

Lower Horsebridge

(Inset Map No.38)

Introduction

19.23.1 Lower Horsebridge is a small, linear village located on the A271 just north of Hailsham. It is essentially residential in character with limited local services. The Council aims to maintain and enhance the residential and rural amenities of the village.

Environment

19.23.2 Lower Horsebridge consists primarily of inter-War and post-War frontage development along the A271, separated from the outskirts of Hailsham by a narrow belt of farmland alongside the Cuckmere River. The village is largely bounded by open agricultural land, with a large recreation ground to the south, over which there are extensive views towards the South Downs. The A271 carries a heavy volume of traffic through the village and would benefit from traffic calming.

Development Boundary

19.23.3 It is considered that an outward extension of Lower Horsebridge, including by further ribbon or backland development, would represent an undesirable encroachment into the surrounding countryside, and to the south would conflict with the policy of preventing the coalescence of Hailsham with the surrounding settlements. Accordingly, the development boundary is drawn to reflect the well-defined edge of existing development in the village.

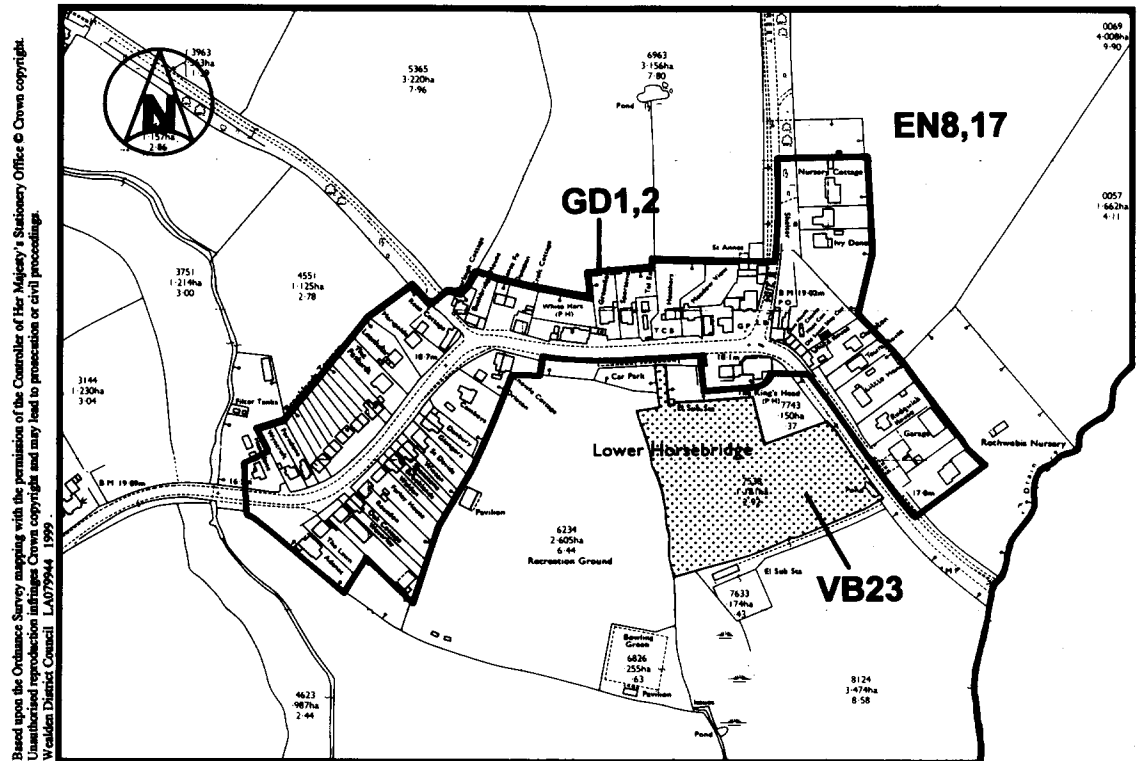
19.23.4 South of the A271, the development boundary excludes land between the King's Head Public House and frontage housing to the west in view of its open character and the outward views it affords across the surrounding countryside. To the north of the A271, the development boundary generally follows the well-defined frontage development but excludes properties west of Hazeldene which lie in open countryside well outside the built-up confines of the village and, on North Street, excludes part of the curtilage of Nursery Cottage in order to prevent any extension of ribbon development into the adjoining countryside.

19.23.5 It is considered that some additional housebuilding within the development boundary may be appropriate, subject to satisfying normal planning criteria. However, the compact nature of existing development in the village provides only very limited opportunities for development by the redevelopment of existing sites and the conversion of buildings to residential use.

Recreation

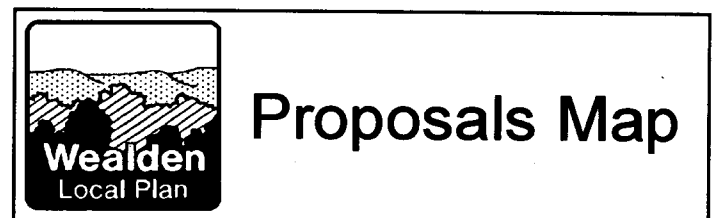
19.23.6 The village has a number of facilities including a large recreation ground and bowling green, which make an important contribution to meeting the outdoor recreational needs of Hailsham town and the surrounding villages. Hellingly Parish Council has provided an area of landscaped public open space adjacent to the Cuckmere River, but has identified a need for additional land for outdoor recreation, including football, and land to the east of the existing recreation ground is therefore allocated for this purpose.

VB23 Land to the east of the existing Recreation Ground, Lower Horsebridge, as defined on the Proposals Map, is allocated for public open space.



KEY

-  Inset Map boundary
-  Development boundary
-  Public open space allocation



Plan wide policies are listed on the main Proposals Map.

