



**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](mailto:neighbourhood.planning@horsham.gov.uk) – [SAS@southdowns.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.

<b>PART A</b>	<b>Your Details</b>
Full Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
Postcode	[REDACTED]
Telephone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]
Organisation (if applicable)	n/a
Position (if applicable)	n/a
Date	10 <sup>th</sup> August 2020

### **PART B**

To which part in the plan does your representation relate?

Paragraph Number:	Various (See Comments)	Policy Reference:	Various (See Comments)
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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:**

**Ashington Neighbourhood Plan Submission Stage (Reg 16) Consultation Version**

Figure 2.6: Mode of transport to work

Figures already shows that the preferred mode of transport (motor car) in Ashington is circa 20% higher than England average, therefore adding 225 houses with an average of 2 cars per household will further compound this statistic pushing this average higher (this if not a statistic that you should be proud of).

The plans do not address or mention the creation any further roads link directly to the London Road. Instead the proposal as highlighted in the planning submission and review carried out by Reeves **(TN/SGR/CFA/070519-V7 - REEVES TRANSPORT PLANNING)**, is that the only suggestion is to 'squeeze' a sub standard road beside the Historical Church creating a staggered junction adjoining Church Close.

Having lived in Church Close for 20 years, I can be more accurate about the traffic problem than a one off 5-7 days transport survey and have witnessed the amount of traffic build-up of Car, Bicycles, Horses and Pedestrians, that this junction/area already encounters.

It is for this reason **I object** to the access road being placed at this point, on the grounds that the findings by Reeves & the Planning Committee have not, and does not consider the following:

Stats do not consider the following:

- 1) Seasonal & Event traffic not considered meaning that during these times the junction and adjoining roads will have unacceptable traffic build up.
  - Sporting Events
  - Church Services
  - Weddings
  - Christening
  - School Traffic
- 2) Bicycles Traffic (Children & Adults) – Creating a serious risk to safety
- 3) Pedestrians safety with so many cars:
  - The pavements down Church Lane are not currently wide enough to accommodate foot traffic today necessitating pedestrians (Adults and Children coming to School or walking to local amenities etc) to walk on the road. Therefore, with the increase in cars (i.e. more house) there is a high risk that a serious accident will happen. Funnelling an additional 200 – 400 cars through this junction and down Church Lane is madness!
- 5) With this Junction being the only access point, it will create 'Pollution' both noise and air.

**Overall** If this is the 'only' access being considered (which I find hard to believe) then **I object** to the entire development. What is being planned and considered **will cause absolute misery and create a serious Health & Safety issue.**

**What improvements or modifications would you suggest?**

An alternative entrance or entrances need to be found away from the Church, the School, and limited routing down Church Lane.

(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: