



**Horsham
District
Council**

Representation Form

Ashington Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2031

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) - Regulation 16

Ashington Neighbourhood Development Plan

In light of recent announcements regarding COVID-19 Horsham District Council has reviewed its protocols regarding the consultation process for neighbourhood plans, a number of which were published for public consultation shortly before the government imposed the nationwide lockdown.

In order to continue to progress neighbourhood plans, we have made a decision to restart with the consultation process with measures we feel are in accordance to the government guidelines.

Ashington Parish Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan (ANP). The Plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally. In accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (as amended), the ANP and associated documents will go out to consultation:

Wednesday 17 June to Wednesday 12 August 2020 for 8 weeks inviting representations on the draft submission plan, basic conditions statement, consultation statement and the full Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

Copies of the ANP Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents are available to view on the Horsham District Council's website:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planningpolicy/planning-policy/currentconsultations>

Documents will not be made available in deposit locations due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. If local residents have difficulty in engaging online we have provided a telephone number and email address below. Members of the public are encouraged to leave their details for an officer to contact them back if they need further information.

Email: neighbourhood.planning@horsham.gov.uk – SAS@southdowns.gov.uk

Telephone: 01403 215398

All comments must be received by Midnight on Wednesday 12 August 2020

There are a number of ways to make your comments:

1. Please use the above web address above to make your representation online ; or
2. Complete this form and email it to: neighbourhood.planning@horsham.gov.uk ; or
3. Print this form and post it to: Neighbourhood Planning Officer, Horsham Council, Parkside, Chart Way, North Street, Horsham, RH12 1RL

All comments will be publicly available, and identifiable by name and (where applicable) organisation. Please note that any other personal information provided will be processed by

Horsham District Council in line the Data Protection Act 1998 and General Data Protection Regulations. Horsham District Council will process your details in relation to this preparation of this document only. For further information please see the Council's privacy policy: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/privacy-policy>

How to use this form

Please complete Part A in full, in order for your representation to be taken into account at the Neighbourhood Plan examination.

Please complete Part B overleaf, identifying which paragraph your comment relates to by completing the appropriate box.

PART A	Your Details
Full Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
Postcode	[REDACTED]
Telephone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]
Organisation (if applicable)	N/A
Position (if applicable)	N/A
Date	11 Aug 2020

PART B

To which part in the plan does your representation relate?

Paragraph Number:	Various – see below	Policy Reference:	Various – see below
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Do you support, oppose, or wish to comment on this plan? (Please tick one answer)

Support

Support with Modifications

Object

Comment

Please give details of your reasons for support/opposition, or make other comments here:

2.20 – States that there is “no spare places” in the primary school. Where will these additional children attend school? Section also states “limited shopping facilities” which are already over stretched and struggled with demand during Covid-19.

2.22 – States “public transport within and beyond the parish is extremely limited”. Additional housing on this scale will contribute to increased traffic on road, due to lack of public transport, which will lead to higher pollution levels and damage to the environment.

6.19 – Building on sites 5 and 6 will contribute further to the flooding in Mill lane as surface flooding, shown in figure 3.4 of the Ashington SEA report, drains to Mill Lane.

8.12 – 3 sides of the proposed site 5 and 6 development are not attached to the village. This means that the village is sprawling to the West with very little connectivity to the “heart of the village”. This is also a green field site with many ancient hedge rows and a large number of different species of animals. These include: bats, owls and hedgehogs which all require protecting as they are becoming endangered. Destruction of these habitats will only further their demise.

8.17 – The proposed vehicular access to sites 5 and 6 is not appropriate as stated in the Transport assessment for sites 5 and 6. The junction is already too tight with vehicles crossing the central markings when turning into and out of the road. It is also worth noting that the traffic survey only included traffic on Church Close and did not consider the farm traffic nor the rest of the traffic using Church lane and turning right. This means it is unknown that actual quantity of cars using this junction. This means that a correct decision as to whether this is a suitable entrance based upon this data alone cannot be made. Whilst the proposed road to the new site has been marked as 5.5m wide, it is noted that the road that this joins to, Church Close, is not 5.5m wide and therefore two goods vehicles would not be able to pass prior to turning into the new road. This area, circled in yellow on the map below, poses a significant hazard with the additional vehicle movements associated with the houses being built on these sites.

