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1. Introduction

During October and November 2022 a four-week period of consultation on the Horam Neighbourhood Plan was undertaken. The purpose of this was to present the emerging policy ideas that had been generated in response to feedback from earlier consultation exercises and to ask for views on these.

This consultation took the form of a questionnaire that sought to capture feedback electronically (via the Parish Council website) as well as by hand. The questionnaire was available in hard copy at the Parish Council offices and various shops within the village. A copy of the questionnaire is included in Appendix A.

It was supported by a leaflet posted to all households in the Parish (Figure 1) as well as a set of summary information posters which were displayed online and in the Parish Council offices at The Horam Centre (Figure 2). Copies of the information posters are included in Appendix B. The posters presented the emerging ideas as well as key messages from supporting documents comprising evidence to the Neighbourhood Plan, including, for example, a Parish-specific Design Guide and a Housing Needs Assessment.

Delivery of the leaflet was undertaken by members of the Steering Group as well as people who had volunteer to be 'Neighbourhood Plan Street Champions', responding to a request from the Parish for local people to become more involved in the Plan, to spread the word and help gather responses. The request for people to volunteer as a 'Street Champion', as it appeared on the Parish website, is shown in Figure 3.

Links to the survey were displayed front and centre of the Parish Council home page on the internet. Screenshots of the homepage at the time of the consultation are shown in Figure 4.

The information was also available to view at an exhibition held at the Village Hall in October 2022, where Steering Group members were in attendance to answer questions. Around 160 people attended the exhibition (Figure 4). Banners and posters advertising the exhibition were displayed around the parish (Figure 6).

A total of 280 responses to the questionnaire were received, equating to a response from around ten percent of the population of the parish, or a quarter of all households. The vast majority of responses were received from residents of the parish (95%), with the remainder including local businesses / organisations, people visiting the area or living nearby, and those who work in the area. The breakdown of respondent is presented in Figure 8.

In terms of the age of respondents, there was limited response from people aged 55 or under, accounting for around 8% of the total number of response. The age group most represented is the over 65 cohort, who accounted for almost 50% of all responses. This is presented in Figure 9.



Horam Neighbourhood Plan EXHIBITION

YOU can shape the
future of Horam
Have **YOUR** say...



SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER 10am-4pm

**IN THE VILLAGE HALL
Refreshments Available**

Tell us what YOU want

Complete the Questionnaire by visiting the website
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Paper copies are available from the Horam Centre.

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To find out more about the Plan and to complete the questionnaire please visit the Parish website: <https://horam.com/>
Alternatively, a paper copy of the questionnaire can be completed. Please collect and return to the Horam Centre. Please respond by Friday 11th November.

Figure 1: Leaflet prepared encouraging residents to respond to the Horam Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire



Figure 2: The posters displaying the emerging policy ideas were displayed in the windows of the Horam Centre throughout the consultation period.

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HORAM PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – STREET CHAMPIONS

A successful Neighbourhood Plan needs consultation with and feedback from Residents. Initially, in the form of questionnaires, but finally through an official Local Referendum.

There were more respondents to the Horam Parish Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire (in April/May 2022) in those roads/streets where volunteers knocked on doors, spoke to residents, left copies of the Questionnaire and called back later to collect the completed form.

The Horam Parish Neighbourhood Plan will need two more rounds of consultation/feedback (Autumn 2022 & Spring 2023) before the Local Referendum which we are aiming to be in mid-2023.

Turnout for the Local Referendum will be important, as we need 50% of residents to vote for the Neighbourhood Plan to be adopted.

The Steering Group (9 Residents & 3 Parish Councillors) are looking for volunteers who would be willing to deliver future Questionnaires and collect the completed forms and subsequently to deliver information and reminders relating to the Neighbourhood Plan Local Referendum.

Could you be a Street Champion for the street you live in?

If you are willing to volunteer as a Street Champion, could you please speak to a Parish Councillor, email the Parish Clerk (clerk@horam.com) or call in to The Horam Centre in Horam High Street.

Thank you.

Figure 3: Request on the Parish Council website for people to volunteer as 'Street Champions' to help the Neighbourhood Plan.

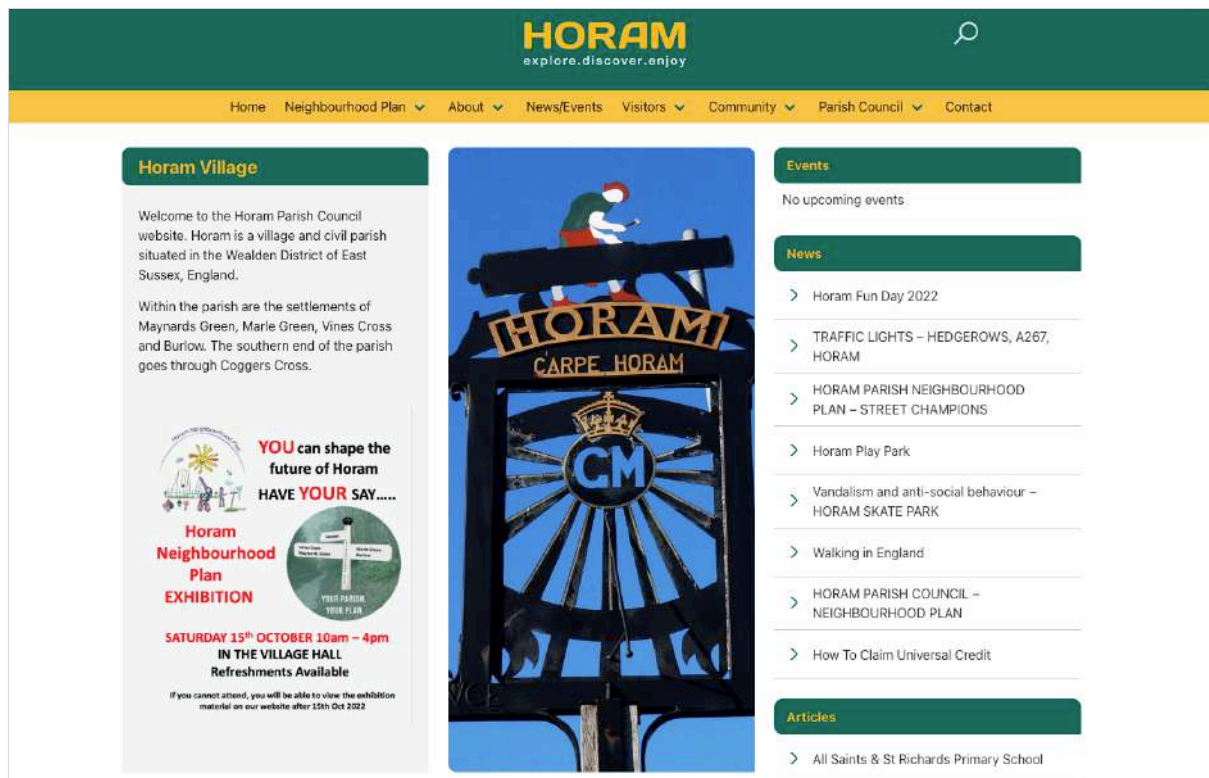
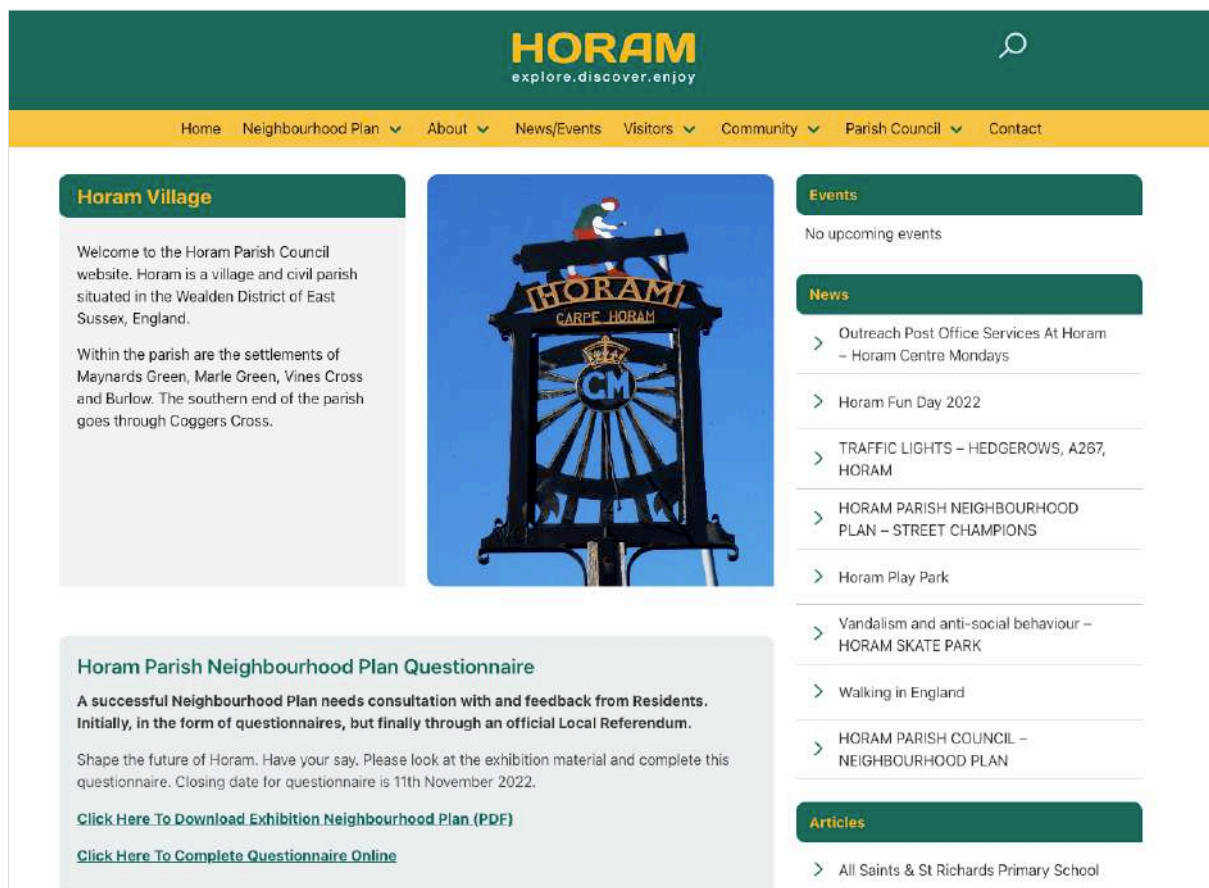


Figure 4: Horam Parish Council website homepage during consultation



Figure 5: Selection of photos taken during the exhibition. Faces obscured for privacy reasons.



Figure 6: Banners and posters displayed around the Parish to advertise the consultation and exhibition

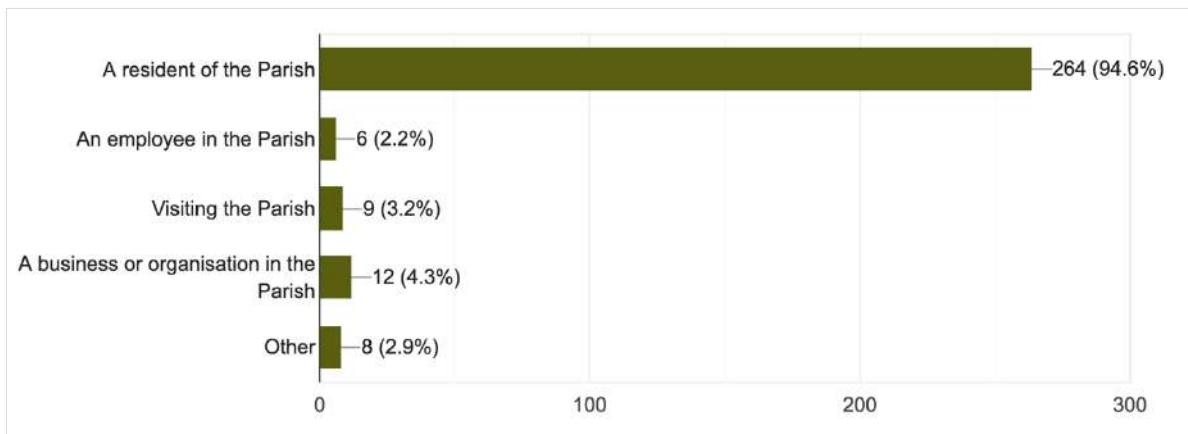


Figure 7. Breakdown of respondents based on their relationship with Horam

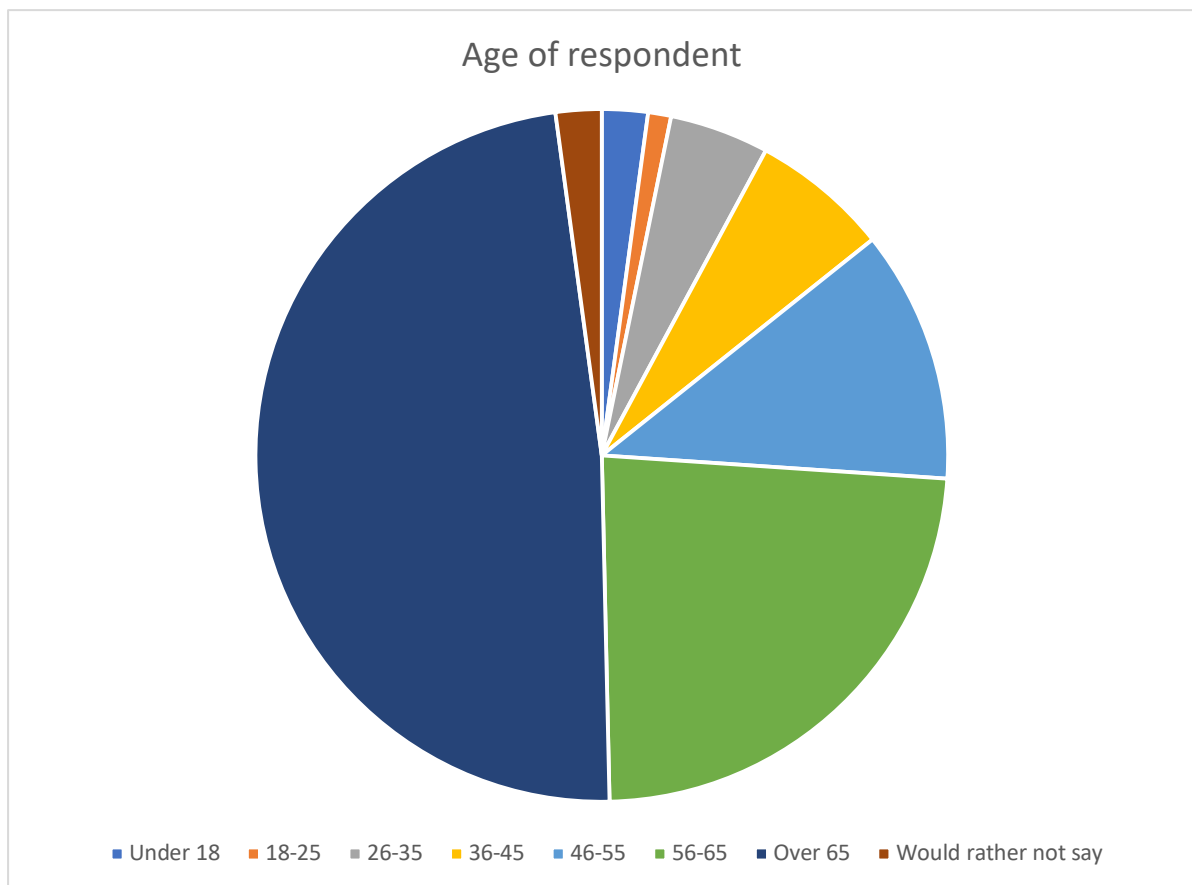


Figure 8. Age breakdown of respondents to the survey

2. Overview of feedback

The questionnaire presented respondents with a series of emerging policy ideas, grouped around key themes linking back to the set of objectives. Respondents were asked to indicate how they felt about each of the policy ideas, ranging from strongly agree through to strongly disagree.

A summary of the responses to all emerging policy is displayed in Figure 9, followed by a further examination of each, including an analysis of the wider comments. This indicates agreement, or strong agreement to all emerging ideas. The references to policy themes and ideas in Figure 9 (and subsequent sections of this summary report) are listed below for comprehensiveness.

Theme	Ref.	Policy Idea
Pattern of development	1a	The existing settlement pattern should be maintained
	1b	The separate identities of settlements should be retained
	1c	Retention of well-treed and woodland character is a priority
	1d	Development should avoid impacting on areas of flood risk
	1e	Important views should be protected
Local Housing Needs	2a	Housing schemes of 10+ dwellings should include affordable homes for first time buyers
	2b	Future homes should be more accessible for older people and people with disabilities
	2c	There should be more focus on smaller (1/2 bed) than larger (4/5 bed) homes
	2d	Suitable sites should include specialist housing for older people, where practicable
Design	3a	New housing should reflect prevailing heights (i.e., no more than 2 storeys)
	3b	High energy and water efficiency standards should be required
	3c	Trees, green spaces and other landscape features should be retained in developments, (even if this reduces housing density)
	3d	Building materials should be those traditionally used locally
	3e	Effective drainage should be required to minimise the risk of stream/surface water flooding
	3f	Sufficient car parking should be provided within house plots
Biodiversity	4a	Existing trees and hedgerows should be retained and integrated in new development areas
	4b	Wildlife corridors, such as along stream courses, tree belts, woodlands, and biodiversity-rich grasslands, should be retained and enhanced
	4c	New landscaping and open spaces should promote biodiversity net gain
	4d	Developments should provide for the long-term management of related existing or proposed habitats
Dark Skies	5a	Street lighting should not be provided in new developments
	5b	Innovative approaches to lighting, including motion sensitive lights, should be used
Green Spaces	6a	Existing green spaces that are special to the local community should be protected
	6b	The countryside valley of the Waldron Ghyll should be kept open for its landscape character, amenity, and biodiversity value

Horam Village Centre	7a	Maintaining commercial and community uses should be a priority
	7b	There is a need to improve the availability of parking spaces
	7c	There is a need to improve the quality of the public space and pedestrian environment in the centre
Employment Sites and Premises	8a	It is important to retain business sites and premises, where acceptably located
	8b	Businesses (including tourism) should be encouraged if it does not adversely impact on residential amenity or rural character
	8c	A range of holiday accommodation which contributes to the local economy should be supported
Traffic	9a	Traffic speeds need to be slowed at the A267 into Horam
	9b	Traffic speeds need to be slowed at the B2203 (Horam High Street)
	9c	Traffic speeds need to be slowed at the B2203 (through Maynards Green)
	9d	Traffic speeds need to be slowed through Vines Cross
	9e	Traffic speeds need to be slowed on rural lanes
	9f	There is a need to increase the capacity of the A267/B2203 (Horam High Street) junction
Walking and Cycling	10a	Development should be well connected with, or improve and extend existing walking and cycling routes
	10b	The network of public rights of way should be improved and, if possible, extended to provide attractive routes, including circular routes.
	10c	Accessible and secure cycle storage should be provided for new homes, at places of work and other destinations.
Public Transport	11a	New bus routes, waiting facilities, real time service information and improved walking routes to existing bus stops are supported
	11b	New development should be within walking distance of existing bus routes and stops.
The Cuckoo Trail	12a	The Cuckoo Trail is an important asset including tourism
	12b	The natural environment of the Trail should be maintained and enhanced
	12c	Improvements such as all-weather surfacing new signage, heritage boards, that improve the use of the Trail and understanding of its heritage and culture will be promoted.
	12d	Opportunities to make greater use of the former Horam station site as a visitor hub point, should be investigated.
Community Facilities	13a	The Parish provides a good range of community facilities
	13b	The loss of existing facilities will not be supported unless an equivalent suitably sited replacement, is provided within the Parish.
Infrastructure Provision	14a	New development must ensure that there is existing infrastructure capacity to meet the additional demand and, where necessary either deliver or contribute to improved provision
	14b	Green infrastructure (open spaces, trees and other landscape areas, green links) should be integral to development and complement existing provision
	14c	It should be clearly demonstrated that there is sufficient drainage capacity (both foul and storm water) to support development.

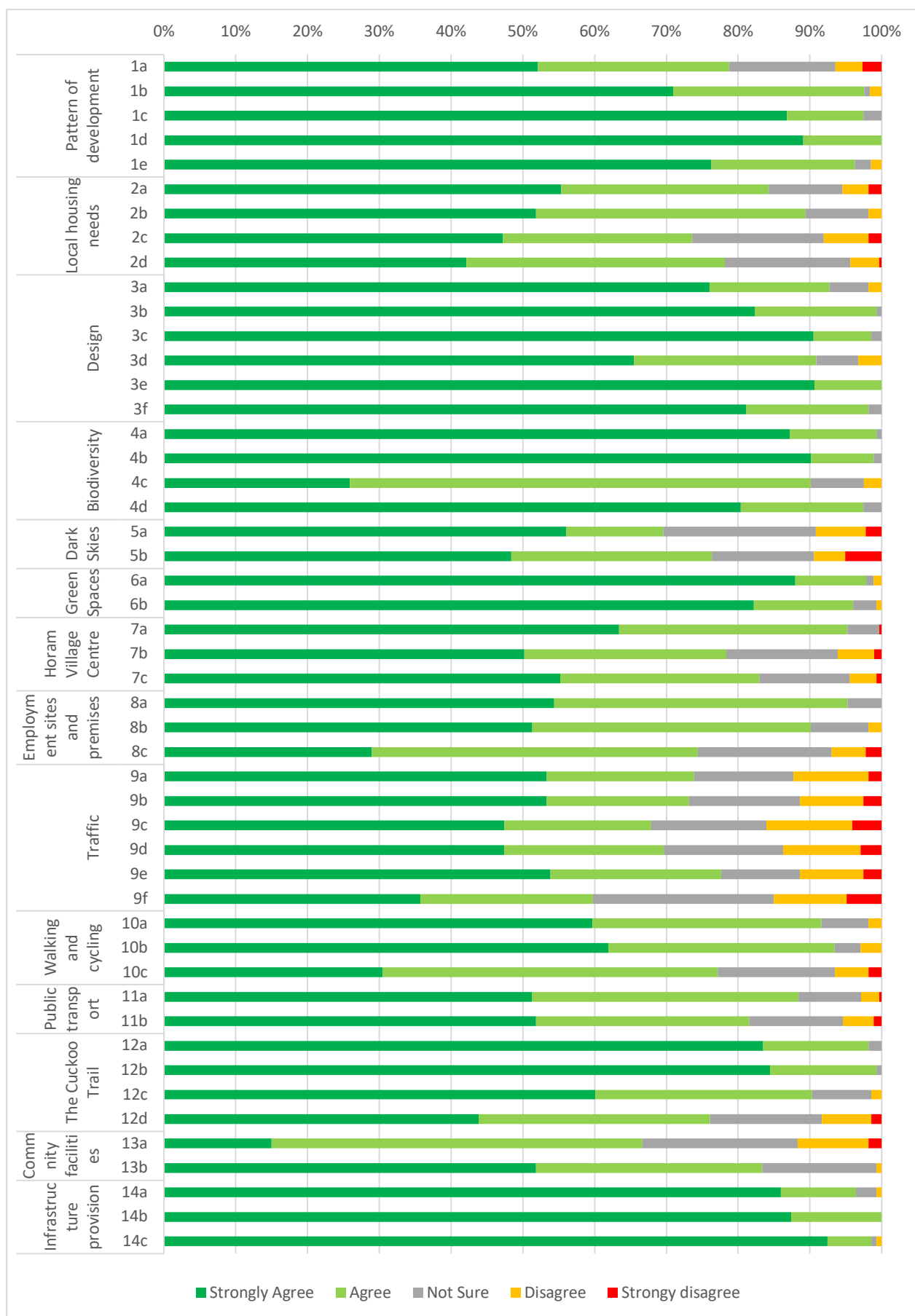


Figure 9: Chart displaying overall responses to each of the policy ideas presented

3. Feedback on policy ideas

This section provides feedback on each of the policy themes and ideas presented, with comments summarised where made in response to these.

3.1 Pattern of development

Feedback to the set of policy ideas presented under this theme is presented in Figure 10.

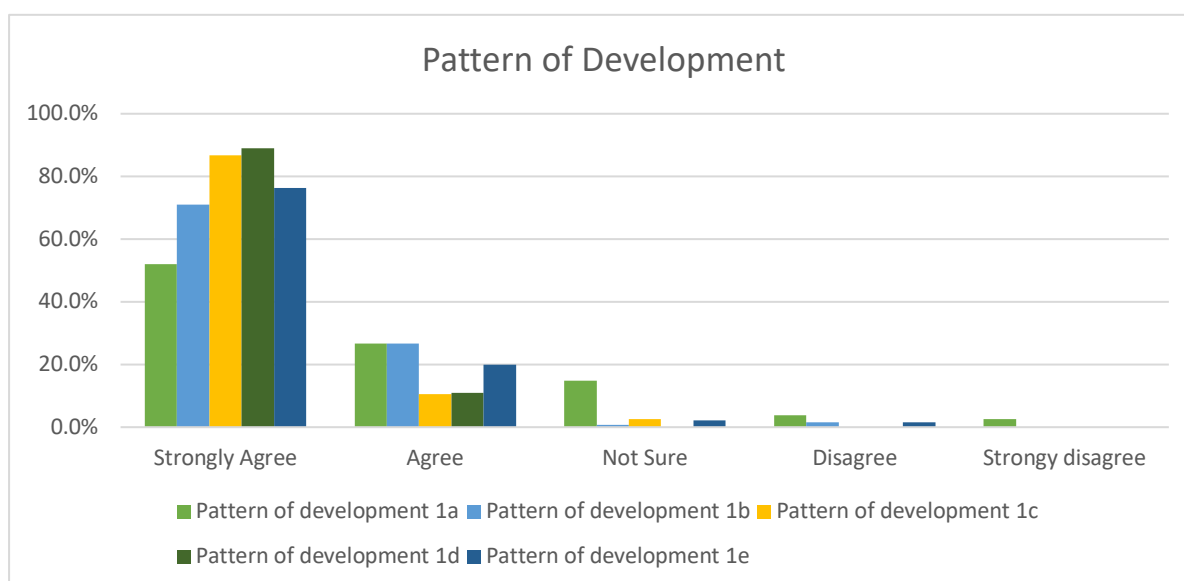


Figure 10. Chart displaying the distribution of responses to the 'pattern of development' ideas

Specific comments made in respect of these ideas are summarised below:

- The boundaries of existing settlements and separation between these should be retained.
- Any new development should be within a reasonable walking distance of services and facilities.
- If the rate of development continues the villages will merge and lose their separate identities.
- The Plan should take the opportunity to identify where the best places for development area – the Wealden Core Strategy did not do this for the Parish.
- There should be no development of greenfield sites

3.2 Local housing needs

Feedback to the set of policy ideas presented under this theme is presented in Figure 11.

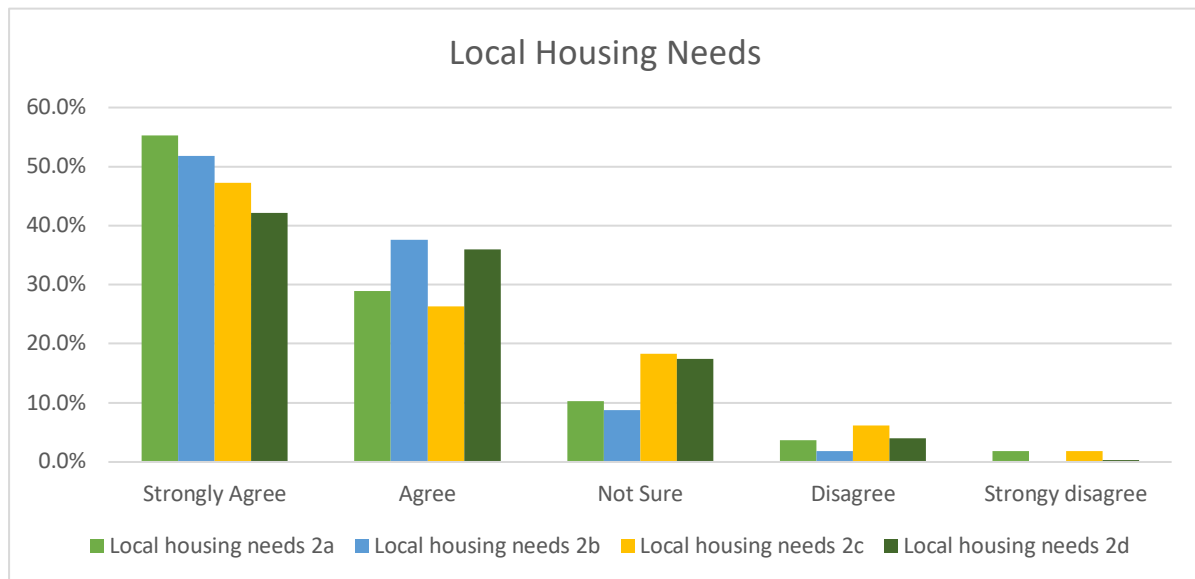


Figure 11. Chart displaying the distribution of responses to the 'local housing needs' ideas

Specific comments made in respect of these ideas are summarised below:

- It is important that new homes are affordable to younger generations.
- There should be a focus on smaller homes as well as homes for small families.
- A high proportion of all new homes should be affordable.
- Housing should be for local people, first time buyers and the elderly. This should be led by housing associations.

3.3 Design

Feedback to the set of policy ideas presented under this theme is presented in Figure 12.

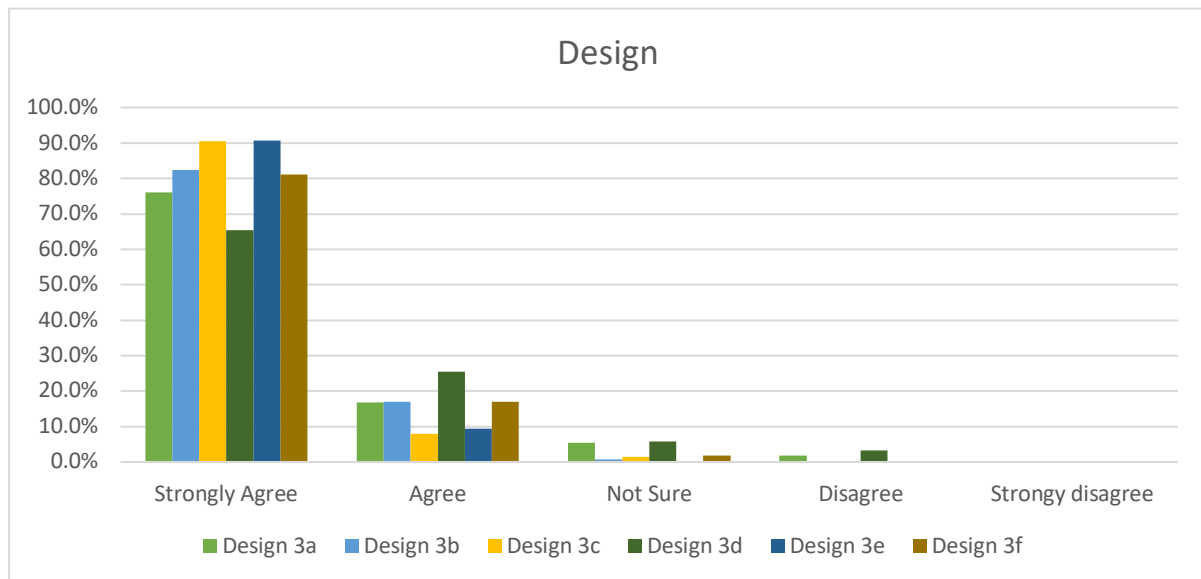


Figure 12. Chart displaying the distribution of responses to the 'design' ideas

Specific comments made in respect of these ideas are summarised below:

- Infill development should be sympathetic to neighbouring properties.
- Front gardens, fences and walls are important design features.
- New development should exceed building regulations with regard to sustainability.
- Housing and employment development should respect the prevailing building heights. Buildings should be generally two storeys, but three storeys might be appropriate in some locations.
- Roofs should be pitched to maximise opportunities for solar gain.
- Low density development is more appropriate to the area, with areas of woodland interspersed between development.
- Smaller clusters of development as opposed to large sites preferred.
- Character is linked to greenery and woodland. This must be preserved.
- The wooden finger posts are an important feature of the area.
- The Brewers Arms and Old Clappers in Foords Lane are both buildings of local interest that should be preserved.

3.4 Biodiversity

Feedback to the set of policy ideas presented under this theme is presented in Figure 13.

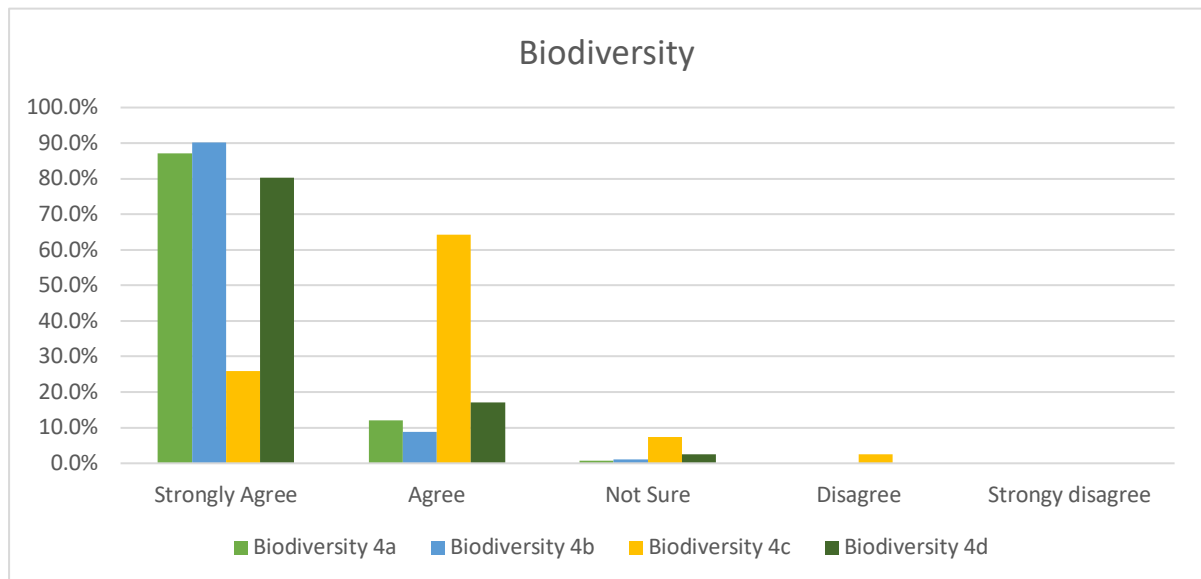


Figure 13. Chart displaying the distribution of responses to the 'biodiversity' ideas

Specific comments made in respect of these ideas are summarised below:

- The countryside and wildlife is an asset that must be protected.
- The AONB should be protected. Biodiversity across the Parish should also be protected.
- More trees and hedges need to be planted, and existing trees protected.
- Green corridors should be used to link areas of woodland.
- Trees should be planted in all new streets.

3.5 Dark skies

Feedback to the set of policy ideas presented under this theme is presented in Figure 14.

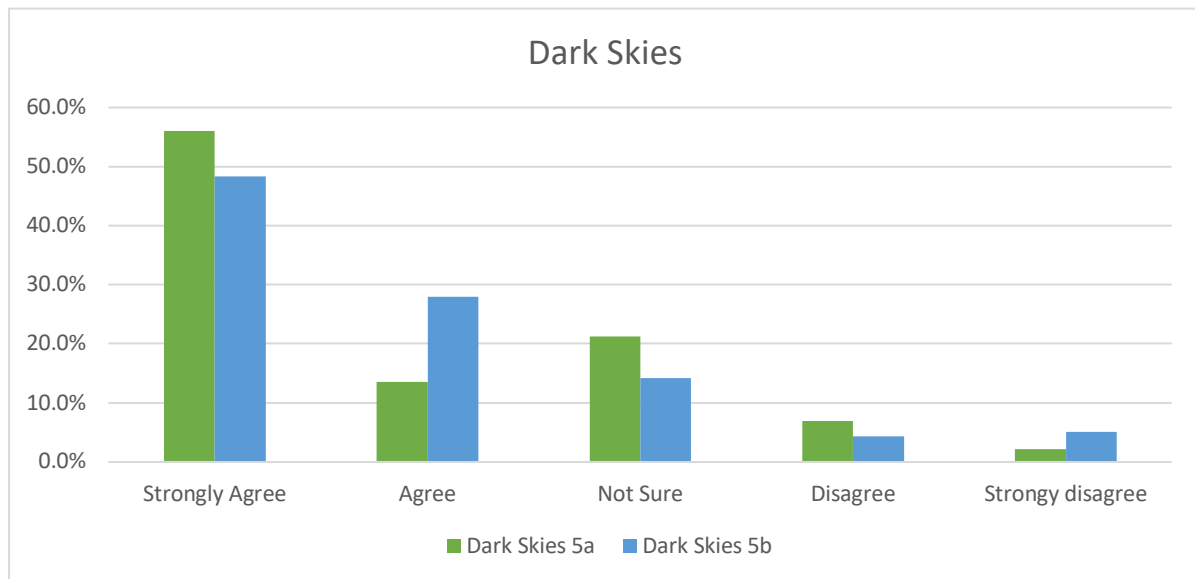


Figure 14. Chart displaying the distribution of responses to the 'dark skies' ideas

Specific comments made in respect of these ideas are summarised below:

- Adoption of a dark skies policy important to protect rural qualities of the Parish and limit harm to wildlife.
- Some concerns expressed about personal safety if there is no lighting.

3.6 Green spaces

Feedback to the set of policy ideas presented under this theme is presented in Figure 15.

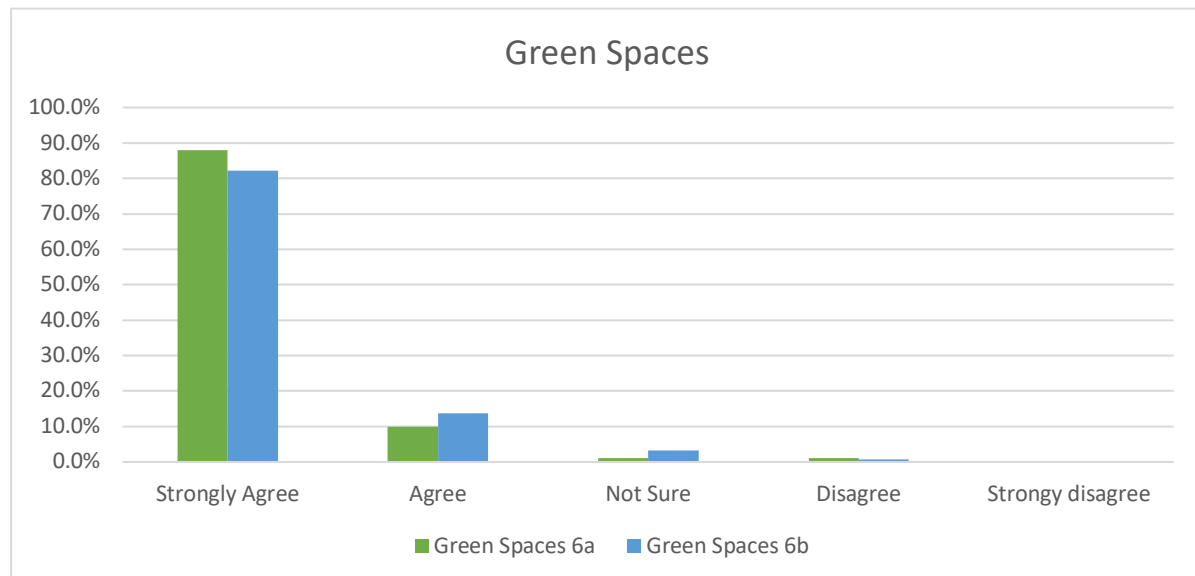


Figure 15. Chart displaying the distribution of responses to the 'green spaces' ideas

Specific comments made in respect of these ideas are summarised below:

- Waldron Ghyll is the most important natural asset in the parish. It is in need to protection.
- There is a need for more open space that is accessible by foot.
- Further consideration needs to be given to the selected views. Only the most important and special views should be protected.
- There is a shortage of allotments in Horam.
- Support for a community garden for people of all ages to enjoy.

3.7 Horam village centre

Feedback to the set of policy ideas presented under this theme is presented in Figure 16.

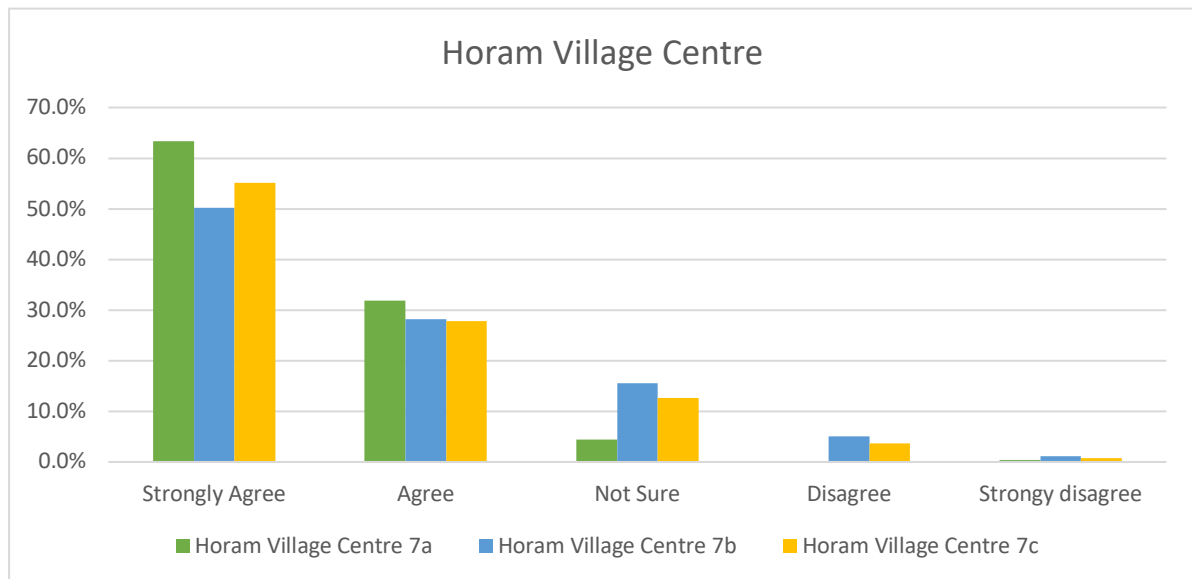


Figure 16. Chart displaying the distribution of responses to the 'Horam village centre' ideas

Specific comments made in respect of these ideas are summarised below:

- There is a need for more car parking spaces for people using the shops and The Cuckoo Trail.
- Incentives are needed to retain local businesses.
- The centre would benefit from a Post Office.
- The speed of traffic should be reduced.

3.8 Employment sites and premises

Feedback to the set of policy ideas presented under this theme is presented in Figure 17.

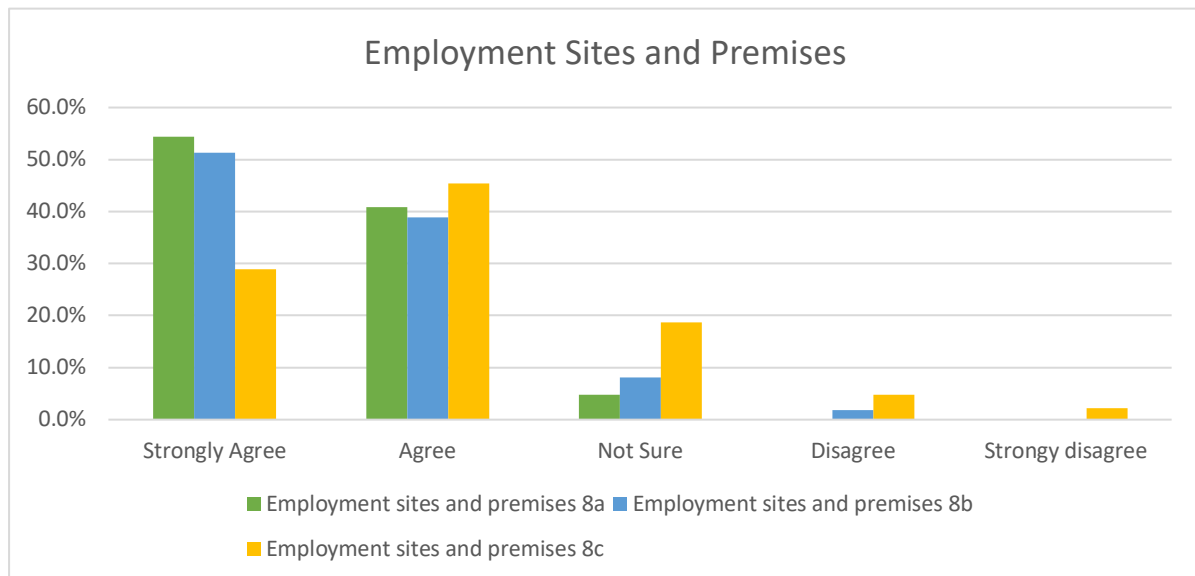


Figure 17. Chart displaying the distribution of responses to the 'employment sites and premises' ideas

Specific comments made in respect of these ideas are summarised below:

- Local businesses should be supported to help avoid empty shops on the High Street.
- Where parking is provided to support businesses this should not be on greenfield land.

3.9 Traffic

Feedback to the set of policy ideas presented under this theme is presented in Figure 18.

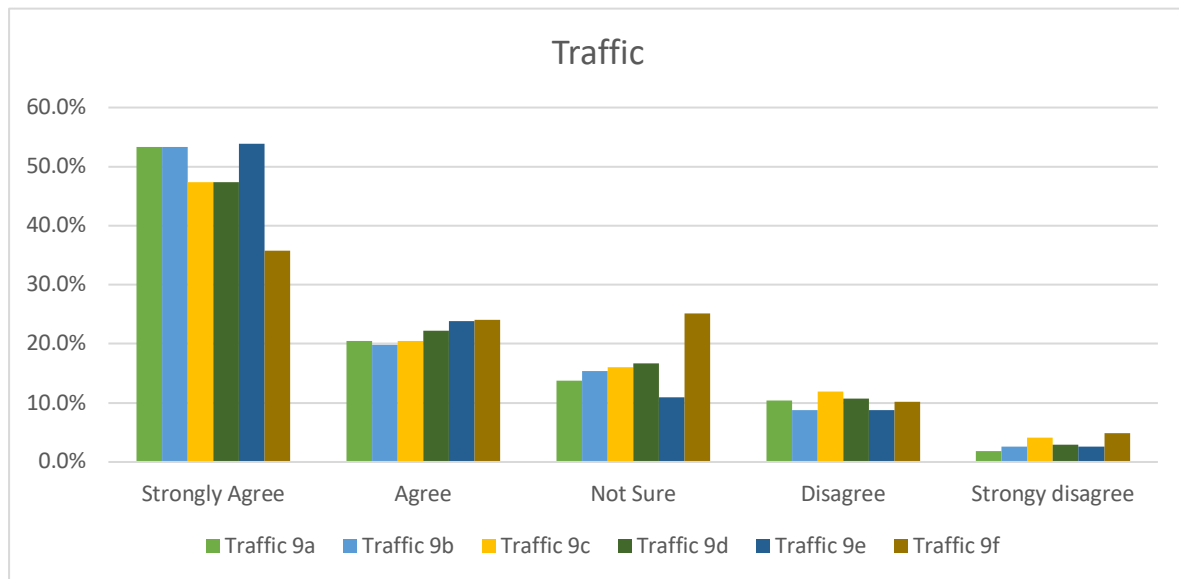


Figure 18. Chart displaying the distribution of responses to the 'traffic' ideas

Specific comments made in respect of these ideas are summarised below:

- Explore a by-pass to take traffic away from the village centre, or investigate plans that reduce through traffic as this undermines the quality of the centre.
- Speeds limits should be lowered and enforced.
- Traffic calming measures are required to allow safer movement for the young and elderly.
- There are too many HGVs travelling through the Parish.
- There should be a 20mph speed limit through the villages.
- The A267 May Garland junction needs improvement.
- Need to make sure that improvements to junctions do not have the adverse effect of increasing traffic speeds.

3.10 Walking and cycling

Feedback to the set of policy ideas presented under this theme is presented in Figure 19.

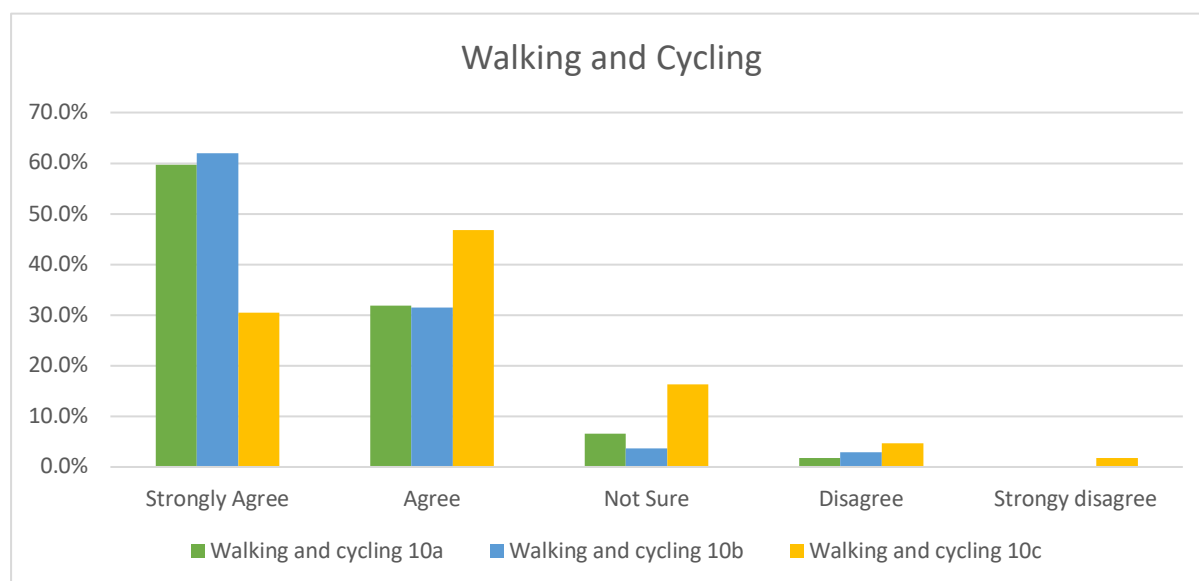


Figure 19. Chart displaying the distribution of responses to the 'walking and cycling' ideas

Specific comments made in respect of these ideas are summarised below:

- The Horam GAP (Get Active Pathway) should be included within the plans (an all-weather exercise path around the perimeter of the recreation ground)
- New cycle paths from new development to the village centre should be provided.
- Fences and housing should not be allowed next to rural footpaths as these change the nature and experience of the rural routes.
- Introduction of 'school streets' around Maynards Green Primary School would make it safer for pupils at drop off and pick up times.
- Lowering speed limits will make walking safer and more attractive to people.
- More cycle routes are needed for families and younger people.
- Improved crossings along the main road to the Recreation Ground are required.
- Improved routes to towns and villages outside the Parish need providing.
- The current lack of cycling facilities causes footpaths to be shared and causes conflicts between pedestrians and cyclist.

3.11 Public transport

Feedback to the set of policy ideas presented under this theme is presented in Figure 20.

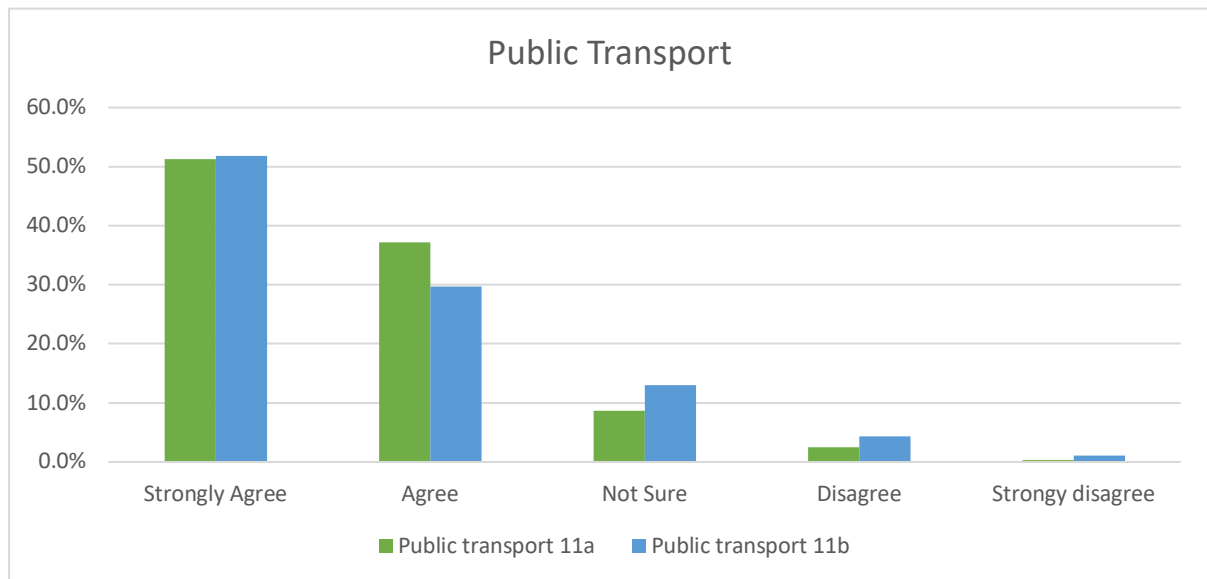


Figure 20. Chart displaying the distribution of responses to the 'public transport' ideas

Specific comments made in respect of these ideas are summarised below:

- Bus services should start earlier and run later.
- Location of bus stops should be reviewed to ensure they are in the best places for people to use.
- Linked to the scale of development that has been taking place the railway should be brought back.

3.12 The Cuckoo Trail

Feedback to the set of policy ideas presented under this theme is presented in Figure 21.

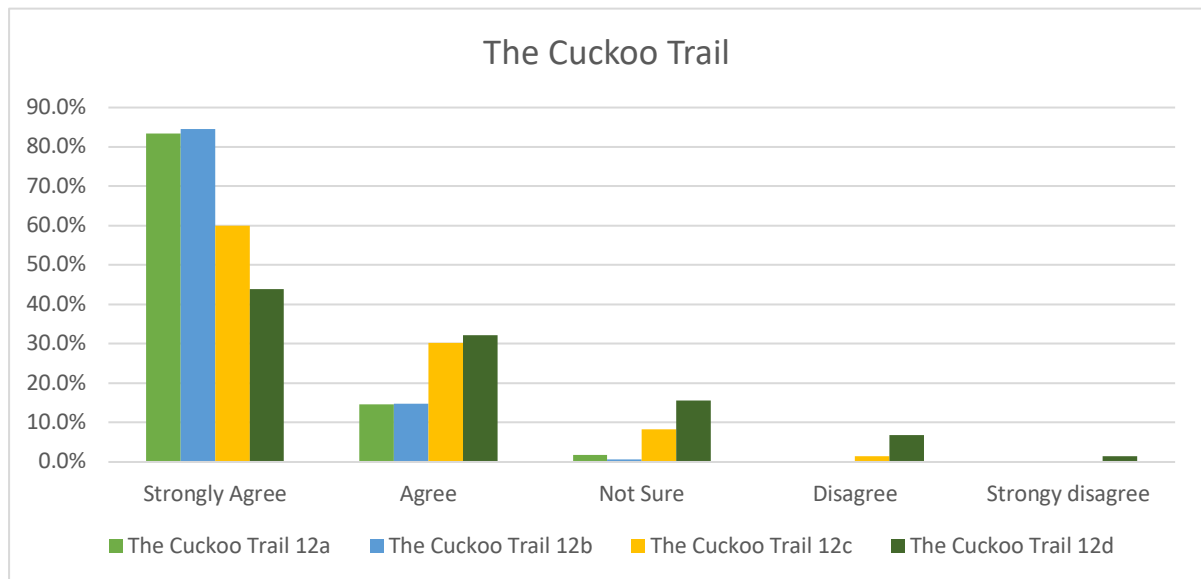


Figure 21. Chart displaying the distribution of responses to the 'Cuckoo Trail' ideas

Specific comments made in respect of these ideas are summarised below:

- Better maintenance of the Cuckoo Trail is required.
- Improved signage is required.
- Pedestrians should have priority over cyclists.

3.13 Community facilities

Feedback to the set of policy ideas presented under this theme is presented in Figure 22.

Idea 13a was presented as a statement rather than an idea, asking whether the parish provides a good range of facilities. This is one of the few instances where more people 'agreed' rather than 'strongly agreed'. Ideas for new or improved facilities are set out below. Strong support was expressed for the protection of existing facilities (13b).

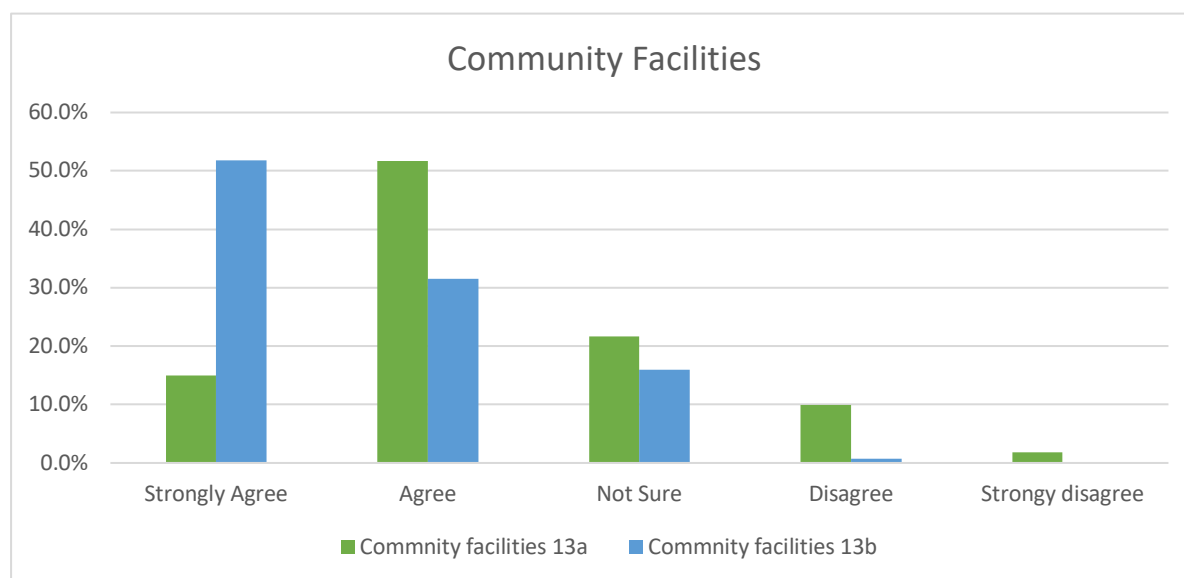


Figure 22. Chart displaying the distribution of responses to the 'community facilities' ideas

Under this section respondents were invited to name up to three existing community facilities that might be in need of improvement, and up to three facilities currently missing from the area: provision of which would help support community life in the area. The most common suggestions are presented below:

Facilities in need of improvement:	Facilities missing from the Parish:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare (Doctors and Dentists) • Walking and cycling routes • Expansion of the village centre as a 'community hub' • Primary school • Pub • Facilities for younger people, including teenagers (e.g.: a new pump track / ball games court) • Meeting / community hall / rooms • Open space (drainage issues at the recreation ground) • Public toilets • Improved parking in the village centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post office • Bank • Youth Club / Centre • Sports facilities • Pubs • Café and Restaurants • Public toilets • Allotments • Mobile library to be reinstated

3.14 Infrastructure provision

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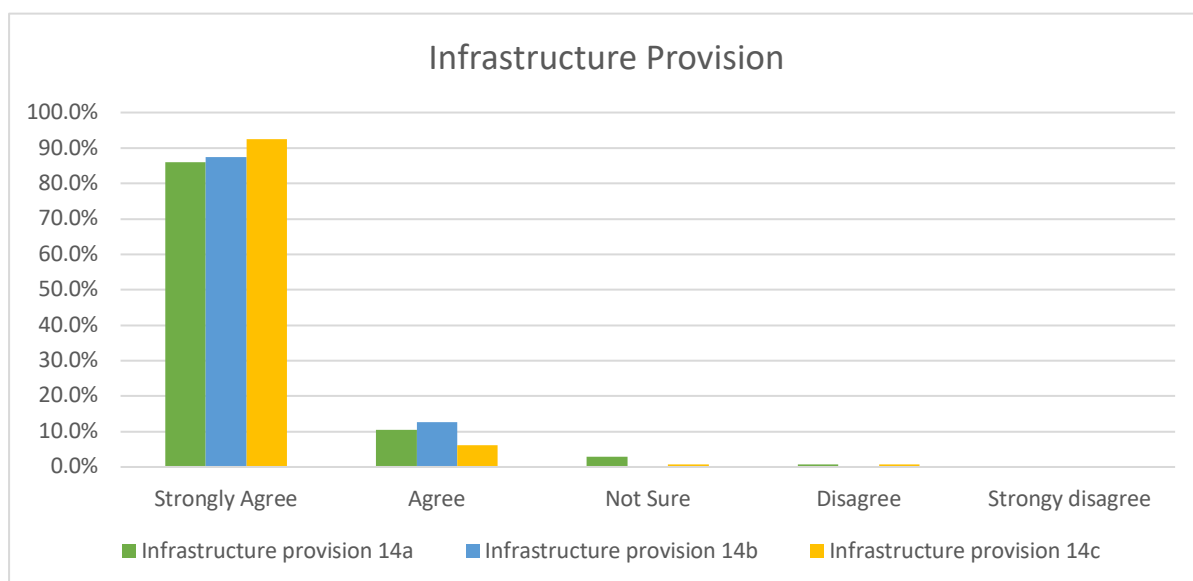


Figure 23. Chart displaying the distribution of responses to the 'infrastructure provision' ideas

Specific comments made in respect of these ideas are summarised below:

- The Parish is over developed and existing sewerage infrastructure is unable to cope.
- Improvements to surface and foul water drainage is essential.
- Doctor's and schools are oversubscribed and need improving before any additional development takes place.
- Infrastructure must be put in place first before development is allowed to commence.
- New growth will trigger a need for a new village school, stopping children having to travel further afield for education. This will help strengthen village life.

4. Summary

There was a positive response to the proposed policy ideas, with agreement being expressed by the majority to all ideas – indeed, most ideas were strongly agreed to.

This is caveated in that many respondents noted that there should be no more development in Horam, that the development that has taken place already is beginning to undermine the rural character and feel of the Parish, and that the existing infrastructure (both utilities and social infrastructure) is already under pressure and cannot cope with further development.

Against that, some noted that if growth is to take place, then this should meet local housing needs (in terms of size and affordability) and provide better community infrastructure.

Where comments were made in respect of policy ideas, these were mainly around matters such as infrastructure, transport conditions and the quality of the environment.

The responses clearly indicate that the rural qualities of the Parish should be retained and protected, that new development should incorporate and provide areas of landscaping and greenery, and meet high sustainability standards.

Responses also indicate the need to provide more, better and safer walking and cycling routes, and welcome efforts to slow traffic through the area.

Several ideas were made in respect of community facilities and where funding received via the community infrastructure levy might be targeted, improving existing facilities or providing new facilities for the benefit of residents.

Appendix A: Questionnaire

YOUR PARISH, YOUR PLAN

HORAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE



Horam Parish Council is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan which will help to guide future change in the Parish. We consulted on the objectives for the Plan earlier this year and have used that feedback to begin thinking about policy ideas. We would like your views on these, which will then be used to prepare the draft Plan.

Before completing the questionnaire, please review the consultation material, either in person or on the Parish Council's website.

You can return this questionnaire to Horam Parish Council (The Horam Centre, 3 Bank Buildings, High Street, TN21 0EH) or by completing online via the Parish website: www.horam.com

Please respond by Friday 11 November 2022.

Thank you!

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

A) Are you (please tick all that apply):

A resident of the Parish	☐	Visiting the Parish	☐
An employee in the Parish	☐	A business or organisation in the Parish	☐
Other (please state)			

B) How old are you (please tick only one):

Under 18	18-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	Over 65	Would rather not say
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

KEEP IN TOUCH

If you would like to be kept updated on progress please provide your email address	
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DATA PROTECTION: Data is being collected by Troy Planning and Design on behalf of Horam Parish Council. Data in this questionnaire will be analysed to inform the contents of the Neighbourhood Plan. Anonymous data may be shared as evidence that the Plan reflects the aspirations of the community. Email addresses will only be used as stated and will not be shared with third parties.

PLEASE TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE EMERGING POLICY IDEAS:

The emerging policy ideas are presented on the following pages.

Please place a tick or cross in each row to indicate whether you think the ideas are heading in the right direction, or not. There is scope to make any additional comments on the last page.

