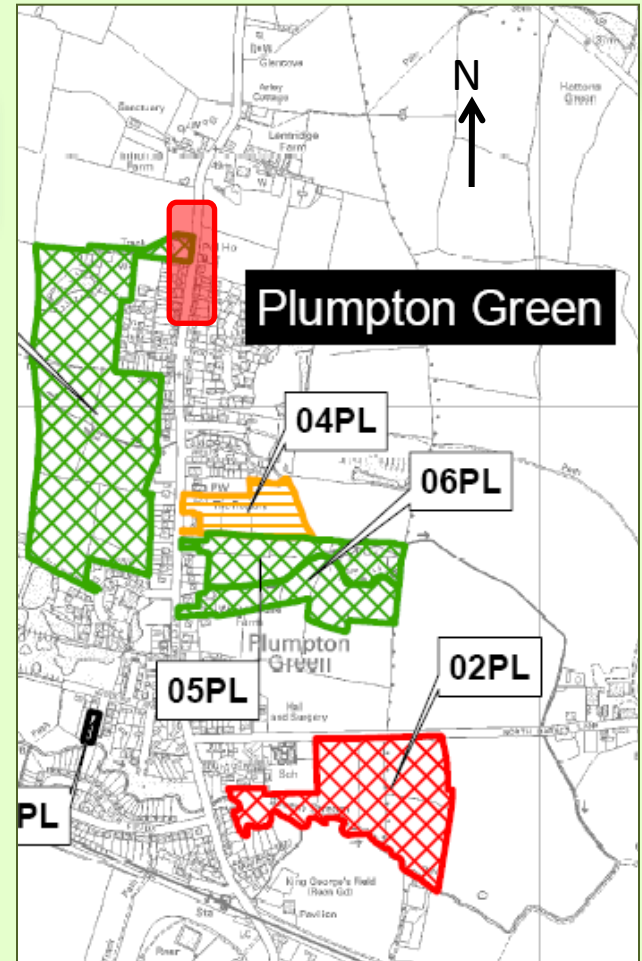
Station Road in the 1930's



Station Road in 2011



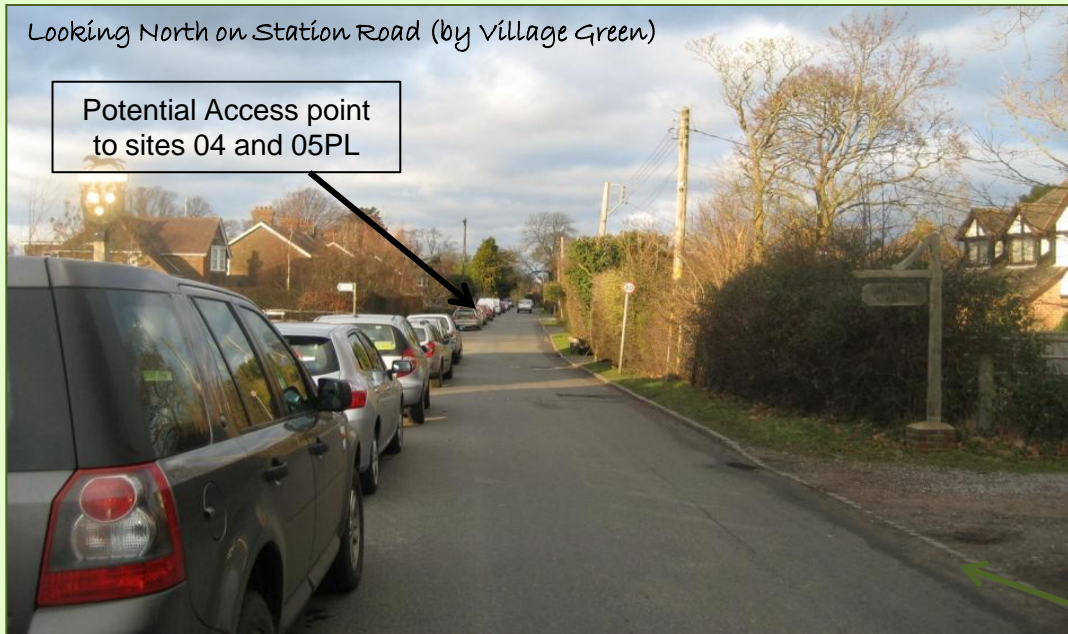
- The width of Station Road has not changed in 80 years.
- Station Road is 5.6m wide.
- The average HGV / bus is 2.55m wide (excluding mirrors). This leaves 50cm gap when two pass.
- Such vehicles frequently must mount the kerb (often pavement) to pass freely.
- This is already dangerous and will be made significantly worse by additional traffic or access points on to Station Road.



# Impact on Road Infrastructure v

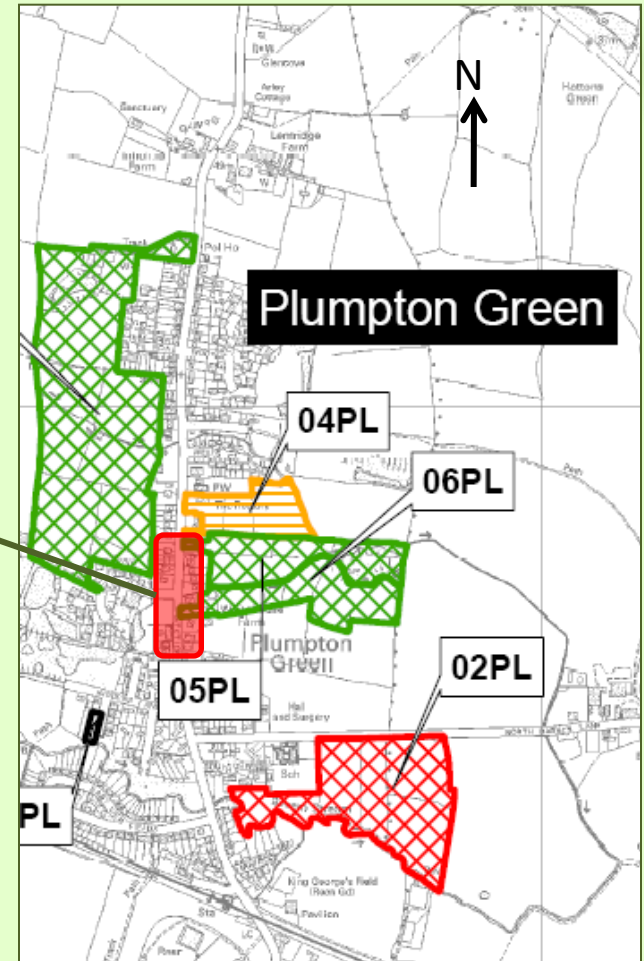


Looking North on Station Road (by Village Green)



Potential Access point to sites 04 and 05PL

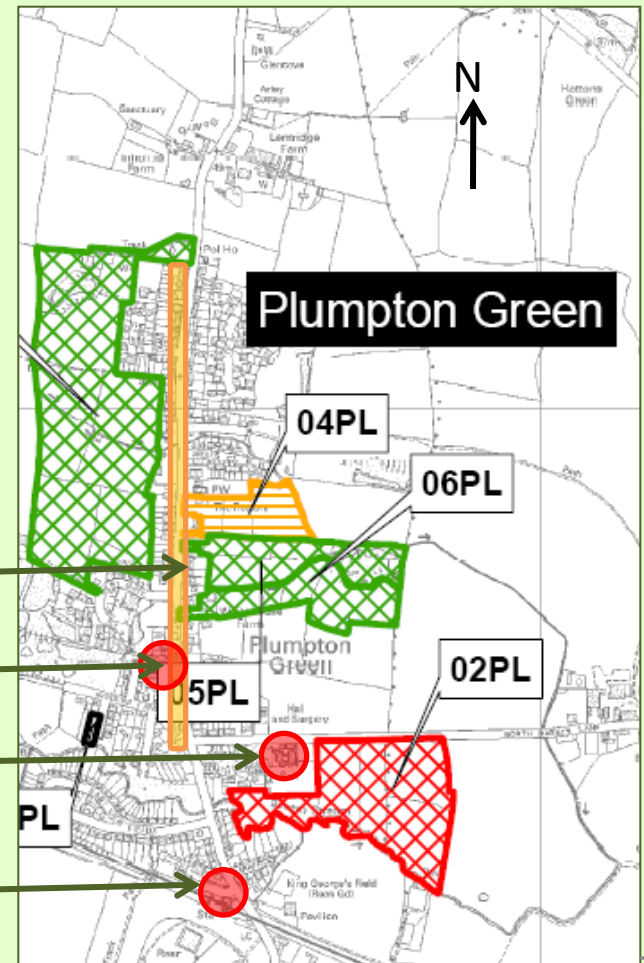
THE EXISTING ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE (STATION ROAD) WILL NEED TO BE UPGRADED SIGNIFICANTLY FOR ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC AND FOR EXTRA ACCESS POINTS



# Child / Pedestrian Safety



- The central section of Station Road is the only route for children walking to the Primary School, residents to walk to the village store and resident to walk to the railway station. Increasing traffic along an already congested section of Station Road will further compromise safety.
- There is only pavement on one side of the road for the majority of this section, most of which is immediately adjacent to the road.



