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1. Introduction

The Regulation 14 consultation of the pre-submission draft Horam Neighbourhood Plan took place for a period of six weeks between Saturday 20th May and Monday 3rd July 2023. This report presents a summary of the process followed and feedback received.

As a precursor to the consultation period, policies within the plan were presented, in summary, at the Annual Parish Assembly in March 2013. Presentation slides prepared are included in Appendix A. This also sought to highlight the forthcoming consultation period and encourage responses to that.

Material prepared to advertise the Regulation 14 consultation period, including:

- A poster displayed in noticeboards and elsewhere across the Parish (see Appendix B).
- A two-page leaflet distributed to all households (see Appendix C).
- An article in the Horam Parish 'Village Diary' (see Figure 1).
- Display of banners across the Parish (See Figure 2).

The above material encouraged people to view the draft Plan online and in person, with summary display material (see Appendix D) made available to view at a launch event at Horam Village Hall on Saturday 20th May and at a series of subsequent drop-in events during which members of the Steering Group were in attendance to answer any questions and walk people through the material as required (see Figure 3). Six drop-in events were held during the course of the Regulation 14 consultation period. In addition to the drop-in events the Plan, supporting material and summary display posters were available to view at The Horam Centre for the duration of the consultation period.

People were encouraged to provide feedback via an online survey which was also available in print format for those wishing to complete by hand (see Appendix E). The survey could be accessed via the Parish Council website or via a QR code included on leaflets and posters. The Parish Council website was updated during the consultation period, with the draft Neighbourhood Plan being the main news item on the home page (see Figure 4). Links to supporting material were clearly indicated and available to view online (see Appendix F). Articles in the 'Village Diary', posters and social media updates were used throughout the consultation period to remind people to respond to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Notification of the consultation was sent directly (see Appendix G) to:

- Statutory consultees, as advised by Wealden DC.
- Neighbouring Parishes.
- Residents and other organisations (of which there were 177 in total) who had responded to earlier consultation activities and said they would like to be kept notified of future events.
- All landowners of sites proposed for designation as Local Green Spaces.

A list of organisations notified of the consultation is presented overleaf.

Statutory Consultees notified of the consultation:

- Environment Agency
- Historic buildings and Monuments Commission / Historic England
- Natural England
- Highways England
- East Sussex County Council
- High Weald, Lewes and Haven Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- Eastbourne, Hailsham & Seaford CCG
- Hastings & Rother CCG
- Southern Water
- South East Water
- Wealden District Council

Local authorities (other than Wealden DC) notified of the consultation:

- Wealden District Council
- Rother District Council
- Eastbourne Borough Council
- Lewes District Council
- South Downs National Park Authority

Parish Councils notified of the consultation:

- Burwash Parish Council
- Dallington Parish Council
- Ringmer Parish Council
- Buxted Parish Council
- Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council
- Chiddingly Parish Council
- Crowborough Town Council
- East Hoathly with Halland Parish Council
- Framfield Parish Council
- Hadlow Down Parish Council
- Hailsham Town Council
- Heathfield & Waldron Parish Council
- Hellingly Parish Council
- Hertsmonceux Parish Council
- Laughton Parish Council
- Maresfield Parish Council
- Mayfield & Five Ashes Parish Council
- Polegate Town Council
- Uckfield Town Council
- Warbleton Parish Council

DRAFT HORAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

– Public Consultation

The first Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish has now been prepared in draft form. When finally approved, this will give us, the local community, a much stronger say in planning decisions affecting the Parish.

A public consultation on The Draft Neighbourhood Plan will be launched at an Exhibition in the Village Hall on Saturday 20th May from 10am-3pm
The Consultation will run for a six-week period from 20th May to 3rd July 2023

The policies in the Plan have evolved in response to what you, the residents, have told us are important to you. Key elements of the vision are to:

- retain the rural character of the Parish with a “landscape-led” approach to development...*
- retain the pattern and form of its settlements, as well as their individual identities....*
- focus on helping meet local housing needs....*
- retain and enhance the “greenness” of the Parish, promote biodiversity, and reinforce connections with surrounding countryside...*
- encourage walking, cycling and horse riding...*
- maintain a core of business and community facilities in Horam to serve the surrounding area...*
- ensure the heritage and local vernacular is respected and effectively reflected in new development...*

Public Exhibition

May 20th	Saturday	10am to 3pm	Village Hall
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Drop-in events

May 22nd	Monday	9am to 1pm	The Horam Centre
May 30th	Tuesday	1pm to 8pm	The Horam Centre
June 10th	Saturday	10am to Midday	Brewers Arms Vines Cross
June 17th	Saturday	10am to 4pm	The Horam Centre
June 27th	Saturday	4pm to 8pm	The Horam Centre

Parish Councillors/Steering Group members will be present at these events.

Online consultation and availability of documents:

The Draft Plan, accompanying consultation material and the questionnaire will be available to view online **from** Saturday 20th May **until** Monday 3rd July via the Parish Council website www.horam.com

They will also be available at the Parish Council offices Tues/Thurs & Friday mornings.

Sue Lane
Horam Parish Cllr/Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Co-Ordinator.

Figure 1: Information appearing in the May edition of the Horam ‘Village Diary’



Figure 2: Banners displayed across the Parish advertising the consultation and drop-in events



Figure 3: Selection of photos taken during the exhibition and drop-in events. Faces obscured for privacy reasons.

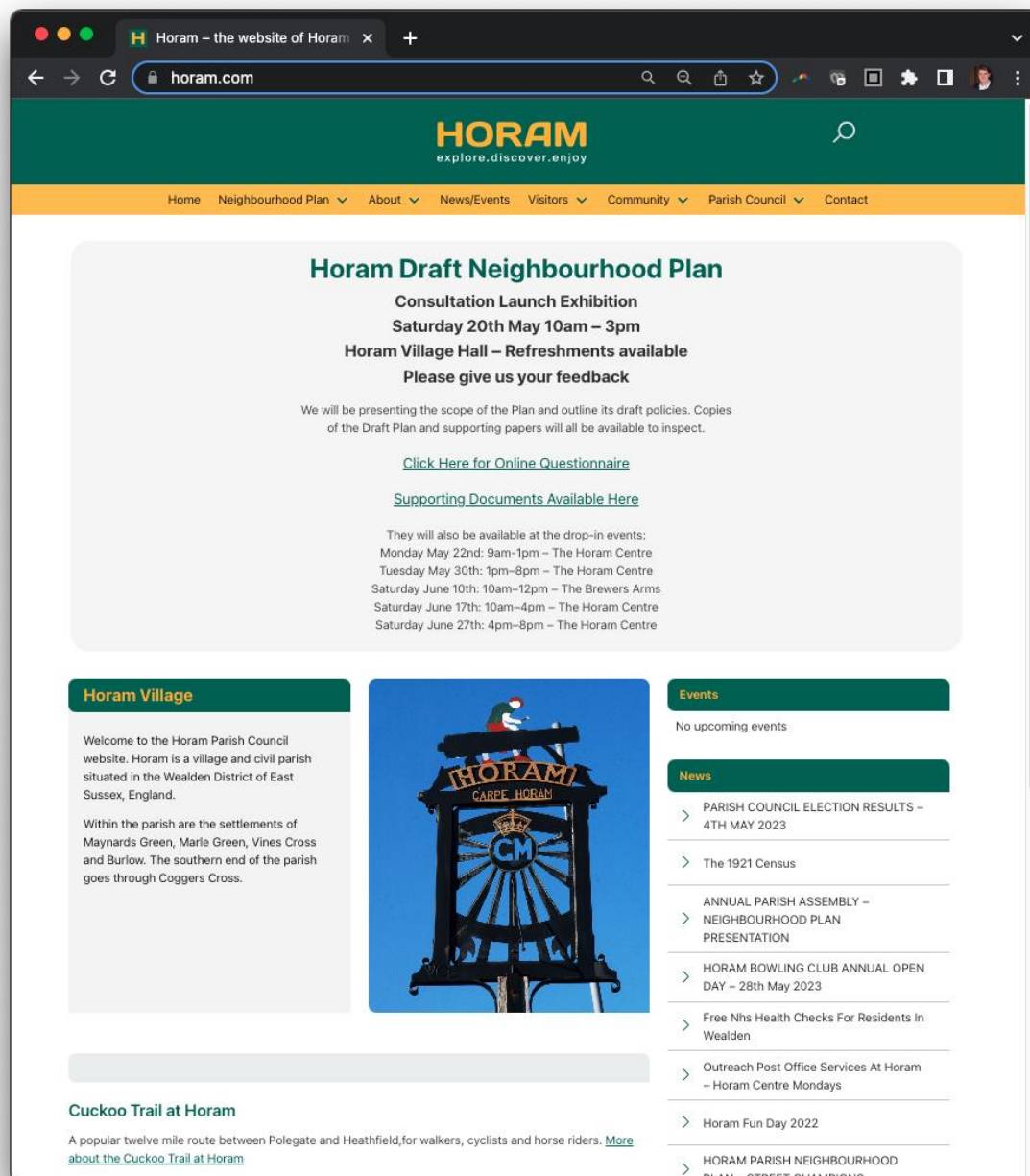


Figure 4: Screenshot of the homepage of the Horam Parish Council website at the launch of the Regulation 14 consultation

2. Response rate and headline messages

A total of 207 responses were received to the survey (in online and paper format), with a further eleven responses received in letter and email format.

Responses were received from a mix of residents, including people who live and work in the Parish, from the statutory consultees and representatives of the development industry.

Of those who answered the question on the survey, around 90% indicated that they were residents of the Parish. Almost 70% of all respondents indicated they were aged 56+.

In terms of responses to the survey:

- Not all expressed an opinion about all policies but, overall, the majority of all who responded expressed support for the policies - either agree or strongly agree (see Figure 5).
- On average, and having removed those who neither agreed nor disagreed, all policies received a 98% response in agreement or strong agreement (See Figure 6).
- Some respondents expressed concern about housing and that there should be no further development in Horam. This is an issue for the emerging Wealden Local Plan rather than the Neighbourhood Plan. However, many who did comment on housing noted that, should new homes come forward in the area, then the delivery of affordable homes should be maximised.
- Some respondents expressed concern about the impact of new development on infrastructure, as well as the inadequacy of existing infrastructure, and that any new infrastructure required should be delivered ahead of new homes being built.
- Many respondents commented on the quality of the countryside and rural character of the Parish, how this should be retained and enhanced where possible.
- A number of comments were made expressing support for the Draft Plan.

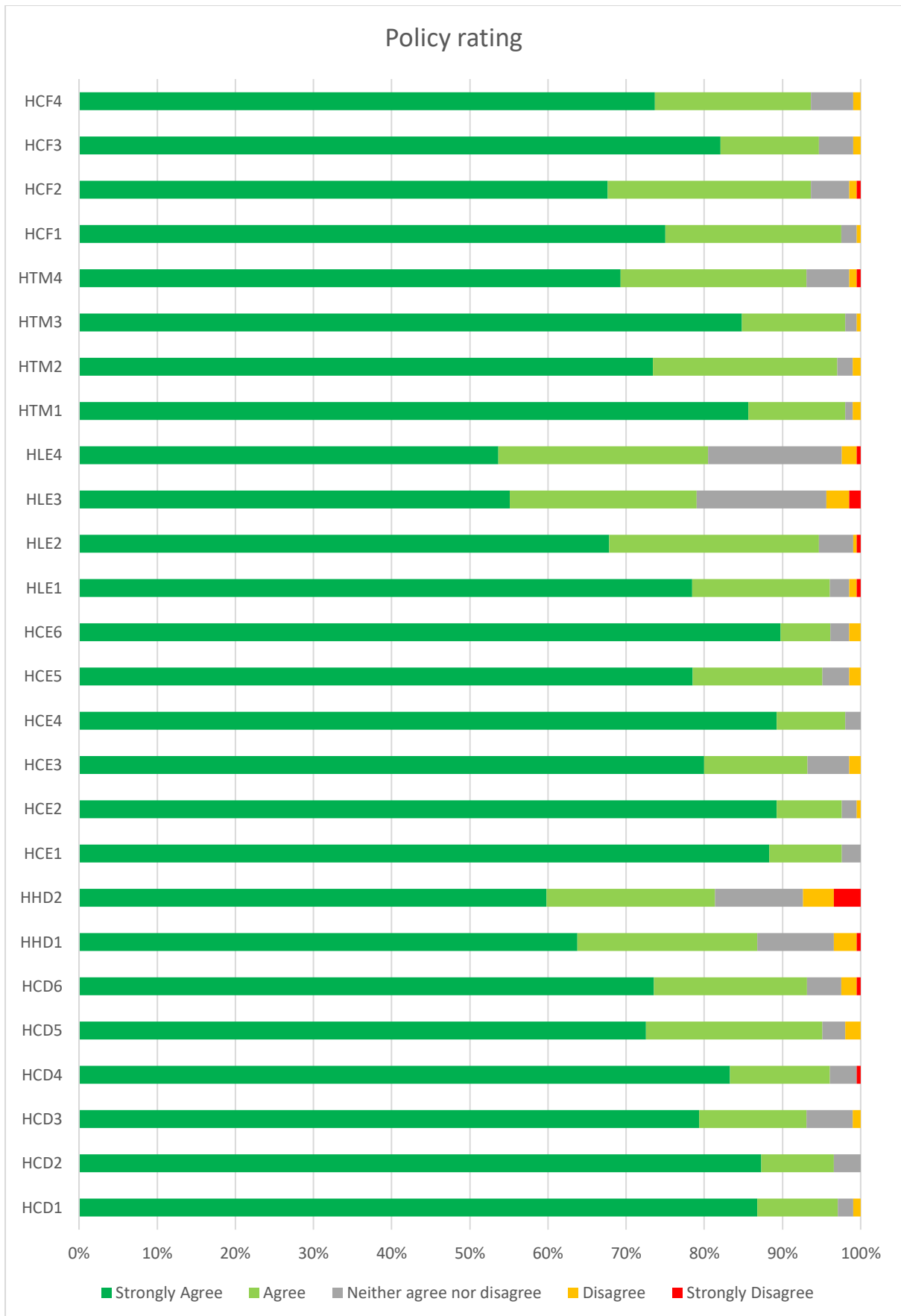


Figure 5: Chart displaying overall responses to each of the policies in the draft Plan

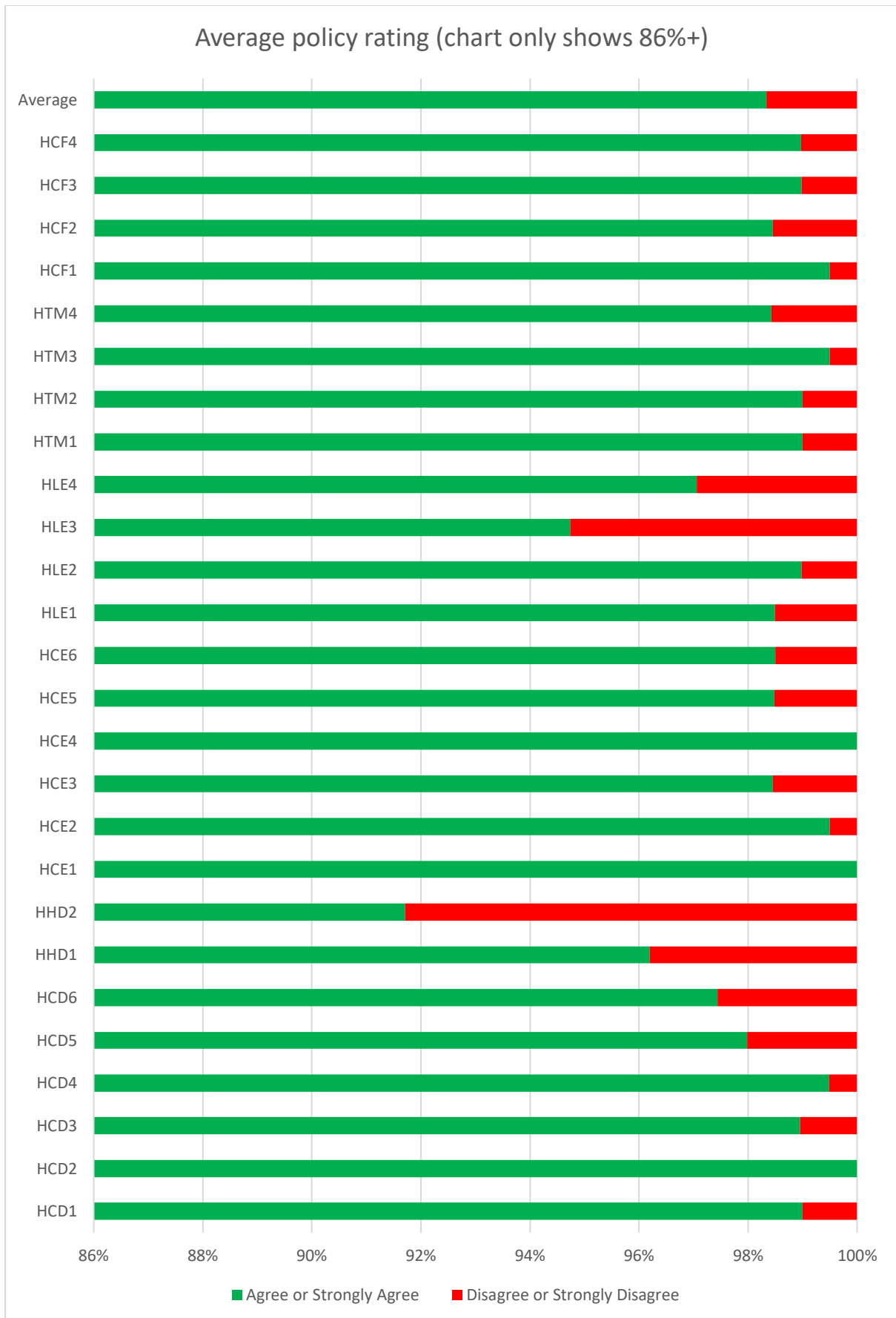


Figure 6: Chart displaying summary response to policies with those neither agreeing or disagreeing having been removed.

“Excellent work, very impressive!”

“I can only commend the work that has gone into producing such a cogent and coherent high-quality Plan.”

“The proposed Neighbourhood Plan for Horam is very comprehensive and well put together. I sincerely hope that after all the hard work the Plan will come to fruition.”

“I would like to thank those who have put so much of their time, effort, into the Draft Plan. Without it the area will be in a much worse state than it already is! Keep up the good work.”

“The Plan is excellent. Nothing to add.”

“Members congratulated Horam Parish Council on producing such an excellent Plan.”

Selection of consultation
comments made on the draft Plan

3. Comments on the policies

Comments made in response to policies (and, where appropriate, projects) are summarised below and presented according to the section of the Plan in which they appear. This includes comments made through the survey as well as those received by letter and email. Responses made by the Parish Council to the comments received are presented in italics. Extensive comments on the draft Plan were also provided by Wealden District Council. These are reported upon in Section 4.

Character and Design (section 4 of the Plan)

Policy HCD1: Settlement pattern and landscape character

Of those who responded to the survey, 87% strongly agreed with the policy and 10% agreed. Of the remainder, 2% neither agreed nor disagreed, and just 1% said they disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- Respondents expressed support for the policy, noting that it is important to retain the character and identity of villages and surrounding countryside as set out in the policy, but that this has already come under threat from recent development, and that where development has taken place, it has contributed little to the character of the Parish.
 - *Comments are noted by Horam Parish Council (HPC).*

Policy HCD2: Local settlement gaps

Of those who responded to the survey, 87% strongly agreed with the policy and 9% agreed. The remainder neither agreed nor disagreed. Nobody responding to the survey said they disagreed with the policy.

In terms of comments received:

- Respondents expressed strong support for this policy, noting the need to avoid coalescence and maintain the separate and distinct identity of the villages within the Parish.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- A response from Gladman Developments Ltd (Gladman) welcomes Clause 2 of the policy which establishes the circumstances where development would be supported but, overall, suggests that the policy is more restrictive than the Local Plan and that it does not seek to promote sustainable development. Reference is made to an Examiner's Report of another Neighbourhood Plan

to support this position, although this refers to the appropriateness of a Local Green Space designation rather a settlement gap.

- *HPC notes that WDC has also commented upon this policy and amendments are proposed based upon that. Please see Section 4 for more information.*
- One of the landowners whose property lies within the proposed Horam and Marle Green settlement gap objects to this, noting that the gap is narrow at points, as a result of residential development along the main road, and that fields which are not visible from the main road should not therefore form part of a gap that is not experienced as such. A similar objection to this proposed settlement gap is also made by Strutt & Parker on behalf of Welbeck Strategic Land.
 - *HPC notes that WDC has also commented upon this policy and amendments are proposed based upon that. Please see Section 4 for more information.*

Policy HCD3: Waldron Ghyll valley

Of those who responded to the survey, 79% strongly agreed with the policy and 14% agreed. Of the remainder, 6% neither agreed nor disagreed, and just 1% said they disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- Respondents commented that the valley should be protected, suggesting that ponds and other water features along it should be restored where they have been lost or degraded, and that footpaths should be created to allow people to enjoy the countryside and valley setting.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*

Policy HCD4: Important local views

Of those who responded to the survey, 83% strongly agreed with the policy and 13% agreed. Of the remainder, 3% neither agreed nor disagreed, and just 1% said they strongly disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- No specific responses were made to the policy on the survey.
- Gladman does not consider that the key views demonstrate any physical attributes that elevate their importance and that their inclusion is not justified.

- *HPC notes that WDC has also commented upon this policy and amendments considered based upon that. Please see Section 4 for more information.*
- One of the landowners whose property lies within one of the identified views (View 12) objects to this, saying it has no significance, there is no inter-visibility between the site and AONB, and that views are limited by the presence of trees. This same comment is also made by Strutt & Parker on behalf of Welbeck Strategic Land (in respect of the same view).
 - *The assessments within the Background Paper set out the local importance of and justify retention of the views. In line with policy wording proposed in response to comments from WDC (see above and section 4), development is not precluded within a view corridor, but rather that it should not adversely impact upon this.*
- Igloo, on behalf of D. L. and G. Blackden, objects to inclusion of views 2 and 16, which it does not believe are sufficiently justified.
 - *Response is as above.*

Policy HCD5: Design of development

Of those who responded to the survey, 73% strongly agreed with the policy and 22% agreed. Of the remainder, 3% neither agreed nor disagreed, and just 2% said they disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- Respondents noted that all new development should be of a good design and, equally, a high quality of construction too, and reflect the height and density of existing development. It was suggested that buildings should be energy efficient and incorporate sustainability solutions from the outset.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- Comments also noted that the policy should not restrict development to use of a small choice of materials and that alternative design solutions might be appropriate.
 - *HPC notes that this is already reflected in the Policy wording.*
- East Sussex County Council welcome reference to Building for a Healthy Life within the policy but also suggests that reference to the Sport England Active Design guidance should also be made.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- This policy is also specifically supported by Southern Water in respect of managing surface water.

- *Comments are noted by HPC.*

Policy HCD6: Non-designated heritage assets

Of those who responded to the survey, 74% strongly agreed with the policy and 20% agreed. Of the remainder, 4% neither agreed nor disagreed, and just 2% said they disagreed or strongly disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- Comments suggested that where heritage assets are to be enhanced, then this should be undertaken in line with the original aesthetic of the asset.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- East Sussex County Council support the proposal to identify a local heritage list, subject to review and update of supporting information as appropriate.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*

Housing Development (section 5 of the Plan)

Policy HHD1: Housing type, size and mix

Of those who responded to the survey, 64% strongly agreed with the policy and 23% agreed. Of the remainder, 10% neither agreed nor disagreed, and just 3% said they disagreed or strongly disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- Some respondents suggested that there should be no further development in the Parish but others acknowledged that if new housing development does come forward, then it should be of a type that needs the needs of the local community, with smaller homes for first time buyers, young families and opportunities for people to downsize.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- It was suggested that in terms of meeting the split between housing sizes expressed in Clause 1 of the policy, that this should only apply to major developments.
 - *HPC does not agree. This could see an application for nine homes, for example, coming forward, and which all comprise 4-bed plus houses. This would not help meet the local needs identified within the local Housing Needs Assessment. The policy should apply to sites of all sizes, though the policy does acknowledge some flexibility depending on the size, location and character of the site.*
- East Sussex County Council notes reference to the HAPPI principles but also suggests making reference to planning for dementia.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*

Policy HHD2: Affordable housing

Of those who responded to the survey, 60% strongly agreed with the policy and 22% agreed. Of the remainder, 11% neither agreed nor disagreed, 4% disagreed and 3% said they strongly disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- General support was expressed for the need for genuinely affordable homes, particularly for first time buyers, and that these should be of a high quality of design.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- Some comments suggested that existing homes should be retrofitted to support energy efficiencies (Policy HCD5 of the Plan includes reference to energy efficiencies), and that all homes should be designed to meet the

needs of the elderly and disabled – this is addressed through Building Regulations.

- *Insofar as it can be addressed in a Neighbourhood Plan, Policy HCD5 makes reference to energy efficiencies. Policy HHD1 expresses support for homes for the elderly and delivery of flexible housing types that can adapt to needs over time. Specific accessibility standards are established by Building Regulations and are not duplicated in the Neighbourhood Plan.*

Countryside and Environment (section 6 of the Plan)

Policy HCE1: Nature and biodiversity

Of those who responded to the survey, 88% strongly agreed with the policy and 9% agreed. The remainder neither agreed nor disagreed, None of the respondents said they disagreed with the policy.

In terms of comments received:

- General support was expressed for nature, biodiversity and habitats for local wildlife.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- Gladman supports the policy but consider that Clause 2 is a duplication of the Environment Act and thus should be removed.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*

Policy HCE2: Trees and hedgerows

Of those who responded to the survey, 89% strongly agreed with the policy and 8% agreed. Of the remainder, 1% neither agreed nor disagreed, and 1% said they disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- Whilst generally supported, it was noted by some respondents that trees and hedgerows should be maintained so as not to block pedestrian access, and that where new species are to be planted, these should be native to the area.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- This policy is also specifically supported by Southern Water in respect of managing surface water.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*

Policy HCE3: Dark skies and lighting

Of those who responded to the survey, 80% strongly agreed with the policy and 13% agreed. Of the remainder, 5% neither agreed nor disagreed, and just 2% said they disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- Whilst strongly supported, comments to this policy were mixed. Some noted that dark skies are a must, while others commented that some lighting is required, particularly where addressing issues around personal safety. This is also noted by East Sussex County Council, who suggest that lack of lighting may discourage active travel.

- *HPC notes that WDC has also commented upon this policy and amendments are proposed based upon that. Please see Section 4 for more information.*

Policy HCE4: Local green space designations

Of those who responded to the survey, 89% strongly agreed with the policy and 9% agreed. Of the remainder, just over 1% said they neither agreed nor disagreed and less than 1% said they strongly disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- Respondents to the survey overwhelmingly supported this policy and green spaces identified for designation in the Plan. East Sussex County Council note the policy but suggest that reference should also be made to the health and mental wellbeing benefits of local green spaces.
 - *Support for the policy is noted. Comments in respect of health and wellbeing are included in the separate report on Local Green Space designations that sits as evidence to the Neighbourhood Plan.*
- Specific comments were made by Wealden DC (see section 4) and several others, including landowners, as outlined below:
 - i. Gladman considers that some of the designations comprise extensive tracts of land and that the proposed designations be revisited to ensure compliance with higher level policy.
 - ii. Objection, by the landowner, to proposed Local Green Space site reference 27, noting that the description is inaccurate and that, other than the footpath through the site, there is no public access or community benefit arising from the site, and that it is not demonstrably special in any way. The objection to this site is also made separately by Strutt & Parker on behalf of Welbeck Strategic Land.
 - iii. Igloo, on behalf of D. L. and G. Blackden, objects to proposed Local Green Space site reference 36, noting that the land is not demonstrably special against the criteria outlined in the NPPF.
 - *HPC notes that WDC has also commented upon the full list of proposed designations. Based upon this, it is agreed that two of the sites should be removed from the list of designations in the submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan. More information on this can be found in Section 4 and the separate Local Green Space Assessment report.*

Policy HCE5: New amenity green spaces

Of those who responded to the survey, 79% strongly agreed with the policy and 17% agreed. Of the remainder, 3% neither agreed nor disagreed, and just 1% said they disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- This policy was generally supported. It was noted in responses that there is a shortfall of accessible and semi-natural amenity green space in the area which should be addressed.
 - *Support for the policy is noted. In terms of provision of green space, the Plan points towards the standards for new space outlined in the Wealden Open Space Study.*
- East Sussex County Council welcomes the policy but suggest that reference could be made to inclusion of benches for older people and those who are less able to benefit from the space by providing places to rest. It was also suggested that, when referring to the spaces as being accessible to all, this should include all ages, abilities and genders.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- This policy is specifically supported by Southern Water in respect of managing surface water.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- Gladman is supportive of the policy and the requirement for delivery of accessible, inclusive and meaningful green spaces and play spaces in new developments.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*

Policy HCE6: Flood risk

Of those who responded to the survey, 90% strongly agreed with the policy and 6% agreed. Of the remainder, 2% neither agreed nor disagreed, and 2% said they disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- Concerns about flood risk were raised by several respondents, and that risks must be appropriately mitigated through development with the appropriate infrastructure put in place.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- This policy is also specifically supported by Southern Water in respect of managing surface water. Southern Water also noted Project H(iii) in respect

of Natural Flood Management and that they have been working with the EA and Local Councils to develop and Drainage and Wasterwater Management Plan which seeks to protect the natural water cycle and prevent additional rainwater from entering the combined sewer network.

- *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- Gladman is supportive of the policy but suggests it is revised to avoid unnecessary duplication with national policy.
 - *HPC notes that WDC has also commented upon this policy and amendments considered based upon that. Please see Section 4 for more information. It is also noted that ESCC has previously commented on the background paper informing the policy and were comfortable with the approach taken. Any changes to the policy will thus be limited.*

It is noted that the County Council (as LLFA) did not provided any specific comments in response to this policy at the Regulation 14 stage, though were asked to comment on drafts of the Background Paper which underpin the policy. Previous responses were supportive of the approach taken and the limited response at the Regulation 14 stage is inferred by HPC to mean that the County is comfortable with the policy.

Local Economy (section 7 of the Plan)

Policy HLE1: Horam village centre

Of those who responded to the survey, 78% strongly agreed with the policy and 18% agreed. Of the remainder, 2% neither agreed nor disagreed, and 2% said they disagreed or strongly disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- Respondents noted that encouragement should be given to reopen closed shops and that improvements to the visual appearance and general maintenance of the centre would be welcome.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- It was suggested that a 'common sense' approach might be taken to change of use (in Clause 4).
 - *The policy seeks to retain the role and function of the centre as expressed through earlier engagement activities and follows a consistent approach to that in higher order plans.*
- East Sussex County Council welcome the policy but suggest that references to the public realm should be expended to support inclusive, age friendly places where people can meet.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*

Policy HLE2: Employment

Of those who responded to the survey, 68% strongly agreed with the policy and 27% agreed. Of the remainder, 4% neither agreed nor disagreed, and just 1% said they disagreed or strongly disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- Respondents recognised the role of small businesses in supporting the local economy and access to employment for local people.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- East Sussex County Council noted and welcome reference to active travel measures in the policy.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- Gladman is supportive of the policy, the retention and development of small businesses, and the design criteria to be considered.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*

Policy HLE3: Home working

Of those who responded to the survey, 55% strongly agreed with the policy and 24% agreed. Of the remainder, 17% neither agreed nor disagreed, and 4% said they disagreed or strongly disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- No specific comments were made in respect of this policy, other than to say that, as a trend across the country as a whole, the increase in home working causing difficulties for the elderly and hospitality industry.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC. However, it should be noted that WDC advised that the policy is not necessary as it is covered by permitted development rights. HPC agrees to remove the policy – see more in Section 4.*

Policy HLE4: Visitor accommodation and facilities

Of those who responded to the survey, 54% strongly agreed with the policy and 27% agreed. Of the remainder, 17% neither agreed nor disagreed, and 2% said they disagreed or strongly disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- Respondents noted that there has already been a loss of camping and caravan plots to development in the Parish, and that serviced accommodation should be supported rather than 'Airbnb' style accommodation.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- East Sussex County Council welcome the reference to visitor accommodation benefitting the local economy, and also note and welcome reference to active travel measures in the policy.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- This policy is also specifically supported by Southern Water in respect of managing surface water.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*

Transport and Movement (section 8 of the Plan)

Policy HTM1: Traffic management

Of those who responded to the survey, 86% strongly agreed with the policy and 12% agreed. Of the remainder, 1% neither agreed nor disagreed, and just 1% said they disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- Comments to this policy sought to emphasise concerns around traffic speeds and volumes, the impact of this on the Parish, and the need to put in place measures to address these.
 - *Comments are noted. The Plan includes a set of potential ideas at Project H(iv) to address these concerns, which the Parish hopes to develop further with partner organisations.*
- East Sussex County Council expressed support for this policy and associated project and aspirations to improve traffic safety for all.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- This policy is also specifically supported by Southern Water in respect of managing surface water.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*

Policy HTM2: Active and healthy travel

Of those who responded to the survey, 73% strongly agreed with the policy and 24% agreed. Of the remainder, 2% neither agreed nor disagreed, and just 1% said they disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- Support for safe cycle routes was expressed, but also that space for walking and cycling should be clearly demarcated to reduce the potential for conflict between users.
 - *Comments are noted. The Plan includes, in Project H(v), a series of suggestions for potential new / improved walking and cycling routes..*
- East Sussex County Council expressed support for this policy and associated aspirations which are noted as being aligned with the adopted and emerging Local Transport Plan, and the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. The County Council also welcome reference to 'healthy' in the policy.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*

- Gladman support the policy and point towards the Active Travel England planning application assessment toolkit to be used for larger developments and which it is considered might be helpful to point towards.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*

Policy HTM3: The Cuckoo Trail

Of those who responded to the survey, 85% strongly agreed with the policy and 13% agreed. Of the remainder, 1% neither agreed nor disagreed, and just 1% said they disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- Respondents recognised the value of the Cuckoo Trail and supported its use for walking and cycling, as well as the need to improve and better manage the environment of the route and access to it.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- East Sussex County Council expressed support for the aims of the policy and improvements outlined for the Trail.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*

Policy HTM4: Public transport

Of those who responded to the survey, 70% strongly agreed with the policy and 24% agreed. Of the remainder, 5% neither agreed nor disagreed, and just 1% said they disagreed or strongly disagreed

In terms of comments received:

- Respondents noted that bus services should run for longer periods during the day but questioned how services might be improved.
 - *Comments are noted. Project H(vi) in the Plan states that the Parish is keen to work with partner organisations to identify how improvements to the bus service might be delivered.*
- East Sussex County Council acknowledged that bus services are limited but also drew attention to the East Sussex Bus Improvement Plan and Flexibus scheme.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- National Highways commented that proposals to attract more use of active and sustainable travel are welcome, that proposed mitigations associated with concerns around traffic speeds and volume are noted and that these would not impact on the Strategic Road Network. The response notes that:

‘The Plan is generally very well written and seems to cover all aspects National highways would wish to see in a Neighbourhood Plan.’

- *Comments are noted by HPC.*

Community (section 9 of the Plan)

Comments received are summarised below:

Policy HCF1: Community facilities

Of those who responded to the survey, 75% strongly agreed with the policy and 23% agreed. Of the remainder, 1% neither agreed nor disagreed, and just 1% said they disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- General support was expressed for the policy, with some respondents suggesting facilities that should be provided in the Parish, including more facilities for younger people.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- East Sussex County Council welcome reference to the importance of community facilities and future expansion of these to meet future needs.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*

Policy HCF2: Sport, leisure and recreation facilities

Of those who responded to the survey, 66% strongly agreed with the policy and 26% agreed. Of the remainder, 5% neither agreed nor disagreed, and 3% said they disagreed or strongly disagreed

In terms of comments received:

- General support was expressed for this policy and, as noted above, the importance of providing facilities for younger people, including a new Youth Centre.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC. Project H(viii) of the Plan specifically makes reference to a new youth centre.*

Policy HCF3: Infrastructure

Of those who responded to the survey, 82% strongly agreed with the policy and 13% agreed. Of the remainder, 4% neither agreed nor disagreed, and just 1% said they disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- Numerous responses were made to the survey to state that existing infrastructure in the Parish is already under pressure and that if and when new development comes forward, then this must deliver the necessary supporting infrastructure prior to development commencing. Schools and health services were identified as important new facilities to provide in the Parish.

- *Comments are noted by HPC.*
- Southern Water wrote to suggest that the policy should be amended to state that new utility infrastructure will be encouraged and supported to meet the identified needs of the community subject to other policies in the Plan.
 - *Reference to utilities is covered by use of the word 'physical' infrastructure in the policy (as opposed to social and green infrastructure). This is explained in the supporting text. No further change is considered necessary.*

Policy HCF4: Allotments and food growing opportunities

Of those who responded to the survey, 74% strongly agreed with the policy and 20% agreed. Of the remainder, 5% neither agreed nor disagreed, and just 1% said they disagreed.

In terms of comments received:

- Responses to the survey expressed support for the policy, noting that these should be accessible to all and that, where possible, private gardens associated with homes should also make space available for food growing opportunities.
 - *Comments are noted by HPC.*

Other

In addition to the summary above, responses were received from the Environment Agency and Natural England, but these were to confirm that they had no comments on the Plan. These are thus taken to represent support for the Plan.

Heathfield and Waldron Parish Council congratulated Horam on the Plan and said they would seek to agree further ways to collaborate and work with Horam Parish Council on areas that affect both parishes, such as dark skies, drainage and flooding concerns, (both upstream and downstream), and transport, which includes cycle and footpaths, not least the Cuckoo Trail, as well as matters such as maintaining local settlement gaps.

Comments from Gladman are summarised in the sections above where relevant. In addition to these, they also suggest that work on the Plan is paused until a new Local Plan is in place.

- *This is not considered necessary nor appropriate by the Parish Council and, indeed, there are many instances (including those in Wealden, of where Neighbourhood Plans have successfully been made ahead of a new Local Plan.*

A response was received from the High Weald AONB unit after the consultation period closed. It has though been considered. The comments expressed support for the Plan and made some suggestions intended to help strengthen policy wording. These have been reviewed and incorporated into the revised version of the NDP for submission purposes where appropriate.

Comments from Wealden District Council are summarised in the next section.

4. Comments from Wealden DC

Comments were made by Wealden DC on the pre-Regulation 14 draft (at SEA and HRA Screening Stage). These were discussed with WDC and amendments made, as appropriate, to the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

An extensive set of comments were then provided at the Regulation 14 stage by WDC in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan, Background Papers and Design Guide.

The full set of comment and responses to these are presented in Appendix H.

The comments included a number of constructive points and suggestions, particularly in terms of clarifications to and minor rewording of policies. These are helpful and changes are to be made to the Neighbourhood Plan accordingly.

There were also a series of wider points made in respect of the relationship between the Neighbourhood Plan and the emerging Local Plan, particularly in respect of the WDC SHELAA and potential impact of policies in the Neighbourhood Plan on these.

WDC suggests that some of the proposed Local Green Space designations and other policies, including, for example, local gaps and other proposed environmental designations, will impact on the suitability of sites put forward in the SHELAA and thus the potential for growth in the Parish and the contribution it can make to sustainable development, and the appropriateness of the policies is thus questioned.

HPC strongly disagrees with the WDC view. Progress on the Local Plan has been significantly delayed and there are no emerging policies in the public domain, no clarification of the scale or spatial distribution of housing across the District, nor the implications for Horam Parish.

Sites have been submitted through the Call for Sites process for consideration in the SHELAA. However, there has been no assessment of the sites, they have not been consulted upon or tested through the Plan-making process. They have no planning status. It is entirely appropriate for the Neighbourhood Plan to prepare and include policies that relate to the environmental qualities of the Parish and that these should then be used to help inform the consideration of sites put forward in the SHELAA. It is to be noted that an extensive area of land is covered by sites put forward in the SHELAA (see Figure 7) and that even with the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan considered, there remains significant opportunity and choice on sites outside this. Indeed, the proposed policies in the Neighbourhood Plan do not imply a blanket restriction on SHELAA sites (other than where Local Green Space designations are concerned, though these are small in number compared to the overall quantum of land covered by SHELAA sites), but rather that development needs to respond sensitively to character and context.

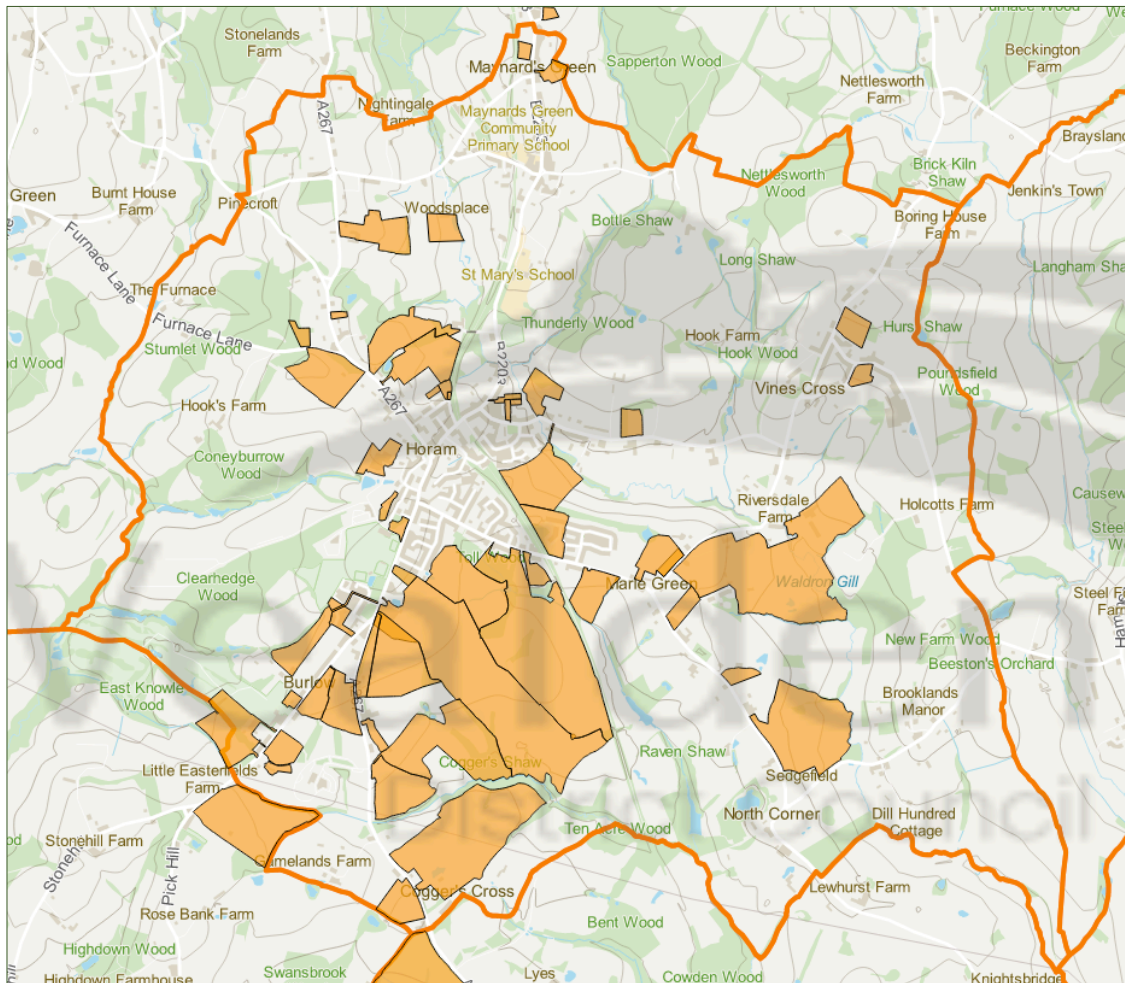


Figure 7: Extract from Wealden DC online mapping, showing SHELAA sites submitted for assessment in Horam Parish (source: [Wealden DC online mapping](#))

Closely related to the above, WDC has also commented on the appropriateness or otherwise of the proposed Local Settlement gaps policies in the Neighbourhood Plan. WDC is of the view that there is no specific policy in the Core Strategy that provides the hook for this. Although that may be the case, HPC is of the view that it is in general conformity with WDC policies EN2 and EN8 for example that seek to maintain the existing settlement pattern and the setting of settlements. The identification of local gaps is a means to achieving this. Furthermore, it is notable that WDC has previously refused applications on the grounds that they would undermine the settlement pattern and gaps between settlements. This supports the approach taken in the Neighbourhood Plan.

WDC also questioned whether a policy in respect of the Waldron Ghyll Valley is necessary. HPC points to WDCs own evidence which emphasises the special nature of the valley. It is considered a valued landscape in line with the NPPF.

Equally, comments were made in respect of the views identified and justification for these. HPC notes that the rationale for the identified views is established in the supporting Background Paper and that identification of a view does not preclude development, but that adverse impacts on these should be minimised.

Extensive comments are also made in respect of policies associated with local Housing Needs and flood risk. HPC notes that a Local Housing Needs Assessment has been prepared for the Parish, focussing specifically on local needs and which is thus responsive to Local circumstances. It takes account of the District wide analysis prepared on behalf of WDC but develops this further, acknowledging that housing needs in this rural part of the district will be very different to more urbanised areas for example. This type of granular assessment is common in Neighbourhood Planning and is used by countless made Neighbourhood Plans elsewhere to establish policies in respect of local housing needs.

In terms of flooding, it is to be noted the County Council was invited to comment on the approach set out in the supporting background paper ahead of the Regulation 14 consultation and that responses supported this. The background paper underpins the policy in the Neighbourhood Plan and the County offered no specific responses to this at the Regulation 14 stage. It is thus inferred by the Parish that the County is comfortable of and accepting the approach presented in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Comments in respect of Local Green Spaces and the Design Guide are also provided and are addressed in detail in Appendix H.

5. Summary

The responses to the draft Plan indicate strong support for the policies within it.

- Extensive efforts were made to advertise the consultation period, including notifying statutory consultees and other interested parties.
- Several drop-in events were organised which were well attended.
- The above is reflected in the response rate, with 207 responses having been received to the survey and a further eleven responses in letter and email format.
- Responses to the survey indicated strong support to the Neighbourhood Plan and policies within it. On average, and having removed those who neither agreed nor disagreed to policies on the survey, all policies received a 98% response in agreement or strong agreement.
- Some respondents expressed concern about housing and that there should be no further development in Horem. This is an issue for the emerging Wealden Local Plan rather than the Neighbourhood Plan. However, many who did comment on housing noted that, should new homes come forward in the area, then the delivery of affordable homes should be maximised, that the character and quality of the area should be retained and enhanced, and that new infrastructure should be provided as part of any new development. These are reflected in and emphasise the importance of the approach taken in the Plan to housing mix, design, character, setting, access and infrastructure.
- Extensive comments were made by Wealden District Council. In the main these have been extremely helpful and have been reflected in amendments to policy wording and supporting text. However, there were also some points that HPC does not agree with, and where the reasons for this are set out in Section 4 and the associated free-standing appendix. These relate, in particular, to the sites put forward for consideration in the SHELAA associated with the emerging Local Plan. However, work on the new Local Plan has been considerably delayed, there are no emerging up-to-date strategic policies to consider the Neighbourhood Plan against, and the SHELAA sites have no status and have not been tested through the Plan-making process, including SEA or Examination. Policies in the Neighbourhood Plan do not preclude development, but are intended to ensure that if development does come forward, that it responds to and far as possible strengthens to the qualities that characterise it.

Appendix A: Annual Parish Assembly

The slides contained within this appendix are those presented at the Annual Parish Assembly in March 2013, forming an update on the Plan as a precursor to the Regulation 14 consultation. Associated with this, an update on the Neighbourhood Plan was published in the March edition of the 'Village Diary'. This is presented overleaf.

NDP Update March 2023

The information below appeared in the March edition of 'Village Diary' and was emailed to all residents that had signed-up for progress updates on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Plan Update.

Since the exhibition/consultation in October last year we have been busy putting your thoughts and ideas into our Neighbourhood Plan.

Due to the local elections necessitating a pause, our next consultation, when we ask for your comments on a full first draft of the Neighbourhood plan will now take place in late Spring early Summer. This is called Regulation 14.

We will again be launching it in the Village Hall and have a statutory 6-week consultation period to capture your feedback.

Our local elections are on 4th May. The pre-election period starts on 20th March and during the period immediately before elections there are specific restrictions in place on communications activity, including developing new policies and holding of events featuring elected officials. This is a reminder of the stages we must go through to make a Neighbourhood Plan.

1. *Initial consultation to identify issues, concerns, objectives, and areas of focus for the Neighbourhood Plan. **COMPLETED***
2. *Collection of 'evidence' on the issues and potential options, ideas, and strategies to be progressed through the Plan. **COMPLETED***
3. *Production of and consultation on emerging policy ideas. **COMPLETED***
4. *Drafting of and formal consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan (known as the Regulation 14 Stage). **WHERE WE ARE NOW***
5. *Updating the Plan in response to consultation, submitting it to the District Council, which must arrange a further, final round of consultation (known as Regulation 16 Stage)*
6. *Testing of the Plan through an independent examination process.*
7. *Subjecting the Neighbourhood Plan to a local referendum.*
8. *Adopting ('making') the Neighbourhood Plan as a policy document – if more than 50% of people that turn out vote 'yes' at the referendum.*

The Neighbourhood Plan page of the Parish Council website (www.horam.com) contains the objectives, a summary of feedback from the exhibition and questionnaire survey last October, as well as two useful reports – on Design and Local Housing Needs - that have been prepared for us.

The consultation period on the draft Plan will be widely publicised in due course, so we can ensure it represents the views of local people as much as possible.

Sue Lane

Horam Parish Councillor/Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Co-Ordinator.



Benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan



- A Neighbourhood Plan gives Residents influence in Planning matters
- A Neighbourhood Plan gives Horam Parish Council influence in Planning matters
- Parish Council gets more money for local infrastructure

Since last Parish Meeting

- 2 Consultations – excellent responses from residents;
 - high numbers (300+) responded;
 - excellent feedback
- Steering Group – Working together and in sub-groups
 - commissioned 2 reports from external consultants
 - Design Guidelines and Codes (paid for by external Grant)
 - Local Housing Needs (paid for by external Grant)
 - Incorporated residents feedback
 - Draft Horam Neighbourhood Plan prepared
 - Background/Supporting-Papers (Appendices) being finalised

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Horam Neighbourhood Plan - Timeline -

Event	Date
Designation of Neighbourhood Area	6 November 2019
Consultation on Objectives (Questionnaire)	April - May 2022
Establishment of Steering Group, and Terms of Reference	11 April 2022 (inaugural meeting)
Housing Need Assessment completed	October 2022
Design Study completed	October 2022
Consultation on emerging policy ideas	October/November 2022 (end 11/11)
Public exhibition (Village Hall)	15 October 2022
Draft HNP forwarded to WDC for screening	End February 2023
Draft HNP and background papers published for consultation (Regulation 14)	May/June 2023
Submission of Reg 16 HNP (and Basic Conditions and Consultation Statements)	August 2023
Consultation (by WDC) under Regulation 16	September/October 2023
Appointment of Examiner	September 2023
Examination and Examiner's Report	November 2023
Consideration by WDC and HPC	December 2023/January 2024
Referendum	March 2024

RUN/MADE

Coming Soon !!

- Regulation 14
 - This is the official term for another round of consultation. But this consultation is mandated in the NP process.
 - Reg 14 has to last at least 6 weeks
 - During this period all residents will have an opportunity to review the Draft HNP and the supporting papers/appendices and to comment on them
 - After this period the NP will be revised by the Steering Group using these residents' comments

20th May till 3rd July 2023

Horam Village Hall 20th May 10th till 4

Other dates and places to be arranged and on HPC website

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Vision for HNP

Informed through consultation with residents

- Retain Rural Character
- "Landscape-led" approach to development
- Recognise the pattern and form of settlements
- Retain "Greenness" of the Parish
- Promote biodiversity
- Reinforce connection with countryside
- Encourage walking, cycling, horse riding
- Retain distinct identities of settlements
- Retain facilities that serve the Parish
- Meet local needs
- Reflect local vernacular of building forms
- Respect the heritage of the Parish

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Figure 8: Presentation slides 1-6 for Annual Parish Assembly

Character and Design

- To ensure that future development is consistent with protecting and maintaining the largely rural character of the Parish
- To safeguard the Parish character and heritage with particular regard to design
- To ensure new developments are in sustainable locations and supported by access to sufficient local infrastructure?

Housing Development

- To promote a balance of social mix and age distributions within the Parish

Countryside and Environment

- To protect and enhance the natural environment and tranquility of the Parish
- To conserve and enhance areas of natural habitat
- To help address climate change
- To avoid flood risk caused by new developments

Local Economy

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

Transport and Movement

- To encourage cycling, walking and public transport services

Community Cohesion

- To maintain and foster Horam's community spirit

Objectives for HNP

Developed through the consultations with residents

What is in the Horam Neighbourhood Plan (HNP)?

Context

There is no prescribed format for a Neighbourhood Plan or the content of it. Indeed, Government guidance confirms that it is "for the local community to determine" the specific topics to be covered by a Neighbourhood Plan.

The guidance does though state that the Plan should contain policies that relate to the development and use of land, and that wider aspirations can also be set out.

Policies

The HNP includes land use and development management policies. These are contained in green shaded policy boxes, like this one. These cover matters where planning permission is required for development to take place. They do not apply to those schemes allowed under 'permitted development rights'.

Projects

The HNP covers more than just traditional planning matters as it presents the community's vision for the area. Items that the community are seeking, but that cannot be delivered through planning policy, are identified and contained in yellow shaded project boxes, like this one. These are included within the body of the report, rather than being presented in a separate chapter or appendix, because they relate to the objectives and form a clear and important part of the story.

HNP

Contents

- Introduction
- History and Growth
- Vision and Objectives
- Character and Design
- Housing Development
- Countryside and Environment
- Local Economy
- Transport and Movement
- Community
- Projects and Next Steps
- Appendix 1: Horam Design Guidelines and Codes
- Appendix 2: Local Green Space Designations
- Appendix 3: Supporting Documents
- Glossary of Terms
- Acknowledgements

List of Policies

Policy Reference	Policy Title	Page
HC01	Settlement pattern and landscape character	
HC02	Local settlement gaps	
HC03	Waldron Ghyll valley	
HC04	Important local views	
HC05	Design of development	
HC06	Non-designated heritage assets	
HC07	Housing, open, care and mix	
HC08	Affordable housing	
HC09	Nature and biodiversity	
HC10	Trees and hedgerows	
HC11	Dark skies and lighting	
HC12	Local green space designations	
HC13	New amenity green spaces	
HC14	Flood risk	
HC15	Horam village centre	
HC16	Employment	
HC17	Home working	
HC18	Water accommodation and facilities	
HC19	Traffic management	
HC20	Active and healthy travel	
HC21	The Cuckoo Trail	
HC22	Public transport	
HC23	Community facilities	
HC24	Youth facilities	
HC25	Infrastructure	
HC26	Amenities and food growing opportunities	

Supporting Papers/Appendices

- Reports by external consultants - on HPC website
 - Historic Overview, Character & Issues Statement (Murphy Associates)
 - Design Guidelines and Codes (AECOM)
 - Local Housing Need (AECOM)
- Papers by Steering Group – being finalised
 - Local Green Space
 - Landscape Character
 - Settlement Gaps
 - Flood Risk Background
 - Important Views
 - Local Heritage Assets

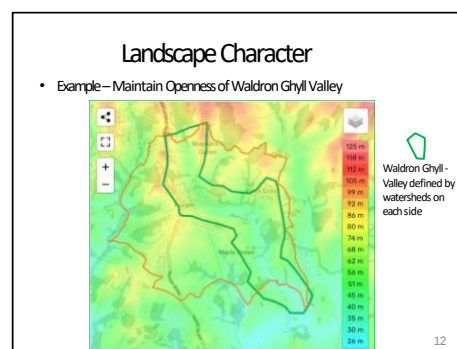
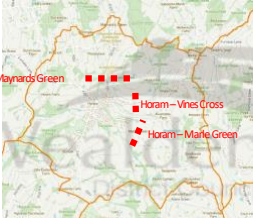


Figure 9: Presentation slides 7-12 for Annual Parish Assembly

Settlement Gaps

- Retain Gaps Between Settlements

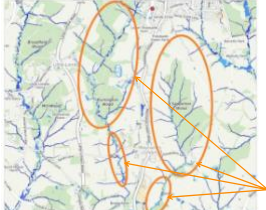


The map shows Hiram, Ohio, with surrounding areas. Red squares and lines indicate gaps between Hiram and Mayhards Green, Hiram and Vines Cross, and Hiram and Markle Green.

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Flood Risk



Professional NFPM Responsibility Area

Flood Risk

Areas for potential Natural Flood Risk Management (NFM)

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Important Views

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Important Views

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.

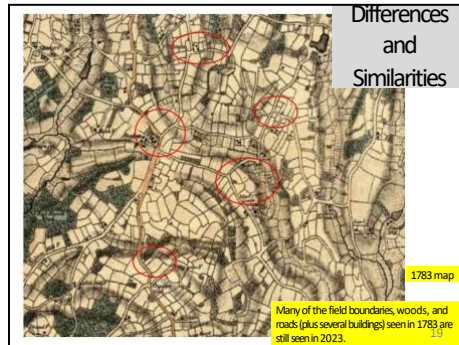
Two Examples

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

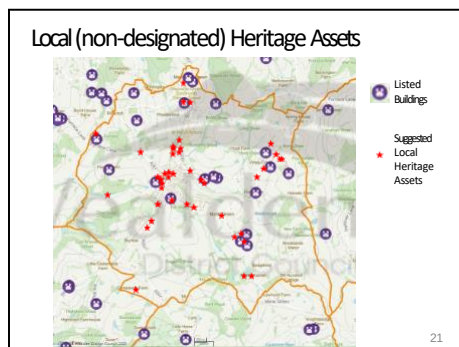


The left photograph shows a wide, green field in the foreground. A large, leafless tree stands in the middle ground. In the background, a range of hills (the South Downs) is visible under a blue sky with some clouds. The right photograph shows a similar landscape but from a slightly different angle. It features a line of trees in the middle ground, with a village (Horam Village) hidden behind them. The hills are also visible in the distance.

Figure 10: Presentation slides 13-18 for Annual Parish Assembly



Local (non-designated) Heritage Assets (LHA)	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Church Church, Horan (1802) 2. The Grange Grange Clinic, formerly Horan (1802) 3. The Grange building, formerly the Horan Inn and Railway Hotel, High Street, Horan 4. Maymord Green Primary School building 5. Maymord Green 6. First buildings in High Street, road door to, and downhill of, Downwood Lane 7. Downwood Lane 8. Building former Horan Station platform, concrete supports for the station board and two concrete lamp standards with metal brackets for supporting the station lighting 9. Maymord Green Public House 10. The Green House of Horan 11. Old school house Old Chapel (1802) 12. School teacher's house Vines Cross 13. The house in the middle of Downwood Lane, north of Vines Cross 14. Old house (now a garage) in road, on A207, looking down High Street 15. Bed of old stream, in trees between A207 and Maymord Green 16. Horan Farm, Cornbury Road 17. Downwood Lane bridge over Cuckoo Trail (old railway) 18. Horan High Street bridge over Cuckoo Trail (old railway) 19. Horan Farm, Cornbury Road 20. The tunnel beneath the Cuckoo Trail (old railway), across to Bridge Farm 21. The tunnel beneath the Cuckoo Trail (old railway), across to Bridge Farm 22. The tunnel beneath the Cuckoo Trail (old railway), across to Bridge Farm 23. The tunnel beneath the Cuckoo Trail (old railway), across to Bridge Farm 24. The tunnel beneath the Cuckoo Trail (old railway), across to Bridge Farm 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 25. The Old House, Williams, Maymord Green Road, Horan 26. Old House, Williams, Maymord Green Road, Horan 27. Old House, Williams, Maymord Green Road, Horan 28. Old House, Williams, Maymord Green Road, Horan 29. Old House, Williams, Maymord Green Road, Horan 30. The old house in the middle of Downwood Lane, north of Vines Cross 31. The old house in the middle of Downwood Lane, north of Vines Cross 32. The old house in the middle of Downwood Lane, north of Vines Cross 33. The old house in the middle of Downwood Lane, north of Vines Cross 34. The old house in the middle of Downwood Lane, north of Vines Cross 35. The old house in the middle of Downwood Lane, north of Vines Cross 36. The old house in the middle of Downwood Lane, north of Vines Cross 37. The old house in the middle of Downwood Lane, north of Vines Cross 38. The old house in the middle of Downwood Lane, north of Vines Cross 39. The old house in the middle of Downwood Lane, north of Vines Cross 40. The old house in the middle of Downwood Lane, north of Vines Cross 41. The old house in the middle of Downwood Lane, north of Vines Cross



Criterion	Description
Asset type	Although local heritage lists have long been developed successfully for buildings, all heritage asset types, including monuments, sites, places, areas, parks, gardens and designed landscapes may be considered for inclusion.
Age	The age of an asset may be an important criterion, and the age range can be adjusted to take into account distinctive local characteristics or building traditions.
Rarity	Appropriate for all assets, as judged against local characteristics.
Architectural and Artistic Interest	The intrinsic design and aesthetic value of an asset relating to local and/or national styles, materials, construction and craft techniques, or any other distinctive characteristics.
Group Value	Groupings of assets with a clear visual design or historic relationship.
Archaeological Interest	The local heritage asset may provide evidence about past human activity in the locality.
Historic Interest	A significant historical association of local or national note, including links to important local figures, may enhance the significance of a heritage asset. Blue Plaque and similar schemes may be relevant. Social and communal interest may be regarded as a sub-set of historic interest but has special value in local listing.
Landmark Status	An asset with strong communal or historical associations, or because it has especially striking aesthetic value, may be singled out as a landmark within the local scene.

PLEASE

- Please Take part in Regulation 14
 - Please - Look through the documents
 - Please - Respond and tell us what you think
 - Please - Help shape the future of your Parish
- If you know anything about any of the suggested Local Heritage Assets please contact
- Sue, Andy or Devina (emails on HPC website)
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THANK YOU

Figure 11: Presentation slides 19-23 for Annual Parish Assembly

Appendix B: Window Poster

DRAFT HORAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION

**** Between Saturday 20th May and Monday 3rd July ****

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared using your feedback from previous consultations.

Consultation Launch Exhibition Saturday 20th May 10am -3pm Horam Village Hall

Refreshments will be available

Please tell us your views on the draft policies.

Copies of the Draft Plan and supporting papers will all be available to inspect.

Drop-in Events

When Parish Councillors and/or Steering Group members will be present

May 22nd	Monday	9am to 1pm	The Horam Centre
May 30th	Tuesday	1pm to 8pm	The Horam Centre
June 10th	Saturday	10am to Midday	Brewers Arms, Vines Cross
June 17th	Saturday	10am to 4pm	The Horam Centre
June 27th	Saturday	4pm to 8pm	The Horam Centre

Outside of these dates the Plan can be viewed at The Horam Centre (address below).

Please tell us your views

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan, supporting information and consultation questionnaire will be online at www.horam.com from 20th May.
You can provide comments by completing the questionnaire



SCAN FOR
QUESTIONNAIRE

Paper copies of the Questionnaire will also be available from:

The Horam Centre, 3 Bank Buildings,
High Street, Horam, TN21 0EH
Tuesdays / Thursdays / Fridays :- 9am to 12.30pm

*This is your Parish and your Plan:
Help us shape the future for Horam.*



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Please respond by Monday 3rd July with your comments on the Plan

www.horam.com

Figure 12: Copy of poster displayed in noticeboards and elsewhere advertising the consultation and drop-in events

Appendix C: Household Leaflet

DRAFT HORAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION

**** Between Saturday 20th May and Monday 3rd July ****

Drawing on feedback from the earlier consultation on “emerging policy ideas”, a Draft Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared.

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan, supporting information and consultation questionnaire will be online at www.horam.com from 20th May.

This is your Parish and your Plan : Help us shape the future for Horam



Figure 13: Front of leaflet distributed to all households in the Parish

Consultation launch exhibition

which will present the scope of the Plan and outline its draft policies.
Copies of the Draft Plan and supporting papers will all be available to inspect.

Saturday 20th May 10am-3pm
Horam Village Hall

Refreshments available

Drop-in events

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Making your views known

You can provide comments by completing the questionnaire online
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Figure 14: Back of leaflet distributed to all households in the Parish

Appendix D: Posters

YOUR PARISH, YOUR PLAN

HORAM PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT PLAN



WELCOME

Thank you for viewing the Neighbourhood Plan consultation material.

The material presented here summarises the policies, and projects, in the draft Neighbourhood Plan. These have been informed by comments and ideas put forward in previous consultation events.

The Neighbourhood Plan is the first of its kind to have been prepared for the Parish. It includes land use and development policies that will be used to inform and determine planning applications in the Parish.

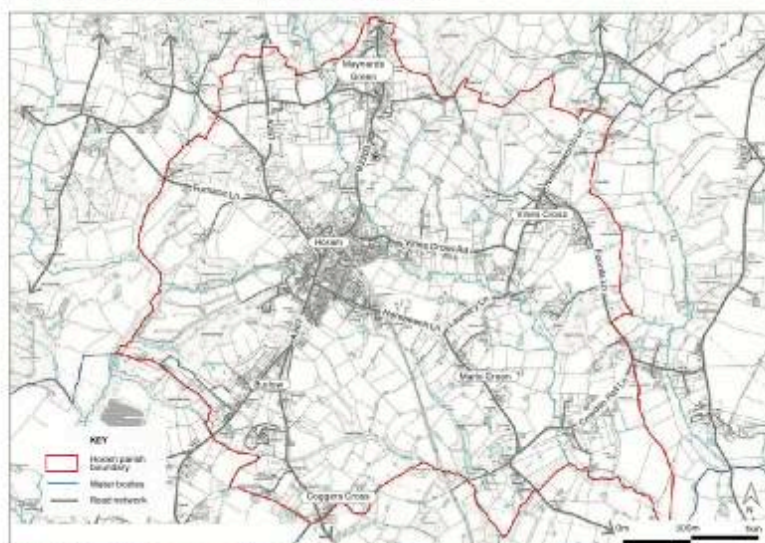
Your views are now sought on the draft Plan and policies within it.

Consultation is open until Monday 3rd July 2023.

Please do let us have your views by then.

All the documents you need can be found on the Parish Council website, along with latest news, and a link to the online response form for your feedback.

www.horam.com



The Neighbourhood Plan covers the entire Parish, as outlined in red in the map above.



www.horam.com

Figure 15: Summary display poster – page 1

YOUR PARISH, YOUR PLAN

HORAM PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT PLAN



CONTENT OF THE PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan is not the same as the Wealden District Local Plan. That is being reviewed and will establish the scale of new development that will take place across the District over the next fifteen years.

The Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate land for development but does recognise that if development does happen, then it must reflect the best qualities and characteristics of the area, and can help deliver benefits to the community.

The Neighbourhood Plan thus includes policies that seek to influence future change and development.

If and when the Neighbourhood Plan is successfully made (adopted), it will be used to inform and determine planning applications in Horam Parish.

It also includes wider aspirations and improvements, including new and improved infrastructure. They are projects towards which applicants and other funding partners might contribute.



The Plan includes policies that support uses in Horam village centre that sustain everyday activity



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VISION

The policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are framed by an overarching vision and set of objectives. These have evolved in response to what local people have told us is important to them. Key elements of the vision are:

...retain the rural character of the Parish with a “landscape-led” approach to development...

...retain the pattern and form of its settlements, as well as their individual identities...

...focus on helping meet local housing needs....

...retain and enhance the “greenness” of the Parish, promote biodiversity, and reinforce connections with surrounding countryside...

...encourage walking, cycling and horse riding...

...maintain a core of business and community facilities in Horam to serve the surrounding area...

...ensure the heritage and local vernacular is respected and effectively reflected in new development...

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OBJECTIVES



1. To ensure that future development is consistent with protecting and maintaining the largely rural character of the Parish
2. To safeguard the Parish character and heritage with particular regard to design
3. To ensure new developments are in sustainable locations and supported by access to sufficient local infrastructure
4. To promote a balance of social mix and age distributions within the Parish
5. To protect and enhance the natural environment and tranquility of the Parish
6. To conserve and enhance areas of natural habitat
7. To help address climate change
8. To avoid flood-risk caused by new developments
9. To encourage businesses within the Parish that help to meet local need and are compatible with the character and amenities of the Parish
10. To encourage cycling, walking and public transport services
11. To maintain and foster Horam's community spirit

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LIST OF POLICIES IN THE PLAN

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CHARACTER & DESIGN

Draft policies include:

HCD1:

Development should conserve and enhance the landscape character and settlement pattern of the Parish.

HCD2:

Gaps between settlements should be retained as essentially open countryside.

HCD3:

The openness of the Waldron Ghyll valley beyond built-up areas should be retained.

HCD4:

Proposals for development that have an adverse impact on important local views will be resisted.

HCD5:

All development should be of a high quality of design and reinforce local character and distinctiveness.

HCD6:

Locally important heritage assets shall be conserved and enhanced.

Projects include:

H(i):

Preparation of a local heritage list.



Policies in the Plan seek to conserve and enhance the character of the landscape setting of the Parish



Policies in the Plan are underpinned by a supporting Design Guide and Code which seeks to ensure that the character of the built form is reflected in new development



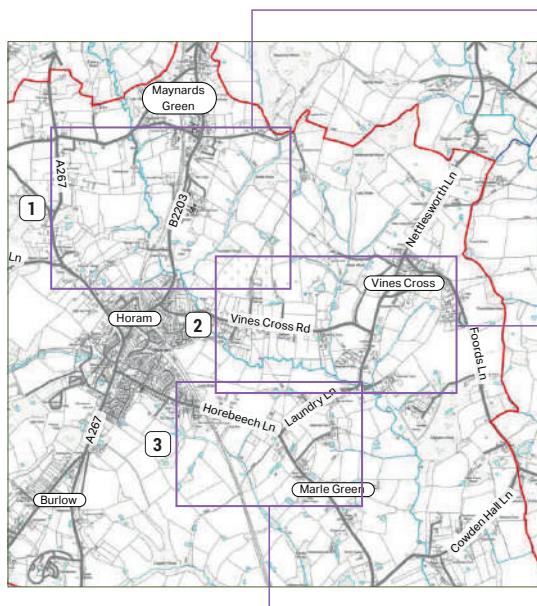
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LOCAL SETTLEMENT GAPS

Maintaining the distinct identity of the Parish's villages and hamlets has been identified as important to local people. The Draft Neighbourhood Plan looks to do this by defining 'local settlement gaps' where development would only be allowed if it does not erode the effectiveness of their separation. Gaps are defined between (1) Horam - Maynards Green, (2) Horam - Vines Cross, and (3) Horam - Marle Green, as illustrated here.



The local settlement gaps. See inset plans for extent of proposed gap.

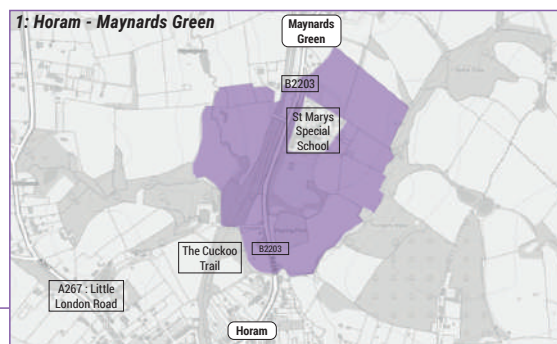
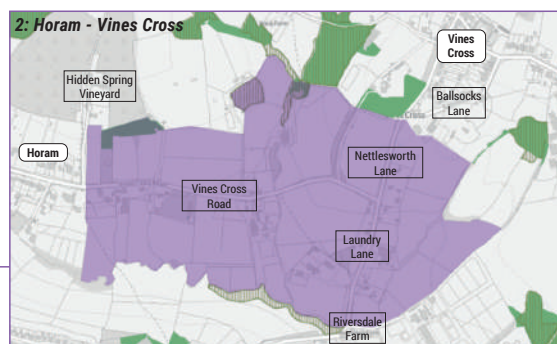
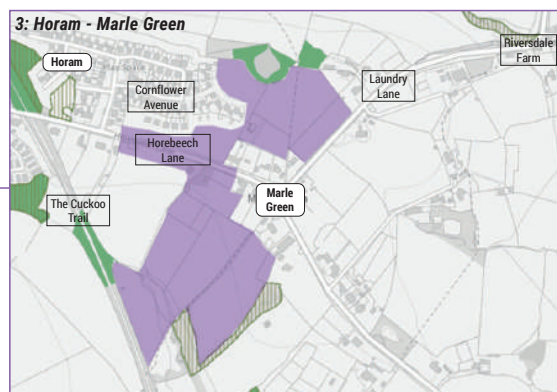


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THE WALDRON GHYLL VALLEY

Conserving the local landscape character and settlement pattern has been identified as important to the Parish. Landscape principles are set out in the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Waldron Ghyll makes a particular contribution to the landscape setting of Parish. The broad extent of the valley, as shown below, has been identified. It is proposed that, beyond existing built-up areas, the overall openness of the Valley is maintained. Measures to enhance its biodiversity and mitigate flood risk are also supported.