C) 'Housing' policy ideas

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
(1) Pattern of Development					
• The existing settlement pattern should be maintained					
• The separate identities of settlements should be retained					
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• Development should avoid impacting on areas of flood risk					
• Important views should be protected (See exhibition/www.horam.com for suggested views)					
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• Housing schemes of 10+ dwellings should include affordable homes for first time buyers					
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• New housing should reflect prevailing heights (i.e., no more than 2 storeys)					
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• Building materials should be those traditionally used locally					
• Effective drainage should be required to minimise the risk of stream/surface water flooding					
• Sufficient car parking should be provided within house plots					

D) 'Environment' policy ideas

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
(1) Biodiversity					
• Existing trees and hedgerows should be retained and integrated in new development areas					
• Wildlife corridors, such as along stream courses, tree belts, woodlands, and biodiversity-rich grasslands, should be retained and enhanced					
• New landscaping and open spaces should promote biodiversity net gain					
• Developments should provide for the long-term management of related existing or proposed habitats					
(2) Dark Skies					
• Street lighting should not be provided in new developments					
• Innovative approaches to lighting, including motion sensitive lights, should be used					
(3) Green Spaces					
• Existing green spaces that are special to the local community should be protected (see exhibition/www.horam.com for suggested green spaces)					
• The countryside valley of the Waldron Ghyll should be kept open for its landscape character, amenity, and biodiversity value					

E) 'Local Economy' policy ideas

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
(1) Horam Village Centre					
• Maintaining commercial and community uses should be a priority					
• There is a need to improve the availability of parking spaces					
• There is a need to improve the quality of the public space and pedestrian environment in the centre					
(2) Employment Sites and Premises					
• It is important to retain business sites and premises, where acceptably located					
• Businesses (including tourism) should be encouraged if it does not adversely impact on residential amenity or rural character					
• A range of holiday accommodation which contributes to the local economy should be supported					

F) 'Transport' policy ideas

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
(1) Traffic					
• Traffic speeds need to be slowed at:					
i. A267 into Horam					
ii. B2203 (Horam High Street)					
iii. B2203 (through Maynards Green)					
iv. Through Vines Cross					
v. On rural lanes					
• There is a need to increase the capacity of the A267/B2203 (Horam High Street) junction					
(2) Walking and Cycling					
• Development should be well connected with, or improve and extend existing walking and cycling routes					
• The network of public rights of way should be improved and, if possible, extended to provide attractive routes, including circular routes.					
• Accessible and secure cycle storage should be provided for new homes, at places of work and other destinations.					
(3) Public Transport					
• New bus routes, waiting facilities, real time service information and improved walking routes to existing bus stops are supported					
• New development should be within walking distance of existing bus routes and stops.					
(4) The Cuckoo Trail					
• The Cuckoo Trail is an important asset including tourism					
• The natural environment of the Trail should be maintained and enhanced					
• Improvements such as all-weather surfacing new signage, heritage boards, that improve the use of the Trail and understanding of its heritage and culture will be promoted.					
• Opportunities to make greater use of the former Horam station site as a visitor hub point, should be investigated.					

G) 'Community' policy and project ideas

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
(1) Community Facilities					
• The Parish provides a good range of community facilities					
• The loss of existing facilities will not be supported unless an equivalent suitably sited replacement, is provided within the Parish.					
• Are any of our existing community facilities in need of improvement? (You can provide 3 suggestions below)					
i.					
ii.					
iii.					
• Are there any facilities missing from the Parish which would support community life? (You can provide 3 suggestions below)					
i.					
ii.					
iii.					
(2) Infrastructure Provision	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
• New development must ensure that there is existing infrastructure capacity to meet the additional demand and, where necessary, either deliver or contribute to improved provision					
• Green infrastructure (open spaces, trees and other landscape areas, green links) should be integral to development and complement existing provision					
• It should be clearly demonstrated that there is sufficient drainage capacity (both foul and storm water) to support development.					

H) Comments and suggestions

If you have any additional comments or suggestions, you would like to make about the emerging ideas for the Neighbourhood Plan please provide them in the space below.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA

The Horam Neighbourhood Plan relates to the whole Parish - see map below.

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THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire and for helping to shape the future of Horam Parish.

We will continue to work with you to shape the Neighbourhood Plan for Horam, and ask for your views on the draft Plan. It will then be subject to examination and referendum.

The referendum entails a public vote whereby residents of the Parish of a voting age will be able to vote on whether the Plan should come into force.

If more than 50% of voters are in favour, the Neighbourhood Plan will be formally 'made' and become a statutory document that must be considered when determining planning applications within the Parish.



Appendix B: Posters

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Thank you to everyone who responded to consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan earlier this year. We have revised the objectives for the Plan based on your feedback and now need your views to help us develop draft policies.

The purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan is to establish policies that will be used to shape and inform proposals for new growth and development in the Parish.

Please note that the Neighbourhood Plan is not identifying land for future development. However, future development is likely: Wealden District Council is preparing a new Local Plan for the district as a whole and this will establish how many new homes and jobs should be provided in the area.

We will continue to liaise with the District Council as they develop the new Local Plan.

Although we don't yet know how much growth will take place, or where, the Neighbourhood Plan seeks to influence this by establishing principles of good design, an appropriate mix of housing types and sizes, and criteria to be used to direct growth to the most sustainable locations. This is all set in the context of retaining and enhancing the rural context and qualities of the Parish.

The Neighbourhood Plan also includes ideas around green spaces, biodiversity, community uses and accessibility for all. Please review the material and let us know what you think by completing the questionnaire.



Please tell us what you think by completing the questionnaire on the website:
<https://horam.com/>

Alternatively, a paper copy of the questionnaire can be completed. Please collect and return to:
Horam Parish Council, The Horam Centre, 3, Bank Buildings, High Street, TN21 0EH

Please respond by Friday 11 November 2022

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Questionnaire

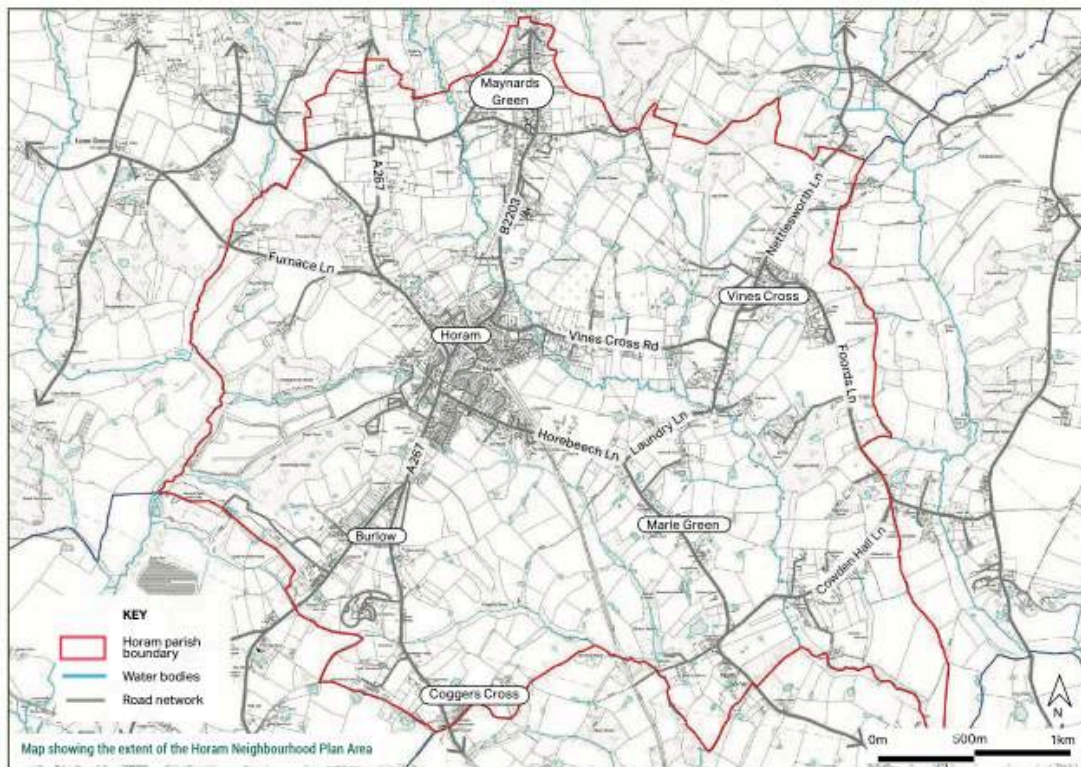


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The objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan are presented below. They were updated based on comments received at the last consultation and will provide the framework for developing policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.



Residential Development

01. To ensure that future development is consistent with protecting and maintaining the largely rural character of the Parish
02. To promote a balance of social mix and age distributions within the Parish
03. To safeguard the Parish character and heritage with particular regard to design
04. To avoid flood-risk caused by new developments
05. To ensure new developments are in sustainable locations and supported by access to sufficient local infrastructure



Countryside and Environment

06. To protect and enhance the natural environment and tranquillity of the Parish
07. To conserve and enhance areas of natural habitat
08. To help address climate change



Local Economy

09. To encourage businesses within the Parish that help to meet local needs and are compatible with the character and amenities of the Parish



Transport and Movement

10. To encourage cycling, walking and public transport services



Community Cohesion

11. To maintain and foster Horam's community spirit

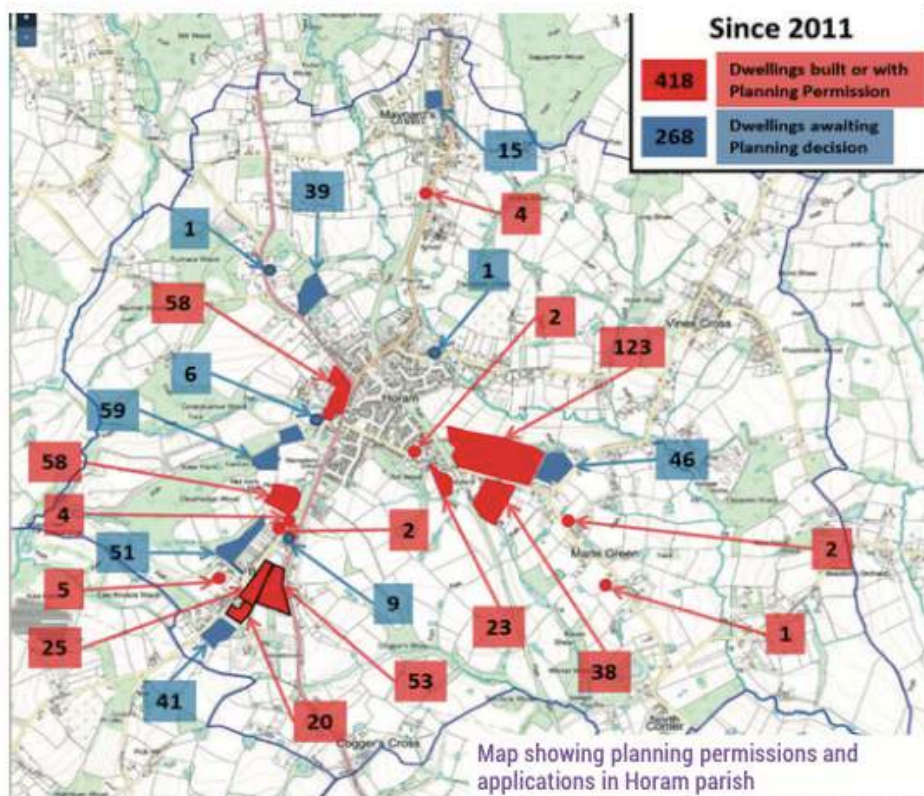
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Housing: Pattern of development



There are, as at April 2022, some 1,425 dwellings in the parish. This is 270 more than the 2011 Census figure (1,155). Between the 2001 – 2011 censuses, there was relatively little growth, amounting to 146 dwellings.

Housing development is continuing, with the District Council advising that there were planning permissions outstanding (at 1/4/22) for a further 107 dwellings.

The current position, as the Parish Council understands it, in relation to both permitted dwellings and live planning applications is shown above.

The Neighbourhood Plan is *not* identifying land for future development. Rather, Wealden District Council is preparing a new Local Plan for the district as a whole, which will set out how many new homes it is planning for in the parish.

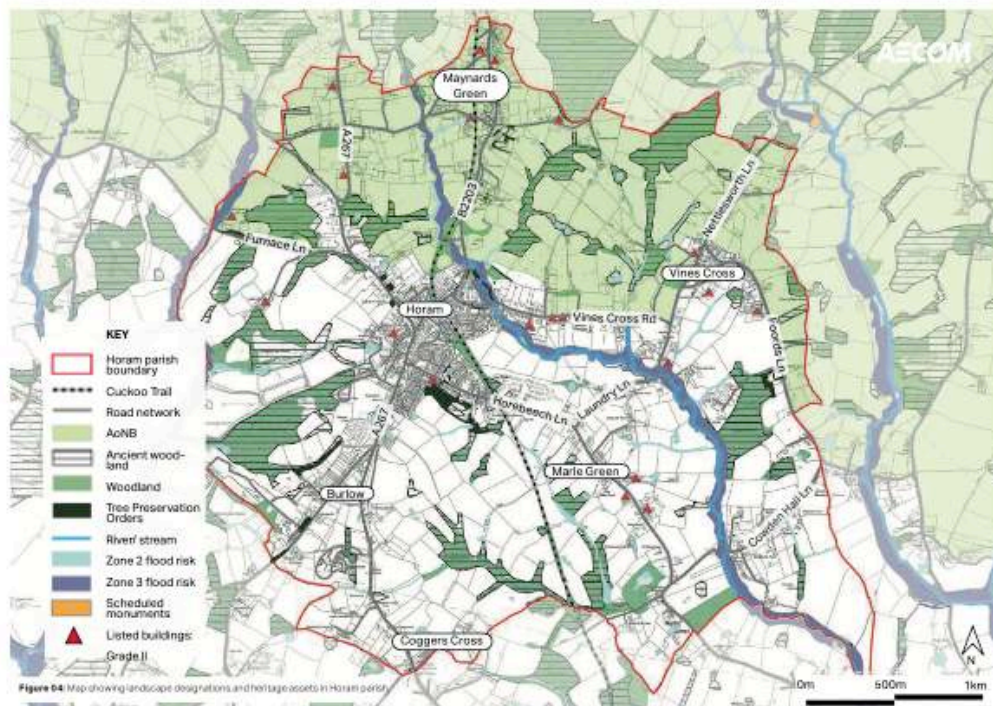
However, the Neighbourhood Plan can influence the Wealden Local Plan by establishing principles and criteria to direct growth to the most sustainable locations - set in the context of retaining and enhancing the rural character and qualities of the Parish.

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Housing: Settlements and landscape / heritage designations



The plan above shows the key environmental designations, including the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), flood risk areas and ancient woodlands, within the parish.

It is notable that while the AONB designation covers the northern part of the parish, the whole parish is regarded as having a similar High Weald landscape character.

Above: Map showing landscape designations and heritage assets in Horam parish

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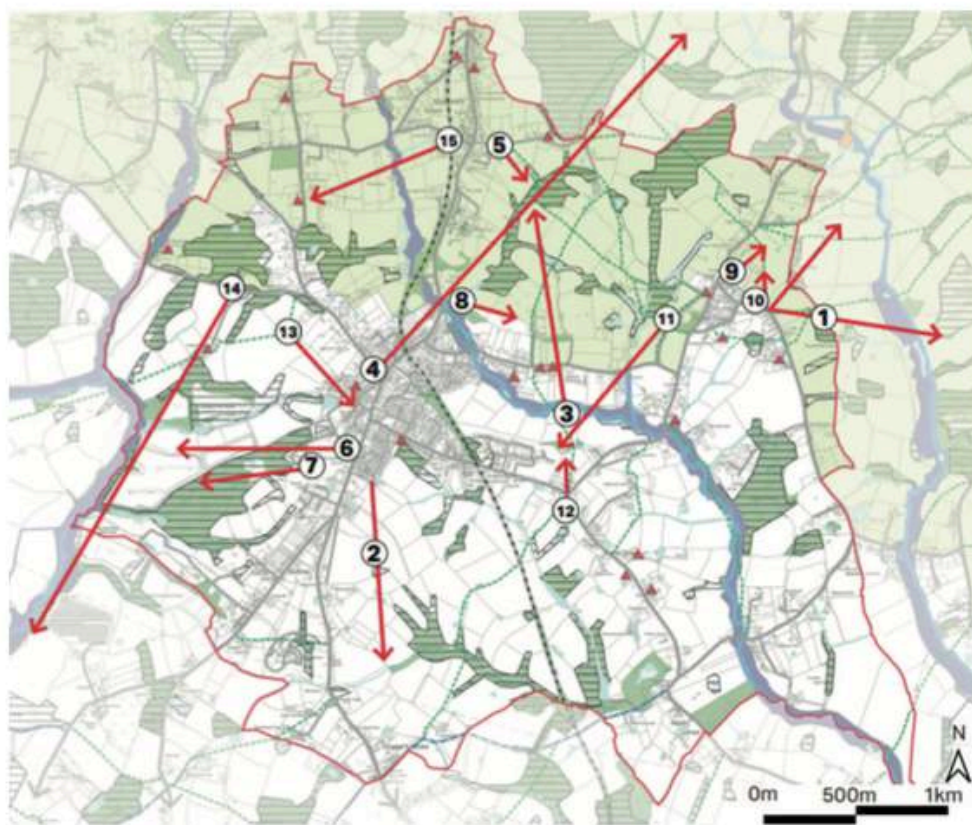
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Housing: Important Views

The map below shows the location and direction of important views in the parish.

Photos from each viewpoint are presented on the following panels.



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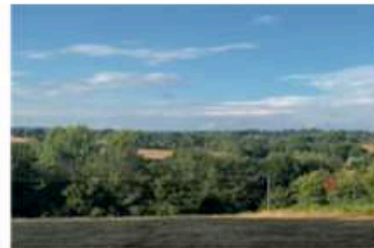
Housing: Important Views (panel 1)



1. Panoramic view looking along line of footpath connecting to Warbleton, with Warbleton Church on the horizon



2. Long distance view from the end of Grange Close all the way to the South Downs, the outline of which is visible in the distance



3. Panoramic view through the countryside, looking north towards the High Weald AONB, featuring the characteristic mix of grassland and tree/hedge framed fields



4. A view of the High Street from the main A267 through the village, showing the fairly tight-knit frontage buildings with commercial ground floor uses



5. Mid-distance view along popular footpath, with fields contained by woodland. Maynards Green - on Sicklehatch Lane at start of footpath Horam 2a, looking south



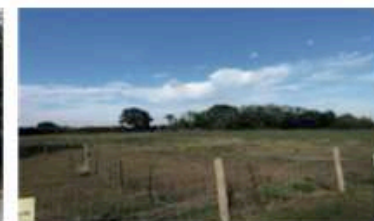
6. Recreation ground, encompassing the play area, tennis courts, bowls club and playing fields. Elevated ground highlighted by view to South Downs through gap in boundary trees



7. Strong rural context, with woodland and fields beyond playing field, and South Downs in the distance, with allotments and camp site being complementary uses



8. Although partially screened by roadside hedge, the open nature of the countryside beyond is evident. It is important as Stream Cottages, immediately south, mark a clear gateway into the built-up area of Horam



9. Medium distance view across open field containing hedgerow and woodland. It highlights the relationship of the village centre, from the public house, with its rural setting. Looking north-east across the Brewers Arms car park

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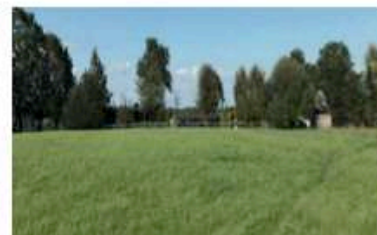
Housing: Important Views (panel 2)



10. The view here, and along the public footpath, provides a strong impression of the rural, agricultural setting of Vines View from Foords Lane along route of footpath Horam 5.



11. View from near Vines Cross across Waldron Ghyll towards Laundry Lane, field east of Rosemead crossed by footpath 11 and Rosemead Place



12. View from the popular footpath Horam 11 looking north towards the High Weald AONB



13. View from footpath in elevated position near corner of Furnace Lane / A267 looking southeast towards Horam Manor stables showing Coneyburrow Wood to the right. Horam Village is hidden behind the trees to the left and centre.



14. View from Furnace Lane looking south southwest across Hook's Farm listed building to the distant South Downs National Park, again showing typical woods and field rural landscape



15. View from the bridge which takes the Cuckoo Trail over Tubwell Lane in Maynards Green: looking across the valley of Waldron Ghyll towards Thorpe Gardens plant nursery and the A267 running along the far ridge line. The cottage in the foreground is Wells Croft, a Grade II Listed Building.

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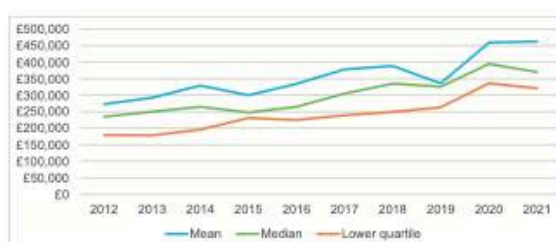
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Housing: Local Housing Needs

The Steering Group has commissioned a report on housing in the parish to inform the Neighbourhood Plan. Its findings include:

- 77% of homes are owner-occupied, 9% social rented and 11% privately rented
- The average (median) house price in the parish is £370,000, the lower quartile price being £321,250
- Housing requires above average earnings, or an existing property to be affordable
- Affordable housing (as defined by Government as being subsidised in some way) plays an important part in meeting some local housing needs.
- There appears to be a greater local need for discounted market homes (notably 'First Homes'), but more rented affordable housing may meet more needs.
- 29.6% of homes are detached, 24.4% semi-detached and 11.1% terraced, with a relatively high proportion of bungalows (which may partly explain a relatively high proportion of one-person households)
- One fifth of the population will be aged 75 and over by 2039



House prices by quartile in Horam, 2012-2021 (source: AECOM / Land Registry Price Paid Data)

	Detached	Semi-detached	Terraced	Flats
Average price	£519,000	£335,000	£350,000	£187,750
10% purchase deposit	£51,900	£33,500	£35,000	£18,775
Value for mortgage	£467,100	£301,500	£315,000	£168,975
Loan to value ratio	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Income required to afford	£133,457	£86,142	£90,000	£48,278

Affordability of market housing by type, using the 2021 median in Horam (source: AECOM)

Number bedrooms	of	Current (2011) mix	Target mix (2039)	Balance of new housing to reach target mix
1 bedroom		8.0%	8.2%	9.0%
2 bedrooms		26.5%	29.7%	41.2%
3 bedrooms		39.4%	34.9%	18.8%
4 bedrooms		18.0%	19.3%	24.2%
5 or more bedrooms		8.1%	7.8%	6.9%

Suggested dwelling size mix to 2039 (source: AECOM)

Year	Age of HRP and under 24	Age of HRP 25 to 34	Age of HRP 35 to 54	Age of HRP 55 to 64	Age of HRP 65 and over
2011	14	65	393	227	415
2039	14	74	372	258	710
% change 2011-2039	2%	13%	-5%	14%	71%

Projected distribution of households by age by 'Household Reference Person' (HRP) (source: AECOM)

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Housing: Design

A report on design considerations has been commissioned from consultants AECOM.

It identifies characteristics for Horam, Maynard's Green, Vines Cross and the more rural areas:

Settlements	Key qualities & characteristics
Horam Village	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Main village and service centre for the surrounding settlements. The commercial heart of the parish. 2. Serviced by A-road and B-road. Cuckoo Trail is an important feature in the village offering safe pedestrian and cycle routes to Maynard's Green. 3. Variety of development patterns with also examples of modern developments that are not in keeping with the surrounding context in terms of density, massing and character. 4. Extensive views towards the countryside, as the topography is falling away to the north west. 5. Public open space and Playing fields in the Village Hall provide a good amenity space. 6. Tree-lined roads, well-sized green verges and properties bordered with rich vegetation and hedgerows. There are also examples of hard boundary treatments (e.g. low height brick walls). 7. Average building height is 2 storeys. The Merrydown development creates a contrast with its over dominant presence emphasised by the dramatic change in levels and the 3-storey block of flats. 8. Local vernacular mainly includes red brick (variety of shades), clay tile hanging and white render, whilst for the roofs red clay tiles, concrete roof tiles and darker slates are used. Brick window and door dressings are evident. White wooden detailing is also used for window frames, fascia and porch details.
Maynard's Green	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Easily accessed on foot from Horam via Cuckoo Trail. Connections to Vines Cross via footpath network. 2. Location of the Primary school of the parish. 3. Predominantly linear development, irregular building lines, informal setting, varied sizes on building plots. 4. Low density contributes to the rurality of the settlement, while nature prevails. 5. Rich vegetation, prevalence of physical boundary treatments over the hard surfaces. 6. Average building height is 2 storeys. Irregular and non-continuous roofline interrupted by nature. 7. The traditional Sussex vernacular prevails with the use of red brick, or part red brick and part tile hanging, examples of catslide roofs.
Vines Cross	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accessed from Horam via car. There is no provision for pavements. Connections to Maynard's Green via footpath network. 2. The northern part of the village, where the pub and the garage opposite can be found, provide a focus for the village. 3. Informal pattern, meandering lanes, irregular building lines, rotations and setbacks. Compact development along three lanes. 4. Panoramic view from Foords Lane at start of footpath Horam 6 looking east with Warbleton Church on the horizon. 5. Low density contributes to the rurality of the settlement, while nature prevails. 6. Rich vegetation, prevalence of physical boundary treatments over the hard surfaces. 7. Average building height is 2 storeys. Irregular and non-continuous roofline interrupted by nature. 8. The traditional Sussex vernacular prevails with the use of red brick, or part red brick and part tile hanging, examples of catslide roofs.
Hamlets, farmsteads and rural areas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mainly linear form settlements of low density accessed by B-roads or local roads. Slightly meandering lanes. 2. Average building height is 2 storeys with a number of single-storey dwellings. 3. Strong rural feel, rich vegetation, prevalence of physical boundary treatments over the hard surfaces. 4. Local vernacular mainly includes red/orange bricks, painted brickwork, tile-hanging, red clay tiles on roofs.

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Housing: Design

The images below show positive characteristic design features in the parish.



Top left: Vernacular building

Bottom left: Traditional timber detailing

Top right: Red tile hanging

Bottom right: Typical Chestnut post and rail boundary treatment

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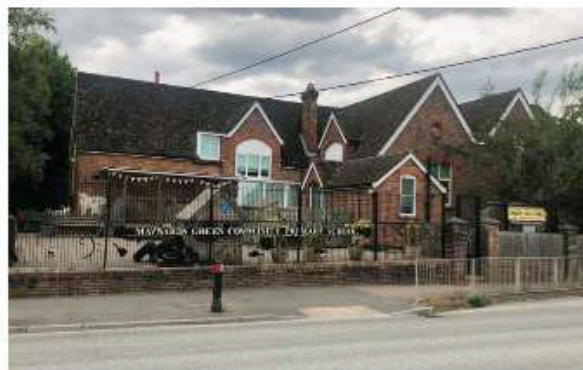
Environment

The built and natural environment of the parish is widely appreciated. Although there are relatively few Listed Buildings, there are many more buildings of local character.

It appears that wildlife is highly valued by local people. The Neighbourhood Plan can help protect valuable habitats and help create wildlife corridors. Trees, woodlands, hedges and stream courses are particularly valuable.

The Neighbourhood Plan can seek to ensure that:

- existing trees and hedgerows are retained and integrated in any new developments
- wildlife corridors, such as along stream courses, tree belts, woodlands, and biodiversity-rich grasslands are retained and enhanced
- new landscaping and open spaces promote biodiversity net gain
- developments provide for the long-term management of related existing or proposed habitats



Maynards Green Primary School



Waldron Ghyll valley

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Environment

Horam parish benefits from dark skies, as indicated in the mapping below.

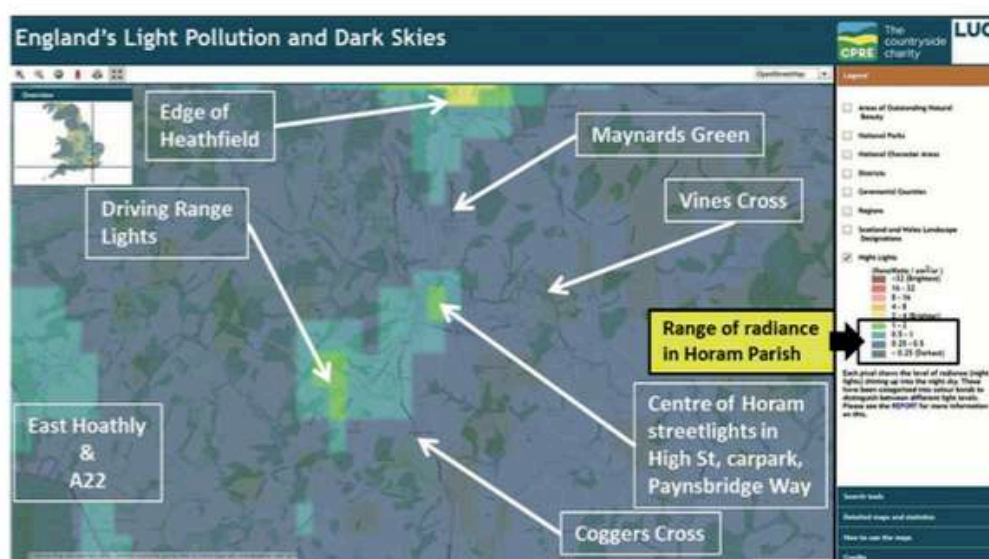


Figure 9. The top 20 darkest districts

District	County	Region	Rank of average brightness value (mean)	Average brightness value linked to colour band
Isles of Scilly	Cornwall	South West	1	0.14
West Devon	Devon	South West	2	0.18
Eden	Cumbria	North West	3	0.21
Stedale	North Yorkshire	Yorkshire and the Humber	4	0.21
Tarridge	Devon	South West	5	0.23
Richmondshire	North Yorkshire	Yorkshire and the Humber	6	0.42
West Somerset	Somerset	South West	7	0.43
South Lakeland	Cumbria	North West	8	0.43
Craux	North Yorkshire	Yorkshire and the Humber	9	0.43
Mid Devon	Devon	South West	10	0.44
West Dorset	Dorset	South West	11	0.51
Herefordshire	Herefordshire	West Midlands	12	0.51
Cotswold	Gloucestershire	South West	13	0.56
South Hams	Devon	South West	14	0.57
North Norfolk	Norfolk	East of England	15	0.58
North Dorset	Dorset	South West	16	0.58
Northumberland	Northumberland	North East	17	0.61
Hambleton	North Yorkshire	Yorkshire and the Humber	18	0.62
North Devon	Devon	South West	19	0.62
Wealden District	East Sussex	South East	20	0.64

In 2015, Wealden ranked 20th darkest District out of the 326 Districts in England. Before the house-building boom in Horam.

Streetlights and other outside lights cause light pollution & degrade our Dark Skies

Acknowledgement:- map & table from CPRE 2016 report titled Night Blight: Mapping England's light pollution and dark skies

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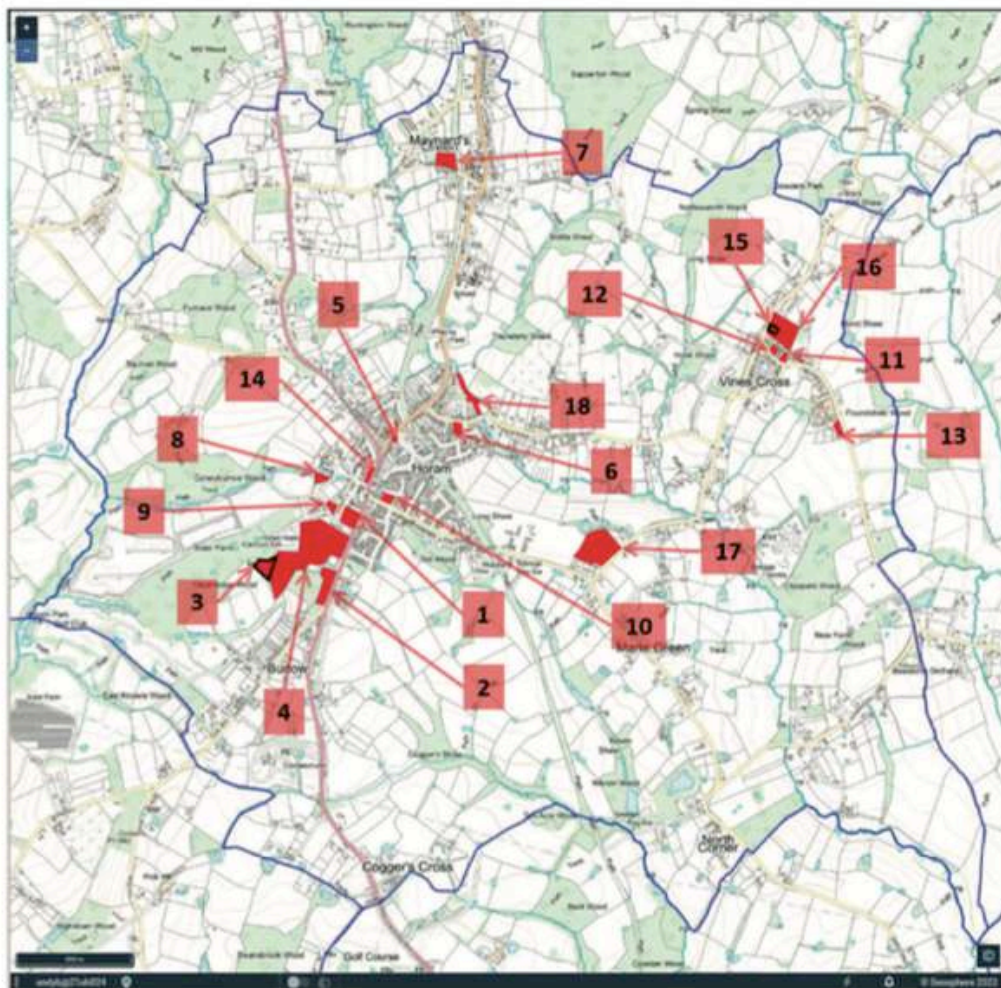
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Environment: Local Green Spaces (panel 1)

The Neighbourhood Plan can designate existing spaces of value to the community as 'Local Green Spaces'. These will benefit from protection from development.