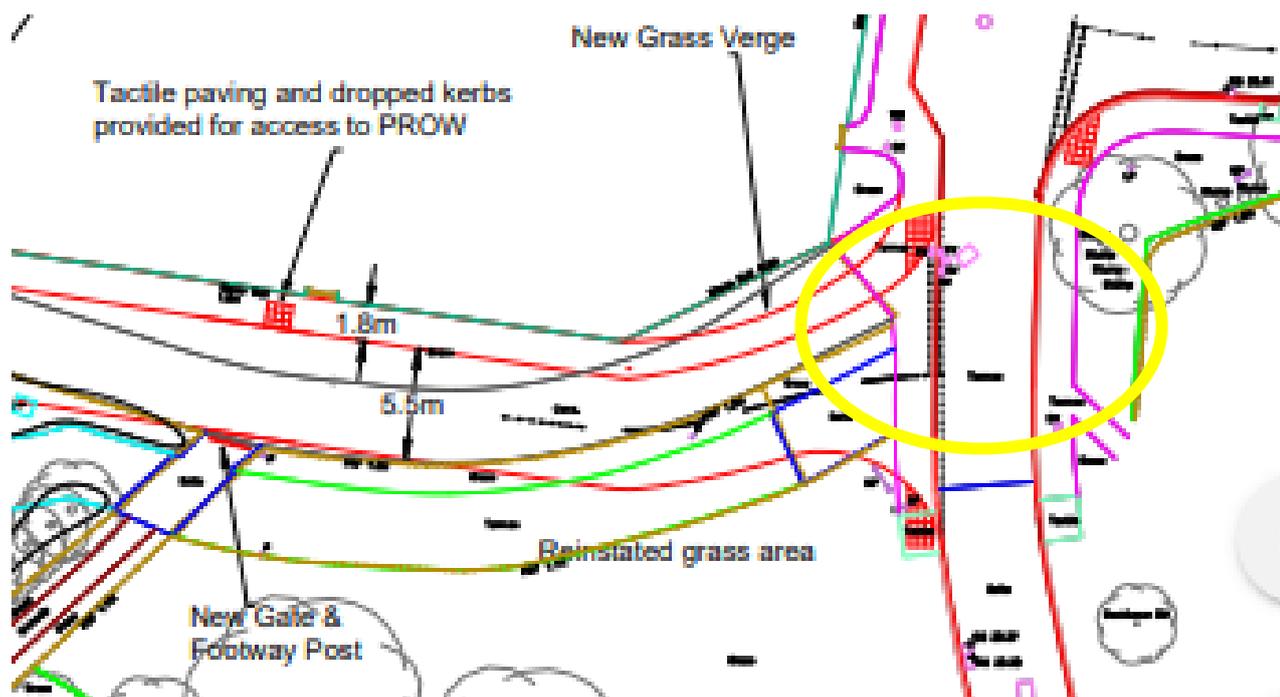


Figure 8.2 – Area has been marked as potential sports pitches to the South of the development. This land has been designated as historically important by heritage England and should not be touched. The building of sports pitches in this area, which is hilly, will require the flattening of the land and therefore the sports pitches should not be situated in this area.

What improvements or modifications would you suggest?

**Removal (or major scaling back) of sites 5 and 6 to ensure protection of the rural village, including reconsidering the access location to the sites. This will also allow for protection of the environment surrounding the village, protect the scheduled Roman monument and protect the countryside that makes the village a nice place to live.
Failing that, the village requires more amenities and a school expansion to even begin to cope with the huge number of new homes planned for the village (refer to HDC Local Plan; >600 total).**

(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

If you have additional representations feel free to include additional pages. Please make sure any additional pages are clearly labelled/ addressed or attached.

Do you wish to be notified of the local planning authority's decision under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Plan (General) Regulations 2012 in relation to the Ashington Neighbourhood Development plan?

Please tick here if you wish to be to be notified: