WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

Horam Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation

Consultation Response Form

Consultation Period

11 December 2023 – 6 February 2024

Wealden
District Council

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
First Name	Ann
Last Name	Sadler
Job Title and Organisation (if relevant)	
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)	

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.

I fully support the Horam Neighbourhood Plan.
Hopefully it will help stem some of the awful urbanisation of Horam which has reached breaking point with regards to infrastructure.

THe NP has been well written and thought out by the HNP Steering Group.
I am disappointed that the WDC Draft Local Plan has chosen to allocated development to some areas that the HNP has designated as being assets such as a wildflower meadow near Grange Close and also an area of green space near the Merrydown Estate which is not supposed to be developed.

WDC might also note that according to one of the consultants AECOM Horam has already more than supplied housing far more than is needed by the local population and most of it out of the price range of local people see The Housing Needs Assessment doc.

The Design Guidelines document is well thought out
DG0.2 is very relevant with the high volumes of traffic now going through Horam and using the lanes via Chiddingly Road as rat runs down to the A22.-

DG.03.1 too many trees and hedges are being lost. Hedges can be cut and laid or stake and bound rather than replaced with close boarding. This of course requires maintenance but this can be achieved by management fees. See also DG.4.04

DG.03.3 the only thing lacking here is reference to ditch maintenance
DG03.4 I agree with the observations here. Too many developments are lacking green spaces, some would benefit by having allotment areas as the gardens are so tiny. The majority of developers do NOT do the ecological mitigations they say they will do and this needs to be enforced by WDC. Allotments in part of the development could be part of the ecological mitigations however I fear that developers would not like this idea as it might mean less space to cram houses in

I agree with the comments regarding green spaces on the Neighborhood Plan HoramNDP LGS Report

Overall the plan is well thought out, well evidenced and the steering group all deserve a large drink!
One comment though on this response form. It isn't easy for many people to fill in, WDC could have made this part easier. There has also been a lot of confusion due to WDC's Draft Local Plan coming out and many residents have been confused about which plan they should be commenting on. The Steering Group have had open sessions explaining the difference which has been of immense help.
It would have taken some work but not a huge amount to have had a tick list or a form with options, I agree strongly, I disagree etc etc.

3. Examination Participation (please tick if appropriate)

X	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)

X	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	A. E Sadler	5 February 2024 Date

Please print name if submitting electronically