Suggested Local Green Spaces are shown in the map below and images on the following panels.

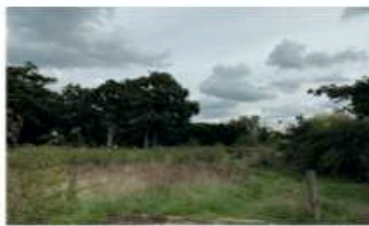


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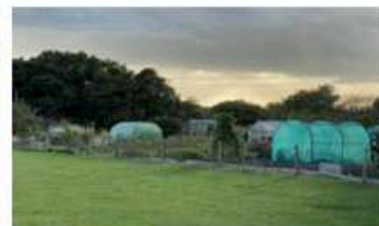
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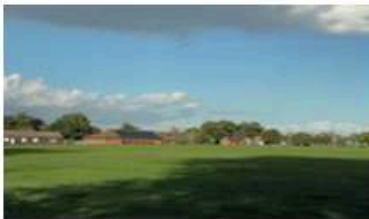
1. Land adjoining Discovery Way and Village Hall



2. Land in front of Four Seasons



3. Allotments



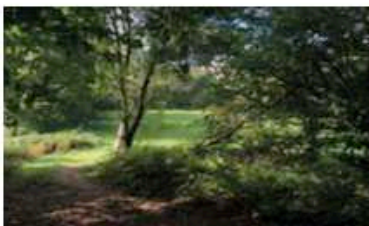
4. Village Recreation Ground



5. Memorial Garden Hillside Drive



6. Land on corner of Paynsbridge Way



7. Land behind Maynards Green School



8. Horam Manor Fishing Lake and surrounds



9. Lake and banks behind units in Discovery Way

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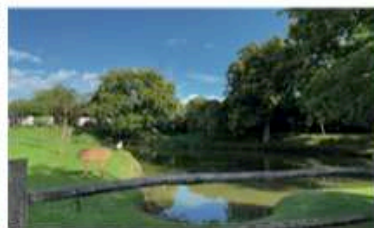
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Environment: Local Green Spaces (panel 3)



10. Land between Horebeech Lane and Beauford Road



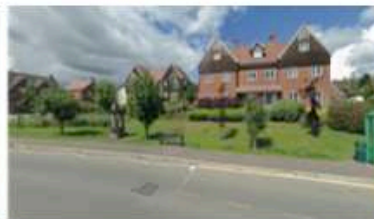
11. Pond Foords Lane junction with Ballsocks Lane



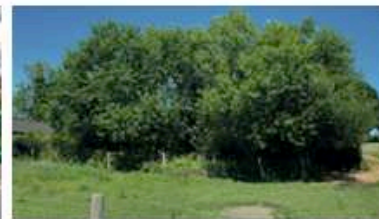
12. Land at Hurst Shaw, Vines Cross



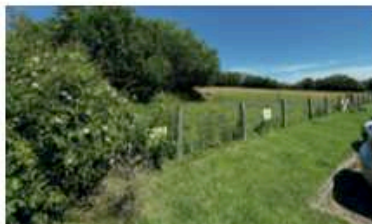
13. Land at Foords Farm with duck pond



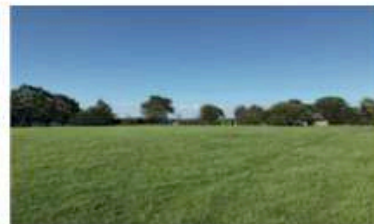
14. Grass strip fronting Merrydown on Horam Road



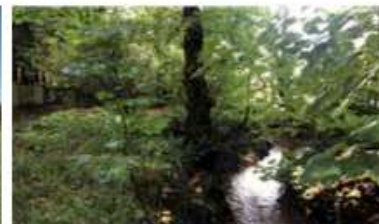
15. Land behind Brewers Arms



16. Remainder of fields behind Brewers Arms



17. Field crossed by footpath 11 east of Rosemead



18. Treed rural fringe along banks of Waldron Ghyll

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Local Economy



Village Centre

Horam Village Centre is the commercial focus of the parish, and also contains, or has nearby, most community facilities. It has evolved in recent times, with a number of independent shops closing, but with the opening of the Co-op store.

The emerging policy ideas for the village centre are that:

- Maintaining commercial and community uses should be a priority
- There is a need to improve the availability of parking spaces
- There is a need to improve the quality of the public space and pedestrian environment in the centre



Employment

Employment Sites and Premises are vital for the vibrancy of the area and to maintain local jobs. The Merrydown Business Park provides a relatively new source of modern premises. Elsewhere businesses tend to be scattered around the parish, both in the settlements and around them.

The emerging policy ideas for employment sites and premises are that:

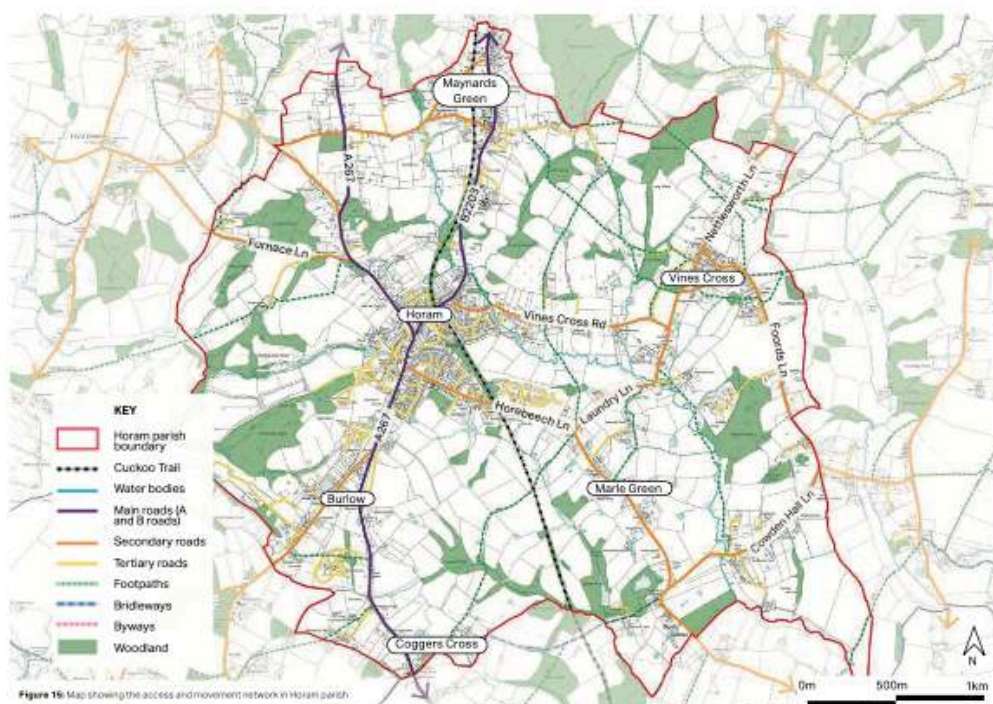
- It is important to retain business sites and premises, where acceptably located
- Business (including tourism) activity should be encouraged if it does not adversely impact on residential amenity or rural character
- A range of holiday accommodation which contributes to the local economy should be supported

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Transport: Traffic



The Parish has the A267 running north-south through it (and through the middle of Horam), with the B2203 running from it in Horam, through Maynard's Green, to Heathfield.

Views are sought on several traffic-related topics, notably:

- Traffic speeds on the A267, the B2203 (both in Horam High Street and through Maynards Green, through Vines Cross, and on rural lanes)
- Whether the capacity of the A267/B2203 (Horam High Street) junction is an issue
- What improvements are needed to bus routes, waiting facilities, service information and access to bus stops

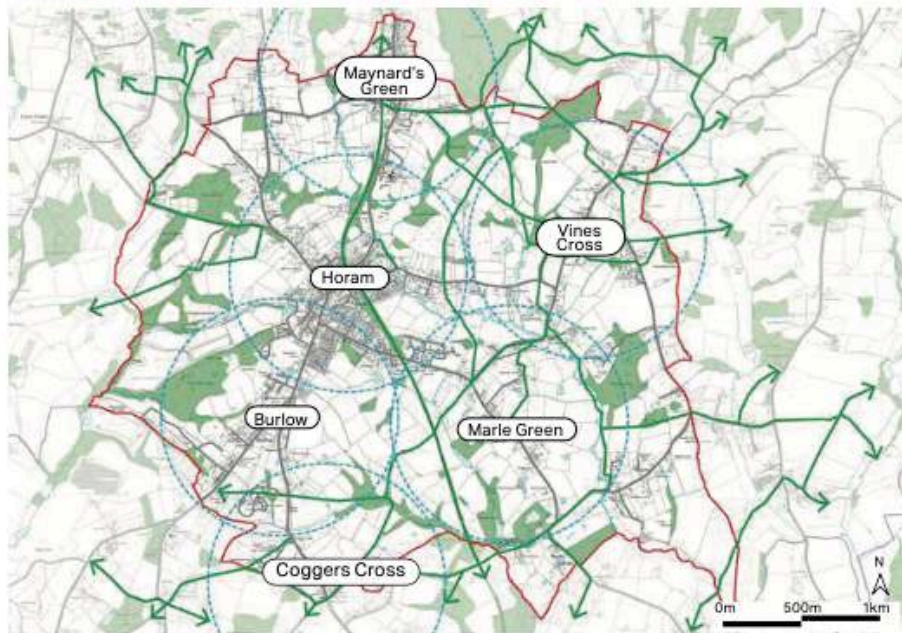
Above: Map showing the access and movement network in Horam parish

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Transport: Cuckoo Trail, walking and cycling



Views are sought on several topics relating to walking and cycling provision, notably:

- The importance of the Cuckoo Trail as a local asset, including for tourism
- Retaining the natural environment of the Cuckoo Trail
- Improvements such as all-weather surfacing new signage and heritage boards, and
- Opportunities to make greater use of the former Horam station site as a visitor hub
- Scope for improving and extending existing walking and cycling routes
- The need for accessible and secure cycle storage facilities



Top: Map showing opportunities for new or improved green links around the parish. Circles represent an 800m distance (approx. 10min walk)

Above: Cuckoo Trail

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Community facilities



Important community facilities in the parish include:

- Village Hall, Recreation Ground with football pitches, Tennis Courts,
- Bowls Green, Scout/Guide Hut, Skate Park, Play Park,
- Adult Keep-Fit equipment, Allotments
- Christ Church Horam, Horam Chapel, The Horam Centre
- Brewers Arms Public House

The Neighbourhood Plan has the opportunity to put forward projects for new community facilities and local infrastructure improvements that might be needed in the parish. It can also seek commitment from developers and utility companies to ensure there is sufficient infrastructure capacity – such as schools, doctors, dentists, water, etc - to support new development.



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Please let us know your views

The Neighbourhood Plan is a Plan made for the community, by the community. We are eager to hear your views on the policy ideas.

Do you agree with the ideas? Do you have any other ideas or suggestions? Please let us know by completing the questionnaire.

Your comments will help inform planning policies and other initiatives that will help shape change in the parish over the next ten to fifteen years.

Please respond by 11th November 2022



Thank you for all of the wonderful entries to the children's poster competition, and congratulations to all the age-group prize winners!

We have used ideas from these to create a logo for the Neighbourhood Plan, which will appear in all our reports.

Can you spot yours?

What happens next?

We will continue to work with you to shape the Neighbourhood Plan for Horam, and ask for your views on the draft Plan. It will then be subject to examination and referendum.

The referendum entails a public vote whereby residents of the Parish of a voting age will be able to vote on whether the Plan should come into force.

If more than 50% of voters are in favour, the Neighbourhood Plan will be formally 'made' and become a statutory document that must be considered when determining planning applications within the Parish.

The plan-making process

Because the Neighbourhood Plan will become a statutory planning document, it has to go through several stages. They are:

1. Emerging policy ideas consultation (the current stage)
2. Consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan (six weeks, in Spring 2023)
3. Submission of the Neighbourhood Plan to Wealden District Council (WDC)
4. Consultation on the Submission Neighbourhood Plan (six weeks, by WDC)
5. Examination of the Neighbourhood Plan and receipt of Examiner's Report (possibly recommending modifications)
6. Referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan (which needs majority support)
7. Formal approval and 'making' of the Plan by WDC as a statutory development plan document

Please tell us what you think by completing the questionnaire on the website:
<https://horam.com/>

Alternatively, a paper copy of the questionnaire can be completed. Please collect and return to:
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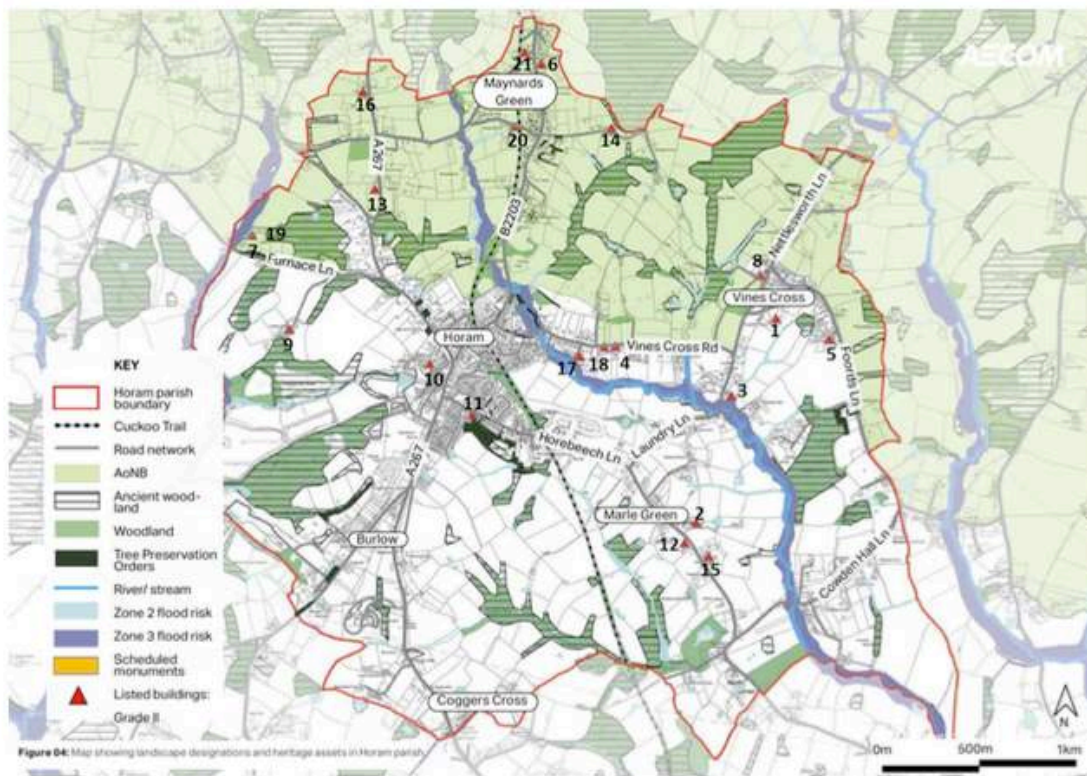
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Scan for
Questionnaire



Heritage Assets

Listed buildings in the Parish – all are Grade II



Heritage Assets

Listed buildings - According to Historic England's records, there are 21 listed buildings, all of which are listed Grade II. These include:

- 1) - Ballsocks, Vine's Cross;
- 2) - Barn to Oasthouse at Moorings to North East of the house, Marle Green;
- 3) - Brookside, Horam;
- 4) - Diamonds Farm Barn, Vines Cross Road;
- 5) - Foord's Farmhouse, Vine's Cross;
- 6) - Funnell's Farmhouse, Maynard's Green;
- 7) - Furnace Farm House, Furnace Lane, Horam
- 8) - Hilltop House, Vine's Cross;
- 9) - Hook's Farmhouse, Horam;
- 10) - Horam Manor Farmhouse and Stables, Horam;
- 11) - Horam War Memorial, Outside Christ Church Horebeech Lane, Horam;
- 12) - Huggett's Farmhouse, Marle Green;
- 13) - Hylands, Horam;
- 14) - Leather Bottle Cottage Sicklehatch Lane, Maynards Green;
- 15) - Marle Green Farmhouse, Marle Green;
- 16) - Mephams Farmhouse, Horam;
- 17) - Mill Farmhouse, Horam;
- 18) - Thatched Cottage, Horam;
- 19) - The Furnace, Horam;
- 20) - Wells Croft, Tubwell Lane, Maynard's Green;
- 21) - West Street Farmhouse, Maynard's Green

Locally Listed Buildings (non-designated heritage assets):-

Wealden District Council has not prepared a list of buildings of local interest (non-designated heritage assets).

