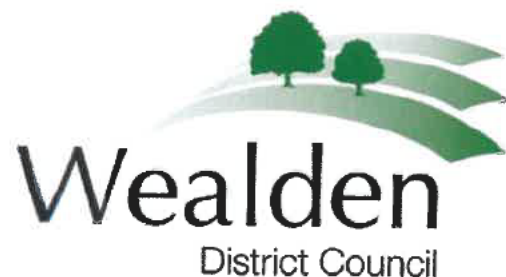


WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

Horam Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation

Consultation Response Form

**Consultation Period
11 December 2023 – 6 February 2024**



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

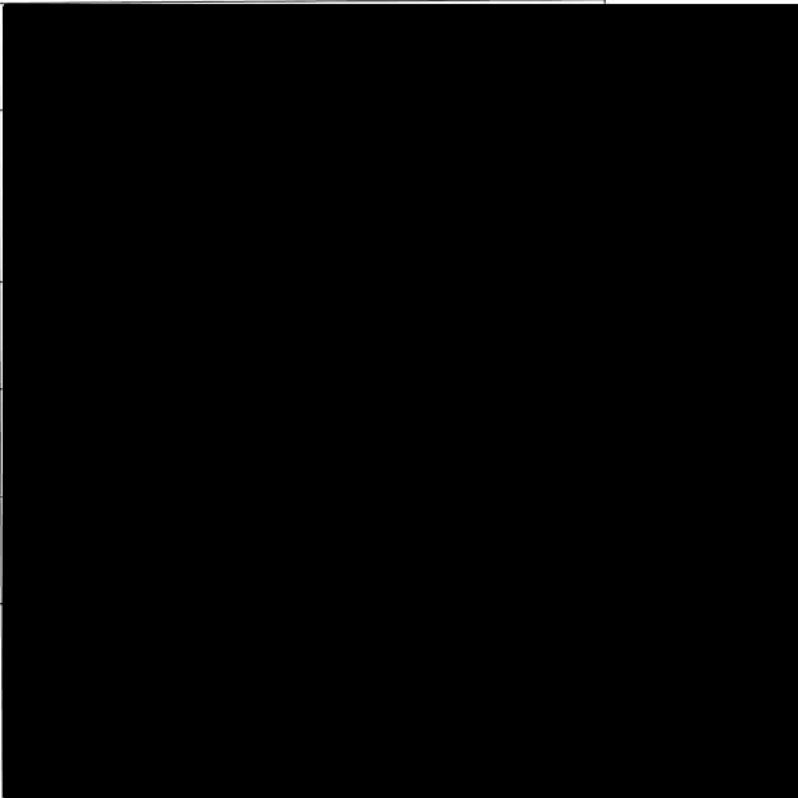
You can make comments on any of the information submitted for the consultation. Please make it clear which document you are commenting upon alongside the paragraph/page number. Your comments should address whether the Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions. These are outlined in the Regulation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

See ATTACHED.

COMMENTS ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

I live in the woodland view residential park, off Horebeech lane.

Further to the above the proposed plans under HOR6 and in conjunction with HOR1, HOR2, HOR3, HOR4. AND HOR5, I wish to object because of the following reasons which are not extensive, but there are too many to name here.

We have been told that Horam is to remain a Village with the emphasis to remain around the existing few amenities that we have, currently around the small high street area.

According to the **UK Office for National Statistics** from their census of 21-03-2021 the population of Horam was **1,796** I cannot see how doubling the population assuming, 2.5 people per household 1,017 new properties equals **2,034** additional people, will allow Horam to be a village, the description of "village" is as follows,

- Villages are small communities in rural areas,
- Villages offer a tranquil and close-knit environment, while towns provide better access to modern amenities, job opportunities, and diverse social networks.
- Villages have a limited economic activity, with basic services such as a school, shops, and a religious centre,
- a village is a more compact community with fewer amenities, and its livelihood often revolves around local industries or agriculture.

Some of my objections are listed below:-

- 1) Loss of habitat for local wild life, there are deer, badgers, foxes, rabbits and numerous birds, including wood peckers, owls and birds of prey that live in the green space,
- 2) Horam is designated a low light area, the light pollution will damage the area.
- 3) There will also be a significant increase in noise pollution.
- 4) Increase in traffic pollution.
- 5) The current Victorian drainage system is unable to cope, and raw sewerage has needed to be pumped from the drainage system to avoid further flooding.
- 6) Existing fresh water supplies are already stretched s documented in various publications.
- 7) The current road system through the village cannot cope with the existing traffic. The small round about at the end of Horebeech lane is congested at the best of times the bend at the end of the village at the start of Little London Road struggles with the large articulated lorries that are already using it.

(There was an accident there on Saturday 2nd February this year, which required partial closure of the road and 3 police cars to maintain traffic flow which backed up in all directions).

- 8) A designated B road (B2203 is a lane) with a small mini roundabout at one end and a single lane humpback bridge at the other, will not be able to handle the increase in traffic. It is already overused with the new Rosemead estate, and needs repair in many places, and with plans already passed to build more homes that will need use the lane.
- 9) The new Rosemead estate along Horebeech Lane has caused an increase in anti-social behaviour and there is no police presence in Horam.
- 10) The Dr surgery cannot cope, the dentist surgery cannot cope.
- 11) There are not adequate available school places, locally.
- 12) There are no evening social activities for the residence of Horam, this adds to the increase in anti-social behaviour.
- 13) The local shops cannot provide for the proposed increased population and new shops would defer from Horam remaining a Village.
- 14) Horam is not close to a railway line, surely it would make more sense to locate new developments closer to better public transport links.
- 15) Existing public transport is very poor and unreliable.
- 16) We moved to Horam onto a retirement park, to feel safe and live in a peaceful rural environment in old age. If the proposal proceeds, we will find ourselves living on the edge of a residential development of some 750 dwellings after living next to a building site for some considerable time.
- 17) The proposed development will also have a detrimental effect of the resale value of mine and my neighbours property values.

3. Examination Participation (please tick if appropriate)

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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)

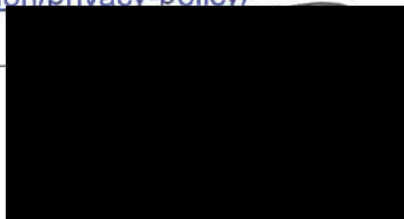
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I would like to be notified of the local planning authority's decision on the adoption of the Horam Neighbourhood Plan (under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012(as amended)

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		Date 5/2/24.
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