

Harston Neighbourhood Plan

CONSULTATION STATEMENT

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1. Introduction

This consultation statement has been produced to accompany the submission draft of the Harston Neighbourhood Plan (HNP). The consultation statement is required under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) to include information on the following:

1. Details of the people and bodies who were consulted about the proposed HNP
2. An explanation of how they were consulted
3. A summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the people consulted
4. A description of how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed HNP.

The consultation activity undertaken for the HNP can be broken down into four broad stages:

NP Stage	Time
• Inception stage	March 2022
• 2023 householder, business and landowner engagement	January 2023
• Stakeholder engagement associated with technical work	Various
• Regulation 14 pre-submission consultation including engagement on the SEA Environmental Report	11 March to 30 April 2024

This consultation statement provides an overview of the activity which took place at each of these stages.

2. General overview of approach to consultation in Harston

Following the October 2021 meeting, when Harston Parish Council (HPC) agreed to support the development of a Neighbourhood Plan, a working group of interested volunteers from Harston Residents Group (HRG) and HPC was set up in November to take the idea further. Regular Tuesday meetings in the Recreation Ground Pavilion were initially held, open to all with an interest, with further ad hoc meetings held when needed eg for planning of consultation events.

A Steering group evolved composed of HPC chair, HNP chair and HNP vice chair to deal with various support /grant organisations, to outline and pull together the overall activities and to arrange the neighbourhood planning meetings.

A supporting working group of other volunteers attended the HNP meetings and/or carried out varied tasks depending on their skills or interests. A small core (6-8) attended most meetings throughout, but others dipped in and out depending on their interests/topics and tasks, thus getting a wider range of people involved.

The group tried to engage as many people as possible in contributing towards the HNP input, and at each stage of the HNP process there was a callout in a local magazine and residents newsletter to ask for people with specific professional and technical skills eg in mapping, marketing, website management, ecology, landscape, etc.

Some volunteers just attended and contributed to the two HNP workshops in March 2023 which about 20 different residents supported. Another 15 residents, most different, took part in the landscape character/biodiversity survey in July 2023 and others attended landscape workshops in September and November 2023. Two volunteers produced some of the maps and two others helped with the HNP website information display and another created the online SurveyMonkey questionnaires.

At early meetings we agreed on Harston NP Working Group's (HNPWG) terms of reference and our community engagement strategy. To bring the right Neighbourhood Plan to the table the HNP team needed to ensure that it was shaped by early, proportionate and effective consultation/engagement between the plan makers and local community, local organisations, businesses, landowners, tenant farmers, infrastructure providers and statutory consultees. Email contact lists were created.

Different methods were used to contact different age or interest groups, and those hard to reach. Different methods were used at different stages – first to find the broad issues then others to find more specific detail later on when building the evidence base of the plan.

To inform everyone about the neighbourhood plan process and explain what could and couldn't be influenced, using honest, accurate and unbiased information we used the existing communication channels used by HPC and HRG and local community groups.

We provided regular updates about the HNP in the bi-monthly Harston and Hauxton Village and Church News, delivered to every household (c 755) and businesses in the parish; via HRG's monthly email newsletter sent on request to at least 370 households; and email agendas, minutes and invites sent to regular attendees (57) at HRG zoom monthly meetings which were open to all residents. Regular updates were provided on the Harston Village website which has a dedicated tab for the HNP (<https://harstonvillage.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>). There was also regular email contact with over 20 community groups and village service providers to inform and encourage their participation. Harston and Newton Community Primary School posted news of the HNP consultation events in their newsletters from time to time providing a direct channel to young families.

HPC has a standing HNP item on the agenda at monthly parish council meetings (with Open Forum opportunity to ask questions) as does HRG monthly Zoom meetings which are open to all. Summaries of meetings are posted on the HPC and HRG websites.

Various events were held in the Village Hall and piggy-backing on other events to both display and consult on HNP issues but also to show the findings of previous consultations. Stand-alone display/consultations got a very poor response, but those held alongside the Better Brew Café on first Saturday of every month, alongside school events or scouts activities, at the Parish and Baptist churches and at the Queen's Jubilee event (photo 8 May 2023) were much better attended as we had a captive audience.



Image 2: Display of January 2023 Questionnaire Results, Vision, Objectives, Views & Open spaces at 8 May Jubilee Event on Recreation Ground

Concurrent with HNP tasks the HPC carried out a survey to inform and ask local residents for their response to the proposed East West Rail (EWR) as this would affect the village in many ways in the future with implications for the HNP. In 2021 a dual online /offline poll invited the residents of every household in Harston in the age range of 14 and above to have their say. There were 272 completed questionnaires representing 656 residents of the target age, representing 43% of Harston's eligible population. Questions and responses referred to the different route options, the impacts that would result from closure of Station Road and the building of embankments, viaducts and bridges, particularly with the impact on the environment, wildlife and property valuations.

Neighbourhood Plan area designation

The South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) Planning Portfolio Holder delegated authority to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development to approve the designation of the neighbourhood area for Harston on 17 June 2022.

<https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?id=11897>

3. Inception stage.

Articles were written in the bi-monthly parish magazine (delivered to all households and businesses) in the December 2021 and February 2022 issues to explain what a HNP could and could not do and why Harston might benefit from one. It was agreed to hold a HNP community day in March 2022 similar to one held in October 2017 to get more feedback on what people wanted the plan to consider and to make them aware of the likely designated

parish area of the HNP. Prior to the March 2022 consultation approx 30 local community groups were sent an email briefly outlining the benefits of a HNP and asking for a group contact who would be happy to receive information and respond to for their group.

In February double-sided A5 flyers were posted through the doors of every household, along with visits to businesses, explaining what a HNP was and why it was important to create one for Harston and saying this was a chance for local people and businesses to have their say. 'Have your say' posters were also put up around the village and information about the 5 March 2022 event was in the village magazine and HRG newsletters approximately 3 weeks in advance. Local farmers and landowners were contacted about the plan and a land ownership map created and displayed.



Image 3: Notice advertising 5 March 2022 NP community day

In addition, to raise more awareness, over 20 community groups were invited and set up stalls down the centre of the hall to showcase what was good about the village and what activities were available.

The 5 March 2022 Neighbourhood Plan community day was held in Harston Village Hall with HNPWG members and other Parish Councillors and HRG members manning the displays. Over 20 A1 display boards (based on information collected from a 2017 community day and previous HRG meetings) examined important topics and local issues such as provision of local facilities, housing development, businesses and employment, transport and traffic, the natural environment and built environment, zero carbon. These were positioned around the edges of the hall. Several other displays seen immediately on entry to the hall also explained what a HNP could and could not do and how it fitted in with the South Cambs and Greater

Cambridge Local Plans and National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), with a map showing the proposed HNP area.

The Parish Council displayed proposals for improving the Recreation Ground Pavilion along with the facilities/amenities display. The HNPWG also took this opportunity to ask for more volunteers to be involved in the Working Group.

Harston Neighbourhood Plan involves:

Choosing the plan area

The Harston Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, supported by Harston Residents Group and the Parish Council, have chosen the whole parish as the plan area (bounded by red/yellow line on map).

Fitting in with the Greater Cambridge Local Plan

Map showing the extent of Greater Cambridge (planned area) within the Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District combined.

South Cams recent (Oct 2017) introductory explanation of Neighbourhood Plans

What are the benefits of creating a neighbourhood plan?

Preparing a neighbourhood plan enables communities to have a much stronger role in shaping the areas in which they live and work. This is because unlike parish, village or town plans communities may have prepared, a neighbourhood plan forms part of the development plan and sits alongside the Local Plan prepared by the local planning authority.

By producing a neighbourhood plan it will give local communities the opportunity to set out policies for the development and use of land in their neighbourhood, for example:

- Propose more development than the Local Plan;
- where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built;
- have their say on what buildings look like;
- comment on what infrastructure should be provided;

However, a Neighbourhood Plan cannot:

- be prepared without community input and support;
- propose less growth than is proposed in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan;
- prevent any development from ever taking place in an area;
- review the Green Belt boundary; this is the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambs;
- propose new roads to be built – this is the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council as the Highway Authority;
- encourage more buses to serve the area; this is being done through discussion by local residents and the Parish Council;
- formally identify new buildings to be listed or identify new assets of community value – it is the role of South Cambs District Council to do this; they have recently listed Hope Cottage in Button End.

Stages in creating a Neighbourhood Plan

- Neighbourhood Area designated (Checked for 6 weeks & not other Plans)
- Plan prepared by the local community, following Community Engagement and support from the Planning Policy team.
- Production of draft plan, consult for 6 weeks, Community Statement, any necessary environmental assessment and work consulted with Planning Planning team.
- Submission to Local Planning Authority (Checked for 6 weeks)
- Independent Examination (Review modifications and site knowledge)
- Referendum (8 working days)
- Adoption of Neighbourhood Plan (Emergency approval for Full Council)

Greater Cambridge Local Plan (South Cams & Cambridge city combined) December 2021 proposals for up to 2041

Greater Cambridge Local Plan aims are:

- Climate change:** Help transition to net zero carbon by 2050, by ensuring that development is sited in places that help to limit carbon emissions, is designed to the highest achievable standards for energy and water use, and is resilient to current and future climate risks.
- Biodiversity and green spaces:** Increase and improve our network of habitats for wildlife, and green spaces for people, ensuring that development leaves the natural environment better than it was before.
- Wellbeing and social inclusion:** Help people in Greater Cambridge to lead healthier and happier lives, ensuring that everyone benefits from the development of new homes and jobs.
- Great places:** Sustain the unique character of Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, and complement it with beautiful and distinctive development, creating a place where people want to live, work and play.
- Jobs:** Encourage a flourishing and mixed economy in Greater Cambridge which includes a wide range of jobs, while maintaining our area's global reputation for innovation.
- Homes:** Plan for enough housing to meet our needs, including significant quantities of housing that is affordable to rent and buy, and different kinds of homes to suit our diverse communities.
- Infrastructure:** Plan for transport, water, energy and digital networks, and health, education and cultural facilities, in the right places and built at the right times to serve our growing communities.

This is what we need to do

- Getting established: Submit our proposed neighbourhood area to the local planning authority (South Cambs) for designation.
- Preparing the plan: Preparing to write a neighbourhood plan includes: policy, development of local partnerships, community consultation and engagement and the building of an evidence base. This will inform the development of a vision and/or aims for the plan. These in turn will inform the formulation of policy and, where appropriate, site allocations.
- Bringing the plan into force: The proposed neighbourhood plan will be submitted to the local planning authority, which will check that proper procedures have been followed in its preparation and that any necessary information accompany the plan. Following a period of publicity, the local planning authority will arrange for an independent examination. It will also organise the public referendum, subject to the plan meeting legal requirements.

Image 4: One of the display sheets used at 5 March 2022 HNP community day



Image 5: HNP community day 5 March 2022

The HNP environment, housing and business displays were also put up at Better Brew Café in the morning before the afternoon Community Day, held on 5 March and about 10-12 more people who looked at them gave feedback, to add to the count of attendees. It was much easier for them to look at the boards at their leisure with less people crowding round. It also offered them a different time to look at displays as some couldn't come in the afternoon or didn't want to.

Afterwards the displays were also put in the Parish Church for two weeks as this was always open so people could look at leisure and also after services and other events. The display were also put up in the Baptist Church Hall and could be seen when open and at events like the Food Hub. It was estimated that at least 40 people would have looked at the displays in each church location and a small number of comments cards were filled in.

A copy of all the displays - over 20 - were put on the HNP section of the village website so they could be seen by anyone who couldn't attend any of these events:

<http://www.harstonvillage.uk/community-consultation-day>

As we wanted to make sure children could give feedback we held several simple (half hour) sessions with cubs, then scouts in February and two separate school classes in March to see first, what they thought was good about the village, and second, what they would like improved. They filled in post-it notes which were displayed and discussed with useful ideas generated about what facilities they would like to see in the village. Some of these results were displayed on 5 March day.

gained from the exit poll. We realised afterwards that we should have included a consistent small set of questions with a box to note down age groups as this had to be estimated and where they lived in the village.

Feedback from Community Day 5 March 2022

About 120 attended the NP community day, held in the Village Hall in the afternoon. The majority appeared to be in over 60s range. All were asked whether they supported the idea of a neighbourhood plan; 81 responded of which 96% are supportive of the idea, and 77 were willing to be contacted again with more information.

“It is one thing to identify issues affecting the village but what’s important is that something is being done to address them and that is certainly what is happening here” was one of many positive comments.

In general some felt that better communication of what is going on in the village was needed, with for example, new developments.

A brief summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the people consulted

Housing: Most appreciated the need for more affordable housing to keep young families in the village to support the school; others wanted more control over the type of development in the village and where it would be located – wanting to protect Greenbelt and back gardens and thought design of some recent buildings didn’t fit in with the character of the village.

Facilities/amenities: Feedback focused on residents wanting a village hub and/or community pub for a meeting place. Main consensus was that the Recreation Ground Pavilion should be extended/improved to cater for more activities and user space and more sports activities could be encouraged/developed on the Recreation Ground.

Traffic and Transport: Presentation boards displayed six topics with headings of Buses, Roads, Station, Footpaths, EWR and Cycling. There were comment cards and a posting box available; in total 12 comment cards were posted.

Footpaths: Received the most written comments including more thought in joining up if possible; consider constructing an off-road path from Station Road to Newton & construct new footpath from London Road to the Drift (bridleway).

Cycleway: Appreciated, but concern over safety along A10 in Harston as so many driveway exits.

Bus service was poor.

Traffic: Issue of traffic volume (and speed) of vehicles, especially lorries, on Church Street and Button End. Problem of parking on road by surgery in Church Street. Problem of pollution on A10, especially when traffic queues, and especially near the school entrance.

Rail: Some would like Harston station back. Many concerns about impact of proposed EWR on noise, pollution, closing of Station Road, etc. Some lacked knowledge of what EWR were proposing.

Business: No representatives of any businesses turned up to the event. Some wanted more businesses to make a more vibrant village. No small units left on industrial estate or elsewhere. Conflict in Button End where numerous large lorries from industrial estate not suitable for narrow lane used by residents who live there.

Built and Natural Environment: Much discussion about village envelope/framework and where could/couldn't build housing. People against inappropriate housing development that spoils character of village and detracts often from existing residents' enjoyment of their homes and felt South Cambs overruled local objections. Should also protect older buildings of character/history too rather than demolish.
Problem of litter around local shop on High Street.

Other: Local farmer felt land blighted by EWR proposals as limited what could do with conservation areas agreements, etc.
Walkers using field edges of Jesus College land want to keep permissive paths and edge use, and not be restricted by different conservation agreements.

How these issues and concerns were considered and subsequently fed into the process.

After the community day held in March 2022, discussion with our newly engaged planning consultant, Rachel Hogger, identified that we had a clear idea of the issues, but hadn't noted the evidence robustly or consistently or identified which age groups had responded. Knowing that residents wouldn't be happy to feel like they were repeating the process again, we created a questionnaire (used January 2023) that both acknowledged the issues highlighted in the March consultation – asking for them to agree/disagree with the findings, but also leaving sections for open responses to gather any issues we previously hadn't noted. We also made sure we collected information about the responder and this was linked to responses.

4. January 2023, householder, business and landowner engagement

Prior to the delivery of the January 2023 questionnaire, information and an explanation was put in the parish magazine, was sent out by Harston Residents Newsletter and community groups via email, to prepare people. The Christmas period was avoided so impetus was afterwards in New Year. Posters were also put up around the village giving the deadline date of 30 January, allowing enough time but not so much that residents put aside to do later. Poster and leaflets stated where the forms could be dropped off or found online. Drop-off points for the form were chosen to spread location and accessibility.

The January 2023 questionnaire feedback form and explanatory leaflet (Appendix 2a) were delivered by 20 local HNP volunteers at the beginning of January to every household (c 755) in the village, every visible business (c70), service providers such as the school and doctors'

surgery and landowners. Non-resident landowners were emailed the information and forms and pointed to the Village/HNP website where more information was available.

In addition to being provided with a hard copy of the feedback form the questionnaire was also put online via SurveyMonkey following the same format. Information from the hard copies (approx. 50%) was then manually added online.

Businesses and landowners also had delivered to them or emailed (for non-residents) a separate business letter (Appendix 2b) asking for slightly different responses from the general questionnaire delivered to all households so as to not overload it. They could return the form or email the parish clerk with their response.

Although nearly a year since the previous workshop was held with them, cubs and scouts were also asked to fill in a hard copy of the questionnaire but due to the limited time available in their session, many failed to complete the form, particularly the section at the end about sports facilities, etc at Recreation Ground/Pavilion so their results were not included in the main results to avoid skewing them, but noted.

A summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the people consulted can be found in Appendix 2c segmenting the answers as follows.

- Respondents demographics – a much wider range of age groups responded
- Village character and environment – emphasis remained on protection of the villages' rural and historic character, green spaces and biodiversity, with more sympathetic development
- Village amenities – people appreciated existing shop, surgery, school and other facilities but would like more of centre/hub with improved Pavilion and sports facilities
- Housing – too many large unaffordable (for locals) houses in village, so want more affordable ones to provide for younger families and for elderly to downsize
- Employment – create opportunities for small business units or hub workspace where infrastructure is feasible
- Transport – want better public transport and solutions to traffic issues on A10, in Church Street and Button End.

8 May 2023 follow on event: To raise awareness of the January questionnaire results there were summaries in the parish magazine, on HNP website, and a display on the 8 May 2023 Jubilee event on the Recreation Ground (Image 1). In addition, the vision and objectives formulated at the March workshops, important views sent in and important green spaces in the village, were also displayed. The twelve panel display put up had visitors from 2.30-7pm with continuous discussion, questions asked, and people's views given verbally or in writing the whole time. At least 85 adults and 10 teenagers visited the display. This was very useful in getting input from younger families (34 in 19-45 age group) who were often too busy to respond in other events. Other age groups estimated (partly from knowledge of visitors) were 17 in 45-65, and 31 in 65+ age group.

How these issues and concerns were considered and subsequently were fed into the process.

The feedback from the engagement work undertaken March 2022 to January 2023 was used as a principal reference point in the process of scoping the overall direction of the

neighbourhood plan. By April 2023, the HNPWG had reached consensus on a vision, themes and a set of theme-based objectives for the neighbourhood plan. As part of this, the group also identified areas where further evidence would be helpful to inform the content of the planning policies to go into the plan.

As detailed below further evidence was collected on:

Housing:

- Housing needs in the form of a desktop study, the Harston Housing Needs Assessment completed in 2023 by AECOM
- Affordable housing needs in the form of the householder survey, Housing Needs Survey, completed by Cambridgeshire ACRE in January 2024.
- Call for sites
- Site options and assessment report, completed by AECOM in February 2024

Village and parish character

- Non-designated heritage assets, continuation of work initially started by the Harston History Group
- Design and character in the form of the Harston design guidance and codes, completed by AECOM in 2023
- Landscape character in the form of the Harston Landscape Character Appraisal, the result of a piece of work undertaken collaboratively by volunteers and landscape architect Alison Farmer

Traffic issues

- The Footpath/Church Street technical study, completed by AECOM in October 2023

Footpaths

- Potential options for improving the footpath network in and around Harston

5. Stakeholder engagement associated with technical work

Footpaths

In response to the identified shared community aspiration for the footpath network in and around Harston to be improved, members of the HNPWG undertook liaison work with landowners and farmers as a way of exploring workable options. An overview of this engagement work is summarised below, referencing the footpaths as numbered in the submission HNP.

Footpath between Harston & Newton, No 1 HNPWG & HPC have been in contact with Newton PC from Sep 2022 onwards with Newton PC supporting the idea of a footpath, particularly as one has been extended recently from their village when new houses were built on the edge of it.

Footpath 2 on Rowley's Hill

Present tenant farmer is not keen on more public access to his land, due to already suffering crop damage from people and dogs walking across the fields to access the Trig point, also a

problem when crop spraying as he knows from having land next to footpaths in other villages. However, he may give up land should EWR go ahead. The landowner, Thriplow Farms, say, in the future, it's a possibility, although they wouldn't accept HNP precise routing, as they would probably be looking to amalgamate the three fields on top of the hill there, so wouldn't want a path running through the middle of it.

Footpath 3

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Active Travel team have been made aware of all the aspirational routes. This route lies alongside the road.

Footpath 4 & 5 form London Road to Recreation Ground

Newton Farms, who look after Hurrell farmland in Harston, provided a map showing the regularly/daily used footpath between the Drift and London Road as a permissive path. People have used it regularly and daily at least since early 1970s although no formal agreement is known of.

The owner of land had indicated that he will consider access from the Drift to the Recreation Ground but hadn't seen it formally included when he attended the March 2023 workshop.

Footpaths 6, 7 & 8

Jesus College were contacted about retaining, improving and adding to routes on their land in conjunction with improving nature networks. They said they will consider the HNPWG's request and liaise with the current tenants of the land identified on the map provided, along with taking advice from its property managers, Bidwells. The proposal as outlined by HNPWG broadly aligned with the College's wider environmental plans for its agricultural land.

HNPWG did discuss this with existing tenants of the land near the gravel pits but they will be ending their tenancy soon and moving away. The tenants did express concern that walkers, especially with dogs, should be kept away from fields with sheep grazing.

Village character & environment

Responding to the desire of local residents to protect the rural character of the village and surrounding landscape HPC applied for technical support via the government's Neighbourhood Planning Support Programme for the undertaking of a Design Guidance and Codes document by AECOM. To help provide local input into this, HNPWG members carried out field and desk top assessments to define distinct village character areas using local knowledge and following Historic Environment Guidelines using a standard character assessment sheet. This provided a checklist for gathering data and a consistent form for recording data about the village form, layout and character. AECOM were then consulted and a field visit carried out on 1 June 2023 where the boundaries of the character areas were refined.

Field assessment to look at the wider parish landscape character assessment was undertaken. A call was put out to engage local people to send in valued views in the village with a guideline sheet provided. These were displayed at 8 May 2023 Jubilee event. A later call was made for volunteers to help carry out a landscape character & biodiversity survey. 15 volunteers divided into 5 groups in July 2023 looked at different parts of the parish. Again,

after a brief explanatory workshop, a standard form was used to look at factors which influenced and informed landscape character. These included physical influences such as geology, soils, topography, hydrology and human influences such as land use, vegetation cover and field patterns, as well as views which considered perceptions, scale, enclosure, tranquillity, etc. Interactive landscape character workshops followed for more volunteers/members of HNPWG, held in September and November 2023, led by the landscape architect, Alison Farmer, to discuss how to draw together the evidence to robustly identify and describe what mattered and why, to produce the final Harston Landscape Character appraisal report.

Local landowners and farm tenants were contacted about the possibility of improving the footpath network to give greater access to the wider landscape and to give links to proposed new nature reserve on the abandoned gravel pits. Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northants Wildlife Trust were also consulted with a field visit to look at the possibilities for the proposed nature reserve.

Housing

A number of people responded to the January 2023 Questionnaire asking for more information on housing to better understand the situation and provide evidence for what housing was needed. HPC responded to this by applying for technical support via the government's Neighbourhood Planning Support Programme, this time securing support, again from AECOM to prepare the Harston Housing Needs Assessment, a desktop study of housing needs in the parish. The report, completed in April 2023, indicated the need for more affordable housing due to the high prices in the village and relatively low wages in comparison. HPC subsequently secured sponsorship from SCDC for undertaking a Housing Needs Survey by Cambridgeshire ACRE. A Housing Needs Survey is a report focused specifically on ascertaining the number of households in the plan area or with a connection to the plan area both eligible and in need of affordable housing. The Housing Needs Survey was issued to every household in the parish in December 2023. The final report was produced in February 2024.

Also in response to the findings in the Housing Needs Assessment undertaken by AECOM in April 2023, HPC put out a Call for Sites to see if any land was available in the village to provide more houses, ideally more affordable ones. An AECOM team carried out a desktop assessment of possible sites followed by a site visit in October 2023, along with members of the HNPWG. The result of the site assessment work is available to view at <https://harstonvillage.uk/regulation-14-consultation-of-harstons-draft-neighbourhood-plan-22-april-11-june-2024/>

In July 2024 members of SCDC and of HNPWG visited a number of possible Rural Exception Sites to assess their potential and further desktop work is being carried out by them.

Employment

HNP Workshops in March 2023 attended by 20 different volunteers, a number of them new to HNP, discussed opportunities for a village hub with workspace but decided ultimately that improvements to the Recreation Ground Pavilion were more realistic/feasible for improving community spaces but would be unlikely to provide for businesses.

Village amenities

HPC used the results of January 2023 Questionnaire to ask for support to create a volunteer working group (composed of 5 Councillors, a Harston Scouts representative, a Harston resident with experience of recent Hauxton amenity projects) to consider improvements to the Pavilion that would allow for a greater range of use for under-provided for groups. A local architect has been appointed and was advising on a voluntary basis - discussions started in July 2023 and he was officially contracted in March 2024.

Transport & parking

Technical help was applied for to ask an AECOM team to produce a master plan to improve traffic and parking problems in Church Street, Button End and Station Road by the school. A site visit was carried out on 1 June 2023 by members of AECOM team and HNPWG to look at the transport issues - parking and problems of heavy traffic on narrow roads. AECOM produced a technical note in September 2023. The recommendations related largely to Church Street. As a result the HPC engaged with an estates officer from SCDC and discussed the possibilities for use of part of The Footpath for parking to relieve pressure resulting from parking near the doctors' surgery. In March 2024 a letter (Appendix 4) was sent out to those who lived in Church Street, The Footpath and Hurrell's Row to obtain their views on the technical note suggestions and possibilities. Six people responded with very useful feedback, also shown in Appendix 4. HPC has also engaged with the Melbourn Greenway Project Officer principally relating to plans along Church Street which will create a safer link for cyclists linking with the main route alongside the A10. The proposed plans will help manage parking along Church Street and introduce speed restriction measures.

Non-designated heritage assets.

As part of the evidence gathering undertaken with respect to the village and parish character, the HNPWG updated the list of proposed Non-designated heritage assets, identifying in total 49 assets. In March 2024, HPC sent letters to the owners of buildings included on the list (Appendix 3), informing them about the proposed nomination, indicating where the owners could find more detail about the criteria of selection, and inviting the owners for their comments. HPC received four responses, one (R37) concerned this may lead to their property being listed, and two not wishing their property to be listed. One wished to remain anonymous; another, (LS4), 11 Royston Rd, engaged an Historic Buildings consultant to assess the property using the same criteria, identifying for themselves that it was of low significance. HPC, after consultation with S Cambs, responded to these two owners indicating that their properties were considered of local heritage importance and would remain on the list. The Village Hall (LS6) wanted to know the implications and benefits of this listing and met with member of HNPWG to successfully clarify.

6. SEA Screening & Scoping

By the end of 2023, HPC, supported by the HNPWG, had completed an initial draft of the HNP. This was shared with SCDC for the purpose of seeking an informal review from SCDC, in its capacity as the local planning authority, but also for the purpose of seeking a formal determination as to whether the HNP would trigger the need for an environmental

assessment under the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (referred to as SEA Regulations).

By February 2024, SCDC issued a statement determining that it considered a full environmental assessment or 'SEA' would be needed to support the HNP and ensure the plan complied with the requirements of the SEA regulations. This statement is set out in the Harston Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) & Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report and Appropriate Assessment, prepared by Place Services in February 2024. The Appropriate Assessment element of the report recommended amendments to Policies HAR 9 'Protecting and enhancing biodiversity in Harston Parish', HAR 23 'Community Pavilion', HAR 28 '131 High Street' that were all taken on board in the drafting of the Regulation 14 draft of the HNP.

Wherever it has been determined that an environmental assessment is needed, the SEA Regulations requires (Regulation 12, paragraphs 5 and 6) that the responsible body should consult the environmental bodies (the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England) on the scope and level of detail to be included in the full assessment and that this consultation should be for a minimum period of 5 weeks. By April 2024, an SEA scoping report was completed by consultants, AECOM for this purpose and sent out to the three environmental bodies.

Following this, the full environmental assessment was undertaken and the SEA Environmental Report was completed in July 2024. As the SEA Environmental Report was published after the formal consultation on the Regulation 14 HNP had commenced, the findings of the work did not influence the content of the Regulation 14 HNP. However, the SEA Environmental Report was subject to a follow-on six week focused consultation alongside the Regulation 14 version of the neighbourhood plan and this ended on 3 September 2024. The recommendations from the SEA environmental assessment were considered following the Regulation 14 consultation and at the same time as the feedback was being considered from residents, stakeholders and statutory bodies on the Regulation 14 Neighbourhood Plan.

The SEA Environmental Report identified likely significant positive effects in relation to community well-being as a result of the HNP, a number of further minor positive effects relating to climate change, biodiversity, geodiversity, the historic environment, the landscape and land, soil and water resources. No likely negative effects were identified, either significant or minor. The report also included three recommendations:

- Consideration to be given through Policy HAR 28 'Land at 131 High Street' to the adjacent deciduous woodland priority habitat as well as to the Harston Orchard County Wildlife Site through, for example, cross referring to Policy HAR 9 'Protecting and enhancing biodiversity in Harston Parish'.
- Amending Policy HAR 9 so that it refers to schemes achieving 'at least 10% measurable Biodiversity Net Gain'
- Giving consideration to flood risk through Policy HAR 28 in light of a small part of the land lying in an area at risk of surface water flooding, according to the available surface water flood maps.

7. Regulation 14 pre-submission consultation

Pre-submission consultation was undertaken during the period 22 April to 11 June 2024 in line with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

Who was consulted and how were they consulted

At the start of the consultation period

The formal consultation period was announced via information leaflets, posters in and around the plan area and with announcements via a range of social media channels. The date of consultation period and explanation of the information residents and businesses would receive was outlined in the March parish magazine, HRG monthly newsletter from January 2024 onwards and via the school newsletter in April 2024. Harston local community groups were emailed in advance to encourage their members to respond. The flyer delivered with the summary booklet and posters around the village, gave dates of village drop-in events at a variety of different venues and times in order to reach as wide a range of residents as possible.

In addition, the statutory bodies and local organisations were written to directly (see table below) and (371) individuals who have registered with HRG monthly e-newsletter were also contacted via email.

A summary booklet of all the HNP policies and some maps was sent to all households and businesses in the parish, along with a hard copy of the feedback form and an explanatory flyer. A copy of the summary is available to view at <https://harstonvillage.uk/regulation-14-consultation-of-harstons-draft-neighbourhood-plan-22-april-11-june-2024/>. Residents, workers and businesses were invited to look at and comment on the plan. The flyer provided information on how people could locate the plan (online at: harstonvillage.uk/regulation-14-consultation-of-harstons-draft-neighbourhood-plan-22-april-11-june-2024/ and in paper format a copy could be requested from the parish clerk at: clerk@harstonparishcouncil.gov.uk or from 6 Hornet's Road, Trumpington CB2 9GH).

Comments form

Consultees were invited to provide feedback on the plan either using an online form, made available via SurveyMonkey or completing the paper form by hand (one delivered to all households and visible businesses). Hard copies could be returned either to Harston Village Shop, Harston and Newton Community Primary School or 15 Meadow Way.

To help general interest and understanding of the HNP, a simple display was created of 8 x A1 panels outlining the main themes and policy proposals of the plan and displayed at a variety of events, with a larger display, including earlier evidence collected, displayed on 4 May in the Village Hall. A Powerpoint summary of the HNP was given at the Annual Parish Meeting in April at the beginning of consultation period and then uploaded on to the website. This was heavy with images (maps and photos) and light on text content, found at: harstonvillage.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Harston-NP-powerpoint-summary.pdf

In person events held during the Regulation 14 consultation period and feedback

Thursday April 25 (7:00pm): Annual Parish Meeting in Harston Village Hall
Display of draft plan themes & policies from 6.30pm – number of people turned up in advance of 7pm meeting to look at the display - but no-one remained afterwards. About 20-25 people attended asking a range of questions after Powerpoint presentation. Feedback was that the Powerpoint presentation was very good/clear in explaining HNP so we put up the Powerpoint rotating during the 4 May exhibition and later on the HNP village website.

Friday 26 April (6.00 -7.30pm): display at Harston and Newton Community Primary School, concurrent with school disco - very successful in one of classrooms. Had to move the first part of display outside into playground to attract attention and show where we were. About 10-12 youngish parents but lots of questions and discussion - showed lack of awareness about what plan was delivering - most focussed on EWR impact. One parent advised us that the URL we'd put on leaflets etc was too long and next time we could use 'tinyurl.com' to shorten the URL. We have followed this up.

Sunday 28 April – display at Litter pick 2-4pm Recreation Ground Pavilion - wet weather but lots of scouts with families (43 people) so some looked at display in the Pavilion after, with tea & cakes, and asked questions about what was involved/planned.

Saturday 4 May (10:30am - 12:30pm): At Better Brew Café in Harston Village Hall – a few people came specifically to see the display and ask questions - one about HAR 21 & 22 re active travel - thought rural networks was referring to roads not footpaths - so need to make that clearer.

Another saying they would like even more footpaths into countryside on east side - particularly linking Station Road with Recreation Ground - one we originally wanted but reduced to just the Recreation Ground from Drift - as landowner not very forthcoming.

Saturday 4 May (2-5pm) in Harston Village Hall Large Committee Room - full display of HNP draft and evidence – January Questionnaire, views & open space displays. **No-one came!** Found as before that unless latch onto another event people don't come.

Wednesday 22 May (11-1pm) Food Hub – Monday 27 May 5pm in meeting room at Baptist Church – put up display for a week- and a reasonable number took interest in the display at various church events during that time

Wednesday 22 May (7pm & 7.45pm) chat with cubs, then scouts, referred to booklet, etc. & cubs/scouts looked at display afterwards with a few adults.

Tuesday 28 May (10am-12.30pm) at Meadow Way community centre coffee morning - display up but only 5 attended as wet weather, 2 forms filled in there

Saturday 1 June (10:30 am -12:30 pm) Better Brew Café – people came to discuss and 2 gave forms in.

After a rush of responses in first week or two, responses died off, so further announcements were made re deadline for responding in parish magazine, HRG newsletter, school

newsletter and local community groups were emailed with a reminder. Large A1 signs were put outside the last drop-in events to remind people the event was on that day.

Statutory bodies and local organisations

Regulation 14 b) of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations stipulates that the qualifying body should consult any consultation body set out in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan.

Accordingly, the following statutory bodies and local organisations were notified by email of the consultation and were invited to respond to the plan detail.

Consultation Body under Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations	Relevant organisation for the Harston Neighbourhood Plan
Local Planning Authority	South Cambridgeshire District Council (via Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service) South Cambridgeshire Youth Council
	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
County Council	Cambridgeshire County Council
	Cambridge City Council
	MP for area
Neighbouring Parish	Barrington Parish Council
Neighbouring Parish	Little Shelford Parish Council
Neighbouring Parish	Hauxton Parish Council
Neighbouring Parish	Haslingfield Parish Council
Neighbouring Parish	Foxtton Parish Council
Neighbouring Parish	South Trumpington Parish Council
Neighbouring County	Hertfordshire County council
The Coal Authority	As stated
Homes and Communities Agency	Homes England (since 2018)
Natural England	As stated
Environment Agency	As stated
Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England	Historic England (since 2015)
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	Network Rail East West Rail Abellio Greater Anglia
A strategic highways company any part of whose area is in or adjoins the neighbourhood area;	As stated Cambridgeshire County Council
Where the Secretary of State is the highway authority for any road in the area of a local planning authority any part of whose area is in or adjoins the	National Highways

Consultation Body under Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations	Relevant organisation for the Harston Neighbourhood Plan
neighbourhood area, the Secretary of State for Transport	
Marine Management Organisation	Not applicable
<p>Any person</p> <p>i) to whom the electronic code applies by virtue of a direction given under section 106 (3) (a) of the Communications Act 2003; and</p> <p>ii) who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus situated in any part of the area of the local planning authority</p>	<p>Open reach</p> <p>Mobile operators association</p> <p>CTIL (on behalf of Vodaphone, O2 & Telefonica)</p> <p>EE</p> <p>Virgin</p>
<p>Where it exercises functions in any part of the neighbourhood area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a clinical commissioning group established under section 14D of the National Health Service Act 2006; • the National Health Service Commissioning Board; • A person to whom a license has been granted under section 6 (1) (b) and (c) of the Electricity Act • A person to whom a license has been granted under section 1(2) of the Gas Act 1986 • A sewage undertaker • A water undertaker 	<p>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)</p> <p>NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group</p> <p>NHS Cambridgeshire (previously Cambridgeshire Primary Care Trust)</p> <p>Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p>The Papworth Trust</p> <p>Hunts Health - Local Commissioning Group Care Network</p> <p>UK Power Networks</p> <p>National grid via Avison Young</p> <p>National Grid (national gas)</p> <p>British Gas</p> <p>Scottish Southern Energy (SSE)</p> <p>Anglian Water</p> <p>Cambridge Water (South Staffs Water)</p>
<p>Voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area</p>	<p>Women's Institute</p> <p>Village Hall</p> <p>Better Brew</p> <p>Social Car Scheme (Harston)</p> <p>Lunch Club</p> <p>Badminton Club</p> <p>Harston Local History Group</p> <p>Greener Harston</p> <p>Indoor Bowls</p> <p>PTA Harston and Newton Community Primary School</p> <p>Harston Residents Group</p>

Consultation Body under Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations	Relevant organisation for the Harston Neighbourhood Plan
	<p>Harston Food Hub Allotment Group Harston Painters Harston Community Orchard Harston Football Club Friends of the Rhee Harston Cubs & Scouts Harston Amateur Theatrical Society Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club Cam Valley Forum Cambridge Area Bus Users Cambridge Campaign for Better Transport</p>
<p>Bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area</p>	<p>The Equality and Human Rights Commission The Traveller Movement Age UK Cambridgeshire Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum Cambridgeshire Community Foundation Campaign to Protect Rural England Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northants Wildlife Trust Cambridge Friends of the Earth Natural Cambridgeshire Cambridge Cycling Campaign Conservators of the River Cam Woodland Trust British Horse Society Ramblers Association Cambridge Group Citizens Advice Bureau Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) The National Trust</p>
<p>Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area</p>	<p>Cambridge Inter-Faith Group Ely Diocesan Board The Church Commissioners for England All Saints Parish Church Harston Baptist Church</p>
<p>Bodes which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area</p>	<p>Cambridgeshire & Peterborough CA Business Board Travel for Work Partnership Institute of Directors - Eastern Branch Country Land & Business Association</p>

Consultation Body under Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations	Relevant organisation for the Harston Neighbourhood Plan
	<p>Confederation of British Industry - East of England Bidwells Carter Jonas Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce Newton Farms Thriplow Farms Jesus College University of Cambridge Tanner & Hall (Station Rd) Sagentia, Button End and local businesses all by leaflets & business letters Harston surgery by leaflet and personal discussion Stagecoach East Freight Transport Association Road Haulage Association Civil Aviation Authority Cambridgeshire Football Association Harston and Newton Community Primary School</p>
Bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the neighbourhood area	<p>Royston Community Transport Harston & District Warden's Trust Harston Social Car Scheme Cambridge Mobility Disability Cambridgeshire (closing down)</p>
Bodies which represent housing providers and related bodies. (not Schedule 1)	<p>National Housing Federation National House Building Council BPHA Building Research Establishment Home Builders Federation CALA Group Ltd (homes) Cambridgeshire ACRE</p>
Other relevant agencies (not Schedule 1)	<p>Cambridgeshire Constabulary Defence Infrastructure Organisation Forestry Commission Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Hazardous Installations Inspectorate Renewable UK The Crown Estate Planning Inspectorate</p>

Consultation Body under Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations	Relevant organisation for the Harston Neighbourhood Plan
	Sport England Cambridge Fire and Rescue

Table 1: Statutory bodies and local organisations contacted as part of the Regulation 14 engagement work

Summary of the main issues and concerns raised

Responses were received from 12 statutory bodies, 4 local landowners/farmers, and 115 residents including those responding to The Footpath letters and NDHA letters.

The majority of responses were received via the consultation online form (c80%). Once all paper completions had been manually inputted there were 105 responses recorded via the consultation form. They were mostly from residents but also included workers and business owners. Almost all the statutory bodies, local stakeholders, Footpath & NDHA responders, responded via a direct email or letter.

Online form returns

78% of the resident responses were from people aged 40-79 and a further 15% from over 80s, with 6% from 18-39s.

The online form included a series of closed questions, as well as a number of open questions. The closed questions were focused on gauging overall level of support for policies.

The report 'Harston Draft Neighbourhood Plan consultation response' contains the results of all the responses made to the closed questions. It is available to view at:

<https://harstonvillage.uk/results-of-draft-neighbourhood-plan-consultation/> .

The report shows that the majority of residents, workers and businesses who completed the online form broadly supported every one of the policies, most having over 90-95% support. 88% of responses agreed or strongly agreed with supporting the draft HNP in general; only 5% disagreeing in general; some didn't give an opinion. HAR 13 supporting rural exception sites still achieved 88% support and HAR 14 on housing mix achieving 87%. HAR 27, 'Land at Station Road' got 88% and HAR 28, 'Land at 131 High Street' got 84% support.

Open comments from residents, workers and business owners

The online and paper form included options to provide open comments to the content in the HNP. Many residents did this and these comments are reported in full in Appendix 6

A broad summary of key issues raised via the comments form (mostly residents) is provided below:

Topic	More detailed references made in addition to ticking closed question boxes (indicative numbers in brackets. NB references may have appeared under different headings)
General responses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern about EWR impact on village character, road and footpath access to village and open space, impact on village gateways, views and wider landscape and biodiversity, flooding (38)
Village settlement character and open space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern about A10/village High Street traffic impact on character & environment (5)

Topic	More detailed references made in addition to ticking closed question boxes (indicative numbers in brackets. NB references may have appeared under different headings)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to retain character properties/heritage assets & avoid disrepair (10) • Impact of new development on character of village- better integration needed with existing housing styles (4); some people misunderstood design guidance as prescriptive rather than indicative so further explanation was given • Important to protect and improve green spaces - open land/grass verges/Local Green Spaces, mature trees, Important Countryside Frontages and the surrounding rural landscape setting which all add to the rural character of village. Some questioned how this might be achieved (24).
Comments on Parish-wide Landscape and Biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General support for protecting and enhancing the wider landscape/character and biodiversity (15) • Concerns about how to maintain/improve planting trees (4)
Comments on Climate Change and Flood Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many considered managing climate change and flood risk are very important policies/needed as a priority & concerns about how to achieve this, particularly sustainability (13) • Support for community energy schemes (2) • Drainage/sewage system cannot cope with excess rainfall and specific consideration needs to be included for any new development. (9) • Natural flooding concerns (7)
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lack of infrastructure/need for it to be provided with new developments (4) • Agree/strongly agree/prioritise more affordable/smaller family homes; housing needed of reasonable standard and viability re costs, (17) • Comments on size and type, mix of homes needing more clarity so clearer explanation of affordable housing, first homes, etc given and how achievable re rural exception sites (4) • No more housing (2)
Traffic and parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to reduce and enforce speed limits on certain roads; Button End, Church Street, Station Road, London Road (4) • Improvements wanted to deal with High Street/A10 traffic problems; volume, noise, pollution and large vehicles, (12) • Concern with Button End /Church Street traffic problems - size of vehicles, streets narrow, parking problems (13) • Parking problems generally - obstructing view, need for more spaces re businesses/shops and residential on-site parking (18)

Topic	More detailed references made in addition to ticking closed question boxes (indicative numbers in brackets. NB references may have appeared under different headings)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of/need to improve bus services (4) • Support Village Hall parking proposal (7) • Support Footpath parking proposal (1) + (6) from email responses to letter
Active travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many supportive of proposed footpaths shown on map; mentioned specifically - London Road to Recreation Ground, with majority referring to Harston to Newton footpath, (19)
Village hub and community infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village lacks a/need for community café or hub (6) • Parking/traffic impact on The Limes a concern re proposed increased use on Recreation Ground off The Limes(2) • Need better outdoor facilities for play and sport/exercise areas to support local youth (4) • Concern about dropping school numbers/ School needs support from increasing affordable housing, funding (7) • Focus support existing shops/greater diversity, but concern about associated traffic/parking (5)
HAR 27- Station Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibly affected by EWR (8) • Support for this site's development for housing (3)
HAR 28 131 High Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for development of site for housing (5) • Concerns about additional traffic on to A10 and number of houses to be built (4)

Table 2: Broad summary of Reg 14 comments from residents

Comments received from statutory bodies and local stakeholders

Comments received from statutory consultees are reported, in full, in Appendix 7

Landowner/stakeholders

Newton Farms also farming Hurrell land in Harston: "There are a couple of references to the farmland around Harston being Grade 1 land such as at point 4.8. I wish that the farmland around Harston was Grade 1 however it is more likely Grade 2 if not 3 in places. There are land classification charts available. Please let me know if I can be of any help."

Jesus College: "Representations have been prepared by Bidwells on behalf of Jesus College in response to the Harston Neighbourhood Plan ("HNP") Regulation 14 public consultation. These representations relate to Land South of Rectory Farm, Harston ("the Site"), which is within the ownership of Jesus College.

Jesus College supports Policy HAR 13 of the emerging Harston Neighbourhood Plan which aims to meet the affordable housing need via rural exception sites policy. In addition, Jesus College is keen to meet the PC on site to discuss the scale and appropriate quantum of housing and associated community infrastructure needed to deliver a successful development. A shared vision for the Site is potentially achievable by means of a collaborative approach between the key stakeholders. The College would also like to take

this opportunity to wish the Parish Council well in its endeavour to adopt a workable and effective Neighbourhood Plan.” The PC responded by arranging a meeting with Jesus College, South Cambs housing team members and members of Harston PC/NPWG to discuss what might be involved in rural exception housing.

An overview of the key issues raised by the statutory bodies is provided below:

	Consultee	Supportive overall?	Areas of concern/disagreement
S1	National Highways	Details of HNP noted	No comment
S2	Police Designing Out Crime Team	Security and Crime prevention measures should be considered at the earliest opportunity as an integral part of any initial design for a proposed development.	Recommended that “Secured by Design” forms part of the conditions of any proposed planning application or re-development
S3	National Grid Electricity Transmission	No assets in HNP area. Standard Advice given on ‘guidelines for development near pylons’	Not relevant
S4	National Gas Transmission	No record of assets in HNP area. Standard information given outlining guidance on development close to National Gas Transmission infrastructure	Not relevant
S5	Anglian Water (Spatial and Strategic Planning Manager – Sustainable Growth)	Overall supportive of the policy of prioritising the delivery of biodiversity net gains to support habitat recovery and enhancements within existing green and blue infrastructure. Sustainability policies and design codes re water efficiency and sustainable infrastructure, including sewers, with nature based solutions to reduce surface water and watercourse flooding	Suggest some additional text to clarify that new vehicle parking should be designed to also include permeable surfaces to minimise surface water run-off from the introduction of hard-standing areas. This could include a cross reference to the Design Guide and Codes document Section SU4.4 Permeable Pavements.
S6	Historic England	Pleased to see the historic environment features throughout, with policies which seek to protect and enhance the range of designated and non-designated assets and character within the parish. We welcome the plan’s	Not relevant

	Consultee	Supportive overall?	Areas of concern/disagreement
		policy to consider your locally important non-designated heritage assets.	
S7	EWR	Provided a comment on a specific policy	A partial conflict of the land identified for proposed housing site HAR 27 and the land take which has been identified as being required for EWR. Advises additional info in Harston policy to reflect this.
S8	Environment Agency	We strongly support all efforts to make new developments as water efficient as possible	Need to consider phasing of future growth with Cambridge Water's planned delivery of sustainable water supplies and ground water protection
S9	South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC)	Overall supportive	A comprehensive response on many aspects of the plan including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some maps could have improved resolution and keys, with more labels identifying places referred to. • suggest include a Policies Map. • improve policy wording with links to design codes and appropriate maps
S10	Cambridgeshire County Council departments including: Transport Strategy and Funding Active Travel Team Lead Local Flood Authority Climate Change and Energy Services	Transport: supports improved connectivity vision and all the traffic policies Supports comprehensive list of initiatives to address speed and parking concerns. This will promote active travel. Promising rural network proposed LLFA: supports policy HAR 12 Supportive	Transport: Need appropriate improved vehicle visibility splays for High Street and Church Street proposed sites Suggest clearer signage on cycleway to improve safety Advocates the inclusion of surface water flood risk maps for future housing sites Policy HAR 10 is good but could be strengthened by specifically mentioning that

	Consultee	Supportive overall?	Areas of concern/disagreement
	Education Place Planning and Capital Programme Team Historic Environment team	Historic Environment: supportive- welcomes conserving heritage and NDHAs.	fossil-fuel based heating systems should not be used and by specifically requiring embodied carbon to be estimated and minimised. Statement re school capacity needs rewording. Historic Environment: would like to see valuable below-ground historic environment/archaeological resources mentioned to improve evidence base
S11	GCP Melbourn Greenway - Church Street	Supportive: Provided info on Harston spur of Greenway to be included.	Not relevant
S12	Haslingfield Parish Council	Suggests that there is joined-up thinking and actions in the management of the boundary areas between the two villages in particular with respect to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of the Cam/Rhee Valley (Meadowlands) in the context of biodiversity, access to and the management of the rural characteristics of the area (Policies HAR 9 and 10) • Management of traffic in the Button End area, particularly with respect to avoiding uses that could generate movement of heavy vehicles and HGVs 	Not relevant

Table 3: Summary of Reg 14 comments from statutory consultees

A description as to how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the Harston Neighbourhood Plan

Appendices 6 and 7 provide a report of all the responses received at pre-submission stage, together with a report of the HPC response to the comments. Appendix 8 details the changes made to HNP in light of the Regulation 14 consultation and the recommendations set out in the SEA Environmental Report. An overview of the changes is provided below in Table 4.

Policy No	An overview of the key changes (see Appendix 8 for more detail)
HAR 1 New development and design	Village Character areas map 9 improved by adding development framework, Map 8 removed, and text explanation changed to improve clarity in the HNP Improved references to design guides and wording so it is clearer as to what is expected from development
HAR 2 Protecting and enhancing landscape features within and around the built-up environment	Wording amendments to clauses 1 and 2 to improve clarity regarding expectations. New third clause added to address issues around maintenance.
HAR 3 Protecting and enhancing landscape character and setting in and around Harston village	Minor changes only
HAR 4 Conserving and enhancing heritage assets in Harston	Supporting text to policy amended to include information on underground heritage assets, as requested by Historic Environment Team, to improve the evidence base. Policy amended by providing clarity on locations of the NDHAs in the historic core.
HAR 5 Preserving the special character of Harston's historic core and Button End	Policy split into two: 'HAR 5 Preserving the character of Harston's historic core' and HAR 6 'Button End'. New policy HAR 6 'Button End' to encompass both the historic character aspects with traffic from employment uses in Button End policy HAR 17 - as suggested by SCDC to put policies relating to Button End together for better clarity, with more detailed contextual information provided.
HAR 9 Protect, enhance and increase areas and networks of biodiversity value	Policy amended to require measurable biodiversity net gain of at least 10% in response to recommendation from the SEA Environmental Report.
HAR 10 Delivering sustainable design and construction in Harston	Amendments to policy wording to improve clarity with respect to expectations including in relation to water efficiency of non-residential development proposals.
HAR 11 Supporting renewable energy and low carbon energy infrastructure in Harston parish	Minor amendments only
HAR 12 Managing flood risk in Harston parish	Supporting text amended to include a link to flood risk maps provided by the Environment Agency.
HAR 14 Housing mix, including First Homes in Harston	Policy amended to remove the overall requirement for the delivery of First Homes (instead referring to affordable home ownership). Policy still requires First Homes to be discounted by 50% where they are required.

Policy No	An overview of the key changes (see Appendix 8 for more detail)
HAR 15 Managing the movement of people and vehicles arising from new development	Additional information on strategic-level transport policy provided in the supporting text.
HAR 16 Recognising and mitigating the impacts of development on traffic movements in Church Street	Supporting text amended to include additional information on the Greenways Harston Spur. Clause 1 of the policy amended to focus application of the policy to proposals that require highway access on to Church Street or proposals likely to generate movement of HGVs along Church Street..
HAR 17 Traffic from employment uses at Button End	Policy proposed for deletion as policy content is incorporated as part of the new Policy HAR 6 'Button End'.
HAR 18 Parking provision in new development	Paragraph added that covers dedicated but off plot off-street parking and more reference links added to CCC active travel strategies.
HAR 20 Telephone exchange site	Policy wording amended to reflect the intention of the policy more accurately. The policy supports the delivery of a public car park on the site but no longer safeguards the land for this use.
HAR 21 Connecting our village through an improved network of <u>active travel</u> rural routes	<p>Updates to the supporting text to provide more information about CCC's Active Travel Strategy. Title of Policy HAR 21 amended to refer to 'active travel rural routes.</p> <p>Reference added to map 21 to clarify that the bridleway is proposed route of Haslingfield Greenway spur in Harston</p>
HAR 22 Delivering active travel infrastructure as part of new development	Minor changes to wording
HAR 23 Harston Community Pavilion	Change wording to Harston Pavilion as this is how it is known and amended to include clearer description of its location. Map added for purpose of providing clarity as to the location of the Pavilion.
HAR 24 Harston and Newton Community Primary School	Supporting text amended to include references to additional relevant policies from South Cambridgeshire's 2018 Local Plan
HAR 25 Harston's community infrastructure priorities	<p>Additional infrastructure policies added to list in response to residents comments re funding -</p> <p>Supporting text amended to include references to additional relevant policies from South Cambridgeshire's 2018 Local Plan</p>
HAR 26 Supporting shops and services along Harston's High Street	Added additional information with respect to Policy H South Cambridgeshire's 2018 Local Plan
HAR 27 Station Road (SIG Roofing site)	Supporting text amended to provide more context to this site.

Policy No	An overview of the key changes (see Appendix 8 for more detail)
HAR 28 131 High Street	<p>Policy text amended to refer to 6 to 8 dwellings reflecting the capacity of the site and to refer to the housing mix being suitable to meet Harston’s needs for smaller family homes and homes for older people to downsize into.</p> <p>Supporting text amended to refer to requirement for visibility splays and incorporate recommendations from the SEA Environmental Report..</p>
Section 3: Community projects and plan delivery	Amended to clarify reference to suspending bus stop by school

Table 4: An overview of changes made to HNP following Regulation 14 consultation

Appendix 1: Neighbourhood Plan event 5 March 2022 Harston Village Hall exit feedback

We roughly estimate that 100 people attended the Neighbourhood Plan Community event on 5 March. This includes those presenting information as part of the HNPWG, people representing community groups and members of the community.

All were asked whether they support the idea of a neighbourhood plan.

81 people responded, of which 78 were supportive of the idea, and 77 were willing to be contacted again with more information.

Feedback from leavers

A café and better facilities at the Recreation Ground – both the Pavilion and also play and sports equipment and facilities - were the primary responses to our request for feedback.

1. Café/community café x 7
2. Village hub
3. Community pub
4. Community bee hives at the orchard
5. Larger pavilion
6. More facilities for children of different ages on the Recreation Ground
7. More sports facilities on the Recreation Ground
8. More sheltered outdoor areas at the Recreation Ground for children and young people to meet
9. Better facilities at the Recreation Ground

Additional thoughts included better communication of what is going on and affordable green housing.

10. Better communication of what is going on with for example new developments
11. Traffic calming measures on the A10
12. More affordable housing – we need more young families in the village to keep it vibrant x 2
13. All new builds to be built with sustainability in mind – solar panels, heat pumps etc

A few concerns were also raised about the state of repair of the former pubs at each end of the village, with both now decaying eyesores. Issues of litter around the shop were also mentioned.

Cubs and Scouts, & schoolchildren (juniors)

We visited Harston Cubs and Scouts to consult with them on how we can make our village a great place for young people to live.

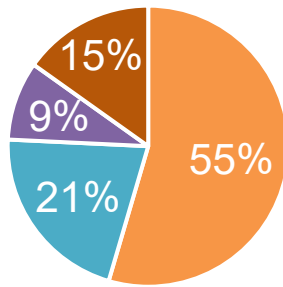
We asked:

1. What are the best things about where you live
2. What would you like to see, what is missing now.

We ran a similar mini-consultation with the Key Stage 2 pupils at Harston and Newton Community Primary at the end of March.

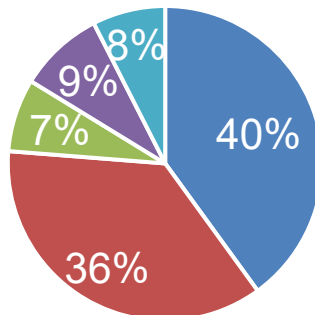
Cubs and scouts results are shown below:

The best thing about where you live



- places to play: park+wood+orchard
- community+friends
- shops
- other

What would you like in your village?



- sports facilities
- café, pub and takeaway food shops
- community centre, library, bike racks, electric car charging
- environment, nature reserve, walking trails, less litter
- other

Appendix 2a: January 2023 feedback form and double-sided flyer accompanying the questionnaire feedback form

Transport in Harston

This is the responsibility of the Cambridgeshire County Council, not the Neighbourhood Plan, but the Parish Council would like to hear your views so they can look into measures

Q16 Tick which of the following measures you would like Cambridge Authorities to consider in future?

<input type="checkbox"/> Twenty mile per hour zones	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 mph traffic zone on London Road
<input type="checkbox"/> More traffic calming measures	<input type="checkbox"/> Better bus service
<input type="checkbox"/> Off road path between Harston and Newton	<input type="checkbox"/> Off road path between Queen's Close & Station Road to rear of Recreation Ground
<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation of path from Newton to London Road	

Facilities in Harston

Q17 Please tell us what leisure facilities are missing and needed for children and young people in Harston.

Q18 The Parish Council has plans to redevelop the Pavilion and the Recreation Ground. Do you support this initiative?

Yes No No opinion

Q19 - please write below the facilities/activities you would like to see included in a new pavilion building

Q20 Please write below improvements and activities you would like to see on the recreation ground

Thank you for completing this survey. If you have any questions or are interested in helping to prepare the Neighbourhood plan, please leave your contact details below.

Please return the questionnaire to one of the following locations before 30th Jan 2023:
 Harston Post Office, High Street
 Councillor Luffman, 15 Meadow Way
 Harston & Newton Community Primary School Office

Harston Neighbourhood Plan survey

The next few questions will help make sure the Neighbourhood Plan team receive everyone's views, whatever your background or circumstances. Your personal information you have shared with us will remain confidential. Alternatively you can answer these questions on: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HarstonNP

Q1 Do you live in Harston? Yes No

If no, please tell us where you live, then move on to question 9

About you

Q2 Please tell us the street where you live in Harston:

Q3 What is the postcode?

Q4 To which of the following age categories do you belong? *Tick one*

<input type="checkbox"/> Under 18	<input type="checkbox"/> 60-79
<input type="checkbox"/> 18-39	<input type="checkbox"/> 80+
<input type="checkbox"/> 40-59	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say

Q5 Which of the following best reflects your personal housing situation? *Tick one*

<input type="checkbox"/> I rent my home	<input type="checkbox"/> I own my own home (singly or jointly)
<input type="checkbox"/> I rent a home with others	<input type="checkbox"/> I have shared ownership (eg with Housing Association)
<input type="checkbox"/> I live in a home owned by a relative	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Q6 How many people live in your household?

Q7 Are there any children or young adults in your household (this might include you)? *Tick all that apply*

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, aged 18-29
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Under 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, aged 11-17	

Q8 Do any primary school children in your household go to school in Harston?

Yes No Not applicable

If your child goes to school elsewhere, please tell us where they go?

About Harston

This next section reflects what residents have already told us on the 5 March 2022 consultation day about what was good about Harston, the issues and improvements they would like to see in Harston. Have we got it right? Please also suggest other points you would like to make that we have missed.

Q9 What do you think is good about Harston? *Tick all applicable*

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion /don't know
Rural character of village					
Mix of buildings - old & new					
Attractive countryside and countryside paths					
Recreation Ground and Community Orchard					

What other things do you think are good about Harston, (eg shops, surgery, school)

Q10 What is not so good about Harston? *Tick all applicable*

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion /don't know
Lack of affordable housing					
Loss of buildings of character & history (heritage)					
Lack of central meet up facilities					
Traffic issues eg speeding, noisy, heavy, polluting vehicles					
Parking issues eg lack of, poor parking					

What else do you think is not so good about Harston?

Q11 What would you like to see improved about Harston? *Tick all applicable*

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion /don't know
Provision of café/drop-in meeting place					
Preservation of our heritage					
Provision of more connecting footpaths & off-road paths					
Access to more informal green space: meadows, woodlands, nature reserves					
Provide more public parking eg for surgery and school					

What else would you like improved?

Housing

Q12 Which types of housing do you think we need built in Harston in the future? *Tick all applicable*

<input type="checkbox"/> Flats/apartments	<input type="checkbox"/> Downsize homes for older people (2 - >2 bedrooms)
<input type="checkbox"/> Bungalows	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheltered housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable or starter homes (1-2 bedrooms)*	<input type="checkbox"/> Care home places
<input type="checkbox"/> 'Growing family' homes (2-3 bedrooms)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rental/Social housing*
<input type="checkbox"/> Family homes (3-4 bedrooms)	<input type="checkbox"/> None
<input type="checkbox"/> Larger homes (5 or more bedrooms)	

*Social rented housing is where rent is linked to local incomes. Affordable rented housing, which may include shared ownership, is where the rent is set at up to 80% of the local market rate. These types of housing are provided to eligible households where needs are not met by the market.

What other types of accommodation you think are needed?

Q13 What features are important to you in relation to the location, design and quality of new homes? *Tick all applicable*

<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability eg solar panels	<input type="checkbox"/> Gardens
<input type="checkbox"/> Reflect local materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Adequate parking
<input type="checkbox"/> In character/compatible with size & scale of existing buildings	

Other (please specify below)

Employment in Harston:

Q14 Do you work for, own or run a business in Harston? *Tick as many as apply*

<input type="checkbox"/> I work for a business	<input type="checkbox"/> I own a business
<input type="checkbox"/> I work from home	<input type="checkbox"/> I work outside of Harston
<input type="checkbox"/> I run a business	<input type="checkbox"/> None of the above

Q15 What developments would you like to see in Harston to support businesses?

HAVE YOUR SAY!

How would you like to see Harston in 15-20 years time?



Harston's Neighbourhood Plan

will be used to:

Positively Influence the location, type and design of new houses

Protect the character of the village and its historic sites and buildings

Protect the environment/ green spaces

Influence the development of facilities and amenities for all residents

Influence employment and transport issues

Your answers to the Questionnaire will provide vital information in shaping the draft plan

For further information:
www.harstonvillage.uk/what-is-a-neighbourhood-plan



Harston's future

SHOW YOU CARE!

Fill in the Questionnaire

The Neighbourhood Plan team would like a response from **every household** in Harston and from those who work here.

Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire on paper or on line at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HarstonNP

Deadline for responses: Monday 30 January 2023

Additional copies are available at, and completed questionnaires should be returned to one of the following locations:
Harston Post Office, High Street
Councillor Luffman, 15 Meadow Way
Harston & Newton Community Primary School Office

Once all answers are collated a parish-wide event will be held to present the findings.
All answers will be confidential and will only be used and presented in aggregated form

If you would like any further information or help please email:
NeighbourhoodPlan@Harstonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Appendix 2b: Business letter (hard copy) delivered to all businesses alongside the January 2023 Questionnaire



Harston Parish Council
6 Hornet Road
Trumpington
Cambridge
CB2 9GH
Jessica Ward
clerk@harstonparishcouncil.gov.uk
07354604249

Harston Neighbourhood Plan

The Harston Parish Council has agreed to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan covering the parish; stretching from just east of the old windmill on Newton Road to the River Rhee on our western side; and from Hoffers Brook on the south to just south of the confluence with the Granta in the north (almost the Trumpington wild life area).

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan sets policies for the development and use of land. It is prepared by the local community and once adopted, it will be a legal document that must be used by our local planning authority, South Cambridgeshire District Council, when deciding planning applications over the next 15 years or so.

What will be in the Harston Neighbourhood Plan?

The content of the Harston Neighbourhood Plan will depend on our community and stakeholder engagement work. The plan will contain a vision statement and planning policies. It may include proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities. It could also identify sites that should be safeguarded in their current use (an open space for instance) or allocate sites for specific kinds of development.

The Harston Neighbourhood Plan (HNP) is in the very early stages of preparation. At this stage, we are keen to understand the priorities and concerns shared by all stakeholders in the plan. This includes residents, employees, businesses, landowners and service providers.

You may be aware that the NP working group are running a community-wide engagement exercise during January 2023. You are welcome to provide a response to this work at

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HarstonNP

Why are we contacting you with this additional note?

To help with business engagement, we have prepared this very short questionnaire overleaf. You can complete a paper version and leave it in the village drop off point at Harston Post Office/Shop in High St, or contact us by email with your responses at NeighbourhoodPlan@Harstonparishcouncil.gov.uk or email to ask a member of our volunteer group to come and collect your completed form.

If you are happy to give contact details and business information, these will remain confidential and stored for use with the Neighbourhood Plan.

For further information and to follow the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan please look at www.harstonvillage.uk/what-is-a-neighbourhood-plan

Harston Neighbourhood Plan Business Questionnaire Jan 2023:

Service provider/Business name, type of business and location:

When thinking about the development and use of land in Harston village and/or parish, please tell us...

Q1. What works particularly well with respect to operating a business in Harston?

Q2. What does not work so well with respect to operating a business in Harston parish?

Q3. Anything you would like to see changed in the parish, to help you operate a successful business?

Please provide the following information where it is available or can be estimated:

Information	Now	Likely in 10yrs	Likely in 20yrs
Office area occupied – m2 or sq ft			
Factory space – m2 or sq ft			
Other Space – m2 or sq ft			
Parking – m2 or sq ft			
Employees total (no)			
Harston employees (no)			

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Harston Neighbourhood Plan please provide your name, organisation name and an email address:

Name and preferred contact details:

All answers will be confidential and will only be used and presented in aggregated form

Appendix 2c: A summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the people consulted

Respondents and Demographics (Q1-8)

In total 288 households took part in the survey.

96% of respondents identified themselves as residents of Harston the remainder were from surrounding villages ie Haslingfield, Newton, Hauxton, Trumpington and Horningsea. There was a good geographical spread of village streets and post codes in the survey.

77% of respondents were between 40 and 80 years of age, indicating quite an elderly population, with only 12% being under 40. Just under 60% of households have no children or adolescents under 29 living in their household. In the remainder 21% have children under 10, 17% have adolescents 11-17, and 11% have younger adults 18-29. Most people responding over 60 were 1-2 person households, probably retired. The larger households were mostly in the 40-59 category, whereas unsurprisingly relatively few large households were in 18-39 category. 84% owned their homes, with 9% renting.

It seems that, of the 55 under 10s, 40 attend the Harston and Newton Community Primary School. The remaining 15 attend private schools or additional primary schools in Whittlesford, Barrington or Hauxton. Older young people attended secondary education in Sawston, Comberton or Melbourn Village Colleges.

Village character & environment (Q9-11)

Looking at the Q9 Positive Village Factors, 70% selected the rural character of the village, with 85% citing the attractive countryside. Conversely 19% were not impressed by Harston's rural character. A number suggested that the rural nature of the area and countryside were gradually being eaten away by development and also impacted by the heavy flow of A10 traffic on the village. The gradual disappearance of rural character owing to the A10 splitting the village in two; building on green and brown field sites; and also loss of grass verges, trees & hedgerows in gardens. Some felt that it is no longer a village. Many commented on the need for a by-pass.

However, many felt that residents had the best of both worlds - having a rural setting with its own identity but with easy access to Cambridge and its facilities and the Park & Ride. Also mentioned were lots of places to walk and cycle in the wider beautiful countryside away from the main roads, where it was quieter, with Greenbelt and fields preserved and views of green river spaces, and wildlife. 77% were in favour of access to more informal green space but also wondering how this could be achieved safely, with preservation of current green spaces, roadside and other trees, and well maintained footpaths.

90% of respondents felt the Recreation Ground, Community Orchard and the meadow were of great benefit to the village.

Amongst other concerns and suggestions from landowners and residents were preservation of greater biodiversity and sustainable agricultural land use and environmental protection, which might in some way also enhance the Greater Cambridge draft plan and likewise the HNP and the potential to incorporate the Cambridge Nature Network objectives into the

Neighbourhood Plan. The other area that HPC might wish to consider is the preparation of a Parish Nature Recovery Plan.

Some major landowners also focused on issues about managing access, via congested village roadways, to adjacent farmland, while at the same time being concerned about unauthorised access to agricultural land they own or lease, and concerns about protection of farm animals. In addition the EWR project is seen as being seriously detrimental to access to agricultural land use and amenity, in general terms, and having impact on agricultural use of roadways in the wider area.

On Village character, although 76% were in favour of a mix of old & new buildings, few strongly agreed, while 13% disagreed. Some preferred old buildings of character, such as the historic parish church rather than new, noting that Harston had a distinct character still separate from Cambridge. 57% agreed/strongly agreed that loss of buildings of character and history, was a concern, while 22% didn't know and 18% disagreed, possibly being unsure as to what heritage had been lost or what heritage was in the village. Elsewhere in the questionnaire 76% were in favour of preserving Harston's heritage. Some suggesting improved urban planning in the village would help preserve the heritage and lead to historic buildings being protected not demolished while some felt there should be less demolition to make way for yet more housing; that protection of public meeting buildings (pubs/restaurants) from in-fill development was important, unless for low cost housing. The loss of pubs had led to a loss of village character, particularly with planning delays meaning abandoned sites.

In contrast, a few comments suggested there should be less emphasis on preserving village character which could lead to derelict buildings and stopping progress. They wanted a modern family-friendly village, preventing overbuilding and development, with planners ripping the character out of the village, permitting infilling with big, expensive houses that bring residents who don't contribute to the village community or character.

Other examples of development that did not enhance the village included large motor showrooms, and very visible mobile phone masts on the A10. In addition recurrent littering is an issue, particularly on the A10. In contrast development of local energy schemes could provide tangible benefits to the community.

Village amenities

Many mentioned there was a good balance of most essential facilities and services within the village.

82 mentioned the school's dedicated staff and some very committed parents, providing a safe and engaging environment for the children to grow and develop, thereby attracting families with younger children to the village, contributing to community growth and renewal, through wrap around care, vital for extracurricular opportunities and working parents. Safety on the road by the school could be improved by reducing the speed limit and providing more parking.

118 respondents said the surgery, with the dispensary attached, was invaluable. However, some felt the surgery needed improving to cope with growing numbers using it, with better facilities as well as more parking.

131 said that the village shop and Post Office were invaluable, convenient, well stocked and served by friendly staff. 31 said the petrol station was an asset, especially to many people living in the north of the village with the new addition of the coffee shop allowing people to meet and mix. 16 others felt the village could have a wider, diverse range of shops.

27 respondents mentioned the value of having different community groups and facilities, reflecting a friendly community spirit. Specifically, 38 mentioned the Village Hall as a good facility for volunteer-run group meetings, such as the lunch club, monthly Better Brew cafe, and talks on local history, HATS amateur dramatics and the Women's Institute, though the high cost of hiring was mentioned as was lack of provision for younger villagers. The parish church, Food Hub and Greener Harston group, as well as the local school demonstrate that the community cares for others and environment, though a number suggested a lack of groups for pre-schoolers, teenagers and young adults.

31 comments referred to the lack of a village centre, hub or focus point where people could meet up easily, some 80% wanting some form of café/restaurant/delicatessen/youth centre or wine bar or drop-in meeting place, despite the local micro-brewery meeting some of these needs. 36 comments referred to the gradual loss of traditional family pubs as village meeting places, reflecting the loss of three pubs over the last 10 years.

There was a strong appreciation of the Recreation Ground and Community Orchard with 90.15% recognising its value, and 69% supported the HPC's idea of redeveloping and modernising the pavilion. Many felt the Recreation Ground and pavilion could be better utilised and modernised, with the pavilion able to be hired, generating a revenue for the Council, while becoming more of a community centre, possibly with a café and a swimming/gym/leisure facility and youth club, and access to toilets. In addition it was suggested that moving the pavilion might generate more space for sports pitches and courts and the potential to redevelop the play area for young and older children.

Some also requested leisure facilities on the other side of the A10. In addition, some felt the Community Orchard could further developed with enlarged paths so families can easily walk around, with seating and picnic areas - all without disturbing wildlife with potential for a nature trail.

Local communication was felt important to encourage involvement in village life, through a more informative village magazine and social media presence, with focus also on a wider range of impactful news, such as transport schemes, social housing, the Food hub.

Housing

There were two questions specifically about housing needs, but also an opportunity in other questions for people to indicate what they feel about housing that is inadequate.

Looking to future housing needs the top two segments unsurprisingly are:

- 1) houses that would help younger people to own a property and grow a family, but also

2) housing to which the elderly can downsize (e.g. often bungalows are mentioned).

Statistically the top three categories are: Affordable Starter Homes, seen as most important (60%/107 responses); Homes for Growing Families follows (50%/88 responses); Downsize Homes for Elderly also identified (45%/80 responses) and a mix of rental, social, sheltered and care home housing also gets a combined total of 150 mentions. People appear to feel strongly that there are too many unaffordable large houses being built, with little attention to the needs of younger, less wealthy people, who are priced out of Harston

From other questions, 56.93 % agreed/strongly agreed that more **affordable housing** was needed in the village but 27.69% said they didn't know and would like more data/knowledge to make a better judgement. 11 responses referred to the need for more affordable houses and retirement homes, coming onto the market. Those offered were too expensive.

On planning, some responses felt that uncontrolled housing development had been allowed to occur piecemeal, rather than carefully planned, and that planning permission had been given to fill every space/small plot possible. It was suggested that there was overbuilding and development, with planners ripping the character out of the village and that infilling with big, expensive houses brings people who don't contribute to the village community or character.

On location, design characteristics and quality of new homes, the top characteristics included the need for Adequate Parking (81%/149 responses); Sustainability in Materials and Technologies (72%/132); Adequate Gardens (72%/131); and Housing that is In Character in size and scale (74%/135). Again there are comments about shortage of affordable medium density housing and the need to link housing to provision of community facilities

The questionnaire has a very diverse range of comments about things that are not right in the village, some of which relate to housing. Lack of affordable housing is again mentioned widely (30%/53 comments), with large and expensive houses identified as a cause of young people and families being unable to afford to live in Harston. But worth noting are a small number of comments that there is no need for further housing, and that other issues, such as traffic, the Greenbelt and loss of character buildings is negatively impacting the quality of the built environment.

Employment and Business

While 36% were employed outside Harston (mostly from 40-59 age group), 23% described themselves as working from home, 43 responses from the 40-59 age group and 10 from 60-79 age group. Only around 5% worked for a Harston-based business but another 5 percent say they run a business and 8% say they own a business. These responses should be referring to Harston businesses. They also probably reflect the fact that opportunities for local employment are limited, especially as some of the local employment is highly specialised (e.g. Sagentia).

Nearly 50% indicated they were not currently employed, 95 responses from the over 60s reflecting the older retired village resident segment.

There were several suggestions of developments residents would like to see in Harston to support businesses. A small number (11) suggested creating more small business units set back from A10, one employer suggested New Road. 10 suggested there should be a willingness to redevelop land if it provides service to the community eg mixture of small units to provide services and create a community, places for locals to work and young people and students to gain work experience. Any future shared office spaces & commercial premises/businesses to be sited where existing infrastructure is feasible. Harston should provide rented space & not demolish existing business premises for housing. There were many suggestions (29) that there was a need to create a business hub or shared working spaces (drop-in & contracted) for micro/small businesses start-up with warmth, café where could have meetings or shared kitchen, hyperfast internet, seating, private offices and meeting rooms eg similar to Melbourn Hub. A children's centre or crèche for childcare support was another idea (4). 16 comments asked for better, faster, cheaper, accessible to all broadband - needed 24/7 and improved mobile network coverage. 4 comments asked for more local advertising to raise awareness of local businesses. 9 comments referred to idea of creating more varied shops or monthly local market with local fresh produce or bakery. Felt essential to businesses to keep the Post Office going.

28 people mentioned transport/traffic issues, wanting less traffic on the A10 and more/better public transport links to support local businesses/trade and customers coming from Cambridge. There is a need to develop safer access to Button End industrial estate which needs better signposting and a proper road suitable for HGVs. 16 said there should be more parking available near to businesses, ideally businesses should provide their own or a small carpark should be provided so workers don't have to park in residential side roads.

There was only 1 written response and 2 verbal to the **separate business questionnaire**. Local businesses consider themselves more sustainable as their market is largely Cambridge so few travel miles. A10 gives good access for Cambridge and routes through Cambridgeshire and into Hertfordshire. Main concern is the congestion charge in Cambridge if go in regularly to commercial premises in Cambridge. From Button End - navigating the road past the surgery is not good. Button End is very tricky for deliveries from large lorries. Not great for the residents of Button End either. Some business prefer to stay in area and may move premises locally.

Similar questions were emailed to landowners and landusers of agricultural land in Harston with the additional question 4 where relevant: *Q4. Cambridge Nature and The Greater Cambridge Local Plan are promoting the idea of a Cambridge Nature Network along the River Cam/Rhee to the south of Cambridge. Knowing that you already have a number of areas under Environmental management how would you consider contributing to this network?*

All landowners/users responded. They were keen to look after the environment and promote conservation and had several areas under environmental stewardship. They need dog walkers to be aware of these areas and not let dogs roam over them. They had concerns about the impact of EWR which would cut through a significant number of fields, also making movement to them difficult. Church Street congestion caused them a major problem as farm vehicles can't use that route during surgery hours.

Transport

This was a major area of interest with 268 people responding, but with a substantial interest in commenting on transport that affected their specific street/location. The highest number of responses were for a better bus service (83.21%), followed by footpath connections between Harston and Newton (71%), speed limits on specific roads (eg. London Road, Station Road and Church Street). The lowest number of responses were for “more traffic calming measures” with just 123 of the 268 (45.9%) saying yes.

Another often mentioned issue was traffic on the A10, as a source of pollution, congestion and causing parking and related road safety issues for cyclists and pedestrians. Church Street is also seen as congested and hazardous. The recurrent issue of a bypass for Harston was mentioned to take A10 traffic away from the village.

In general terms respondents saw Harston as being well located to access both M11 and Cambridge itself, including via car, Park and Ride and on bicycle paths towards Cambridge and Melbourn.

Transport and traffic remains the main area identified as being a negative influence on village life, for the above road traffic issues, and also specifically the reduction of bus services, general road safety problems and the potential EWR link, which could have significant negative impact on the village.

When offered the chance to identify things that could be improved in the village, transport again ranked highly, with speed calming measures to reduce HGV speeds; improved bus services; better parking; street specific speed limits at 20 and 30mph; more frequent street and drain cleaning, and improved visibility on cycles paths and use of them featuring.

Appendix 3: Letter to owners of Non-designated Heritage Assets March 2024

Harston Neighbourhood Plan Local Heritage Assets list

Dear resident

Your building, has been identified as a local heritage asset (not a listed/designated building) that is valued by local people and contributes positively to the village's character and identity. It has been included in the Draft Harston Neighbourhood Plan which will be consulted on 22 April – 11 June 2024, as well as submitted to the Cambridgeshire Local Heritage list (<https://local-heritage-list.org.uk/cambridgeshire>). The latter is still in the process of updating its list and informing the owners of non-designated heritage assets.

Heritage assets, which may be buildings, structures, archaeological sites, parks, gardens or public works of art, sometimes have little or no protection, and over time these special places can be lost.

By adding Harston's heritage assets to Harston's Local Heritage Assets 2024 list, found on the Neighbourhood Plan section of the village website (<https://harstonvillage.uk/regulation-14-consultation-of-harstons-draft-neighbourhood-plan-22-april-11-june-2024/>) we can ensure their local importance is recognised and taken into account in the planning process. Once on the list, these assets become known as Non-Designated Heritage Assets (NDHAs). A non-designated heritage asset may still be considered against planning policy without being included upon a Local List of Heritage Assets, but being part of the Local List makes this type of heritage asset easier to identify.

If you have any questions about the Local Heritage List please contact clerk@harstonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Appendix 4: Consultation letter on the Traffic Technical Note. March 2024

Sent out to Church Street, The Footpath & Hurrell's Row residents in March 2024 as part of the Regulation 14 Draft Neighbourhood Plan. The response comments are below the letter.

(Letter) Neighbourhood Plan Technical note looking at Church Street parking and traffic issues

Dear resident

The Neighbourhood Plan/Harston Parish Council have responded to feedback on parking and safety issues in Church Street near the surgery by commissioning a technical report from AECOM government advisers.

They were looking for solutions which might provide parking away from the road, but also give a safer exit from The Footpath.

The Technical note on the Church Street/Footpath area can be found at:

https://harstonvillage.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/230914_Harston_Technical-Note_rev2.pdf

Briefly, it proposes a safer more centralised exit from the Footpath, and a small area for possible parking with landscaping.

Proposals have been put forward by the Melbourn Greenway team for 2025 in Church St which might complement The Footpath proposals. This may include speed bumps, a raised platform at the surgery entrance and a short stretch of yellow lines.

Please email any comments on the proposals back to clerk@harstonparishcouncil.gov.uk or drop hand written comments back to Harston House, 38 Royston Rd, Harston, CB22 7NH.

Please give us your name and contact details with your comments in case we need to follow up. (All personal information will be held in confidence and will not be shared with any other party).

Yours Sincerely

Jessica Ward

Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to the Council

T: 07354 604249 W: www.harstonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Holding reply from parish clerk- responded to the residents emails.

Thank you for your email.

All feedback on the proposal will be gathered and subsequently shared. I will make sure that your comments regarding the proposal are communicated to the relevant parties.

Responses to letter:

There were 6 responses to the Traffic Issues Technical Note. R106 - R110 only responded to the technical note and did not otherwise respond to the Draft HNP. R75 responded to both.

R110, Church St: Thanks for the note about this. What's proposed looks to me to be an improvement, and would be a welcome step to make that dangerous corner of Church Street safer.

R106, The Footpath, former Senior Consultant at Transport Research Laboratories (TRL):

Please find attached comments on the proposals for revisions to parking and access to The Footpath which as a resident of The Footpath (caring for parents) will have a significant impact on the household. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries. These are initial comments, I will be happy to comment further on more detailed proposals.

Sewerage Mains

The new proposed "Access to The Footpath" road alignment would appear to be over the line of the gravity fed main sewer for Harston village which due to its length of fall is very deep at this point until it reaches the Footpath pumping station and the end of The Footpath lane where it is pumped back up again and changes to a pressurised sewerage main.

I have informed Anglian Water of the proposal as it is not clear that they have been consulted at this stage.

Like the Highways Authority, Anglian Water is likely to require significant input into the planning proposal in terms of possibility of using the alignment and technical requirements for the road construction i.e., sewer access if the alignment can be used.

Road Bends

The New Alignment will require two bends in the road this is likely to make it difficult for large vehicles to manoeuvre. Due to the unreliability of the sewerage pumping station since privatisation it is often necessary for large tankers to access the pumping station to remove sewerage so Harston village toilets do not overflow with sewerage. This requires large tankers to reverse down the singletrack lane to the pumping station at the bottom of the lane which, whilst difficult, was possible. (See picture of an example of an Anglian Water Sewerage tanker.



Thus, adding two bends in the road will make emergency sewerage collection much more hazardous or potentially impossible unless due regard is taken to ensure that the design width of the road is adequate and bend design can accommodate the turning circles of these large vehicles

There is a risk that these vehicles could reverse into the garage on the Footpath owned by number 16 Church Street (see A on map). As well as sewerage tankers other large vehicles such as refuse collection, supermarket and online shopping delivery vehicles or even removal vehicles will need to access the Footpath.

Car Parking and Road Access at peak times If car parking was added onto the new alignment, the bottom of The Footpath may get very busy at peak traffic times making it difficult to access The Footpath for residents. Ideally the roadway between the car parking area and Church Street should be wider to allow for two-way traffic at this point and also to allow easier reversing into the lane for Sewerage tankers. As mentioned in the report it is likely that local residents could use these spaces instead of the intended users, some of the more likely users would be the residents or Hurrell's Row and around the Green who have very constrained parking.



To preserve spaces for the intended use it may be sensible to reserve the car parking mainly for Doctors Surgery Staff using lockable barriers to reserve the spaces. This would free up the surgery's own car park for visitors and reduce the need for visitors some with limited mobility to cross the road.



R75, the Footpath:

1. I think the idea of providing additional parking with an improved access to & from The Footpath is a good one. Though I do feel it should be for the use of patients to the surgery, who presumably are less than well, & not for staff, who can surely walk a distance from their cars to the surgery. As residents of The Footpath we have waited so long for some positive decision to be made about the unkempt SCDC land at the beginning of The Footpath. Possibly visiting friends & family of the residents of The Footpath could use the additional parking spaces at the weekends?

2. Please do not contemplate traffic slowing 'bumps' for Church Street. This would simply slow traffic causing more congestion, & also noise issues for the residents of Church Street when large container lorries heading to Button End Industrial Estate navigate their way over those 'bumps'.

3. Yellow double lines would certainly ease congestion in Church Street, but only if additional parking is provided.

I do hope Harston Parish Council & SCDC can make a considered decision on this matter sooner rather than later, as this issue will only become worse over time & patient numbers increase.

R108, Church St:

Strangely some of the suggestions in the technical report accord with my own thinking on the issue of traffic and parking in Church Street, a topic that I have discussed on more than one occasion with both residents, Parrish Councillors and my near neighbours. Whilst it seems to me that the Technical report is based to some extent on both assumptions and perhaps even a brief snapshot of the level of vehicles.

I have lived at my current address all my life, well over 70 years, and am opposite to the surgery thus I have been able to see quite clearly how this situation has developed over the years with traffic volumes and vehicle speeds increasing, and in particular since the surgery was built some forty years ago. However it is my opinion and one that I formed some years ago a large percentage of the problems are created by both inconsiderate and antisocial parking often partly or completely obstructing residents access. Further there has on more than one occasion been a continuous line of parked vehicles from the entrance to Hurrell's Row to opposite Beech Farm entrance with the exception of the actual surgery itself, this was particularly the case whilst the building work was going on at the surgery. Parking, as frequently occurs on the two bends in Church Street are perhaps the pinch points particularly as regards to the passage of large articulated vehicles travelling to and from the industrial estate in Button End resulting in lorries and agricultural vehicles driving two wheels on the pavement in order to pass, this of course puts any pedestrians on the footpath at risk, evidence of this is there to be seen with damaged and or broken kerbs, depressions in the path surface and a lip along the back edge of the kerbs.

Whilst I am not in favour of a blanket ban on parking in Church Street some parked vehicles do have the effect of slowing down the traffic but this is only whilst the surgery is open. It is my belief that parking needs to be controlled by perhaps yellow lines and or specifically marked parking locations but in order for it to work enforcement needs to be in place and of course this is the one element that is missing at the moment. The do's and don'ts regarding parking are all set out in the Highway Code paragraphs 238-252 where there are also cross references to the relevant Road Traffic Acts.

Coming now to the issue of alternative or extra parking provision. Firstly the building extension has not encroached on the onsite parking area the layout may have changed but otherwise it is as before. The suggestion to use part of the currently vacant area of grass on the northern side of Church Street for this purpose makes sense and I am in favour of this but subject to several conditions mainly regarding safety. The area would need to be fenced off with a barrier of some type thus restricting the use to surgery staff only. My reason for this is by reducing parking on Church Street the through traffic speed may well increase and would thus present a hazard particularly children crossing the road, whereas the surgery staff would generally only be making two journeys each per day, and of course this in turn would free up the spaces for patient use. The alteration to the Footpath Road whilst I fully understand the reason put forward for this,

I think it may well make egress off and onto the highway more difficult if not impossible for the larger vehicles accessing the houses and the pumping station.

I note from Figure 2-2 page 3 that it is suggested that a feature could be introduced in the road to prevent vehicles crossing the centre line, however given the width of the road if this was simply a painted area it would by and large be ignored, if it was a raised area then it would restrict all but the smallest of vehicles or alternatively more would pass two wheels on the pavement with the issues that this presents as I have noted previously.

As a final comment the sign at the end of the road adjacent to my house currently reads "ACCESS TO THE FOOTPATH" this incorrect as it terminates at the sewage pumping station a fact that I have pointed out on numerous occasions since it was first installed some years ago. In my opinion it should read "SERVICE ACCESS TO NUMBERS 2-16 THE FOOTPATH" The actual footpath is indicated by a standard GREEN sign attached to the lamppost opposite 22 Church Street.

The references in section three of this report relate to parking on Station Road but since I am not a frequent user of this road and given the existing markings and restrictions I have no further comment to make.

R107, The Footpath:

I live on The Footpath. I don't support extra parking adjacent to The Footpath but if it were to be put in place it would need to be clearly signed reserved parking for named members of staff / registration plates and not for general public use.

My key concern is drivers driving up and down the The Footpath itself to turn around. This should not be allowed.

If any conversion works are carried out they must be done in such a way as to not block access (vehicular or otherwise) to residents of The Footpath.

I'd support parking restrictions and traffic calming on Church Street. Ideally a 20mph speed limit too.

R109, Church St:

Traffic is a big problem on Church St - speed of some vehicles, parking and the volume of large / heavy traffic.

As a resident of the street, I'd had to pull my car back into the drive several times to avoid cars coming round the bend at high speed, struggled to get in or out at times because of temporary congestion and myself and children have had a few near misses when cycling.

I would really like to see a 20mph speed limit on the road as vehicles come round the bend too quickly at times and the resultant congestion from traffic in either direction then trying to navigate past each other holds everyone up. A lot of vehicles (esp large / hgvs) mount the pavements. Not only is this worrying for safety, it's also leading to the pavement surface becoming crumbling and unstable at parts. We've had our car scraped by a large truck passing too closely and have seen others get their cars scraped when

parked. When working at home, you frequently hear cars honking horns at each other/occasional swearing fits and witness people nervously trying to get vulnerable passengers out.

If we had double yellow lines at some areas it would allow cars to safely move in and help ensure smoother passage in both directions rather than the current situation where people either have insufficient space to pull in and everyone gets held up or they floor it in the hope of getting through the area quickly! Most houses along here have adequate driveway provision (not many cars are parked on the road in the evenings).

I support the idea for improving visibility when exiting the Footpath and of potentially building parking there (as long as it's safe to cross the road to the surgery for those using the spaces).

Appendix 5: Regulation 14 Draft HNP Consultation feedback form

Comments

ACTIVE TRAVEL (CHAPTER 12)

Policy HAR 21: Connecting our village through an improved network of rural routes Yes No

Policy HAR 22: Delivering active travel infrastructure as part of new Development Yes No

Comments

HARSTON'S VILLAGE HUB AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE (CHP 13)

Policy HAR 23: Harston Community Pavilion Yes No

Policy HAR 24: Harston and Newton Community Primary School Yes No

Policy HAR 25: Harston's Community Infrastructure Priorities Yes No

Policy HAR 26: Supporting shops and services along Harston's High Street Yes No

Comments

SITES (CHAPTER 14)

Policy HAR 27: Land at Station Road (T & H/ SIG Roofing site) Yes No

Policy HAR 28: Land at 131 High Street Yes No

Comments

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form
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We have prepared this form to help you tell us what you think about the proposals in the draft Harston Neighbourhood Plan. There is also an online form, accessible at this link www.surveymonkey.com/r/HarstonNP. If you respond online instead of using this paper form it will help us greatly with the data input process.

What the NP is all about

The Harston Neighbourhood Plan (HNP) is being prepared by the community for the community. It is about the use and development of land in Harston Parish. Once the HNP is successfully made, it will become part of our statutory development plan, meaning that South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) will use it when deciding planning applications in our area.

Why are we consulting you?

This is an important opportunity to have your say on the Plan. Your feedback will be taken on board before the Plan is submitted to the SCDC who will then publish it for a final stage of consultation prior to an independent examination of the Plan.

Subject to a successful examination, adults eligible to vote will then be asked to vote on it in a yes/no Parish-wide Referendum. If there is a 50% vote in favour of the Plan, it will be adopted by the SCDC.

How to view the NP: Please do take the time to familiarise yourself with the current Plan which is available online at harstonvillage.uk/regulation-14-consultation-of-harstons-draft-neighbourhood-plan or you can request to see a printed copy from **Harston parish clerk:** clerk@harstonparishcouncil.gov.uk or on tel no: 07354604249.

How to return this form: please drop your form at **Harston Village Shop/PO** or at **Harston & Newton C. Primary School** or **15 Meadow Way**. All responses must be received by **11 June 2024**.

Consultee/Your details

Name Email

or if no email- Address, including postcode

Organisation name if responding on behalf of one

To which of the following age categories do you belong? Tick one

Under 18 18-39 40-59 60-79 80+ Prefer not to say

We are unable to accept anonymous comments: On submission of the NP to South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC), Harston Parish Council will share contact details of consultees (those who have commented at this Regulation 14 stage) with SCDC so it can carry out its legal duties in relation to this NP and notify you at the NP publication stage (Regulation 16). Personal information provided will be confidential and processed in line with the Data Protection Act 1988 and General Data Protection Regulations (and with Harston Parish Council data protection policy - harstonparishcouncil.gov.uk/privacy-policy).

Comments received will be reported in a Consultation Statement. If you are responding on the behalf of an organisation, your name/job title and organisation name will also appear. The Consultation Statement will be published alongside the Neighbourhood Plan at the submission stage (before the examination).

Please tick the box to confirm you have read the above statements about personal information before continuing.

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Your comments

I generally support the plan (circle): strongly agree agree no opinion disagree strongly disagree

Do you agree with the following policies: (Please tick yes or no box)

If you would like to see changes to the plan please specify/explain them in the comments box below each chapter/theme. If applicable, please reference your comments to a particular policy or paragraph number. Neighbourhood Plan chapters/policy numbers are shown. **Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.**

VILLAGE AND SETTLEMENT CHARACTER (CHAPTER 6)

Policy HAR 1: New development and design Yes No

Policy HAR 2: Protecting and enhancing important landscape features within the built-up environment Yes No

Policy HAR 3: Protecting and enhancing landscape character and setting in and around Harston village Yes No

Policy HAR 4: Conserving and enhancing heritage assets in Harston Yes No

Policy HAR 5: Preserving the special character of Harston's historic core and Buton End Yes No

Comments

OPEN SPACE (CHAPTER 7)

Policy HAR 6: Harston's Local Green Spaces Yes No

Policy HAR 7: Improving open space provision in Harston Yes No

Comments

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PARISH-WIDE LANDSCAPE AND BIODIVERSITY (CHAPTER 8)

Policy HAR 8: Protecting and enhancing Harston's landscape character Yes No

Policy HAR 9: Protecting and enhancing biodiversity in Harston parish Yes No

Comments

CLIMATE CHANGE AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT (CHAPTER 9)

Policy HAR 10: Delivering sustainable design and construction in Harston Yes No

Policy HAR 11: Supporting renewable infrastructure in Harston Parish Yes No

Policy HAR 12: Managing flood risk in Harston parish Yes No

Comments

HOUSING SUPPLY (CHAPTER 10)

Policy HAR 13: Supporting rural exception sites to meet Harston's affordable housing needs Yes No

Policy HAR 14: Housing mix, including First Homes in Harston Yes No

Comments

TRAFFIC AND PARKING (CHAPTER 11)

Policy HAR 15: Managing the movement of people and vehicles arising from new development Yes No

Policy HAR 16: Recognising and mitigating the impacts of development on Church Street Yes No

Policy HAR 17: Traffic from employment uses at Buton End Yes No

Policy HAR 18: Parking provision in new development Yes No

Policy HAR 19: The 'Footpath' safeguarded land for future off-street parking Yes No

Policy HAR 20: Telephone exchange site Yes No

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**Consultation
on Harston's Draft Neighbourhood Plan
22nd April - 11th June 2024**

Have your say on Harston's Future Development

The content of the draft Harston Neighbourhood Plan has been based on comments and feedback made during earlier consultation events.

We are now seeking your feedback

on this version of the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure it accurately reflects the views of the Parish.

Read the draft online: harstonvillage.uk/regulation-14-consultation-of-harstons-draft-neighbourhood-plan

or ask to see a hard copy

Contact: clerk@harstonparishclerk.gov.uk

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or fill out a paper copy and
return to Harston Village Shop,

Harston & Newton Community Primary School or 15 Meadow Way

Deadline for responses: June 11th, 2024

**Want to find out more and have your
Questions Answered!**

Drop-in Sessions: Meet the Harston Neighbourhood Plan Team!

Thursday, April 25th (7:00 pm):

Annual Parish Meeting in Harston Village Hall includes a

- o Presentation about the NP
- o Display of draft plan themes & policies from 6.30pm
- o A chance to ask questions & have a tea or coffee

Friday 26th April 6.00 -7.30 pm display at Harston & Newton C Primary School, concurrent with school disco

Sunday 28 April – display at Litter pick 2-4 pm Rec pavilion

Saturday, May 4th (10:30 am - 12:30 pm):

At Better Brew Café in Harston Village Hall

and 2-5pm in Harston Village Hall Large Committee Room

- o Exhibition of draft plan themes and policies
- o Hard copy of Neighbourhood Plan to look at
- o A chance to ask questions
- o Have a tea or coffee

Saturday, June 1st: Better Brew Café (10:30 am -12:30 pm).

- o Display of draft plan policies & hard copy of plan
- o A last chance to ask questions

Together, we can shape the future of Harston!

Appendix 6: Schedule of comments from residents

Appendix 7: Schedule of comments from statutory bodies

Appendix 8: Schedule of changes to the HNP in light of Reg 14 comments

See separate documents for Appendices 6, 7 and 8