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School plan for hotel

Pupil boarding bid for Leeford

Plans have been submitted to convert Leeford Place Hotel into boarding accommodation for Battle Abbey School pupils.

The independent school is seeking change-of-use permission that will see the conversion of the hotel's existing 17 bedrooms, according to plans submitted to Rother District Council last week.

Initially no external changes to the building are planned. At a meeting with villagers living closest to the site, school representatives stated 35-50 pupils would be accommodated at the building, says parish council chair Roger Fisher.

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A21 pavement views wanted

The latest step to improving safety on the A21 takes place next month.

Parish councillors are to have an online meeting with National Highways officials to discuss potential work under the A21 Safety Package.

The meeting on 8 February will focus on the plan for a pavement along the A21 and the upkeep of verges.

Villagers who have views or questions they would like putting forward at the meeting should send them to parish clerk Valerie Bennett by email at *clerk@* whatlingtonparishcouncil.com or leave a message on 07923 408569 as soon as possible. A public meeting on the measures is to be arranged.