WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

Horam Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation

Consultation Response Form

Consultation Period

11 December 2023 – 6 February 2024

Wealden
District Council

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Introduction

Wealden District Council is publishing the Horam Neighbourhood Plan for consultation in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). The purpose of this consultation response form is for you to make your comments on the draft Horam Neighbourhood Plan.

Under Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), we are required to undertake a minimum six-week consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan. This will be the last opportunity to comment on the plan before it is submitted for independent examination. The consultation on the Horam Neighbourhood Plan is open between **9am on Monday 11 December 2023 and 5pm on Tuesday 6 February 2024.**

The documents submitted by Horam Parish Council include:

- Horam Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2040. Submission Version (September 2023).
- Horam Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2040. Basic Conditions Statement (Including Area Statement) (September 2023).
- Addendum to Basic Conditions Statement (November 2023)
- Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report Horam Neighbourhood Plan (Pre-Regulation 14) (May 2023).
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Opinion Horam Neighbourhood Plan (Pre-Regulation 14) (May 2023).
- Horam Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2040. Consultation Statement Volume 1: Summary (September 2023).
- Horam Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2040. Consultation Statement Volume 2: Initial Consultation (September 2023).
- Horam Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2040. Consultation Statement Volume 3: Consultation on Objectives (September 2023).
- Horam Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2040. Consultation Statement Volume 4: Policy Ideas (September 2023).
- Horam Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2040. Consultation Statement Volume 5a: Regulation 14 (September 2023).
- Horam Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2040. Consultation Statement Volume 5b: Appendix to Regulation 14 Consultation Report (WDC Comments and Response) (September 2023).
- Horam Neighbourhood Plan. Addendum to Consultation Statement: Consultees (November 2023).
- Horam Neighbourhood Plan. Addendum to Consultation Statement: Volume 5a (November 2023).
- Horam Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2040. Equalities Impact Assessment (August 2023).
- Background Paper- Respecting and retaining the separate identities of settlements in Horam Parish (September 2023).
- Background Paper- Approach to identifying and protecting local heritage assets (September 2023).
- Background Paper- Landscape Character (September 2023).

- Background Paper- Important Views (September 2023).
- Background Paper- Water Management and Flood Risk (September 2023).
- Horam Parish Neighbourhood Plan Design Guidelines (September 2023).
- Horam Parish: Historic Overview, Character and Issues Statement (November 2021) v6.
- Horam Housing Needs Assessment (October 2022).
- Horam Neighbourhood Plan Housing Needs Assessment- Supplementary Note Regarding Housing Mix.
- Horam Neighbourhood Plan Local Green Space Assessment (September 2023).

Viewing the Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan and the supporting documents are available to view on the following website;

https://consult.wealden.gov.uk/kse

Printed copies of the Neighbourhood Plan and the supporting documents can be viewed at the following locations:

- Horam Parish Council, The Horam Centre, 3 Bank Buildings, High Street, Horam, TN21 0EH. Office open Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm, Wednesday 9.30am-12.30pm, Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm, Friday 10am-1pm.

  (office closed from 20 December up to and including 1 January 2024)

- Wealden District Council, Council Offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX. Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8.30am-5pm, Wednesday 9am -5pm.

  (office closed from 25 December up to and including 1 January 2024).

How to Comment on the Neighbourhood Plan

- By post: print and complete this form and send it to Planning Policy, Wealden District Council, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX
- By email: complete this form and send it to Nplans@wealden.gov.uk

You can make comments on any of the information submitted for the consultation. Please make it clear which document you are commenting upon alongside the paragraph/page number. Your comments should address whether the Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions. These are outlined in the Regulation 16 Guidance Notes.

Queries

If you have any queries relating to the consultation or submitting your comments, please contact the Planning Policy Team on (01892 602008) or email Nplans@wealden.gov.uk. If you or somebody you know, would like this form in large print, braille, audio tape/CD or in another language, please let us know.

1. Personal Details

For your comments to be considered, you must at least provide your name and address (this can be an email address). Representations cannot be treated in confidence and copies of all representations, along with your name or organisation, will be made publicly available on the Council's website (in due course) and sent to the Examiner. However, the Council will not publish your personal contact information such as telephone numbers, email or private addresses. By submitting your views on the Horam Neighbourhood Plan, you confirm your consent to the above and that you accept full responsibility for your comments.

Personal Details	Answer
Title Mrs	Mrs
First Name LINDA	LINDA
Last Name MARTIN	MARTIN
Job Title and Organisation (if relevant)	[redacted]
Address	
Postcode	
Contact telephone number	
Email address	
Interest in the area (for example are you a resident, business owner or do you work in the proposed neighbourhood area)	

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I agree with this Neighbourhood Plan for Horam as set out by the Parish Council and its residents. The historic preservation, open spaces and the future of the village will be better met by those authorities making the decisions of change. People living here can access great information of where they live and have more right to a say in those changes. It gives hope that Horam will thrive.

Many years ago, probably 35, I came across Horam driving through on the way home to somewhere from somewhere, not knowing then that one day I would live here. I stopped and bought bread and something to eat at a bakery shop. I had a wonder round and remember thinking what a lovely little village.

I am heartened that almost half the people responding to the Horam Neighbourhood Plan say that there should be NO MORE HOUSING which is extreme but highlights the concern as to what is happening within planning for Horam. Everyone that I speak to is worried by it.

I have read with interest the list of candidate local heritage assets and hope they will be preserved and given the highest consideration for all time.

Looking back all those years ago when stations like Horam were closed down on a whim for someone's vision the future of the car, despite massive protests, wrecking the very heart of towns and villages alike, which today is a major regret but irreversible. The people had no say.
Imagine Horam now with that wonderful, beautiful little station and a very busy train service instead of the traffic seen here today. The Cuckoo Trail is the compensation and legacy of that railway but everytime I walk along, I dream of the train puffing through a trail meant for the train.
When I stand on Buxted station, what an asset it is and by chance got saved, Horam did not. Was it a mistake?

My vision for Horam would be to tidy it up, get rid of the village bins from sight, especially those outside the dentist, so ugly and right by the lovely memorial ground. I would create visually attractive little areas, which is evident in other little parishes around and would make such a difference.
Where I live I am constantly picking up cans which people just throw into the verges and wooded areas, which are difficult to get in to clear. Perhaps some 'Keep Britain Tidy' notices would help or 'Keep Horam Tidy'. There must be something going wrong for this to be happening.
I think a lot could easily be done to tidy up Horam and the village shops as well. Some attention particularly to keep the grass verges mowed and planted, wherever possible create nice space.

I feel Horam has deteriorated and needs to be looked after. It could be a better place in future or is on the edge of 'run down'.

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There are some real grot spots in Horam, eg after a car accident into the fence and hedgerow as you enter the road to the village hall off the A267 where there is a nice little area of green. The hedgerow has never been restored and there is still a concrete post laying as rubbish, a nice area, uncared for. I have often thought that I would try and tidy it up myself and take the concrete post to the tip! There is a dreadful pothole in that road as well that has been there for some time. When such a lot of money is being spent on the park, gym equipment etc. Why spoil it like this? Then there is the unkempt area across from there towards town which could be opened up to create a really nice pleasant visual aspect, its horrible as it is, a useless wasteland and no good to wildlife as its too near the busy road.

Finally the old May Garland Inn frontage A267 is a lovely eye catcher as you drive into Horam. What on earth happened to allow such a permanent eyesore to develop at the rear in Chiddingly Road on such a beautiful building. Is Building Control fit for purpose?
If the pub cannot be restored, then a nice row of terraced houses, restoring the original building would be my suggestion, similar to those just built in Maynards Green and would be in-keeping, which is so important. Fingers crossed! NO FLATS or ugliness on such a prominent corner.

I have had my say and hope I have contributed positively to Horam Neighbourhood Plan.

2. Comments on the Neighbourhood Plan

Please use the space below to tell us your comments on the Neighbourhood Plan and / or supporting documents. It would be helpful if you can provide reasons and evidence for your comments. Please use additional sheets if necessary.

See Separate Sheet (2 sides)

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3. Examination Participation (please tick if appropriate)

✓	I would like to attend the examination in public, should it be deemed necessary by the appointed examiner.

4. Notification of Adoption (please tick if appropriate)

✓	I would like to be notified of the local planning authority's decision on the adoption of the Horam Neighbourhood Plan (under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012(as amended)

Data Protection Statement

Wealden District Council is committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected and will only use and store your personal data in line with the UK General Data Protection Regulation 2021 and Data Protection Act 2018. We are required to collect and hold your personal information as part of the consultation process in formulating the Neighbourhood Plan. All comments will be publicly available and identifiable by name and (where applicable) organisation. We will not disclose your personal data to any third parties, unless we need to do so to provide a service to you or we are legally required to do so. We may share your personal data with other Council departments in order to provide the service you have requested.

Our Privacy Policy sets out how we collect, use and securely hold your data and can be viewed at: https://www.wealden.gov.uk/transparency-spending-andperformance/data-protection/privacy-policy/ and our planning policy privacy notice at: https://www.wealden.gov.uk/transparency-spending-and-performance/data-protection/privacy-policy/

Signature	[redacted]	Date 19/01/2024

Please print name if submitting electronically