

Hungarton Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Statement

Introduction

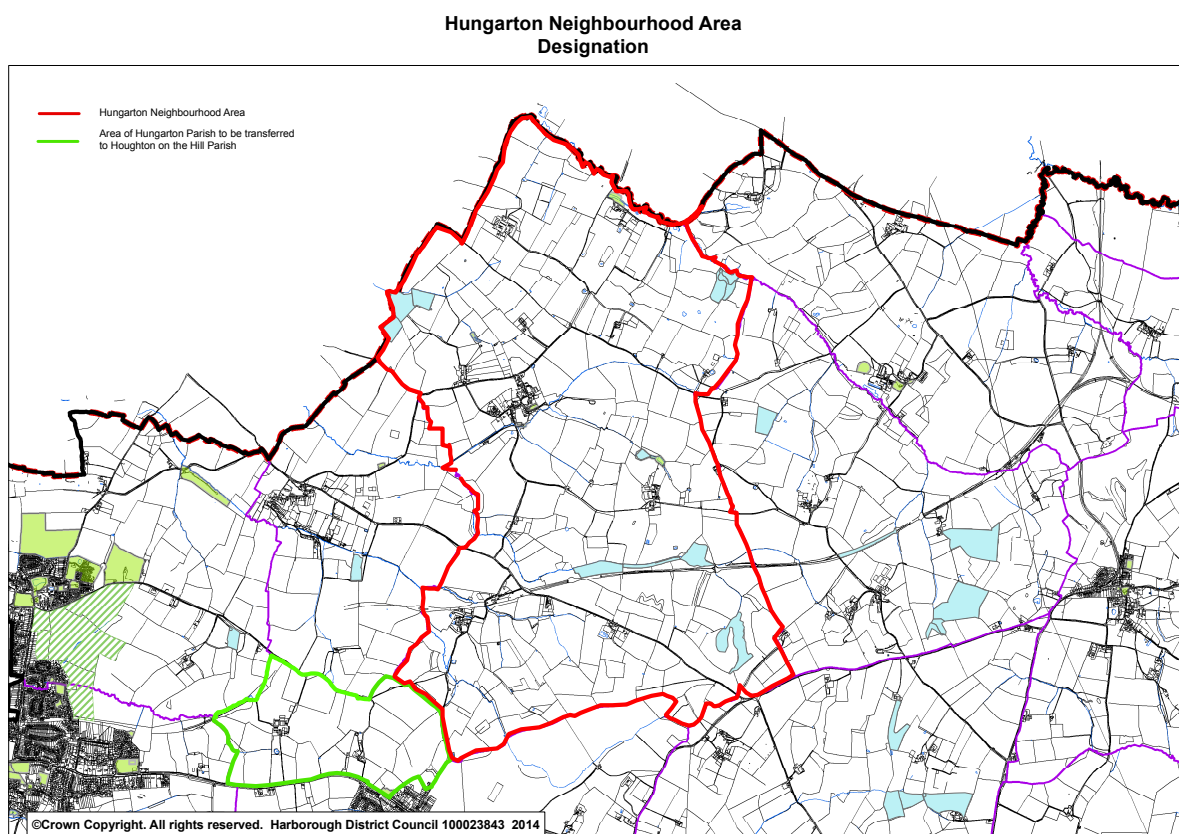
1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the Regulations sets out what a Consultation Statement should contain. According to the Regulations, a Consultation Statement:

- a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- b) explains how they were consulted;
- c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
- d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

This document provides a record of the engagement that took place at the various stages of the plan's evolution.

The main methods used to publicise the consultation and engagement process are documented, along with the main findings from the engagement.

Figure 1 Neighbourhood Area – designated on 21 July 2015.



Regulations and government guidance:

Stage 1: deciding to make a Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council (PC) took the decision to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan at its meeting on 11 March 2015. This was endorsed by a show of hands at the Annual Parish Meeting on 13 May. At this meeting local people expressed an interest in being members of the Hungarton Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee. The first meeting of the committee took place on 19 May 2015.

Stage 2: defining the neighbourhood

The Parish Council applied to the local planning authority on 27 May to designate the neighbourhood as identified above. The correspondence is attached as *Appendix HCS 1*.

A formal engagement period provided members of the public and other key stakeholders an opportunity to submit comment on the proposed neighbourhood plan area and proposed neighbourhood planning body for Hungarton. The proposed neighbourhood planning body was Hungarton Parish Council and the proposed neighbourhood planning area is shown in Fig 1 above.

Harborough District Council checked that the application was appropriate, and undertook the appropriate notification process. The designation was made on 21 July 2015.

Stage 2: preparing the plan

Hungarton Neighbourhood Development Plan (HNDP) Committee was a sub-committee of Hungarton Parish Council. Two parish councillors and seven other residents served on the Committee.

The Committee and Parish Council established terms of reference to follow. The HNDP Committee is a sub-committee of the PC and will work to produce a draft plan, ensuring that it is:

- Generally in line with local and national planning policy framework;
- In line with other legal frameworks;
- Mindful of the need to contribute to sustainable development;
- Prepared on the basis of sound governance arrangements.

The Hungarton Neighbourhood Plan seeks to establish specific and local planning policies for the development and use of land in the Parish. The neighbourhood plan establishes a vision for the future taking into account the data gathered through community engagement and consultation alongside demographic and socio-economic data.

Following a recruitment process the HNDP Committee appointed YourLocale as consultants to help create the plan.

The HNDP Committee met on:

19 May 2015 (to appoint officers)

1 June 2015 (to interview consultants)

3 June 2015

6 June 2015

15 June 2015

29 July 2015

14 October 2015

13 November 2015

26 February 2016

19 April 2016

31 May 2016

28 September 2016

Minutes of the Committee can be found at *Appendix 16*.

On 13 November 2015 three theme groups were launched. Local people were engaged in order to pull together and prioritise ideas emerging from the first consultation and start to work up their plans. Twenty people were involved in the theme groups, undertaking valuable research and assessment.

The housing group met seven times between December 2015 and May 2016.

The Environment group met four times Between December 2015 and April 2016.

The Transport, Community Facilities and Economy group met in December 2015 and in February 2016.

Communications

Below are listed the main ways that information about the Neighbourhood Plan has been communicated to local people and stakeholders.

- **Village Noticeboard:** invitation to join the HNBP Committee May 2015; notice showing the area for designation June 2015; all HNBP Committee agendas posted 2 weeks prior to meetings; HNBP Committee minutes were posted.
- **Newsletter** articles in Hungarton News which is delivered every month to every home in the Parish: July, September, October, November, December 2015; March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October & November 2016;
- **Parish Council website:** HNBP Committee agendas, minutes, the questionnaire and all consultation results were posted on the PC website <http://www.hungartonparishcouncil.org.uk> from January 2016, prior to that they were on Hungarton's Leicestershire Villages website. The Regulation 14 consultation was posted on the website;
- **Stakeholder letters/email:** A letter was sent to all stakeholders in July/August 2015; local landowners were contacted in August 2015 and January 2016; all stakeholders were contacted either by email or letter for the Regulation 14 consultation July-September 2016;
- **Fliers/questionnaire:** fliers advertising the drop-in consultations were posted through every door in the parish; every household received a questionnaire;
- **Email:** a parish email address list has been built up in order to promote consultation opportunities, email reminders were sent before each consultation, including Regulation 14;
- **Door to door:** we reminded people in the village about the consultations by knocking on doors in the village.

Consultations

Five consultations have taken place, each building on the evidence of the last.

- Contacting stakeholders, July/August 2015;
- A community consultation event took place in the Village Hall 25 & 27 September 2015;
- A questionnaire was delivered to every household in March 2016;
- A community consultation event focusing on the plan policies took place 14 & 15 May 2016;
- Regulation 14 consultation took place 20th July 2016 for a period of 7 weeks until Wednesday 7th September 2016.

Consultation methodology

The consultations aimed:

- To inform as many people as possible of the existence of the neighbourhood planning process
- To seek the views of people from the community on the proposals being developed by the HNBP Committee.

Activities:

As well as meetings of the HNBP Committee and the work of the theme groups the following activities were undertaken:

- The intention to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and an invitation to contribute toward the process was widely publicised in the Parish newsletter, Hungarton News (*HCS Appendix 2*);
- Notices were placed on the Parish noticeboard asking people to get involved and informing them of progress;
- All HNBP Committee meeting agendas and minutes and key documents were posted on the PC Website;
- The Parish newsletter was used to keep the community up-to-date on progress with the NP and offered the chance for people to comment and get involved. The monthly newsletter, Hungarton News, is delivered free to all households in the Parish;
- The Neighbourhood Plan was included as a regular agenda item at Parish Council meetings. Minutes of meetings are publicly available on the Parish website;
- A good working relationship was established with the District Council including regular dialogue and meetings;
- A staffed exhibition about the Neighbourhood Plan was held in September 2015. At this event people were asked to give their thoughts and ideas on priority issues for the Plan. The event was extensively publicised.
- A community questionnaire was undertaken in March 2016;
- A second staffed exhibition took place in May 2016 at which the community was presented with the draft policies. The plans and policies were available to view in large format on presentation boards. Again the event was extensively publicised;
- Agencies with a statutory or other significant interest in the Plan were invited to submit their comments in writing by email and letter, at appropriate stages of the planning process, according to the regulations.

Detailed consultation activities

The Committee's mandate was to drive the process, consult with the local community, gather evidence to support emerging policies and deliver the Plan.

Statutory and other stakeholders

The first task was to contact local stakeholders and announce the commencement of the Neighbourhood Plan process. The following stakeholders were contacted at the outset:

Age UK,
Anglian Water Ltd,
British Gas Properties,

British Telecommunications Plc,
CPRE Leicestershire,
The Coal Authority,
East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG,
English Heritage,
Environment Agency,
Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups
Harborough District Council
Harborough District Disability Access Group.
Highways Agency,
Historic England,
Homes and Communities Agency,
Interfaith Forum for Leicestershire,
Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living,
Leicestershire County Council,
Leicestershire County Council transport
Leicestershire County Council, Policy and Community
Leicestershire Ethnic Minority Partnership,
Leicestershire Fire and Rescue,
Leicestershire Police,
Market Harborough Chamber of Commerce,
National Grid,
Natural England,
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited,
NHS,
Seven Locks Housing,
Severn Trent Water Ltd,
Voluntary Action Leicestershire

Adjoining Parishes:

Houghton on the Hill
Thurnby and Bushby
Scraptoft
Keyham
Lowesby & Cold Newton
Billesdon

Councillors/MP:

Alan Duncan MP
Simon Galton, County Councillor
Michael Rook, District Councillor

Local Businesses:

The Black Boy pub,
Ingarsby Conservation,
Aquatic and Reptile Solutions,
Vicary House B&B,
Mezzo Consultancy.

Statutory/Voluntary Organisations:

St John the Baptist Church,
Woodland Trust
Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust

Landowners

Mr & Mrs Allen
W A Curtis & Sons
Dixon Partners
Mr Brian Henton
Quenby Estate
Mrs Pam Scott
Mr Richard Shields
Squire de Lisle

Their responses are shown in *HCS Appendix 3*.

The same groups, individuals and organisations have been consulted as part of the Regulation 14 consultation arrangements.

First community consultation

An open consultation event took place in the Village Hall on 25 & 27 September 2015 seeking the views of the community on what the Hungarton Neighbourhood Plan should focus on. 55 people attended this event over the two days.

Summary of findings from the event

Comments were made reflecting a wide range of opinions, however, people who attended the consultation event demonstrated a consistency in a number of key areas:

Employment/economy - Respondents recognised Hungarton primarily as a farming and residential community. However, opinion was split as to the benefit of additional employment opportunities. Views expressed included support for a small business centre and further business development (2 people) as long as it isn't obtrusive, whilst 6 people commented on the need for better broadband connectivity to support businesses including home-working, as well as residents and students. Conversely, one comment was made that industrial units were out of place in Hungarton and 5 people were opposed to further employment in the Parish, citing reasons such as the inability of the roads to cope and it not being good for a small village.

Environment – Unsurprisingly there was considerable interest in the environmental displays and many comments were made. Strong support was expressed for the paddocks within the village with 16 respondents recognising their importance. A further 7 people specifically wrote about the importance of retaining open spaces with comments including the preservation of the look of the village; providing the character of the village and establishing the setting for the built environment. 12 people commented on the importance of ridge and furrow whilst 13 comments were made in support of the importance of the countryside (including the Spinney and fields) linking this to the retention of agriculture in the village. Footpaths were mentioned by 10 people, with reference to their importance to connectivity and to the health of the community. Trees and hedges were seen as important by some respondents, although one commented on there being too many hedges 'boxing people in'. The value of trees, grass verges and of views (from the Church and Top Road being noted) was also recognised as important. Two people commented on the importance of dark skies!

Housing – This section generated the most responses. Some, 8 in total, expressed concern over any further housing development in the Parish. Comments included the potential to destroy the character of the village; that no new housing is needed and a lack of space. The remaining comments accepted and even welcomed new housing development on a limited scale. A number (9) expressed the desire for new housing to be in keeping with the character of the village, although 5 respondents supported more individual styles. 14 people wrote about the need for smaller homes to meet the needs of, for example, older people downsizing or young families. Views were mixed on the need for affordable housing, the need for cheaper housing being balanced by the cost of transport to get to facilities, whilst eco-friendly developments were promoted by 3 people and the need to address car parking referenced by 4. One person requested no development in gardens.

Community Facilities – The Village Hall was referenced by most people as an important Village facility, followed by the Pub, play area and tennis court. In terms of facilities lacking, people mentioned the need for allotments; finding a use for the Wesleyan Chapel; a car park, a bus service and better lighting.

Traffic and roads – The most significant responses were about car parking, primarily at Town End, and the lack of a bus service. 3 respondents drew attention to issues related to HGVs passing through the village whilst the need to cut trees and maintain hedges was commented on.

Local Plan – People took the opportunity to express their thoughts on the strength of Hungarton (the rural nature) and the desire that any development should respect the character of the village. Within this context sustainable development; prioritisation of brownfield sites; housing which is not extensive and of a good quality was supported alongside the preservation of the natural environment.

Green Spaces – The map was populated with many green and blue dots. Clusters predominantly around three of the paddocks (behind Swedish Houses, at Hope Farm and the one behind homes on Barley Leas/Main St and Church Lane). There are also blue dots in places where people walk and at the playground/tennis court and Millennium green and both blue and green dots on the ridge and furrow opposite the Church.

Community Questionnaire

this a Questionnaire was assembled by members of the committee and theme groups. The Committee and its appointed consultants also gathered statistical information about the Parish from a range of sources to provide a body of evidence on which to base the Plan's emerging policies. The Questionnaire was distributed to every household and was also made available online in March 2016. 79 people responded to the questionnaire, representing 28% of all residents and at least 47% of all households.

Summary of findings from the Questionnaire

Thinking about what's important about living in Hungarton, 97% of respondents said the Environment; 92% said Community, friends, neighbours; 81% said local activities/groups. 85% scored Environment as very important.

Community Facilities

Parishioners were asked to rate the importance of each of thirteen community facilities and village activities. Each item was viewed as being important. The Village Hall and Pub appear equally important at the top, followed by The Church. The Parish magazine was rated equally with the Children's playground, closely followed by Events. Other activities such as Sports Club and W.I were rated important among smaller numbers. The new village website is the only item rated not at all important by 3 people. Comments made suggest that some items listed need to be more widely promoted.

Housing

The questionnaire asked about the type of homes people currently live in and about their future housing need. Responses indicate a potential need for some smaller and some single storey accommodation within the Parish in future.

- 4 respondents currently live in bungalows and an additional 6 would like to in future.
- 18 live in houses with 5+ bedrooms but only 8 require houses of this size in future.
- None of the respondents lived in a flat, but one would like to in future.

There is also an indication of a desire by some of those currently renting, to become homeowners in the future.

53% of respondents thought that they could adapt their current home to meet future housing needs. 26% thought that their home could not be adapted to meet future needs and 21% were not sure whether their home could be adapted for any future needs.

The questionnaire asked how many more homes parishioners thought should be built in the Parish up to the end of the Neighbourhood Plan period in 2031.

- 36% of respondents thought there should be 6-9 new homes
- 34% thought there should be 3-5
- 16 % thought there should be 2 or less
- 14% thought there should be 10 or more

The preferred style of housing would be consistent with the conservation area, style and materials (75%) and in keeping with neighbouring houses (53%). However, 21% of respondents would be happy with a mixture of traditional and modern styles and 9% support modern style and materials.

In the view of respondents to the questionnaire, the type of housing needed in the Parish is:

- 2-3 bedroom family homes (68%)
- Housing for young couples (61%)
- Housing for the elderly/disabled (43%)

25% thought that housing for low income families was needed, but 7 people who had not ticked this option commented that they had not selected it because of the lack of public transport.

15% thought that there was a requirement for housing for single people and only 8% thought there was a need for additional large family homes (4 bedrooms or more).

There was strong support (96%) for encouraging the use of renewable energy solutions as part of all housing developments.

87% of respondents said that structural features, (buildings, architectural features) should be preserved to maintain the character of the Parish.

Respondents were asked to rank 5 potential sites in the Parish for housing development. These sites had been selected because they conform with National and Harborough District planning guidance.

Taking all the responses into account (with weighting out of 5 shown in brackets) the preferred options are:

1. Conversion of the Wesleyan Chapel (3.83)
2. The Northern part of the former cheese store site (3.23)
3. The Washpit, Church Lane (2.99)
4. Willowghyll (2.84)
5. Land fronting Main Street between Manor House and Town End (2.14)

Environment

Parishioners were given a list of environmental features which had been identified at earlier consultations. They were asked to rate the importance of these to them on a scale of 1 to 5. The majority of people thought all of the environmental features listed were very important. Most important were Open Green Spaces within the village with 82% saying these were very important and 16% saying they were important. Least important were views on approaching the village but still seen as being very important for 66%.

96% of those responding in this survey use local footpaths. 39% said they used footpaths/bridleways on a daily basis. Only 4% never use them. More than three quarters of respondents use the footpaths at least once a month.

Many years ago there were allotments in the Parish. In recent years the need for allotments has been raised with the Parish Council. This questionnaire sought to establish how many people would be interested in taking an allotment if provided. 5 respondents said that they would definitely take on an allotment if available. A further 14 said that they would probably be interested in taking on an allotment. One landowner suggested that they might be able to offer land for this.

A frequent discussion point during Hungarton's Neighbourhood Planning process so far has been the issue of global warming and our contribution to the solution through carbon reduction. This is set against the potentially conflicting wish of some parishioners to minimise the number of solar panels and wind turbines within the Parish. Parishioners were asked for their opinions about renewable energy in the Parish. 75% would be happy to see an increase in the Parish, but 25% do not want to see any more renewables in the Parish.

Parishioners were asked whether they wanted to protect open green spaces within the village of Hungarton. These areas had been identified at earlier consultations and by site assessment against National and District criteria. All of the spaces illustrated in the map were considered worth protecting by the majority of residents (ranging from 78% - 93%) responding to the questionnaire. The other area that several people commenting thought should be protected was Hungarton Spinney.

Transport

Parishioners were asked about 6 transport issues which had been identified during earlier discussions. They were asked to say how concerned they are on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the most concerned. 80% are concerned about HGV's and vehicle speed and the condition of roads. The lack of community transport is of concern to 54% but junctions and parked vehicles are of less concern. The lack of community transport does not appear to be a major concern among the parishioners who responded in this survey.

A third of those taking part in this survey would be interested in taking part in a car or lift sharing scheme. 60% would be willing to take passengers for medical appointments, 48% for shopping but far fewer are willing to take passengers to work - this may be because many of the respondents are retired, or work from home.

Economy

63% say they would not like to see business development in the parish while 37% would. The comments reflect concerns about noisy, industrial businesses affecting the rural location and potential to cause traffic or transport issues.

Some say that smaller, rural-suitable businesses or those that would enhance village life, such a shop, would be more acceptable.

13% of those responding in this survey are employed by a local business and 12% currently run a business in the Parish. In the main these are professional services businesses with 1 or 2 employees.

Superfast broadband is what these businesses say they need most in the Parish, and there is some interest in a meeting place to allow businesses to network together within the Parish.

The Questionnaire itself is included as *HCS Appendix 4*, *HCS Appendix 5* provides a full analysis of the results.

Second community consultation

The draft policies for the Neighbourhood Plan were developed from this evidence by the Committee and the consultants, led by the theme group chairs.

In May 2016 a second Open Consultation event was held for two days in the Village Hall. This event was focused on the emerging Plan policies, for which there was majority support in every case. 69 people attended this event.

The analysis of the results of this event can be found at *HCS Appendix 6*.

Regulation 14 consultation

This consultation took place over the summer of 2016 (20 July – 7 September) . The resulting comments were tabulated and the committee met to consider its responses and make amendments to the draft plan in September. These are detailed in *HCS Appendix 7*.

Conclusion

Comments from HDC Planning Officers in relation to late versions of the draft Neighbourhood Plan have helped to shape the pre-submission version.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan is now ready to be submitted to Harborough District Council, who will publicise it for a further six weeks and then forward it, with accompanying documents and all representations made during the publicity period, to an Independent Examiner who will review it and check that it meets the 'Basic Conditions'. If the Plan successfully passes this stage, with any modifications, it will be put forward for referendum.

The referendum question will be a straight "yes" or "no" on the entire Plan, as set out by Neighbourhood Planning Regulations. People will not be able to vote for or against individual policies. If 50% or more of those voting vote for the Plan, it will be brought into force ('Made') and become part of District-wide planning policy.

This Consultation Statement and the supporting Appendices are provided to comply with Section 15(2) of part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

CP 12/06/16

HCS Appendix 1



Steve Pointer
Head of Planning Policy
Harborough District Council
Adam & Eve Street
Market Harborough
Leicestershire
LE16 7AG

26 May 2015

Dear Mr Pointer,

Re: Neighbourhood Development Plan for Hungarton Parish – application for designation as Neighbourhood Area

I am writing to inform you that Hungarton Parish Council has taken the decision to develop a Neighbourhood Development Plan and we are therefore applying for the Parish to be designated as a 'Neighbourhood Area' in accordance with Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

We can confirm that Hungarton Parish Council is a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act which specifically includes Parish Councils.

The area to be covered by the Neighbourhood Development Plan is the whole of the Parish of Hungarton with the exception of the area, marked on the plan, to the south west of our Parish which we have agreed will be part of the Houghton on the Hill Neighbourhood Development Plan, subject to a subsequent change to the Parish Boundaries to reflect the boundaries of the respective Neighbourhood Development Plans. A map confirming the area to be designated is attached.

It is considered that this area is appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area as it is self-contained, has meaningful boundaries, reflects the existing local sense of community and is generally meaningful and coherent for policy making purposes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely

Penny Faulkner

Penny Faulkner, Chairman
Wisteria House, Hungarton, Leicestershire LE7 9JH

Penny

I am pleased to inform you that Hungarton Neighbourhood Area has been designated as of 21/7/15.

The consultation period as per part 2 Regulation 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 on the submission of Hungarton Neighbourhood Area finished on 17th July 2015. The Neighbourhood Area was advertised on the District Council website and the Parish Council notice board.

The scheme of delegation allows officers and Portfolio Holder to assess and approve / reject neighbourhood area applications (section 61G of the 1990 Act[i]).

If no issues / objections are raised during consultation and officers have no significant concerns, then the neighbourhood area can be designated by the Portfolio Holder.

Planning Practice Guidance states that the following could be considerations when deciding the boundaries of a neighbourhood area:

- village or settlement boundaries, which could reflect areas of planned expansion
- the catchment area for walking to local services such as shops, primary schools, doctors' surgery, parks or other facilities
- the area where formal or informal networks of community based groups operate – consideration made to the existing community within village and parish
- the physical appearance or characteristics of the neighbourhood, for example buildings may be of a consistent scale or style -
- whether the area forms all or part of a coherent estate

either for businesses or residents

- whether the area is wholly or predominantly a business area
- whether infrastructure or physical features define a natural boundary, for example a major road or railway line or waterway
- the natural setting or features in an area
- size of the population (living and working) in the area

I can confirm that no issues or objections have been received by me during the consultation period, and officers recommended to the Portfolio Holder that the Neighbourhood Area, as submitted, is designated because the boundary chosen is logical for plan making purposes and fits the local sense of community.

Confirmation has been received from the Portfolio Holder for approval of the designation

The HDC website will shortly publicise the decision on the neighbourhood area application (Regulation 7) and Ward Cllr will be notified of the decision.

I have attached a plan of the designated area for your convenience.

Regards

Matthew

Matthew Bills

Neighbourhood and Green Spaces Officer and Neighbourhood
Planning Champion

[Strategic Planning Consultation Portal can be found here](#)

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HCS Appendix 2

Hungarton Neighbourhood Development Plan

Hungarton Parish Council took the decision to embark on a Neighbourhood Development Plan at their March meeting. This was endorsed at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

A sub group of the Parish Council has been formed to take the work forward. Members are:

James Patterson: chair
Mike Preston: parish council
Alistair Clemence: parish council
Sue Scutt
Marie Lloyd
Martyn Gower
John McLauchlan
Laurie Faulkner
Caroline Pick: secretary

There will be opportunities to get involved including consultation events, questionnaires and finally a referendum. If you would like to be actively involved in the process please get in touch with Caroline Pick carolinepick2@gmail.com or 2595669.

Appendix 3

Hungarton Stakeholder list – July 2015

Stakeholder	Date sent	Response?
Statutory Stakeholders plus:		
British Gas Properties , Aviary Court, Wade Road, Basingstoke Hampshire, RG24 8GZ	31/07/15	
NHS Joe.McCrea@EastLeicestershireandRutlandccg.nhs.uk East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group Unit 2 - 3 (Ground floor) Bridge Business Park 674 Melton Road Thurmaston Leicester LE4 8BL	31/07/15	Having reviewed your correspondence, I confirm I have forwarded it to our Interim Head of Communications, Mr Jo McCrea today to review and respond directly to you in due course.
British Telecommunications Plc, Customer Wideband Planning Group Post Point BSTE 0301, Bath Street, Nottingham NG1 1BZ	31/07/15	
Deb Roberts, Planning Liaison Officer, The Coal Authority , 200 Lichfield Lane, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG18 4RG thecoalauthority@coal.gov.uk	31/07/15	For non-coalfield LPAs there is no obligation for them or any relevant Neighbourhood Forums or Town and Parish Council to consult us on any stage of the production of their Neighbourhood Development Plan as the Coal Authority's interests are only within the defined UK coalfield.
Ann Plackett, English Heritage , East Midlands Region, 44 Derrigate Northampton, NN1 1UH	31/07/15	
Clive Fletcher, Historic England East Midlands , 2nd floor Windsor House Cliftonville Northampton NN1 5BE Tel: 01604 735460 Clive.fletcher@english-heritage.org.uk	31/07/15	Strategy should safeguard those elements that contribute to the significance of heritage assets. Planning and conservation team at HDC best source of help. Recommend speak to archaeology at LCC who look after the Historic Environment Record: can provide details of designated heritage assets, locally important buildings, archaeological remains and

		landscapes. Useful docs at: http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140328084622/http://cdn.environment-agency.gov.uk/lit_6524_7da381.pdf www.helm.org.uk/place-and-placemaking/communities/neighbourhood-planning/
Homes and Communities Agency , 5 St Philip's Place, Colmore Row Birmingham, B3 2PW	02/08/15	
Ms Aoife O'Tool, Highways Agency , Level 9, The Cube 199 Wharfside Street, Birmingham B1 1RN	02/08/15	Highways England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the initial stages in the preparation of the Hungarton Neighbourhood Plan. It notes that the Parish Council is inviting comments from stakeholders in relation to the decision to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan, including the proposed Plan area. It is the role of Highways England to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the strategic road network and to act as a delivery partner to national economic growth. In relation to the Hungarton Neighbourhood Plan, Highways England's principal interest is safeguarding the operation of the A46, which is some 8 miles from the proposed Plan area. Highways England would not anticipate any significant impact on the operation of the A46 from modest levels of development in the Hungarton area and has no other comments to provide at this stage.
FAO Mr D Holdstock, National Grid , AMEC Environment & Infrastructure UK Limited, Gables House, Kenilworth Road, Learnington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 6JX	02/08/15	
Miss C Jackson, Consultation Service, Natural England , Hornbeam House, Electra Way, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 6GJ	02/08/15	Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning. We must be consulted on draft Neighbourhood Development Plans where the Town/Parish Council or Neighbourhood Forum considers our interests would be affected by the proposals. We must be consulted on draft Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders where proposals are likely to affect a Site of Special Scientific Interest or 20 hectares or more of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land. We must also be consulted on Strategic Environmental Assessments, Habitats Regulations Assessment screening and Environmental Impact Assessments, where these are required. Your local planning authority will

		<p>be able to advise you further on environmental requirements. The following is offered as general advice which may be of use in the preparation of your plan.</p> <p>Natural England, together with the Environment Agency, English Heritage and Forestry Commission has published joint advice on neighbourhood planning which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans and development proposals. This is available at: https://www.gov.uk/consulting-on-neighbourhood-plans-and-development-orders Local environmental record centres hold a range of information on the natural environment. A list of local records centre is available at: http://www.nbn-nfbr.org.uk/nfbr.php National Character Areas (NCAs) divide England into 159 distinct natural areas. Each is defined by a unique combination of landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural and economic activity. Their boundaries follow natural lines in the landscape rather than administrative boundaries, making them a good decision making framework for the natural environment.</p> <p>http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/publications/nca/default.aspx</p> <p>Protected species You should consider whether your plan or proposal has any impacts on protected species. To help you do this, Natural England has produced standing advice to help understand the impact of particular developments on protected or Biodiversity Action Plan species should they be identified as an issue. The standing advice also sets out when, following receipt of survey information, you should undertake further consultation with Natural England. Natural England Standing Advice</p> <p>Local Wildlife Sites You should consider whether your plan or proposal has any impacts on local wildlife sites, eg Site of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI) or Local Nature Reserve (LNR) or whether opportunities exist for enhancing such sites. If it appears there could be negative impacts then you should ensure you have sufficient information to fully understand the nature of the impacts of the proposal on the local</p>
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		<p>wildlife site.</p> <p>Best Most Versatile Agricultural Land Soil is a finite resource that fulfils many important functions and services (ecosystem services) for society, for example as a growing medium for food, timber and other crops, as a store for carbon and water, as a reservoir of biodiversity and as a buffer against pollution. It is therefore important that the soil resources are protected and used sustainably. Paragraph 112 of the National Planning Policy Framework states that:</p> <p><i>'Local planning authorities should take into account the economic and other benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land. Where significant development of agricultural land is demonstrated to be necessary, local planning authorities should seek to use areas of poorer quality land in preference to that of a higher quality'.</i></p> <p>General mapped information on soil types is available as 'Soilscapes' on the www.magic.gov.uk and also from the LandIS website; http://www.landis.org.uk/index.cfm which contains more information about obtaining soil data.</p> <p>Opportunities for enhancing the natural environment Neighbourhood plans and proposals may provide opportunities to enhance the character and local distinctiveness of the surrounding natural and built environment, use natural resources more sustainably and bring benefits for the local community, for example through green space provision and access to and contact with nature.</p> <p>Opportunities to incorporate features into new build or retro fitted buildings which are beneficial to wildlife, such as the incorporation of roosting opportunities for bats or the installation of bird nest boxes should also be considered as part of any new development proposal.</p>
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		Should the proposal be amended in a way which significantly affects its impact on the natural environment then, in accordance with Section 4 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Natural England should be consulted again at consultations@naturalengland.org.uk
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, Kings Place, 90 York Way London, N1 9AG	02/08/15	
Mr Peter Davies, Severn Trent Water Ltd, Hucknall Road Nottingham, NG5 1FH Dawn.Williams@severntrent.co.uk	02/08/15	<p>Thank you for giving Severn Trent Water the opportunity to comment on the above consultation plan. We currently have no specific comments to make, but please keep us informed when your plans are further developed when we will be able to offer more detailed comments and advice.</p> <p>In the mean time I hope the following information will be of some use to you.</p> <p>As a water company we have an obligation to provide water supplies and sewage treatment capacity for future development. It is therefore important for us to work collaboratively with Local Planning Authorities to provide relevant assessments of the impacts of future developments. For outline proposals we are able to provide general comments. Once detailed developments and geographically site specific location are decided by local councils we are able to provide more specific comments and modelling of the network if required. For most developments we do not foresee any particular issues; however where we consider there may be an issue we would discuss in further detail with the local planning authority. We will complete any necessary improvements to provide additional capacity once we have sufficient confidence that a development will go ahead. We do this to avoid making investments on speculative developments so as to minimise customer bills.</p>
Stuart Patience, Planning Liaison Officer, Anglian Water Ltd, Planning & Equivalence Team, Thorpe Wood House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough, PE3 6WT spatience@anglianwater.co.uk	03/08/15	It would appear that Hungarton Parish is located outside of our area of responsibility. Therefore we have no comments relating to the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.
Leicestershire Police , Force Headquarters, St Johns, Enderby, Leicester, LE19 2BX	03/08/15	

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue, 12 Geoff Monk Way, Birstall, Leicester LE4 3BU	03/08/15	
Nik Green, Communities and Places Officer, Leicestershire County Council, Nik.Green@leics.gov.uk	03/08/15	<p>Please accept our apologies for the delay in response to your correspondence which was received in August 2015. Unfortunately due to me being off on long term sick this was overlooked. I have notified all departments within the County Council. As detailed in the attached, at present, they have no comments to make at this stage. We would like to express our support for your endeavour and would like to be consulted on the plan in the future as allocations, policies and proposals are drawn up.</p>
MR GEOFF PLATTS Planning Specialist Sustainable Places Direct dial 0115 8463622 Direct e-mail geoff.platts@environment-agency.gov.uk (Mark Candlin, Environment Agency, Lower Trent Area, Trentside Offices, Scarrington Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 5FA mark.candlin@environment-agency.gov.uk)	03/08/15	<p>I am the Planning Specialist for Leicestershire and as such am the most appropriate contact (see below) for future correspondence on the plan. We are the main Agency providing advice on improving resilience and adaptation to the effects of climate change, with particular regard on flood risk water resources, water quality (including groundwater) and aquatic biodiversity. We strive to make a positive contribution through our Statutory Consultee role and we hope to work with you as the plan formalises. I have checked the Neighbourhood Area as designated by Harborough District Council against the environmental constraints that are applicable within the remit of our organization. There are some areas of floodplain which lie within the designated area but because of the topography of the landscape the floodplains are quite contained in relation to the watercourse channel. Below are some general comments on flood risk , surface water disposal and foul drainage.</p> <p>Flood Risk</p> <p>Firstly, we would like to bring to your attention that the Environment Agency's Flood Zone Map outlines are based on a generalised river modelling and mapping method carried out nationally, to provide only an indication of flood risk at a large scale. Flood Risk Assessments give applicants the opportunity to query and provide an empirical basis at which to provide a rationale as to why our best available data is either misaligned or not entirely accurate. Flood Zones outlines are not definitive and do not include all minor watercourse flood plain and therefore should not be assumed to be correct where a minor watercourse is shown with no flood zones outlines, either with</p>

		<p>or adjacent to a site.</p> <p>The management of risk on ordinary watercourses is primarily a matter for the Lead Local Flood Authority – Leicestershire County Council. We recommend that you liaise with them to ensure that their local knowledge is taken into account.</p> <p>For all sites that have a red line boundary which includes area of flood risk either flood zone 2 or flood zone 3 then the Sequential Test in accordance with Para 100 & 101 of NPPF will need to be carried out by the applicant and approved by Harborough District Council.</p> <p><u>Surface water run-off</u></p> <p>Surface water run-off should be controlled as near to its source as possible through a sustainable drainage approach to surface water management (SUDS). This approach involves using a range of techniques including soakaways, infiltration trenches, permeable pavements, grassed swales, ponds and wetlands to reduce flood risk by attenuating the rate and quantity surface water run-off from a site.</p> <p>This approach can also offer other benefits in terms of promoting groundwater recharge, water quality improvement and amenity enhancements. Approved Document Part H of the Building Regulations 2000 sets out a hierarchy for surface water disposal which encourages a SUDS approach.</p> <p>Further information on SUDS can be found in National Planning Practice Guide, in the CIRIA C522 document Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems- design manual for England and Wales and the Interim Code of Practice for Sustainable Drainage Systems. The Interim Code of Practice provides advice on design, adoption and maintenance issues and a full overview of other technical guidance on SUDS. The Interim Code of Practice is available on the Environment Agency's web site at: www.environment-agency.gov.uk and CIRIA's web site at www.ciria.org.uk</p> <p>The responsibility for commenting on surface water drainage matters for sites in excess of 1 ha, has since April 15th 2015 been the responsibility of the Leicestershire Local Flood Authority – Leicestershire County Council.</p> <p><u>Disposal of Foul Drainage</u></p>
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CPRE info@cpreleicestershire.org.uk	03/08/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve and enhance valued green spaces within settlements • Preserve and enhance green spaces BETWEEN settlements to safeguard against coalescence • Identify other valuable green spaces using the Landscape Character Assessment protocol • Review and embrace Village Design Statements to ensure that they have statutory status within the Neighbourhood Plan • Ensure appropriate housing to meet identified local needs including affordable homes, bungalows and housing for the elderly as well as for younger members of the community • Identify preferred locations for housing, commercial, industrial & leisure developments, using brownfield sites, as appropriate, first • Identify shortcomings with infrastructure and community facilities and require that these are addressed as a condition of any development proposals • Regulate and manage traffic issues arising from new developments within settlements and from developments within neighbouring settlements • Identify how policies (and projects) can conserve and enhance the natural environment and promote biodiversity alongside meeting development needs.
Voluntary Action Leicestershire admin@vasl.org.uk	03/08/15	<p>Thank you for your email. We have no comments at the moment but</p>

VASL: The Settling Rooms, St Mary's Place Market Harborough, Leicestershire LE16 7DR Telephone: 01858 433232 Email: jpateman2@vasl.org.uk Website: www.vasl.org.uk		appreciate being kept informed. Jo Pateman Contracts and Office Coordinator
Leicestershire Ethnic Minority Partnership Prakash@lemp-leics.org.uk	03/08/15	
Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups info@gypsyttravellerfederation.org	03/08/15	
Interfaith Forum for Leicestershire equality@leics.gov.uk Julian Harrison Policy and Partnerships Manager (Community Cohesion/Equalities and Diversity) Chief Executive's Department Leicestershire County Council Room 300b County Hall Glenfield LEICESTER LE3 8RA Tel: 0116 305 7018 Email: julian.harrison@leics.gov.uk	03/08/15	The Inter Faith Forum for Leicestershire is not a decision-making body as such. Rather, it is simply a forum for discussing relevant issues and themes, open to anybody to attend and contribute. Accordingly, the Forum itself wouldn't be in a position to make a contribution to your Neighbourhood Plan. What I could do, however, is circulate your information to all people on our Forum contact lists and ask them to contact you if they wish to participate in the manner you're seeking? Would you like me to do that?
Market Harborough Chamber of Commerce , Barking House, Fardon Rd, Market Harborough, LE16 9NP	03/08/15	
Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living : 5-9 Upper Brown Street, Leics, LE1 5TE	03/08/15	
Roy Holland. Age UK Leicestershire and Rutland roy.holland@ageukleics.org.uk	03/08/15	
Harborough District Disability Access Group . Nick Williams. hddag@hotmail.co.uk	03/08/15	
Sarah Sherwin, Neighbourhoods Team Leader, Seven Locks Housing , 1a Anson House, 8 Compass Point, Northampton Road, Market Harborough, Leicestershire Sarah.Sherwin@Sevenlockshousing.co.uk	03/08/15	My name is Sarah Sherwin and I am the Neighbourhoods Team Leader at Seven Locks Housing. I am currently not aware of any issues in your area but would be happy to receive any correspondence from yourself in respect of your impending Neighbourhood Plans.
Adjoining Parishes:		

Houghton on the Hill: Stephen Derry	03/08/15	Ian Hill is Chairman of our Neighbourhood Plan Working Party and is also one of our Councillors. As you see, I have asked him to respond directly to you. It would be helpful if you could copy me into emails please. I can confirm that Ian is the most suitable contact for day to day Neighbourhood Planning matters.
Thurnby and Bushby thurnbyclerk@yahoo.co.uk Sue Bloy Clerk to Thurnby and Bushby Parish Council Thurnby and Bushby Parish Council	03/08/15	I raised this with the Parish Council and they had no comments at this stage. I confirm that I should be your contact should there be any matters which you feel should be brought to the attention of Thurnby and Bushby Parish Council or that you specifically would like comments on.
Scraptoft: contact@scraptoftparish.org.uk Jean Parr	03/08/15	Further to your email and letter attachment my councillors are happy for you to send any further correspondence to me with regard to your Neighbourhood Plan.
Keyham: Tony Johnson	03/08/15	thanks for your letter regarding the above. At this stage I cannot foresee any issues with your plan. Please make me your contact for any further correspondence on this. I am curious to understand why the green encircled area is currently considered to be part of Hungarton Parish as it seems a long way from Hungarton and it seems entirely logical that this should be transferred to Houghton? (why not Ingersby as well as that's closer to Houghton.?) Regards Tony (Keyham PM)
Lowesby and Cold Newton: Jean Cairns	03/08/15	Thanks for your e-mail regarding the start of your neighbourhood plan process. This is, as requested, to acknowledge receipt of your letter. I am the appropriate person (clerk) to contact for Lowesby and Cold Newton. I don't think we have any particular issues to bring to your attention at the moment. When you do get in touch, it would be very helpful if you would copy e-mails to Lynne Tomlinson-Hands (see address above). She is the parish meeting chairman. Good luck with the plan.
Billesdon	03/08/15	Responded 05/08/15. It took 3 years. The former chairman Ian Bowler is the one to speak to. He drove the plan.

Councillors/MP		
MP: duncana@parliament.uk Fraser Raleigh Senior Parliamentary Assistant to Rt Hon Sir Alan Duncan MP Member of Parliament for Rutland & Melton Tel: 020 7219 5204 Fax: 020 7219 2529	03/08/15	Thank you for your e-mail and for sending Sir Alan a copy of these documents. I will bring them to his attention shortly.
County Councillor: simon.galton@leics.gov.uk	03/08/15	
District Councillor: m.rook@harborough.gov.uk	03/08/15	I am delighted that the PC is taking on a Neighbourhood Plan for Hungarton. I have no specific issues I think should be covered over and above any of those listed as under consideration anyway. I do think you are wise to undertake this work given the pressures coming from the PUA now. As to whether or not I am the right person to contact for technical assistance I doubt. You will have contact with Matt Bills, Hayley Cawthorne and Steve Pointer already, all of whom are infinitely more competent than I in these matters. I am vitally interested in the process and I am available at all times for general planning advice and Local Plan policy. I am happy to attend any meetings if required. Please keep me informed.
Local Businesses:		
Pub: The Black Boy Main Street Hungarton Leicestershire LE7 9JR mail@theblackboyhungarton.co.uk www.rachelscakesandbakes.co.uk	04/08/15	
Quorn Hunt: Peter Morritt, Hon Secretary, The Quorn Hunt, Quorn Hunt Kennels, Gaddesby Lane, Kirby Bellars, Leicestershire LE14 2TQ	04/08/15	I would be most grateful if you would keep me informed of any future developments in the area
INGARSBY CONSERVATION LTD 01837645 Registered Address: The White House Farm, Billesdon Road, Ingarsby, Leicestershire, LE7 9JD - Richard	11/08/15	

Smith		
AQUATIC and REPTILE SOLUTIONS –Rural Pet Services	11/08/15	
Baggrave Farms Waterloo Farm, Baggrave Estate, Hungarton, Leicester LE7 9JB	Done Under landowne rs	
Board members: Mrs Pam Scott, Mr V.A. Earnshaw		
De Lisle Trust –Squire Gerald de Lisle, Cold Newton Lodge, Billesdon, Leicestershire LE7 9DA	Done Under landowne rs	
Driving Instructor Mike Gardiner DSA Approved	Address?	
Peter & Paula Taylor, B & B Vicary house, Main St, Hungarton	11/08/15	I have no issues at the moment but will continue to watch developments.
B-In-Line Ltd - COACH HOUSE BUILDINGS Old Rectory Main St, Hungarton, Leicester, LE7 9JR	N/A, resident	
Amicare Domiciliary Care Services Ltd, Amicare Holdings Limited, January Productions Limited, Carriage House, Hungarton Park Hungarton	N/A, resident	
Mezzo Consultancy Limited Sycamore House Main Street Hungarton Leicestershire LE7 9JR: Helen Willson	11/08/15	I acknowledge receipt of the letter and map attachment. I don't have any specific issues that I would like the plan to address at the moment but look forward to being part of the process, as the plan develops.

Mike Preston Associates Ltd The Gables Church Lane Hungarton Leicester LE7 9JX	N/A	
Statutory/Voluntary Organisations		
Church:	04/08/15	<p>thank you for mailing me details of the work of the team working on important planning for the future of our village, as an elected churchwarden I am interested to be kept up to date with developments.</p> <p>I bring to your attention that Saint John the Baptist Church Hungarton and All Saints Church Keyham are now one ecclesiastical parish which should have no bearing on the development of Hungarton.</p> <p>The church in Hungarton contributes to the village in that the Church-yard is open for the burial of residents of our parish irrespective of any religion or not, there is a church protocol displayed on the Church notice board concerning this matter.</p> <p>As an open church-yard the upkeep is the responsibility Hungarton Church Council costing around £1000.00 per annum. The Hungarton Parish Council gives a generous donation to the upkeep of the church-yard an also for the maintenance of the Church turret clock</p> <p>I do not understand the reason for transferring the area on the map (green boundary) to Houghton Parish Council but no doubt there is a logical reason for this. (John Morrison)</p>
england@woodlandtrust.org.uk The Woodland Trust, Kempton Way, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6LL	04/08/15	
Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust: Email: info@lrwt.org.uk Sue Timms leads the LRERC ecology team at County Hall and her email is Sue.Timms@leics.gov.uk .	04/08/15	<p>We would suggest that you contact the Leicestershire and Rutland Environmental Resources Centre at County Hall, Glenfield and ask them to provide you with a map showing the location of any Local Wildlife Sites in the parish so that you can include them in your plan. LWS are the best</p>

		sites for wildlife that are not legally protected (you have no legally protected Sites of Special Scientific Interest) and we would urge you to incorporate policies in your plan that will ensure that any LWS present are taken into account in planning decisions.
Landowners		
John and Andrew Curtis: W A Curtis	04/08/15	I would like to confirm receipt of your letter, many thanks yes this is the address until we move to Quenby Lodge. Yvonne and John Curtis
	26/01/16	Meeting with JP & AC
	16/02/16	Email exchange: Would you please include the washpit in the plan, we do not have any plans at the moment, but down the road who knows.
Quenby Estate: c/o David Morris, Olympic House, Doddington Road, Lincoln, LN6 3SE	04/08/15	Contact Robert Phillips. Only Hope Farm in play as per letter from Mr Morris June 15. Client wishes to continue to engage.
Robert Phillips BSc, robert.phillips@Savills - left	01/08/16	Meeting between Jen Hadland, GK, JP, CP. Discussed cheese sore site. A further meeting will be arranged (by Caroline) after the questionnaire has been analysed.
Jen Hadland. Associate Planner, Rural, JHadland@savills.com 01325 370 516	25/04/16	Meeting JH/JP/AC to update.
Dixon Partners, Village Farm, Beeby Road, Hungarton, Leicester LE7 9JA	04/08/15	Thanks for your communication on the 4/8/15. I have nothing specific to raise for the plan but would be interested in any discussions that are taking place.
	06/02/16	This email is the best to get me on. Tim Meeting: GK/JP/AC. Chapel and reserve site
Mr. Brian Henton, Ingarsby Old Hall, Ingarsby, Leicestershire, LE7 9JL	04/08/15	Thank you for your letter dated 04/08/2015 and please keep me

Mr Slater (Inkerman Lodge)		
Freelancers:		
Jock Howard		
Mark Frith		
David Kenchington,		
Marie Lloyd		
Cherie Rowlands		
Sally Deignan		

HCS Appendix 4



Hungarton Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011 - 2031

Questionnaire

Here's your chance to have your say about the future of Hungarton Parish

The Localism Act of 2011 gave local residents power to shape the future of their communities by putting local plans at the heart of a new and simplified planning system. Under the Act, councils and local people can make decisions about any future housing, its design and location.

But, important though housing development is, the plan is about much more. It can include policies governing the future of green spaces, heritage assets, the environment, community facilities, economic activity and transport and roads - all things that will impact the community in the coming years.

Once the Plan is approved it becomes a legally binding document used by Harborough District Council in determining any planning applications that might come forward in the Parish.

It is really important that everyone contributes their views so that the plan truly reflects the collective view of the community as best it can. **We** have the chance to make decisions for Hungarton's future rather than leaving it to others. Let's make sure we make the most of the opportunity.

James Patterson, Chair, Neighbourhood Development Planning Committee

Here's how you can get involved

This questionnaire is an important part of the consultation process, following the event in our Village Hall and it takes account of the comments made then by parishioners. The survey will help us to understand the views of our community as a whole. The opinions, comments and ideas gathered will be used solely for the development of the Draft Plan, to be written as a reflection of the consensus view of Hungarton Parish residents. There will also be further opportunities to comment in May and June 2016.

We ask that you write your name on each questionnaire only to identify you as a parishioner. Let us reassure you that the responses will be anonymised and used only for the purposes of preparing the Draft Plan. Your participation and all your responses will be kept completely confidential and no individual or family will be identifiable in any published results.

Every member of your household can complete a questionnaire, or you may complete one as a family/household. Each household will have one paper copy. If you require more paper copies or would like help completing your questionnaire, please contact Caroline Pick on 0116 2595 669 or email carolinepick2@gmail.com. Questionnaires must be completed by 31 March. These are being collected from households or you can drop them off at one of the three contact points in the village, (see end of questionnaire for details).

If you prefer, you can complete this survey on-line www.surveymonkey.com/r/hungarton

Community

1. When thinking about living in Hungarton Parish, how important are the following to you?

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Not important	Not at all important
Local activities/ groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community/family/friends/neighbours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Anything else?

2. How important are the following for Hungarton Parish?

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Not important	Not at all important
Village Hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Millennium Green	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children's playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sports Club (tennis court)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Phone box - defibrillator/ bookswap	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Pub	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Women's Institute	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Events: e.g. village walk, pétanque, carols	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open Gardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coffee mornings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parish magazine	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Village website	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Anything else?

Housing

Housing in Hungarton Parish

3. What type of housing are you in now and what type will your household require in the future?

	Now		Future	
	Owned	Rented	Owned	Rented
Flat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bungalow	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
House with 1-2 beds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
House with 3-4 beds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
House with 5+ beds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Could you adapt your current home to meet your future needs?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

5. Harborough District Council's new Local Plan expects Hungarton to take its share of the new housing that is required across the District. The Neighbourhood Development Plan can shape the number, type and location of new homes for Hungarton until 2031. In your opinion, how many more homes should be built in the Parish up to the end of this plan in 2031?

0-2 ☐ 3-5 ☐ 6-9 ☐ 10+ ☐

6. What style of housing would you like to see built in the Parish?

	Yes	No
Consistent with conservation area, style and materials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Modern style and materials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A mixture of traditional and modern styles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In keeping with neighbouring houses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please comment)

7. Do you think the Parish needs any of the following types of housing?

	Yes	No
Housing for single people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing for young couples	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Medium size family houses (2-3 bedrooms)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Large family houses (4 bedrooms and over)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing for the elderly/disabled	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing for low income families	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please comment)

8. Should the Neighbourhood Development Plan encourage the use of renewable energy solutions e.g. solar panels, geothermal heating, low energy lighting, high levels of insulation, etc, as part of all developments?

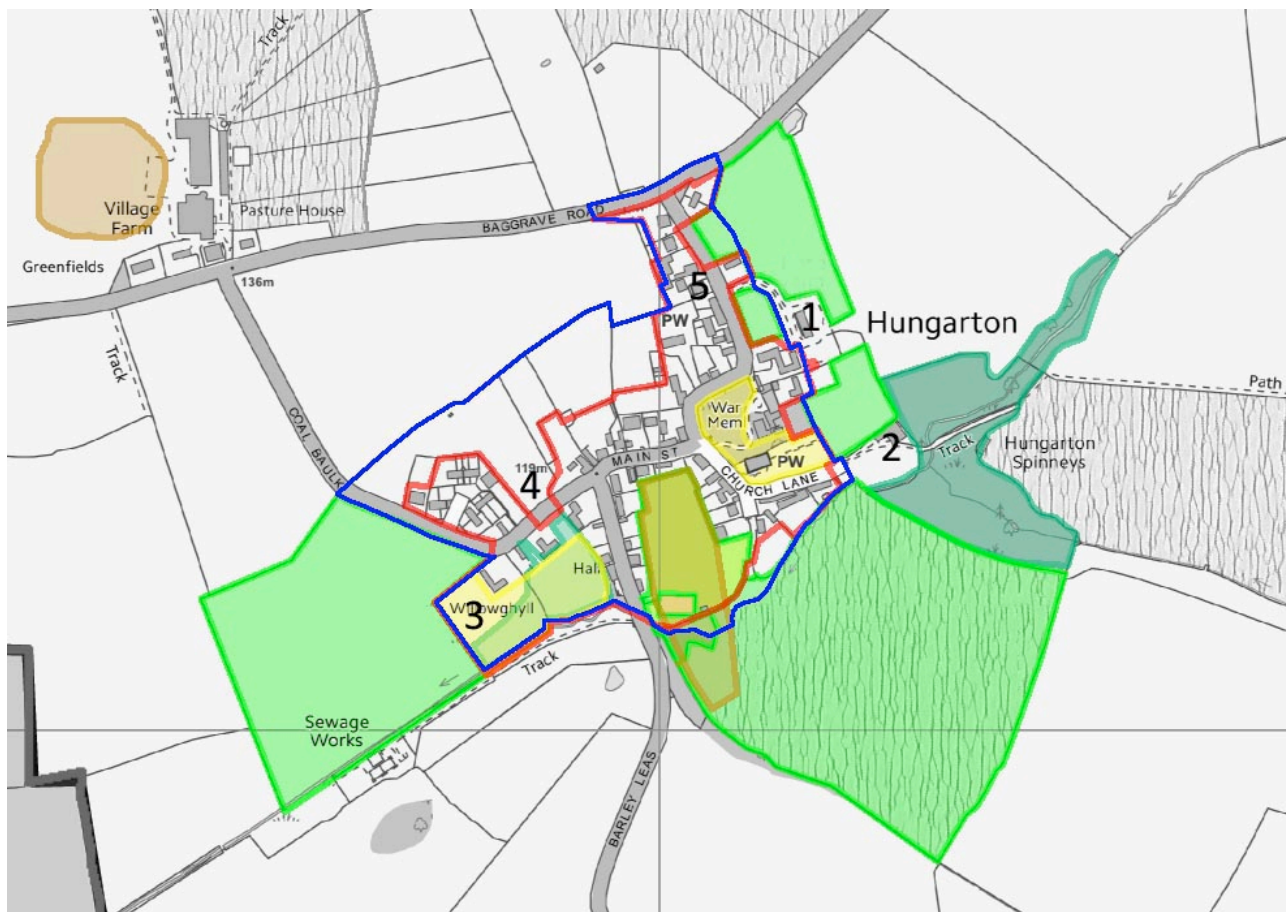
Yes ☒ No ☐

Please comment

9. Are there any structural features (buildings, architectural features etc.) that you think should be preserved to maintain the character of the Parish?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Please give details



10. The Neighbourhood Development Planning Group has identified some sites for limited potential development of up to 3 homes and some sites have been suggested by landowners in the Parish?. These are numbered on the map above and are listed below.

Tell us where you would prefer to see new housing by ranking each site, where 1st is your most preferred site and 5th is your least preferred.

	1 st Most preferred	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th Least preferred
1. The northern part of the former cheese store at Hope Farm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. The Washpit at the end of Church Lane	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Land at Willowghyll	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Land fronting onto Main Street between Manor House and Town End	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Converting the old chapel into a residence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you have any comments?

Environment

11. Which of the following environmental features do you think are important for Hungarton Parish?

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Not very important	Not at all important
Open green spaces within the village	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Views on the approach to the village	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Views looking out from the village	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conservation Area status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Heritage sites and historical features	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Footpaths in and around the Parish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trees and hedgerows	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wildlife (flora and fauna)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Farms and parkland in the Parish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Any comments?

12. How frequently has your family/household used footpaths/bridleways within the Parish in the last year?

Never ☐ Occasionally ☐ Monthly ☐ Weekly ☐ Daily ☐

13. Have you had any difficulties using a footpath/bridleway or any other public right of way in the Parish, (e.g. lack of signposting, path blocked, no access for dogs etc)?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please give details

14. If you own or farm land over which footpaths or bridleways run, have you experienced any difficulties with their maintenance or with public usage?

Yes ☒ No ☒

If yes, please give details

15. In the past there has been interest in allotments being provided for parishioners. If these were available, would you be interested in taking one?

Yes, definitely ☒ Yes, probably ☒ Probably not ☒ No ☒

16. Which one of the following statements best describes your attitude to renewable energy?

Tick one

We already have too many wind turbines/solar panels in the Parish ☐

I know it is important but I don't want to see any more in the Parish ☐

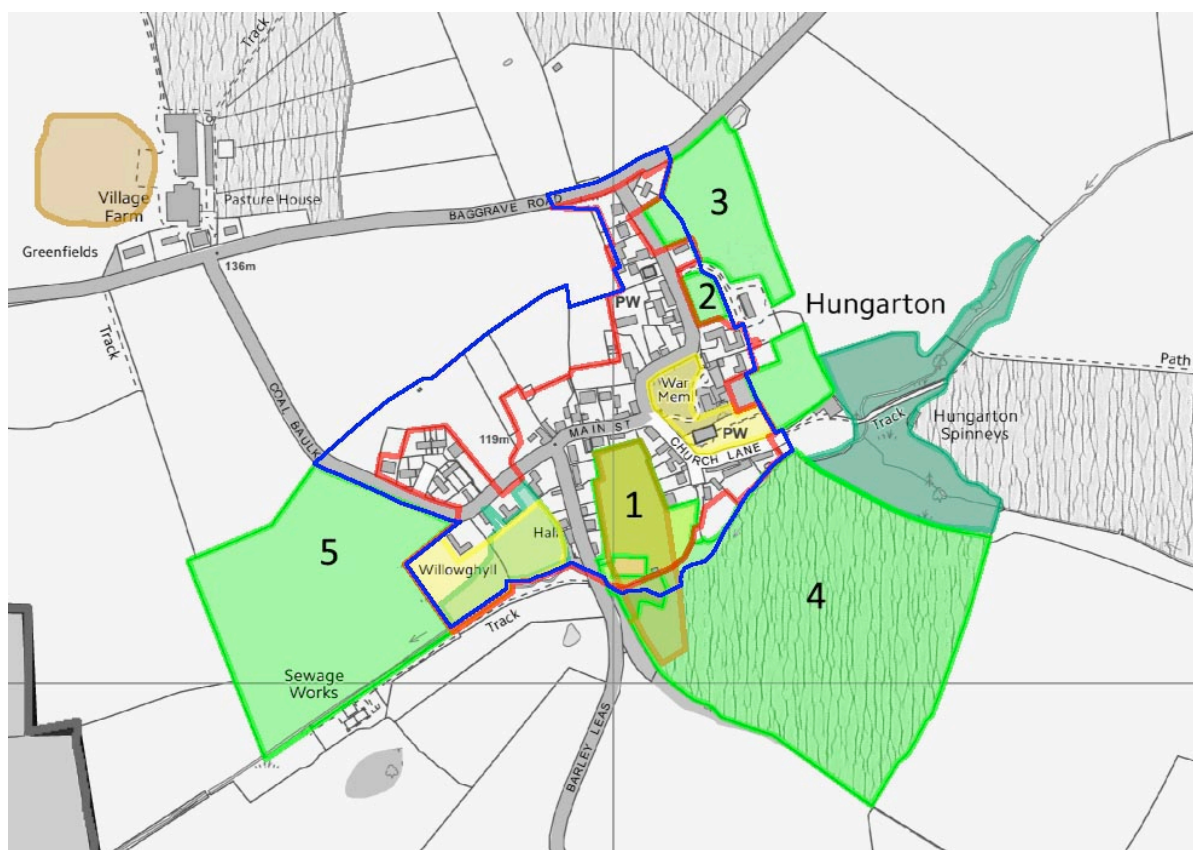
I would be happy to see a limited increase in the Parish ☐

Renewable energy is important in tackling climate change and we should do more in our Parish ☐

17. Several other parishes are starting to develop their own community energy generating capacity. This would usually require households to invest. Would you be interested in a scheme for Hungarton Parish?

Yes ☒ No ☒ Tell me more ☒

Please comment



18. At our recent community consultation, some green spaces within the Parish were identified as being important to local people. These are numbered on the map above and listed below.

The Neighbourhood Plan offers an opportunity to protect green spaces which are important to the character of Hungarton Parish. Please can you indicate whether or not you agree that each of these areas should be protected.

	Yes	No
1. The paddock between Church Lane/Main St/Barley Leas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. The paddock at Hope Farm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. The paddock behind Swedish houses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. The ridge and furrow field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. The field opposite Town End	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are there any other areas that you think should be protected?

Transport

19. Thinking about the following, how concerned are you?

	Very Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Not concerned	Not at all concerned
Speed of vehicles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Heavy Goods Vehicles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Junctions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Condition of roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parked vehicles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of community transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please give brief details of concerns

20. Would you be interested in participating in a car sharing/lift scheme in the Parish?

Yes ☐ No ☐

21. Would you be able/willing to take passengers in your own car?

	Yes	No
To work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For shopping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For medical appointments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Business

22. Would you like to see further business development in the Parish?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If 'yes', what type? If 'no', why not?

23. Does a local business provide you with employment?

Yes

☐

No

☐

If so, what kind of business is it?

24. Do you operate a business in the Parish?

Yes

☐

No

☐

(if no, please go to Question 28)

25. Please briefly describe the type of business below.

Number of people employed? _____

Sole Trader?

Yes

☐

No

☐

26. Are there any constraints on you operating your business in the Parish? Yes

☐

No

☐

Please comment

27. Which of the following services do you need or aspire to in the Parish?

	Yes	No
Meeting facilities for hourly rental	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small office space for short-term rental	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Communal workshop area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meeting place e.g. café	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Storage/Lock-up	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Superfast broadband	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Anything else?

General

28. Do you have any other comments you would like to make about Hungarton Parish?

Household information

29. Your name and contact details

Name
Address
Email (optional)

We would very much appreciate it if you could complete the following **optional** questions. This information will show that we have gained the views from a cross section of the population for our Neighbourhood Development Plan.

30. How many of each age group live at your address?

	Numbers		Numbers
0 -11	<input type="text"/>	30 -39	<input type="text"/>
12 -15	<input type="text"/>	40 -49	<input type="text"/>
16 -18	<input type="text"/>	50 -59	<input type="text"/>
18 -20	<input type="text"/>	60 -69	<input type="text"/>
20 -29	<input type="text"/>	70+	<input type="text"/>

31. How many of each gender live at your address? Male ☐ Female ☐ Prefer not to say ☐

32. Do you consider yourself or anyone in your household to have a disability? Yes ☐ No ☐

33. How long have you lived in Hungarton Parish?

			Tick
0 - 5 years	<input type="radio"/>	16 - 20 years	<input type="radio"/>
6 - 10 years	<input type="radio"/>	21 - 25 years	<input type="radio"/>
11 - 15 years	<input type="radio"/>	Over 25 years	<input type="radio"/>

34. What is the occupational status of those in your household?

	Numbers		Numbers
In Full-time Education	<input type="radio"/>	Self Employed	<input type="radio"/>
Employed Full-time	<input type="radio"/>	Unemployed	<input type="radio"/>
Employed Part-time	<input type="radio"/>	Retired	<input type="radio"/>

35. What is your ethnic group?

(Please choose one option that best describes your ethnic group or background)

White British	<input type="radio"/>
White other	<input type="radio"/>
Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups	<input type="radio"/>
Asian/Asian British	<input type="radio"/>
Black/ African/Caribbean/Black British	<input type="radio"/>

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Your views are very important.

Please return your completed questionnaire to Caroline Pick, Hope House, Main Street or Mike Preston, The Gables, Church Lane or Helen Willson, Sycamore House, Main Street, Hungarton, by 31 March 2016. We will also be collecting completed questionnaires.

Any responses received to this survey will be used solely for the purposes of the development of a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Hungarton Parish. In accordance with the Data Protection Act your participation in this research, together with your individual responses to the questions will be kept strictly confidential, and no individual, family or household will be identifiable in any published results.



Bringing improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need
Making best use of Lottery money (Using knowledge and evidence) (Being supportive and helpful)



HCS Appendix 5

HUNGARTON



Community Questionnaire Analysis and Summary of Responses

April 2016

OVERVIEW

The Parish of Hungarton has commenced the preparation of its Neighbourhood Plan.

An important part of this inclusive process is, of course, obtaining the views and aspirations of the community. A key aspect of this has been the development and completion of a community questionnaire.

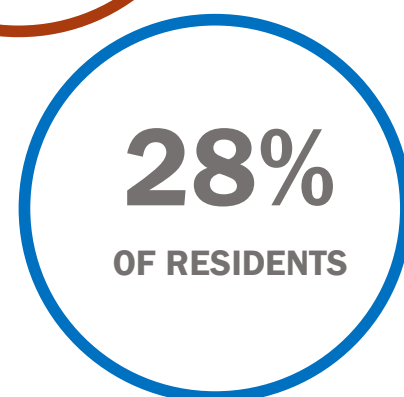
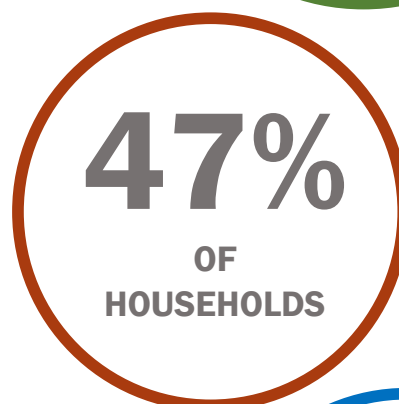
The questionnaire comprised 31 questions, based on important issues established following initial consultation work by the Hungarton Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee (HNDP) and its Theme Groups. These issues are: Community, Housing, Environment, Transport and Economy.

The survey took place in March 2016.

A printed copy was delivered to every household in the parish in early March, by volunteers from the Committee. It was available to complete electronically and as a paper copy. A link to the questionnaire was sent to 83 parish email addresses by the HNDP Secretary on March 9th. Reminder emails were sent on March 19 and 26. Door to door verbal reminders took place on March 24, 25, 28 & 31.

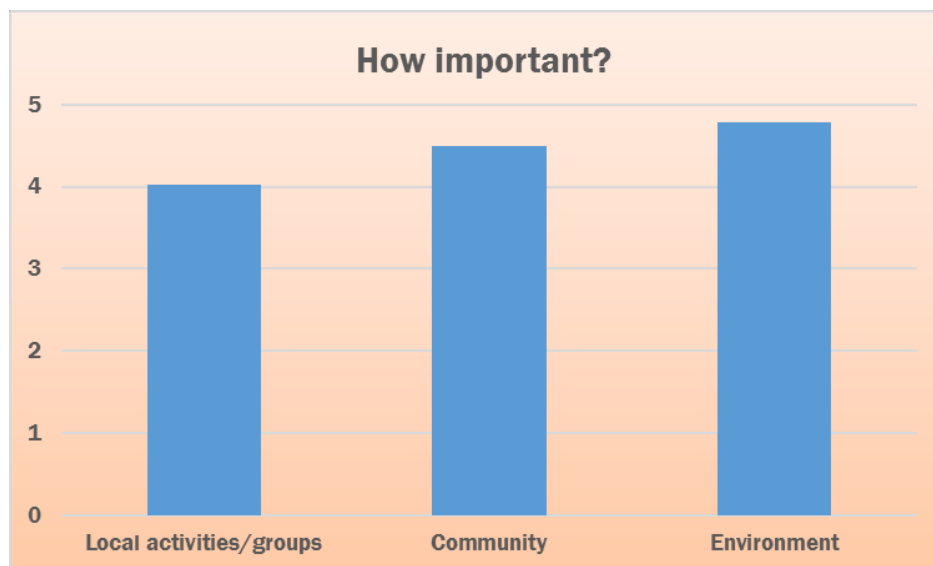
The level of response from the community was good, there being 79 individual returns, (21 paper copies and 58 electronic) from a total population of 283 (28%). 7 people declined to provide their name/address so the following data is an estimate. At least 57 households (of which at least 45 are in Hungarton village) completed the questionnaire out of a total of 121 households in the parish. This represents 47% of all households.

This demonstrates the level of commitment to the Neighbourhood Plan by the community and, in turn, adds strength to the validity of the collective views expressed.



Population/household data taken from 2011 Census

COMMUNITY

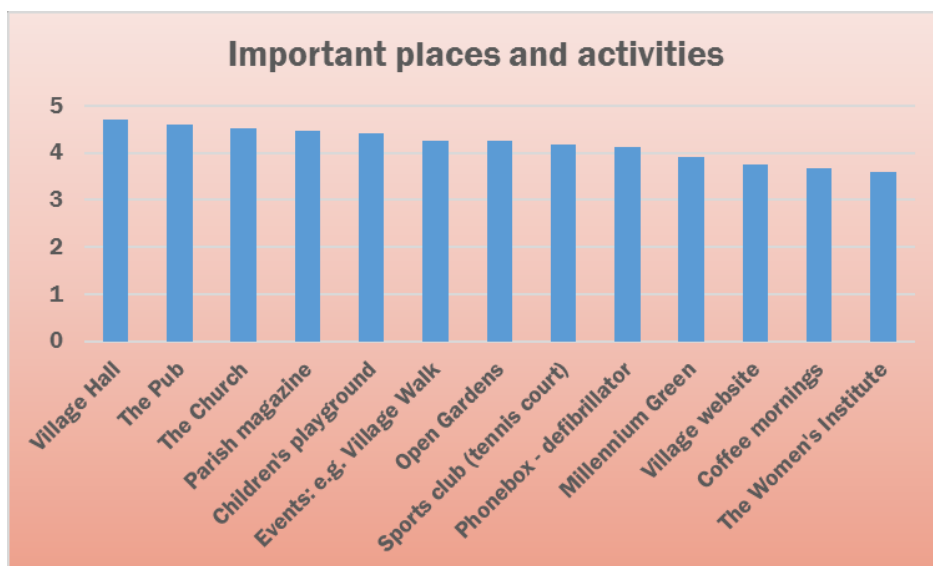


Parishioners were invited to rate the importance to them of three parish characteristics on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most important.

Thinking about what's important about living in Hungarton, 97% of respondents said the Environment; 92% said Community, friends, neighbours; 81% said local activities/groups. **85% scored Environment as very important.**

Further comments detailing what respondents value about Hungarton Parish are as follows:

- Space
- Peace and rural tranquility x2
- The beauty, peace and quiet of the area x2
- The community support offered by fellow villagers is a key part of enjoying being Hungarton residents. It is a beautiful place to bring up my daughter and the character of the village and the physical environment must be safeguarded for all current and future residents.
- Local facilities including pub
- Safety - more street lighting. Play area - relocation to a more central spot e.g. land on Main St between Manor House and Town End, away from deep water and quiet escape route for child snatchers.
- Shop/community shop/cafe would be great and would help bring the community together (e.g. Barrowden)
- Village Hall is important. Pub not important. Shop would be beneficial.
- Local developments.
- Maintaining the status quo is important. This is what attracts visitors to Open Gardens, Hungarton 7, pub etc. which help to maintain village facilities and supports local business.

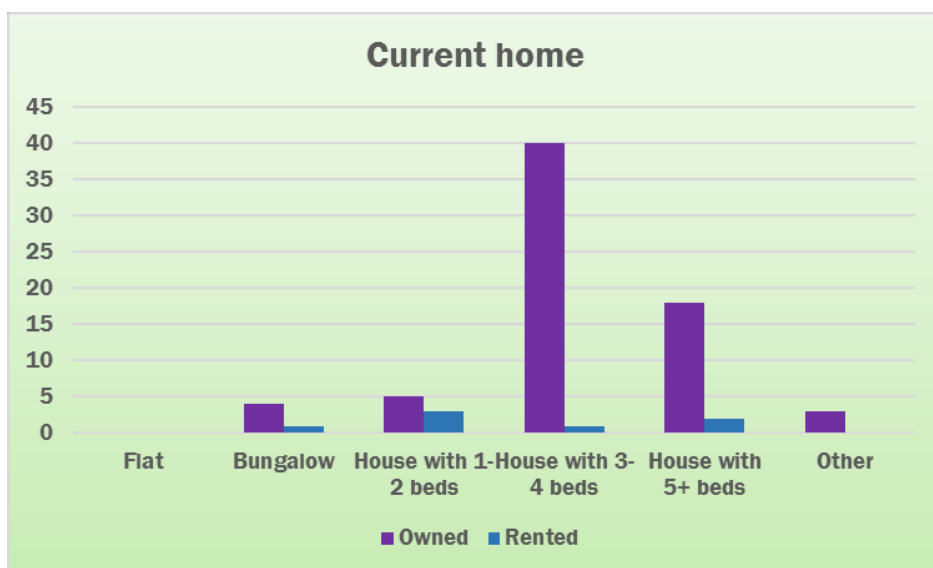


Parishioners were asked to rate the importance of each of thirteen items, places and village activities.

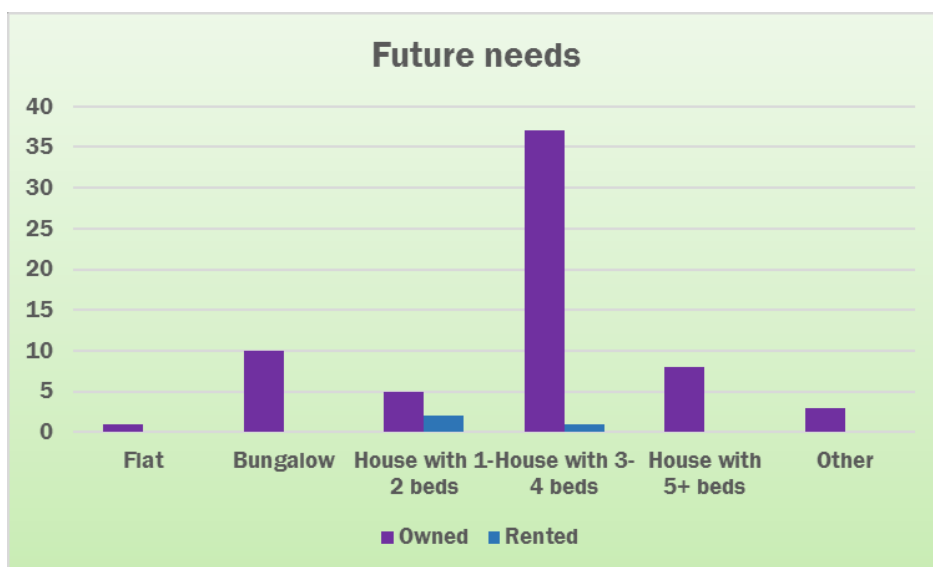
Each item was viewed as being important. The Village Hall and Pub appear equally important at the top, followed by The Church. The Parish magazine was rated equally with the Children's playground, closely followed by Events. Other activities such as Sports Club and W.I were rated important among smaller numbers. The new village website is the only item rated not at all important by 3 people. Comments made suggest that some items listed need to be more widely promoted: Comments from respondents are as follows:

- To consider organising some clubs/events aimed specifically at the children of the village. I would be keen to be involved in this process, and I have a background in working with young people so would be happy to be contacted. Also possibly more 'whole village' events i.e. village bonfire etc. In addition, it is important to safeguard open spaces as well as existing village amenities such as village hall and playground.
- Website-too early to say useful-inaccuracies, out-of-date entries, current matters missing; must be improved Parish mag-needs to be electronic & current-published deadline not consistently applied Open gardens & events generally must be well-considered & not simply repetitive to continue successfully & not disappointing for those generous persons who put in the hard work
- Is there a website? I'm not sure what the book swap thing is.
- Website important only if magazine is no more. Mobile library, disabled access for all village amenities. A community is built by the hard work of its inhabitants. All of these features contribute to Hungarton identity & are treasured as part of its history. New ones will irresistibly follow but old and new sit together.
- An on-line parish magazine would improve communication immensely, and would improve the sense of community.
- Churchyard, administered by the church PCC - this open churchyard is available for the burial of all creeds or none who were residents or die within the parish - an important asset for this community.
- Some sort of support network for our elderly population
- Helen's Plants. The beauty, peace and quiet of the area (just to re-emphasise!)

HOUSING



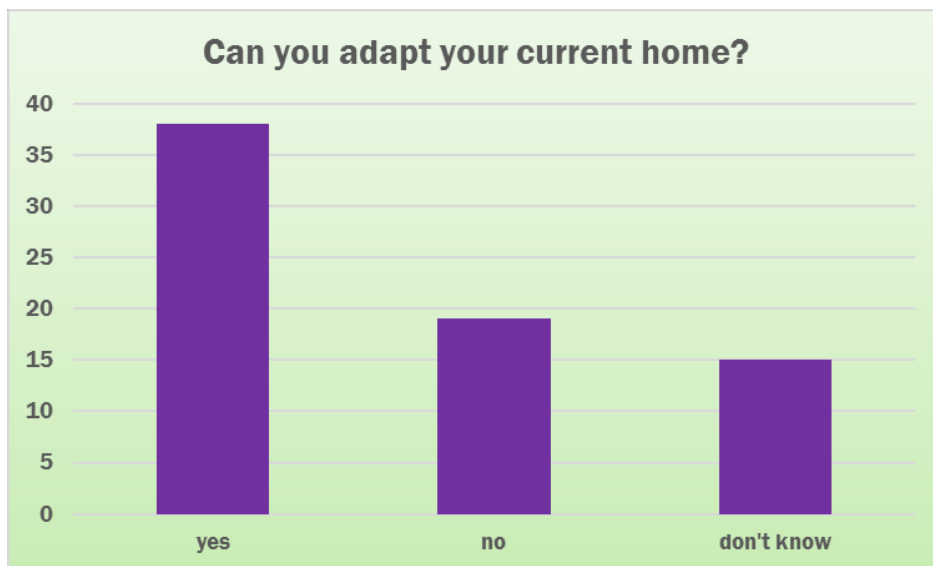
The questionnaire asked about the type of homes people currently live in and about their future housing need. These responses enable a direct comparison.



Most respondents are currently living in larger properties within the Parish. Responses indicate a potential need for some smaller and some single storey accommodation within the Parish in future.

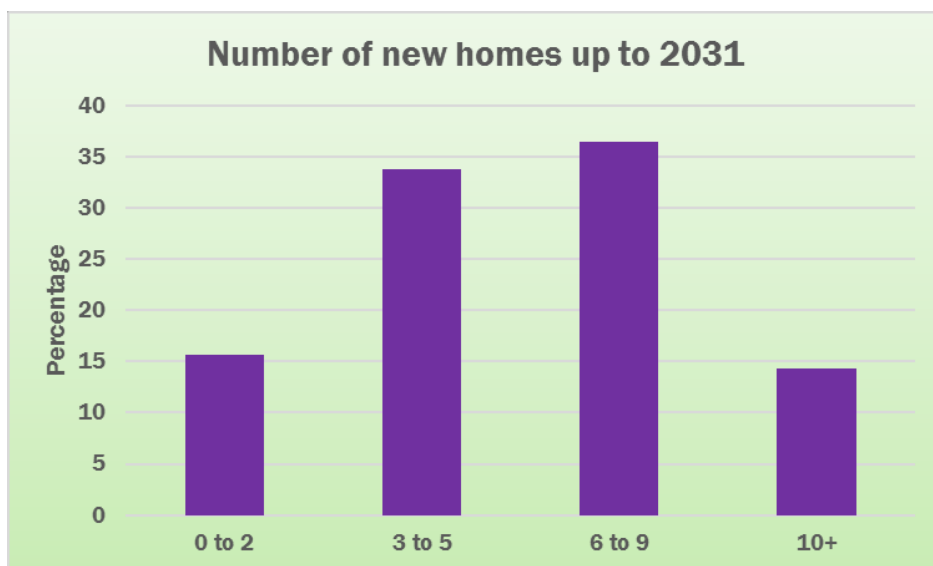
- 4 respondents currently live in bungalows and an additional 6 would like to in future.
- 18 live in houses with 5+ bedrooms but only 8 require houses of this size in future.
- None of the respondents lived in a flat, but one would like to in future.

There is also an indication of a desire by some of those currently renting, to become homeowners in the future.



53% of respondents thought that they could adapt their current home to meet future housing needs. 26% thought that their home could not be adapted to meet future needs and 21% were not sure whether their home could be adapted for any future needs.

The questionnaire asked how many more homes parishioners thought should be built in the Parish up to the end of the Neighbourhood Plan period in 2031.

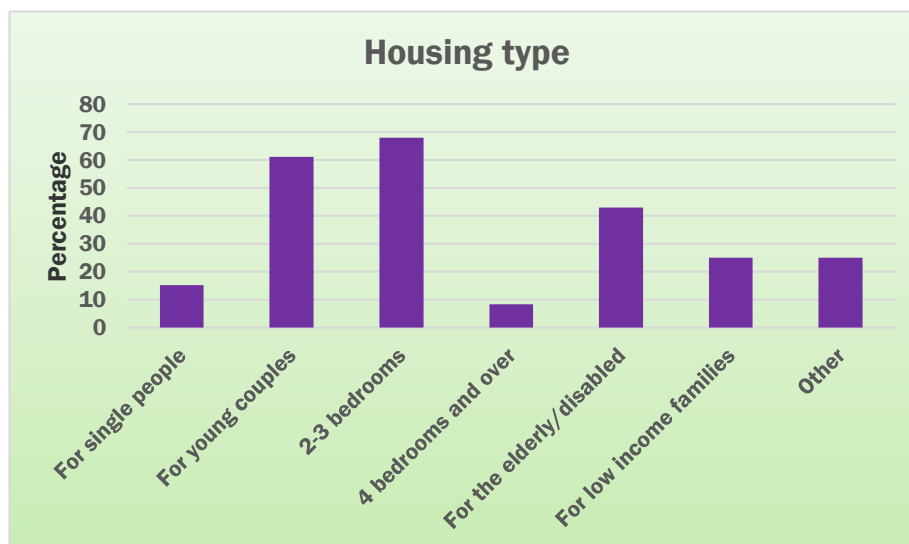


- 36% of respondents thought there should be 6-9 new homes
- 34% thought there should be 3-5
- 16 % thought there should be 2 or less
- 14% thought there should be 10 or more



Parishioners were asked to identify their preferred housing style for Hungarton.

The preferred style of housing would be consistent with the conservation area, style and materials (75%) and in keeping with neighbouring houses (53%). However, 21% of respondents would be happy with a mixture of traditional and modern styles and 9% support modern style and materials.



Parishioners were asked to select the type of housing they feel Hungarton needs.

In the view of respondents to the questionnaire, the type of housing needed in the Parish is:

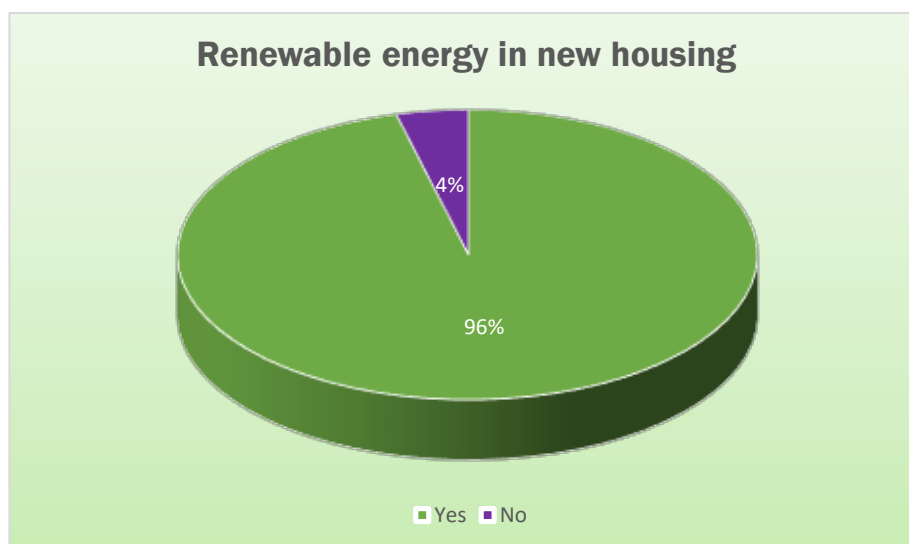
- 2-3 bedroom family homes (68%)
- Housing for young couples (61%)
- Housing for the elderly/disabled (43%)

25% thought that housing for low income families was needed, but 7 people who had not ticked this option commented that they had not selected it because of the lack of public transport.

15% thought that there was a requirement for housing for single people and only 8% thought there was a need for additional large family homes (4 bedrooms or more).

Additional comments from respondents were:

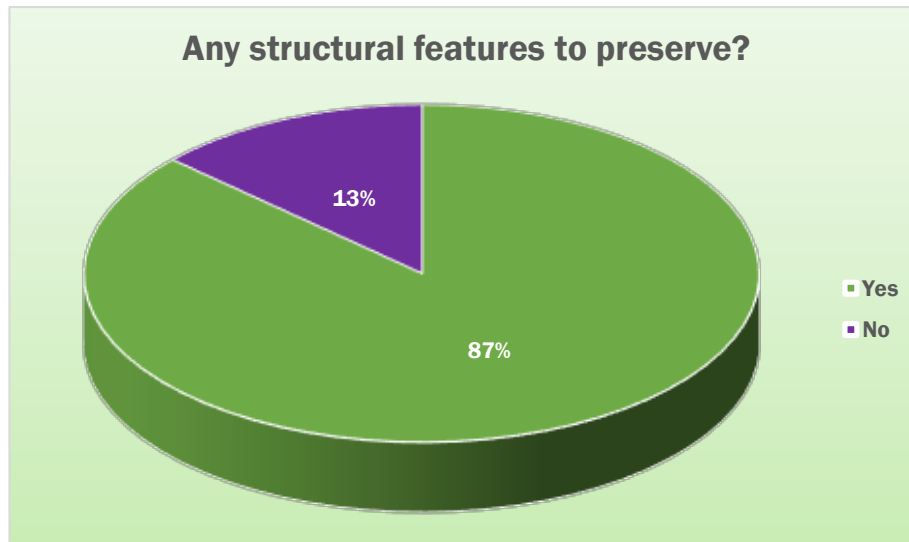
- Low income not suitable with current transport levels.
- I would suggest yes for low income families if the bus service was usable for everyday travelling.
- Good sized attractive bungalows that may attract older residents who want to downsize from large or high maintenance older properties, which would have the added benefit of freeing up their large house for new young families and avoid older residents having to leave the village.
- Without appropriate transport facilities commuters need to be self-supporting.
- Housing needs must be re-assessed over the term of plan till 2031.
- I am firmly of the opinion that the village does not require, but more importantly does not have the amenities or associated infrastructure to support the building of ANY additional housing/either now or for the duration of the time span covered by the proposed local plan document. If placed in a situation where additional v small scale housing becomes 'mandatory' looking to provide for low income families would I feel be the most appropriate way to go.
- Housing that is of sufficient size to allow a family to grow up and remain in the village for a long time. Parking and garden essential.
- The problem that underpins the choices here is that housing development has to be a part of total infrastructure and service and amenity planning. A more balanced community in terms of class and other diversity has to be achieved only as a part of that.
- We need to keep family life going in the community when elderly people leave or sadly pass away.
- Need affordable housing for young people starting on the housing ladder and retirement bungalow for the elderly.
- I do not know if young couples would wish to live in Hungarton. I doubt it, as there is limited choice for social interaction. Bars, eating establishments are all in Leicester.
- Difficult to provide certain types of housing given lack of public transport.
- Housing for low income families would be good but not really viable as transport cost would be high.
- Village services do not support elderly and low income.
- We don't actually need any more housing. Houses at both the top and bottom end of the scale remain unsold and have been on the market for years. Our infrastructure can cope with what we have now, just about. The nature of the village would be completely changed if this had to be 'improved' to deal with an increase in population and traffic.
- Housing for people who wish to join in with the community spirit within the village.



There was strong support (96%) for encouraging the use of renewable energy solutions as part of all housing developments.

Comments:

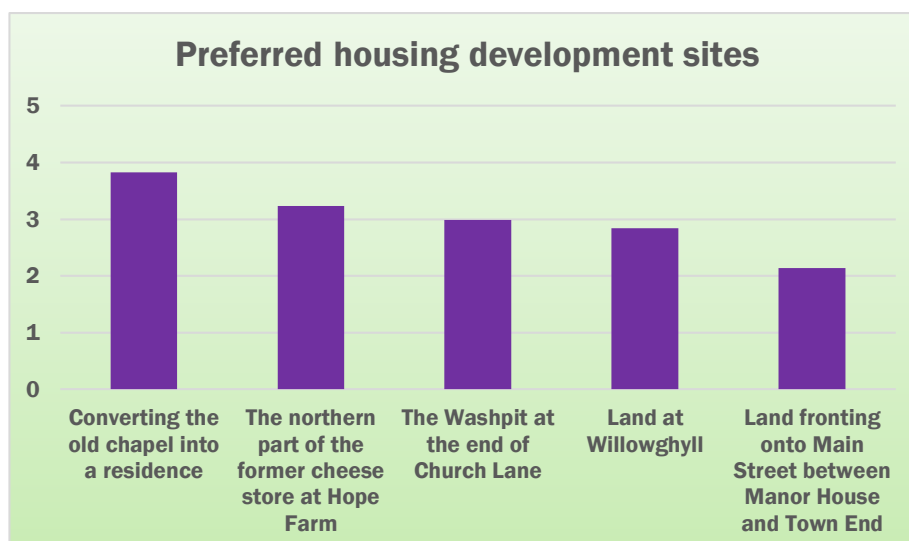
- Although I would argue that no future development is appropriate, then all possible environmentally beneficial solutions should be integrated within all housing- my house benefits from 'eco-friendly' measures which are very welcome.
- Inclusion of at least one of the above should be a condition of planning application.
- Not sure solar panels are cost effective.
- Insulation first, as a priority. High levels of insulation will reduce the need for power generation for heating.
- BIG Yes.
- Should be mandatory on all new houses in the village.
- Encourage – Yes, Require – No.
- Solar panels and listed buildings are not visually compatible. Geothermal heating is visually unobtrusive and with economy of scale may be affordable.
- Solar panels are overused and visible anything unobtrusive should be considered.
- And grey water tanks for washing cars, watering gardens, flushing loos etc.
- To some people, it is out of reach. Sharing the cost between village houses, could be the answer.
- BUT Not large scale solar farms in fields. In new housing/existing stock or community buildings egg v hall or farm use e.g., Dixons' milking sheds.
- Renewable energy should be encouraged however more suitable are things such as, low energy lighting and insulation - they won't destroy views/green space as wind/solar power may.
- We must be shown to be sympathetic to reducing the carbon footprint.
- Not solar panels.... unless hidden.
- Too late. Feed in Tariff not worth investing in.
- High level insulation can cause condensation problems.
- This is the most important issue for our planet and it must therefore be the most important issue for each individual and community on the planet - including Hungarton.
- 'Yes' to geothermal, insulation, low energy lighting. No to eyesores especially solar panels.



87% of respondents said that structural features, (buildings, architectural features) should be preserved to maintain the character of the Parish.

- Our Church x21
- The Church, Grade 2* listed, at present in good condition.
- Our church is maintained and must continue to be.
- Other than specific houses - the church.
- Church wall.
- The Pub x2
- War memorial x11
- Red brick, slate roofing x3
- Village Hall x11
- All listed buildings x2
- Chapel x5
- The chapel (but developed as a home).
- Chapel should have character maintained.
- The chapel should be preserved, probably through a sensitive conversion to a dwelling.
- Consistent with conservation area, style and materials (see answer to Question 7).
- All 18th century housing.
- Ashby House Farm as a dwelling
- We should preserve buildings and properties of historic importance /fabric.
- Old Forge and School House.
- All property dated 1700-1800 (whether listed or not).
- Cottage type buildings with small windows.
- All the listed buildings. The essential shape of the village itself is largely unchanged for the past 250 years. I feel that it is important that this is retained.
- Consistent with the conservation area, style and materials.

- All the listed properties. I can't think of any buildings I would wish to see demolished. The recent social housing looks fine, but the landscape, bare earth, is very unattractive and should be sorted.
- The Forge; the old farmhouses; vicarage.
- The historic buildings and layout of the village: an eighteenth century village in a medieval landscape.
- Preserving the non-listed eighteenth century (or earlier) houses/features is very important. The historic plan of the village should also be preserved.
- Obviously, brick built and old timber framed farm structures.
- Distinctive window designs and painted White as per Sycamore House also the use of Red brick.
- Stone walls, grassy banks, open spaces.
- Hope Farm Cottage is one of the original gatehouses.
- Phone box.
- Existing trees and buildings that are good examples of the architecture of the time of construction should be preserved.
- See q7. All listed structures. All buildings should be adequately maintained by owners.
- All the gatehouses should be preserved, including Hope Farm Cottage. The Swedish houses are important.
- Lime trees on Main Street.
- This is and should remain a conservation village with special attention to the existing character of buildings within the Parish.
- Brick and slate cottages. The larger brick buildings such as The Manor House.
- Main St. street scene.
- Children's playground area.
- I love all of the stone houses. I have been trying to source local stone for my own house and garden. I think we should encourage this feature in new housing.
- Yes: the road scape of the village, especially old buildings, walls and large trees should be preserved. The church and war memorial are of particular importance, but the brickwork of some of the old buildings is beautiful. The road scape has already been too much spoiled by infill buildings. The spaces between buildings matters.
- I feel that the character of the village and the whole parish is something that should be prioritised and safeguarded for current and all future residents. The mix of farms, cottages and other features/dwellings within the village all add to the overall village character and I feel that wherever possible all should be maintained to avoid deterioration in the overall environment, unless specific buildings/individual features become unsafe or fall into disrepair as a result of age/erosion/damage.
- Any historical/structural etc. features in existing properties of merit that can be saved/retained.
- Listed buildings. Old signage maintained.
- The church as a whole, the Chapel, the dedication stones in the village Hall exterior walls, the phone box, the post box, some of the older properties in the village with their date stones.
- Hungarton should predominately stay as it is maintaining its current architectural features. People visiting Open Gardens have been known to compare it to The Cotswolds. This is a village that needs to preserve its tranquility and its placement in the countryside.
- The basic 'old village' street scene should be preserved.
- Current housing, playground & tennis courts, local farms & country estates e.g. Baggrave & Quenby.



Respondents were asked to rank 5 potential sites in the Parish for housing development. These sites had been selected because they conform with National and Harborough District planning guidance.

Taking all the responses into account (with weighting out of 5 shown in brackets) the preferred options are:

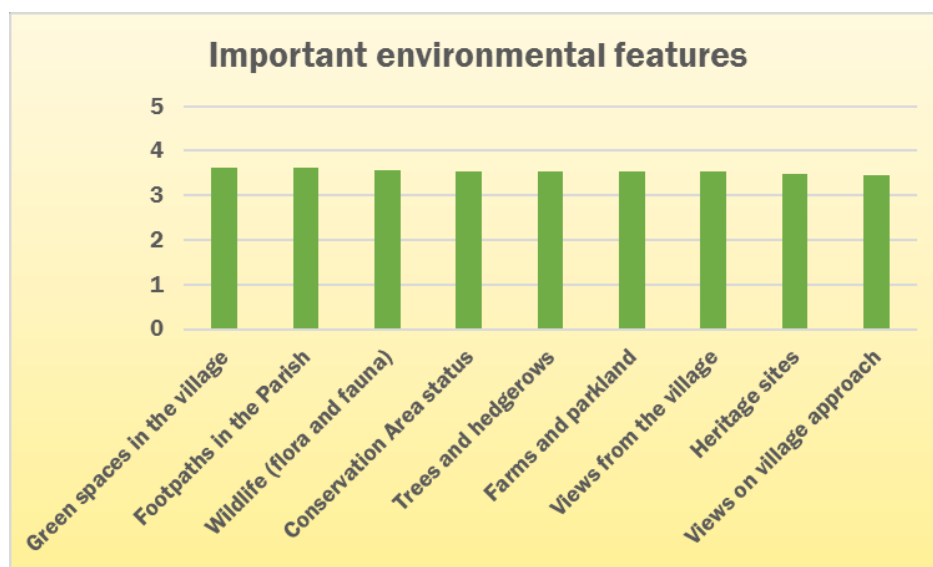
1. Conversion of the Wesleyan Chapel (3.83)
2. The Northern part of the former cheese store site (3.23)
3. The Washpit, Church Lane (2.99)
4. Willowghyll (2.84)
5. Land fronting Main Street between Manor House and Town End (2.14)

Comments from respondents were:

- No preferences but building/construction with minimum disruption to the village/roads. Chapel needs preserving - looks abandoned.
- Main St. between Manor House & Town End is a large field and could lead to a sizeable development - not just development of part of it.
- None of these.
- This does not preclude land owners from eventually developing for housing as needs arise - we have to take our share nationally.
- The Chapel is in disrepair & should be put to better use. The galvanised sheeting is an eyesore especially when viewed from the church. My choices, Willowghyll and Main St - obvious infill areas.
- What about plots on the Baggrave Road after Swedish houses and beside the Black Boy
- Careful placement of houses on all plots. Land on Main St south of Swedish Houses, vehicular access to east of Hope Farm Cottage from Cheese Store drive. Land opposite Pub should be considered.
- Land fronting onto Main Street has topography and drainage issues. It is also potentially a large development site and we will lose a good open space area
- I have ranked the above but only if my preferred option of zero development during the period up to 2031 is not accepted. I feel that converting existing buildings/renovating current housing stock is always preferable to any new build developments. Whilst opposing all the options in principle myself as my daughter would be most directly affected by option 4 of the list above I feel it should not be considered appropriate for development.
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ENVIRONMENT

Parishioners were given a list of environmental features which had been identified at earlier consultations. They were asked to rate the importance of these to them on a scale of 1 to 5.



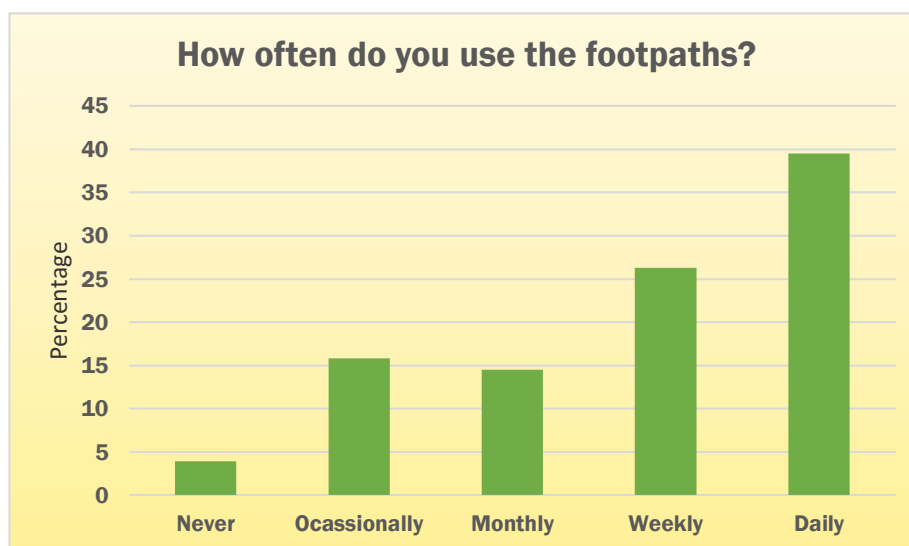
The majority of people thought all of the environmental features listed were very important.

Most important were Open Green Spaces within the village with 82% saying these were very important and 16% saying they were important. Least important were views on approaching the village but still seen as being very important for 66%.

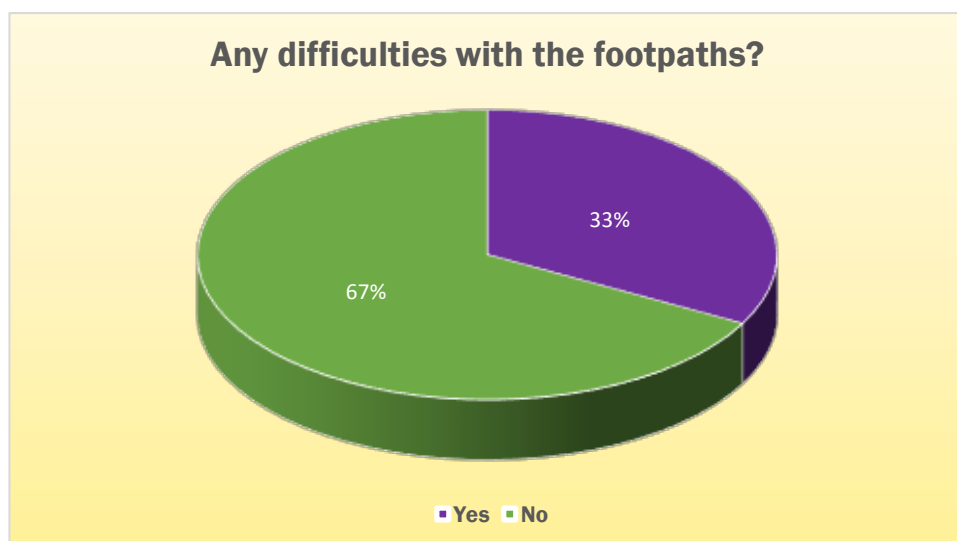
Comments from respondents were:

- I feel very strongly that all features listed above are important for the parish as a whole. Safeguarding areas such as the views into and from the village are very important not only for residents but also for any visitors to Hungarton to see the village in all its beauty. This is also true of the vitally important open green spaces which must be given a priority level of protection from any schemes or plans which may affect them. All hedgerows and the myriad species they support are at risk countrywide so their importance cannot be understated.
- Roadside bins....
- This is easily the prettiest village close to the city, and its present form should be preserved not just for the residents, but for people wanting a break from the big city (well, Leicester anyway... The popularity of Hungarton Open Gardens, and the comments overheard during the 2015 event, reinforce this view.

- All of these are absolutely central to the nature of Hungarton Parish.
- I feel it's important to keep all the above to maintain the character & feel of the village
- We are fortunate to live in a village where there is a very good balance between housing, countryside, open space areas within the village and a good range of village folk. The Black Boy is very important to the village. The wildlife and footpaths around the village are a huge bonus to living here.
- Efforts to keep the village small areas kept looking neat and attractive (not referring to large open spaces)
- The traditional parkland and farmland situation works and it is valued by visitors to the area. The parish has become an important recreational area, especially at weekends, and this should not be jeopardised.
- What do mean by Conservation Area Status?
- All these features define the village. Its isolation and rural nature are what makes it and the area so attractive and such a nice place to live.
- The scale of importance to us is pretty high maintenance
- Field around tennis court useful for village activities.



96% of those responding in this survey use local footpaths. 39% said they used footpaths/bridleways on a daily basis. Only 4% never use them. More than three quarters of respondents use the footpaths at least once a month.



A third of respondents had experienced problems using local footpaths, as their comments describe below:

- Various parts of footpaths & bridleways are being obstructed and damaged; churned mud extensively is problem; uncivil challenges by one landowner. Seriously affects those who come here & may well result in loss of business to the Pub, viability of which is important to Hungarton as well as the owners.
- Some footpaths require us to lift our Black Labrador over stiles. The permissive footpath from the former cheese store has now been blocked by a barbed wire fence - we have walked this path for 35 years.
- Thick mud after and before bridge.
- Some styles difficult with dogs. Some gates & bridges in poor condition on them.
- Some of the stiles could be more dog friendly especially on the Baggrave estate.
- Use of dog friendly access.
- Stiles - increasing in number - present a significant access problem for walkers with dogs and (one assumes) walkers with disabilities.
- Stile at OS grid ref 691072, reached by path from Brook Cottage/Gables is set on slope at point that is difficult to elevate oneself/mud collection point; similarly, difficult, new, secondary style at brook end of bridge near to Cotheridge (OS ref 692073). Why not new style gates: very important paths used by many (often elderly) walking groups (using pub etc.). Also (unnecessary) secondary style at 708608 at point of Quenby Lodge - before stream crossing - all makes use of footpaths more difficult. Q13 Grid ref 705075: bridleway route has always been preserved across fields from road when used for arable purposes - now just ploughed up.
- Difficulties associated with Quenby Lodge Farm land x3
- Some dog unfriendly stiles.
- Ploughed fields, gateways overgrown and gate fastenings hard to operate. Broken branches obstructing right of ways.

- Some stiles (probably about half in total) are not dog friendly.
- Cuttings from recently cut hedgerows have been left blocking access to stiles. Some fields have been ploughed over the entire field making it awkward to walk over & leaving no defined footpath. In some areas stiles have been demolished and are left in a pile beside the footpath.
- There has been an increase in dog waste in recent years, but I am not optimistic that this will improve. We are so rural that dogs are generally not cleaned up by their owners. It's not a big deal.
- By the old cheese store.
- Dog waste and loose dogs.
- Some styles are unsuitable for disabled people and dogs (Baggrave Estate).
- Lack of dog gates on Baggrave land. This may become an issue more locally in the future.
- Some footpaths are not accessible if you have a large dog, especially those on the Baggrave Estate. Horses churn up footpaths.
- Could be better signage in places. E.g. arrow directions.
- Sometimes lack of signposting.
- The path beyond the stream, now that there is a style there, is very dangerous. Dogs and owners will almost certainly receive electric shocks from the electric fence whilst trying to negotiate it.
- The new stile into the field after the bridge over the brook is a nuisance, the path is so slippery it's dangerous and now the route has been limited it's just getting worse.

Landowners' difficulties with footpath maintenance and public use of paths on their land

Two landowners reported problems while a third landowner had had no problems. Comments are listed below:

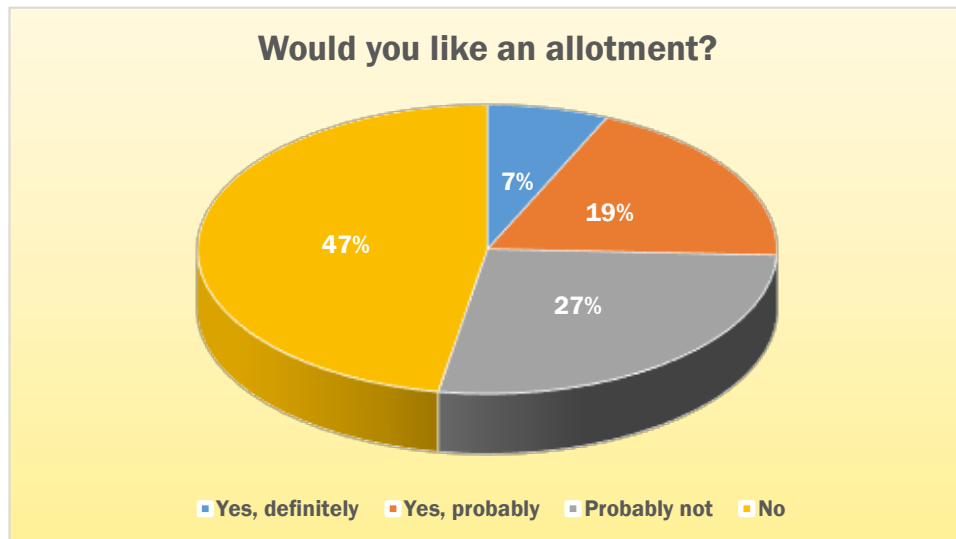
Maintenance:

- The footpath on the north side of the lake [at Baggrave] is extremely difficult to access when work is required.

Public usage:

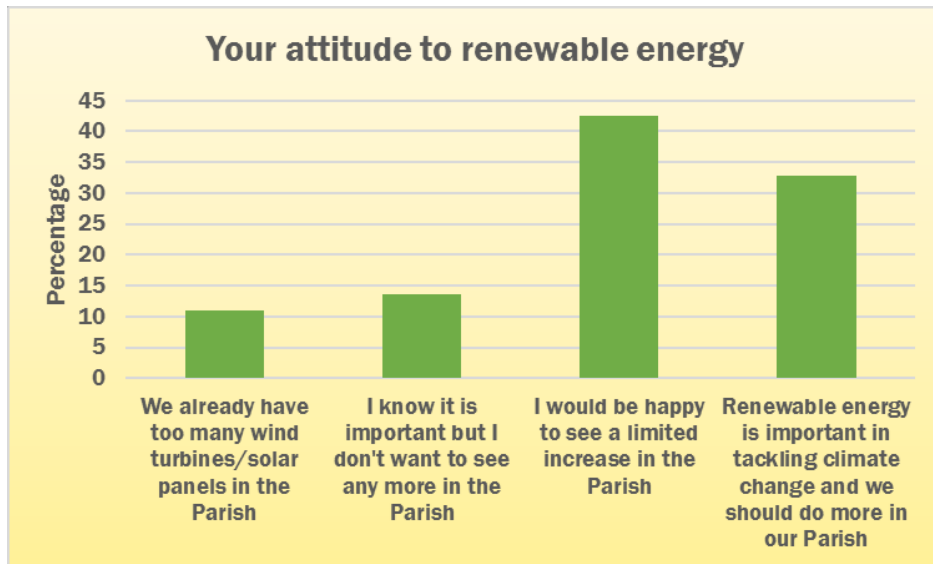
- People often veer off the footpath which is frustrating. They don't all respect that it is private.

Many years ago there were allotments in the Parish. In recent years the need for allotments has been raised with the Parish Council. This questionnaire sought to establish how many people would be interested in taking an allotment if provided.

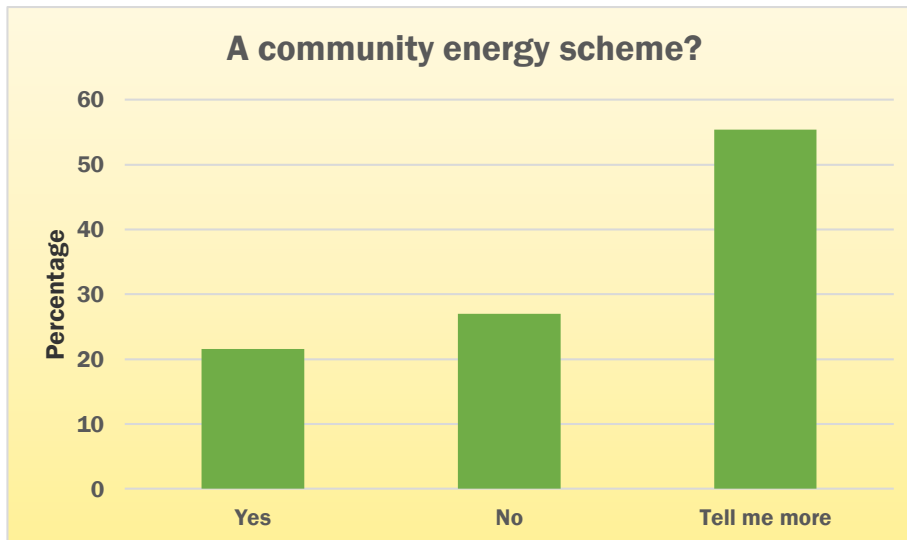


5 respondents said that they would definitely take on an allotment if available. A further 14 said that they would probably be interested in taking on an allotment. One landowner suggested that they might be able to offer land for this.

A frequent discussion point during Hungarton's Neighbourhood Planning process so far has been the issue of global warming and our contribution to the solution through carbon reduction. This is set against the potentially conflicting wish of some parishioners to minimise the number of solar panels and wind turbines within the Parish. Parishioners were asked for their opinions about renewable energy in the Parish.



75% would be happy to see an increase in the Parish, but 25% do not want to see any more renewables in the Parish.



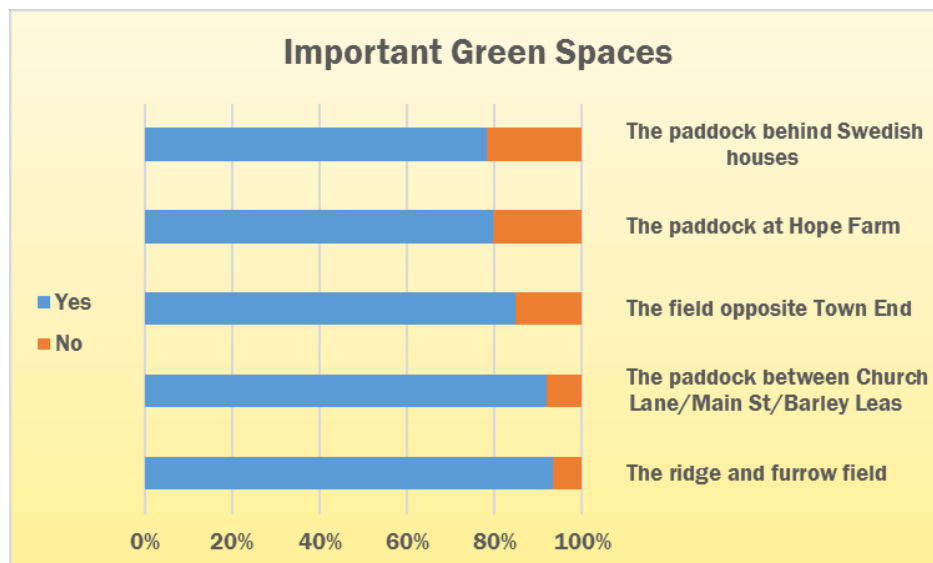
In response to a statement that several other parishes are starting to develop their own community energy generating capacity, people were asked if they would be interested in exploring this for Hungarton

Considerable cautious ('tell me more') interest was expressed. This will need to be followed up.

Respondents made the following comments:

- Any renewable energy initiatives that may be put in place to help combat climate change should be closely looked at. Obviously any future schemes or initiatives should be considered within the remit of carefully protecting greenfield sites open spaces and other areas of vital importance within the whole parish. Each initiative should be open to discussion by all villagers to ensure that all matters are taken into consideration in providing for and protecting all aspects of the village.
- Renewable is best placed off-shore and more re-search is needed into viability and economic.
- Sounds interesting but would like more detail particularly with regard to Solar & Ground Source.
- Solar panels fine but not wind turbines if spoil views.
- For older residents it clearly depends on the financial outlay. In principle I support this kind of idea.
- Too late, the Feed in Tariffs are no longer viable.
- Cost might be an issue.
- For a Parish/village of our size, this is a non-starter. It would compromise the rural nature of our surroundings and possibly attract those not really willing to share the proceeds i.e. opportunists.
- Good idea for those living in close proximity within the village. It could not work for those living outside the village on their own.
- Very keen to see if there is a way forward with this. But there have to be enough parishioners who are serious about it.

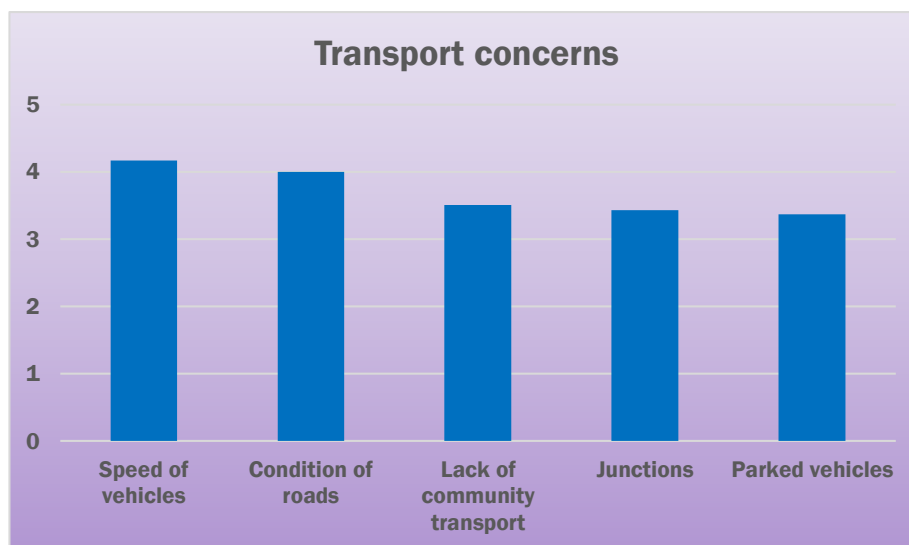
Parishioners were asked whether they wanted to protect open green spaces within the village of Hungarton. These areas had been identified at earlier consultations and by site assessment against National and District criteria.



All of the spaces illustrated in the map were considered worth protecting by the majority of residents (ranging from 78% - 93%) responding to the questionnaire. The other area that several people commenting thought should be protected was Hungarton Spinney (see comments below).

- The field to the left of Coalbault (above 5) and also the field to the right of Coalbault which runs across to the Black Boy as they have the potential for a large scale housing development if not protected
- Hungarton Spinney x2
- Hungarton Spinneys
- The spinneys and the fields west of Barley Leas
- Hungarton Spinney, the spinney off Millennium Green, the lost villages, all ridge & furrow fields
- Land fronting onto Main Street between Manor house and Town End. See answer to Q10
- The large field and associated land to the north of the village which is not highlighted on this map but is just as important to the character of Hungarton Parish as the other green spaces shown.
- Washpit, area between Town End and Manor House.
- Hungarton Spinney should be protected
- The area within the blue line behind Town End and the houses on Main Street. And the area west of the pub and the adjacent houses. So that we have a protective barrier around the whole village
- The field which connects the end of Church Lane to the park and a foot path runs through it
- Possibility; demolish village hall replace Village Hall with car parking on plan section 5 field opposite Town End, then preserve part of remaining land suitable for other village activities. Build 2 or 3 small houses on the original Village Hall site.

TRANSPORT



Parishioners were asked about 6 transport issues which had been identified during earlier discussions. They were asked to say how concerned they are on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the most concerned.

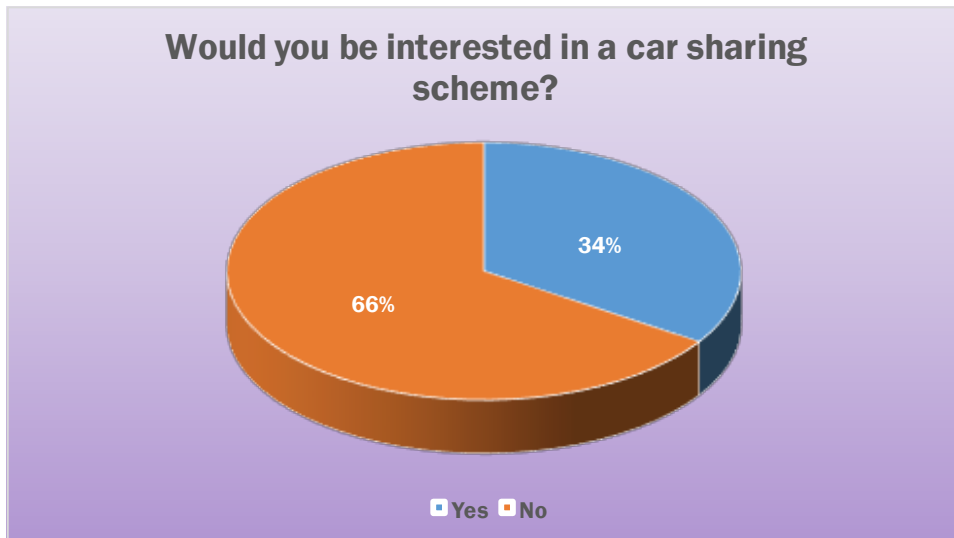
80% are concerned about HGV's and vehicle speed and the condition of roads. The lack of community transport is of concern to 54% but junctions and parked vehicles are of less concern. The lack of community transport does not appear to be a major concern among the parishioners who responded in this survey.

Further comments are as follows:

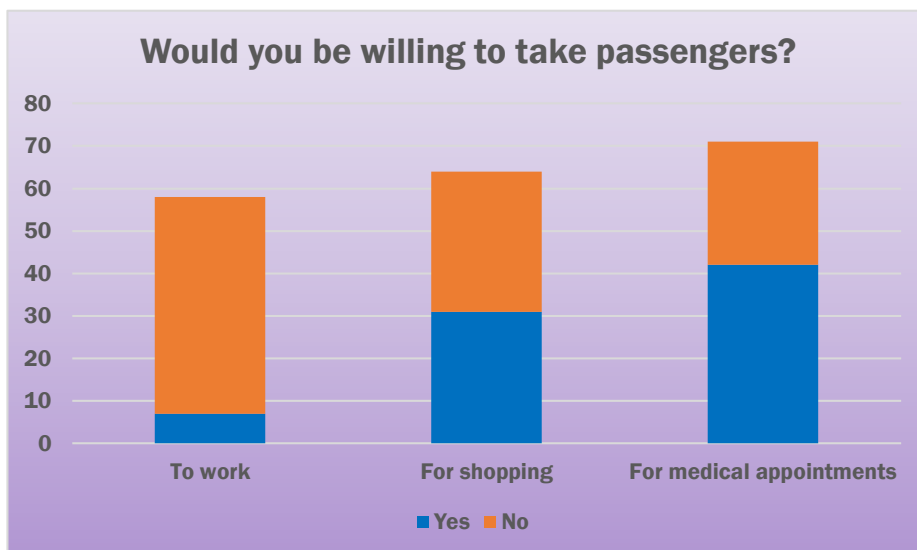
- Too much traffic and HGVs, and going too fast
- Vehicles approaching Millennium Green area drive very fast. Many pot holes appearing effectively narrowing areas of road in places. HGVs contribute to damage on roads. Lack of transport inhibits who can live in the village.
- Important to discourage HGV's re proposed chicken farm passing through Hungarton
- As the parent of a young child I am critically concerned about any increase in vehicles, especially larger HGV type and any speeding vehicles. I have found particular problems with the traffic increase and inconsiderate parking/road use by the hunt and followers in the village.
- Particularly concerned about HGV, especially those heading for the new anaerobic digester/chicken factory. There must be zero tolerance breeches of agreement/rules.
- We need to re-inforce the weight restriction to stop HGVs going to Manor Farm through the village.
- HGVs connected with Development & use of AD/chickens will need constant monitoring & action when necessary. Serious roadside ruts & poor repairs of potholes Parking at Town End needs attention - 6/7 spaces could be created by substituting the 2 grass areas with

hard-standing & parking at right-angles to the road. Pavements in poor condition (by Open Reach boxes) & obstructed in places by parked cars & overgrown hedges.

- There are some who have no regard for a safe speed - people from our own village included.
- A lot of speeding takes place down Barley Leas and up out of the village - there's a children's play area there! When I'm old I won't be able to drive!
- Speed restrictions needed on Baggrave Hall road. Milk & Oil tankers vital to village, Hunt lorries are not. Transport to GP & dental appointments needs to be available. As I can't return to previous pages - a system for collecting prescriptions would be valuable.
- Speed on entering the village near the playground / village hall. Cars going too fast. Better signage might help.
- Re speed of vehicles: great concern re speed of cars and delivery vans and farm traffic down Coal Baulk onto Main Street, in particular: fearful re pedestrian, children on bikes and horse riders; also householders maneuvering cars - danger of accident.
- Speed is an issue on many of the roads outside the village especially the Coplow Road which is used as a rat run. Some HGV use is inevitable and acceptable. There should be no willful increase through new business development if possible. As a proportion of the village residents get older it would be appropriate to develop some form of community transport scheme.
- Speed of school buses.
- Church Lane is deteriorating. Delivery vans drive too fast and can be a hazard.
- Parked vehicles render disabled walking impossible. Existing pavements ghastly!
- There are taxis! The cost of occasional taxi use would be covered by the savings of not having a car, tax etc.
- Poor road surfaces (potholes etc.)
- The condition of roads is a major problem, especially Ingarsby Lane. The lack of community transport is a problem but not one which can easily be changed as many small villages do not have transport.

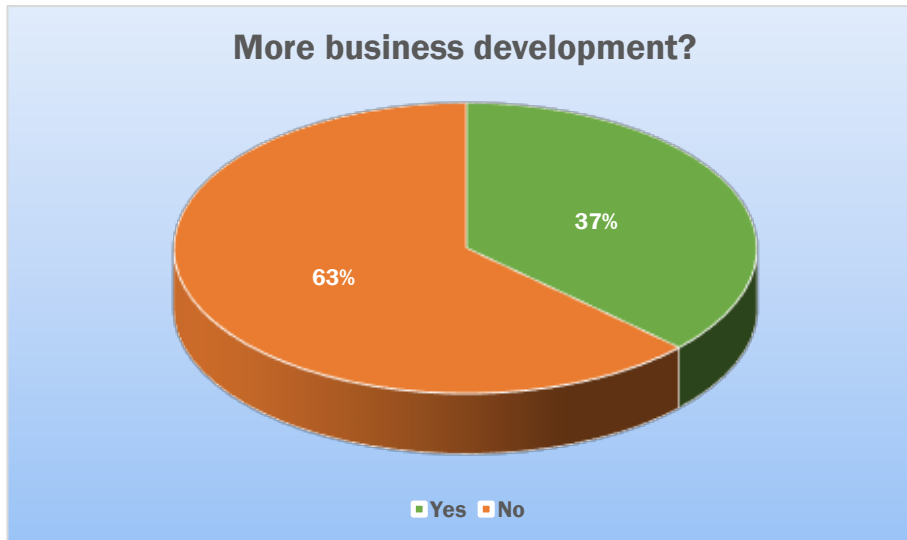


A third of those taking part in this survey would be interested in taking part in a car or lift sharing scheme.



60% would be willing to take passengers for medical appointments, 48% for shopping but far fewer are willing to take passengers to work - this may be because many of the respondents are retired, or work from home.

BUSINESS



63% say they would not like to see business development in the parish while 37% would. The comments reflect concerns about noisy, industrial businesses affecting the rural location and potential to cause traffic or transport issues.

Some say that smaller, rural-suitable businesses or those that would enhance village life, such as a shop, would be more acceptable.

- I do not feel that development in the form of physical buildings is required but the provision of high speed broadband would be invaluable for those wishing either to work entirely from home or wishing to work partly from home as well as making advertising, contacting potential customers etc. much easier.
- Post Office or exercise classes etc. in village hall.
- Necessary for a sustainable future but needs to be on an appropriate scale.
- Afraid there won't be enough controls to stop development changing the whole character of the village. Depending on the nature of the 'business' there might be more noise, pollution, traffic etc.
- This is a farming area to provide food for the nation NOT factory farming.
- It's not suitable for the area.
- increased noise and traffic.
- It's a village with poor transport links.
- Would bring extra traffic.
- Lack of space.
- Sufficient at present.

- Depends on the nature of the business. Small businesses with limited visual impact that do not generate large quantities of waste or need greater vehicular access to the village would be good. When the cheese business operated it appeared most of the staff had to come from outside the village.
- I do not believe the infrastructure is adequate for commercial use.
- Combining business development with chicken farm/AD. Local road congestion a worrying future development.
- This would cause more movement of traffic within the village.
- Currently most people at work leave & return to the village in a concentrated period in the morning & evening, however, there is already an increasing amount of traffic in & around the village throughout the day. I feel that additional business development would only further increase this traffic.
- Anything as long as it doesn't produce noise, smells or excessive increase in traffic. Possibly a care home so we can all stay here when we get old.
- Plenty of people work from home. Commercial development belongs in a commercial zone, not Hungarton. Agriculture is essential to Hungarton.
- Unless small home based confined to home.
- I have neutral views on this. It depends on the type of business.
- There are/need to be some places where business development does not occur. Currently Hungarton has very little and it suits the village to be so.
- Not particularly, any business opportunity should be led by demand and evolve 'organically'. Also be home based or within person's property. The village doesn't need/want increased traffic that could be generated by more businesses.
- It depends on type and impact.
- Happy for home offices to increase and perhaps some craft workshops. Prefer no allied increase in traffic.
- Farming/rural businesses diversifying re tourism/retail/development - e.g., LEADER funding. Development of pub offering.
- Depends on the type of development? if there was a business which could improve the village that would be nice e.g. a village shop.
- Anything that would require a marked increase in traffic would not fit in with a conservation village ideal.
- Small offices/workshops. Facilities for small businesses are essential for local employment and for the village to thrive. We had to go to Uppingham to find an office to work from!
- Light industrial, craft or office.
- Rural offices which could provide local employment and avoid the need for long commutes.
- Small cottage industries e.g. at the cheese farm.
- Noise levels low restricted small from home.
- Small scale rural offices Small.
- Rural Type - Crafts, Pottery, Nursery.
- Rurally sympathetic.
- Rural business.
- Office based/micro manufacture/craft.
- Small scale start-up development.

- Small independent - non industrial.
- Small shop managed by volunteers. Light industrial i.e. joiner/carpenters workshop.
- Small businesses operating from home, creative businesses.
- Small business contained within existing properties.
- Should be modest in size, appropriate to a rural community and not generate significant traffic (especially HGV).
- Small scale rural.
- A small shared workspace / studio would be great.
- Whatever can be done to bring variety, diversity and life to the village.

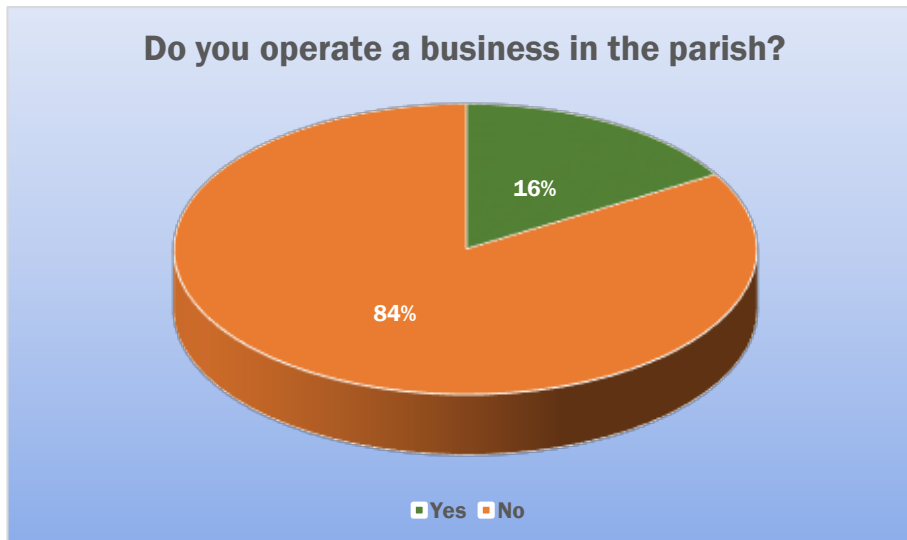


13% of those responding in this survey are employed by a local business and 12% currently run a business in the Parish. In the main these are professional services businesses with 1 or 2 employees.

Superfast broadband is what these businesses say they need most in the Parish, and there is some interest in a meeting place to allow businesses to network together within the Parish.

Respondents listed the type of businesses which employed them as follows:

- IT Consultancy.
- Gardening/handyman (on an ad hoc basis).
- A primary school.
- Health Service and Theatre.
- Internet based vehicle leasing broker which is local (Billesdon) but is outside of the Parish.
- The Pub.
- My business, farming.



How many people do you employ?

1, 2, 4, 1, 1, 1, 3, 10, 1, 2
= 26 total

16% run a business in the Parish:

- Farming.
- Home-based IT Consultancy.
- I am currently in the early stages of getting my idea off the ground - Gardening. Environmental and household maintenance services.
- Consultant Solicitor - work at home.
- Educational psychology service.
- Work from home as part of Accountancy practice.
- Legal services.
- Possible consultancy in future.
- Business Advice/Professional Services Consultancy.
- Public house.
- Creative design, education, development work with young people.
- A social enterprise.



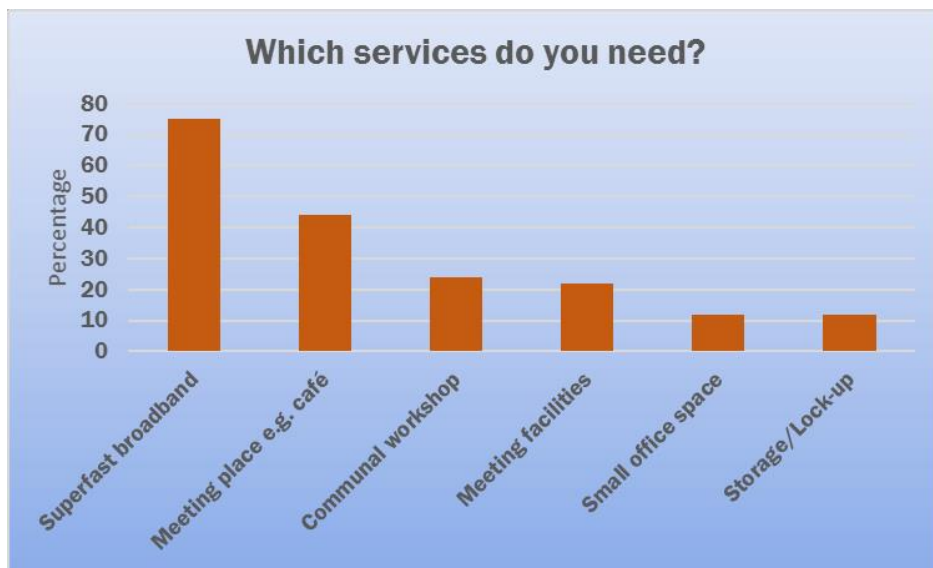
About half of businesses in the Parish are sole traders.

Are there any constraints on your business?

12 responded, all saying 'no'.

Comments:

- Work from home.
- Not aware of any at this very early stage.
- N/a - could always go to the office.
- Now that superfast broadband is here it's brilliant!



- Superfast broadband is a must!
- Now have superfast and signed up so not an issue now.
- Small shop (newspaper, chocolate, milk)
- Local people networking, knowing about each other's businesses and seeking ways to work together to enable the businesses to flourish and grow

General comments

Parishioners were also asked for their comments in general. There was a strong response to this question and a wide range of comments given. These are listed as follows:

- Although I have lived in Hungarton for a relatively short time I am fully aware what a special village it is, and one that deserves full protection to ensure the continuation of its unique character. We must do everything possible to safeguard all green spaces, footpaths, village events and amenities and more and NOT allow any actions, including unwanted and unneeded housing developments that would destroy the most important aspects of rural life especially in such a small village with vital but clearly limited amenities and infrastructure. We should work as a village to offer the best possible future for all, whilst respecting the past.
- Serious threats to quality of village life becoming clear; these risk destroying efforts & contributions of villagers and landowners over so many years in the past to serve the Community as a whole
- Maintaining the balance between progress and preservation is a challenge facing all rural communities. Having lived here for over 30 years I think Hungarton isn't doing too badly. However, I'm becoming concerned about people moving into the village who seem unaware of what it takes to maintain 'community spirit', i.e. involvement/commitment. I wonder if a booklet outlining our village values, activities, history, opportunities etc., could be popped through the letterbox of new arrivals, along with the village mag.
- More facilities please - for the community and for small businesses please
- Nice area, leave buildings and add solar panels. Houses built should be eco and modern.
- Grit deposited on verges is wasted, we need grit bins.
- We love our Parish, and would hope that any minor expansion will be considerate of it's extremely well balanced character and community.
- A really beautiful place - whatever change we agree to, we need to think about allowing the village (and parish) to change too much. The mixture of historic buildings and layout of the community - an eighteenth century village in a medieval landscape - are relatively rare for this part of the Midlands and need to be preserved as much as possible.
- Hungarton's unique character as an eighteenth century village in a medieval landscape should be preserved.
- Hungarton parish offers something of great value both to its residents (present and future) and to the many visitors to it: a characterful village (high interest/integrity architecturally & in amenities to all) most importantly located in an important green belt zone, and in an important part of 'High Leicestershire'. It must never be underestimated that these are of value to all leisure pursuits and their associated contribution to physical, emotional and spiritual well-being; and they are of value to all who live in and visit this place. Location is a core contributor to wellbeing and happiness; location is easily lost forever & so its potential to contribute to all who move in and through it. Q6: high spec eco houses takes into account the time period stated in Q5 but consideration must be made of the way they could blend into the landscape. It is a wonderful place to live. We are happy to help improve the quality of the environment for everyone in the Parish.

- Most people live here because it is quiet and tranquil and like it as it is.
- Hungarton is a friendly and relaxed village. It's important we retain that feel and carefully develop what we have without changing the dynamic and feel.
- We understand the need for development but it would be a shame to spoil this wonderful village.
- The amount of general litter, (most discarded from cars) & the increase in fly tipping is a concern. On my travels throughout the county (especially in the Charnwood Borough) I often see litter pickers clearing the hedgerows & verges. In my 28 years here I have never seen anything like this.
- It's a great place to live but the "community" aspect of it seems to be fading somewhat.
- I am very concerned about the presence and impact of factory farming and would not want any extension of the present facilities. Re Q10: The Washout is an obvious site but the approach road by the old Ashby Arms/Barnacle House/Church is not suitable for greater traffic flow. The land between Town End and Manor House is a useful area of open space/wildlife corridor.
- Very good place to live in at the moment but feel constantly threatened by the pace of change these days and invariably an erosion of quality.
- Parish Council needs to encourage people to attend meetings.
- We presume that people choose to live here because they like it. Not all change is for the better and we will be forced to change in some ways over the years, why leap in and volunteer needlessly for things that may never have to happen. If residents strongly don't like things the way they are, they can move. For those that have no option but to stay, let's keep it as pleasant and uncluttered as we can: tranquil, serene, beautiful - with skylarks and buzzards overhead, hares and muntjac in the hedges -- and a chicken farm on the horizon. We have problems looming, let's not ask for/create more.
- Re the question on number of new houses - I would prefer more smaller houses to improve the housing mix, but if they are 4 bed + I would want a minimum number built.
- It is a quiet country parish. We all work together well with good community spirit. We look after each other, may it continue.
- This is the most significant survey and opportunity to preserve our historic village. Too many ugly, poorly designed, modern houses have been built in the past. No More!
- This is a wonderful village with a community spirit that is currently undergoing a major change and efforts need to be made to reverse this trend.
- I love living in the village as it is I know there has to be change but any changes should be in keeping with the type of village it is. Communal allotments were mentioned at the open meeting I think this would be a good idea.
- A great place to live but like the "Marie Celeste" during the day. New housing, limited and carefully planned, is needed.
- This is a special village which has so far not been spoilt by too much in filling and over development whilst accepting some limited development will be necessary we must retain the character of the village which has been lost in many similar villages in the area.
- I know it is a privilege to live in Hungarton, and feel with large scale building estates at Scraftoft, Houghton, Kibworth, and other areas proposed, the green spaces are rapidly

being eroded and once under concrete will be lost forever, and ultimately small villages and hamlets melt into large estates.

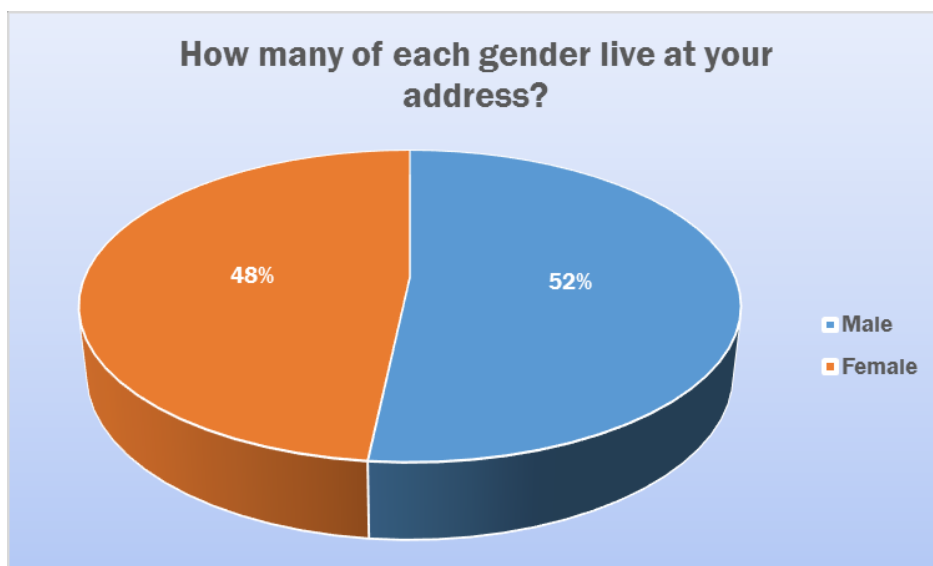
- Any bus service could connect with other services i.e. at Billesdon or another village to facilitate more alternative destinations and allowing more time to shop before returning. That could also help patients visiting the doctor or hairdresser.
- Positivity is key to happiness and success. I want Hungarton to be a place that strives to be the very best it can be, that exudes positivity and that works together, in a spirit of equality, to make the good decisions necessary to have a happy, positive and successful future.
- When considering the look and feel of the road scape, the spaces in between houses matter nearly as much as making sure any new build suits the area. New build should be restricted to new sites - not infill.
- I feel that, as with any village, a small number of people feel that their views are more important than those of anyone else and as a result not everyone feels it's worthwhile giving their opinion. I believe if you live in the village you should have an equal say in things that impact on you as a resident, whether you've lived here for ten years or forty, rather than feeling like it's a competition as to who has lived here the longest. The Neighbourhood Plan will be a good way to capture wider views. I think it would be really healthy for the village community to have a wider socio-economic mix, which would be possible through careful selection of additional housing types. There are positive ways of embracing change and considering the needs of others without being insular and focused on self.

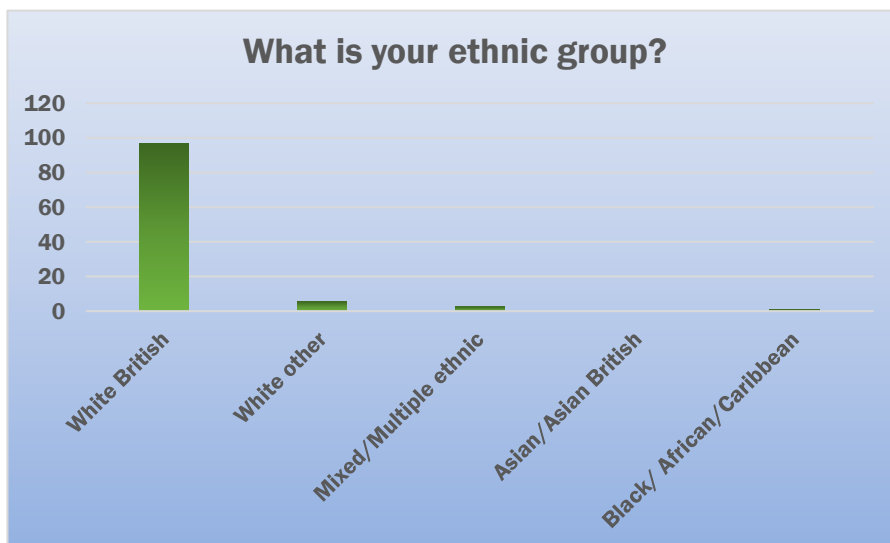
Survey Respondents

14% of the respondents consider themselves to have a disability.



Responses to this question about the number of years lived in the Parish show a recent influx. 25% have lived here for less than 6 years whilst the largest category shows 33% of the respondents have lived in the parish for over 25 years.





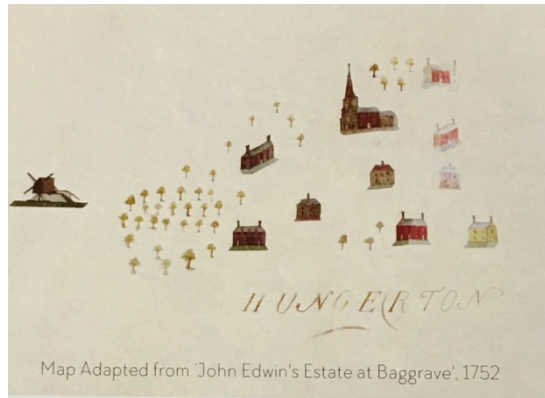
In summary, a strong response to the Neighbourhood Development Plan Community Questionnaire has demonstrated a set of clear concerns and preferences amongst the respondents in our Parish. This offers a good steer to the Parish Council as it progresses with the development of the Hungarton Neighbourhood Development Plan. These results will be taken into account as part of the evidence gathered to develop the Plan policies.

Please Note

Verbatim comments listed in the summary report have been amended in a few instances to remove details which might identify respondents or other individuals.



HCS Appendix 6



HUNGARTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DROP-IN EVENTS

14 and 15 May 2016

CONSULTATION RESULTS



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1. Background

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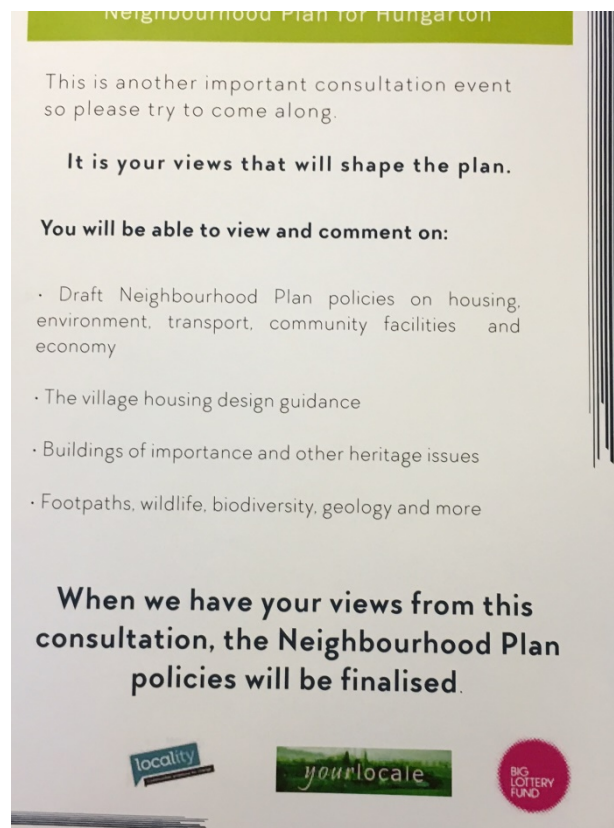
Two Neighbourhood Planning Open Events took place on 14 and 15 May 2016. The events took place between 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Saturday 14 May and between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm on Sunday 15 May at the Village Hall.

The aim of this event was to inform the community of progress on the Neighbourhood Plan and to share the emerging policies that are being developed in areas such as environmental protections; housing allocations; mix and design; heritage; community facilities and services; traffic and transport and business.

b) Publicity

The drop-in event was promoted in the following ways:

- Flyers were produced and delivered by hand to every address in the Parish
- The event was publicised in the April and May Parish Newsletters
- An eflyer (the front cover of the flyer below) was sent to 87 parish email address as a reminder on May 8 and 12
- On Sunday 15 May one of the Parish Councillors and the Committee Secretary knocked on doors throughout the village to encourage attendance.



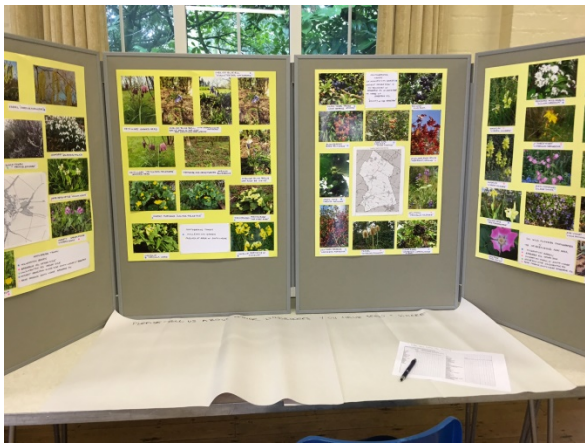
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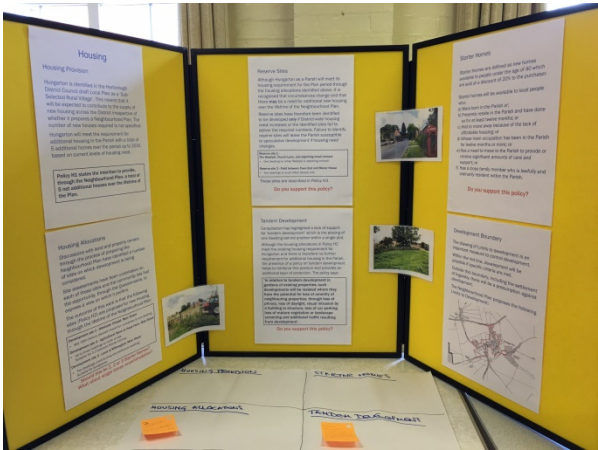
Sign in	Committee and theme group members welcomed visitors on arrival and asked them to sign in
Background	The first displays introduced Neighbourhood Planning and described the process that is being followed by Hungarton Parish Council, and progress to date.
Information	Copies of finalised Neighbourhood Plans were available for people to read as they walked around the displays, along with documents describing the process. A copy of the Harborough District Council Draft Local Plan, which is out for consultation, was available to be read.
Consultation on key issues	<p>A series of display boards were spread across the room, each of which described a particular issue within the Neighbourhood Plan, and summarised the policy to which it relates. These included the broad themes of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Local Green Space and Environment▪ Housing, Design and heritage▪ Businesses and Employment▪ Traffic and Transport▪ Community Facilities <p>People were also asked to comment on the appropriateness of housing sites, Local Green Space designations, local heritage assets; and locations of wildflowers.</p> <p>Having read the displays, attendees were asked to comment on each policy using post-it notes and to place them on flip-chart paper under each display. In this way comments were recorded.</p>
Visual maps	A range of maps were available to be viewed including ancient maps of Hungarton.

b) Display Boards

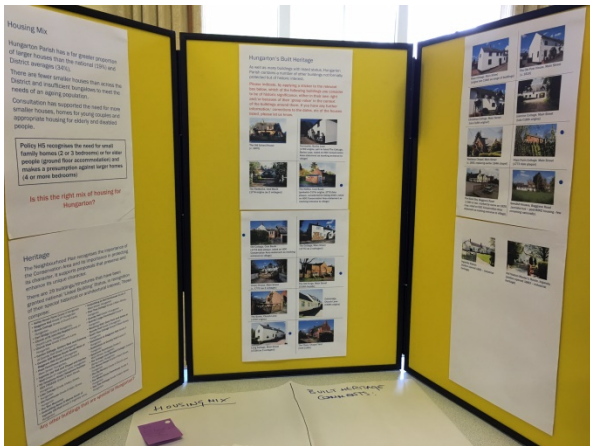
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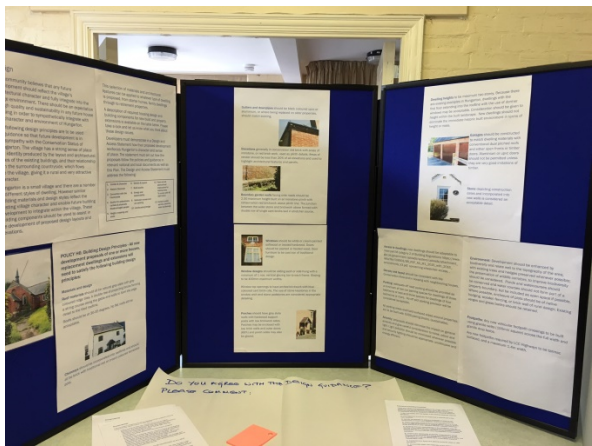
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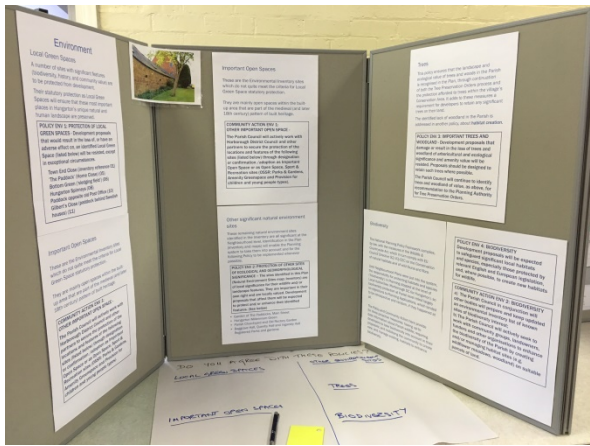
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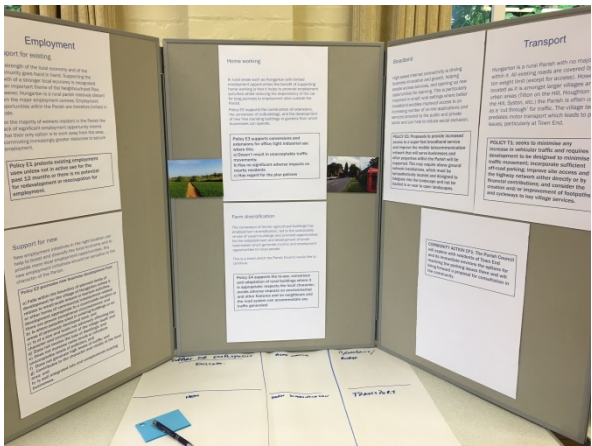
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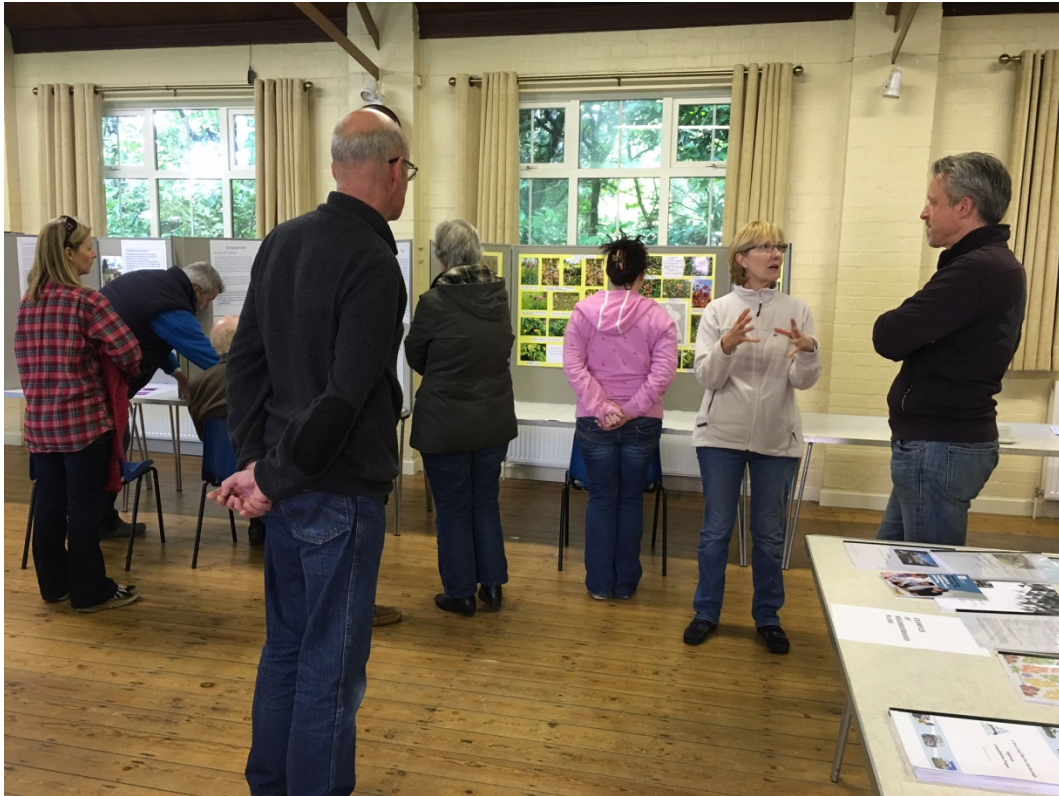
Employment and transport



c) List of attendees

A list of attendees is available separately.

69 people attended the event



3. Results

HOUSING

Housing provision: Policy H1

11 people said they agreed with this policy. 1 disagreed.

Comments:

- Happy with the policy proposed
- ALL houses built should be part of the imposed quota
- 5 dwellings for the life of the plan sounds perfect
- eco-house must be included in total if it is approved = 6 new!
- I still have some reservations about whether the village either needs or can support any new housing and feel that green spaces should be protected at all times
- If any houses are built they must be of suitable materials and well constructed. Not sure about 5 or 6 new properties and must be in keeping with the conservation village.

Housing Allocations: Policy H2

11 people supported this policy. 3 specifically supported starter homes

Comments:

- Development site 1, totally agree to a conversion will enhance the village
- 2 starters and one bungalow?
- Starter homes!!
- Difficult to comment what 'market' is being aimed for and if so are starter homes meant for sale or rent
- 2 starter homes is a fair percentage for the population of Hungarton

Starter homes:

10 people said they agreed with this policy. 4 people disagreed

Comments:

- No evidence of a requirement
- No. Expensive for people who have to commute to work/schools
- Starter homes normally mean smaller & cheap May not be a good idea for Hungarton
- More affordable homes for younger people
- How old is a younger person – 17, 35, 40?

- Starter homes don't seem to work here - from experience!
- We need more affordable starter homes for local/young people
- Why local? Why has Town End house not been sold then?
- OK in principle does it work in practice? (x2)

Reserve sites: Policy H3

8 people said that they agreed. 3 disagreed. Others favoured one site more than the other, 6 were concerned about Washpit (flooding and access) and 3 about the Town End site.

Comments:

- Washpit may flood (x3)
- I would strongly disagree with any housing/developments being placed on the allocated reserve sites due to likely damage to woodland/green space etc. it seems unnecessary in such a small village
- Washpit road condition unsuitable and unfit for amount of traffic any development would produce
- Washpit – width of road, condition of road access issue for current residents of Church Lane.
- Worried that Town End site is not restricted and could lead to a mini-estate in future (x2)
- Agree – only as genuine reserves
- Reserve 1 OK , not sure about Washpit re drainage
- A great shame to develop between Town End and Manor House. This sort of infill is what spoils the village centre. Much better to develop beyond town End – up the field
- If Orchard and Washpit developed will have 2 developments either side. Gordon is away currently but should be consulted
- Development at Washpit must not erode Spinney or create flooding/pollution

Development Boundary: Policy H4

18 people agree with the proposed development boundary. One did not agree.

Comments:

- The existing boundary should be maintained
- The boundary must be either at this level or even smaller – imperative it is not allowed to 'creep' outwards!
- Keep the boundary as defined. If need is shown for 5 more houses no extension beyond Conservation village borders.
- I had rather see the village continue up the streets outside the boundary than crowd in more inside
- Important the boundary is strictly adhered to (x2)

Housing mix: Policy H5

12 people said they agreed with this policy. One strongly. Some concerns were expressed.

Comments:

- Yes the right mix
- Interests of diversity (e.g. age) key to maintaining village/community identity
- Mix is imperative. 2 bed and single storey are desirable to maintaining a good and vibrant population
- Agree that 2-3 bed starter homes and single storey accommodation would be great (x3)
- Starter homes so we don't lose our youth! Priority village residents/offspring. MUST blend.
- Yes 2-3 bed and single storey
- No transport for affordable housing
- If any houses are built then a good mix of types is imperative
- Mix important but question properties for the very elderly because of the lack of public transport
- Would there be sufficient support re transport /services for elderly/disabled residents
- Smaller type properties are essential to encourage younger people. Lowest important
- If we do have development imposed on the village a mix is important to ensure that all those who wish to use them have the same level of opportunity

Built Heritage: Policy H6

People were asked to indicate which of a range of buildings they considered to be of historic significance, either in their own right and/or because of their 'group value' in the context of the buildings around them. Stickers were applied.

The Old School House [c.1870]	24 stickers
Sunnyside [1769 origins, pair to listed Bluebell Cottage, marking the entrance to the village]	21 stickers
The Paddocks [1774 origins as 2 cottages]	15 stickers
The Hollies [probably C17th origins, 1772 date plaque, considered for listing 2015, marks entrance to village]	18 stickers
Old Cottage [1772 as above]	16 stickers

The Cottage [1775 as two cottages]	15 stickers
Vicary House [1770 as 3 cottages]	20 stickers
The Old Forge [C18th façade]	21 stickers
The Barns, Church Lane [1700 origins]	16 stickers
Cotheridge [C18th origins]	9 stickers
Long Cottage [1728 as 3 cottages]	16 stickers
The Close [mid C19th]	15 stickers
Rose Cottage [origins late C18th as range of buildings]	16 stickers
The Old Post House [c.1810]	16 stickers
Christmas Cottage [late C18th origins?]	12 stickers
Jasmine Cottage [late C18th origins]	15 stickers
Wesleyan Chapel [c1893, replacing earlier 1846 chapel]	16 stickers
Hope Farm Cottage [1773 date plaque]	12 stickers
The Black Boy [C18th at rear]	10 stickers
Swedish Houses [svenska hus – post-WW2 housing – few remaining nationally]	12 stickers
Ingarsby Station	11 stickers
Old Station Master's House	10 stickers

Comments:

- These buildings are not listed but nevertheless need to be protected and considered re any development
- Unfortunately so many of the old brick walls of houses have been painted white or cream in the Conservation area. Suggest that subtle historic heritage colours could be used instead
- The village has such a fantastic number of buildings with heritage that needs to be given whatever protection is available from any effect of any possible development
- Should be listed to keep the village Main Street view
- Can we change all the kerbstones to granite sets as a Community Action?
- Important to preserve 1700/1800 buildings (x5)

Design: Policy H7

12 people said they agreed with this policy. 2 people did not agree. There were also some significant qualified agreements (see below).

Comments:

- As long as this does not prevent energy efficient construction

- This all sounds good. Can the principles be added to the village website so we all have easy access to it?
- The village is in need of distinctive housing rather than a rigid template which does not take account of future building developments i.e. new technologies
- I believe it is possible to incorporate modern materials that complement and enhance traditional materials. Therefore I consider it right to consider modern designs that use quality products provided they reflect and compliment the old.
- Whilst I broadly agree I believe that the guidance as set out is too prescriptive. There needs to be a place for good design using other materials that is sympathetic to the existing village. Good design includes consideration of location and impact on neighbouring properties and the village scene. There are some dreadful examples of pastiche developments – these examples are, in my opinion, far less desirable than good, sympathetic modern design.
- White windows on white painted would look dreadful
- Fully agree – it is important that the nature of the village is preserved.
- Variety of styles is important but ? ? keeping with village context
- Character of Hungarton must be maintained and any future building should have off road parking as most families have at least two cars.
- Hungarton is full of charm. New buildings should reflect this and be in keeping with neighbouring properties.
- Sustainability and environmentally sound? must also be of ? importance
- As the proposed building of 5/6 new houses very close to any village property it is essential the design meld with these older buildings and not be of 'jarring' modern designs
- The character of Hungarton would be compromised if a completely modern new build were to be erected. Must all be in keeping and look as though they have been there as long as its neighbour.
- Whilst in broad agreement that the essential character of the Georgian village should be maintained, I am cautious of laying down guidance that, whilst it ? for the run of houses, might rule out an innovative and exciting design which would enhance the village-cape. Even the Georgian houses were modern once. We should not attempt to freeze time
- I agree broadly, I think some of the detail is a bit too prescriptive! I think it is important to consider the variety of styles within the village. For me the importance is in design that takes into account locally sourced materials and blends rather than being a completely standardised design.
- Broadly agree as keeping to styles is good. However there are more styles than this. For example 40% of the village's houses are white painted and forcing people to have white windows is a step too far.
- New houses to consider use of wheelchairs – future proof
- Whilst maintaining opposition in principle [to development] I feel that these guidelines offer the best level of protection against 'out of character' housing or anything out of keeping with the village as a whole

Tandem Development: Policy H8

24 people agreed with this policy. Two did not agree.

Comments:

- You do not live in a village to hear your close neighbours argue
- Tandem development is a BAD idea and once started will catch on. It should be wholeheartedly resisted
- Not just for neighbours but to avoid overcrowded feel to village
- Tandem Development is not objectionable per se. If there is no impact on safety, amenity security and disturbance why should there be any objection? On principle - I think not!
- I'm totally against tandem development in Hungarton. NO TANDEM of any sort.
- Definite concerns about tandem development.

There was also a discussion about the merits of the current application at Willowghyll, supporting the proposal, not listed here.

ENVIRONMENT

Protection Of Local Green Spaces: Policy ENV1

17 said they people agreed with this policy.

Comment:

- It is absolutely vital that all green spaces/open spaces are given the full level of available protection- no concessions should be made now or in the future.

Important open spaces: Community Action ENV 1

18 people said they agreed with this Community Action.

Comments:

- Vital for people's well-being.
- A rather random list?
- Spaces must be protected for historical significance and future generations
- All open spaces need protecting especially those very close to the village boundaries

Other significant natural environment sites: Policy ENV2

12 people said they agree with this policy.

Comments:

- Absolutely essential for the village's future
- Agree but the list could be more thorough.

Important trees and woodland: Policy ENV3

12 people said they agree with this policy.

Comments:

- Not just protecting trees – more trees! The policy should include this aspiration
- Could be more trees
- Trees also need full protection and look at programme of further tree planting across village/Parish
- Need to highlight existing trees, newly planted trees and need for further planting of trees on agricultural land and on margins of agricultural land; needs to extend scope as far as possible beyond immediate village boundaries
- I agree (obviously!) with the ‘more trees’ persons. What is needed is people to allow trees to be planted on their land and tree project will plant and care for. Pam

Biodiversity: Policy ENV 4/Community Action ENV2

10 people said they agree with this policy. Additional sightings were added to the list provided.

Comment:

- Could one stop households cutting hedges during bird nesting seasons?

Protection of other sites of historical significance: Policy ENV5

Ridge and Furrow: Policy ENV6

18 people said they agree with these policies.

Comments:

- The Ridge and furrow surrounding the village must be preserved, it defines the village
- All ridge and furrow to be protected as once it has gone it has gone forever
- Protection is very important
- Must always remain protected
- Protect all areas within parish boundaries
- All possible areas lying within the village/parish boundaries should be given the most protection possible for future generations
- Excellent work and presentation whole heartedly agree with all 3 areas [hedges, views included].

Hedges: Policy ENV7/Community Action ENV3

24 people said they agree with this policy.

Comments:

- I think we should protect all the hedges (x5)
- As many as possible should be protected

- More hedges for nesting and protection of soil needed
- Any help to fund [hedges] helpful to landowners
- Work with Woodland Trust?
- Protecting of wildlife important. Our hedges are a very important landscape. Our countryside essential to wildlife and nesting birds.
- Protect
- No hedges should be (?) in any way – all hedges are vital to biodiversity of local fauna and flora and should be fully protected.

Views: Policy ENV8

22 people said they agree with this policy, some strongly, very strongly etc.

Comments:

- Once ruled can't be left unprotected
- Views important for positive feeling uplifting
- Strongly agree with anything that can be done to protect /plant trees & hedgerows also ridge and furrow
- That's why I live here in this lovely part of Leicestershire protect always

Public Rights of way: ENV9/Community Action ENV4

23 people said they agreed with this policy/Community Action.

Comments:

- Keep all rights of way as is
- There have been recent hindrances caused by changes made to access through changing styles: difficult now for those with some physical movement impediment etc. Should advocate for gated access on paths.
- Need to engage with local landowners to avoid conflicts. Better access i.e. replace styles with kissing gates
- Footpaths/Rights of way are a vital/intrinsic part of village/rural life and should be protected from harm or any (unreadable)
- We seem to be well served in this area with Rights of Way. Thank you to the landowners.
- Essential to maintain the enjoyment we have already been given of the rights of way (by generosity of landowners) and need to liaise with them and them with us.
- Keep footpaths open very important for open space
- Love walking around the local area
- Vital for people's wellbeing: walkers, cyclists, horse riders etc.
- Keep them all open so important to all our well-being
- Footpaths are an incredibly important feature of Hungarton and the surrounding area I would support all efforts to maintain them
- Perhaps are threatened by many things it's great to see they are covered in the policy

- Protect all Rights of Way and paths
- The Parish Council needs to plan this and make sure it happens
- Every effort should be made to maintain the footpaths around the village
- Current fencing (electric) of farmland sold by Quenby Trust is affecting ease of walking footpaths/accessing stiles. The attitude is on the verge of hostility and not in keeping with the spirit of the village and other landowners.

Request: Could we have a version of this map up by the WI board for walkers?

Sustainable development: Policy ENV10

Sustainable Drainage: Policy ENV11/Community Action ENV5

18 people agreed with these policies.

Comments (sustainable development):

- I agree up to a point , however some energy saving schemes are not allowed, and some properties are unable to make environmental saving due to restrictions
- Agree important - but solar panels are hideous
- Yes, but to be most sustainable the emphasis should be on insulation rather than eco sources of energy generation
- Agree increased measures will be essential to combat effects of development and climate change
- Absolutely agree; but I just can't see how the holistic under.... of the environmental perspective allows the 'arbitrary' boundary (human) of Charnwood v Harborough to bracket off the digester/chicken farm project for inclusion re impact
- Appropriate scale and character are things that will need monitoring as the plan comes into effect. The parish council helps with this bit
- Sustainable development massively important as shown in the questionnaire responses
- Agree that sustainability is essential to consider in development.

Comments (sustainable drainage):

- Very important that drainage, sewerage are not affected by any development. All new buildings will add an extra load.
- Agree with policy. Encourage local landowners to work with organisations like the Trent Rivers Trust.

Flora

In addition to the information on the display board collected by members of the Environment Theme Group the following wildflowers were reported:

Yellow Rattle; Scarlet Pimpernel; Ladies Smock (by the stream and on the bank on Barley Leas); Meadow Salsify; Garlic Mustard; Veronica. One person commented that this was the best bit of the whole display.

Village Farm, Hungarton provided a list of species which is appended separately.

Butterflies

(Reported under flora): Tortoiseshell; Peacock; Holly Blue; Brimstone; Cabbage White.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Protection of existing: Policy CF1

17 people agreed with this policy

Comments:

- Community facilities are very important
- Absolutely essential

Promoting additional: Policy CF2

17 people agreed with this policy.

Comments:

- Stop the annual invasion of the road race. They don't own the village but think they do.
- Agree and try to promote more active community input
- We must protect our community spirit for future generations
- Community composting
- No facilities for disabled/wheelchair users. Access is impossible for wheelchairs
- Disabled: pavements very poor. Traffic too fast for wheelchair/disability scooter. Think about more youthful disabled too.
- Agree – support for the allotments

ECONOMY

Support For Employment : policy E1

8 people agreed with this policy.

Comments:

- Agree but Hungarton is not a large employer so existing work availability is probably sufficient
- Need not to forget link between environmental concerns and quality of access (footpaths etc.) and generation of visitors/walkers etc. and use of pub therefore employment

Support for new: Policy E2

8 people agreed with this policy.

1 person agreed strongly.

Comments:

- Respect for the rural and residential nature of the village must be foremost when considering new business development
- E2 Very important! If we work together we can create new business opportunities
- Any income from employment should be good for the village, helping to ensure upkeep
- Maybe craft small scale business could be encouraged
- Agree with limitations as to what – where

Home working: Policy E3

10 people agreed with this policy, one very much and one strongly.

Comments:

- This is the future for many and could provide local jobs that were once part of a village life
- A good idea
- A big one for the future and should be helped and encouraged

Farm diversification: Policy E4

10 people agreed with this policy, one strongly.

Comments:

- Very important need to find ways for farmers to make a living and employ people
- Vacant farm buildings are important for swallows, bats and barn owls
- Agree with reservations: thought a mention of the appalling decision re CHICKEN FARM and its very bad potentially on Hungarton: 2 other people agree with this.

Broadband/mobile: Policy E5

8 people agree with this policy.

TRANSPORT

Transport: Policy TI; Community Action CF1

14 people agree with this policy /community action.

Comments:

- Non-existent. Would get nowhere if not for help from neighbours
- We must not become a ‘rat run’
- Parking at Town End a very important project
- Agree to explore any options that improve parking and facilities at Town End

SUMMARY

This was an opportunity for people who live in Hungarton to view and comment on the emerging policies and to find out more about the process involved.

The comments received demonstrated significant majority agreement for the policies on display.

All comments will be taken into account in finalising the Neighbourhood Plan and the draft amended where necessary.

HCS Appendix 7: Regulation 14 comments

General

No.	Plan section/ policy number	Comments	From	Response	Proposed amendment
1		Having read the Draft Hungarton Neighbourhood Plan I have no qualms about it being put forward in its present form it is very comprehensive and reflects the views of all ages and gender of what they want their village where they live to be and preserving it in its present form for future generations. All I can say is well done to the group who spent time putting this together a great job.	Mr and Mrs Bater (residents)	Thanks for these welcome comments.	None
2		Your Neighbourhood Plan falls within the boundary of the Hungarton Conservation Area and includes a number of designated heritage assets including Quenby Hall, Baggrave Deserted Medieval Village, and the Church of St. John the Baptist. It will be important that the strategy you put together for this area safeguards those elements which contribute to the importance of those historic assets. This will assist in ensuring they can	Historic England	Noted	None

		<p>be enjoyed by future generations of the area and make sure it is in line with national planning policy.</p> <p>The conservation officer at Harborough is the best placed person to assist you in the development of your Neighbourhood Plan They can help you to consider how the strategy might address the area's heritage assets. At this point we don't consider there is a need for Historic England to be involved in the development of the strategy for your area.</p> <p>If you have not already done so, we would recommend that you speak to the staff at Leicestershire Archaeological Society, who look after the Historic Environment Record and give advice on archaeological matters. They should be able to provide details of not only any designated heritage assets but also locally-important buildings, archaeological remains and landscapes. Some Historic Environment Records may also be available on-line via the Heritage Gateway</p> <p>(www.heritagegateway.org.uk) <http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk</p>			
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		<p>k>). It may also be useful to involve local voluntary groups such as the local Civic Society, local history groups, building preservation trusts, etc. in the production of your Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Your local authority might also be able to provide you with general support in the production of your Neighbourhood Plan. National Planning Practice Guidance is clear that where it is relevant, Neighbourhood Plans need to include enough information about local heritage to guide planning decisions and to put broader strategic heritage policies from the local authority's local plan into action at a neighbourhood scale. If appropriate this should include enough information about local non-designated heritage assets including sites of archaeological interest to guide decisions.</p> <p>Further information and guidance on how heritage can best be incorporated into Neighbourhood Plans has been produced by Historic England. This signposts a number of other documents which your community might find useful in helping to identify what it is about</p>			
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		your area which makes it distinctive and how you might go about ensuring that the character of the area is retained. These can be found at:- < http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/ >			
3		The historical detail was very interesting. Subject to my comments above, I am in agreement with the plan. Well done and what a lot of hard work!	Pam Smith, resident	Thank you. Comments noted.	None
4		Can't fault in any way. A full and detailed account of historical and present day. Nothing has been left out. 56 pages is a lot to get through but a brilliant effort. Excellent!	Marie Lloyd, resident	We appreciate the comment.	None
5		In our previous correspondence regarding your emerging Plan (our letter dated 03 August 2015, reference LT/2006/000111/OR-10/IS1-L01, (please find copy attached)) we indicated that the environment constraints within the Plan Area were such that it would be unlikely that we would have any bespoke comments to make on	Environment Agency	Noted	None

		those issues which fall within our remit.			
6		<p>Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>However, we refer you to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	Natural England	Noted.	None
7	Developer Contributions	<p>Developer Contributions</p> <p>There is no specific policy on Section 106 developer/financial contributions within the draft Hungarton NP. There is a reference to financial contribution in policy T1, however it is a limited reference and if new development is to come forward for example for housing in reserved sites as shown within the draft NP there might be a requirement for developer contributions to mitigate the impacts of new development, particularly on local services and infrastructure. A policy therefore would be prudent to be included within the (draft) Hungarton NP made along similar lines to those examples shown in the Draft North Kilworth NP and the draft Great</p>	Leicestershire County Council	<p>The NPs referred to are required to take significantly more development in the neighbourhood area than is Hungarton.</p> <p>Each allocation has a range of requirements including car parking provision and affordable housing which reflect a proportionate response to developer contributions.</p> <p>Nevertheless it is recognised that development may</p>	None

		<p>Glen NP albeit adapted to the circumstances at Hungarton. www.northkilworth.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/nk-draft-low-resolution-1.pdf www.greatglen.leicestershireparishcouncils.org/uploads/175670305aeaf48650823074.pdf</p>		<p>have negative aspects and this is an opportunity to address this through the prioritisation of small scale projects that would mitigate the negative aspects of the development.</p> <p>HNDP Committee 28/09/16 decided on balance this amendment is unnecessary.</p>	
8	Education	<p>Whereby housing allocations or preferred housing developments form part of a Neighbourhood Plan the Local Authority will look to the availability of school places within a two mile (primary) and three mile (secondary) distance from the development. If there are not sufficient places then a claim for Section 106 funding will be requested to provide those places.</p> <p>It is recognised that it may not always be possible or appropriate to extend a local school to meet the</p>	Leicestershire County Council	Noted.	None.

		needs of a development, or the size of a development would yield a new school. However, in the changing educational landscape, the Council retains a statutory duty to ensure that sufficient places are available in good schools within its area, for every child of school age whose parents wish them to have one.			
9	Adult Social Care	Suggest reference is made to recognising a significant growth in the older population and look for developments to include bungalows etc. of differing tenures. This would be in line with the draft Adult Social Care Accommodation Strategy for older people which promotes that people should plan ahead for their later life, including considering downsizing, but recognising that people's choices are often limited by the lack of suitable local options.	Leicestershire County Council	The significant growth in the elderly population is referenced on page 6 of the NP and will be strengthened (see comment 13 below) and the housing allocations within policy/H2 address the need for housing for older people and for a range of tenures.	None.
10	Policy CF2 (and other policies more generally)	semi-colons/ 'and' sometimes used but not consistently. Ensure consistency throughout the policies.	HDC	Agreed – the drafting inconsistencies will be addressed.	Changes to be made as proposed.
11		A thoroughly professional, thorough and fair document. We are very grateful to the group for	Kate Richmond, resident	Thank you for these comments.	None.

		the work that has been done and the openness of the consultation process			
12	Burials etc	Hungarton churchyard has 20 burial plots available and 72 plots for the interment of ashes.	Cynthia McLauchan, Churchwarden	Noted. Capacity considered sufficient for timescale of plan.	None.

Our Neighbourhood

No.	Plan section/policy number	Comments	From	Response	Proposed amendment
13	Page 6 Section on Current Housing. Second Paragraph	This paragraph feels a bit random. The point it is trying to make is that the proportion of older Hungarton residents is higher than the district average and is showing a rapid rise. I suggest a rewording as follows: 'At the 2011 census, Hungarton had a higher number of older (over 60) residents than the average across the district (25.8% / 24.5%) and a significantly smaller proportion of residents under 16 (15.9% / 19.1%). The number of people aged 65+ increased by 10 from 32 to 42 between 2001 and 2011. In 2011 there were 31 people aged between 60 and 64 which suggests that the number	James Patterson, resident	Agreed. Strengthens the response to the comment from LCC at 9 above.	'At the 2011 census, Hungarton had 25.8% older (over 60) residents and a significantly smaller proportion of residents under 16 (15.9% / 19.1%). The number of people aged 65+ increased by 10 from 32 to 42 between 2001 and 2011. In 2011 there were 31 people aged between 60 and 64 which suggests that the number could almost have doubled in the over 65 age bracket since the census. The median age of those living in the parish...

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14	P4, para 4	Typo “and converted to it pasture” should read “it to”.	Caroline Pick, resident	Agreed.	Text to be changed to ‘and converted it to pasture’.

Strategy

No.	Plan section/policy number	Comments	From	Response	Proposed amendment
15	Policy S1	We support, in principle, Policy S1	Savills	Noted.	None
16	Policy S2	We propose Policy S2 should be amended to state that “National and Districtwide planning policies continue to apply and the policies within the Neighbourhood Plan, where relevant, is to provide additional policy / guidance in respect of future development in Hungarton Parish”.	Savills	The proposed revision, reworded to omit the grammatical error, adds a positive additional element to the policy.	Add in a second paragraph to the existing text: ‘National and Districtwide planning policies continue to apply and the policies within the Neighbourhood Plan, where relevant, provide additional policy/guidance in respect of future development in Hungarton Parish’.

Housing

No.	Plan section/policy number	Comments	From	Response	Proposed amendment
17	General	I continue to think that the Hungarton NDP should have something written into it that	Mike Preston, resident and PC	Whilst this is a valid point it is too late in the process to	None

		addresses the planning permission for two properties at Ashby House Farm. Whilst unlikely, planning permission for the two properties there could expire and I think the NDP should cover the fact that the community has expressed collectively that there should only be a single dwelling there. That way, if the issue becomes live, we have our view already published.		address it as the housing allocations have been agreed through consultation.	
18	Policy H1	We support policy H1 in principle, however, consider that the word “maximum” does not comply with the NPPF and should be replaced with “approximately” to ensure that the policy provides enough flexibility to guarantee that the identified development sites are used in the most efficient and effective manner to create viable and deliverable residential sites	Savills	<p>This is not agreed. The reserve sites policy in H3 provides the required flexibility to meet future housing requirements.</p> <p>The purpose of the policy is not to guarantee the efficiency and effectiveness of the development sites but to meet the Parish's housing requirement in a manner that is endorsed by the community which is for a range of sites spread across the</p>	None.

				<p>village.</p> <p>Paragraph 2.10 of the response references paragraph 58 of the Local Plan with reference to optimising site potential. This is in fact a reference to paragraph 58 of the NPPF. The Harborough Core Strategy 2006-2028, policy CS17 talks about development in places such as Hungarton being 'strictly controlled'. The NPPF states that Neighbourhood Plans cannot promote less growth than in the Local Plan.</p> <p>Harborough DC is comfortable with the level of residential development proposed. It is therefore considered that the policy is in general conformity</p>	
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			with development plan policies whilst having regard for national planning policy.		
19	a) pages 9-11 b) para 3 p11	There are several references to the 'draft Local Plan' – this should be replaced with the New Local Plan Options Consultation Paper (September 2015) as the draft Local Plan is not yet written. The numbers they mention as are as set out in the consultation paper. It also mentions that the draft Local Plan establishes a hierarchy of settlements – again this was part of the options consultation and may change in the draft Local Plan. Safer just to refer to 'Options Paper'. re: SHLAA 2015 – Under the agreed scope of the SHLAA call for sites, the Council did not ask for sites adjacent to smaller villages (below Selected Rural Village level) to be submitted.	HDC	Agreed. Text to be changed on page 11 to make this clear.	References to the 'draft Local Plan' will be replaced with the 'New Local Plan Options Consultation Paper (September 2015)' or 'Options Paper' where appropriate. Replace 'Following a call for landowners to identify sites with potential for housing, no land in and around Hungarton was put forward' with 'This call for sites was not extended to villages below Selected Rural Village level'.

p12	<p>Starter Homes - would only kick in as a requirement on sites over 10 dwellings.</p> <p>Policy H2 references starter homes and the preference for these to be provided for people with local connection. I am not sure if the Plan is intending that these should fulfil the government definition of Starter Homes - homes sold at 80% of market value to those under 40 (no link to a local area has to be proved) or if the Plan simply wants smaller 2/3 bed homes . The evidence on preferred mix suggests only 51% of future mix should be 2/3 bed homes which does not tally with this policy.</p> <p>Whilst the plan says “where possible”, there is no way that local connection can be enforced if dwellings are sold privately on the open market. Local connection is only possible if dwellings are advertised via a recognised social housing allocations system such as Harborough Homesearch and potential homeseekers are</p>		<p>This is agreed.</p> <p>The issue is with the priority to be given to local people, which cannot be enforced through the NP.</p> <p>Suggest re-writing the text and policy to indicate support for local people to be given priority rather than this being a requirement.</p> <p>In relation to housing mix, the policy supports smaller housing which policy H2 delivers, which is supported by the housing needs assessment.</p>	<p>Text to say ‘where the development provides for Starter Homes, it is expected that priority will be given to local people as defined in the policy, wherever possible.</p> <p>The policy H2 b) is to say ‘where possible, local people are to be given first consideration in the allocation of Starter Homes’</p>
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		assessed for local connection. Although the plan seems to acknowledge that it may not be practical – there is nothing in planning law which can insist that open market home of whatever size are sold to local people or those with a local connection.			
20	P13, top	Below is the relevant section from latest version of the HNDP I've been sent. Note that planning permission for the "eco" development was not extant. Presumably reference to the "eco" development has been removed and the final paragraph has been changed to "up to two dwellings (contributing one additional dwelling to the Development Plan)"? If so, I'm happy with it. "Up to three dwellings (contributing one additional dwelling to the Development Plan). Suitable for bungalows. "	Laurie Faulkner, resident	This is agreed.	The wording in the NP narrative will be amended to say 'up to two dwellings' to bring it in line with the policy H2.
21	Policy H2	We suggest Policy H2 is amended to read as follows in respect of Site B): "Policy H2: HOUSING ALLOCATIONS - Land is allocated for housing development at three locations as shown on the	Savills	Not agreed. The use of the word 'approximately' will introduce uncertainty into the delivery of	None

		<p>proposals map (figure 2). Development will be permitted for approximately five additional dwellings subject to the following criteria:</p> <p>b) For the Agricultural store at Hope Farm, Main Street, development will be permitted subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The development providing approximately three dwellings in total; 2. All mature hedging and trees being retained where appropriate; and, 3. On-site car parking provision for 2 cars per dwelling”. 		<p>the numbers of new dwellings; the removal of the requirement to meet the preferred housing mix will lead to the possibility of housing being built which fails to meet locally identified need as will the removal of the requirement for starter homes/affordable housing. There is no justification provided for the proposed amendments except for the comment made in 18 above proposing the replacement of the word ‘maximum’ with ‘approximately’.</p>	
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22				<p>Given the location of existing trees and hedging we do not accept that there is any need for qualification regarding hedging and trees.</p> <p>Agreed</p>	
23	Figure 2 p15	insert 'or' after e). The proposals map must show the precise boundaries of the allocations	HDC	Agreed.	'or' to be inserted after e). The map will be amended to show the boundaries.
24	Page 16, para c) Reserve Sites	Land fronting on Main Street between Town End and The Manor House should not be developed. Far better to go outside the proposed development boundary. Filling in this green space would seriously damage the feel of the village. (I have been through so many villages where the charm of the place has been destroyed by	Pam Smith, resident	<p>Noted and thank you for taking the trouble to comment.</p> <p>However the sites have been put forward following community consultation that has endorsed the priority</p>	None.

		this sort of infill – Hungarton already has too much)		for development as indicated in policies H2 and H3. Although this is a green space between dwellings, its development will help to preserve other such open spaces within the village and we hope that by so doing the feel and charm of the village will be preserved long into the future.	
25	H3b)	refers to Harborough Local Plan – I presume this means the 2001 LP – if so this should be stated.	HDC	Agreed.	Date to be inserted.
26	P15 Fig 2	Proposed development sites (c) – Land at Willowghyll, Main Street and (d) – The Washpit, Church Lane (as shown in Figure 2: Proposal map, p15) are bounded by 'ordinary' watercourses. The Lead Local Flood Authority (Leicestershire County Council, flooding@leics.gov.uk) are the statutory body for such watercourses and therefore their	Environment Agency	Noted. Any planning applications that are made on these two sites will need to demonstrate awareness of these watercourses and provide mitigation as necessary.	None.

		views/consenting requirements will need to be sought for any development proposals which lie in close proximity of the adjacent watercourse.			
27	P16 section on development boundary	We are not sure that Limits to Development are needed. Sites for housing are already allocated – Limits to development imply that there is a presumption in favour of development within the limits on top of the allocations. We think the group should have a think about this wording.	HDC	The Committee considered this and took the view that the revision to the limits to development allow for the level of housing required whilst protecting the village against inappropriate development.	None
28	Policy H4	In respect of Policy H4, the amendments proposed to the Development Limits are welcomed.	Savills	Noted.	None
29	Policy H5	We suggest that Policy H5 is removed from the Plan as it is not considered appropriate for the Neighbourhood Plan to specify the housing mix per development site.	Savills	Concern for housing mix is something that most Neighbourhood Plans give consideration to, and is specifically provided for within National Planning Practice Guidance.	None
				Given the small	

				<p>number of allocations it is necessary that the NP specifies the actual required mix per development site. We note the letter from Savills to Hungarton PC received at the start of the NP process (19/06/15) about this site says: "You will be aware of the national requirement for dwellings in the countryside, to provide a variety of homes including starter homes and retirement homes. The survival of village communities is a vital requirement including the incorporation of the young and elderly." The Committee believes the Plan has taken this on board.</p>	
30	Fig 4 P19	Conservation Area map needs to include copyright. Check other	HDC	Agreed	Copyright to be added in.

		plans and maps also as they will also require copyright.			
31	Design Guidance	I continue to think that the design guidance for new build properties is prescriptive to the point that we could find ourselves unable to support a beautiful timber framed structure or something even more creative but outstanding in design. I feel that this guidance is the brainchild of a single person and we as a community should perhaps stand up to this singular view, softening the guidance a little to allow for alternative visions of beauty and excellence.	Mike Preston, resident and PC	The plan states “Design proposals that deviate significantly from the design principles detailed below may exceptionally be considered at an open parish meeting.” The Committee feels this is best approach to this issue.	None
32	Page 23, Environmental Sustainability Page 25, Gutters and down pipes Page 25, Elevations & Boundary garden walls	Visible Photovoltaic cells should not be allowed. The green energy produced does not justify the eyesore Shouldn't cast iron be included? Bricks used should be of a colour mix appropriate to traditional village properties (a match in case of extensions to existing properties)	Pam Smith, resident	This is already well underway and appetite for green energy is shown to be strong through the consultations. Agreed Agreed Agreed	None Cast Iron to be included Elevations: add: Bricks used should be of a colour mix appropriate to traditional village properties (a match in case of extensions to existing

		The brick bond should also follow traditional buildings. The former farmhouses in the village are in Flemish bond. Other old buildings are Flemish garden wall or other traditional bonds. They are not in stretcher bond. New build of plain orange/red brick in stretcher bond is seriously damaging to the street scene.			properties) The brick bond should also follow traditional buildings. The former farmhouses in the village are in Flemish bond. Other old buildings are Flemish garden wall or other traditional bonds. Stretcher bond should be avoided.
33	Page 9/10	Good to read how any new housing should comply with existing design and character	Marie Lloyd, resident	Comment noted	None
34	Design guidance	Much detail but no guidance on “footprint” of houses. Most of the buildings have a long and thin footprint (often L shaped) rather than square. This should be built in to the guidance.	Caroline Pick, resident	Noted, but no further detail required.	None
35	P24	Design and Access Guidance (page 24) – numbering needs amending	HDC	Noted and agreed	Numbering to be revised.
37	P21 Buildings of importance	Further work has been done over the Summer on assessing the list of buildings on p21/22. A reduced list with comments against assessment criteria is attached.	Caroline Pick, resident	Noted	Reduced list to be included in NP and appendices.
38	Policies H6 &	We would like to raise our concern	Iain and	Following further	Property to be removed.

7	<p>with The Hollies being recommended for local listing. Having only just moved into the village a year ago we purchased the property in a somewhat run down condition and as a down size from our previous property. As such we always envisaged renovating the property to its true potential and also possibly adding an extension with a view to making it more practical for our future family plans. When buying the house we were aware that Hungarton is a conservation area and that certain criteria must be met in order to do the above. Our concern now however, is that with locally listed status this could be detrimental to our future plans for the property. As we are located in a conservation area we feel this should be adequate protection to conserve and enhance the character, integrity and setting of the building.</p>	Michelle Stewart, residents	<p>discussion it was agreed to remove the property from the local list.</p>	
39	<p>While we understand the sentiment that lies behind Local Listing we would like to make a few observations. We would not like to see houses that were locally listed</p>	Kate Richmond, resident	<p>Further information has been shared with the householder and they are now happy for their home to be</p>	<p>None</p>

		<p>be subject to more stringent planning controls than are already applied by HDC. Modernisation and upgrading will inevitably be needed to make some existing properties fit for purpose as we anticipate the needs of people up to 2031. We would give 2 illustrations of this:</p> <p>i) adaptations and /or extensions in order to provide amenities of an acceptable modern standard.</p> <p>ii) adaptations of properties - internally and externally - to meet Special Needs.</p>		locally listed.	
40	Policy H7	<p>It is considered that Policy H7 is unnecessary and should be deleted from the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Design guidance on pages 24 and 25 should be listed as a preference and not prescriptive.</p>	Savills	<p>Not agreed.</p> <p>The design guidance has been prepared in consultation with the community to help preserve the character of Hungarton and is an important feature of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	None.

Natural and historic Environment

No.	Plan section/policy number	Comments	From	Response	Proposed amendment
41	P28 3a para 1	Hungarton is identified as a sub-selected rural village in the 'New Local Plan Options Consultation' not the SHLAA.	HDC	Agreed	Replace SHLAA with 'New Local Plan Options Consultation'
42	Policy ENV 1	In respect of Policy ENV1, we acknowledge that Site 5 has already been subject to a similar land designation as part of the old Local Plan and have no objection to this being carried forward through to the Neighbourhood Plan. We do, however, contest the proposed allocation of Sites 10 and 11 as Local Green Spaces. As such, we request that these sites are not allocated as Local Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan.	Savills	Not agreed. No reason is given for the request to remove these sites from LGS designation which have been the subject of a robust and thorough assessment process and endorsed through community consultation. We note that Savills, in their letter to the PC 19 June 2015 refer to site 10 as follows "...a small grass paddock which is owned by the Trustees. This paddock provides a pleasant open space within the village, onto which adjacent	None.

			existing houses overview.”	
43	Page 32, Trees para 2	32 beeches and 10 Sequoias have been planted 50 elm trees planted 10 oaks beech and the sequoias. Is that within the parish or just village? I have 3 new elms in my paddock	Pam Smith, resident Marie Lloyd, resident	Thank you for this addition to the evidence base. ‘Some beech and sequoias’ to be replaced with ‘32 beeches and 10 Sequoias have been planted’
44	Page 32 Policy Env3 Trees	It is not much use asking for protection for trees in a site being developed. The rules may be adhered to at the time, but subsequently the inconvenience to occupiers of shade, roots in drains, messy leaves, bird dirt on cars etc. will mean that eventually they will be pruned down to nothing or felled. Far better to allow development outside the development boundary on green field sites without trees.		Noted None
45	P32 d) Trees & ENV3:Important trees and woodland	In addition to the information and policy concerning trees. It would be valuable to include an up-to-date list of trees in the village which have been awarded a TPO. [In addition I would like to comment that the Parish Council is currently	Sally Gower, resident and PC	Thank you for this comment. TPO list to be added to the information available on the website.

		attempting to have additional TPO's instated adjacent 05 a 'protected local green space' as suggested in the Community Action ENV1: Trees section.]			
46	Biodiversity	<p>Thanks for consulting us on the neighbourhood plan. It would be useful if we could see a copy of the appendices relating to the biodiversity of the parish; it may be that you have some additional information to us! To my knowledge, no comprehensive biodiversity survey of the parish has been completed in recent years. It's therefore possible that more detailed survey may highlight good areas that should not be developed. However, surveys submitted in support of planning applications should identify areas of importance through the planning process.</p> <p>I've compared Figure 6 to the information that we have for Hungarton; you have many sites highlighted that we don't have specific information on, which is not a problem. However we do have a couple of Local Wildlife Sites that you do not seem to have included</p>	<p>Kirsty Gamble Senior Planning Ecologist Leicestershire and Rutland Environmental Records Centre Planning, Historic and Natural Environment Team Leicestershire County Council</p>	Noted.	Additional wildlife sites to be incorporated into the NP

		within the document. The whole of field '29' is a Local Wildlife Site, designated for its species rich grassland. There are also 3 ponds on Village Farm that are Local Wildlife Sites as well as some additional land adjacent to the Dismantled Railway. I've attached a plan with Local Wildlife Sites marked. Obviously it is up to you whether these are included within the plan, but the designation will be considered by us for any planning responses for the sites.			
47	Page: 37 Fig:9	The field south of Hungarton Lane, and south of ridge and furrow field no. 38, in fig:9 also has ridge and furrow, particularly noticeable at the western end, adjacent to the junction of Coal Baulk and Hungarton Lane.	Penny Faulkner, resident and PC	Noted thanks.	NP to add in the additional detail provided.
	ENV6	question what 'strongly' adds – elsewhere only resisted is used.	HDC	Agreed.	'Strongly' to be removed.
48	Page 39, Hedges	I would like to see protection for village hedges: probably one of the reasons we have done well for sparrows in the past. (Fences are so much more convenient and tidy).	Pam Smith, resident	Noted.	None.
49		I surveyed hedge 3 on the map and discovered it meets the criteria	Martyn Gower, resident	Noted – hedge 3 is in the schedule.	None

		<p>easily:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · it has 6 or 7 woody species · it runs alongside a public right of way for a significant part of its length · it has a ditch along at least half its length · gaps amount to less than 10% of its length · it has connections with another area of wood · it has standard trees <p>roughly every 50 metres</p> <p>During the process it became clear, as you and others had already pointed out, that other hedges also meet the criteria but we can't name them all I guess, just state that the area is divided by an ancient and significant pattern of hedges.</p>			
50	Our neighbourhood / 3.3)Public Rights of Way	<p>I have read (most of) the document with great interest, especially the parts on the village history. The village has missed a couple of pieces of highway history in that two old roads go thru the parish. The work I have done on bridleways - much staring at maps - convinces me that there are a lot of "lost" E-W routes across E Leicestershire, many of them probably dating back to the time</p>	Leics & Rutland Bridleways Association	Many thanks for this interesting and helpful contribution.	None.

		<p>when salt was made on the E coast (much nearer then, before the Dutch drained the fens) and transported into the Midlands. The A47 was definitely a salt road as there is a Salterford Bridge a few yards before it is joined by Scraptoft Lane at the "Trocadero" junction (a very fine cinema the Troc). So it is likely the Scraptoft Lane was also in this trading network and it continues as Covert Lane which becomes nothing more than a track passing S of Old Ingarsby and exiting onto the Keyham road (just above Botany Bay Covert) near to the junction with the Tilton Lane. From there the Edwards route would have gone to Tilton and then on to Withcote and Oakham. Did you know Mary Queen of Scots spent her last 2 nights of "freedom" at Leicester and then Withcote before being incarcerated in Fotheringhay? She must have used this old road. Also that "Botany Bay" must link back to when this country was hunted by the Quorn - B.Bay signifying one of their 'furthest away' meeting places (lots of B.Bays scattered round the</p>			
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		<p>county for the various hunts) from when convicts were sent to Oz. The other old road also goes to Tilton but comes in from the NE and probably headed to Syston and a crossing of the Soar. It may have come from Leicester Abbey lands N of Leicester. It now comprises a series of bridleways (D2 past Waterloo Lodge to Inkerman Lodge is the relevant one) and ending up as a cart road wriggling up the steep scarp to Tilton. This latter now carries the <i>Midshires Way</i> one of the few English long distance routes aimed particularly at horse riders. It links The Ridgeway with the Pennine Way and Bridleway, so has potential for rural tourism (altho' Leics CC is not very supportive of this in spite of the economic benefits it could bring to E Leics in particular). The <i>Midshires Way</i> comes from Tilton but just after Inkerman Lodge turns off northwards up bridleway D38 to the Thimble Hall x-roads. Unfortunately D38 towards Hungarton village is only a footpath. If the relevant landowners could be persuaded to upgrade the rights to bridleway it</p>			
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		would be a quick way to bring equestrian travellers to the pub. Going round 2 sides of a triangle on roads is not so attractive! Perhaps the Parish Council could think on this???? I am not quite sure where the HGVs from the chicken-rearing complex at Manor Farm Beeby will go (not to Beeby!) but I am sure they will make the roads in the area much less pleasant.			
51	Policy ENV11	Finally, Policy ENV11 is considered overly onerous. Flood Risk is already addressed at Local and National level. It is therefore proposed that Policy ENV11 should be deleted.	Savills	Not agreed. The policy adds a layer of detail beyond that contained within the Core Strategy.	None.
52	General	Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land We have not checked the agricultural land classification of the proposed allocations, but we advise you ensure that any allocations on best and most versatile land are justified in line with para 112 of the National Planning Policy Framework.	Natural England	Para 112 of the NPPF requires poorer quality land to be developed in preference to higher quality land where the development is 'significant'. The level of proposed development is not considered to be 'significant'.	None.

Community facilities and amenities

No.	Plan section/policy number	Comments	From	Response	Proposed amendment
53	General	I welcome the thorough consideration of community facilities in the Neighbourhood Plan. It is a positive feature of the Plan that community facilities are recognised and valued and that the Plan seeks to protect and retain existing facilities and to promote new facilities taking account of consultation. Community facilities provide a venue for social, recreational and educational activity and a place where people can meet and access local services. Perhaps a policy relating to the protection of Assets of Community Value to support any existing or future designations could be considered?	Leicestershire County Council	Such a policy would indicate that such work would be undertaken by the PC throughout the lifetime of the NP. If required this is something the PC will undertake within their programme of work.	None

Economy

No.	Plan section/policy number	Comments	From	Response	Proposed amendment
54	General	We would recommend including economic development aspirations	Leicestershire County	This is addressed in 5b) on page 49. Views	None.

		with your Plan, outlining what the community currently values and whether they are open to new development of small businesses etc.	Council	about further economic development were mixed.	
55	Superfast Broadband	High speed broadband is critical for businesses and for access to services, many of which are now online by default. Having a superfast broadband connection is no longer merely desirable, but is an essential requirement in ordinary daily life. It is therefore encouraging to see this recognised with the plan and the inclusion of a Broadband Infrastructure policy. Would suggest inclusion of wording to ensure that all new developments should have access to superfast broadband (of at least 30Mbps) Developers should take active steps to incorporate superfast broadband at the pre-planning phase and should engage with telecoms providers to ensure superfast broadband is available as soon as build on the development is complete	Leicestershire County Council	Noted and agreed	Add the following to Policy E5: All new developments should have access to superfast broadband (of at least 30Mbps) Developers should take active steps to incorporate superfast broadband at the pre-planning phase and should engage with telecoms providers to ensure superfast broadband is available as soon as build on the development is complete

Transport and Roads

No.	Plan section/policy	Comments	From	Response	Proposed amendment
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56	<p>Highways England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Pre-Submission version of the Draft Hungarton Neighbourhood Plan which covers the period 2011-2031. It is noted that the document provides a vision for the future of the village and sets out a number of key objectives and planning policies which will be used to help determine planning applications.</p> <p>Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). It is the role of Highways England to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the SRN whilst acting as a delivery partner to national economic growth. In relation to the Hungarton Neighbourhood Plan, Highways England's principal interest is safeguarding the operation of the A46 which routes approximately 7 miles northwest of the Plan area.</p> <p>Highways England understands that a Neighbourhood Plan is required to be in conformity with relevant national and Borough-wide planning policies. Accordingly the Neighbourhood Plan for Hungarton is required to be in conformity with the emerging Harborough Local Plan and this is recognised within the document. It is noted that Hungarton is classified as a Sub-Selected Rural</p>	Highways England	<p>Noted.</p> <p>None.</p>

		<p>Village where only limited infill development is deemed appropriate and as such only 5 dwellings are expected to come forward across Hungarton during the plan period. Given this limited scale of growth, and the distance of Hungarton from the SRN, it is considered that there will be no impacts on the A46.</p> <p>Highways England has no further comments to provide and trusts the above is useful in the progression of the Hungarton Neighbourhood Plan.</p>		
57	General	<p>The County Council recognises that residents may have concerns about traffic conditions in their local area, which they feel may be exacerbated by increased traffic due to population, economic and development growth. Like very many local authorities, the County Council's budgets are under severe pressure. It must therefore prioritise where it focuses its reducing resources and increasingly limited funds. In practice, this means that the County Highway Authority (CHA), in general, prioritises its resources on measures that deliver the greatest benefit to Leicestershire's residents, businesses and road users in terms of road safety, network management and maintenance. Given this, it is likely that highway measures associated with any new development would need to be fully funded from third party funding, such as via Section 278 or 106 (S106) developer contributions. I should emphasise that</p>	Leicestershire County Council	<p>Noted</p> <p>None.</p>

		<p>the CHA is generally no longer in a position to accept any financial risk relating to/make good any possible shortfall in developer funding. To be eligible for S106 contributions proposals must fulfil various legal criteria. Measures must also directly mitigate the impact of the development e.g. they should ensure that the development does not make the existing highway conditions any worse if considered to have a severe residual impact. They cannot unfortunately be sought to address existing problems. Where potential S106 measures would require future maintenance, which would be paid for from the County Council's funds, the measures would also need to be assessed against the County Council's other priorities and as such may not be maintained by the County Council or will require maintenance funding to be provide as a commuted sum. With regard to public transport, securing S106 contributions for public transport services will normally focus on larger developments, where there is a more realistic prospect of services being commercially viable once the contributions have stopped i.e. they would be able to operate without being supported from public funding. The current financial climate means that the CHA has extremely limited funding available to undertake minor highway improvements. Where any measures are proposed that would affect speed limits, on-street parking restrictions or other Traffic Regulation Orders (be that to address existing problems or in connection with a development proposal), their implementation</p>			
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		would be subject to available resources, the availability of full funding and the satisfactory completion of all necessary Statutory Procedures.		
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Locality Healthcheck review

58		The numbering of the document is a little difficult to reference and it would help considerably if paragraphs were numbered throughout.	Health check review	<p>Numbering needs reformatting but the Committee feels that the document will be less user friendly with every paragraph numbered and it has not been drafted in report style</p> <p>Agreed</p>	<p>Formatting to be revised.</p> <p>To insert on page 7 after the penultimate paragraph:</p> <p>There are some restrictions to what Neighbourhood Plans can achieve. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They cannot promote less development than is set out in the Local Plan.
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They deal essentially with land use issues; they cannot address enforcement issues. • While issues such as 'improvements to pavements' do not directly relate to land use issues, Neighbourhood Plans can encourage funding for these through developer contributions or through action to be undertaken by the Parish Council. Non planning-related issues such as this are addressed within the Neighbourhood Plan as issues for Community Action and are separated from the policies within the text.
		Page 9 - The initial paragraph of Section 2 of		Agreed	Delete first paragraph

		<p>Chapter 3 repeat much of the text from the extant Chapter 1. This is unnecessary.</p> <p>Page 10 - The housing needs study supporting the housing policies is considered robust and well-presented thus supporting the housing policies within the Plan. However, reference to the emerging Local Plan for Harborough District would benefit from the inclusion of publication dates. Reference could also be made to the extant classification of the village.</p> <p>Page 11 - Some acknowledgement needs to be given in Policy H1 or in the accompanying text that the provision of 5 additional dwellings on the sites identified is the preference of the Plan. Development of these site could have come forward given the extant policies for the area, in any event, and indeed proposals may come forward which run counter to the identification of these sites, but which would otherwise be acceptable given extant strategic policy and other policies within the NP. Furthermore, acknowledgement of the use of permitted development rights could be given.</p>		
	Agreed	Agreed		<p>The Housing Needs study will be amended to include the classification of the village. The emerging Local Plan does not yet have a publication date but is expected to be Adopted in 2017.</p> <p>Immediately before the description of development sites on page 12 is to be inserted:</p> <p>‘The provision of 5 additional dwellings is welcomed by the community as an opportunity to rebalance the housing stock in line with locally identified need in preferred locations. It is also recognised that through</p>

		<p>Page 11 - Reference to the Housing Bill is assumed to mean the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and should be amended accordingly</p> <p>Page 14 – the reference at the end of Policy H2 to ‘other eligible households’ should be qualified.</p>		<p>Agreed</p>	<p>permitted development rights property owners are able to make certain changes to a building without the need to apply for planning permission.’</p>
		<p>Page 15 – Fig 2 could benefit from a key to identify the sites in question, as opposed to relying on colour – which is difficult to interpret if the document is printed in monotone.</p>		<p>Agreed</p>	<p>Change text to ‘individuals elsewhere in the district who meet the criteria for affordable housing’.</p>
		<p>Page 17 – Policy H4 should refer to figure 3, erroneously it refers to figure 1.</p>		<p>Agree</p>	<p>Key to be added.</p>
		<p>Page 18 – (f) and reference to the Conservation Area and important buildings of special</p>		<p>Agreed. Move to section 3c). Also</p>	<p>Policy H4 to refer to figure 3.</p>

		<p>architectural or historic interest may be better located within Section 3 of the HNDP</p> <p>Page 20 – the list of statutorily protected property would be better included within an appendix to the Plan.</p> <p>Page 22 – while it is acknowledged that the public consultation highlighted the need to preserve and enhance locally important heritage property, Policy H6 provides greater protection to non-designated assets than to designated ones and may be considered to go too far. Consideration should therefore be given to a less demanding word than “required”. The use of “expected” would be more appropriate together with the addition of “in line with the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990”.</p> <p>Additionally, “conserve and enhance” would be better replaced with “conserve or enhance”.</p> <p>Page 22 – it is acknowledged that the details contained with the design section (g) reflects much of the comments raised during the consultation periods and highlighted in the substantial evidence base prepared by the QB. However, given NPPF</p>		<p>reference where list was sourced.</p> <p>Not agreed. It is felt that the inclusion of the list within the document adds important detail and doesn't detract from the flow of the text.</p> <p>Agree</p> <p>Agree</p>	<p>The use of ‘expected’ to replace ‘required’ and ‘in line with the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990’ to be added.</p> <p>Replace ‘conserve and enhance’ with ‘conserve or enhance’.</p> <p>None</p>
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		<p>paragraphs 58 to 60 care should be given to unnecessary prescription or detail. It is suggested that LPA need to confirm that the proposals as currently presented are sufficiently robust without being overly prescriptive or repeat controls already in place under different powers (eg footpaths and the need for a maximum width of 1.4m – this would be subject to County Council Highway jurisdiction and within existing highway land would not be a planning matter)</p> <p>Page 23 – the text contains a repeat of previous sections of the Plan. Reference to ‘new signage proposals’ need qualification with the text having regard to extant advertisement regulations and deemed consent.</p>		<p>not raised concerns. Consultation has endorsed the approach.</p>	
	<p>Page 24 – developers should be “expected” or “encouraged”, rather than “required”, to present ‘Design and Access’ statements unless they fall within the Conservation Area where there is an obligation for these to be prepared under Article 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure (England) Order 2015 or otherwise required by law.</p>		<p>Agreed</p>	<p>Check earlier text for repetition.</p> <p>Amend text ‘...limited in number, conform to advertising regulations and not present a distraction ...’</p> <p>Replace ‘required’ with ‘expected’.</p>	

		<p>Page 26 – reference to the employment of an ‘experienced architect’ is considered onerous. The reference to ‘contemporary design features’ and their appreciation is considered vague and subjective.</p> <p>The checklist of sustainable elements includes a number of subjective references; reference to a ‘minimum SAP rating of 90’ should be qualified, and acknowledgment given to ‘any other relevant national guidance’; reference to airtightness to exceed minimum requirements; orientation towards the sun; ‘quality of workmanship found wanting’ and the use of ‘must’ as opposed to ‘encourage’ require review. It should be redrafted to avoid conflict with the Written Statement of the Rt Hon Sir Eric Pickles MP at https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/planning-update-march-2015.</p>		<p>Agreed. Bullet point in question says ‘should’ rather than ‘must’ which affords a degree of flexibility.</p> <p>Agreed – amends to the text to be made.</p> <p>The Statement from Eric Pickles supports the drive towards zero carbon homes and these measures will contribute to this aspiration.</p>	<p>Remove ‘experienced.’ Change text to: Contemporary design features which do not cause harm to the street scene or Conservation Area will be supported.</p> <p>Amendments and additions:</p> <p>SAP rating comment to say ‘minimum SAP rating of 90. SAP ratings measure the energy efficiency of homes on a scale from 1-100.</p> <p>Airtightness to meet minimum standards and exceed them where possible.</p> <p>‘oriented towards the sun wherever possible’.</p> <p>Delete ‘all of the</p>
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					<p>above are compromised if the quality of workmanship is found wanting'.</p> <p>Throughout the section, replace 'must' with 'should'</p> <p>Reword final bullet point before the policy H7 on page 27 to say 'smart metering and smart controls are important to energy systems and should be used wherever possible'.</p> <p>Amend policy to read 'All new development proposals including one or more houses, replacement dwellings and extensions will need to satisfy the above building design principles unless Material</p>
		<p>Page 27 – policy H7 refers to Building Design principles for residential development, yet the design principles refers to general development. A consistent approach and reference would be helpful and qualification given to allow for circumstances when Material Considerations means that the guidance cannot be followed.</p>		<p>Agreed</p>	

		<p>Page 28 – it is unclear in policy H8 if tandem development that doesn't incur any of the concerns listed would be acceptable.</p>		<p>Change policy title to 'Backland and Tandem Development. Add a definition.</p> <p>Remove the qualifications.</p>	<p>Considerations mean that the guidance cannot be followed</p> <p>Backland development is generally the more comprehensive development of land behind an existing frontage whilst tandem development is generally the placing of one dwelling behind another within a single plot.</p> <p>'TANDEM AND BACKLAND DEVELOPMENT in gardens of existing properties will not be supported'.</p>
		<p>Page 29 – while the principle of identifying Local Green Spaces (LGS) is supported by the consultation exercises undertaken to date, the sites highlighted in policy ENV1 include 4 relatively large sites which, may not fully comply with the third bullet point of paragraph 77 of the NPPF, namely sites 01, 05, 06 and 11 as shown on Figure</p>		<p>Experience indicates that designations as an OSSR site does not afford sufficient protection from</p>	<p>None</p>

		<p>5. This raises a high risk that the allocation of these parcels of land as LGS is tantamount to restricting growth of the village, should this be required in the future. In any event, areas 01, 05 and 07 are already highlighted as 'important Open Land in the extant CS and hence subject to a degree of protection.</p>		<p>development.</p> <p>There is no formal guidance as to the maximum size of a LGS – it depends on the degree of specialness to the community. Each of the sites proposed for designation are bounded, close to the village and 'special' to the community.</p> <p>Future development potential is provided for in fields 97,98, 99 and 100, allowing these special sites to remain undeveloped without preventing further development should it be needed.</p> <p>Agreed</p>	<p>Change to 'locally significant habitats and species'. Add in after non-designated</p>
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		<p>Page 35 – for clarity it is suggested that the phrase ‘non-designated’ is qualified to explain that it reflects the NPPF in that these elements do not currently enjoy statutorily designated protection.</p> <p>Page 41 – the evidence base to support policy ENV8 and the protection of important views needs to be fully referenced. Reference to ‘strong resistance’ to development that may impact on these views should be fully qualified and allowance made for development supported by ‘exceptional circumstances.’</p> <p>Page 43 – the principle of policy ENV9, protecting footpaths and bridleways, is covered by the Highways Act and hence is superfluous.</p> <p>Page 44 – it is unclear why Community Action policy ENV5 is required to supplement policy ENV10.</p>		<p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p>	<p>heritage assets in policy ENV5 (sites without a statutory designation).</p> <p>Wording to be incorporated as proposed.</p> <p>Cross-reference to the evidence base to be added.</p> <p>The qualification ‘except in exceptional circumstances’ to be added.</p> <p>Add footpath map.</p> <p>None</p>
				<p>Not agreed.</p> <p>The Community Action adds a discretionary element to policy ENV5 which reflects a community</p>	

		<p>Page 44 – the reference to ‘every development’ in Policy ENV1 should be qualified with reference to ‘development of appropriate scale and where relevant’.</p> <p>The addition of map indicating relevant flood zones would be helpful.</p> <p>Page 48 – the reference to ‘unacceptable traffic movements’ within policy CF2 is subjective and should be qualified</p>		<p>aspiration.</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>A flood map is available as supporting information on the Parish website</p> <p>Agreed</p>	<p>Delete ‘Every development proposal in the Parish will be required to demonstrate that’ and replace with ‘Development proposals of appropriate scale and where relevant will be required to demonstrate that:’</p> <p>Change to ‘will not result in unacceptable traffic movements that generate increased levels of noise, fumes, smell or other harmful disturbance to residential properties including the need for additional parking</p>
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		<p>Page 49 – policy E1 and the accompanying text needs to acknowledge the use of permitted development rights and the conversion of rural property and B1 accommodation for residential purposes.</p> <p>Page 50 – the reference at (f) of policy E2 referring to ‘unacceptable levels of traffic movement’ is subjective and need qualification. The general intent of this policy would be best presented as ‘encouraging development’ as opposed to ‘requiring development’ to address the list of criteria</p>		<p>Agreed</p> <p>Reference to permitted development rights is made on page 52.</p> <p>Agreed</p>	<p>which cannot be catered for within the curtilage of the property’.</p> <p>Amend policy to add in ‘Where planning permission is required there will be a strong presumption ...’</p> <p>Amend opening sentence to say ‘development should’ rather than ‘development will be required’</p> <p>Change ‘Not generate unacceptable levels of traffic movement’ to ‘will not result in unacceptable traffic movements that generate increased levels of noise, fumes, smell or other harmful disturbance to residential properties including the need for</p>
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		<p>Page 53 – acknowledgement could be given in the text accompanying policy E5, to the statutory powers held by some providers.</p> <p>Page 54 – policy T1 and accompany text could include reference to the role of the County Highway Authority.</p>		<p>This is not felt necessary</p>	<p>additional parking which cannot be catered for within the curtilage of the property’.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Add into the narrative after the policies and community actions ‘In exploring solutions to the transport issues identified the Parish Council will engage with the County Highways Authority who hold statutory responsibility</p>
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Your Local comments

59	Page 54	The policy references in the final section are marked ‘policy x’ rather than actual policy numbers	Gary Kirk	Agreed.	The policies should be referenced as (in order) ENV9; E2, E3, H2 and H7.
60	Page 29	Proposed rewording of LGS policy ENV1	Gary Kirk	Agreed	Existing policy ‘Development proposals that would

					result in the loss of, or have an adverse effect on, an identified LGS (listed below) will not be permitted, except in exceptional circumstances'. Change to 'Within the areas of Local Green Space identified on the map below (figure 5), development is ruled out, other than in very special circumstances."
61	Page 30	Proposed rewording of policy ENV2	Gary Kirk	Agreed	Existing policy 'The sites identified in this Plan are of local significance for their wildlife and/or landscape features. They are important in their own right and are locally valued. Development proposals that affect them will be expected to protect and/or enhance their identified features' change to 'The protection and

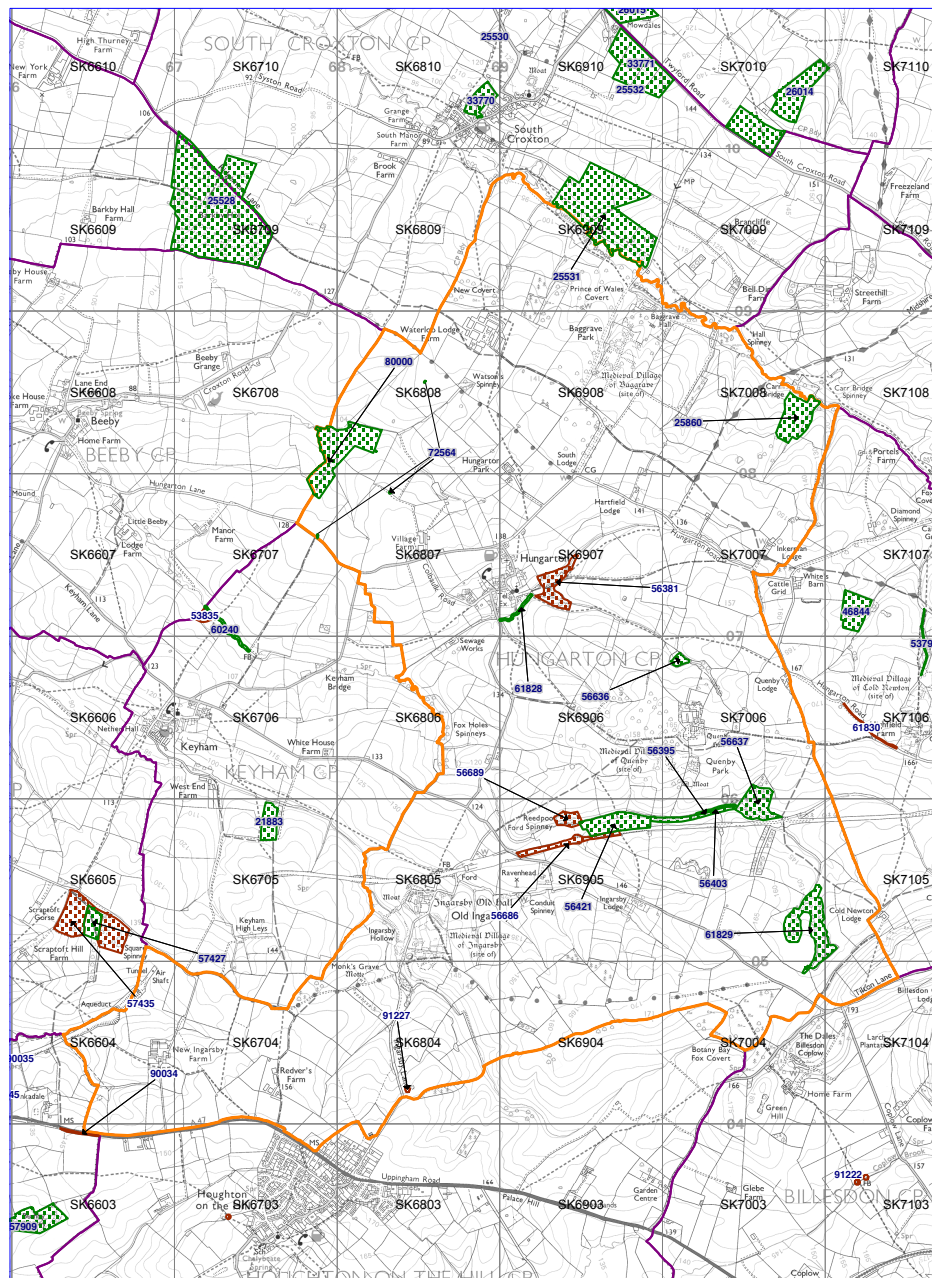
					enhancement of the identified significant features of sites shown in Figure 6 as “Other sites of high environmental and community significance”, and detailed in the Environmental Inventory (available on the Parish website) will be supported.”
62	Page 37	Proposed rewording of policy ENV6	Gary Kirk	Agreed	Existing policy ‘Development proposals that adversely affect or damage an identified surviving area of ridge and furrow earthworks (figure 9) will be strongly resisted. They are formally identified in the Plan as non-designated heritage assets’ change to ‘The surviving areas of Ridge and Furrow fields are non-designated heritage assets and any harm

					<p>arising from a development proposal will need to be balanced against their significance as heritage assets.</p>
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