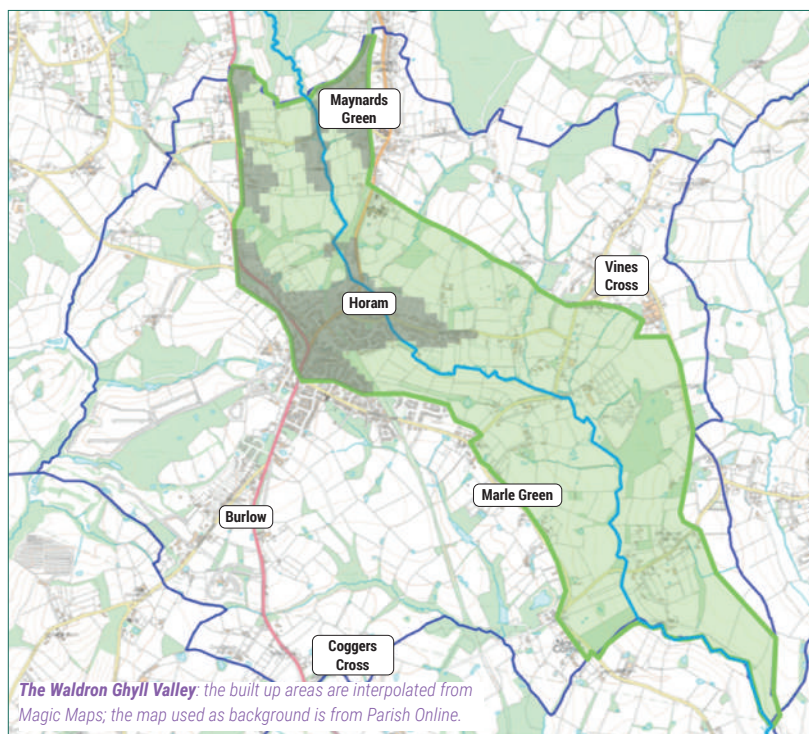


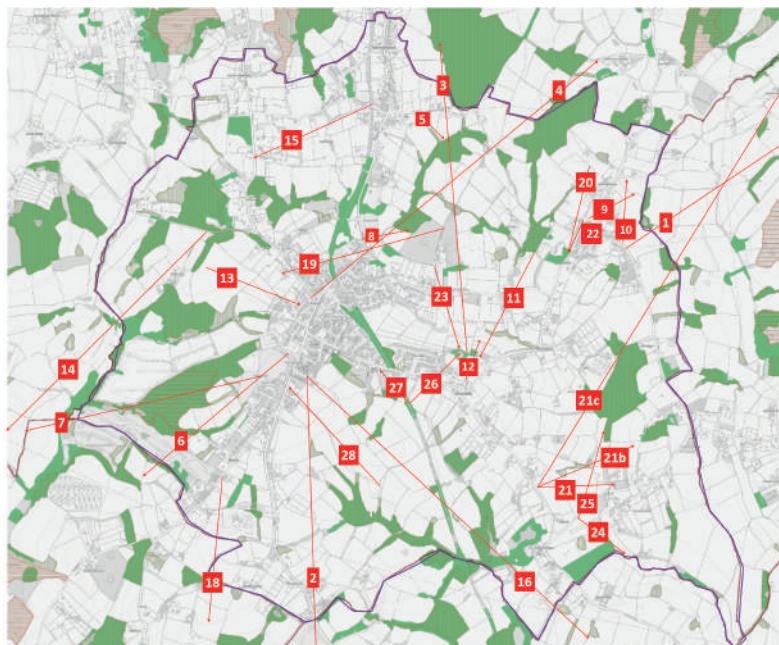
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IMPORTANT VIEWS



Above: Map of important local views.

Right: List of important view. See following posters for images of each.

Note: There is no 'view 17'. Although a view was suggested this has not been substantiated.

1. Foords Lane to Warbleton
2. Grange Close to South Downs
3. North from footpath 11 east of Rosemead
4. North along Horam High Street
5. Path 2a off Sicklehatch Lane
6. Play park to South Downs
7. Recreation Ground to South Downs across allotments
8. Gap between Horam & Maynards Green
9. Northeast from Brewers car park
10. Foords Lane north along footpath 5
11. Hook Wood southeast across Waldron Ghyll
12. Footpath 11 east of Rosemead
13. Footpath 22 east to Horam Manor
14. Furnace Lane across Hook Farm to South Downs
15. Cuckoo Trail from bridge over Tubwell Lane
16. End of Grange Close southeast to Grove Hill
17. Removed - see note below map
18. Chiddingly Road to mature oak trees
19. Vineyard to Sanctuary
20. Footpath 18 southwest across Vines Cross
21. Marle Green Farm across Waldron Ghyll to Brooklands / 21b: Marle Green Farm, northeast, Norman Norris behind trees / 21c: Marle Green Farm to Cade Street across tranquil Waldron Ghyll Valley
22. Nettlesworth Lane, Vines Cross
23. Vineyard south across Vines Cross Road
24. Cowden Hall Lane looking south
25. Cowden Hall Lane looking north
26. Cuckoo Trail northeast to Rosemead
27. Cuckoo Trail towards Tollwood
28. Footpath 16 near Coggers Shaw to Coxlow Farm



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IMPORTANT VIEWS



1. Foords Lane to Warbleton



2. Grange Close to South Downs



3. North from footpath 11 east of
Rosemead



4. North along Horam High Street



5. Path 2a off Sicklehatch Lane



6. Play park to South Downs



7. Recreation Ground to South Downs
across allotments



8. Gap between Horam and Maynards
Green



9. Northeast from Brewers Arms car
park



10. Foords Lane north along footpath
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11. Hook Wood southeast across
Waldron Ghyll



12. Footpath 11 east of Rosemead



13. Footpath 22 east to Horam
Manor



14. Furnace Lane across Hook Farm
to South Downs



15. Cuckoo Trail from bridge over
Tubwell Lane



16. End of Grange Close southeast to
Gove Hill



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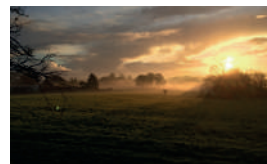
IMPORTANT VIEWS



18. Chiddingly Road to mature oak trees



19. Vineyard to Sanctuary



20. Footpath 18 southwest across Vines Cross



21. Marle Green Farm across Waldron Ghyll to Brooklands



21b. Marle Green Farm, northeast, Norman Norris behind trees



21c. Marle Green Farm to Cade Street across Waldron Ghyll valley



22. Nettlesworth Lane, Vines Cross



23. Vineyard south across Vines Cross Road



24. Cowden Hall Lane looking south



25. Cowden Hall Lane looking north



26. Cuckoo Trail northeast to Rosemead



27. Cuckoo Trail towards Tollwood



28. Footpath 16 near Coggers Shaw to Coxlow Farm

Note: There is no 'view 17'. Although a view was suggested it has not been substantiated.



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THE DESIGN POLICY

Policy HCD5: Design of development

1. The design of all new development must respond positively to and reinforce the local character and distinctiveness, as presented in the 'Horam Design Guidelines and Codes (HDGC)'.
2. In respect of housing development in the High Weald AONB, regard should also be had to the High Weald Housing Design Guide.
3. In particular, development should:
 - a. Be compatible with the form and layout of the locality and, where appropriate, with neighbouring buildings and groups of buildings.
 - b. Be of a density consistent with retaining and enhancing local, rural character, including through making space for trees, hedges, and plant cover, as well as SuDS features. The prevailing relatively low density may be increased in and around Horam village centre.
 - c. Normally be of one or two storeys in height, with two and half storeys (i.e., an additional storey in the roof) only appropriate where this does not appear prominent in the street scene.
 - d. Use traditional building materials, as highlighted in the Design Guidelines and Codes, normally prevalent multi-red bricks (with red brick dressings) and plain clay tiles, unless a compelling design case for an innovative, highly energy efficient scheme that respects the local context, justifies an exception.
 - e. Respect established building lines and the pattern of rooflines, front gardens, and boundary treatments.
 - f. Promote the efficient use of energy and water, maximising opportunities to reduce energy consumption and make use of carbon free sources of energy.
 - g. Provide sufficient external amenity space, refuse and recycling storage, and car and bicycle parking, as per ESCC Parking Guidance.
 - h. Not harm the amenities of adjoining properties, including via an overbearing impact or loss of privacy, daylight, noise, or intrusive activity.
 - i. Keep light spillage to a minimum.
 - j. Have safe vehicular and pedestrian access and not result in unacceptable traffic or transport conditions, including congestion.

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HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Draft policies include:

HHD1:

Where new homes are to be provided, the focus should be on smaller and medium-sized homes. Adaptable and specialist housing to meet the needs of the elderly will be supported where proposed in sustainable locations.

HHD2:

Support the delivery of affordable housing, including affordable housing for rent and low cost home ownership including 'First Homes' where the discount is maximised.

In terms of housing mix, Policy HHD1 says:

In new housing development, a minimum of 70% of the homes should comprise a mix of 1, 2 and 3-bed homes, with the 70% broken down as:

1-bed homes: approximately 10%
2-bed homes: approximately 40%
3- bed homes: approximately 20%

A higher proportion of smaller homes may be appropriate for affordable housing.



Example of recent new housing development on Horebeech Lane

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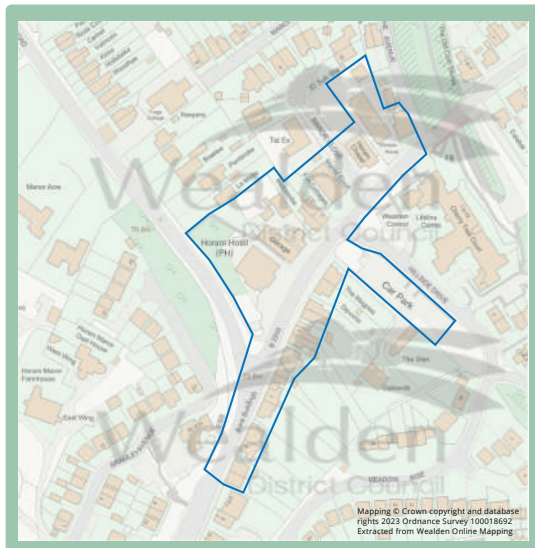


LOCAL ECONOMY

Draft policies include:

HLE1:

Encourage uses in Horam Village centre that support everyday activity and resist loss of shops and community facilities from the centre.



Plan showing the defined Horam village centre where development should support the role, function and character of the centre

HLE2:

Retain and support provision of employment floorspace for local businesses where they are well integrated with surroundings.

HLE3:

Support opportunities for home working where it respects local amenity.

HLE4:

Support proposals for visitor accommodation where it supports the local economy, and resist the loss of touring caravan and camping plots.



The Plan includes policies that support local businesses where they are well integrated with their surroundings



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COUNTRYSIDE & ENVIRONMENT

Draft policies include:

HCE1:

Retain and protect important habitats and local biodiversity.

HCE2:

Retain trees and hedgerows, incorporate these into development layouts, and support delivery of new tree planting.

HCE3:

Minimise the impact of exterior lighting on dark skies, designing new lighting so it is in harmony with the setting.

HCE4:

Designate local green spaces of value to the community to protect them from development.

HCE5:

Provide new amenity green space in development and design this for use by all ages.

HCE6:

Avoid development in areas of flood risk and require mitigations measures in new development, including sustainable drainage, to reduce the risk of flooding.

Projects include:

H(ii):

Support the creation of wildflower verges within the Parish.

H(iii):

Explore opportunities for introduction of natural flood management areas to reduce flood risk.



The Plan includes policies that seek to retain and protect areas of importance for wildlife and biodiversity

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LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATIONS

The draft Neighbourhood Plan proposes to designate a number of sites as Local Green Spaces. These are spaces of value locally that would be protected from development. They are set out in Policy HCE4 and illustrated here.



a) Land by A267 and Village Hall



b) Land in front of Four Seasons



c) Allotments



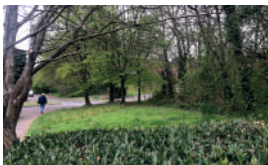
d) Horam Recreation Ground



e) Memorial Garden



f) Corner of Paynsbridge Way



g) Area by Hillside Car Park



h) Station area, Horam



i) Horebeech Lane / Beauford Road



j) Land by Beauford Road garages



k) Vines Cross Pond



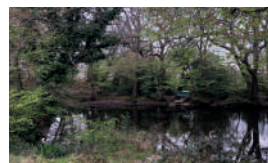
l) Land at Hurst Shaw



m) Foords Farm duck pond



n) Land at Merrydown Estate



o) Pond near Winter Gardens



p) Field east of Rosemead Place



q) Waldron Ghyll



r) Fishing lakes and surrounds



s) Land south of Grange Close



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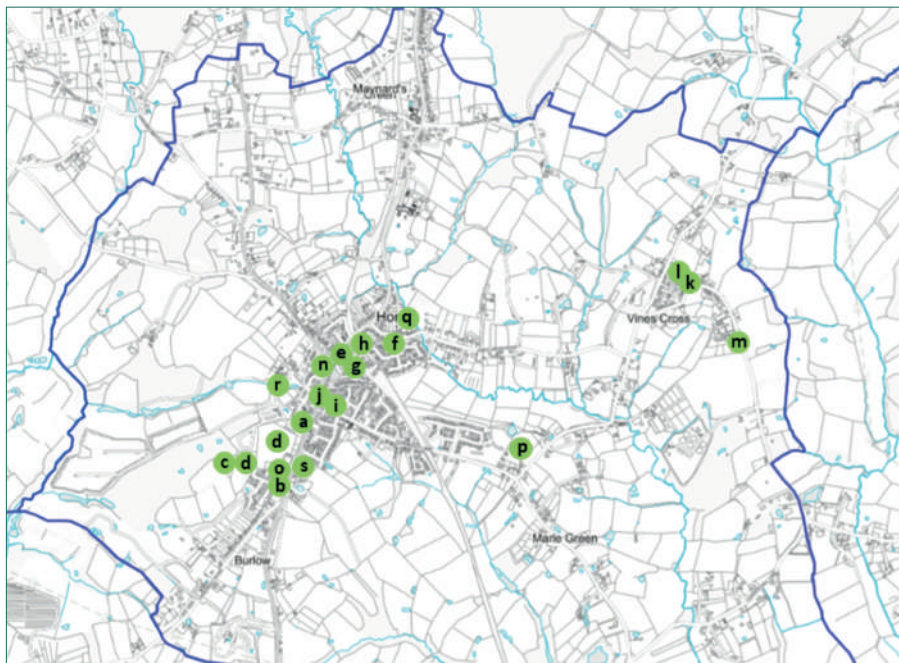
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LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATIONS

The proposed Local Green Space designations are mapped below.



- | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. Land by A267 and Village Hall | h. Station area, Horam | o. Pond near Winter Gardens |
| b. Land in front of Four Seasons | i. Horebeech Lane / Beauford Road | p. Field east of Rosemead Place |
| c. Allotments | j. Land by Beauford Road garages | q. Waldron Ghyll |
| d. Horam Recreation Ground | k. Vines Cross Pond | r. Fishing lakes and surrounds |
| e. Memorial Garden | l. Land at Hurst Shaw | s. Land south of Grange Close |
| f. Corner of Paynsbridge Way | m. Foords Farm duck pond | |
| g. Area by Hillside car park | n. Land at Merrydown Estate | |

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TRANSPORT & MOVEMENT

Draft policies include:

HTM1:

Proposals for development should mitigate traffic impacts and design safe streets for all users.

HTM2:

Incorporate safe, direct and convenient walking and cycling routes in new development.

HTM3:

Retain and enhance the Cuckoo Trail, access to and use of it, and the natural character of the Trail.

HTM4:

Development should be close to or incorporate bus routes and stops.



The Plan includes policies that encourage walking, cycling, horse riding and use of public transport.

Projects include:

H(iv):

Measures that seek to reduce the speed and volume of traffic through the Parish, including HGV movements.

H(v):

Improvements to walking and cycling routes, including new routes and connections.

H(vi):

Improvements to bus services, facilities and stop locations.



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COMMUNITY

Draft policies include:

HCF1:

Support provision of new community facilities, resist the loss of existing facilities and support improvements to these.

HCF2:

Support proposals for facilities that serve younger people, including sports facilities, ball courts and a youth centre.

HCF3:

Where development is of a scale to trigger new infrastructure, to seek provision of this during the early stages of development.

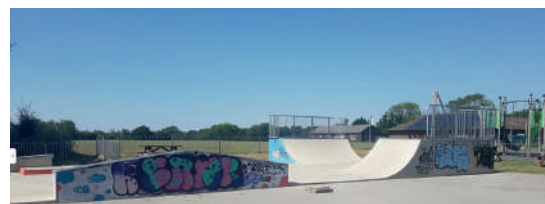
HCF4:

Support provision of new allotments and community food growing space.

Projects include:

H(vii):

Provision of a new youth facility.



The Plan includes policies that seek to retain and improve community facilities, and provide new facilities that are accessible to and available for use by all members of the community



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THE PROJECTS

Alongside policies the Neighbourhood Plan also includes a set of projects. They are initiatives towards which applicants and other funding partners might contribute. They are presented across this and the next two posters.

Project H(i): Local Heritage

The Parish Council is keen to ensure sensitive conservation of the historic environment and will promote and support the identification of local heritage assets, drawing on the initial background work and approach set out in the Horam Neighbourhood Plan Background Paper: Approach to identifying and protecting local heritage assets. It anticipates this being a community-led project, carried out in close liaison with partner organisations, notably Wealden District Council and East Sussex County Council, through their respective conservation / archaeology officers.

Project H(ii): Wildflower verges

The Parish Council is supportive of the creation of wildflower verges within the parish, to both increase biodiversity and provide local amenities.

Project H(iii): Natural Flood Management

The Parish Council is supportive of appropriate Natural Flood Management areas being introduced in the Upper Cuckmere catchment, and specifically in that of the Waldron Ghyll, to assist in reducing the risk of flooding in the Parish and elsewhere downstream, including at Hellingly. The Parish is keen to explore opportunities with the Lead Local Flood Authority, Environment Agency and other delivery partners, as well as neighbouring Parish Councils.

Project H(iv): Traffic management schemes

The Parish Council will explore opportunities, in partnership with relevant delivery organisations, that contribute to speed reduction and traffic safety for all users. Consideration will be given to:

- the introduction of greenery along streets, visually narrowing the width of the carriageway and thus the speed of traffic along this;
- gateway features;
- the potential for 20mph speed limits in the centre of Horam, the environs of the primary school in Maynards Green, and through Vines Cross; and
- speed limits on rural lanes in general.

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Project H(v): Encouraging walking and cycling

The Parish Council is keen to improve the network of walking and cycling routes across the Parish, providing for leisure routes but also for short, everyday activities and trips to be made by foot or bicycle.

The aspiration is for segregated cycle routes to be provided on the main road network, supplemented by a connected network of safe streets and routes in residential areas, and with junctions designed to support safe, protected crossings. Opportunities identified are listed below and will be subject to ongoing review with partner organisations, including neighbouring parishes where the routes extend beyond the Neighbourhood Plan area:

- a. Promoting cycle access and use, through the use of measures such as signage and campaigns, to Maynards Green Primary School.
- b. Improved crossings along the A267 in Horam to the Recreation Ground and other facilities, including the Village Hall.
- c. Introduction of separate paths for those on bicycles to reduce conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists, with specific consideration of opportunities for routes linking Horam Village Centre, Recreation Ground, the Cuckoo Trail, and Chiddingly Road.
- d. Improvements to the bridleway between the Cuckoo Trail and North Corner (Paths 'Horam 15' and 'Hellingly 66b', straddling the Parish boundary) such that it is suitable for cyclists and year-round use.
- e. Provision of direct walking and cycle routes from any area of major new development around Horam into the village centre.
- f. Improved walking and cycle links to Horam from surrounding villages and settlements outside the Parish.
- g. The replacement of stiles with gates, to improve the accessibility of the public rights of way network.

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Project H(vi): Bus services

The Parish Council is keen to explore opportunities to work with partners, including East Sussex County Council, which, subject to feasibility work, would deliver improvements to bus services, including longer operating hours, more frequent and direct routes serving more of the Parish. Consideration needs to be given to the road safety element of where any new bus stops are situated.

The Parish Council would like to see the quality of existing bus waiting facilities improved, integrating technology into these, providing real time journey information.

The Parish Council will promote better integration of routes to facilitate quicker journeys to Uckfield, Hailsham and Lewes, and hence to Crowborough, Eastbourne and Brighton.

Project H(vii): Youth centre

The Parish Council will work to support the provision of a youth club within Horam.

Delivery of the projects could be supported through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). This is a charge levied on development and payable to the local authority (Wealden District Council) for spending on infrastructure projects.

Where a Neighbourhood Plan has been made, the Parish Council will receive 25% of all CIL monies paid to Wealden District Council for spending on local projects.

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NEXT STEPS

How to respond

Thank you for viewing the consultation material.

Please do let us know what you think about the Plan by completing the questionnaire.

The questionnaire can be completed online via the Parish Council website:

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Alternatively, you can complete a paper version of the questionnaire and return to the Parish Council:

The Horam Centre

3 Bank Buildings, High Street, Horam, TN21 0EH

The consultation period runs until 3rd July 2023.



The Cuckoo Trail at Maynards Green

Making the Plan

We will review all comments and prepare a revised Plan for submission to Wealden District Council later this year (see below).

Wealden District Council will then re-consult on the Plan and appoint an independent examiner to review it. They will advise whether the Plan should proceed to a referendum or not.

At the referendum, everyone of voting age living in the Parish will have a chance to say whether the Neighbourhood Plan should be adopted ('made').

If more than 50% of people who turn out to vote are in favour of the Plan being made it can then be used to inform and determine planning applications as well as opportunities for future investment across the Parish.

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

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Appendix E: Questionnaire

DRAFT HORAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



CONSULTATION FEEDBACK FORM (REGULATION 14 STAGE)

PLEASE RETURN BY MONDAY 3RD JULY

The Draft Horam Neighbourhood Plan has been informed by and responds to comments made during earlier consultation events. We are now seeking your views on the Draft Plan.

The Draft Plan includes a series of proposed policies that will help shape future change and development in Horam Parish. These are highlighted in green boxes throughout the Plan and prefixed with the words 'POLICY H'.

The Draft Plan also includes a series of wider projects and ideas for change in Horam Parish. They are highlighted in yellow coloured boxes and prefixed with the words 'PROJECT H'.

Your comments will be read and considered carefully and may result in modifications to the Draft Plan before it is submitted to Wealden District Council. There will then be a further consultation on the final Draft Horam Neighbourhood Plan ahead of the independent examination.

Before you complete this questionnaire please take the time to familiarise yourself with the Draft Plan. This is available online via the Horam Parish Council website:

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The questionnaire can be completed and returned online. This form can also be returned by email, to:

np@horam.com

Alternatively, the form can be returned by post, to:

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East Sussex, TN21 0EH

Thank you very much for your time and feedback.



Figure 38: Copy of print version of survey – page 1

PROPOSED POLICIES

Please circle the number which most closely reflects your views:

1: strongly agree 2: agree 3: neither agree nor disagree 4: disagree 5: strongly disagree

Policy Reference	Proposed Policies – Character and Design	Please circle one number per row				
HCD1	Settlement pattern and landscape character	1	2	3	4	5
HCD2	Local settlement gaps	1	2	3	4	5
HCD3	Waldron Ghyll valley	1	2	3	4	5
HCD4	Important local views	1	2	3	4	5
HCD5	Design of development	1	2	3	4	5
HCD6	Non-designated heritage assets	1	2	3	4	5
Policy Reference	Proposed Policies – Housing Development	Please circle one number per row				
HHD1	Housing type, size and mix	1	2	3	4	5
HHD2	Affordable housing	1	2	3	4	5
Policy Reference	Proposed Policies – Countryside and Environment	Please circle one number per row				
HCE1	Nature and biodiversity	1	2	3	4	5
HCE2	Trees and hedgerows	1	2	3	4	5
HCE3	Dark skies and lighting	1	2	3	4	5
HCE4	Local green space designations	1	2	3	4	5
HCE5	New amenity green space	1	2	3	4	5
HCE6	Flood risk	1	2	3	4	5
Policy Reference	Proposed Policies – Local Economy	Please circle one number per row				
HLE1	Horam village centre	1	2	3	4	5
HLE2	Employment	1	2	3	4	5
HLE3	Home working	1	2	3	4	5
HLE4	Visitor accommodation and facilities	1	2	3	4	5
Policy Reference	Proposed Policies – Transport and Movement	Please circle one number per row				
HTM1	Traffic management	1	2	3	4	5
HTM2	Active and healthy travel	1	2	3	4	5
HTM3	The Cuckoo Trail	1	2	3	4	5
HTM4	Public transport	1	2	3	4	5
Policy Reference	Proposed Policies – Community	Please circle one number per row				
HCF1	Community facilities	1	2	3	4	5
HCF2	Youth facilities	1	2	3	4	5
HCF3	Infrastructure	1	2	3	4	5
HCF4	Allotments and food growing opportunities	1	2	3	4	5

Figure 39: Copy of print version of survey – page 2

COMMENTS

If you have any comments or suggested modifications please add them here, stating the section of the Draft Plan or Policy to which they refer:

Section of Plan / Policy Reference	Comment

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Figure 40: Copy of print version of survey – page 3

YOUR DETAILS

Please note that fields marked with a [*] are required

Name [*]	
Organisation	
Address [*]	
Email address	
Post Code [*]	

Do you (please tick all that apply) [*]

Live in Horam Parish [*]	☐ Yes ☐ No
Work in Horam Parish [*]	☐ Yes ☐ No
Other (please indicate)	

How old are you (please only tick one) [*]

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

CONSENT

We need to store your personal information in order to receive your comments.

A summary of comments will be made publicly available. Please note that any other personal information provided will be confidential and processed in line with the Data Protection Act 1988 and General Data Protection Regulations. Horam Parish Council will process your details in relation to the preparation of this document only.

Please confirm whether you agree to the following:

I consent to Horam Parish Council storing my personal data for the purposes of this Neighbourhood Plan consultation [*]	☐ Yes ☐ No
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Figure 41: Copy of print version of survey – page 4

Appendix F: Parish Council website

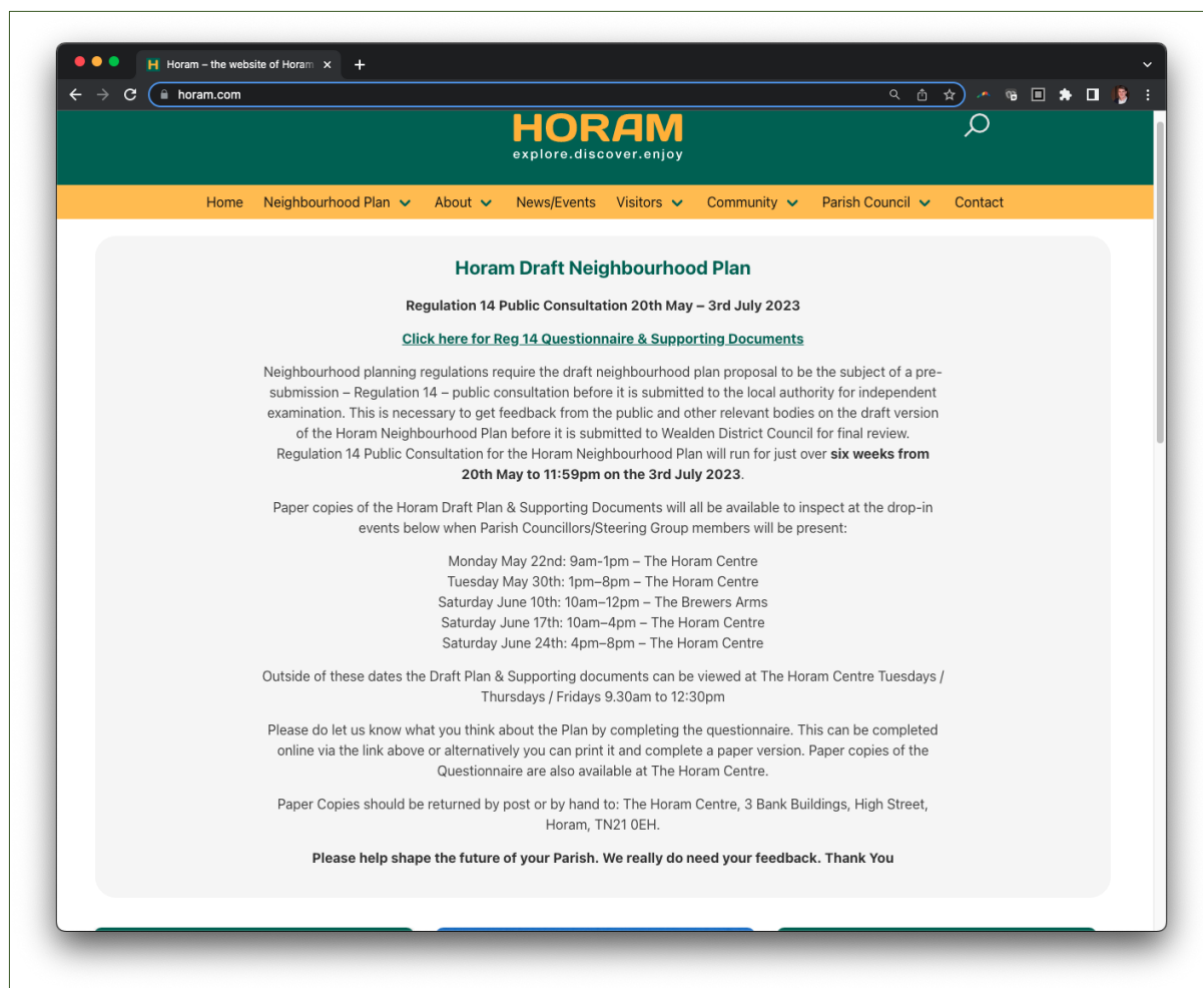


Figure 42: Screenshot of the homepage of the Horam Parish Council website during the Regulation 14 consultation

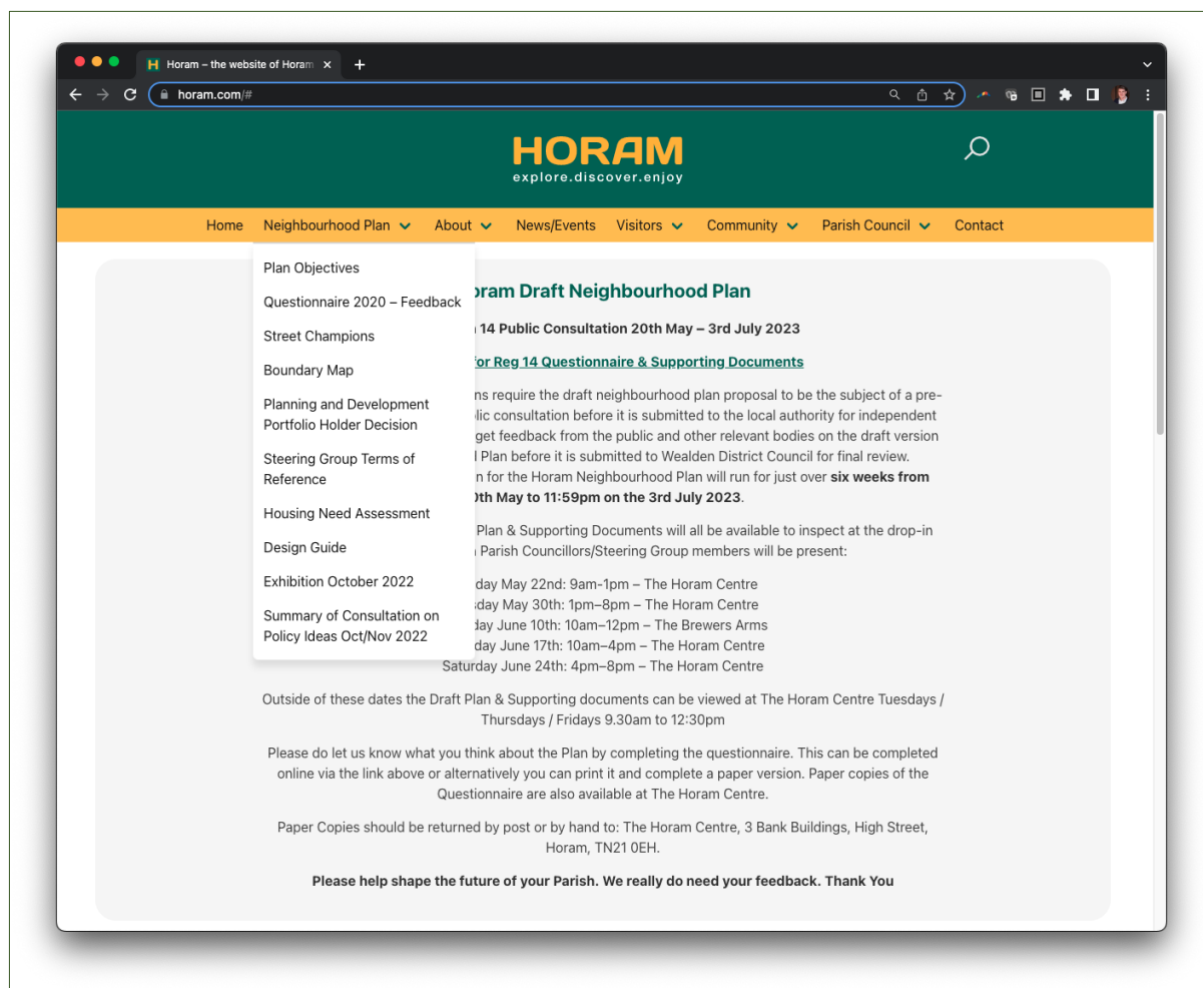


Figure 43: Screenshot of the Horam Parish Council website showing the Neighbourhood Plan drop down menu and information that can be viewed / accessed online during the consultation period

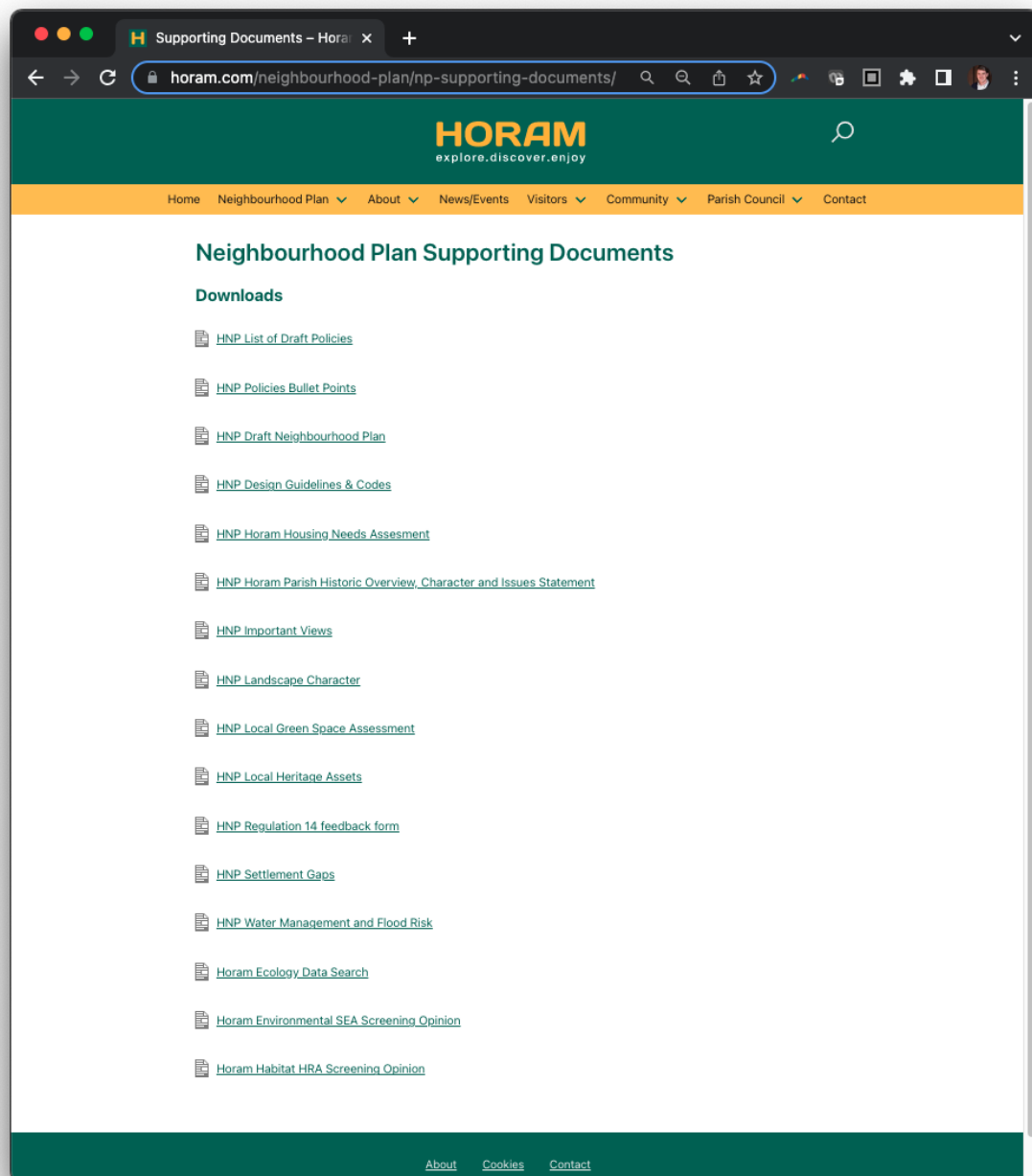


Figure 44: Screenshot of the Horam Parish Council website showing the supporting material available to view during the consultation period

Appendix G: Letters / emails

EMAIL TO STAT CONSULTEES (inc. other local groups & organisations):

Notification of formal consultation on Pre-Submission Draft Horam Neighbourhood Plan

*Notification of formal consultation on Pre-Submission Draft Horam Neighbourhood Plan
(Regulation 14, Town and Country Planning, England, Neighbourhood Planning Regulations)*

I am pleased to advise that the formal consultation (Regulation 14 stage) of the Horam Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan runs for a six-week period from 20th May to 3rd July 2023

The Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying consultation material is available to view at the Parish Council offices as well as being available online via the Parish Council website:

www.horam.com (from 20th May)

The consultation exhibition event will be launched on Saturday 20th May at the Horam Village Hall from 10am-3pm with follow up drop-in events being held on the dates, times, and venues below.

Exhibition

May 20th	Saturday	10am to 3pm	Village Hall
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Drop-in Events

May 22nd	Monday	9am to 1pm	The Horam Centre
May 30th	Tuesday	1pm to 8pm	The Horam Centre
June 10th	Saturday	10am to Midday	Brewers Arms Vines Cross
June 17th	Saturday	10am to 4pm	The Horam Centre
June 27th	Saturday	4pm to 8pm	The Horam Centre

If you would like to make representations, please complete the online questionnaire accessible via the Parish Council website www.horam.com (from 20th May). Alternatively, you can download the form from the website and return by hand or post:

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Horam Parish Council
The Horam Centre
3 Bank Buildings
High Street
Horam
East Sussex, TN21 0EH

Representations can also be submitted by email, to:

andyb@horam.com and copied to np@horam.com

Thank you
Regards
Andy Billings
Councillor – Horam Parish Council

Figure 45: Text of email sent to statutory consultees notifying them of the Regulation 14 consultation

EMAIL TO EAST SUSSEX CC:

Dear Colleague

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The Parish Council looks forward to receipt of representations from East Sussex County Council. We would be grateful if any comments from the County could be consolidated and provided as one complete set from all relevant service areas.

An online questionnaire is accessible via the Parish Council Website. **(from 20th May)**
Alternatively, you can download the form from the website and return by hand or post:

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andyb@horam.com and copied to np@horam.com

Thank you.

Regards

Andy Billings

Councillor – Horam Parish Council

Figure 46: Text of email sent to East Sussex County Council notifying them of the Regulation 14 consultation. A separate letter was sent to the County to specifically request that comments from various service areas be coordinated.

EMAIL TO PARISH COUNCILS

Notification of formal consultation on Pre-Submission Draft Horam Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Clerk

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andyb@horam.com and copied to np@horam.com

Thank you
Regards
Andy Billings
Councillor – Horam Parish Council

Figure 47: Text of email sent to Parish Council Clerks notifying them of the Regulation 14 consultation

EMAIL TO RESIDENTS

Dear Resident

Notification of formal consultation on Pre-Submission Draft Horam Neighbourhood Plan

I am writing to you as someone who has previously expressed interest in the Horam Neighbourhood Plan.

I am now pleased to advise that the formal consultation of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan will run for a six-week period from Saturday **20th May** to Monday **3rd July 2023**

The Draft Plan and accompanying consultation material will be available to view between those dates at the Parish Council offices as well as being available online via the Parish Council website: www.horam.com. (**from 20th May**)

The consultation exhibition event will be launched on Saturday 20th May at the Village Hall from 10am-3pm with follow up drop-in events being held on the dates, times, and venues below.

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Parish Councillors/Steering Group members will be present at these events. Please come to the exhibition or one of the drop-in events to find out more.

If you would like to comment or make representations, please complete the online survey accessible via the Parish Council website www.horam.com (**from 20th May**). Paper copies of the questionnaire will also be available from the Horam Centre. Alternatively, you will be able to download the form from the website and return by hand or post:

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High Street, Horam
East Sussex, TN21 0EH

Representations can also be submitted by email, to: np@horam.com

On a personal note, Horam Parish Councillors are up for election on 4th May so I hope that I will still be able to continue my work on the Neighbourhood Plan in the future.

Kind Regards
Sue Lane
(Horam Parish Councillor/NP Steering Group Chair/Co-ordinator)

Figure 48: Text of email sent to residents notifying them of the Regulation 14 consultation

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The Horam Centre
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Horam
East Sussex
TN21 0EH

2nd June 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

I am contacting you as the registered owner of land identified through the previous Neighbourhood Plan consultations as potential Local Green Space.

I am now pleased to advise that we are in the formal consultation stage of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan which runs until 3rd July 2023.
(Regulation 14, Town and Country Planning, England, Neighbourhood Planning Regulations)

The Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying consultation material is available to view at the Parish Council offices as well as being available online via the Parish Council website:

Paper copies of the Horam Draft Plan & Supporting Documents will all be available to inspect at drop-in events on 10th, 17th and 24th of June when Parish Councillors/Steering Group members will be present. (See website for details) www.horam.com

If you would like to make representations, please complete the online survey accessible via the Parish Council website. Alternatively, you can download the survey form from the website and return by hand or post to the above address.

Representations can also be submitted by email, to: clerk@horam.com

With Regards

Clerk
Horam Parish Council

Figure 49: Text of letter sent to landowners of proposed Local Green Space designations notifying them of the Regulation 14 consultation

Appendix H: WDC Comments and HPC response

The free-standing appendix to this summary report (see Volume 5B of the Consultation Statement) tabulates the comments received from WDC and how these have been responded to by the Parish Council Steering Group.



Horam Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Summary:

Regulation 14

August 2023

Horam Parish Council

Horam Neighbourhood Plan: 2023 - 2040

Consultation Statement

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