# **Harvington Neighbourhood Development Plan**

# - Consultation Statement

# **Regulation 16 Statutory Consultation**

# **23 September 2018**

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#### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Consultation Statement (CS) has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of Section 12(2) of Part 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (as amended) in respect of the Harvington Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.2 It is required to contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted as part of the formation of the <u>Harvington Neighbourhood Plan</u> (NP)<sup>1</sup>.
- 1.3 This CS contains:
  - Details of who was consulted,
  - ◆ An explanation of how they were consulted,
  - A summary of the main issues and concerns raised during consultation and
  - ◆ References to the Evidence, Reasoning and Justification (<u>ERJ</u>) document<sup>2</sup>, which records how these issues were considered, analysed and addressed in the NP.
- 1.4 It is structured as follows:
  - Constitution of the Steering Group, which had community activity as its core ethos,
  - Chronological overview of consultation activities,
  - A 'bullet point' summary of all the consultations,
  - Detailed records of the significant, data-intensive consultations,
  - Photographic and descriptive records of consultation events.
  - Appendices containing detailed consultatioin records
- 1.5 The consultations included major, detailed research undertaken within the village to provide community-derived evidence. The research reports, and associated analysis, are available as follows:

Research Subject	t Appendix content	
Residents	Research methodology	В
	Survey questions	С
	Summary of responses	D
	Detailed responses, including textual comments	E
Local businesses	Survey form and results	F
Housing Need	Survey questions	G
_	WRCC report and analysis	Н
	Ten-year housing stock analysis	I

- 1.6 The NP also incorporates findings and recommendations from the <u>Harvington Parish Plan</u> & <u>Village Design Statement</u> of 2010<sup>3</sup>, which itself involved extensive community consultation.
- 1.7 This CS also describes the process and results of the Regulation 14 Statutory Consultation. Descriptions of the documents recording the responses and subsequent

2 https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/erj.pdf

<sup>1</sup> https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/np.pdf

<sup>3</sup> https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/parishPlan/Parish Plan & VDS.pdf

analysis are given in detail later in this Statement, but, for convenience, the appendices describing the consultation responses and subsequent actions are:

Regulation 14 consultation record	Appendix
Statutory consultees	J
Record of all responses received	K
Individual comments and actions taken	L
Significant policy changes	M
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1.8 As part of the Regulation 14 Statutory Consultation the owners of land proposed for Local Green Space designation were given advance notification of this intent. The following appendices record the responses received:

Local Green Space consultation responses	Appendix
Tabulated list of all responses	0
Objection to registration of "The Common" <sup>4</sup>	P

 $<sup>4\,</sup>$  The evidence for the registration of GS8 "The Common" was available to Regulation 14 consultees in the

### 2 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

- 2.1 The NP and this evidence base has been compiled on behalf of Harvington Parish Council by the Harvington NP Steering Group an independent community group and its volunteer working groups.
- 2.2 The process commenced by agreeing with the Parish Council the constitution of the Steering Group (SG) reproduced in Appendix A.
- 2.3 The membership of the Steering Group has included:

Chris Haynes (Chair)

Clive Allen

John Colebrook (PC)

Maureen Hall (PC)

Leslie Hancock

Kathy Haynes

John Langley (PC)

Chris Rushworth

Gill Smith (PC)

Tim Swift (PC)

- 2.4 The constitution requires the SG membership to include two representatives of the Parish Council. (PC) above denotes SG members who, at various times, were these Parish Council representatives.
- 2.5 After the Regulation 14 consultation a third PC member was appointed to the Steering Group, to help expedite preparation and approval of the Regulation 16 submission.
- 2.6 Five working groups were formed, around the following policy areas:
  - Housing,
  - Social & community,
  - ◆ Environment & leisure,
  - Business, agriculture, horticulture & tourism,
  - Highways & transport,
  - Local facilities.
- 2.7 These working groups were comprised of nine members of the Steering Group and a further sixteen village volunteers 25 in all.
- 2.8 Each working group was responsible for:
  - Defining their area of interest, ensuring no over- / underlap with other groups,
  - Compiling questions to include in the Oct 2015 Residents' Survey,
  - Analysing the results of these questions to identify community objectives and issues,
  - Drafting policies,
  - Compiling the evidence, reasoning and justification supporting each policy.

# 3 Chronology of community consultation and participation

The table below summarises the intensive programme of consultation and community events supporting the development of the NP:

Event / Activity	Brief description	Date	Venue / Method	Participation
Web site	Contains all surveys, reports, minutes + related web links	2015 onwards	https://harvington- pc.org.uk/np <sup>5</sup>	
Village update	Latest SG activities, contact information	Monthly	Most months in printed Village News	Delivered to >700 homes
Call for volunteers	Introductory talk and display	11 April 2015	Village Hall	44
Annual Parish Meeting	Presentation given on the opportunity, work plan and working groups-in-formation	17 April 2015	Village Hall	~40
Volunteer briefing	Invitation to community to join working groups	9 May 2015	Village Hall	40+
Community invitation to comment	Presentation of work-group objectives	13 June 2015	Gazebo at Village Fête	99
Objectives workshop	Formation of working groups, scoping of content and boundaries. Nomination of Steering Group members	20 June 2015	Village Hall	~30
Working group confirmation	Working groups presented objectives for community approval	June 2015	Village Hall	25
Residents' survey	Solicit residents' views on village strengths, weaknesses and planning opportunities	Oct 2015	On-line survey + VH	259 (~20%)
Business survey	Determine local business' growth intent and planning needs	Feb 2016	Email survey	22 (30%)
Facilities survey	Investigated need for community space in Leys Road area	March 2016	Street consultations	~20
Youth needs	Consultation with school-children	March / April 2016	School bus stops	~15
Play area needs	Consultation with parents on need for further play facilities	May 2016	Two school parents' evenings	73 (70%)
Community consultation	Present draft policies for comment	11 June 2016	Gazebo at Village Fête	
Community consultation	Present draft policies for comment	18 June 2016	Village Hall	
Housing Needs survey	Determine local need for housing	June 2016	Survey delivered to every house, freepost response	338 (44%)
Call for sites	Invite nomination of sites for development of 5 or more dwellings	Jan 2017	Announcement in Village News	2 (+ 1 late)
Local Green Spaces	Invitation for nominations of LGS	Mar 2017	Announcement in Village News	
Community consultation	Present draft policies, site assessments and local green spaces	11 May 2017	Annual Parish Meeting	~40
Community consultation	Present draft policies, site assessments and local green spaces	18 May 2017	Stall at Village Fête	~30
Regulation 14 Consultation	Invitation to comment on Draft Plan and all associated documentation	27 April to 9 June 2018	On-line, Village Hall, Village pubs & farm shop	37 (124 comments)
Community feedback	Statistics on Reg 14 consultation	14 July 2018	Stall at Village Fête	~40

<sup>5</sup> Until Sept 2018 was at harvingtonplan.uk. Now at  $\frac{https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np}{Page 6 of 262}$ 

### 4 Consultation highlights

This section presents, in outline form, the highlights and unique features of the various consultation activities.

#### 4.1 Village News

- Distributed monthly to every house in the Parish,
- ◆ 700+ copies distributed,
- ◆ Most months from April 2015 to August 2018 contained a Neighbourhood Plan entry,
- ◆ Used to record and explain NP progress
- Used to announce consultation events and activities,
- Use to provide community feedback on consultation results.

#### 4.2 Annual Parish Meetings 2015 - 2018

- ◆ Parish Council's annual report to the village,
- ◆ Typical attendance: 50,
- The following contributions were made by the Steering Group:
- ◆ 2015: Presentation on formation of steering group, work groups & work plan,
- ◆ 2016: Villagers invited to attend the separate, intensive SG Village Hall event,
- ◆ 2017: Presentation on draft policies, site assessments and local green spaces,
- ◆ 2018: Talk & poster display on forthcoming Regulation 14 consultation.

#### 4.3 Village fêtes 2015 - 2018

- Each year: a marquee with display boards & SG members in attendance,
- 2015: Used to gather informal voting and opinions on village issues and priorities,
- ◆ 2016: Used to feed back results of Residents' Survey & collect comments on draft policies,
- ◆ 2017: On display were all the proposed policies and maps of the Local Green Spaces, Valued Landscapes and proposed site allocations,
- ◆ 2018: Statistics on the Regulation 14 consultation, with illustrative comments from public authorities.

#### 4.4 Residents' Survey October 2015

- On-line interactive survey.
- Every household received customised (and security-coded) invitation to participate,
- ◆ Assisted completion sessions in Village Hall (used by 18 villagers),
- Up to 79 questions were asked (depending on intermediate answers),
- Interactive maps used for expressions of development site priorities,
- Innovative preference ordering used for many questions,
- Preferences analysed using Condorcet Voting giving 'fair' ranking of preferences,
- ◆ 259 responses received (~ 20% of eligible respondents)
- ◆ Responses received from 186 households (25.1%),

- ◆ Age distribution was a good match to 2011 Census demographics,
- ◆ 35% of responses were from people 65 or over (no 'internet shyness' apparent),
- Summary and full results posted on-line,
- Full (anonymised) data available for download.
- Provided dominant input to NP objectives and policy priorities.

#### 4.5 Business Survey February 2016

- Email survey of 71 businesses (including home-based workers)
- ◆ 22 responses (30%)
- Employment distribution:
  - > 14% employ more than 10 people,
  - > 41% employ between 2 and 10 people,
  - ➤ 45% employ 0 1 people.
- Duration in business:
  - > 5% less than 12 months,
  - > 52% between 2 and 10 years,
  - > 42% more than 10 years.
- Very little indication of any employment growth intentions,
- ◆ No need expressed for allocation or changed use of land in NP
- Most common issue: Fast internet access

#### 4.6 Housing Need Survey June 2016

- Survey undertaken in association with Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC), who:
  - Validated and fine-tuned the questions,
  - > Approved the distribution methodology,
  - > Received (by post) the responses,
  - Analysed the responses,
  - Supplied anonymous raw data for further analysis by the Steering Group.
- Response rate:
  - > 51% from owner-occupiers,
  - > 29% from tenants of social housing,
  - > 11% from tenants of privately-owned housing,
  - > 44% overall.
- ◆ Two sets of analysis undertaken:
  - Current housing situation and immediate needs WRCC
  - 10-year housing stock model NP Steering Group
- Many findings used in NP policy formulation (see Evidence, Reasoning and Justification document for details),
- Significant / unexpected findings included:
  - No residents said they had relatives wanting to move into the village,

- > There should be adequate availability of 3 / 4 bedroom houses as there is considerable market 'churn' in this sector,
- ➤ There are not enough bungalows (or similar single-level accommodation units) in the village to accommodate the increasing number of 'baby-boomers' who intend to down-size within the village (in a move prior to needing assisted accommodation),
- ➤ Most elderly do not want assisted accommodation in the village, they plan to move to a local town when they get to that stage.

#### 4.7 Regulation 14 Consultation

- ◆ Undertaken in 6 weeks April June 2018
- Promoted by:
  - Statutory advertisement in two local newspapers,
  - > Announcement in Village News (delivered to every household),
  - > Leaflet delivered to every household (separately from Village News),
  - > Roadside banners at village entry / exit points,
  - > Written notification to Local Green Space land-owners,
  - Written notification to statutory and other involved bodies.
- Documents for review:
  - > Draft Neighbourhood Plan,
  - Evidence, Reasoning and Justification document (ERJ)
- ◆ Document availability:
  - > On-line at harvingtonplan.uk web site,
  - > Printed copies throughout consultation period in:
    - Golden Cross Public House,
    - Coach and Horses Public House,
    - Coffee lounge of Ellenden Farm Shop.
  - Consultation sessions:
    - Staffed by Parish Councillors,
    - Documents and printed maps / plans on display,
    - Written comments solicited (and collected by Parish Clerk),
    - One in each of above Public Houses, two in Village Hall.
- ◆ Document downloads:
  - > 384 Draft Neighbourhood Plan
  - > 102 Development site plan
  - > 92 Development site photo-map
  - > 91 Evidence, reasoning and justification document
  - > 79 Aecom independent development site assessment (index)
- ◆ 72 attendees at the four consultation sessions (approx).
- Received 47 written responses:
  - > 8 Responses from statutory bodies,

- > 2 Responses from land owners,
- > 37 Responses from village residents.
- Most responses contained several comments. These were analysed independently.
- 218 comments were contained in the 47 responses:
  - > 73 Comments from statutory bodies,
  - > 11 Comments from land owners,
  - > 124 Comments from village residents.
- Comments were classified as follows:
  - > 44 Proposals for change in NP,
  - > 42 Objections to some part of the NP,
  - > 41 Statements of support for the NP,
  - > 39 Questions or requests for clarification,
  - > 22 Neutral,
  - > 20 Pointing out typographic or factual errors.

#### 4.8 Frequently Asked Questions

- 4.8.1 An **innovative** way of responding to comments was devised: a **Frequently Asked Questions** (FAQ) document.
- 4.8.2 The action resulting to each comment was recorded. These actions were:
  - > 86 Revisions to the Plan or ERJ (19 of these from residents' comments),
  - > 33 Comments addressed in the FAQ document,
  - > 10 Comments recorded as supporting Community Projects,
  - > 7 Comments referred to Parish Council (street lighting, etc.),
  - > 72 Noted.
- 4.8.3 Anonymised list of all responses raised, with their resultant actions posted on web site at time of Regulation 16 submission,
- 4.8.4 Frequently Asked Questions document also posted on web site.
- 4.8.5 Separate letter sent to known owners of proposed **Local Green Spaces** 
  - One land-owner objection received to one of the designations (GS8 see appendix P)
  - Several communications received from local bodies concerning details of land ownership. None affected the proposed designations (Tabulated in Appendix O)

### **5 Consultation Event Records**

#### 5.1 Call for volunteers

- 5.1.1 In April 2015 there was a village hall meeting calling for volunteers to participate in NP formation.
- 5.1.2 It comprised an <u>introductory presentation</u><sup>6</sup> on the opportunity and process and a poster display explaining the process and showing examples of other villages' outputs.



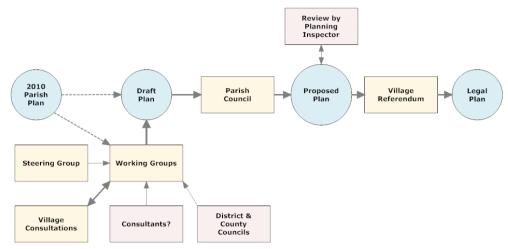
#### 5.2 2015 Annual Parish Meeting

- 5.2.1 At the April 2015 Annual Parish Meeting the opportunity and outline work plans were shared with the community using a <u>presentation</u><sup>7</sup>.
- 5.2.2 The following process diagram was used, showing how the community was to drive the process, feeding the recommended draft NP into the Parish Council.

<sup>6 &</sup>lt;a href="https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/Presentations/2015-04-Introduction.pdf">https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/Presentations/2015-04-Introduction.pdf</a>

<sup>7</sup> https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/Presentations/2015-04-ParishMeeting.pdf

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5.2.3 The minutes of the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting can be viewed8.

#### 5.3 2015 Village Fête

5.3.1 The first significant consultation with the community was 6 weeks later, at the 2015 Village Fête.



Marquee at 2015 Village Fête.

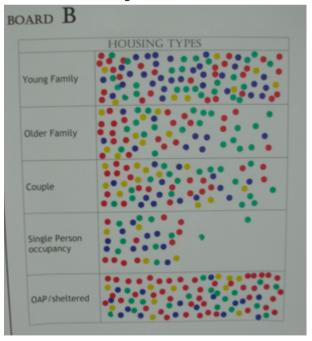
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<sup>8 &</sup>lt;a href="https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/r/apm-2015.html">https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/r/apm-2015.html</a>



99 people participated in the housing location poster survey

5.3.2 This 2015 Fête included a poster display in which residents could indicate what kinds of housing were needed in the village.



- 5.3.3 This poster was used to guide the content of the village-wide residents' survey, which was to be deployed in October 2017 (below).
- 5.3.4 A full photographic record of the Fête presence is contained in the <u>following week's</u> <u>presentation</u> to the NP volunteers' meeting (next section).

#### 5.4 Volunteers meeting – June 2015

- 5.4.1 On 20 June 2015 a meeting of the 30+ volunteers who wanted to help with the NP process was held in the Village Hall.
- 5.4.2 A <u>presentation</u><sup>9</sup> was given containing:
  - Feedback from the Village Fête
  - Report-back from the five working groups, detailing their scopes and work plans,
  - Proposed 2015 milestones,
  - Steering group formation and work required to formulate Residents' Survey.

#### 5.5 2015 Residents Survey

- 5.5.1 The village-wide Residents Survey was undertaken in October 2015. This provided valuable evidence, information and guidance which has informed much of the subsequent work on the NP. References to the relevant evidence derived from this survey are made throughout the NP and this evidence base.
- 5.5.2 The survey was widely advertised throughout the village, including the use of banners at the five village entry points:



and at the village hall:



<sup>9 &</sup>lt;a href="https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/Presentations/2015-06-20-Presentation.pdf">https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/Presentations/2015-06-20-Presentation.pdf</a>

5.5.3 An invitation to participate was delivered to every dwelling in the village, with instructions on accessing the on-line survey and details of the two village hall sessions for those unable to use the internet (18 people completed the survey at these sessions).



- 5.5.4 Survey responses were received from 259 people, 186 households (25%).
- 5.5.5 The Residents' Survey <u>methodology</u>, results and related analysis are fully documented<sup>10</sup>
- 5.5.6 A <u>brief summary</u> of the answers given has also been produced<sup>11</sup>.

10 https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/Surveys/Residents-2015/fags.html

<sup>11</sup> https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/Surveys/Residents-2015/SurveySummary.pdf

#### 5.6 2016 Business Survey

- 5.6.1 A <u>survey of the businesses</u> operating in Harvington was undertaken in January 2016<sup>12</sup>
- 5.6.2 The key findings of relevance to the formulation of the NP were:
  - Local businesses employ few people from the village, they look to a wider, skilldependent pool when recruiting,
  - The potential for employment growth over the next five years was low,
  - There was no evidence of any need to allocate new business-related sites,
  - The majority of the growth in business activity would be in home-based businesses,
  - There was little demand for pooled business support resources, such as meeting rooms, secretarial services, goods handling and storage or workshop facilities

#### **5.7 Facilities survey**

5.7.1 A street survey of the need for a community space / playground in the Leys Road (NW) part of the village was undertaken in March 2016. The results were incorporated in the output of the Facilities working group.

#### 5.8 Youth Needs

5.8.1 The youth (~14+) of the village were invited to comment on their needs in March / April 2016. The invitation was issued at the bus stops as students awaited the school buses. Students expressed interest, but the written response rate was poor.

#### 5.9 Play area needs

- 5.9.1 Parents at two First School parents' evenings were invited to talk about any need for additional play areas in the village. 73 parents were engaged about 70% of the total.
- 5.9.2 The existing area and equipment at the playground (beyond the Village Hall) were generally felt to be adequate.

#### 5.10 Village Fête 2016

5.10.1 The policies which had been drafted by the working groups were presented in display form, and villagers invited to comment, either verbally or by written note.





5.10.2 Each of the working groups had a display of the evidence they had gathered and policies they had developed. Some examples follow:



#### HOUSING GROUP

The October 2015 survey of the village told us:

- Most people wanted Harvington to grow in the next 15 years at the same rate as in the past 15 years.
- The four highest categories of housing which people wanted to see built were
  - + Small 2/3 bedroom family homes
  - + Low cost starter homes to own
  - + Bungalows
    - + Sheltered accommodation
- Most people would support Energy-efficient/eco-homes and sustainable drainage schemes

We decided that we needed more information about the housing needs of the community and therefore a Housing Needs Survey was organised and was sent out to every house in the village at the beginning of June.

If you have not completed your copy please do so and send it in by the  $25^{\mbox{\scriptsize th}}$  June

We reviewed the houses built in the village since January 2000. A total of 77 houses have been built or created since that date:

- 25 were built on existing house or gardens
- 7 were converted from old buildings
- 22 were built on greenfield sites
- 20 were built on brownfield sites
- 3 were created from subdivision of existing houses into smaller units

#### Of the houses built :

- 22 provide social housing
- 2 are in shared ownership
- 50 were in private ownership
- 3 are believed to be rented privately

The map of Harvington shows the sites which have been developed and completed since January 2000.



5.10.3 A full photographic record of this village fête display is available<sup>13</sup>.

#### 5.11 Village drop-in event

- 5.11.1 On 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016 a 'drop-in' event was held in the village hall at which people could come and explore the proposed policies and plans in more detail.
- 5.11.2 Below is a typical scene from the day:



5.11.3 There is a full photographic record of the event<sup>14</sup>

<sup>13 &</sup>lt;a href="https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/Events/2016SummerFete">https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/Events/2016SummerFete</a>

<sup>14</sup> https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/Events/2016-06-18-VhUpdate

- 5.11.4 There were no significant changes to the NP plan and policies indicated by these discussions.
- 5.11.5 The most valuable output was a list of the additional village projects that people suggested should be considered by the Parish Council (visible in the above-referenced photographic record).

#### 5.12 2017 Annual Parish Meeting

- 5.12.1 At the annual parish meeting in the village hall on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 an <u>extensive</u> <u>presentation</u><sup>15</sup> was given, which included the provisional conclusions the Steering Group had made concerning the preferred development site.
- 5.12.2 The minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting can be viewed<sup>16</sup>.

#### 5.13 2017 Village Fête

5.13.1 A <u>display</u><sup>17</sup> outside the village hall showed residents all the proposed policies and maps of the Local Green Spaces, Valued Landscapes and proposed site allocations.

#### 5.14 2018 Annual Parish Meeting

- 5.14.1 At the annual parish meeting in the village hall on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 a presentation was given, explaining the arrangements for the Regulation 14 Consultation, which had just commenced.
- 5.14.2 Additionally, there was a poster display of some of the key maps and plans contained in the Draft NP.
- 5.14.3 The minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting can be viewed<sup>18</sup>.

#### 5.15 Village Fête 2018

- 5.15.1 The 2018 village summer fête was held on 4<sup>th</sup> July.
- 5.15.2 By this time the Steering Group had completed its initial 'triage' of the Regulation 14 responses, but had not formulated all the consequential plan modifications.
- 5.15.3 The display presented statistics on the consultation , selected positive quotes from public bodies' responses and a flow-chart explaining the next stages in the development and approval of the Neighbourhood Plan.

<sup>15 &</sup>lt;a href="https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/Presentations/2017-05-11-ParishMeeting.pdf">https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/Presentations/2017-05-11-ParishMeeting.pdf</a>

<sup>16 &</sup>lt;a href="https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/r/apm-2017.html">https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/r/apm-2017.html</a>

<sup>17 &</sup>lt;a href="https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/Events/2017SummerFete">https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/Events/2017SummerFete</a>

<sup>18</sup> https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/r/apm-2018.html





### 6 Regulation 14 consultation

6.1 The primary communication to villagers was a leaflet delivered to every house in the Neighbourhood Area. It is reproduced below:

### Harvington Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan

Pre-submission Consultation ends 5pm Saturday 9th June 2018

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ



YOUR VILLAGE - YOUR FUTURE

Your opinion counts. Do not miss this opportunity to share your views and shape the future of Harvington.

The draft Neighbourhood Development Plan has now been published. It will be available for a 6 week consultation period to seek the views of Harvington residents on the vision, policies and aspirations contained within it.

The plan is based on the responses to the online residents' survey, housing needs survey, business survey as well as face to face consultations.

#### WHAT ARE THE MAIN POLICIES?

- New community space
- Protection for wildlife and biodiversity
- Business and tourism
- Footpaths
- Cycle paths
- Architectural heritage
- Housing mix and site allocation for 35 homes
- Local green spaces
- · Valued landscape and views
- Electric car charging facilities and much more

#### WHERE CAN I VIEW THE PLAN?

Online at https//:harvingtonplan.uk

Printed copies are available to read at the following locations

- · Ellenden Farm Coffee Shop
- The Coach and Horse
- The Golden Cross

# HOW DO I TAKE PART IN THE CONSULTATION?

There will be public events at :-

- Village Hall
   Saturday 19th May, 10am to 2pm
   Sunday 27th May, 2pm to 4pm
- Coach and Horses function room Friday 18th May, 7pm to 9pm.
- Golden Cross

Friday 18th May, 10am to 12 noon

#### WHERE CAN I SUBMIT MY COMMENTS?

Comments have to be written:

- · At one of the public events,
- By email to the parish clerk
   <u>harvingtonpc@gmail.com</u> or
- . By post to

Harvington Parish Clerk Morton Wood Farmhouse. Morton Wood Lane.

Abbots Morton.

#### WHAT HAPPENS TO MY RESPONSES?

Every response will be considered and potentially used to modify the plan before it is formally submitted to Wychavon District Council.

All responses will be public and will be published.

Only your name and postcode will be shown, in accordance with your rights under current data protection legislation

Make your comments by email to

harvingtonpc@gmail.com

or on a form at a public event or by writing to the Parish Clerk by

5pm Saturday 9th June 2018

as:

6.2 The approximate numb

Date	Time	Venue	Attendees
18 May	10:00 - 12:00	Golden Cross PH	25
18 May	19:00 - 20:00	Coach and Horses PH	15
19 May	10:00 - 14:00	Village Hall	16
17 May	14:00 - 16:00	Village Hall	18

### 6.3 Below are photos of the consultation events:









Village Hall 19th May



Village Hall 27<sup>th</sup> May



- 6.4 All consultation responses were sent to and collated by the Parish Clerk. She compiled them into a single document from which the names and contact details of responders had been redacted. A further-redacted version of that document (with all resident's address information removed) is contained herein as Appendix K.
- 6.5 The table below records the number of written responses received and the number of individual comments contained within these responses.

Type of consultee	Responses	Comments
Statutory Body	8	73
Local resident	37	124
Land owner	2	11
Totals	47	218

6.6 The Steering Group classified each comment as follows:

Type of comment	Comments
Proposal for change in plan	44
Objection	42
Support	41
Question or request for clarification	39
Neutral	22
Spelling / typographic errors	20
	218

- 6.7 The comments were individually considered in detail. Those which involved issues of planning policy or practice were also discussed with the SG's planning consultant. A further set of comments were reviewed with the Neighbourhood Plan Support Team from the Wychavon District Council planning department.
- 6.8 Every comment had a final action recorded against it. The types of action recorded were:

Type of action	Description
Revise plan	Resulted in a change to the Plan document.
Address in FAQs	Contributed to the questions which were answered in the FAQ document (see below).
Support for community projects	The Plan proposes three community projects. These comments consisted of expressions of support for one or more of these projects; they are to be collated and added to the business cases for the projects.
Refer to Parish Council	These were issues of concern to villagers, but which fell outside the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan. They were typically points concerning street lighting, play equipment or traffic management within the village. They are to be passed to the Parish Council for its consideration.
Note taken	Comments for which other actions were neither appropriate or possible. These included some lone objections to policies which have been judged to be essential to the NP.

6.9 All the comments received, together with the type of comment and the action taken, are listed in Appendix L.

6.10 The number of resultant actions were as follows:

Type of response	In response to local residents	All consultees
Revise plan	19	86
Address in FAQs	33	33
Support for community projects	10	10
Refer to Parish Council	7	7
Note taken	54	72
	124	218

6.11 The changes made to the draft Neighbourhood Plan in response to the Regulation 14 Consultation are recorded in Appendix M. In summary, the following changes were made:

Type of change	Count
Policy or policy clause deletion	4
Policy revision	17
Changes to policy explanations	7
Other changes to document text or maps	7

- 6.12 As part of the Regulation 14 consultation process, all known owners of land proposed for Local Green Space designation were sent letters in advance of the draft plan consultation, as required by the legislation.
- 6.13 Several responses were received they are atbulated in Appendix O of this document.
- 6.14 All but one of these LGS responses provided corrected information about land ownership

   this information has been incorporated into the <u>Evidence</u>, <u>Reasoning and Justification</u> document<sup>19</sup> which forms part of the Regulation 16 consultation.
- 6.15 One objection to LGS registration was received to GS8 "The Common". The objection letter is reproduced in Appendix P.
- 6.16 Their objection to the use of the term "The Common" was acted upon; this designation is no longer used in the Plan.
- 6.17 Their objection to the registration itself was noted. No changes were made to the Plan since the evidence for registration contained in the <u>Evidence</u>, <u>Reasoning and Justification</u> document are considered sound and sufficient.

19 <a href="https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/erj.pdf">https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/erj.pdf</a>

### 7 Frequently Asked Questions

- 7.1 The Steering Group wished to find an efficient way of responding to the many questions and requests for clarification received in the Regulation 14 consultation.
- 7.2 They also wished to explain how various policy options and issues have been addressed in the draft NP.
- 7.3 The <u>Evidence</u>, <u>Reasoning and Justification document</u><sup>20</sup> contains a detailed description of how and why the selected policies have been drafted, but that document does not address all the outstanding questions (and is also very detailed).
- 7.4 The Steering Group therefore decided to publish a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document, answering the following questions (in narrative form):
  - Why do we need a Neighbourhood Plan?
  - Why have we proposed building more houses?
  - Why do we have to designate a specific site?
  - Can't we build on 'brownfield' sites?
  - ◆ By designating a development site, are we not just opening the flood-gates to further expansion?
  - But we thought you found there was no local need for more housing?
  - Why haven't you allocated a site for an old people's home or sheltered accommodation?
  - ◆ Why the site opposite the Golden Cross?
  - Why haven't you specified the layout or housing mix of this site?
  - ◆ Why have you changed the Development Boundary?
  - ◆ Why does the Development Boundary run through my back garden?
  - You have reserved a community area within the development site. What is it for?
  - ◆ How can Local Green Spaces be used?
  - ◆ Have you followed the correct process, done the correct calculations, consulted the right people at the right time?
  - Who approves the final plan?
  - Who is this Steering Group?
- 7.5 The FAQ document is reproduced herein as Appendix N

### **Appendix A - Steering Group**

#### Constitution

# HARVINGTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP CONSTITUTION

The name of the group shall be Harvington Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, thereafter referred to as the Steering Group.

The Neighbourhood Plan will seek to improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area and those residing in it and will promote growth in order to maintain a sustainable community.

The Neighbourhood Plan will identify specific sites, to accommodate the necessary development, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and the South Worcestershire Development Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan will be produced with due consideration for the needs of all residents and businesses now and in the future.

The Parish Council remains the body to take the plan forward and the Steering Group's role is to prepare the Neighbourhood Plan on behalf of Harvington Parish Council.

#### **Parish Council**

The Harvington Parish Council are responsible for:

- a) Ensuring that sufficient and appropriate consultation with the community is undertaken,
- a) At various stages to be assured that the Plan complies with the requirements,
- b) Submitting the Neighbourhood Plan to Wychavon District Council for examination and referendum.

The Parish Council will:

- a) Support the Steering Group activities in key communication / consultation forums,
- b) Liaise with and identify funding support from Wychavon District Council and other authorities.

#### Purpose and terms of reference for the Steering Group

The Steering Group is a community organisation which is to undertake research and community consultations leading to the production of a draft Neighbourhood Plan, thereby enabling and supporting Harvington Parish Council in meeting the above responsibilities.

#### **Functions**

The Steering Group will:

- Produce a timetable for the project to include a target end date.
- Develop an action plan identify any required lead groups, responsibilities and timescales.
- Develop a draft document defining the vision and objectives for the Plan.

- Co-ordinate the production of a Neighbourhood Plan that is representative of local views.
- Gather evidence from as many sources as possible to support the plan by engaging with members of the community.
- · Form and manage any Working Groups.
- Identify support, resources and funding needed for each stage of the process.
- Report progress to the Parish Council on a monthly basis
- Maintain communication with appropriate officers of the Planning Department at Wychavon District Council.
- Identify and place contracts with external resources, if required.

#### **Membership**

Membership of the initial Steering Group is at the invitation of the chairman. After formation, community membership will be at the invitation of the Steering Group.

The Steering Group shall be made up of no less than 7 individuals who live or work in Harvington Parish, including two Parish Councillors appointed by the Parish Council.

Membership of the Steering Group is to include representatives of the business community and community organizations, etc., not just residents.

The Group may co-opt additional members at its discretion.

At the first meeting, the Steering Group will elect a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer.

A person shall cease to be a member of the Steering Group having notified the Chair or Secretary in writing of his or her wish to resign.

In order to hold a meeting a quorum of 3 members must be present. The Chairman can have a casting vote if necessary.

#### Meetings and working documents

The Steering Group shall aim to meet monthly or as required.

The Secretary shall maintain minutes of each meeting to be made available to the members of the Steering Group, the public and the Parish Clerk within seven days of the meeting.

Parts of meetings, communications and working documents may be declared confidential where deemed necessary for commercial reasons. The Parish Council shall be informed of all such declarations of confidentiality, documents to be provided in confidence to the Parish Council.

Data deemed 'personal' within the scope the Data Protection Act (1988) is to be protected in accordance with the provisions of that Act,

All confidential minutes, communications and documents are to be retained.

All non-confidential communications, minutes and relevant documents are to be retained and placed in the public domain as soon as practicable.

#### Communications

The Steering Group and its working groups shall communicate frequently and effectively with the community of Harvington, sharing its plan of work, proposals, working papers and provisional conclusions.

It will have its own web site and eMail domain.

It shall undertake such community consultation as it may be beneficial, or as requested by the Parish Council. The results of all such consultations shall be made public as soon as practicable.

Public communications of the Steering Group and its working groups shall make it clear that they do not represent the opinions, decisions or policy of the Parish Council.

#### **Finance**

The Steering Group may solicit and receive direct grants and donations for undertaking the work of the Steering Group. Acceptance of grants and donations is at the discretion of the Steering Group .

Grants received by the Parish Council for Neighbourhood Plan activities, and any additional funds it may allocate, will normally be made available to the Steering Group, for use in accordance with the work items, terms and conditions associated with such grants or funds.

The Treasurer will keep a clear record of any expenditure, including any receipts as appropriate.

Funds received by or allocated to the Steering Group are to be held in trust for the Steering Group by the Parish Council.

Grant money received by the Parish Council will be held in trust for the purpose for which the grant has been given. The Council will have to comply with grant provider conditions.

The Steering Group Treasurer is to submit invoices to the Clerk on the 1st day of each month as payments will be made on a monthly basis at a Council meeting in keeping with the Council's financial regulations.

#### **Working Groups**

The Steering Group shall appoint such working groups as it considers necessary to carry out the functions specified by the Steering Group.

A Working Group member shall live or work in the Parish of Harvington.

Each Working Group shall have will have a minimum of 3 members, one of whom is the nominated chair, but this person does not have to become a member of the Steering Group.

Minutes of meetings to be forwarded to the secretary of the Steering Group within 7 days of a meeting.

A working group will:

- Organise and deliver work in specified areas to contribute to delivery of the Plan.
- Report on progress to the Steering Committee.

All Working Groups must keep records of:

Minutes of meetings.

- All proposals/projects considered, whether accepted or rejected, with reasons why decisions were made.
- Information sources/documents with dates.

Working groups do not have the power to authorise expenditure.

#### Personal Interest Register

All members of the Steering Group or of any Working Group must declare any personal interest that may be perceived as being relevant to a decision of the group. This may include membership of an organisation, ownership of land or a business, or any other matter that may be considered to be relevant. Such declarations shall be recorded and be publicly available.

#### Dissolution of the Steering Group.

If any funds are provided for the development of the plan, those remaining funds will be disposed of in accordance with the terms of any associated grant or decisions taken at a Parish Council meeting open to the public. No individual members shall benefit from this dispersal.

#### Amendments to Constitution

Amendments to this constitution shall be proposed by the Steering Group and submitted to the Parish Council for approval.

3 Dec 2014

### Sample Agenda

### HARVINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

#### STEERING GROUP

### AGENDA

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 7.30 pm

Venue: The John Redman Room, Village Hall, Harvington

- 1. Apologies
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held 16th February 2017.
- 3. Chairman's Report
- 4. Project to collect support for Local Green Spaces
- 5. Terms of reference for consultant (to be tabled)
- 6. Review of draft policies and site allocations (main item)
- 7. Review of Project Plan
- 8. Any Other Business
- 9. Date of Next Meeting

### **Sample minutes**

MINUTES of a meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 23rd March, 2018

Venue: The John Redman Room, Village Hall, Harvington

**Present:** 

Chris Haynes Chairman Kathy Haynes Admin and PR Tim Swift Parish Council John Langley Parish Council Les Hancock Transport Gill Smith Housing Chris Rushworth Housing Neil Pearce Consultant

Maureen Hall Secretary and Environment Group

**1. Apologies:** No apologies had been received.

2. The Minutes of the last two meetings were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

#### 3. Chairman's Report:

• The Chairman summarised the advice given by the Consultant following his perusal of the draft Plan, and reported on the changes subsequently made to bring the Plan in line with national policies.

#### 4. The Draft Plan

- Neal Pierce congratulated the Steering Group on the production of a high quality document, with pro-active and forward thinking policies which included all areas of the Parish.
- It was pointed out that the area around Brickyard Cottages had not been protected by a development area restriction in the Plan. After discussion it was decided that it would be inappropriate for such a restriction to be made unless specifically requested by the residents of that area during Consultation.
- NP had pointed out to the Chairman that the National Planning Policy Framework was currently being updated, and should be published during the summer/early Autumn. In view of this it was decided to proceed with the Parish Consultation (fulfilling Regulation 14) which would take us to the end of June, but to postpone submission to Wychavon DC (Regulation 16) until the updated NPPF was published. This would ensure that any amendments which resulted from the update could be included at an early stage. After discussion this was agreed, but the matter would be subject to review if the publication of the updated NPPF was delayed. NP confirmed that the Draft Plan would carry very little weight with Planners until it had passed Reg.16 stage. Once it had been approved by the Inspector it would have more impact, but would not carry its full weight until after it had been adopted by the Parish in a Referendum.
- NP pointed out that the inclusion of an allocated site for future housing expansion within the Plan would give the Parish much greater security against unsuitable development. It was agreed that this should be emphasised if, during the Consultation process, the Steering Group received objections to the allocated area.
- It was agreed that, prior to the Referendum, the Steering Group should organise a strong publicity campaign, to ensure a good turnout. NP offered to investigate the rights of public organisations with regard to the placing of banners, due to the problems experienced previously.
- NP confirmed that the Referendum did not have to coincide with an election, and that it
  would be preferable if it were held on a separate day. It was likely that, if the Plan was
  delayed due to the late publication of the updated NPPF, the Referendum was unlikely
  to take place until January 2019.

- NP pointed out that we can ask to see any comments that result from the Regulation 16 Consultation, and rebut any objections if we so wish.
- All correspondence received during the consultation period needs to be tabulated and included as evidence. NP can provide templates for this. Also, all evidence must be accessible to the public via the website.

The Steering Group then formally approved the Draft Plan for submission to the Parish Council.

#### 5. Leaflet

- It was decided to revert to an A4, bi-fold format for ease of printing and distribution.
- It was suggested that advance notification of the leaflet should be posted on social media and in the Village News. However, TS pointed out that any information or announcements published on social media should first be referred to the Parish Clerk for approval.
- NP suggested that a follow-up 'prompt' be sent out to residents of the Parish midway through the Consultation process, to encourage as much feedback as possible.
   It was agreed that this would be done via the Village News, and possibly on the Harvington Facebook Pages, subject to approval by the Parish Clerk.

#### 7. Timescale

18th April Parish Council meeting. Subject to their approval of the Plan`

19<sup>th</sup> April Inform landowners of green spaces that these have been included

Place newspaper advertisement

25<sup>th</sup> April Distribute leaflet

26<sup>th</sup> April Plan goes public and the Parish Six-Week Consultation begins.

#### 6. Any Other Business

It was agreed that the Steering Group would meet during the Consultation Period to take stock of costs, grant requests and other organisational matters.

#### 8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, 13<sup>th</sup> April, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

### Appendix B - Residents' survey - methodology

### **Purpose**

This survey was devised by the five volunteer working groups who are compiling the planning options to present to the village.

Its purpose was to find out the areas and issues the Neighbourhood Plan should consider in more depth.

It lead to options being presented to the village in 2016.

### **Publicity and invitations**

The survey was open to all residents of the Parish of Harvington.

The following methods were used to publicise and invite participation:

- Five large (6<sup>ft</sup>) banners were placed on the verges of the roads by which the village is accessed. They were present throughout October,
- A large (12<sup>ft</sup>) banner was placed on the Village Hall, inviting people to come there to complete the survey,
- A4 posters were placed in the village notice-boards and other 'usual places' around the village,
- An announcement was made in the Village News, with key dates added to the 'Village Calendar'
- Every house was give a 'pink slip' invitation, containing a Survey Access Code.

#### Each invitation contained:

- The dates of the survey,
- The web site,
- What to do if the Internet cannot be used,
- An eMail address for help and information,
- · A telephone help line.
- The Survey Access Code unique to each household.

## Confidentiality

Villagers were told that:

- eMail addresses and house names / numbers will not be made public.
- People's individual option selections in the survey will also remain confidential.
- Where people made written comments in the text boxes in the survey their name may be published along with their comment.

#### **Publication of results**

The analysed results of the survey were published on the Plan web site<sup>21</sup>.

The two most useful reports are:

- A short overview of the results (8 pages, PDF) [now also in Appendix D],
- The <u>full results</u> are presented as bar graphs (23 pages) and residents' textual contributions (34 pages) [now also in Appendix E].

The availability of these reports has been made public:

- An eMail has been sent out to people who contributed to the survey,
- The 18 people who completed the survey in the Village Hall will be given paper copies of the short overview,
- The two Harvington-related Facebook pages will be given the link to these results,
- Villagers in general will be notified via the Village News.

The results are <u>available</u> in a machine-readable format ( <u>Turtle-RDF</u> ) to enable independent analysis.

This 3.2Mb file contains both the definitions of the questions asked and the (anonymous) responses.

Embedded comments provide some help with understanding the schema used.

It is envisaged that anyone wishing to undertake their own independent analysis of the results might find a framework such as <u>Sesame</u> quite useful.

### **Survey Definition**

The survey was only presented on-line in an interactive format, in which irrelevant questions were omitted.

There was never a paper version of the survey which could have been used.

For record purposes a <u>listing of the survey questions</u> has been produced and is reporduced in Appendix C.

This consists of:

- •The questions people were asked,
- •A record of the type of answer required for each question:
- Passive samples of the interactive maps which people were shown,
- •The help text associated with each question (in brown boxes),
- •A textual representation of the logic used to decide which questions to omit depending on their previous responses (in red boxes).

The answer types are:

•SINGLE: The user selects just one option from the presented list.

- •MULTIPLE: The user may select any number of options.
- •PRIORITY: The user was invited to arrange any number of the options in priority order.
- •MAP: A map with coloured areas was presented, as well as a textual description of the corresponding areas. The user was invited to select any number of the areas in priority order.
- •NUMBER: The user was invited to enter a number.
- •TEXT: The user was invited to make free-format textual comments.
- •RANDOM indicates that the options were presented in random order (see positional bias below).
- •MANDATORY indicates that the user had to make a selection before proceeding.

# Technical commentary

# **Avoidance of positional bias**

When people are presented with long lists there is a tendency to place greater attention on the first few items.

Where questions involve selection or ranking of options in which values or judgements (rather than facts) are involved this can result in a bias towards those items near the top of the list.

To avoid this bias our survey randomised the order in which non-factual options are presented to survey users - everyone will see them in a different order.

# **Analysis of priorities**

Within the survey there are questions and maps in which people were invited to arrange their preferences in priority order.

We analysed these questions and maps using the **Condorcet** voting system.

In brief, this ranked options by conducting all possible pair-wise elections and then ranking options by how many 'elections' they won against the other options - by how many 'votes' each option received.

# How was personal information protected?

All the data from this survey is captured and held on a Linux server in a UK data center and then down-loaded to an analysis system in Harvington.

The registration data objects (name, address, eMail, etc.) are individually encrypted using the <u>Threefish</u> cryptographic algorithm.

Where passwords are required the original password is not stored or encrypted in any way. A cryptographic digest is formed using the <u>Whirlpool</u> cryptographic hash function, and then encrypted using Threefish.

# How were eMail addresses validated?

When an eMail address was to be validated a message was sent with a link on which people were to click. This link recorded the address being validated, a time stamp and a brief salted Whirlpool-based digest.

When links were presented for validation the time-stamp was checked to ensure the link had not timed out and the digest was correct.

Measures were taken to protect against brute-force attempts to forge links by repeated guesswork.

# **Survey integrity**

Great care was taken to ensure the integrity of the survey:

- We first required people to validate an eMail address,
- The IP address of the client system was recorded (which allowed us to get some idea of the geographical location of the user), as was the time-stamp of the successful validation.
- People were then required to present a Survey Access Code. The codes were distributed by hand to people's houses
- Where individuals lost or had never received codes a replacement was delivered by hand to their house.

There were a few attempts to 'hack' the survey - none successful:

- A few people from elsewhere in the UK started but did not complete the eMail validation process,
- A Beijing agency of the Chinese government made several requests over successive days to validate an address, but did not follow through.

There were no failed attempts to forge a Security Access Code.

Only one person contacted us to say that he was unable to complete the survey; this person attempted to register - using an obsolete browser - just 18 minutes before midnight on the closing day!

# What was the Survey Access Code?

Every household in Harvington was given a unique Survey Access Code. This code had to be presented before the survey could be completed.

We don't record which code went to which house, we only know which of the 19 Village News 'walks' the code was delivered to.

We checked how many times each Survey Access Code was presented. More than would be expected from a normal Harvington household would have been be investigated - there were no such cases.

We have three time-stamped data which can be correlated in this investigation: the Survey Access Code, the validated eMail address and the IP address of the machine being used.

The structure of the Survey Access Code was:

- A single letter indicating which of 19 'walks' in the village this was delivered to,
- Two letters different for each house in the walk,
- Two letters from a salted Whirlpool digest of the first three letters to hinder and help detect code forgery.

# Appendix C - Residents' survey - questions

### Important note on maps

This survey was delivered to residents as an interactive, on-line survey.

The maps that were presented were also interactive:

- Selectable locations were displayed as coloured areas on the map,
- They were also listed (in random order) at the right,
- •Users could select areas by either clicking on the map or on the item list,
- The selected areas were shown in priority order,
- Residents could easily change their preference order or de-select an area,
- A 'help' button gave advice and examples on the use of this interactivity.

This document cannot reproduce that interactivity, so it records screen-shots of the maps before any selections have been made

Note: Just one resident asked for help with using the maps; this help was provided over the phone.

### Note on randomisation

It is generally recognized that if people are offered lists of choices to be made there tends to be a bias towards selecting from the first few; after that fatigue sets in.

In a survey with many participants this can give an 'unfair' emphasis to items at the head of lists.

To eliminate this bias, the survey randomised the order in which all subjective options were presented.

This eliminated any positional bias towards / against particular options.

These questions are marked with the RANDOM annotation below.

This randomisation was also applied to the lists of geographic areas presented in the above interactive maps.

# **Guide to this document**

- Help and guidance displayed to residents while completing the survey is shown within brown dashed boxes.
- Some questions were only displayed if the resident had made specific previous selections. A red dotted box below contains the rules which decided whether a question was displayed to the user.

Text in blue boxes like this record the internal question reference number and how the quastion and possible responses were to be presented to the user.

# **Welcome**

# Welcome to the Harvington Residents survey.

This survey will help the volunteers working on the <u>Neighbourhood Plan</u> compile the planning options for consideration by the entire village.

If you run out of time, you can Pause the survey at any time and continue later.

The selections you make will be combined with those of other people to make the public report.

Any written comments you make will be published (but without saying who made them).

Your own selections and your personal contact details will remain confidential.

By confidential we mean that only the following people can see your contact details, your IP address and your individual selections and comments:

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, The Parish Council,

The Planning Inspectorate, Anyone authorised to audit the survey, or to investigate attempts to pervert or disrupt the survey.

### 01:

### What factors were most important in your choice to live in Harvington?

You can get help on this kind of question from the Help button below.

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q35 Answer type: PRIORITY Options to be: PRIORITISED Option presentation order: RANDOM

A: I was born here

B: Moved here for a job

C: Attracted to the scenery and views

D: The historic buildings and conservation area

E: The orchards and riverside surrounding the village

F: The village commercial facilities (shops, pubs, etc.)

G: The village social facilities (village hall, churches, school)

H: The village community

I: Public transport availability

J: Convenient road network

K: I was allocated housing here

L: Needed to be with / near relatives

M: The quality of local schools

N: Local employment opportunities

O: I moved here with my family

## Q 2:

# Please tell us your age band

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q70 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: Under 16

B: 16 - 18

C: 19-24

D: 25 - 34

E: 35 - 44

F: 45 - 54

G:55-64

H: 65 - 74

I: 75 or more

J: Prefer not to tell you

# **Local Facilities**

This section asks about your use of local facilities and how you think they should develop.

We will take account of villagers' future needs for community facilities when putting the

Neighbourhood Plan together.

# Q 3:

## Which Harvington facilities have you used in the last 12 months?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q4 Answer type: MULTIPLE Option presentation order: RANDOM

A: Village Hall

B: Playing Field

C : Children's play area in Playing Field

D: Community Orchard

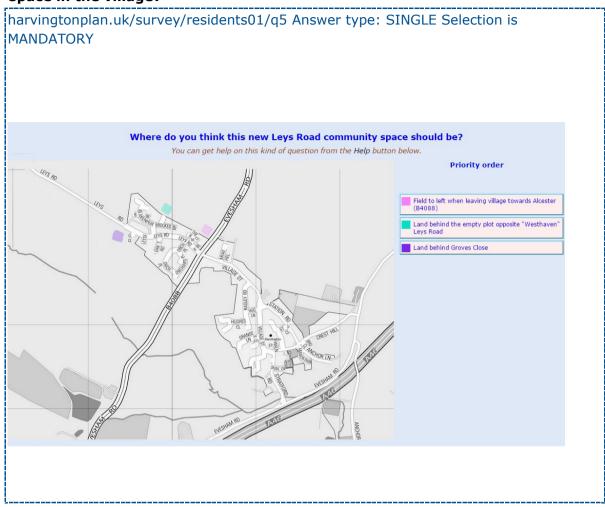
E: Baptist Chapel (for services / worship)

F: St James' Church (for services / worship)

G: Cricket Club pavillion

# Q 4:

# The village hall is well used. Is there a need for an additional community activity space in the village?



A: Yes - in the next 2 or 3 years

B: Yes - in the next 5 years

C: Yes - in the next 15 years

D: No, not in the next 15 years

# Q 5:

# Do you think we should decide on and reserve a place for this new meeting place in the Neighbourhood Plan.

NOT Option Q4-D was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q6 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: Yes - a reserved location needs to be in the Neighbourhood Plan

B: No. We don't need to make this decision now.

## 0 6:

# Some residents have asked for an indoor community activity place in the Leys Road area. Would you support this?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q7 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: Yes - I would support a new place in the Leys Road area.

B: No, I don't think this is needed.

## Q 7:

## Where do you think this new Leys Road community space should be?

You can get help on this kind of question from the Help button below.

Option Q6-A was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q8 Answer type: MAP Options to be: PRIORITISED Option presentation order: RANDOM

A: Field to left when leaving village towards Alcester (B4088)

B: Land behind the empty plot opposite "Westhaven" Leys Road

C: Land behind Groves Close



### 08:

# Do you have any other suggestions as to where this community activity space could be?

Option Q6-A was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q9 Answer type: TEXT

### 09:

# Do you think that other public buildings in the village (e.g. St James church / Baptist Chapel / School) could be used for more community and social activities?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q10 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: Only St James' Church

B: Only the Baptist Chapel

C: Both of them could be used more

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{D}}$  : Neither of them should be used for more community or social activities.

### Q 10:

### Which of the following have you used in the last 12 months?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q11 Answer type: MULTIPLE Option presentation order: RANDOM

A: Harvington Convenience Store

B: Ellenden Farm shop

C: Village Hall

D: School (outside normal school hours)

E: Harvington Post Office

F: Coach and Horses pub

G: The Golden Cross pub

H: Baptist chapel (other than for services / worship)

I: St James' Church (other than for services / worship)

J: Cricket Club (for social / community event)

K: Cricket Club (as participant in / observer of sporting activity)

### Q 11:

# The Post Office in Village Steet is due to close soon. How difficult will it be for you if there is no replacement anywhere in the village.

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q12 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: Very difficult - it is physically hard or quite expensive for me to get to another Post Office.

B : Inconvenient - I can get to another Post Office but it would require a special journey.

C: Not too difficult - I regularly go to another village or town where I can use their Post Office

D: Does no affect me too much as I seldom use a Post Office myself.

### 0 12:

# Please select any of the Harvington amenities which need to be improved.

You can get help on this kind of question from the Help button below.

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q13 Answer type: PRIORITY Options to be: PRIORITISED

A: Footpath maintenance

B: Pavements

C: Street lighting

D: Maintenance of open green spaces

E: Public seating

F: Parking spaces

# Q 13:

### If any of these facilities need urgent attention please tell us about them.

The Neighbourhood Plan team of volunteers can't itself do anything about immediate major problems,

but we will pass the details on to the Parish Council for you

Question 12 had options selected

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q14 Answer type: TEXT

## Q 14:

### Do any of the village facilities need to be improved for people with disabilities?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q15 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: Yes - I am (or know of) someone who has specific difficulties.

B: I don't know of specific problems, but I believe some facilities do need improving.

C: I'm not aware of any village facilities which are difficult to use.

### 0 15:

## Can you give us further details?

Please let us know:

- Which facility poses a challenge,
- What kind of disability makes this difficult to use, and why,
- Whether you are happy for whover runs that facility to contact you for more detail.

Option Q14-A was selected by the user

OR

Option Q14-B was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q16 Answer type: TEXT

### Q 16:

## Do you have an allotment in Harvington?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q17 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A:Yes

B: No, but I would like one in the next 5 years.

C: No, I have no interest in having an allotment.

# Q 17:

### Is there a need for some kind of Health Centre in Harvington?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q18 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: Yes - certainly

B: Yes - probably

C: Not as far as I know

D: No, there should not be any Health Centre in the village.

### Q 18:

### Which services should the Health Centre provide?

You can get help on this kind of question from the Help button below.

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q19 Answer type: PRIORITY Options to be: PRIORITISED Option presentation order: RANDOM

A: Resident GP

B: Visiting GP

C: Health Visitor sessions

D: Maternity support sessions

E: Prescription collection service

F: Chiropody clinic

G: Hairdresser

H: Other medical services

I: Baby clinic

### 0 19:

### Which other medical services do you think the village needs?

Option Q18-H was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q20 Answer type: TEXT

### Q 20:

# Do you have children of school age living in the village?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/g21 Answer type: SINGLE

A: Yes B: No

### 0 21:

# Which school(s) is/are attended?

If you have more than one child, and they attend different schools, please tick all the schools they attend.

Option Q20-A was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q22 Answer type: MULTIPLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: Harvington C of E First School

B: Church Lench First School

C: Swan Lane School

D: St Egwin's Middle School

E: Blackminster Middle School

F: de Montfort School

G: Prince Henry's High School

H: Vale of Evesham School

I : Evesham High School

J: Chipping Campden School

K: A school in Alcester

L: A school in Stratford

M: An independent school

N: Home educated

O: Other...

P: Rather not answer.

#### 0 22:

# How do your children get to school?

Please tick all that usually apply.

Option Q20-A was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q23 Answer type: MULTIPLE Option presentation order: RANDOM

A: Bus B: Car

C : Cycle

D: Walk

## 0 23:

### Do you use child-care facilities outside school hours?

Option Q20-A was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q24 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: Yes - regularly

B: Yes - occasionally

C: No

### Q 24:

### Which child care facilities do you use?

Option Q23-A was selected by the user

OR

Option Q23-B was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q25 Answer type: MULTIPLE

A: Harvington C of E First School

B: Harvington pre-school (in the Village Hall)

C : Child-minder in the village (other than a relative).

D: Child care provided ouitside the village

# Q 25:

### Would you like to see more play area for children in the village?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q26 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: Yes - more play areas are needed

B: No

# Q 26:

# Where do you think these play areas should be?

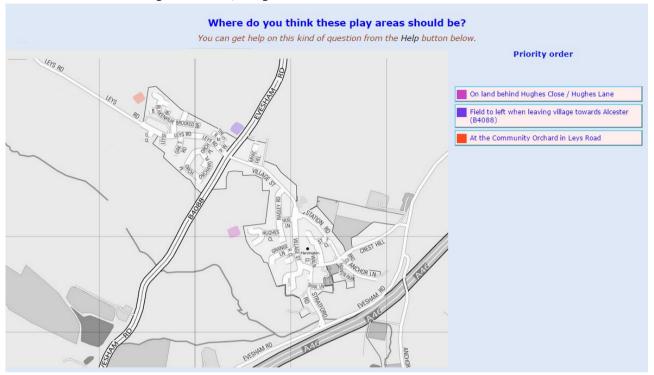
You can get help on this kind of question from the Help button below.

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q27 Answer type: MAP Options to be: PRIORITISED Option presentation order: RANDOM

A: Field to left when leaving village towards Alcester (B4088)

B: At the Community Orchard in Leys Road

C: On land behind Hughes Close / Hughes Lane



### Q 27:

## Do you think there should be more facilities for teenagers?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q29 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: Yes B: No

### Q 28:

# What facilities for teenagers do you think are needed?

Option Q27-A was selected by the user harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q30 Answer type: TEXT

Q 29:

# Do you think more leisure facilities are needed for the elderly?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q31 Answer type: SINGLE

A:Yes B:No

### **Q 30:**

### What leisure facilities do the elderly need?

### Where should they be?

Option Q29-A was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q32 Answer type: TEXT

### 0 31:

# Do you have any comments or suggestions

for facilities for children and young people in Harvington?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q28 Answer type: TEXT

# **Community Asset Register**

The Community Asset Register is a list of village buildings which are regarded as essential to the community.

If a building is listed in the Register:

Anyone intending to sell it or close it down has to inform the Parish Council,

The community has to be given the opportunity to buy it.

The Parish Council is now considering which buildings in the village ought to be included in this Register.

## Q 32:

# Which of these buildings do you think should be included in the Community Asset Register?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q88 Answer type: PRIORITY Options to be: PRIORITISED

A: Village Hall

B: St James Church

C: Baptist Chapel

D: Coach and Horses pub

E: Golden Cross pub

F: Leys Road convenience store

G: Cricket pavillion

H: Ellenden Farm shop

# **Environment and Heritage**

In the Neighbourhood Plan we can protect and enhance parts of the village environment we value.

This section is an opportunity for you to say what matters to you in and around Harvington.

### 0 33:

### Which of the following features of the village do you consider important?

Please tick all that apply.

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q34 Answer type: MULTIPLE Option presentation order: RANDOM

A: Historic buildings

B: Scenery / views

C: Orchards

D: Trees and hedges

E : Open spaces

F: Riverside

### Q 34:

# Which features of the countryside around Harvington to you value?

Tick all that apply.

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q36 Answer type: MULTIPLE Option presentation order: RANDOM

A: Open spaces

B: Scenery / views

C: Orchards

D: Meadows and green fields

E: Rivers, streams and ponds

F: Woodland

G: Footpaths

H: Flora

I: Wildlife

J: Agriculture and horticultural land

### Q 35:

# How important do you consider the footpath network is to the village?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q37 Answer type: MULTIPLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: Very important

B: Quite important

C: Not very important

## Q 36:

### Which of these sustainable energy projects for Harvington would you support?

Tick all you think we should consider.

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q38 Answer type: MULTIPLE Option presentation order: RANDOM

A: Water-source heating (from the River Avon)

B: Solar panel farm

C: Geo-thermal energy for local heating

D: Medium-sized wind turbine

E: Energy-efficient / eco houses

F: Sustainable drainage schemes

G: Biomass heat network (using crops and wood grown to be burned)

### Q 37:

### Which of the following possible village projects would you support?

Tick all you think we should consider.

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q39 Answer type: MULTIPLE Option presentation order: RANDOM

A: Better local recycling facilities

B: Quiet Lane scheme

C: Traffic calming on the Evesham to Alcester road

D: Traffic calming in Leys Road, Village Street & Crest Hill

E: Conservation of historic buildings under threat

F: Foot / cycle bridge over River Avon to Offenham

G: River walk along River Avon to Twyford

H: Bio-diversity action plan for the Parish

I: Cycle paths to Salford Priors and Evesham

J: Off-road mobility scooter track to Evesham

K: Water supply to allotments

L: Improved drainage in allotments

M: Improved A46 noise screening

# **Local Green Spaces**

**Local Green Space** designation is a way to provide special protection against development for green areas of particular importance to local communities.

It can be used for small open spaces, sports and recreation facilities, public rights of way and the like.

(There is no need to include public footpaths - they are already protected.)

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan development process we can start the designation process for land which the village says should be protected.

### **Q 38:**

# Which of the following do you think should be considered for Local Green Space designation?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q90 Answer type: MULTIPLE Option presentation order: RANDOM

- A: The wide verges on both sides of Ragley Road where it meets Village Street.
- B: The triangular Village Green in front of the Village Hall
- C: The playing field with play equipment (behind the Village Hall)
- D: The Community Orchard in Leys Road
- E: The Sports ground South of the A46.
- F: The open areas surrounding the George Billington (Harvington) Lock
- G: The island in the River Avon (containing the old lock and mill)
- H: The waste ground behind the Village Hall and next to the school playground (on the left of the track to the playing field)
- I: The square open area (surrounded by houses) in Malthouse Close
- J: The grassy area with 6 mature trees opposite 17 Orchard Place
- K: The allotments
- L: The informal dog-walking area beside the footpath behind the playing field

### Q 39:

### Are there any other places we should consider for Local Green Space designation?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q91 Answer type: TEXT

# **Employment and business in Harvington**

We shall have a survey of businesses in Harvington in early 2016.

At this time we just want to find out how many residents work within the village and also compile a list of the bussinesses to send the 2016 business survey to.

### **Q 40:**

# Should the Neighbourhood Plan encourage more business or commercial development in the village?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q42 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A:Yes B:No

C: Don't know

### 0 41:

# If you work in Harvington, which of the following applies to you?

# Please tick all that apply.

# Don't tick anything if you don't work in Harvington.

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q41 Answer type: MULTIPLE

- A: Work at home (all the time) for an employer outside the village
- B: Work at home (some of the time) for an employer outside the village
- C: Self-employed working at / from home
- D: Work within the village, but not at your house
- E: Home-based on-line trading activity
- F: Work at home for an employer based in the village
- G: Run a business in the village which employs other people

### Q 42:

# Which of the following does you business activity depend on?

Option Q41-C was selected by the user

OR

Option Q41-E was selected by the user

OR

Option Q41-G was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q44 Answer type: MULTIPLE Option presentation

order: RANDOM

- A: Available premises
- B: Labour supply
- C: Workforce qualifications
- D: Transport links
- E: Energy costs
- F: Environment
- G: Planning policies
- H: Fast broadband
- I: Waste facilities

### Q 43:

# Which of the following need improvement to support / grow your business activity in Harvington?

You can get help on this kind of question from the Help button below.

Option Q41-C was selected by the user

OR

Option Q41-E was selected by the user

OR

Option Q41-G was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q43 Answer type: PRIORITY Options to be: PRIORITISED

A: Available premises

B: Labour supply

C: Workforce qualifications

D: Transport links

E: Energy costs

F: Environment

G: Planning policies

H: Fast broadband

I: Waste facilities

### 0 44:

# Can you please outline for us the name, type and location of the business and provide a contact person and eMail address.

Option Q41-C was selected by the user

OR

Option Q41-E was selected by the user

OR

Option Q41-G was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q46 Answer type: TEXT

## Q 45:

# How many people do you employ in total?

Option Q41-C was selected by the user

OR

Option Q41-E was selected by the user

OR

Option Q41-G was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q47 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: No one else

B:1-3 C:4-10 D:11-20 E: 25 - 50

F:50+

# Q 46:

# As far as you know, how many of these employees live within Harvington?

Option Q45-B was selected by the user

OR

Option Q45-C was selected by the user

OR

Option Q45-D was selected by the user

OR

Option Q45-E was selected by the user

OR

Option Q45-F was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q48 Answer type: NUMBER

# Q 47:

# How many years have you traded in Harvington?

Option Q41-C was selected by the user

OR

Option Q41-E was selected by the user

OR

Option Q41-G was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q50 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is

MANDATORY

A: Less than 1 year

B: 1 to 3 years

C: 4 to 10 years

D : Over 10 years

### Q 48:

# Is there anything else - within the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan - which could be done to improve business / employment in Harvington?

Option Q41-C was selected by the user

OR

Option Q41-E was selected by the user

OR

Option Q41-G was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q45 Answer type: TEXT

# **Transport**

This section lets you tell us about transport in and out of the village

### Q 49:

## Do you work (full or part-time) outside the village?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q72 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A:Yes

B: No

### Q 50:

# How far do you normally travel to work?

Option Q49-A was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q74 Answer type: SINGLE

A: Less than 2 miles

B: 2 to 5 miles (including Evesham)

C: 6 to 12 miles

D: 13 to 24 miles

E: 25 miles or more

### Q 51:

# Which methods of transport do you mostly use to get to work?

Option Q49-A was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q73 Answer type: MULTIPLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: Bus

B: Car

C: Bicycle

D: Walk

E: Motorcycle

F: Train

G: Other

### **Q 52:**

## Where is your GP's surgery?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q75 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: Evesham

B: Bidford

C: Alcester

D: Elsewhere

E: Don't have a registered GP

### Q 53:

# Which of the following hospitals have you travelled to in the last year

(either as a patient or a visitor)?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q76 Answer type: MULTIPLE

A: Alexandra Hospital, Redditch

B: Evesham Hospital

C: Pershore Hospital

D: Stratford Hospital

E: Worcester Royal Hospital

F: Cheltenham Hospital

## Q 54:

### How did you get to hospital?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q77 Answer type: MULTIPLE

A: Own transport

B: Public transport

C: Lift from a friend or relative

D: Taxi

E: Transport provided by the NHS

F: Other

### Q 55:

# How dependent are you on public transport?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q78 Answer type: SINGLE

A: Very dependent.

B: Somewhat dependent - I have to use it sometimes, but have other methods also available.

C: I have my own / family transport available

D: I seldom need to travel outside the village

### **Q 56:**

# Which of these transport improvement do you think would be important for the village?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q79 Answer type: PRIORITY Options to be: PRIORITISED Option presentation order: RANDOM

A: Buses back from Evesham later in the evenings

B: A more frequent service on the Stratford to Evesham route

C: Direct bus service to Worcester

D: Direct bus service to Alcester, Studley and Redditch

### Q 57:

### Are there any other public transport improvements you want to suggest?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q80 Answer type: TEXT

### **Q 58:**

# Do you think the village needs a public car park?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q81 Answer type: SINGLE

A:Yes B:No

#### 0 59:

### Where do you think this car park should be?

Option Q58-A was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q82 Answer type: TEXT

### Q 60:

# Do you think there need to be more parking restrictions (yellow lines) in the village in any of these streets?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q83 Answer type: MULTIPLE Option presentation order: RANDOM

A: Leys Road

B: Village Street (Village hall to the cross-roads)

C: Station Road

D: Stratford Road

E: Church Street

F: Village Street (Hughes Lane to Stratford Road)

### Q 61:

### Do you use a bicycle (for work or leisure)?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q84 Answer type: SINGLE

A: Yes - frequently

B: Yes - occasionally

C: No

### 0 62:

We could try to get some designated cycleways out of the village.

### Would you support a cycleway:

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q85 Answer type: MULTIPLE

A: Alongside the road through Norton to Evesham

B: Riverside route through Twyford to Evesham

C: Riverside cycle route from Bidford to Evesham

D: Cycle route following (as far as possible) the old railway track from Evesham to Alcester

### Q 63:

# Do you think an off-road mobility scooter route from Harvington to Twyford is worth considering?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q86 Answer type: SINGLE

A: Yes - definitely

B: Yes - possibly

C: No

D: Don't know

# Housing

This section aims to find out the current state of housing in Harvington, your future needs and

your views on where and how much further development should take place.

# Q 64:

## What type of housing do you currently live in?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q54 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: Detached house

B: Semi-detached house

C: Terraced house

D: Bungalow

E: Flat / Maisonette / Apartment

F: Room(s) in house shared with others

G: Mobile home or caravan

H: Other

### **Q 65:**

# Which kind of house are you living in?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q55 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: Owner-occupied

B: Private rented

C: Local authority rented

D: Housing association rented

E: Shared ownership

F: Other

### **Q 66:**

# Over the next 15 years do you think Harvington should:

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q53 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A: Stay roughly the same size as it is now,

B: Continue to grow at roughly the same rate as it has done over the last 15 years,

C : Grow faster, to become a much bigger village with more facilities

### Q 67:

### What types of housing do you think are needed?

You can get help on this kind of question from the Help button below.

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q56 Answer type: PRIORITY Options to be: PRIORITISED Option presentation order: RANDOM

A: Low cost starter homes to own

B: Shared ownership homes

C: Small family homes (2/3 bedrooms)

D: Sheltered accommodation

E: Residential Care home

F: Accommodation adapted for the disabled

G: Larger family homes (4+ bedrooms)

H: Bungalows

I: Flats / Apartments

# **Location of housing development**

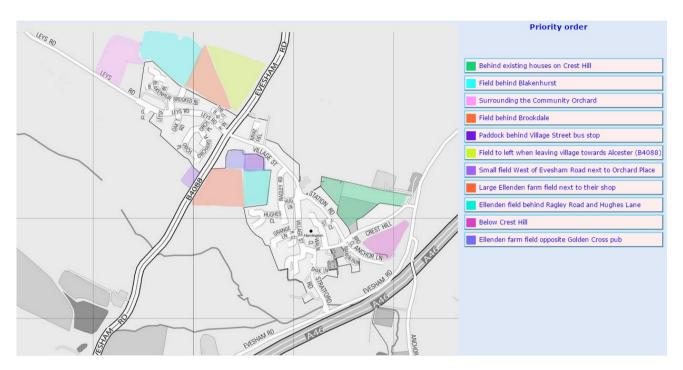
There are a limited number of sites in the village where development might take place
- subject to the needs of the community and land-owner agreement.

For each of the housing types you selected we are now going to show you a map of the village with the **rough** location of these sites shown as coloured blocks.

Please select where you think **each particular type** of housing development should take place.

You can select as many locations as you wish for each housing type.

If you want help with using the map, please click on the Green 'Help' icon below the map.



## Q 68:

### Location of low-cost starter homes to own

You can get help on this kind of question from the Help button below.

Option Q67-A was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q58 Answer type: MAP Options to be:

PRIORITISED Option presentation order: RANDOM

- A: Surrounding the Community Orchard
- B: Field behind Blakenhurst
- C: Below Crest Hill
- D: Behind existing houses on Crest Hill
- E: Ellenden field behind Ragley Road and Hughes Lane
- F: Paddock behind Village Street bus stop
- G: Ellenden farm field opposite Golden Cross pub
- H: Large Ellenden farm field next to their shop
- I: Field behind Brookdale
- J: Field to left when leaving village towards Alcester (B4088)
- K: Small field West of Evesham Road next to Orchard Place

### **Q 69:**

### Location of shared ownership homes

You can get help on this kind of question from the Help button below.

Option Q67-B was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q59 Answer type: MAP Options to be:

PRIORITISED Option presentation order: RANDOM

- A: Surrounding the Community Orchard
- B: Field behind Blakenhurst
- C: Below Crest Hill
- D: Behind existing houses on Crest Hill
- E: Ellenden field behind Ragley Road and Hughes Lane
- F: Paddock behind Village Street bus stop
- G: Ellenden farm field opposite Golden Cross pub
- H: Large Ellenden farm field next to their shop
- I: Field behind Brookdale
- J: Field to left when leaving village towards Alcester (B4088)
- K: Small field West of Evesham Road next to Orchard Place

### Q 70:

## Location of small family homes (2/3 bedrooms)

You can get help on this kind of question from the Help button below.

Option Q67-C was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/g60 Answer type: MAP Options to be:

PRIORITISED Option presentation order: RANDOM

- A: Surrounding the Community Orchard
- B: Field behind Blakenhurst
- C: Below Crest Hill
- D: Behind existing houses on Crest Hill
- E: Ellenden field behind Ragley Road and Hughes Lane
- F: Paddock behind Village Street bus stop
- G: Ellenden farm field opposite Golden Cross pub
- H: Large Ellenden farm field next to their shop
- I: Field behind Brookdale
- J: Field to left when leaving village towards Alcester (B4088)
- K: Small field West of Evesham Road next to Orchard Place

### Q 71:

#### Location of sheltered accommodation

You can get help on this kind of question from the Help button below.

Option Q67-D was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q61 Answer type: MAP Options to be:

PRIORITISED Option presentation order: RANDOM

- A: Surrounding the Community Orchard
- B: Field behind Blakenhurst

- C: Below Crest Hill
- D: Behind existing houses on Crest Hill
- E: Ellenden field behind Ragley Road and Hughes Lane
- F: Paddock behind Village Street bus stop
- G: Ellenden farm field opposite Golden Cross pub
- H: Large Ellenden farm field next to their shop
- I: Field behind Brookdale
- J: Field to left when leaving village towards Alcester (B4088)
- K: Small field West of Evesham Road next to Orchard Place

### Q 72:

### **Location of Residential Care home**

You can get help on this kind of question from the Help button below.

Option Q67-E was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q62 Answer type: MAP Options to be:

PRIORITISED Option presentation order: RANDOM

A: Surrounding the Community Orchard

- B: Field behind Blakenhurst
- C: Below Crest Hill
- D: Behind existing houses on Crest Hill
- E: Ellenden field behind Ragley Road and Hughes Lane
- F: Paddock behind Village Street bus stop
- G: Ellenden farm field opposite Golden Cross pub
- H: Large Ellenden farm field next to their shop
- I: Field behind Brookdale
- J: Field to left when leaving village towards Alcester (B4088)
- K: Small field West of Evesham Road next to Orchard Place

### Q 73:

### Location of accommodation adapted for the disabled

You can get help on this kind of question from the Help button below.

Option Q67-F was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q63 Answer type: MAP Options to be:

PRIORITISED Option presentation order: RANDOM

A: Surrounding the Community Orchard

- B: Field behind Blakenhurst
- C: Below Crest Hill
- D: Behind existing houses on Crest Hill
- E: Ellenden field behind Ragley Road and Hughes Lane
- F: Paddock behind Village Street bus stop
- G: Ellenden farm field opposite Golden Cross pub
- H: Large Ellenden farm field next to their shop
- I: Field behind Brookdale
- J: Field to left when leaving village towards Alcester (B4088)
- K: Small field West of Evesham Road next to Orchard Place

### 0 74:

# **Location of larger family homes (4+ bedrooms)**

You can get help on this kind of question from the Help button below.

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harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q64 Answer type: MAP Options to be:

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D: Behind existing houses on Crest Hill

E: Ellenden field behind Ragley Road and Hughes Lane

F: Paddock behind Village Street bus stop

G: Ellenden farm field opposite Golden Cross pub

H: Large Ellenden farm field next to their shop

I : Field behind Brookdale

J: Field to left when leaving village towards Alcester (B4088)

K: Small field West of Evesham Road next to Orchard Place

### Q 75:

# **Location of bungalows**

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D: Behind existing houses on Crest Hill

E: Ellenden field behind Ragley Road and Hughes Lane

F: Paddock behind Village Street bus stop

G: Ellenden farm field opposite Golden Cross pub

H: Large Ellenden farm field next to their shop

I: Field behind Brookdale

J: Field to left when leaving village towards Alcester (B4088)

K: Small field West of Evesham Road next to Orchard Place

### **Q 76:**

### **Location of flats / apartments**

You can get help on this kind of question from the Help button below.

Option Q67-I was selected by the user

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q66 Answer type: MAP Options to be: PRIORITISED Option presentation order: RANDOM

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B: Field behind Blakenhurst

- C: Below Crest Hill
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- E: Ellenden field behind Ragley Road and Hughes Lane
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### Q 77:

Having regard to the potential impact of new housing on village life, what is the maximum number of houses you would be willing to see built in Harvington each year over the next fifteen years

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q67 Answer type: SINGLE Selection is MANDATORY

A:0-5

B:6-10

C: 11 - 15

D: 16 - 30

E:31-50

F: More then 50

### 0 78:

Are there any areas within the Parish boundary where development should not take place? Why is this?

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q68 Answer type: TEXT

### Q 79:

Are there any other sites within the Parish Boundary which you believe should be considered for development? Please let us know why you think this.

harvingtonplan.uk/survey/residents01/q69 Answer type: TEXT

# Appendix D - Brief summary of residents' survey results

This summary was published on the Plan web site in December 2015. It was also delivered by hand to those people who completed the survey in the Village Hall.

There were 259 responses to the survey in total, from 186 households (25.1%). The responses were fairly evenly spread from throughout the village. The age bands of those who responded were as follows:

3% 16 - 18 years 35 - 44 years 12% 65 - 74 years 24% 19 - 24 years (less than 1%) 45 – 54 years 19% over 75 years 11% 25 - 34 years 4% 55 - 64 years 23%

This age distribution broadly conforms to the distribution measured by the 2011 census.

The information below briefly outlines the responses to each question.

Some questions provided an opportunity to prioritise a choice of responses, using the Condorcet priority voting system. This has been taken into account in this summary.

Not all those taking part answered all the questions.

Although it is not possible to include every response or percentage in this summary, every effort has been made to truly reflect the opinions expressed.

The full report can be accessed on the Harvington Neighbourhood Plan website (https://harvingtonplan.uk)

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### What factors were the most important in your choice to live in Harvington?

Most frequent factors were: Least frequent factors were: Attracted to scenery & views (53%) I was born here (5%)

The village community (51%) Local employment opportunities (4%) The village social facilities (43%) I was allocated housing here (2%)

### **Local Facilities**

### Which Harvington facilities have you used in the last 12 months?

Facilities most frequently used were: Facilities least frequently used were:

Village Hall (81%) Baptist Chapel, for services/worship (15%)

Playing field (50%) Cricket Club Pavilion (9%)

### The Village Hall is well used. Is there a need for additional community activity space in the village?

No, not in the next 15 years (37%) Yes, in the next 15 years (24%)

Yes, in the next 5 years (26%) Yes, in the next 2-3 years (12%)

# Do you think we should decide on/reserve a place for this new meeting place in the Neighbourhood Plan?

Yes, a reserved location needs to be in the plan (63%)

No, we don't need to decide now (36%)

### Some residents have asked for an indoor community activity place in the Leys Road area. Would you support this?

Yes, I would support this (54%) -No, I don't think this is needed (45%)

### Where do you think this new Leys Road community space should be?

Land behind empty plot opposite 'Westhaven' in Leys Road (48%)

Land behind Groves Close (43%)

Field to left when leaving village towards Alcester on B4088 (34%)

Further suggestions on where new community activity space should be:

Opposite Golden Cross on Village Street (2), near Community Orchard (2) Plus others, mentioned once each

Do you think other public buildings in the village (eg St James' Church, the Baptist Chapel, the school) could be used for more community and social activities?

79% of responders agreed that they could be used more.

### Which of the following have you used in the past 12 months?

The most frequently identified were: The least frequently identified were:

Harvington Post Office (96%) - School, outside normal hours (21%)

Ellenden Farm Shop (94%)

- Cricket Club, for social event (9%)

Harvington Convenience Store (90%) - Cricket Club, for sporting activity (9%)

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# The Post Office in Village Street is due to close soon. How difficult will it be for you if there is no replacement anywhere in the village?

69% of responders said it would be inconvenient, but that they could get to another Post Office 5% would find it very difficult, as it would be physically hard or quite expensive to get to another Post Office.

#### Please select any of the Harvington amenities which need to be improved.

Footpath maintenance (55%), Pavements (38%), Street lighting (28%), Maintenance of open, green spaces (25%), Parking spaces (24%), Public seating (23%)

Suggestions as to which facilities need urgent attention (number of responders shown in brackets)

- Overgrown & muddy footpaths (11),
- Road & pavement resurfacing (2), particularly Brookdale and Blakenhurst (8)
- Pavement maintenance (6) specifically Orchard Place (4), Hughes Lane and round into Village Street to Cedar Lodge (3) lower Village Street (2) and others.
- Parking problems: control needed around school at start and end of school day (5); Parking on pavements (3) especially on Station Road (3) & B4088, making difficulties for mobility scooters; too many cars parked on busy, narrow roads, specifically lower Village Street (2)
- Public seating: additional seating desirable in public areas (3), specifically in or beside bus shelters (2)
- Playing field maintenance: Repairs necessary to basketball net and football nets (2)
- Street lighting needs improving, specifically on Station Road (6) and others

Plus other items, mentioned once, not listed

### Do any of the village facilities need to be improved for people with disabilities?

7% of responders either did have difficulties or knew of someone experiencing difficulties Suggestions for improvements to facilities for people with disabilities

- 1. Clear/widen, repair overgrown and damaged footpaths and pavements to ease the way (10), specifically path to playing field (3)
- 2. Clear obstructive parking on pavements to permit passage of wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pushchairs (5)
- 3. Access to the Convenience Store difficult (3). The slope to the door is steep, the door needs widening

### Do you have an allotment in Harvington?

9% of responders have an allotment, 14% would like one in the next 5 years

### Is there a need for some kind of Health Centre in Harvington?

Not as far as I know (36%), Yes – probably (36%), Yes – certainly (19%), No (7%)

#### Which services should a Health Centre provide?

Most frequently identified were: Least frequently identified were:

Prescription collection service (55%) - Chiropody clinic (18%)

Visiting GP (44%) - other medical services (18%)

Health visitor sessions (34%) - Hairdresser (3%)

### What other medical services do you think the village needs?

A nurse, based at the health centre (5), a physiotherapist (5), a doctor's surgery (4), optician (3), occupational therapist (3), visiting dentist (2), chiropractor (2), local First Responder/first aider (2), another defibrillator (2) *Plus other suggestions, mentioned once, not listed.* 

**Do you have children of school age living in the village?** 17% of responders have children of school age

### Which school(s) is/are attended?

Harvington C of E First School (47%), Prince Henry's High School (27%), St Egwin's Middle School (20%) Other schools in area (25% in total)

How do your children get to school? Bus (54%), Walk (45%), Car (36%), Cycle (4%)

**Do you use child care facilities outside school hours?** No (72%), Yes – regularly (20%), Yes – occasionally (6%)

### Which child care facilities do you use?

Harvington C of E First School (83%) Childminder (not a relative) in village (33%) Childcare provided outside the village (41%) Harvington pre-school in Village Hall (8%)

Would you like to see more play areas for children in the village? No (54%) Yes (45%) Where should these be?

At the Community Orchard in Leys Road (41%), on land behind Hughes Close/Hughes Lane (26%), on the field on the left when leaving village towards Alcester on B4088 (14%)

#### Do you think there should be more facilities for teenagers? Yes (66%), No (33%)

What facilities for teenagers do you think are needed?

- Ask the teenagers (10)
- Youth club room or building (51)
- Youth club to include organised activities and sports sessions (9), drop in café or coffee bar (7), pool table and other games (5), discos (4), wi-fi (3), film club (3), 5-a-side football (2), personal development (2) Total = 35
- Games courts basketball, tennis (9), skate-park (8), more for teenagers at Playing Field (2), covered outdoor gathering space with seats (3), youth volunteering (2) Total = 24

Plus other suggestions, mentioned once, not listed.

The responses included acknowledgment of the good work done by the Harvington Youth Project (9). Some suggested that, in addition, something secular was needed (7) possibly based in Levs Road (2)

Do you have any comments for suggestions for facilities for children and young people in Harvington?

(not including items for teenagers mentioned above)

• Play area in Leys Road (6), improved play facilities (3), Safe, well-lit winter play area outdoors (2), Cubs and Scouts (2)

*Plus other suggestions, mentioned once, not listed.* 

## Do you think more leisure facilities are needed for the elderly?

No (54%), Yes (43%)

What leisure facilities do the elderly need? Where should they be?

- 8 Lunch Club like that recently run at the Coach & Horses (13), in Village Hall (3)
- 9 Exercise groups (eg Tai chi, yoga, keep fit, dancing) (13), tea dances (2), indoor/outdoor bowls (5), Swimming pool for all, situated at the school (4),
- 10 Social club (11), drop-in day centre (4), coffee shop or coffee mornings (6)
- 11 Activities bingo (9), bridge or whist drives (5), craft groups (3), film club (2)

*Plus other suggestions, mentioned once, not listed.* 

#### **Community Asset Register**

# Which buildings do you think should be included in the Community Asset Register?

Village Hall (75%), St James' church (56%), Leys Road Convenience Store (45%), Ellenden Farm Shop (40%), Coach & Horses pub (40%), Baptist Chapel (36%), Golden Cross pub (25%), Cricket pavilion (20%)

#### **Environment & Heritage**

### Which of the following features of the village do you consider important?

Open spaces (93%), Scenery/views (90%), Trees & hedges (90%), Historic buildings (85%), Orchards (85%), Riverside (68%)

### Which features of the countryside around Harvington do you value?

All the countryside features were valued by the responders, from Scenery and views (89%) to the Flora (73%)

# Appendix E - Residents' survey - full results

Main survey analysis with Residents' textual comments with Extended Housing analysis

Analysis generated 18:42 on Wed, 25 Oct 2017

Analysis produced by : com.valesoft.survey.test.analysis.AnalyseSurvey

Completed responses: 254 Incomplete responses: 13

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the Community of Harvington and its Parish Council

Geographic distribution of responses

#### Responses

76 Leys Road, Evesham & Alcester Roads

Village centreLower village

38 Replacement of lost codes

266 Total

The location in the village is registered when a survey response is started, not when it is completed.

Some responses were never completed, so the total here is greater than the number of responses analysed in the remainder of this document.

Households: 186

Each house was given a 'pink slip' with a unique Survey Access Code on it. All members of the household were encouraged to use the same code.

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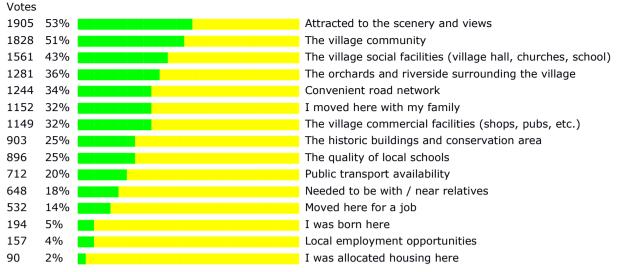
# Welcome

### Q1 What factors were most important in your choice to live in Harvington?

Responses: 254

Condorcet priority vote

Greatest possible vote: 3556



# Q2 Please tell us your age band

Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection

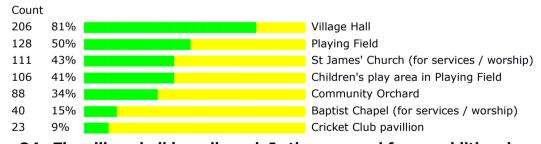


# **Local Facilities**

# Q3 Which Harvington facilities have you used in the last 12 months?

Responses: 254

Response type: Multiple Selection



# Q4 The village hall is well used. Is there a need for an additional community activity space in the village?

Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection

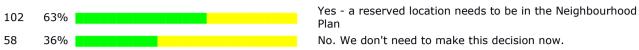
Count		
94	37%	No, not in the next 15 years
67	26%	Yes - in the next 5 years
61	24%	Yes - in the next 15 years
32	12%	Yes - in the next 2 or 3 years

## Q5 Do you think we should decide on and reserve a place for this new meeting place in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Responses: 160

Response type: Single Selection

Count



### Q6 Some residents have asked for an indoor community activity place in the Leys Road area. Would you support this?

Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection

Count

139	54%	Yes - I would support a new place in the Leys Road area.
115	45%	No, I don't think this is needed.

#### Q7 Where do you think this new Leys Road community space should be?

Responses: 139

Condorcet priority vote

Greatest possible vote: 278

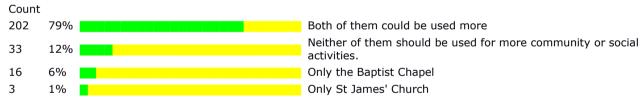
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# Q8 Do you think that other public buildings in the village (e.g. St James church / Baptist Chapel / School) could be used for more community and social activities?

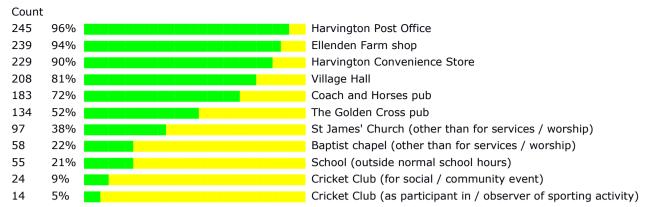
Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection



#### Q9 Which of the following have you used in the last 12 months?

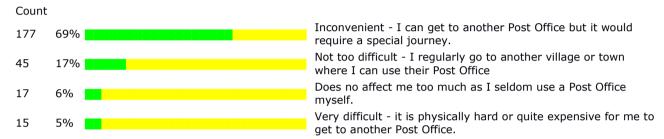
Responses: 254



Q10 The Post Office in Village Steet is due to close soon. How difficult will it be for you if there is no replacement anywhere in the village.

Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection



#### Q11 Please select any of the Harvington amenities which need to be improved.

Responses: 254

Condorcet priority vote

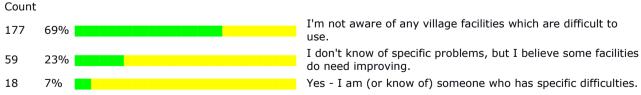
Greatest possible vote: 1270



### Q12 Do any of the village facilities need to be improved for people with disabilities?

Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection



#### Q13 Do you have an allotment in Harvington?

Responses: 254

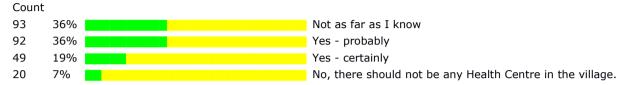
Response type: Single Selection



#### Q14 Is there a need for some kind of Health Centre in Harvington?

Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection

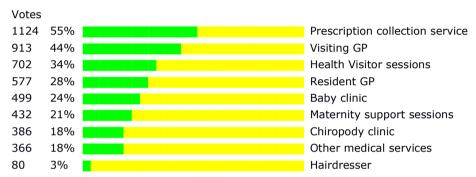


#### Q15 Which services should the Health Centre provide?

Responses: 254

Condorcet priority vote

Greatest possible vote: 2032



#### Q16 Do you have children of school age living in the village?

Responses: 254

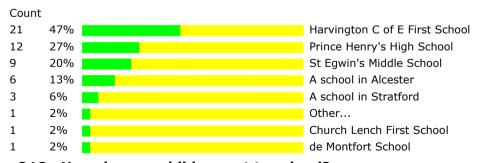
Response type: Single Selection



#### Q17 Which school(s) is/are attended?

Responses: 44

Response type: Multiple Selection



Q18 How do your children get to school?

Responses: 44



#### Q19 Do you use child-care facilities outside school hours?

Responses: 44

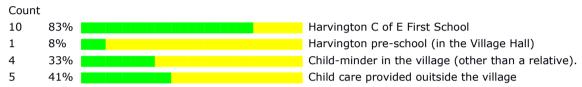
Response type: Single Selection



#### Q20 Which child care facilities do you use?

Responses: 12

Response type: Multiple Selection



#### Q21 Would you like to see more play area for children in the village?

Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection

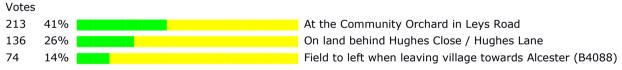


#### Q22 Where do you think these play areas should be?

Responses: 254

Condorcet priority vote

Greatest possible vote: 508



#### Q23 Do you think there should be more facilities for teenagers?

Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection



#### Q24 Do you think more leisure facilities are needed for the elderly?

Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection



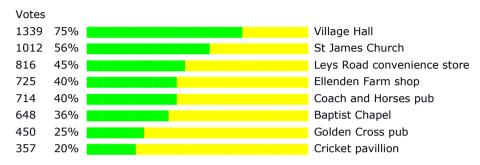
### **Community Asset Register**

## Q25 Which of these buildings do you think should be included in the Community Asset Register?

Responses: 254

Condorcet priority vote

Greatest possible vote: 1778

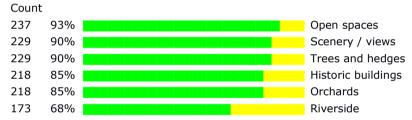


### **Environment and Heritage**

#### Q26 Which of the following features of the village do you consider important?

Responses: 254

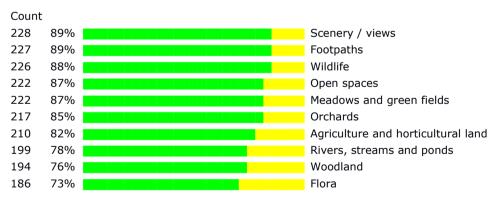
Response type: Multiple Selection



#### Q27 Which features of the countryside around Harvington to you value?

Responses: 254

Response type: Multiple Selection



Q28 How important do you consider the footpath network is to the village?

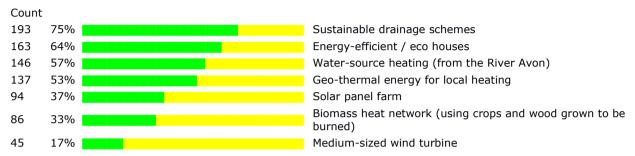
Responses: 254



## Q29 Which of these sustainable energy projects for Harvington would you support?

Responses: 254

Response type: Multiple Selection



#### Q30 Which of the following possible village projects would you support?

Responses: 254

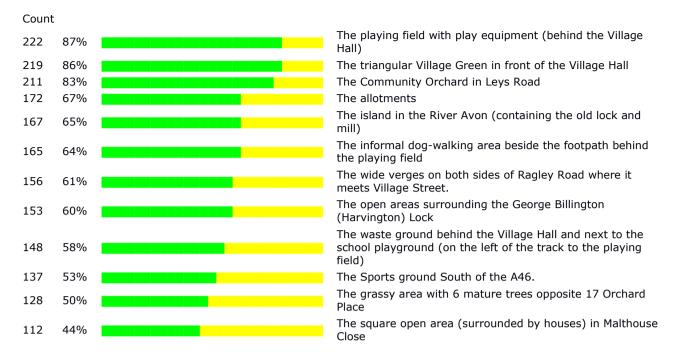
Response type: Multiple Selection



### **Local Green Spaces**

## Q31 Which of the following do you think should be considered for Local Green Space designation?

Responses: 254



### **Employment and business in Harvington**

## Q32 Should the Neighbourhood Plan encourage more business or commercial development in the village?

Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection



Q33 If you work in Harvington, which of the following applies to you?

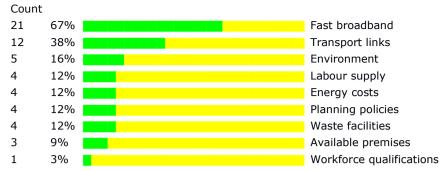
Responses: 254

Response type: Multiple Selection



Q34 Which of the following does you business activity depend on?

Responses: 31



## Q35 Which of the following need improvement to support / grow your business activity in Harvington?

Responses: 31

Condorcet priority vote

Greatest possible vote: 248



#### Q36 How many people do you employ in total?

Responses: 31

Response type: Single Selection



#### Q37 As far as you know, how many of these employees live within Harvington?

Responses: 8

0

5

2

10

10

5

-1

1

#### Q38 How many years have you traded in Harvington?

Responses: 31

Response type: Single Selection



### **Transport**

#### Q39 Do you work (full or part-time) outside the village?

Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection



#### Q40 How far do you normally travel to work?

Responses: 130

Response type: Single Selection



#### Q41 Which methods of transport do you mostly use to get to work?

Responses: 130

Response type: Multiple Selection



#### Q42 Where is your GP's surgery?

Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection



Q43 Which of the following hospitals have you travelled to in the last year (either as a patient or a visitor)?

Responses: 254



Q44 How did you get to hospital?

Responses: 254

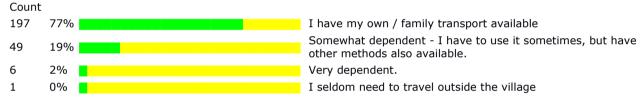
Response type: Multiple Selection

Count			
195	76%		Own transport
23	9%		Lift from a friend or relative
7	2%		Public transport
2	0%		Taxi
2	0%		Transport provided by the NHS
1	0%		Other

#### Q45 How dependent are you on public transport?

Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection

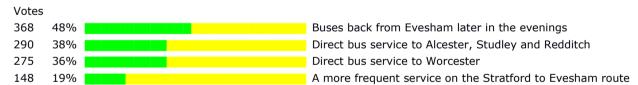


## Q46 Which of these transport improvement do you think would be important for the village?

Responses: 254

Condorcet priority vote

Greatest possible vote: 762



#### Q47 Do you think the village needs a public car park?

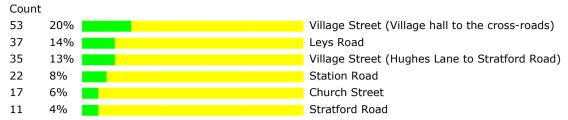
Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection



## Q48 Do you think there need to be more parking restrictions (yellow lines) in the village in any of these streets?

Responses: 254



Q49 Do you use a bicycle (for work or leisure)?

Responses: 254

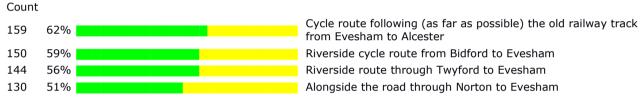
Response type: Single Selection



## Q50 We could try to get some designated cycleways out of the village. Would you support a cycleway:

Responses: 254

Response type: Multiple Selection



Q51 Do you think an off-road mobility scooter route from Harvington to Twyford is worth considering?

Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection



### Housing

#### Q52 What type of housing do you currently live in?

Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection



Q53 Which kind of house are you living in?

Responses: 254

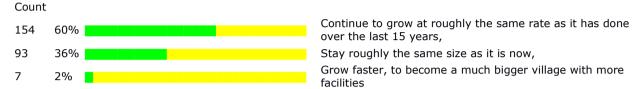
Response type: Single Selection



#### Q54 Over the next 15 years do you think Harvington should:

Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection

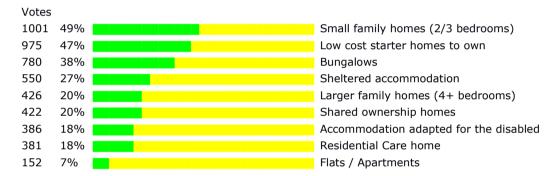


#### Q55 What types of housing do you think are needed?

Responses: 254

Condorcet priority vote

Greatest possible vote: 2032



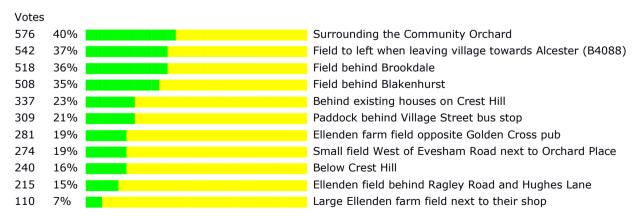
### Location of housing development

#### Q56 Location of low-cost starter homes to own

Responses: 143

Condorcet priority vote

Greatest possible vote: 1430

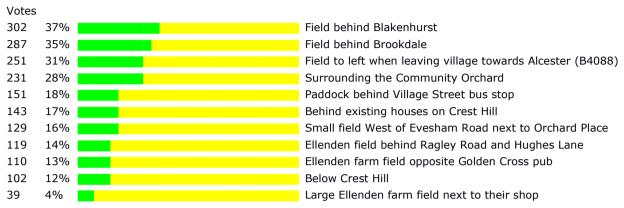


#### Q57 Location of shared ownership homes

Responses: 80

Condorcet priority vote

Greatest possible vote: 800

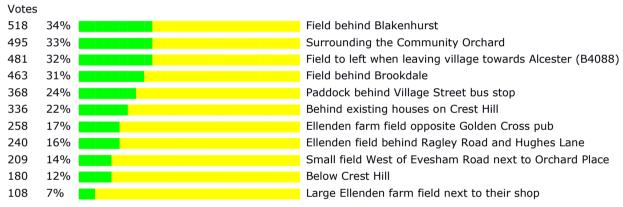


#### Q58 Location of small family homes (2/3 bedrooms)

Responses: 149

Condorcet priority vote

Greatest possible vote: 1490

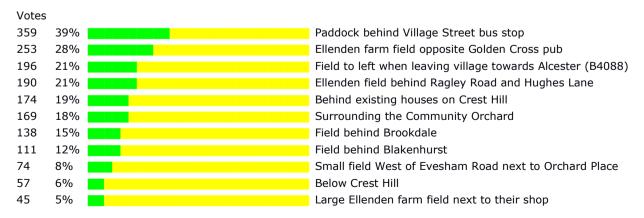


#### Q59 Location of sheltered accommodation

Responses: 90

Condorcet priority vote

Greatest possible vote: 900



#### Q60 Location of Residential Care home

Responses: 71

Condorcet priority vote

Greatest possible vote: 710



#### Q61 Location of accommodation adapted for the disabled

Responses: 73

Condorcet priority vote

Greatest possible vote: 730

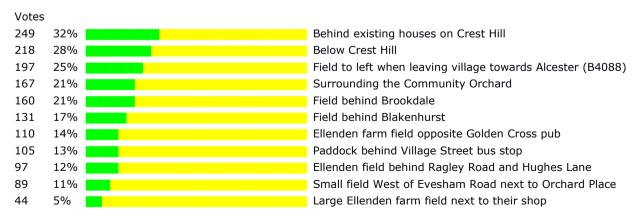


#### Q62 Location of larger family homes (4+ bedrooms)

Responses: 76

Condorcet priority vote

Greatest possible vote: 760



#### Q63 Location of bungalows

Responses: 123

Condorcet priority vote

Greatest possible vote: 1230



#### Q64 Location of flats / apartments

Responses: 34

Condorcet priority vote

Greatest possible vote: 340



Q65 Having regard to the potential impact of new housing on village life, what is the maximum number of houses you would be willing to see built in Harvington each year over the next fifteen years

Responses: 254

Response type: Single Selection



### **Extended housing location analysis**

This extended analysis uses the above responses to questions of the form "Where would you put houses of type X" to infer the uses to which each site could be put.

These inferred preferences are graphed in BLUE to indicate that they are inferred, not directly-expressed, preferences.

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#### Field to left when leaving village towards Alcester (B4088)

Response type: Deduced preferences

Total votes for site: 4830

Votes for housing type...

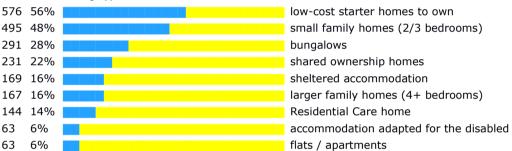


#### **Surrounding the Community Orchard**

Response type: Deduced preferences

Total votes for site: 4398

Votes for housing type...

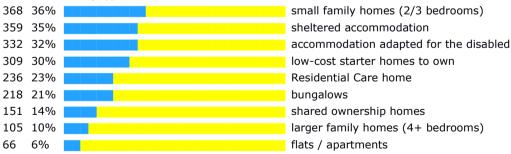


#### Paddock behind Village Street bus stop

Response type: Deduced preferences

Total votes for site: 4288

Votes for housing type...



#### Field behind Blakenhurst

Response type: Deduced preferences

Total votes for site: 4264

Votes for housing type...

518	50%	small family homes (2/3 bedrooms)
508	50%	low-cost starter homes to own
302	29%	shared ownership homes
288	28%	bungalows
131	12%	larger family homes (4+ bedrooms)
126	12%	flats / apartments
111	10%	sheltered accommodation
94	9%	Residential Care home
54	5%	accommodation adapted for the disabled

#### **Field behind Brookdale**

Response type: Deduced preferences

Total votes for site: 4028

Votes for housing type...



#### Behind existing houses on Crest Hill

Response type: Deduced preferences

Total votes for site: 3666

Votes for housing type...



#### Ellenden farm field opposite Golden Cross pub

Response type: Deduced preferences

Total votes for site: 3072

Votes for housing type...



#### Ellenden field behind Ragley Road and Hughes Lane

Response type: Deduced preferences

Total votes for site: 2772



#### Small field West of Evesham Road next to Orchard Place

Response type: Deduced preferences

Total votes for site: 2198

Votes for housing type...



#### **Below Crest Hill**

Response type: Deduced preferences

Total votes for site: 2150

Votes for housing type...

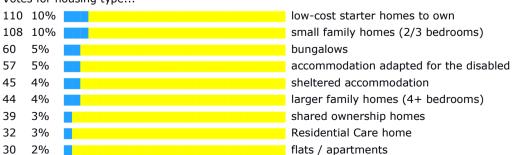


#### Large Ellenden farm field next to their shop

Response type: Deduced preferences

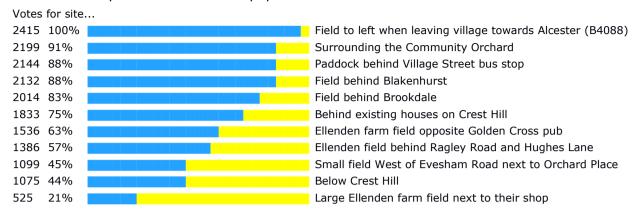
Total votes for site: 1050

Votes for housing type...



### Inferred preferences for development sites

Normalised to preference for 'most popular' site...



#### TEXTUAL RESPONSES

( Q7 Where do you think this new Leys Road community space should be? )

Do you have any be?	other suggestions a	s to where this	community activit	ty space could
Responses: 33				
NO				

No

No

Field behind Baptist Church in Village Street

If the village spar shop ever closes this would be a good space for a community space.

No

no

Behind bus stop opposite the Cross

No.

No.

No

Close to Community Orchard

No

None

No

no sorry

No

NO

The community land, for example behind the school which is a playing field, is not used as much as you would expect from a large open area with o.k. moderate facilities, but lots of kids in the area. Maybe this should be further developed. Perhaps one of the village youth groups could try for a grant to make it more user friendly

No
no
No
Near or within Community Orchard
Behind bus shelter opposite Golden Cross
No
BEHIND OAK TREE ROAD
No
No
no

None obvious.If land behind the existing Village Hall were possible then this would be convenient for all to access.

Nο

NO

No

# ( Q11 Please select any of the Harvington amenities which need to be improved. ) If any of these facilities need urgent attention please tell us about them.

Responses: 76

Widening of Crest Hill footpath.

Footpaths and rights of way need clearing

Station Rd near Village Hall too dark - needs a streetlamp - possibly activated by pedestrian movement

No

front end of Finch Lane

Lighting in village St is appalling

Road Surface up to and including Brookdale and Blakenhurst are in a state of bad repair

Footpath round outside edge of playing field. Fine at the moment but really dangerous after a lot of rain. Used by a lot of dog walkers.

Street lighting down Stratford Road, not very good

Recently saw someone struggling with pavement curb across Orchard Place - no disability dips where Orchard Place comes into Leys Road - really needs sorting.

Traffic lights at crossroads near Golden Cross

Footpaths outside our property are a cause for concern

Lighting in Station Road

Not directly related but Resurfacing of Brookedale road. It is very badly deteriorated.

Maintenance, especially regular cutting of all grass verges. Seating near bus stops.

BROOKDALE NEED RESURFING NEVER BEEN TOUCHED IN 30 YEARS

Footpaths in Ragley road where tree roots are pushing it up..non maintained paths in Hughes lane...drains completely blocked outside my house and opposite when it rains the road floods

Pavement in Hughes Lane the Tarmac is tired and there is an awkward slope that's caused a number of falls. Plus the hedge from Hughes Lane into Village Street obstructs the pavement and forces people into the road. An accident waiting to happen.

Footpath on Stratford Road overgrown.

Car parking on Stratford Road very Difficult. Roof Top tenants DO NOT park in their allocated spaces and park on public highway taking away the only parking available to some home owners. Also car park behind HopKiln cottages filled with abandoned cars again, meaning Rooftop tenants park on Stratford Road.

The pavements along Leys Road are very uneven.

There needs to be increased street lighting throughout the village. elderly people walking with torches is not acceptable. i have poor sight (63) and will not walk in the village after sunset.

seat outside Golden Cross needs repairing

I am unable to get from home to village amenities on my pavement mobility scooter due to the pavement being obstructed by cars parked fully on the pavement along B4088. This also applies to mothers with children and even pedestrians. I have to take the risk of going on the road with no lights or indicators on my pavement scooter.

Just bear in mind these need some attention.

Pavements need attention, they are overgrown and difficult to negotiate especially if you are walking with children.

More footpath signposts in some place

The streetlights are a major source of light pollution ruining the sky above Harvington. There are also not enough streetlights along station road. There is not enough public seating along the public footpaths which people may walk along with the dogs for a rest, or they may just want to take in the breathtaking scenery.

School Parking is always a problem as people are very impatient when dropping and collecting their children, there are always cars outside residents homes and the traffic is always bad, especially by the green outside the village hall where parents do occasionally speed around. There is limited parking outside the Church and other facilities meaning cars pile up along station road, this presents problems with limited passing points for buses, and other cars. Finally some footpaths are uneven, not suitable for the older generation walking their dogs etc. Some of the paths are also heavily overgrown and brambles creating hazards for lots of people.

The storm drains on Station Road need attention, they can't cope with anything more than a slight drizzle.

We do not have any seating in public areas of the village

Should be seating in or beside Bus shalters

More public seating

Some paths within the village get very muddy as soon as there is any rain. Some of them also get overgrown with brambles and nettles at some times of the year, which are a nuisance for users (including dog walkers)

Parking/vehicle control around the school need improving/better control at start and end of school day.

Street lighting in Grange Lane is inadequate. The uneven road surface makes it difficult to negotiate on foot at night without a torch

The footpath on Church street leading up to the church.

Lack of street lighting between Coach and Horses / St James church and the junction with village street.

The footpaths in Orchard Place have been only partially repaired! leaving the pavements outside the bungalows where senior citizens live in a state of disrepair.

Who decided on which areas should be repaired?

The amount of vehicles parked in Village Street /Stratford Road from the entrance/exit of Finch Lane to Village Green

Parking around the school needs attention and more control at both ends of the school day.

At the junction of Hughes Lane and Village Street, the public pavement along village street (in direction of Grange Lane) is frequently blocked by vehicles parked on them (particularly outside the property where wooden posts have been installed adjacent to the pavement). Also in the direction of Cedar Lodge the narrowness of the pavement is exacerbated by overgrown hedging. Further, pedestrians are forced to cross Village Street (opposite the school/allotment track) where the pavement comes to an end, which is dangerous particularly when the road is busy when parents are bringing/collecting children from school.

Street lighting in Church Street

Orchard Place pavements refurbishment not fully completed

IN LEYSFIELD OUTSIDE NO 12 FOOTPATH TREE ROOTS ARE PUSHING THROUGH ASPHALT.

The footpaths need upgrading. if this is done there is less need for additional lighting. One of Harvingtons greatest assets is low street lighting levels so that you can see clearly sunsets, moonlights, stars etc. I have lived in "built up areas". Harvington has great views, low light levels. Don't spoil it. Let your next generation enjoy!

Pavements in Blakenhurst are a hazzard

Footpaths, pavements and verges need weeding at the very least. Looks dilapidated.

Some paths excessively muddy in winter

Blakenhurst brook dale roads are in desperate need of replacement Tarmac and dropped kirby for wheelchair users to access their specialised motor vehicles. As accessing vehicle ramps is made harder when having to park on the grass verges.

Verges to The Rowans are seldom maintained except by the Parish Council.

Car parking for the school

The pavement down Anchor Lane is very uneven and overgrown by the hedgerows. The footpath from Station Rd (opposite pub) through to the playing field was very overgrown in the summer months.

PATHS AT THE MOMENT ARE OK, HOWEVER THE PATH ALONG PLAYING FIELDS INTO THE FILED BEHIND GETS OVER GROWN OR NARROW WITH STINGING NETTLES ETC, PARTICULARLY BEHIND THE SCHOOL.

The road surface down Brookdale is absolutely disgusting it is in very bad state of repair the last time we mentioned it to the local counciler it was classed as not a priority !!!! I wonder

who will pick up the responsibility when a child has a bicycle accident or an adult has a motor cycle accident we would be gratefull if it could be looked at

A NUMBER OF PUBLIC FOOTPATHS NEED MAKING GOOD AND THEN MAINTAINING TO THAT STANDARD,

A NUMBER OF ROADSIDE FOOTPATHS SLOPE TO THE ROAD / DAMAGED / VEGETATION ENCROACHMENT AND THIS IS NOT VISIBLE DUE TO POOR LIGHTING

Would be nice to have a bin at the playing field as we often have to collect other people's rubbish and then take it to the bin by the village hall

The pavement in Orchard Place has been improved but instead of working on all the pavement they have only completed small sections of this and then left. Why did they not complete all the pavement at the same time?

Lower Village Street pavement in poor/dangerous condition. Repairs first requested about 2 years ago

The parking area provided by Rooftop Housing for all of the Hopkiln Cottages is very poorly maintained by the landlord, if the Parish Council could have words that would be appreciated, we are lucky if they cut the weeds down annually, its ridden with potholes, no tarmac, like a dust bowl or quagmire and its been like it for 25+ years that I've lived here, this is our only vehicle access and something needs to be done to make it safer and, as part of the conservation area, much better to look at!!

The pavements and road surface in Blakenhurst/Brookdale is appalling

4 plus cars parked on the pavement to the left of our property. My Wife has a mobility scooter which she has to drive on the. Road beyond double yellow lines for a distance of 200 yards. This applies to other families with young children.

lack of maintenance to footpaths in general and more dog bins are needed?

Road resurfacing, Brookdale and. Blakenhurst

Lighting in streets

It is very dark on Station Road between the village hall and the turning for St james Close.

The pavement along Village Street in front of the old peoples bungalows and until it joins Hughes Lane is narrow and the encroaching grass verge exacerbates it further. Because the opposite side of Village Street is used for parking residents cars delivery vehicles and contractors vehicles frequently park on the grass verge effectively blocking the pavement. The grass verge badly needs cutting also. Beyond Hughes Lane towards Cedar Lodge the pavement is also very narrow made worse by an overgrown hedge. This pavement ends beyond the houses opposite the village school which obliges pedestrians to cross over even if their eventual destination is the Baptist Chapel. This length of Village Street can be very busy particularly when parents are delivering and collecting children from school.

Over hanging bushes from gardens. Residents needs telling. Also family in village are still driving on grass even now posts installed. Needs addressing

Resurfacing of roads.

Street lighting.

need more light in station road

The green space in the middle of the Malthouse Close development needs attention. Shrubs need pruning, rubbish needs clearing and the problem relating to fencing at the back of The

Steps needs solving. Rooftop Housing Association and the Wychavon Planning Department apparently have this in hand - but no action visible yet.

I have complained about 1 footpath being blocked with weeds etc and action was taken very quickly. Many pavements are restricted by encroaching hedges and weeds making walking with a child difficult.

Pavement in Hughes lane

Also footpath from Hughes lane to Ellenden farm shop is getting narrower due to ploughing.

Footpath on Stratford Road left descending extremely overgrown - you could not fit a pram on the path. Path between Harvington and Salford Priors needs clearing and redefining.

Additional Street lighting @ entrance of Oak Tree Rd / Leys Rd.

I live on one of the only roads that doesn't have double yellow lines and its impossible to get in or out during school drop off and pick up

some paths are overgrown

Pavements in Orchard Place are a mess. Some patches have been resurfaced while others have not. The result does not look attractive. Some hedges have been almost destroyed to repair the pavement. Personally I feel the pavements on the main road to Norton should have been repaired first and in a more professional manner .

The basketball net needs replacing in the park as it is broken and unusable, also the football goals need fixing. The park facilities need attention.

State of the road in Grange Lane - bad surface

Some footpaths have become overgrown and need to be cleared. Some pavements have become worn and unsteady.

Some pavements are encroached upon by vegetation. The pavements are also verynarrow.

### ( Q12 Do any of the village facilities need to be improved for people with disabilities?

#### Can you give us further details?

Responses: 31

Both pubs have toilets that cannot accommodate people who use wheelchairs - this is not a good advert for our village

On a daily basis the footpaths on village street (by Hughes Lane down to Grange Lane) are obstructed with cars that have nowhere else to park. Please consider widening the road on the greens in front of the houses to ease parking problems, this situation can only get worse.

- 1. Crest Hill pavement, which is not wide enough for a mobility scooter. It isn't even wide enough for two people to walk comfortably together.
- 2. Although the Village Stores has a ramp, the shop itself is too small to allow me to access it on the scooter (I am unable to walk more than a step or two). If the Post Office is moved into that building, I would be unable to access it at all, although I can get into the existing Post Office.

Access to playing field - private road is poor condition for anyone with walking problems, wheelchair or children's pushchair.

Access to the kids park is difficult if not impractical for anyone in a wheelchair

Unevena and narrow payments for wheel chair users or people with difficulty walking

See earlier comment re lack of dropped curb where Orchard Place comes into Leys Road - within last fortnight someone was struggling with this.

Also Traffic Lights at crossroads - School Crossing Lady is incredibly brave, lorries thundering down on her - and from experience trying to cross with children and pushchairs really hairy.

No

Narrow access to the village shop for wheelchairs.

Seating at the bus stops for the less mobile.

Convenience store needs an improved entrance

Pathway to playing field

Dropped kerbs for wheelchairs to access the bus stops.

Better lighting

disabled parking outside the village hall.

slope into convenience store too steep.

happy to discuss

Apart from pavement parking many other pavements are difficult due to slopes causing instability on scooter. There is no disabled access into church as far as I know.

Street Lighting on Station Road with trip hazard and also difficult to identify in the dark where the edge of the pavement is - indisctinct edging.

More public seating would be good for the less physically abled.

reed to prevent pavement parking which causes problems for wheelchair users or perambulators.

Narrow overgrown footpaths together with car parking making it difficult for wheelchair users.

Footpaths and street lighting

I do not have a disability but feel that the public footpaths local to the village would not be readily accessible to the disabled or wheelchair dependent.

Narrow footpath might make wheelchair use difficult

Xxx

no

Pavements in some areas are too narrow for wheelchair users and access to playing area is not readily available due to the nature of the surface

very uneven pavements; high kerbs for people with motability scooters

SLOPE TO SHOP AND POST OFFICE FOR WHEELCHAIR USERS, DOORS MAY ALSO NEED TO BE WIDENED

Many of the pavements are too narrow for wheelchairs or scooters.

Cars parked on the pavement to the left of our property blocking access to mobility scooter , prams etc

Sound loops are either not used or faulty or absent

I am not disabled but I feel that some of the village pavements and footpaths would be difficult for wheelchair or electric buggy users to use and the Playing Field and Community Orchard would pose particular challenges.

Some paths are still uneven although a lot have been recently improved, which makes it easier in a wheelchair

Access for wheelchairs around the village.

#### ( Q15 Which services should the Health Centre provide? )

#### Which other medical services do you think the village needs?

Responses: 31

visiting nurse if no doctor available.

Dentist

As many years ago, a 'village nurse' to call on people in their home to deal with medical assistance as needed eg changing dressings, injections etc. This person to be based in the new clinic, if it happens. Better than visiting district nurses who are less village orientated. More confidence, especially for older people, who will have the same person always to rely on.

Eye testing. hearing testing for the elderly.

Facilities for basic tests eg blood, urine and basic X-rays.

Community nurses to support GP in surgery and local population

If more housing to be built a proper doctors surgery like the one at Bedford..it's a long way to walk in evesham to a Drs if you have to use the bus

Occupational therapy advice

First Responder (I am aware we have one located in Church Lench who does an excellent job for us) but within the village would be better

Doctor surgery would be good, I think most people have to travel at least 4 miles to see a GP

Chiropractor/osteopath

Chiropractor

Optician

Visiting dentist. Visiting optician.

Mental health support services

Physiotherapy occupational therapist

no

Visiting optician. Visiting physiotherapist.

Clinics which support people who are struggling to give up smoking, drinking or drugs. Counselling services.

for the elderly - if you are on drugs like warfarin, you need regular blood tests (at least weekly) which involves a costly trip into town. £20 round trip in a taxi if you are not well enough to use the bus.

A clinic space available for use by visiting health care professionals - podiatrist, district nurses for ambulatory clinics (continence, leg ulcer club, dressing clinic etc) as well as advanced nurse practitioner or GPs from different practices on different days of the week.

Flu vaccine clinic

Additional defibrulator and a list of trained persons, and clearer notification of how these can be accessed. Is it necessary/possible to train more people?

Visiting physiotherapist - pharmacy

only as detailed

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It is increasingly difficult to obtain a doctors appointment in Evesham. For this reason I think a surgery in Harvington would be very welcome.

A paramedic or first aider local that can respond to emergencies until ambulance arrives.

Physiotherapy

Physiotherapist

Occupational therapist

Obesity sessions.

GP Referral sessions.

Small gym.

A defribulator

none

Advice for diabetic & allergy sufferers

#### ( Q23 Do you think there should be more facilities for teenagers? )

#### What facilities for teenagers do you think are needed?

Responses: 115

The 'facility' mentioned earlier could accommodate a youth club

Can't be solved by planners; needs willing leaders, space, and probably transport occasionally.

More clubs

meeting place/youth club.

somewhere they can have a coffee play five a side football, netball possibly village school.

Somewhere for them to go most evenings not just the youth project which does a great job

Outdoor activity.

Something to spur their ideas.

ASK THEM!!!

I'm too old to know what hey need/want.

I note that their is the club at the Baptist Chapel, but many teenagers go out of the village in the evening.

There is very little for teenagers in the village. Important to ask them what they want rather than decide for them.

I need to ask them

Youth club

Indoor access area

Somewhere to drop in in evenings - pool etc - apart from Baptist chapen - possibly new centre in Leys Road

More indoor sporting activities for winter months but all such facilities depend on availability of leaders and trainers as much as suitable premises

drop in center

More adult play areas

Indoor Sports Area

Cinema club. Activities that would allow them to feel included in the village. Place where they can meet regularly in safety.

Local meeting groups

Physical Activities specifically aimed at them

Teenage disco

Outdoor area but with sheltered facility.

A CLUB OF SOME SORT S INTERNET ECT

Youth volunteer groups

covered space to congregate

Tennis courts

Indoor meeting place for social interation

Social meeting facility

Youth club

sport coaching facilities

Teenagers meetings.not church ones. Like a youth club...when I was a teen we had a cafe we used to go to

Youth seating area

more to do on playing field

FOR EXAMPLE A TABLE TENNIS TABLE (LIKE IN BIDFORD PARK) OR SKATEBOARD RAMPS. ALSO A SEATING SHELTER AT THE ORCHARD WHERE THEY CAN HANG OUT

Skateboard/scooter ramps etc at the playing field

The existing youth facilities provided by the churches are good but provision of other options would be beneficial

Meeting room with games, coffee making facilities etc. run by a committee of the teenagers overseen by volunteer adult who can offer advice.

I don't know as I am not up to date with needs of teenagers.

Where they can meet in a safe environment. To be used for discussions, disco, a wide range of learning facility, where adults may be able to give voluntary classes to youngsters who want to improve but under supervision.

Local meeting place/club

Youth Club

Bus prices are too expensive for teenagers to go to town meaning they are often relying on their parents. This means they have reduced access to the facilities in town. Despite this i have no idea what facilities are needed.

a skateboard facility probably located on the land along Alcester Road

Somewhere to congregate where they would not cause a disturbance to local residents. Skate park, cycle path links to other local villages, coffee shop.

Clubs/sports/activity centres not associated with the churches

Develop a hobby / interest

Indoor sports.

More clubs with activities

Clubs/sports/activity centres not associated with the churches

Possibly a drop in cafe type venue which is not necessarily linked to the churches or sports venues in the village, where teenagers can buy non-alcoholic beverages and snacks.

Somewhere to play outdoors in winter when dark. Suggest enclosed play area which is floodlit for a few hours at peak time of use.

We could set up a youth band (either pop or brass) there could be a monthly cinema/disco/drop in centre where they could discuss issues that relate to them. A youth sports team/running club. We could also ask them what they would like?

YOUTH CLUB

Not sure but the aim being that teens can meet in a safe, warm place so they don't intimidate others.

Really need to ask the teens their views.

Youth Club or meeting place/coffee bar, that will be available most evenings. Something similar to our Outside Youth Centre in Evesham.

not sure

Youth club

GAMES FOR BOTH SEXES

youth club

An ongoing question. The young people should be able to come up with ideas.

A separate club house with snooker and table tennis and indoor sports facilities.

Separate space always important for this age group. Options for youth work support. Internet Cafe type base?

Sports facilities perhaps e.g. Basketball court

More funding for the Harvington Youth Project to help them provide more services for the young people.

tennis courts or other sports facilities would be good. A monthly cinema would be good for everyone!

skate park

Unsure of what facility is needed will talk to my children for their views

Somewhere for them to gather together other than the bus stops.

Youth club

Just more activities aimed at teenagers in general

Activity area

Youth club?

Small skateboard park

Basketball/tennis court

Perhaps a social club so they don't hang around streets.

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sports facilities social clubs

small skateboard/rollerblades park

youth club

A Youth Club

More then just the youth group, something where they can go most nights.

Some form of youth club/entertainment.

room with coffee bar, pool table, wifi,not sure what else they would want!

youth club

Youth club for 14 to 16 year olds in village hall.

UNSURE WHAT AS I DON'T HAVE TEENAGERS NOW BUT I BELIEVE THERE IS ONLY THE CHAPEL ONCE A WEEK

A Youth Club

Youth clubs and football team

Youth club/organised sport sessions - possibly personal development courses

Some kind of club building

Somewhere they can go to socialise, get a coffee/coke, play music, and play games like snooker and darts.

More sports facilities - indoor basketball / squash court; maybe a running track, tennis court.

An internet cafe which can be utilised by all age groups.

Clubs, Discos, organised activities etc.

Activities that will help their future job prospects, eg volunteering in the village to be encouraged, safe cycle routes for them to use, activity (play) equipment to improve their fitness designed for older children and somewhere to hang out that is run by the teenagers for the teenagers with minimal 'adult' input

Somewhere to meet and keep warm and safe which gives them understanding and independece without feeling too much like younger children, being treated like the young adults they are growing into.

Youth club, library (with internet)

youth club although I am aware of Baptist church support.

Somewhere to meet up and talk

More sporting activities

The Harvington Youth Project provides a 'drop in' cafe on a Friday evening but another Saturday 'club' for teenagers to meet and socialise where non alchoholic drinks and snacks were available might be welcome. I suggest a survey of teenagers in the village asking for suggestions and comments should be the first move.

Youth club

Covered shelter.

Games MUGA.

Basketball court.

Youth club.

more clubs and sports groups

The answer should come from the teenagers themselves

Anything to keep them off streets

Somewhere to hang out without the prayers

General meeting club

DROP IN CENTRE

Skateboard area.

Social areas and or indoor facilities in the Leys Road

Youth club

Indoor sports facility

Youth group with activities like table tennis, football challenges etc

Skate Park / 5 a-side football / Tennis

Not sure but something to keep them off the streets

A social Club, Tennis Courts etc

Youth group very good but need more for 15 plus to do

anything to get them off the streets

A bigger basketball pitch as there aren't many areas for teenagers to play sports, and the facilities we do have are either broken or unusable such as the football goals and the basketball nets,

Ask them. They know better than I.

A meeting area to enable them to exchange ideas, views and opinions.

WATERSPORTS, SOMEWHERE DRY TO MEET FRIENDS

More Clubs

#### ( Q24 Do you think more leisure facilities are needed for the elderly? )

## What leisure facilities do the elderly need? Where should they be?

Responses: 75
DAY CENTRE

#### WITHIN VILLAGE

As in previous question, it's leaders who make the difference. For all questions regarding additional facilities, my general comment would be that anyone thinking of providing these be encouraged to make them complementary to what already exists, as multi-functional as possible, and widely accessible. The more places there are where people meet naturally and informally, the better the chances of community life flourishing.

indoor bowls in the village hall or school, possibly badminton

bowls - Cricket Club ? bridge - Village Hall ? Ski slope

Actually: to develop a cycleway into Evesham

This is a wish list - where could the money come from.

A day centre for drop-in.

A weekly club with activities, outings and speakers.

Access and training to use the Internet - many won't want to, but many would like, even a minor way eg e-mail - to keep contact with families

Something social and we'll run Some sort of oap club

Like with the teenagers - ask the elderly what they specifically would like. Not really applicable for me to answer.

Cinema in village Hall on lines of Feckenham or Bidford

Did wonder about lunch in village hall once a week - or Baptist chapel as for coffee morning (but not much in way of cooking facilities)

more sports activities for keeping people healthier and more active.

Older people can feel isolated so a place to meet and have a cup of tea and a chat. The lunch club was a good idea. Tea dances to allow a bit of exercise while meeting up.

Village hall

Meeting places for coffee/cake, plus lunch facilities once or twice a week. Keep fit for pensioners. Talks for stimulating minds!

DANCE NIGHT MEALS GET TOGETHER EVENTS ECT OVER 65 EVENTS

Coffee mornings, lunch clubs, craft sessions

Don't know many elderly in the village, but have heard that the Lunches are missed.

Social meetings in the Village Hall

bowling club

Unsure

organised communal activities at a variety of locations including pub, school, village hall and churches

VILLAGE HALL

SOCIAL ACTIVITES TO BRING PEOPLE TOGATHER

More daytime groups

Local halls?

Anything that allows people to get together to prevent isolation/loneliness.

meeting and feeding facility. New community hall.

Part of the Village Hall and the two churches.

But this needs organisations who are able to encourage older people to join in and that is not always easy. A lot of enthusiasm is needed.

A Swimming Pool

Somewhere to meet during the day. The village hall is usually used by the pre-school group most days.

The chapel could potentially be slightly moe used but it is pretty busy.

St james church would need redesign and permission from English Heritage to make it more user friednly for the elderly - remove pews and lower ceiling

Keep fit

Maybe somewhere to hold a social club?

Drop in centre

Coffee shop

Church/village hsll

Swimming Pool at the school so it would be available for all ages!

Community sporting facility for keeping fit maybe in small leisure facility. Perhaps badminton, indoor bowls, walking football, table tennis etc.

Why not have tea dances/Bingo/the singing entertainment that has been in the past in the village hall was great.

Again, unsure but anything to reduce loneliness and encourage friendship in a safe warm environment and with toilets - maybe hosted in the parish church.

Suggest asking the seniors of our community.

a lunch club in the village hall

Bingo

Village Hall, both Pubs, Both churches. I don't know the needs, but wheelchair access, toilets, and as the son of a totally organised dad of 84, somethings to keep stimulating, eg cards, such as bridge, skittles, quizzes. As you get older the brain doesn't deterioate unless you let it. Harvington does have a high percentage of "older" people, but they contribute a huge amount to the village. They should be asked what they need!

Whist drive, bingo etc.

Fitness opportunities. Drop in centre maybe? Dementia cafe!

Anything to improve social life and avoid isolation

Unsure as I have' reached that elderly stage yet

Weekly bingo somewhere where a licence bar is available.

Film nights or matinees in the Village Hall. Theatre/ museum outings, visits to different places e.g. seaside.

Access to swimming pool/exercise facilities

Depends what people want and will use

Lunch club - village hall or Baptist church

Mobile library

Meeting & exercise facilities

Bowling

Home visits for the less able

Exercise Classes or out door Gym equipment - trim trail type facilities that could be used by all at any time would be good!

I don't know what facilities he elderly need! But I guess they may need them?

tea dances special keep fit classes

bridge sessions

Ressurection of the Seniors Club.

It's a great pity that the weekly gatherings at the Coach and Horses ended. Revive, and make permanent! Also maybe exercise groups in the village hall, yoga, tai chai, keep fit...

regular socialising opportunities

Bingo

Tea or coffee and a chat in village hall. Bring back the lunch club for the fifty plus.

WHEN MY DAD WAS ALIVE THERE WAS A SENIOR RESIDENTS CLUB HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, THIS NO LONGER EXISTS

Lunch club or other social gathering at least once per week.

joint internet cafe use with the youger folks, they can help each other with lessons etc, cv's, jobsearch etc

Lunch club

the village do a lot already but some feel it is too cliquey. footpaths could be improved so that those less mobile can get around easier, groups for knitting and sewing but open to all age groups so knowledge can be passed on along with woodworking etc.

More activity sessions.

Village hall/Baptist church

Social Club

dancing or yoga lessons in village hall.

Luncheon club.

Evening activities e.g. bingo, cards

Swimming pool

Gym

Coffee shop

Possibly a Scrabble Club or even a Bingo evening would be welcome.

Running club.

Walking groups.

Gardening sessions.

Use of a subsidised gym with instruction.

Bingo.

Dancing.

more clubs eg bingo crafts coffee mornings

Something to get them out and about, knitting (or other interest) groups

SAFER CYCLING PATHS

Organised activities that use community spaces

Luncheon club

Befriending group attached through a luncheon club

Keep fit (moderate obviously) / Bingo / Afternoon Tea - Village Hall.

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The provision of a residential care facility, including a day care centre open for wider use for the elderly residents in the village. It could be a place for elderly residents to live or visit for social contact and entertainment.

## Do you have any comments or suggestions for facilities for children and young people in Harvington?

Responses: 74

NO

See above.

no

More clubs for children of all ages

Harvington is blessed but more is needed at the top end of town. All is centred in the lower half

Would be lovely to have the cricket club moved to be closer to the village and maybe offer more sports such as tennis etc

Swimming pool attached to school?

Sports Hall - badminton/five a side football indoors

- would it be possible on cricket ground?

See earlier comment

Nothing particular

Cycle paths and safe walk ways with bird watching places to encourage young people to be aware of nature and learn to care and respect it.

Wider use of the school out if school hours....

Youth choir. We have Harvington singers and songbirds. Why not choir for the youth?

i am new to the village and am not sure what facilities are available

I think the churches do a good job with their clubs, but wonder if there is a way of getting tennis courts to encourage outside play for the older/teenagers.

The School and Youth club should be asked to design a coat of Arms for the village.

Play area in less rd with swings etc ..too dangerous for them to cross main rd..maybe film nights during the year ..a couple of discos etc

Improved play facilities

Skatepark

Cycle track

youth hub

They should be 'dog-free', eg play ground.

CHILDREN ARE WELL CATERED FOR IN HARVINGTON

TEENAGERS NEED MORE ACTIVITIES

no

There definitely needs to be a playground in the Leys Road area. I was under the impression that one was agreed when Groves Close was built - that was in 2007.

Nο

We should continue to support the Youth Project.

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Singing classes, tennis or badmington, or any other sports facilities. to enhance the playing field.

Reading to smaller children, helping children to cook or bake or any other crafts.

There are so many things one could offer, but it need dedicated adults to help.

No, the vicar is doing a good job organising things for the local children.

There are some reasonable facilities at present and if the young people of the village feel there should be improvements/additions they should be listened to.

I think the village is well served with facilities for both at present. Slight improvements to playground equipment perhaps.

Public footpaths better maintained to encourage walking around the area

A coffee shop / meeting place would be nice; whilst there are facilities, like the village hall and Baptist chapel that can be used, they are not available all of the time, as they are used by other groups.

The Harvington Youth Project does valuable work with children and young people, but is always looking to secure funding to secure the future of its activities.

#### Swimming pool

Young children appear to be well provided for by the nursery in the village hall and playing field facilities. However, I do feel that the facilities in the playing field could be extended for older children. The playing fields in Bidford and Broadway are much better, providing e.g. zip wires, skate boarding, witches hats. Perhaps tennis courts and/or squash courts could be provided to maximise opportunities for fitness and prevent obesity?

Toddler group if not already here. Safe, well lit play area for children and young people to use outdoors in winter.

I'll ask our daughter to complete the survey.

Outside Youth centre in Evesham has a very good model on which we could build our own centre. they cater for all ages, and offer support for those youngsters that need it.

no

NO

Allow parents to get groups of children to go to the playing field after school. one adult but take turns. Children don't need facilities in such an open area, just supervision to go and have fun

With an excellent playing field, school clubs and the youth group, I think children are pretty well provided for. There is a lot on offer.

No

Continued Parish Council support for the village Youth Project

No

Possibly a sandpit with sand wheels etc. sited on the playing field.

An evening cafe style meeting place for teenagers. (though similar facilities exist as part of the Youth Project).

Again, access to swimming pool, cinema club, crafting, indoor soft play

Another play area in the Leys Road area Brownie/scout hut

More facilities in the Leys Road area

no

Already made some comments

No - I just think anything that encourages youngsters and youth to enjoy the great outdoors would be good. Cubs / Scouts for example.

The youth club is very important, keep it, provide support and encouragement to the volunteers.

games sessions

scouts

cubs/ girl guides brownies

Youth project exists

no

No

A LIT PLAYING FIELD, SO FOOTBALL COULD TAKE PLACE

No

still going with the internet cafe idea as think in the future everyone will be on the internet, young kids should be on computors as young as possible to get a good head start in life with new technologies, this could be a social club style place.

more play equipment for the leys road side so that the busy main road does not have to be crossed. Indoor play area or covered at least so that they have somewhere to play in bad weather

most young people and children seem happy enough on their mobile phone,xbox or computer! The facilities avaliable for our family are good which include the youth club and the rainbows

no

group.

Swimming pool

Gym

There is a lot here for young people, but many of them , particularly newcomers may not be aware how much is on offer.

Generally I think that the children and young people are quite well provided for but some more equipment on the playing field such as that provided at Bidford Meadow or Broadway Playing field would be welcome. Sports coaching ie. football or rugby would be appreciated.

A few more play things in park behind school. Fenced off dog walk area in corner of main field perhaps. Somewhere to let dogs off safely.

Weekend walking & running groups.

Weekend fitness coach - boot camp.

No

Make more use of the river, kayaking facility, lock operating, boating, play equipment for older children eg zip wire

No

Young people often leave a lot of mess in the park which is unsightly and unpleasant, especially for families bringing younger children to the park. Teenagers always seem to leave mess behind them, of course, but the provision of more litter bins in the park may help. The park itself, with its long views over the field and good equipment is a great place for families and children

The playground should be free from dogs and their mess to allow children to play safely.

THEY SEEM TO BE WELL PROVIDED FOR

Facilities already exist, e.g. youth club.

A social area for teenagers that has a game room with a pool table so people can socialise more rather than being on the streets which is dangerous.

No. Better to be answered by their parents or the young people themselves.

no

# ( Q31 Which of the following do you think should be considered for Local Green Space designation? )

# Are there any other places we should consider for Local Green Space designation?

Responses: 61

Both sides of the footpath leading down to the brook (to the area known locally as Monkey Island) and the orchard beyond

NO

All the countryside immediately around the village

Triangle at Finch Lane

The other green triangles with trees on them down Village Street, at junction of road to The Grange, and lane leading behind the old Rectory

The area to the south of Village street threatened by Gladman

The track down to Ellenden Farm from behind Hughes Close (as was made plain when the planning application was put in on the Ellenden Land, this is just a farm track and we have no actual right to walk over this to Ellenden)

The fields behind the Paying Field down to the By-Pass

The area each side of the road at the bottom of Crest Hill

Land between Ellenden Farm Shop, Village Street and Ragley Road

Area between Ragley Road and the evesham to Alcester road

Triangle of land bottom of grange lane with tree on it..banking on left as you go down station bank. Area of land bottom of cress hill before last set of houses..called the Marley hole

The field behind St James Church

possibly but can't think of others at present.

Land between Ellenden Farm Shop, Village Street and Ragley Road.

Crest Hill fields under threat!

The orchards at the top of Cret Hill an beside Bromley Close.

the overgrown Orchard behind the East side of Station Road - great for wild life

Farmland/fields between lake/stream and paddock/stables belonging to The Grange and field/orchard adjacent to footpath past stables, leading to Finch Lane and down to bridge over stream leading to remaining few fruit orchards.

The area surrounding the track from Finch Lane and Grange Lane to Ellenden Farm Shop and Village Street-where the footpath comes out by the bustop.

Crest Hill Orchard

That part of the Ellenden farm land lying immediately behind Ragley Road (part of which is presently the subject of a planning application by Gladman developers) extending up to the public footpath from the rear of Hughes Close up to Village Street. I would love this to be planted as a community woodland.

The Common area next to the playing field

there is what I presume is a public right of way which is a well used walk behind Finch Lane and Hughes Close which then borders Ellenden fields and from which the farm shop can be safely accessed on foot

Crest Hill traditional orchard

The glebe land on the left of Alcester Road, which is behind Marsh Close, The Rowans and Blakenhurst.

not sure

everywhere that is green, good views, and where land is being used, particularly agriculture, which is why Harvington was slowly expanded, because people needed somewhere to live because there were JOBS. this no longer applies

Land between bypass and Shakespeare Lane - formerly an orchard

The farmland surrounding Ellenden and the land behind Village Street/Ragley Road.

The open area beyond the Playing Field that leads down to the bottom of Crest Hill

No

All of the Ellenden farm area fields up to and including fields that back gardens of Hughes close back on to inc dog training area etc etc.

no

The land adjacent to Alcester Road near the Leys Road/ Village Street crossroads.

The triangular green at the Village Street / Finch Lane junction and the wide verges along the whole of Village Street.

The area of land around Ellenden Farm and at Crest Hill should have been. All open areas approaching the village.

no

The fields surrounding Ellenden Farm Shop

Walkway from Village Street to Ellenden Farm Shop.

The green space on Village Street at the end of Ragley road.

land adjacent to Ellendens farm shop

Potential of moving cricket and play area more centrally to land behind Hughes close and lane

Agricultural land off Cress Hill.(Crest Hill)

Agricultural land behind The Grange and Hughes Close.

Cherry Orchard(behind church.

The walking area above the fields leading down to Ellenden. The field at the bottom of Crest Hill

The fields between ellendene, Evesham road and ragley road

All that remains of Crest Hill, the fields along the edge of the village running along the main road past the Stratford Road entrance (the one-way part) and round to Station house. ALL remaining ancient orchards and hedgerows.

The fields by Ellenden farm shop, although some development is probably going there it should not become an estate, it should retain its rural aspect

the orchards behind the church off Shakespeare lane known as cherry orchard.

The area of land behind Ragley Road presently farmed by Ellenden and bounded by footpaths from behind The Grange to Village Street opposite the Golden Cross Pub and from Hughes Lane in the direction of Ellenden Farm Shop. This land is the subject of the planning application by Gladman Developments but currently has no vehicular access. I feel that it would be an ideal site for a community woodland and wildlife area possibly in conjunction with the Woodland Trust or the Worcestershire Wildlife trust.

Ellenden farm fields and walkways around it

The fields and footpath by the farm shop

FIELDS ALONGSIDE CREST HILL

The fields currently farmed by the Turners (from the rear of dwellings on Village street and Ragley Road across to the Evesham road (i.e. the fields currently affected by the Gladman development proposal).

Farm land behind Hughes close

THE FEILD TO THE ENTRANCE AT CREST HILL

Crest Hill orchard

area around Ellenden farm shop

Fields surrounding Ellendon's Farm shop. Some are used for agriculture and some for open days

Fields and footpath behind the Grange

Grounds of Coach & Horses

no

NO

The arable land that backs onto Hughes Close and Ragley Road Which also surrounds Ellenden Farm.

# ( Q46 Which of these transport improvement do you think would be important for the village? )

#### Are there any other public transport improvements you want to suggest?

Responses: 57

Buses through the Lenches to Worcester would be useful for visiting friends/church/club etc

Better integration of all public transport services, especially buses (long-distance and local) and trains.

dial a bus scheme, combined with various other services. drop off at the regal or when special events are on. foe example battle od Evesham.

Social trips to various stately homes for the community

There used to be , years ago after the Beeching cuts, a bus service to Birmingham, going via Alcester, Redditch, along the top road. Getting to Birmingham by public transport is a real headache.

No

Nο

Make the bus fare cheaper that the cost of driving plus parking!

Public transport to Birmingham

Scenic river taxi to Stratford & Evesham leaving from the bottom of Anchor Lane.

No.

Reduction in transport costs. £3 for single to Evesham is so much I actually walk home from Evesham instead of getting the bus

Convenient Public Transport to Worcester Hospital

Direct bus service to Cheltenham

Reinstate the evening buses from Stratford to Harvington

Cheaper Fares

Buses from Evesham Railway Station could be linked to train arrivals

Not at present.

Community transport for older people

Worth noting if you attend Bidford doctors surgery you are likely to have to go to Warwick or Coventry hospitals.

Weekend bus services

no

NO

The cost of travelling to Evesham or Stratford on the 28 bus is extortionate. The bus is usually late or doesn't turn up and finishes early in the evening

Later buses from stratford

Cheaper fares

No - I think the Stratford bus service is very good

Late 28 bus back from Stratford like it used to be, so we can go for a meal or evening out without driving or re mortageing the house to get a taxi

Later busses to everywhere would be nice! Think the last bus to Stratford is 6.30pm ish. I would use the public transport in evenings if the option was there.

Later bus from Stratford

The bus service to Stratford is very good and we sometimes use it as a fun break from driving even though we have our own cars... However the price for tickets seems to have gone up

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recently to more than £5 for a single adult journey! THERE IS NO POINT IN HAVING BUS SERVICES THAT ARE UNAFFORDABLE - so I'd rather have fewer bus services that are cheaper than more bus services overall.

More frequent train service through Evesham. What I'd really like is the old railway through the village...

Combine post with mini bus

No

REOPEN THE RAILWAY LINE GIVING A DIRECT ROUTE TO BIRMINGHAM

The Sunday bus service (28) to Stratford must continue

No

cheaper bus fares

The bus companies should have a bus pass that can universally be used on any bus service, my son bought a pass then often got left in the cold by drivers saying that's for a different company, how's a school kid is meant to know who owns the bus.

The 28 bus doesn't run in the evenings, which means that it isn't possible to go out to Evesham or Stratford for dinner/pub/drinks/party unless you have a car. I think that the buses should run until midnight.

A better value service. The current service is one of the most expensive routes in the uk and it is cheaper for me to use my car. Te times I need to travel include when school children are travelling, this is my idea of hell, maybe they should have their own bus!

Lower fares - more like Warwickshire

no

Cycle paths

Possibly bus services to Pershore and Broadway

Better value, currently too expensive

Reliability

More reliable bus timings

NO MORE BUSES TO CLOG UP THE VILLAGE THANK YOU

also ON YOUR PREVIOUS QUESTION YOU MISSED OUT WARWICK HOSPITAL

no

Request the X50 Alcester to Worcester service operated by First group stops in Harvington More on time as they are always late. As u take the bus to college and work this becomes

difficult as they are not regular, I travel in the bus 5 times a week

bring back the railway

It would be good to have wider public transport available but, sadly, it would be neither practical nor affordable.

Buses back from Stratford later in the evenings and a reduced fare, or another fare for students

A reinstatement of the railway, but that would be extremely unlikely.

currently too expensive for me to use

### ( Q47 Do you think the village needs a public car park? )

# Where do you think this car park should be?

Responses: 59

take over the coach and horses car park. behind the bus shelter near the goilden cross

behind Village Hall

near the school

I think worst parking problem is round the school and village hall, and post office - I have to suggest this but there is an argument for taking in a couple of the allotments adjoining the school as a parking place, and improving the access to the allotments.

Near school and post office

Near the School on part of allotment land

Nearby school but not sure where

Bottom of Crest Hill to the right as you enter the village or on land opposite the Golden Cross.

Near the school on the grass in front of the school. At school drop off times the road is impassable

Near the school/Baptist Church, this is where congestion occurs

Somewhere by the village hall...when dos are on impossible sometimes to get around and into our road....

I DON'T KNOW

Near enough to the school and village hall for the school run parking

I don't know where there is available space.

Near to village hall and school.

In close vicinity to the school to enable safer drop off and pick up from the school

If possible in the centre of the village, but I would not know which field could be made available for this facility. It is needed for meetings at the village hall and for various activities in our churches.

I Don't Know

Parking for the Church, or a car park by the school for school drop offs, and play area (park) access.

Somewhere in the area of the church/village hall . ie in the village center .

Could be on the land opposite Steppes Piece on the Alcester Road

To side of school - ie allotments

Behind bus shelter in Village St

The land behind the Village Hall

Not sure but I answered yes as I am aware how dangerous the village centre is when parents vehicles are parked to pick up or drop off children at the school but then I guess mostly street parking is available when other locations are in use

within walking distance of the school

near the school and village hall

BEHIND VILLAGE HALL AND SCHOOL

Near the school to avoid the bottleneck at same during drop off and pick up when traffic can be parked for several hundred yards and access past parked vehicles made very difficult

Not sure.

Somewhere near the village hall as that is where it is needed - for events there and for people visiting the school

Don't know but wherever to to big

Near the school/Village Hall

Near the bus-stops for mobility scooter users only, so that they can access the buses.

By the school.

Near to the school and village hall

No clue but driving along village street and round the village green when the picking/dropping of the children up from school time is quite annoyingly busy with parked cars.

Behind village hall

Dont know

Near the village hall and behind the school

Near school, people patking there cause chaos, but not sure where this woul go

the waste area behind the village hall?

Coach and horses

During school times could park in Coach and Horses car park.

BY THE SCHOOL / VILLAGE HALL

Somewhere convenient for people taking their children to school. Currently they park all along village street, which is very dangerous for people who live on Village street to come out of their drives as it's very hard to see what is coming along the road with the parked vehicles in the way.

The overgrown area behind the village hall - it might then reduce the parking on the narrow lower end of Village Street

near the village hall

centre of village

Parking is a big problem when dropping off and picking up. The school asks parents not too block driveways etc and I have heard local residents shouting at parents over the parking!

It needs to be convenient for the village hall

behind the village hall

On land going out of village towards alcester

Do not know.

SOMEWHERE BY THE SCHOOL AREA SOMEWHERE BY THE SHOP IN LEYS RD

In the Golden Cross area

Near cross roads

NEAR THE SCHOOL TO GET SCHOOL STAFF INTO THE SCHOOL CAR PARK AND TO EASE TRAFFIC AT SCHOOL TIME, BECAUSE OUTSIDE OUR HOUSE ITS A NIGHTMARE, ALSO PARENTS ARE ALSO TO LAZY TO WALK

don't know

On land opposite the Golden Cross.

( Q65 Having regard to the potential impact of new housing on village life, what is the maximum number of houses you would be willing to see built in Harvington each year over the next fifteen years )

# Are there any areas within the Parish boundary where development should not take place? Why is this?

Responses: 123

Green field sites - because brown field sites should be used first

CREST HILL

#### WOULD SPOIL RURAL ENTRANCE TO VILLAGE

Preferably not to the east side of the A46, nor further up Leys Rd. beyond the Community Orchard. Better to consolidate between A46 and B4088; best of all to respect present development boundaries, but maybe some modest extensions north and south of Village Street and north of Station Road (but see answer re. overall numbers)

Crest Hill, because it borders the conservation area. At the moment the view reflects the rural nature of the village. Development here would turn it into an urban environment.

All areas that have public access should be protected as a number one priority. this will help with the general wellbeing of all residents.

where possible areas around public footpaths should be protected to protect the village feel. building should be allowed on various sites on the ribbon development principle-ie gradual slow developments. maximum 20 at a time

Entrances to village in all directions

No homes or building work in three fields homes by Evesham Road

there should be no development at all until the problem of the culverts under the A46 and the old A46 and the harvington brook has been greatly improved to stop flooding in exceptional rain periods

Area below Crest Hill, as this is low lying, high water table, and barely within the village - an outlier.

The Crest Hill proposed development is possible, but needs very careful decisions to ensure is neither too expansive, detrimental to the village entrance, nor overdeveloped with too many properties squeezed into the area

Near the children's play area and the field behind. These are vital open community spaces that are well used

To the south of Village Street

It would ruin the views and affect the wildlife

behind e, lender.

losing green land

Field adjoining Ellenden Shop

Crest Hill development - better to have solar panels there - too far out of village and will cause traffic problems on Crest Hill

No development at the entrances to the village

Any development must take note of traffic access and parking

Crest hill as this is on a slop and is a main access into the village with potential traffic hazards. Field behind Ellenden farm shop as this has potential drainage problems and the site is good agricultural land for the production of food.

Development should be in areas hidden from the main routes. So that village expansion has little impact on the visual aspect of the village.

Conservation area to retain the historical element of this part of the village

Crest Hill due to steep slope, destruction of agricultural land, causing flooding and loss of privacy to surrounding properties. Large scale development at Ellenden farm destroying agricultural land and causing flooding due to inadequate drainage supply.

crest hill

because it will spoil the view on entry to the village.

The village footpaths where possible should be retained, therefore this should be taken into consideration

Around Ellenden Farm Shop as the potential development there could reach Norton.

crest hill & area behind existing houses on crest hill, because of potential volume of traffic that will need to use Crest Hill. Area of land bounded by village street, ragley road & B4088 (Ellenden Farm) because it would have a detrimental impact on the open views.

Green field sites and conservation areas. Older parts of the village should be protected too.

Crest Hill

Land around Ellendens

It will spoil the rural feel of the village upon entering

On any areas thar are under agricultural use.

Field adjacent to Ellenden farm to protect local views

Where there are Conservation Areas, and where new builds would not fit in with the village cottages.

Around Ellenden Farm Shop as the potential development there could reach Norton.

The village should not increase substantially in any direction except on a brown field site.

The fields by the farm shop should definitely be avoided, although they will be easy access, it impedes the view from the footpath and one of the only farm land visible on entry into the village. I would also hate to see housing in the blackberry field. I know as a child i used to love playing in the blackberry field and i feel that building on or near to that plot prevent children being children and playing. The field is also an attraction to blackberry pickers and makes a nice walk with dogs along the public footpath. I feel that the footpaths will be ruined by the housing development scheme as people have nowhere to let their dogs of the lead, this could in turn lead to a rise in dog faeces on paths along the roads.

Crest Hill because of road safety, and look of village entrance. Land by Ellenden Farm because of impact to the farm and its shop, and the change of use from viable agricultural land

Not on agricultural land

on the playing field, the school and its playing field, the churchyard, the community orchard which are all important village amenities. The latter is to stop flooding in Leys Road and any development could nullify the work of that facility.

The churchyard needs to be maintained to allow a space for memorials. Crest Hill should be regarded with caution because of current traffic danger issues

On the field behind the playground that is used by dog walkers, there is a great sense of community amongst the dog walkers that regularly walk there, think losing this would be a great loss. Also the fields on the left hand side as you leave the village. The farm where there is a public footpath that run from the main road to the back of Blakenhurst, the new orchard and Leys Road. The views from the walks are stunning you really get a sense of being in a the Vale of Evesham, will hills all around you, as you can see for miles. It my favourite place to walk. I think building here would ruin the whole feeling of our lovely rural village. I appreciate that Harvington needs to grow due to the housing crisis in the UK, however having grown up in a city, I really don't want Harvington to lose its villagey feeling. I love living here, I think growth should be done slowly and sensitively so Harvington can continue to be a smallish village in a beautiful rural location.

South of Village Street

It would destroy the view and wildlife

Remaining farmland/fields/orchards between A435 and Harvington bypass - to preserve what little is left of Harvington's agricultural heritage and prevent it from becoming another concrete suburb of Evesham!

Crest Hill and next to Ellenden Farm

Any agricultural land because as a nation we are unable to provide our own food by 33%. Any green or scrub or orchard land because it is this land that maintains the rural and village nature of Harvington which is why, I would suggest, the majority of people live here and have paid a premium to do so.

Don't know

Development on Crest Hill seems particularly unsuitable due to the traffic implications on that road.

Crest Hill, Will ruin views towards the conservation area.

No development on the 'dog walking field' behind VH

No housing or commercial development should occur on any sites suggested by this survey as Designated open/green spaces in order to preserve the open, small village scale.

I would not like to see any development which compromises the village conservation areas. Fields nearest Ellendon Farm and common area behind crest hill houses next to playing field On any of the beautiful entrances to the Village on all sides i.e. Crest Hill or on the main routes from Norton

no building on areas which would clearly spoil the outlook for existing residents - unless single story and only then if land drainage isn't adversely impacted.

On the Allotments

Agricultural or productive land

Ellendan's farm land, because it is prime farming land.

The glebe land to the left of Alcester Road behind Blakenhurst, The Rowans and Marsh Close. Again this prime agricultural land, and a footpath runs through it.

Area around the Village Hall

not sure

NO

Crest hill is already designated houses. Providing all health and safety, views/depreciation of current houses, I believe that a small number >20 would be ok. The most important area for building (if deemed needed) would be Leys Road, where the visual impact is least affected. Please note that Harvington has extended in that direction over the last century, which is why most amenities have moved in that direction

Nope, people need houses

The fields belonging to Ellenden farm. Reason - they are good agricultural land and there are drainage problems. It would also spoil the local views.

Crest hill - because it would affect the approach to the village & between bypass and Shakespeare lane because of acces problems, increased traffic and already hazardous due to many blind spots

Crest hill, would ruin the village entrance and dangerous for traffic.

Ellenden Farm land. Nice views/walks and vital agricultural land

No - but what does need to be controlled is the amount of the development at one time. That proposed at the moment is far too much for the village to cope with at one time

Feid behind Hughes close down to Ellenden farm. Because it will destroy the view from my house. And take away the Agriculture from the village.

Areas which are currently used for leisure activities, including those where villagers walk/ exercise their dogs. Farm land and Glebe land (unless being developed for biomass etc.) since this is a market gardening area with land and a climate which is particularly suited to this type of farming and orchards.

crest hill.

detrimental to village approach and general ethos

Not around Ellenden Farm as this is used by the community for events run by Ellenden Farm and we regularly walk/cycle around the whole area. Would prefer not to see it at Crest Hill either as it will spoil the approach to the village.

On land used by the farm shop as this could impact on their business, which is a great asset to the village

On the land surrounding Ellenden farm shop

Behind the play area - central village green space

Along the road going into Evesham - village becomes a sprawl joining up with Norton

I work down the old anchor lane over the by pass, I'm not convinced the drainage will be supported with new builds around this side of the village.

Agricultural land needed for our future foods

Fields around Ellenden farm - loss of open spaces and agricultural land.

Crest Hill - obliterating scenic approach to village and danger from traffic accessing and egressing onto a hill road.

crest hill, for the reasons which have been brought to the planning departments attention in recent months regarding Mr Taylors application. particularly the road safety aspect...

Large scale developments should not be granted as it will change the village for ever, people choose to live in a village, not a town.

New play areas should be built within new housing devolpments , not behind existing houses / gardens as this will create unacceptable noise levels. If people want to live by a play area they are aware of the noise/problems when they move.

The fields surrounding directly Ellenden Farm Shop - this is valuable farm land - an open space with paths enjoyed by the community and an area of beauty that defines the character of the village on approach from Evesham - it means I'm home!! The allotments also define village life as do other aspects / views of open farm land that define Vale life and rural heritage!

Allotments and playing fields

Old orchard between crest hill and the playing fields. This is used by the community and developing this area would encourage unsustainable numbers of houses to be built as it currently forms a border

crest hill

dangerous hill

open aspect to pleasant scenery to the right as you go down the hill

Any of the villages large, open areas, because this is a small village with limited infrastructure and the open spaces are a village amenity.

I am totally opposed to building on the fields between the back of Ragley Road and Ellenden Farm. It would change the character and aspect of the village significantly, and threaten Ellenden's business which is a great village asset.

All land around ellendens farm shop, its a lovely open space and is very soothing in our overcrowded

world.

No large developments anywhere as this would destroy the village (large meaning more then 5)

Land used recreationally including land where countryside footpaths exist should be protected. People need access to our countryside - one of the key factors in attraction to living in small villages is being on the doorstep of countryside. Agricultural land behind Hughes close is central to the village, provides scenic views for many residents both living overlooking these views and those utilising the footpaths, also key as pleasant safe access to walk to Ellenden farm shop.

Area L on the map has been used by many dog walkers including myself for many years. Many of us meet on the field and it is a socialisation for the dogs. It is an important meeting place for local people to congragate, discuss everyday issues and help and support each other if and when needed. It would be a great loss to the community.

#### THE LAND ELLENDEN FARM RENT AND OFF CREST HILL

Crest hill - dangerous to have more traffic coming on to this road and would spoil the outlook of the village.

Village street - again very dangerous to have more cars coming onto this road or exiting a development onto this road because of all the primary school children and their parents walking along the road.

Spaces already considered social amenity land and also productive Farm land. Why? Because amenity land is important for residents well-being and productive arable land because it is productive farm land.

in flood areas

Land off Crest Hill

Land behind The Grange and Hughes Close

Land behind the church

Over development on agricultural land.

Answer entirely depends on the kind/scale of proposed development

crest hill lower

the only pleasant access into Harvington left

mass development should not be taking place anywhere, this is a village, not a town or city Agricultural land

The area below Crest Hill. This site is critically important to the Conservation Area of the village. Any development in this area would destroy the view both into and out of the Conservation area, and would change the nature of the historic part of the village.

Totally against Crest Hill, believe the village should grow from the centre outwards and protect our green spaces.

Anywhere that requires the destruction of more of our ancient orchards and hedges (like already happened on Crest Hill)

Being a resident of Brookdale/Blakenhurst i would not want to see houses built on the fields behind us. These fields are used a lot by walkers and local wildlife and it would be a huge loss. I understand the ned for new housing, but would miss any of the open spaces we have in the village at present if they were to be built on.

in fill gaps only no large scale development.

All developments should be a mix of housing types and anything zoned for housing should be available for development.

On existing agricultural land - its needed to grow food

On Crest Hill - entrance to the village and slope of the land

No development should take place on any of the designated Local Green spaces. No development on the land currently farmed by Ellenden Farm or on the few remaining orchards in the village. Open spaces adjacent to the principle entrances to the village ie. Crest Hill, Evesham and Alcester Roads.

Play field and dog walking field behind

Crest hill - ruin the ashetic appeal of entering Harvington.

Ellenden Fields - agricultural land which should be used for local produce and sustainable

consumption.

Both areas, if built upon, would cause an unnecessary burden upon current infrastructure such as schooling, road congestion, traffic, noise, accidents and general overcrowding. Other factors such as strain on local Health services and road networks would also come into play along with a detriment to wildlife and future community activities to name but a few things.

Crest Hill, because the road is totally unsuitable for a large increase in traffic, the junction to/from the site would be hazardous and the field forms an attractive approach to the village.

The areas marked E,F,H and K and the map. Also L. Because it is farming land and open space.

#### CREST HILL AND ANY ENTRANCE TOAND FROM THE VILLAGE

Crest hill. Ellenden area

In common with everyone in the village we object to a massive development of the area to the rear of Ragley Road/Hughes lane and across to the farm shop. This is not because of the impact upon our own property (our garden is very long and development in the fields won't make much difference) but because of the impact upon the quiet calm atmosphere of the village that would be made by the imposition of an extremely large number of small houses; we are also concerned about the erosion of green space and agricultural land in a rural area.

We should utilise space within the village rather than expand it.

Crest Hill.. NIMBY? Why of course.

Crest Hill. Ellenden area

Harvington is a village, and that is why people have chosen to live here.

Large green field sites.

None although behind school / allotments must be protected (I have no personal involvement but respect those that do).

The informal dog walking field behind the playground as this is a real social point and a valuable resource not just for Harvington but for the surrounding villages, it is one of the key reasons I wanted to buy a house in the Village and has been one of the only ways in which I have met some lovely people (not having children and living on my own this provides a way to meet people and a safe environment to walk dogs - a hugely valuable asset to the village)

Crest Hill.

Already hazardous for cars etc exiting from Bromley Close. Further development would make matters worse and change the rural views driving into the village.

### LAND ADJECENT TO CRESRT HILL

crest hill because it is an important entrance to the village visually. On the main Ellenden fields because that area is needed for agriculture

There are not enough facilities to support more housing/population

Not on Ellenden field as proposed by Gladman. Developments should be small in size for up to 10 houses

Village street

All the orchards as they are one of the main views of the village

Large Ellenden field next to their shop, Ellenden field behind Ragley Road and Hughes Lane. Prime agricultural land. World increase in population we are going to need every possible acre of existing arable and pastural land to feed ourselves.

On good agricultural land which should remain productive. If development takes place on the land next to Ellenden Farm shop it should only be low density housing with plenty of surrounding green space. There should not be any high density housing anywhere in the village.

None on any current agricultural land.

Fields around Ellenden Farm shop. They are part of the essence and ethos of the village Again the arable land that backs onto Hughes close and Ragley road which also surrounds Ellenden farm.

# Are there any other sites within the Parish Boundary which you believe should be considered for development? Please let us know why you think this.

Responses: 57

DON'T KNOW

around the village orchard, along the Salford road towards Salford priors.

None

Behind Hugh Nunn's nursery, where he put in for a house

No, none are needed!

no

just infilling

Behind Bungalows on Village Street, fields attached to Green Street Farm - avoiding allowments

Behind Hawkes Piece etc.

No

Land on the left of Crest Hill and behind the church and the Manor House

Behind blakenhurst and below crest hill

no

Fields near caravan park and river.that part of the village is so separate from the rest of the village it would be better bringing the village together

Crest Hill is an ideal infill site surrounded by other houses. It is largely south facing and would be environmentally sound.

No

The paddock behind the Village street bus stop which is currently unused.

There will be the occasional re-development/ infilling opportunities.

No I have nor other suggestions

No

Crest Hill is an ideal infill site surrounded by other houses. It is largely south facing and would be environmentally sound. This development would provide affordable housing for the young people in the village, which would not be available in smaller developments.

N/A. The school will not cope with development and neither will the other facilities or places of interest. It would be extremely unsustainable to build in this already large village. It would destroy the aesthetics of the village as a whole and give thatched cottages no place in a 'modern' village. People will have to commute to work and this means more traffic on the roads and thus more pollution.

I find this very hard to say, and don't think any large scale developments shold take place within the village. However the land next to the Viillage Community Orchard, woud probably have least impact on the village, and may help protect the Orchard as it is out on its own at the moment.

The area immediately behind The Rectory, Station Road is potentially OK - sad for wild life if lost.

But no good reason for not allowing a small development.

How about closer to the river, it could be an added bonus if we could more of a sense of community with Harvington be more on the river. I've only ever walked to the River once, as it doesn't have very easy access and you feel very isolated as a solo walker. Harvington is a such a safe village it was only walk were I felt vulnerable. Ideally with a bridge over linking us to Offenham

No - our rural village should remain a rural village and not become just another urban sprawl Can't really think of any. Small scale infil is all that should be considered. I cannot think of any suitable areas for this. Certainly not any large scale greenfield sites as currently on the table for Crest Hill and Village Street.

Land south of the A46

I cannot think of any other sites that would be suitable for large scale development. However, there may be modest areas presently in private ownership where, say, 1 - 5 houses might be constructed without adverse impact.

No

There are quite a few hidden places where houses on a small scale could be built within the village that would not spoil the beauty of the village

don't know

NO

I do not believe that there is a need for major growth, although a small amount is required. The infrastructure is not good, the school is full, the post office is closing, there are no local jobs, therefore bus services to towns such as Alcester and Redditch would be needed for transport to work. Although this is outside the Parish boundary requirements, REDDITCH is a newtown under its capacity, with road and rail links, and many industries! How hard is that!

No

No

Brownfield sites since they ate have previously been developed.

I understand the District Council already has the required amount of land for the foreseen need, so I don't think that any other areas should be out up for development

Definitely no sites that should be considered.

no

What about a marina development that would save Harvington Mill from decay and represent a real asset to the area by promoting further tourism to the village as well as for local residents with a small number of commercial outlets such as coffe shop, hotel or riverside restaurant? Something to restore Harvington Mill and make it a real community asset for all to enjoy!

Single plot open spaces fronting the existing road system, thus providing basic infill which would tidy up the village.

I feel there is opportunity adjacent to all streets in the village. only at the roadside however not right into our open spaces.

If further development is essential the land off anchor lane on the other side of the a46 where the cricket ground currently is may be suitable with careful design plans. The road access is good and with more tree cover a small development could be well hidden keeping in line with asthecially pleasing views of the area. Development here would not impact on the heart of the village but would be a good location for commuter families. This may not be an ideal location for sheltered/retirement homes as not central to amenities.

Anchor lane by the caravan park/golf course. It is still part of the village.

NO

down anchor lane lower

Don't know

Any site on the edge of the village such as the field on the Evesham Road opposite Ellenden rather than land inside the current village

No

Some development on the land behind the existing houses and bungalows on Crest Hill would be acceptable as it would not intrude on the existing appearance of the village. Also some further development behind housing along Leys Road would expand the community in this part of the village.

No.....look elsewhere!!!!! We need to maintain what we have and take care of those that already live here with a more concerted effort to bring people together for improvements in longevity and availability of opportunity as youngsters and as we all get older.

C and D on map.

**BACK OF ALLOTMENTS** 

Small scale, in fill projects seem the most sensible way of allowing the village to grow organically.

Small plots attached to existing properties

THERE IS NO MORE NEEED FOR HOUSING IN HARVINGTON

No

Those already indicated in previous answers but only for small scale and low density housing projects.

# Appendix F - Business survey

# HARVINGTON NEIGBOURHOOD PLAN BUSINESS SURVEY

# February 2016

### MAIN SURVEY ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

# **INTRODUCTION - Our Aims**

The aim of the business survey is to gather information supporting the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and related planning decisions.

We identified a total of 71 businesses within the parish (these are shown at appendix 6B). A questionnaire was produced (which is shown at appendix A) based on on the following aims:In particular we wish to:

- Quantify the number of full-time and part-time jobs available in Harvington, both now over the next few years,
- Examine the extent to which further housing development would be 'sustainable', in sense that new residents would be likely to find employment within the village,
  - Find out whether the Neighbourhood Plan could support local businesses by allocating land or supporting building conversions for business-related development,
- Find out if there is any need for a community-initiated business unit providing services such as meeting rooms, secretarial and reception staff, goods inwards and outwards, storage and workshop facilities,
  - Seek suggestions for any other village-level, business-related planning policies which should be considered when formulating the Neighbourhood Plan.

The individual responses to this survey remain confidential to the Parish Council, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and its Business sector working-group. Aggregated responses (not identifying individual businesses) will be made public.

Many residents completed the business section of the on-line residents' survey in October 2015. The responses there have helped us refine this set of questions.

The survey forms were returned in an enclosed stamped, addressed envelope by 14th February 2016.

#### SURVEY ANALYSIS

#### **Response Rate**

• 22 replies out of 71 questionnaires sent out. (30%) response rate

Of those replying:

- 3 or (14 %) are large businesses (employing more than 10 persons)
- 9 or (41%) are medium size (employing between 2 and 10 persons)
- 10 or (45%) are smaller businesses (employing no more than 1 person)

# Q1 Asked what businesses thought they depended on and what needs improvement (in the Village) to support their business

Top 3 replies on what businesses depended on are:

- Fast broadband (69%)
- An equal number, (14%) relied on transport links, energy, planning, waste disposal, good premises and workforce qualifications,
- (9%) said their business depended most on the environment and local labour supply.

Top 3 replies on what needs improvements are :-

- fast broadband (14%),
- energy costs (14%),
- available premises (14%).

# Q2 Asked how long businesses had been trading in the Village:

- the majority (52%) of business have been trading in the village between 2 to 10 years.
- (42%) said they have traded within the village for more than 10 years,
- (5%) of businesses had been trading less than 12 months,

# Q3 Asked how many people work for you in Harvington

- 113 (66%) are employed full time with 57 (34%) employed part time. Making a total of 170 people employed within the village. ( total estimated economically active persons in the village 1,129 or 69% \*)
  - \* Data census 2011

#### **Q4** Asked how many of your employees live in Harvington

• 40 people live in the village

#### Q5 Asked how many FT equivalents may be recruited in next two years.

- 8 business said they may take on another 8 people,
- 8 businesses said they would take on between 2 to 10 persons,
- 1 business said they are likely to recruit more than 10 person

In total over 40 new jobs where identified within the survey.

# Q6 Asked if businesses where likely to move or expand

- 67% said No
- 24% said Yes within Harvington
- 4% Yes but elsewhere
- 5% no reply

# Q7Asked what would improve the competitiveness of Harvington as a business location

- 47% did not respond/ no comment,
- 19% wanted to encourage more home working,
- 14% shared units, providing meeting rooms, workshops, storages for goods in/out,
- 10% greenfield sites allocated for businesses,
- 5% change of use and use of brownfield sites,
- 5% clustering of business in one location.

# **Q8 Asked about installing wind turbines**

- 85% said No
- 10% said Yes
- 5% no comment

# Q9 asked if any businesses would like to be involved with the neighbourhood plan

- 4 said Yes
- 17 said no
- 2 no response

#### Q10 A number of other comments where made as follows:

- Flooding is a problem from the Harvington Brook. Any plans to build in Harvington will only make this problem worse.
- The new Post Office, wherever it is situated, will benefit from increased business use, fast broadband, good transport links, good local labour supply and cheap energy costs.
- New business ( will benefit) from increased housing locally.
- If Harvington is to retain any character it must avoid catering for every eventuality or end up destroying the village for everyone.
- Harvington is(was) a small rural village, its easier for businesses to move to facilities (nearby) than change the village.
- Fast Broadband needs improvement ? I was under the impression this had been addressed.
- Transport links needs improvement? This will turn Harvington into a town.
- Can't see how (planning policies) helps.
- How does Harvington address the issue of workforce qualifications?

# FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

Under each of the survey aims is a summary of the surveys findings. These findings have been based on of the data taken from the analysis of the business results, census data, information contained within the draft South Worcestershire Development Plan documents and the previously published residents survey results (October 2015).

Quantify the number of full-time and part-time jobs available in Harvington, both now and over the next few years.

The results clearly show that the overwhelming number (some 70%) of economically active persons who live within the parish commute to places of employment outside the parish with only a small number of persons who live and work within the village. Based on the feedback from the larger businesses opportunity for new jobs being created is very low. The projected forecast for new jobs growth within the village over the next few years was 40 full time and part time positions.

Examine the extent to which further housing development would be 'sustainable', in the sense that new residents would be likely to find employment within the village,

New jobs will not necessarily be filled by persons from within the village because the key requirement highlighted within the business survey is not locality but qualifications. As there would only be a minimal uplift in new jobs within the parish over the foreseeable future then existing accommodation would be able to satisfy new employment needs via the re-letting or re-sales of existing homes.

Find out whether the Neighbourhood Plan could support local businesses by allocating land or supporting building conversions for business-related development,

There is little evidence to support the need to allocate new business related sites other than to support the extension or conversion of existing employment sites within the village

Need for a community-initiated business unit providing services such as meeting rooms, secretarial and reception staff, goods inwards and outwards, storage and workshop facilities,

A clear need for more home working premises was identified and this could be accommodated through new home development incorporating space for home working and conversion of existing premises.

Suggestions for any other village-level, business-related planning policies which should be considered when formulating the Neighbourhood Plan.

A need for space for either home working or shared units, providing meeting rooms, workshops, storages for goods in/out was the main request together with infrastructure support such as improved broadband facilities better transport links and qualification training.

#### NEIGBOURHOOD PLAN BUSINESS OPTIONS

Support the development of small scale social enterprises and other employment businesses that meet the needs of the community towards the emergence of a sustainable local economy specifically in the area of leisure and tourism.

**OUR BUSINESS OPTIONS MAY INCLUDE:-**

- Creation of small-scale development employing up-to10 persons.
- Proposals for combining living accommodation with small scale employment
- Development of local food and other necessary retail store/shopping but not class A large development.
- Diversify farm businesses if it does not detract from or prejudice the existing agricultural operation or its future operation;
- Applications exceeding the above polices may be considered but must demonstrate no impact on:
  - a) residential activity and the rights of occupants to peace and quite,
  - b) transport and vehicle activity,
  - c) the natural environment,

#### **OUR BUSINESS OPTIONS MAY NOT SUPPORT**

Proposals for loss of use of existing local shops and amenities through change of use/redevelopment unless alternative provisions are maintained.

Proposals for change of use of existing employment activity unless that the existing activity is no longer economical viable.

# **APPENDIX F-1 EXAMPLE OF THE BUSINESS SURVEY QUESTIONAIRRE**

Name + position of person completing form:
Business name: e Mail address:
Which of the following does your business depend on, and which need improvement to support / grow your business activity in Harvington?
Depends on Needs improvement
□ □ Fast broadband
□ □ Transport links
□ □ Environment
□ □ Labour supply
□ □ Energy costs
□ □ Planning policies
□ □ Waste facilities
□ □ Available premises
□ □ Workforce qualifications
How many years have you traded in Harvington?
How many people do you employ in Harvington?
Full-time & part-time employees:
Full-time equivalents (e.g. 6 people working ½ time is 2 FTEs):

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As far as you know, how many of your current employees live in Harvington?
How many full-time equivalents do you expect to be employing in two years time?
Are you likely to move or expand your business premises in the near future?
□ Yes, within Harvington
□ Yes, but elsewhere
□ No
Which of the following would improve the competitiveness of Harvington as a business location:
□ Shared unit providing meeting rooms, workshops, storage, goods in/out, etc.
□ Clustering business in one location
□ Change of use/brownfield sites allocated to business
□ Greenfield sites allocated to business
□ Encourage more home working
Electricity-generating wind turbines (however small) are now only permitted if they have been included in a Neighbourhood Plan. Might you want to install turbines on your land in the next
15 years? [ Yes / No ]

Would you like to be actively involved with formulating the Neighbourhood Plan? [ Yes / No ] Do you have any other comments, suggestions or questions?

Please return by 14th February to:

Neighbourhood Plan, Bank House, Stratford Road, Harvington, WR11 8NP Questions / info: <a href="mailto:info@harvingtonplan.uk">info@harvingtonplan.uk</a>

# **APPENDIX F-2**

# **Harvington Business List**

Questionnaires were sent to the following businesses, consultants & sole traders

# **Astraglaze**

Tel: 01386 871054

Leys Rd, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8NA

# **James Charlick Web & Graphic Design**

tel: 07584 629272

3 Valley View, Crest Hill, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8NS

# **Forged Notes**

Tel: 01386 870880

6 Orchard Place, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8NF

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# **Ferndale Garage**

Tel: 01386 870207

Leys Rd, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8LZ

#### **Five Star Home Solution**

• Tel: 07476 488688

Draycott, Alcester Road, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8HX

#### **Phil Boers**

# **John Liggitt**

**ACCOUNTANT** 

# **ANDREW REYNOLDS**

**TENNIS COACH** 

# **KARREN TAYLOR**

#### **GLENN WEBB**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSULTANTS** 

#### **LES HANCOCK**

**CIVIL ENGINEER** 

# **SOPHIE CLARK**

**FREELANCE** 

# **RICHARD HARTWELL**

#### **NICK DORE**

**GARDENER** 

#### **ROD ARTHUR**

**CONSULTANTS** 

#### **KATHLEEN BARRETT**

# **HELEN BOERS**

**GARDENERS KITCHEN** 

# **ANN DOWNS**

**CONSULTANTS** 

## **CLIFFORD HAYNES**

**ELECTRICAL ENGINEER** 

#### **CAZ CHAPMAN**

CARER

# **ANDREW CRACKNELL**

**AHC DESIGN LTD** 

**SHEILA HEMMING** 

#### **ANNETTE ARHUR**

**CONSULTANTS** 

#### **KEITH HEMMING**

**GARDEN SERVICES** 

**JOHN BILL** 

# **HELEN CLEMENTS-**

**HAIRDRESSER** 

#### **MIRREN BRODIE**

**BOOK KEEPER** 

#### **LISA HUMPHRIS**

**FOSTER CARER** 

**GILL THORNLEY** 

# **ALISTER MACDONOLD**

**CAKES** 

# **CHRIS RUSHWORTH**

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# **Impact Press & PR Ltd**

• Tel: 01789 490530

Orchard View, 4, Manor Park, Anchor Lane, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8DH

... Ellenden Farm Shop

• Tel: 01386 870296

Evesham Rd, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8LU

## **Mirren Brodie Office Assistance**

• Tel: 01386 870805

1 Marsh Close, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8JE

#### **Five Star Home Solution**

• Tel: 01386 572211

Draycott, Alcester Road, Harvington, Evesham, WR11 8HX

#### **Johnson Bros**

• Tel: 01386 870202

Harvington Lodge Farm, Evesham Rd, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8HY

# **Evesham Vale Propagators Ltd**

• Tel: 01386 871030

The Nursery, Leys Rd, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8LZ

. Dorman-Hawkins Designs

• Tel: 07787 530519

10 Leys Rd, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8NA

#### **MARK STEVENTON**

# **Phoenix Hair and Beauty Ltd**

Harvington Evesham WR11 8PU

# **General Building & Decorating Services**

• Tel: 01386 870757

2 Rowberry Cottages, Leys Rd, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8JA

# **Harvington C of E First & Nursery School**

Tel: 01386 870412

Village St, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8NQ

# **W** Cleaner

• Tel: 07518 041310

14 Leys Rd, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8NA

# **LBP Quantity Surveying**

• Tel: 01386 871890

11 Leys Rd, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8NA
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#### **R.S Siviter**

• Tel: 01386 870273

Crosshouse Guest House, Village St, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8NQ

# **Nino Visual Design**

• Tel: 01386 871207

8 Village St, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8NQ

## **Pre-Loved Bridal Boutique**

• Tel: 07969 497317

Pennine House, Leys Road, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8LZ

#### fotonino

• Tel: 01386 871207

8 Village St, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8NQ

#### **Earth Force**

Tel: 01386 421501

5 Glebe Cottages, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8NN

#### **Laywell Carpets**

• Tel: 07967 322396

36 Hughes Close, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8NZ

#### **G.L.B Services**

• Tel: 01386 871777

Lindenlea, Station Rd, Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 8NJ

#### **Harvington Post Office**

• Tel: 01386 870615

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#### **Realm Consultants Ltd**

Tel: 01386 871224

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#### **Dukes Jazz Swing Group**

• Tel: 01386 870363

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# **Raycom Ltd**

• Tel: 07785 236240

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# **Vintage Couture Cakes**

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## **Helen's Hair Mobile Hairdressing**

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## **Food Marketing Services**

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#### **John Barrett Associates Ltd**

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#### **RA Associates**

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**Gardeners Kitchen Ltd** 

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Sugarlumps

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# Appendix G - Housing Need Survey - Questions

Technical note: This appendix cannot accurately reproduce the exact layout of the form. The 'tick boxes' and other entry areas were more distinct in the original.

# Harvington Neighbourhood Plan Confidential housing need survey - 2016

Would you please tell us:

- · What kind of home you have now,
- · What your next home move is likely to be,
- Whether you know of anyone with a connection to the village who wants to move here.

This will help us work out what new houses are needed in Harvington over the 15 years. We can then write the Neighbourhood Plan to require developers to build the homes that the community actually wants.

We would like a form returned from every household in the parish (even if you have no intention of moving), so that we have complete and accurate data on Harvington's current housing stock.

If you have more than one household in your dwelling (e.g. couple living in parent's house) you can get an additional form. Please leave a message - giving us your street address - on 01386 298029.

The form will be returned to the Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC) – an independent charity specialising in housing needs surveys. They have done over 100 housing need surveys in Warwickshire and elsewhere. They will analyse your data for us, **hiding any confidential information**.

#### Your current home

Postcode: WR11 8 How long have you lived here? years Where was your previous home (tick one)?

In Harvington: Within 10 miles of Harvington: Elsewhere: First home: How many people in your household are in each age band:

Your home is:

Owned by you: Rented from housing assoc. / council: Rented privately: Shared ownership: Tied accommodation: Living with parents:

Type and size of home (tick just one box):

Flat / maisonette with 1 2 3 4 or more bedrooms 2 3 Bungalow with 1 4 or more bedrooms House with 1 4 or more bedrooms

Mobile home

Please tick if this is sheltered housing or assisted accommodation with on-call help:

# Please tell us about your most likely next home move:

Are you likely to move in:

0 - 5 years: 5 - 10 years More then 10 years Not likely to move

If you are not likely to move, you've now finished the survey - thank you.

Living with parents:

Where would you like to move to:

Harvington Local town Within 10 miles Elsewhere What type of new home are you most likely to look for:

Owned by you: Rented from housing assoc. / council: Rented privately:

Shared ownership: Tied accommodation:

Type and size of home (tick just one box):

Flat / maisonette with 1 2 3 4 or more bedrooms Bungalow with 1 2 3 4 or more bedrooms House with 1 2 3 4 or more bedrooms

Mobile home

Please tick if this should be sheltered housing or assisted accommodation with on-call help:

# Please return this form to WRCC by <u>25th June</u> using the attached FREEPOST envelope.

# People elsewhere needing a home in Harvington

If you know of:

- Family members living elsewhere who would like to have their own, separate home in Harvington or
- Anyone else with a strong link to the village community who is trying to move here

please ask them to contact Sarah Brooke-Taylor, Rural Housing Enabler for WRCC on 01789 842182 or email sarahbt@wrccrural.org.uk during June.

They will be sent their own form, similar to this, telling us what kind of housing they need.

# Appendix H - Housing Survey - WRCC Analysis

For technical reasons this analysis can only be included in this Consultation Statement as a sequence of images of the body of the WRCC report.

#### 1. Introduction

Harvington Neighbourhood Plan Group commissioned WRCC to conduct a Housing Needs Survey during June 2016. The aim of the survey was to collect local housing needs information within and relating to Harvington parish.

Each household across the parish received a letter from the Harvington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group explaining that the survey was taking place. The survey form was split into two sections with the first inviting households to give information about their current housing and the second section asking what their next move, if any, is likely to be. A copy of the letter and survey form can be seen as Appendix A and Appendix B.

Respondents were also invited to complete and return a tear off slip from the bottom of the letter to enter a prize draw to win one of three vouchers to be spent at Ellenden Farm

Anvone with a strong connection to the parish but currently living elsewhere could also complete a survey form, obtained by contacting the Rural Housing Enabler either by email

Articles about the survey appeared in the local newsletter, on the website and on social media. The group used various methods to remind householders to complete and return the survey form including a stall at the June village fete, an event in the village hall and emails. Village businesses were also contacted so employees could complete a survey

Respondents were assured that any information they disclosed would be treated in strict confidence.

Completed survey forms were posted via a 'Freepost' envelope to the WRCC Rural Housing Enabler and analysis of the information provided took place in July 2016. Completed survey forms are retained by WRCC.

For the purposes of this document the term respondent refers to an individual survey form.

#### 2. Results

Approximately 764 surveys were distributed to local residents and 338 forms were completed and returned, equating to a response rate of 44.24%. Not every respondent answered every question.

#### Your current home

#### Postcode:

Eight respondents declined to complete this section but the list below shows the spread of postcodes from the 330 respondents.

- WR11 8AD
- WR11 8EJWR11 8G
- WR11 8HB
- WR11 8JA

- WR11 8DH
- WR11 8HW
- WR11 8JD

- WR11 8DQ
- WR11 8GR
- WR11 8HX
- WR11 8JE

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WR11 8JF	•	WR11 8NF	•	WR11 8NS	•	WR11 8PQ
WR11 8JG	•	WR11 8NG	•	WR11 8NU	•	WR11 8PU
WR11 8LS	•	WR11 8NH	•	WR11 8NW	•	WR11 8PZ
WR11 8LT	•	WR11 8NJ	•	WR11 8NX	•	WR11 8SX
WR11 8LU	•	WR11 8NL	•	WR11 8NY	•	WR11 8Z
WR11 8LY	•	WR11 8NN	•	WR11 8NZ	•	WR11 9JF
WR11 8LZ		WR11 8NO	•	WR11 80R	•	WR11 9NS
WR11 8NA		WR11 8NP	•	WR11 8PA	•	WR11 9PZ
WR11 8NB		WR11 8NQ	•	WR11 8PB		WR11 9SX
WR11 8ND		WR11 8NR		WR11 8PE		
WR11 8NE		WR11 8NS		WR11 8PG		
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# How long have you lived here?

Three respondents declined to answer this question so the information below relates to 335 respondents.

How	Number of
long	respondents
<1yr	11
1yr	13
1.5yrs	4
2yrs	12
2.5yrs	4
3yrs	14
3.5yrs	5
4yrs	9
4.5yrs	1
5yrs	20
6yrs	12
6.5yrs	7
7yrs	7
8yrs	5
9yrs	9
10yrs	13
11yrs	8
12yrs	6
13yrs	4
14vrs	12

15yrs	10
16yrs	10
17yrs	4
18yrs	3
19yrs	6
20yrs	9
21yrs	3
22yrs	7
22.5yrs	1
23yrs	4
24yrs	4
25yrs	6
26yrs	4
28yrs	12
29yrs	7
30yrs	7
31yrs	3
32yrs	6
33yrs	4
34yrs	4
35yrs	3
36yrs	3

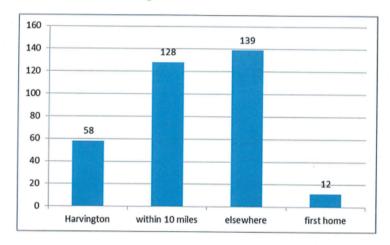
07:	2
37yrs	3
38yrs	3
39yrs	4
40yrs	5
41yrs	2
45yrs	. 1
46yrs	4
47yrs	3
50yrs	7
51yrs	1
52yrs	1
53yrs	1
54yrs	1
56yrs	1
57yrs	1
58yrs	1
64yrs	1
70yrs	1
78yrs	1
83yrs	1
94yrs	1

Where households have lived in Harvington parish for one year or more the mean average is 18 years and 7 months.

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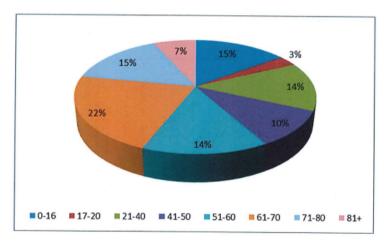
# Where was your previous home?

Respondents were asked to tick one box from a choice of "In Harvington", "Within 10 miles of Harvington", "Elsewhere" or "First home". There were 337 respondents and their responses are shown in the following chart.



# How many people in your household are in each age band?

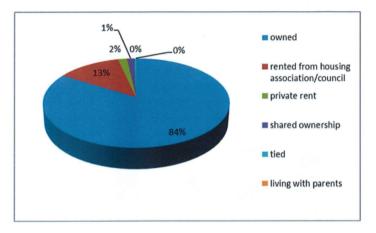
The following chart shows the responses from all respondents, with a total of 753 people within the 338 responding households. This gives an average of 2.23 persons per household, not dissimilar to the 2011 Census figure of 2.38 persons per household (707 households divided by 1680 people). The largest group was age 61-70 years with 164 people.



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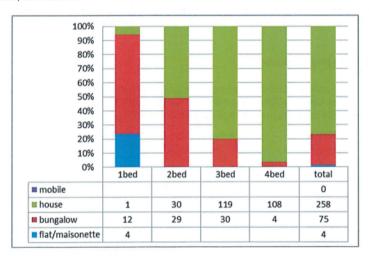
#### Your home is:

335 respondents answered this question about the ownership of their home. Unsurprisingly, owner-occupier was the largest group at 84%.



### Type and size of home

The chart below shows the types and sizes of homes that the survey respondents currently live in. Only one respondent declined to answer. Unsurprisingly houses represent the largest factor, at 76.33%.

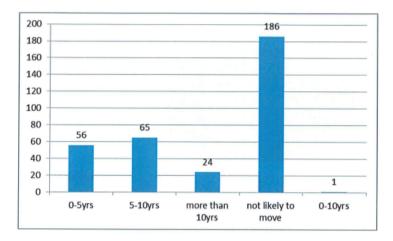


### Sheltered housing / assisted accommodation

Respondents were asked to indicate if they were in sheltered housing or assisted accommodation with on-call help. One respondent indicated that this was the case.

### Please tell us about your most likely next home move

Respondents were asked to tick one box from a choice of "0-5 years", "5-10 years", "More than 10 years" and "Not likely to move". One respondent ticked two boxes and this is reflected in the chart below showing the 332 results.



A total of 146 respondents indicated that they were likely to move, being 43.19% of the total respondents.

At this point in the form respondents were advised "If you are not likely to move, you've now finished the survey – thank you." However, some respondents did go on to complete further details even though they had indicated that they were not likely to move.

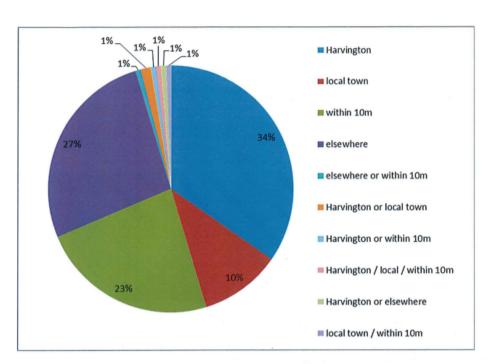
#### Where would you like to move to

Respondents were asked to indicate where they would like to move to from a choice of "Harvington", "Local town", "Within 10 miles" or "Elsewhere". There were a total of 150 responses and a few people chose to tick more than one box.

Harvington	52
local town	16
within 10m	35
elsewhere	40
elsewhere or within 10m	1

Harvington or local town	2
Harvington or within 10m	1
Harvington / local / within 10m	1
Harvington or elsewhere	1
local town / within 10m	1

Of the 146 respondents who indicated that they were likely to move, 89 of them did not tick Harvington when choosing where to move to. Of these 1 owner-occupier wishes to move elsewhere within the next 0-10 years, 30 owner-occupiers wish to move in the next 0-5 years, 35 owner-occupiers wish to move in the next 5-10 years and 13 owner-occupiers wish to move in the next 10+ years.