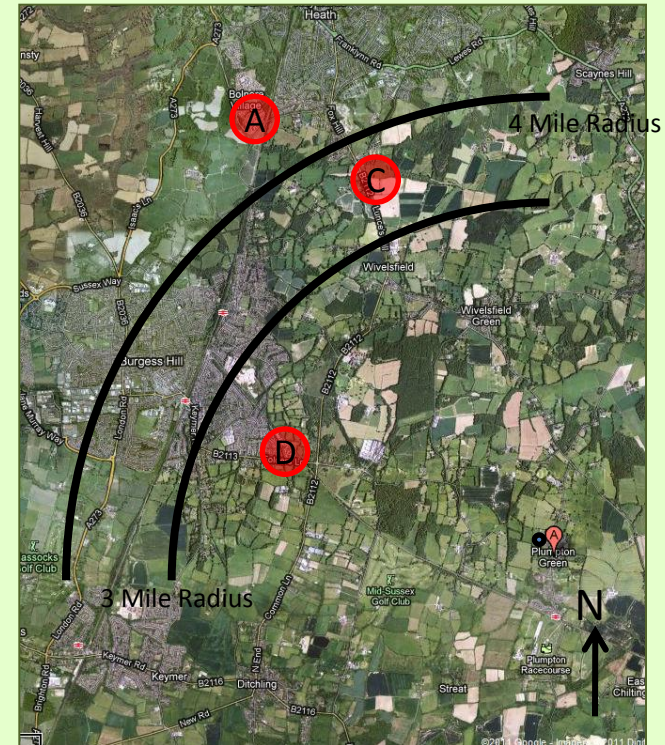
- Walking Route  
Station Road / The Riddens.
- Village Shop  
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- Village School  
Southdown.
- Station  
Station Road / Station Close

Child / Pedestrian safety is already heavily compromised due to a narrow and busy road with limited pavements that are close to the road.

# Other Points to Note



- Any development of green field in preference to brown field within the county should be very carefully scrutinised in order to protect the unique rural landscape of the district.
- Environmental considerations must also be given. Examples in the various potential Plumpton locations we understand may include bat colonies, badger sets, great crested newts. (See separate study)
- There is anecdotal evidence of sewerage problems in the village and capacity of the exiting sewerage infrastructure. We are investigating this further.
- Local infrastructure in many areas is already largely stretched. Supermarkets, dental surgeries, doctors, secondary schools and other essential amenities require visits to neighbouring villages and towns and drives a high propensity of car usage.
- Plumpton Green has a thriving and unique village community, enabled by its existing size. Many (if not most) villagers came to Plumpton because of its size and unique countryside location. Major housing developments will compromise this.
- In recent years, substantial developments have been built at Bolnore Village (See A on map), Burgess Hill, Folders Lane (See B on Map), and St. Francis Park in Haywards Heath has recently started. This has added greatly to the density of housing within the proximity of Plumpton. In addition, developments at Westgate, Fairhaven, Westcroft, and Smithy's in Plumpton / Plumpton Green in recent years demonstrate that the village has already taken its "fair share".



# Plumpton Parish Council Additional Notes

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- Plumpton Parish Council (PPC) has sent this document as additional information for Lewes District Council's (LDC) Local Transport Study.
- PPC has also sent in Plumpton Wildlife & Habitat Group's Biodiversity Issues Report as additional information to LDC's Landscape Capacity Study.
- PPC has already submitted comments and made changes to LDC's Rural Settlement Study and SHLAA document.
- All the above LDC papers will be used the District Council to help form its Preferred Core Strategy which will be published for public comment in Nov/Dec 2011.
- PPC has asked PERAD to expand its activities to encompass all sites proposed in Plumpton under the SHLAA.
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