However, there is an opportunity for the Parish of Horam to identify buildings of Local Interest.

The Steering Group suggest that Maynards Green School is of Local Interest

If you agree, please write that on the Comments section of your questionnaire

ALSO, if you think other buildings are of Local Interest then please write the address of them on the Comments section of your questionnaire, and give your reasons why.

'Green' Heritage Assets

- Apart from 'Ancient Woodland' and 'Tree Preservation Orders' there is no formal designation or 'Listing' for hedgerows.
- Many of the hedgerows (field boundaries) that we see today in Horam Parish can be seen on a map (below) published in 1783 (240 years ago).
- The Steering Group believe that, in this rural parish, these are part of the Heritage of the parish and should be preserved within or around any new development.

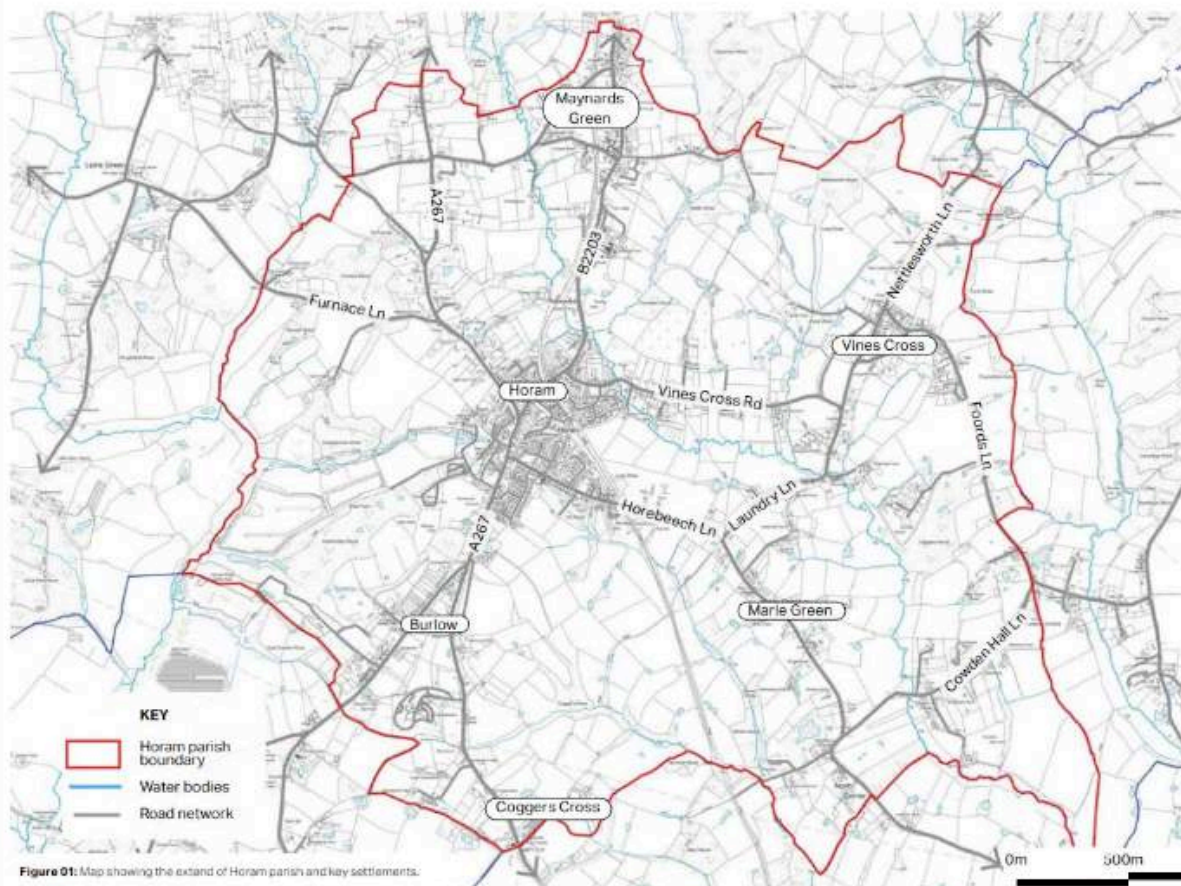


Extract from Yeakell & Gardner's 1778-83 Map of Sussex' (Not to Scale) (Source: BLS)

'Green' Heritage Assets

A modern Ordnance Survey map of Horam Parish

Showing the modern field boundaries
for comparison with the 240 year old, 1783, field boundaries



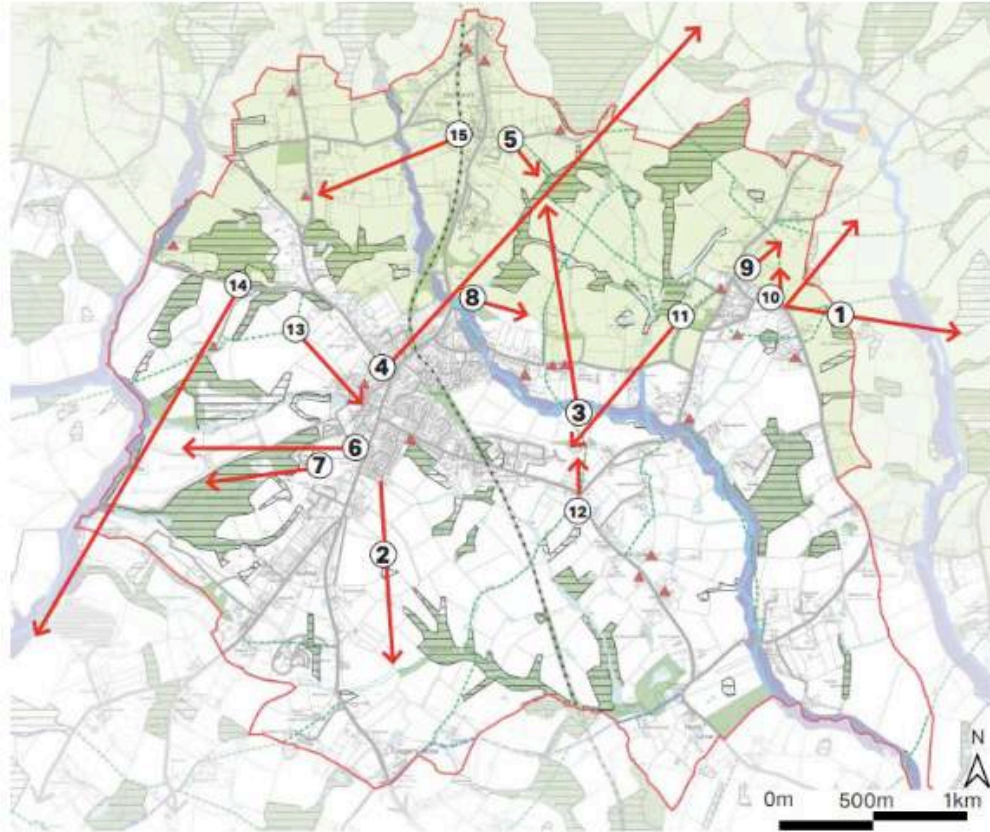
Heritage Assets

- **Wooden fingerposts are a traditional, and typical, feature of the road network in our parish.**
 - Unless hit by a vehicle a fingerpost will typically last for decades.
 - Periodically, the Parish Council will pay to have them repainted.
- **When they are damaged we can get them replaced free of charge by East Sussex County Council, BUT**
 - They will not be repaired
 - They will be plastic not wood
 - They will be replaced at East Sussex County Council's timetable
 - A maximum of one per year per parish
- **Horam Parish Council can get them replaced or repaired:**
 - In wood
 - To our timetable
 - Using local crafts-persons
 - BUT – Horam parish has to pay for the materials and labour
 - At present replacing a fingerpost, in wood, will cost about 60 to 70 pence for each dwelling, and will be paid through the Council Tax
- **Do you want future finger posts to be free but plastic?**
- **Or in traditional wood but at a small additional cost?**

Please write your preference on the comments section of your questionnaire



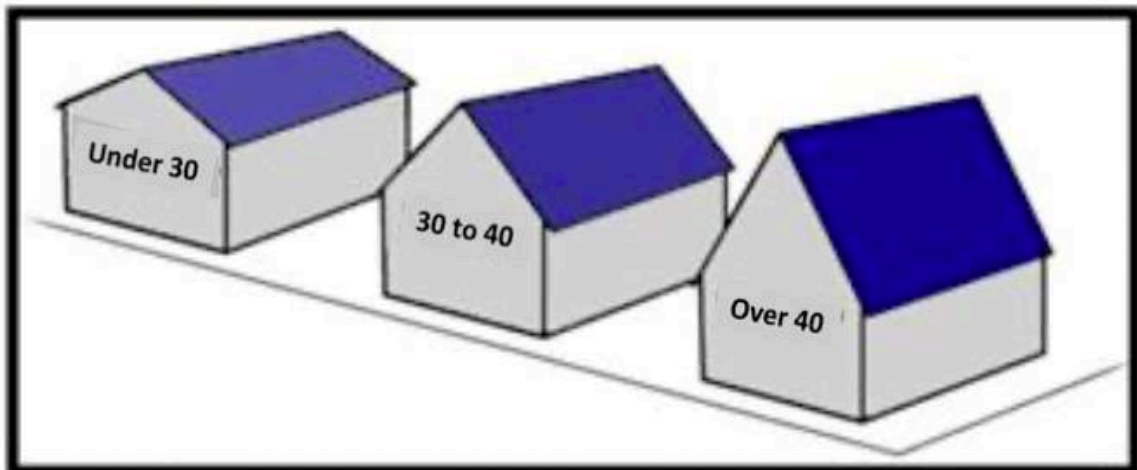
Important Views



**If there are important views that you think we have missed out;
Please draw them on the map above and list your reasons below.**

Design

Roof-pitch – in degrees



Under 30 degrees –

Not typically seen in Horam parish

Smaller selection of roof tiles available for low roof-pitch

30 to 40 degrees –

Typically seen in Horam parish

In profile wall-to-roof ratio is that seen in Horam parish

30 to 40 degrees gives optimum efficiency of Solar-panels

Height at ridge not excessive, does not dominate neighbouring properties

A near-constant pitch gives variety in roof scape as house sizes vary

Over 40 degrees -

Not typically seen in Horam parish

Dominates street-scene

Less efficient solar-panels

Later extensions into loft space overlook neighbours



Design

Front gardens, fences, walls & hedges



Older houses in Horam generally have front gardens enclosed by low (2ft-3ft, 600-900mm high) fences, walls and hedges (hard and/or green Boundaries).

Dwellings set-back from the road



Enclosed front gardens were designed-in for post-war buildings
Dwellings set-back from the road



Later developments often have front gardens but no, or only token/very-low, boundaries to enclose them.

Dwellings set-back from the road



Modern developments often have no, or only token, front gardens and no boundaries, no enclosure.

Front windows are often barely 3ft/900mm from the footway.

Which would you prefer? Or should there be a mix so that there is variety and choice?

Tell us what you think on the comments page of the Questionnaire

Design

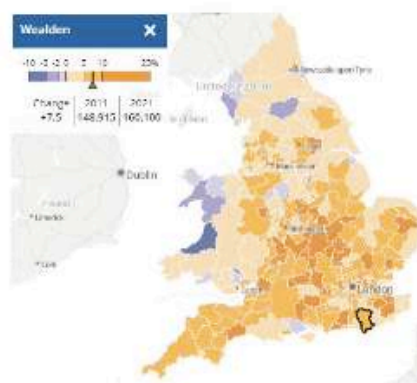
Footways and shared surfaces

- Older developments (even cul-de-sacs) generally have footways both sides of the road. As is seen, for example, in Grange Close, Horam Park Close and Tollwood Road.
- Recent developments often only have a footway along one side of the road (and often only the principal entry road). For example Autumn Drive in Four Seasons.
- Recent developments tend to have no footway in the cul-de-sacs; relying on low vehicle speeds so the road is a shared surface for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians alike. For example Winter Gardens, Spring Close and Summer Avenue in Four Seasons.
- Should future development have footways both sides of all roads?
- Should future developments have a footway along at least one side of all roads?
- Should future developments have a footway along at least one side of any road that is not a cul-de-sac?
- Should future developments have shared surfaces as the norm in cul-de-sacs?
- **Please tell us what you think in the comments section of your Questionnaire.**

2021 Census – First Results

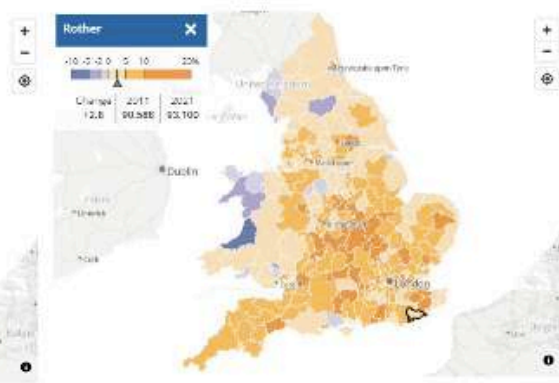
- In England, the population grew by almost 3.5 million (6.6%) from 2011 to 2021 Census
- in England and Wales the number of households increased by 6.1% from 2011 to 2021 Census

Figure 3: Population change between 2011 and 2021, local authorities in England and Wales



Source: Office for National Statistics - Census 2021
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Figure 7: Changes in the number of households between 2011 and 2021, local authorities in England and Wales

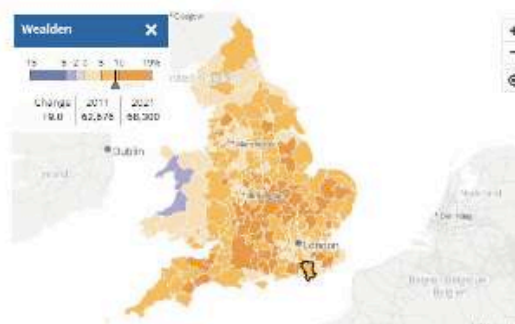


Figure 7: Changes in the number of households between 2011 and 2021, local authorities in England and Wales



Changes in the number of dwellings between 2011 and 2022 in Horam = +23.37%, compared to +9% in Wealden & +3% in Rother.

Why do a Neighbourhood Plan?

- Neighbourhood planning gives local people a direct say in decisions that affect them.
- What a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) cannot do is stop growth.
- What a Neighbourhood Plan can do is:
 - Develop a shared vision for your neighbourhood.
 - Guide type and design policies used to determine planning applications.
 - Identify and protect local green space.
 - Protection of the environment.
 - Enhancement of biodiversity.
 - Financially benefit the Parish.
 - Without a Neighbourhood Plan the Parish only receives **15%** of developer contribution, and that has an *annual cap*.
 - With a Neighbourhood Plan the Parish receives **25%** of developer contribution *uncapped* to spend locally. This is referred to as the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
- When 'made' a neighbourhood plan becomes part of the local statutory development plan and *must* be taken into account by the local planning authority when making planning decisions.



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