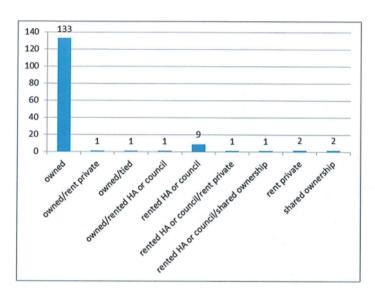


Of the 31 households where at least one occupant is aged 71+ only 8 respondents wish to remain in Harvington. The table below shows the current housing and the preferred housing of these respondents, including timescales.

Current	Current	Current	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	П	Timescale
size	type	tenure	size	type	tenure		
3 bed	house	owned	2 bed	house	owned		10+ yrs
3 bed	bungalow	owned	2 bed	bungalow	owned		10+ yrs
3 bed	house	rented	1 bed	bungalow	- ,		5 – 10 yrs
2 bed	house	owned	2 bed	bungalow	owned		5 – 10 yrs
3 bed	house	owned	2 bed	bungalow	owned		5 – 10 yrs
2 bed	house	owned	1 bed	bungalow	owned		5 – 10 yrs
4 bed	house	owned	3 bed	bungalow	owned		5 – 10 yrs
4 bed	house	owned	2 bed	bungalow	owned		0-5  yrs

### What type of new home are you most likely to look for

Unsurprisingly the majority of the 151 respondents are seeking an owner occupier property with just one respondent indicating that they would consider tied accommodation. Three respondents indicated an interest in shared ownership dwellings.

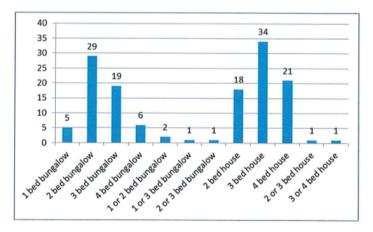


Of the 146 respondents who indicated that they were likely to move 127 currently own their own property, 6 are currently in a property rented from a housing association or local authority, 4 are currently in a privately rented property, 2 are currently in shared ownership properties and 1 is currently in tied accommodation.

Of these 146 respondents 32 are a single person household and 67 are 2-person households (where both are adults), ranging from the 21-40 age band to 81+.

### Type and size of home

Respondents were asked to tick just one box but several of the 138 respondents ticked a variety of boxes as shown below.



### Sheltered housing / assisted accommodation

Respondents were asked to indicate if their next move should be sheltered housing or assisted accommodation with on-call help. Two respondents indicated that this was the case.

### 3. Contact Information

- Harvington Neighbourhood Plan Group
   Contact the Steering Group by email at info@harvingtonplan.uk or telephone 01386 298
   029. For further information visit www.harvingtonplan.uk
- Sarah Brooke-Taylor WRCC, Rural Housing Enabler Warwick Enterprise Park, Wellesbourne, Warwickshire CV35 9EF Telephone 01789 842182 or email sarahbt@wrccrural.org.uk

## **Appendix I – Ten year housing stock analysis**

### Harvington Neighbourhood Plan

### **Housing Need Survey - 2016**

### Ten year housing analysis

### **Headline conclusions**

The headline conclusions of the main survey report and of this analysis are:

- There is no evidence of any need for additional housing in Harvington for people currently elsewhere who have a connection to the village,
- The housing market is fluid, with 26% of households expecting to move out of Harvington in the next 10 years and 16% expecting to move within Harvington.
- There are around 400 3- and 4-bedroom houses in the village. Over the 10 years around 40% of these (160) are expected to become free for people from outside the village to move in to. There is no market shortage of these houses.
- There is likely to be a need for roughly double the number of 2 bedroom bungalows (up from 38 to 74) to meet the down-sizing need of existing villagers. 30% of these should support assisted living.

## **Housing Need Survey**

This analysis is based on the data generated by the Housing Needs Survey undertaken in June 2016 and analysed for the Harvington Neighbourhood Plan by the Warwickshire Rural Communities Council (WRCC)<sup>22</sup>.

The WRCC also supplied the anonymized raw data from the survey, in spreadsheet form. This data is also available on-line<sup>23</sup>. This ten-year analysis is based on the data from the survey, with additional data drawn from the 2011 national census.

The WRCC report declares that responses were received from 338 households. 764 survey forms were distributed, giving a response rate of 44.2%.

It is instructive to compute the response rates from households of differing tenancies.

Appendix 1 shows that these are estimated at:

Tenancy type	Owned	Social Renting	Private Renting
Estimated number of dwellings in village	552	146	66
Responses received	281	43	7
Response rate	51%	29%	11%

# **Housing Stock Dynamics**

### **Household move intentions**

People were asked whether they had intentions of moving within five or within ten years. Appendix 2 lists the intended moves.

In summary, the most likely likely movements in the next 10 years are:

No move planned: 192

Down-size to elsewhere: 60

Down-size within Harvington: 37

Same size move elsewhere: 26

Up-size within Harvington: 12

Up-size elsewhere: 7

Same size move within Harvington: 4

So it seems down-sizing will be the dominant motivation, with roughly 2/3 of these households leaving the village, 1/3 staying in the village.

Conversely, 2/3 of those up-sizing intend to remain within the village (perhaps because of ties to local schools).

### Move intentions of those in social housing

Of those 43 households occupying socially-rented homes, 32 (74%) have no plans to move.

The 11 expecting to move have the following expectations:

Up-size in Harvington: 2

Up-size elsewhere: 2

Down-size elsewhere: 2

Move to owner-occupation: 2

Down-size in Harvington: 1

Same-size in Harvington: 1

Same-size elsewhere: 1

## **Housing stock changes**

The survey asked:

- What kind of dwelling households currently have,
- Whether they had any intention of moving in 5 or 10 years,
- Where they would move to, and into what kind of dwelling

These responses have been used to predict the change in the housing stock (occupied by survey respondents, not then entire village stock) using the following methodology:

- 1. Classify the existing stock by tenure, building type and number of bedrooms (recording 4 or more bedrooms as just 4).
- 2. Remove the dwellings from those planning to move in up to 5 years to get the 5-year occupancy,
- 3. Remove the dwellings from those planning to move in between 5 and 10 years to get the 10-year occupancy,
- 4. Use these to compute the number of dwellings of each type released to the market after 5 and 10 years,
- 5. Assume that all those people who said they wanted to move within Harvington do so (or try to), thus either absorbing released dwellings, or representing a shortfall in housing type.
- 6. This provides a 'bottom line' of the over / under-supply of dwellings of each type after 5 and after 10 years.

The full spreadsheet undertaking these calculations is shown in Appendix 3.

The most significant part of this analysis is the changing stock of owner-occupied property (bungalows, houses and flats).

Analysed by number of bedrooms, the overview (derived from the spreadsheet) is:

Number of bedrooms:	1	2	3	4 or more	Total
Initial stock	3	41	131	109	284
Vacated by out-moves	2	12	51	62	127
Taken / wanted by in- Harvington movers	3	24	13	8	48
Over / under supply	-1	-12	38	54	79

The key points to observe are:

- 1. There are more Harvington people wanting to move into 1- and 2- bedroom dwellings that are being made available by others moving out (shown in red above),
- 2. Around 29 % of the 3-bedroom properties (38/131) and 50% of the 4+ bedroom properties (54/109) will be vacated and not taken up by internal moves. There will thus be ample opportunity for people currently outside the village to buy the larger properties; no additions to this part of the housing stock are required to meet local needs.

## Unsatisfied need for smaller bungalows

The above summary showed that there is an under-supply of 13 1- and 2-bedroom properties in the next 10 years. Appendix 3 shows us that (with one exception of someone who wants a 2-bed flat), the demand is for bungalows – and that there are not enough of them:

Dwelling	1 bed bungalow	2 bed bungalow
Initial stock	0	19
Vacated by out-movers	0	3
Taken / wanted by in-Harvington movers	3	18
Under-supply	-3	-15

It is small bungalows that are needed: an additional 18 1- and 2-bed bungalows, which is a 95% increase in the existing stock.

Appendix 4 records the requests of assisted accommodation after a move within Harvington.

Of these requests for assistance, 7 are for 1- or 2-bed bungalows. Currently (in our survey stock) there are no privately-owned assisted dwellings of any type or size.

Thus of the 18 new small bungalows needed, 7 (39%) should be in the form of assisted accommodation.

There were nine households who plan to leave Harvington for assisted accommodation elsewhere, five of these would be seeking 3-bed bungalows.

## **Extrapolation to whole-village statistics**

The survey response rate for owner-occupiers was just over 50%, and we are not aware of any particular factors distinguishing responders from non-responders, to it may be reasonable to just double survey data relating to owner-occupied houses.

The response rate from households in socially-rented homes was estimated at 29%, so one must be rather more cautious about drawing inferences about social housing.

The 'headline' numbers which we can tentatively extrapolate, and are relevant to the formulation of the Neighbourhood Plan, are:

	Survey data	Whole-village extrapolation
No move planned	192	384
Down-sizing within Harvington	37	74
1- and 2- bedroom bungalow existing stock	19	38
1- and 2- bedroom bungalow 10-year under-supply	-18	-36
3- and 4-bed house existing stock	208	416
3- and 4-bed house existing stock 10 year vacated	86	172
Requirements for assisted accommodation	10	20

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## **Appendix I-1 – Response rate by tenure type**

The spreadsheet below shows the estimation of the number of properties of each tenure type in Harvington, and hence the survey response rate by tenure type.

There is additionally a very small number of dwellings which are held rent-free and are recent shared-ownership tenancies (less than 10 in total). These have been omitted from this analysis.

We have no current breakdown of the housing stock by tenancy type, so the following methodology has been used:

- 1. The 2011 census data<sup>24</sup> on the number of dwellings by tenure type is used as the baseline,
- 2. The major known developments then have been added in,
- 3. This gives a total of 699 dwellings. We know that there were 764 surveys distributed in June 2016, so there are assumed to have been 65 (9.3%) other new dwellings in the intervening period.
- 4. The number of dwellings of each tenure type is increased by this 9.3%, so that the new total matched the survey distribution and the relative tenancy proportions remain unchanged.

Harvington Tenure statistics – 2011 Census

Data from drill-down pages accessed via http://www.ukcensusdata.com/harvington-and-norton-e05007915

Census output area	Part of Harvington	Owned	Social Rent	Private Rent
E00165191	Centre	116	4	9
E00165192	Lower village to River Avon	114	15	12
E00165193	Leys Road	60	71	16
E00165194	Evesham & Alcester Rds	114	10	15
E00165195	Hughes Cl., Ragley Rd.	89	14	8
2011 Totals		493	114	60
Known changes from 2011	Groves Close		20	
	Hawkes Piece	12		
Totals with known changes		505	134	60
Overall total		699		
2015 survey distribution total		764		
Deduced other new housing		65		
Assumed increase %		9.3%		
Assumed new distribution		552	146	66
Survey responses		281	43	7
Response rate		51%	29%	11%

<sup>24</sup> Start at http://www.ukcensusdata.com/harvington-and-norton-e05007915 then drill-down.

# **Appendix I-2 - Movement intentions**

Where households are planning to move, in the next 10 years, this chart below shows what kind of building they are planning to move from and to. This gives us an indication of the amount of up-sizing and down-sizing likely to take place.

The buildings are coded as B – Bungalow, F – Flat, H – House with the number of bedrooms appended.

No move planned: 192 (58%)

			Harvin										
From	To:	В1	F1	Н1	В2	F2	Н2	В3	F3	Н3	В4	F4	H4
В1				•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
F1	•	•		•								1	
Н1	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•
В2	•	•		1						1			
F2	•	•		•		•			•	•		•	•
Н2	•	•		1		•	3	1				3	
В3	•	1					4	•		•		1	
F3	•	•						•	•	•	•	•	•
нЗ	•	•		1			11	•	2	1		2	1
В4	•	4				•		•				1	
F4	•	•						•		•	•	•	•
Н4	•	•					2	1	3	3		1	1
	•	2											
Move	s out	of	Harvin	gton:	93	(26%)							
From	To:	В1	F1	Н1	В2	F2	Н2	В3	F3	НЗ	В4	F4	Н4
В1								•				1	
F1	•	•										1	
Н1	•	•		•				•	1	•	•		
В2	•	•				1	2	•				•	•
F2	•	•		•		•		•				•	
	•	•											

Н2			•	•	•	•	1	2	•	•	1	•
В3	•	•	1		1	1	1		•		1	1
F3	•	•			•	•	•				•	
Н3	•	•	1		1	5	4	5	3		8	
В4	•	1	•		•	•			•		•	1
F4	•	•	•		•	•			•		•	
Н4	•	•	•		1	2		5	12	1	12	2
		13										

### The intention of the moves can be summarised as:

Destination →  ↓ Motivation	Within Harvington	Elsewhere	Wherever
Upsize	12	7	19 (13%)
No change	4	26	30 (20%)
Downsize	37	60	97 (67%)

## **Appendix I-3 – Housing Stock Changes**

The spreadsheet below shows the detailed computation of the evolution of the housing stock.

The house types are Bungalow, Flat and House, with the type and number of bedrooms being indicated by column headings of B-1 etc.

tenure	row	B-1	B-2	B-3 B	8-4 I	<b>3</b> F	-1 F	-2 F-	3 F-	-4 F	H-1	l H	l-2 H	I-3	H-4 I	Н	Tot-1	Tot-2	Tot-3	Tot-4	Tot	1E	, 2	2B	3B	4B
Owned Owned Owned	initial After 5 years After 10 years	0 0 0	19 17 16	19	4 2 2	51 38 36	1 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	2 2 1	22 14 13	103 69 62	105 59 45	232 144 121	3 2 1	41 31 29	131 88 80	61	284 182 157	3 2 1	2 3	41 1 31 29	131 88 80	109 61 47
SocialRent SocialRent SocialRent	initial After 5 years After 10 years	12 11 11	10 8 8	1	0 0 0	23 20 20	3 2 2	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	3 2 2	0 0 0	4 2 2	12 7 7	0 0 0	16 9 9	15 13 13	14 10 10	13 8 8	0 0 0	31	15 13 13	3 1	14 10 10	13 8 8	0 0 0
	initial After 5 years After 10 years	0 0 0	0	0	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 1 1	4 0 0	0 0 0	5 1 1	0	1 1 1	5 0 0	0 0 0	1	(		1 1 1	5 0 0	0 0 0
Housing rele Owned Owned	eased After 5 years After 10 years	0	2			13 15	1	0	0	0	1	0	8	34 41	46 60	88 111	1 2	10 12	43 51		102 127				43 51	48 62
SocialRent SocialRent	After 5 years After 10 years	1	2		0	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	5 5	0	7 7	2	4	5 5	0			2	4	5 5	0
Owned Owned	in Harvington Needed in 5 years Needed in 5-10 years	3	14 4		0 1	20 7	0	1	0	0	1	0	3 2	8	7 0	18 2	3 0	18 6	11 2	7 1			3 1	18 6	11 2	7 1
SocialRent SocialRent	Needed in 5 years Needed in -5-10 years	0	0		1	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1		3 0	1	1		(	)	3	1	1
PrivateRent PrivateRent	Needed in 5 years Needed in 5-10 years	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		(	)	0	0	0
	Over / Under-supply of housing stock													44												
	After 5 years After 10 years	-3 -3	-12 -15		2 1	-7 -12	1	-1 -1	0	0	0	0 1	5 4	26 33	39 53	70 91	-2 -1	-8 -12	32 38	41 54		-2 -1	<u>?</u> L -1	-8 12	32 38	41 54
SR delta SR delta	After 5 years After 10 years	1 2	2		-1 -1	0 3	1 2	-1 -1	0	0	0	0	2 4	4 9	0 0	6 13	2 4	1 5	4 9	-1 -1		2	<u>2</u> 1	1 5	4 9	-1 -1

The red block indicates a significant under-supply of 1- and 2-bedroom owned bungalows in the next five years. Currently there are 19 of these,

The green block shows a significant over-supply of 3- and 4- bedroom houses, representing 40% and 57% of the initial housing stock ten years out.

## **Appendix I-4 – Assisted accommodation**

The survey asked people if they currently lived in assisted accommodation, and if that is what they want when moving.

One respondent currently has assisted accommodation: a 2-bed bungalow which is socially rented.

People wanting assisted housing in Harvington after a move were as follows:

Current			Future		
Tenure	Туре	Beds	Tenure	Туре	Beds
Owned	House	3	Owned	Bungalow	2
Owned	House	4	Owned	Bungalow	2
Owned	House	2	Owned	Bungalow	2
Owned	House	4	Owned	Bungalow	3
Owned	House	3	Owned	Bungalow	2
Owned	House	2	Social Rent	Flat	2
Owned	House	3	Owned	Bungalow	2
Owned	House	3	Owned	Bungalow	2
Social Rent	House	3	Owned	Bungalow	1

This is a total demand of 9 bungalows to own and one socially-rented flat. Seven of the needs are for owner-occupied 1- or 2-bedroom bungalows.

Interestingly there were also 9 households who said they planned to move to assisted housing *outside* Harvington; the only significance difference from the above profile was that 5 of the out-movers would seek 3-bedroom bungalows (as opposed to 1 above) – suggesting that there may be a perception that people will have to move elsewhere for larger assisted bungalows.

# **Appendix J – Statutory Consultees**

The table below lists the organizations which were invited to respond to the Regulation 14 Consultation.

Highways Agency	
Severn Trent Water	
PSSC Canal & River Trust	
Worcestershire County Council	Principal Planner, Strategic Planning
Forestry Commission	
Natural England	
Historic England	
Place Partnership	
NHS	
Planning Inspectorate	
Wychavon District Council	Community Services Manager
Wychavon District Council	District Councillor (Wychavon)
Worcestershire County Council	County Councillor (Worcestershire)
Wychavon District Council	Portfolio holder for Planning Policy, Infrastructure and Flooding
Wychavon District Council	Chairman of Rural Communities and Economy Advisory Panel
Western Power Distribution (Midlands)	Design and Development
Age UK Herefordshire & Worcestershire	
British Telecom	
E-ON Customer Services	
Hereford & Worcester Gardens Trust	
National Grid UK Gas Distribution	
Network Rail (Western Region)	
Environment Agency (West) Sustainable Places	
CPRE (Wychavon)	
Community First	
Ancient Monuments Society	
National Farmers Union	
Worcestershire Council for Voluntary Youth Services	
Worcester Diocese	
Worcestershire County Youth Support	
NHS South Worcestershire CCG	
Sport England	
Home Builders Federation	
Worcestershire Partnership	
Heart of England	
Worcestershire Wildlife Trust	
Hereford & Worcester Chamber of Commerce	
DIAL South Worcestershire	
Skills Funding Agency	

Learning Difficulty/Vulnerable Adult Support Service	
Older Peoples' Support Service (OPSS)	
Physical Disability Support Service (PDSS)	
Worcestershire County Council	Voluntary & Community Sector Co-ordinator
Worcs Federation of Wis	
Federation of Small Businesses	
Equality and Human Rights Commission	
Fields in Trust	
The Crown Estate	
The Sports Partnership Hereford & Worcs	
Member Engagement Officer in Legal & Democratic Services	
Homes and Communities Agency	
The Coal Authority	
Marine Management Organisation	
Superfast Worcestershire	
South Lenches Parish Council	
Offenham Parish Council	
North & Middle Littelton Parish Council	
Norton & Lenchwick Parish Council	
Salford Priors Parish Council	
Stratford-on-Avon District Council	
Warwickshire County Council	
policy.plans@wychavon.gov.uk;	
Worcestershire CALC	
Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited	
Virgin Media	
Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership	
N Power	
University of Worcester	
Wales & West Utilities	
Cti Worcestershire	

## Appendix K - Regulation 14 consultation - responses

### May / June 2018

### No. From Comments

General

National Grid has appointed Wood to review and respond to development plan consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regards to the above Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

About National Grid

National Grid owns and operates the high voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales and operate the Scottish high voltage transmission system. National Grid also owns and operates the gas transmission system. In the UK, gas leaves the transmission system and enters the distribution networks at high pressure. It is then transported through a number of reducing pressure tiers until it is finally delivered to our customer. National Grid own four of the UK's gas distribution networks and transport gas to 11 million homes, schools and businesses through 81,000 miles of gas pipelines within North West, East of England, West Midlands and North London.

To help ensure the continued safe operation of existing sites and equipment and to facilitate future infrastructure investment, National Grid wishes to be involved in the preparation, alteration and review of plans and strategies which may affect our assets. Specific Comments

An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high pressure gas pipelines and also National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate / High Pressure apparatus. National Grid has identified the following high voltage overhead power lines as falling within the Neighbourhood area boundary:

National Grid

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ZF Route - 400kV from Feckenham substation in Redditch to Minety in Wiltshire. From the consultation information provided, the above overheads power line does not interact with any of the proposed development sites.

Gas Distribution - Low / Medium Pressure

Whilst there is no implications for National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate / High Pressure apparatus, there may however be Low Pressure (LP) / Medium Pressure (MP) Gas Distribution pipes present within proposed development sites. If further information is required in relation to the Gas Distribution network please contact: plantprotection@nationalgrid.com

Key resources / contacts National Grid has provided information in relation to electricity and transmission assets via the following internet link: <a href="http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/">http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/</a>

The first point of contact for all works within the vicinity of gas distribution assets is Plant Protection (plantprotection@nationalgrid.com).

Please remember to consult National Grid on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or sitespecific proposals that could affect our infrastructure.

Severn Trent Water(Email 002 with attached information) We currently have no specific comments to make however, please keep us informed as your plans develop and when appropriate we will be able to offer a more detailed comments and advice.

We have attached some general information and advice for your information.

003 Sports England Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above neighbourhood plan. (Email)

The specific comments Sport England wish to provide on this matter relates to policies EH2 and LE1

Policies EH2 and LF1.

P.74 of the NPPF establishes that open space, and land or buildings used for sport or recreation should not be developed, unless it is objectively assessed as being surplus to requirements, it will be replaced by equivalent or superior provision, or the development is for justifiable alternative provision.

EH2 currently refers to 'very special circumstances' in which LGSs may be developed, but there is no indication as to the nature of these circumstances, or whether they will be consistent with P74.

LF1 states that development of sports facilities will not be opposed if the facility is no longer viable, which not one of the circumstances is set out in P.74 that justifies development.

More generally, government planning policy, within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.

It is essential therefore that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 73 and 74. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's statutory consultee role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England's playing fields policy is set out in our Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document.

### http://www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy

Sport England provides guidance on developing planning policy for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded.

http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/

Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 74 of the NPPF, this takes the form of assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery.

Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England's guidance on assessing needs may help with such work.

If new or improved sports facilities are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.

http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/

Any new housing developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place.

In line with the Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how any new development, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing or assessing individual proposals.

Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying checklist, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active lifestyles and what could be improved.

NPPF Section 8: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities</a>

PPG Health and wellbeing section: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing</a>

Sport England's Active Design Guidance: https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign

(Please note: this response relates to Sport England's planning function only. It is not associated with our funding role or any grant application/award that may relate to the site.)

If you need any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact Sport England using the contact provided.

The Canal & River Trust (Email)

The Canal & River Trust have considered the content of the document and have no comments to make in this case as we do not own or maintain any waterways within the area.

005 Equality and Human Rights Commission The Commission does not have the resources to respond to all consultations, but will respond to consultations where it considers they raise issues of strategic importance.

Local, parish and town councils and other public authorities, as well as organisations exercising public functions, have obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) in the Equality Act 2010 to consider the effect of their policies and decisions on people sharing particular

protected characteristics. The PSED is an on-going legal requirement and must be complied with as part of the planning process. The Commission is the regulator for the PSED and the Planning Inspectorate is also subject to it. In essence, you must consider the potential for planning proposals to have an impact on equality for different groups of people. To assist, you will find our technical guidance <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

We have no comments to make at this stage.

We do not offer detailed bespoke advice on policy but advise you ensure conformity with the local plan and refer to guidance within our area neighbourhood plan "proforma guidance". Notwithstanding the above, for example it is important that these plans offer robust confirmation that development is not impacted by flooding and that there is sufficient waste water infrastructure in place to accommodate growth.

SHWG (Email)

**Planning** 

006 Environment

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Agency

We would only make substantive further comments on the plan if you were seeking to allocate sites in flood zone 3 and 2 (the latter being used as the 1% climate change extent perhaps). Where an 'ordinary watercourse' is present this would need to be assessed and demonstrated as part of the evidence base within a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) i.e. to inform the sequential testing of sites and appropriate / safe development.

We would not, in the absence of specific sites allocated, offer a bespoke comment at this time. You are advised to utilise our attached area guidance and pro-forma which should assist you moving forward with your Plan.

We note that the plans outline that Harvington has a growth target of 40 dwellings during the life-time of this NDP. It is important that if/when these sites are selected they are appropriate and consider the information detailed in the attached pro-forma. I trust the above is of assistance at this time. Please can you also copy in any future correspondence to my team email address

007 Land owner

This response to the Harvington Neighbourhood Development Plan ("HNDP") has been prepared by Vincent and Gorbing on behalf of Hobden Asset Management Limited ("HAM") in partnership with Rural Housing Trust (RHT) in respect of 3ha. of land owned by HAM to the south of Village Street.

The land is suggested for allocation under Policy IH5, an allocation which is welcomed by HAM and we look forward to working with the Parish Council to bring forward development in a sensitive manner should the HNDP be adopted as presently drafted.

2. Overall, HAM considers that the HNDP is sound, well thought through and evidenced, and well presented, and HAM supports its approach and contents. Comments are made on specific policies below and where changes are suggested, these are suggestions in order to aid clarity or robustness of the plan.

Policy DB - Development Boundary

- 3. HAM supports Policy DB and considers that the boundary has been drawn in a reasonable manner given existing development and that proposed in the plan. The land south of Village Street identified in IH5 is rightly included within the development boundary and it is noted that Map 6 clearly indicates that this land represents a logical extension to the built up area within extending into the open countryside.
- 4. It is noted that "principal" in the third sentence of the policy should read "principle."

Policy IH1 - Housing Growth

5. HAM supports policy IH1 in defining a broad number of units to be brought forward in the lifetime of the plan. However, HAM has some concern that the way the policy is currently drafted could result in objection to development on the housing allocation if in the meantime windfall development has consumed more than 5 units of the overall 40 unit allowance. It may help the clarity of the policy if the "around 35 units" as expressed in Policy IH5 is also reflected in policy IH1 – i.e. "This growth will be achieved principally through around 35 units at a housing allocation and natural windfall development."

6. The explanation to the policy may also benefit from an indication that the estimate of the contribution of windfall development to the overall provision of around 40 dwellings above the 35 unit allocation is an estimate only and that development within the development boundary that resulted in excess of 'around 40 dwellings' would not be prevented if it accorded in all other respects with the policies of the plan. This would help emphasise that "around 40 dwellings" is not a target.

Policy IH2 - Housing Mix

7. HAM raises no objection to policy IH2 per se although some flexibility in the targets expressed would be beneficial given that the policy will apply to developments that are small in scale. For example, 10% of the 35 units proposed on IH5 would be 3.5 units and to aid the creation of the appropriate balance of units, HAM consider it preferable that the policy allows either 3 or 4 bungalows and 2 bed starter units respectively with the exact detail to be agreed at the time the development is brought forward. HAM suggests the replacement of "at least 10%" with "circa 10%".

Policy IH3 - Parking Provision

8. The proposed parking standards of one car parking space for each bedroom is clearly in excess of those within the current Worcestershire County Council Interim Parking Standards February 2016 which requires 2 spaces for 2/3 bed units and 3 spaces for 4 or more bedrooms. Although the rural location of Harvington may justify an increase on the current county-wide standard HAM are concerned that for larger dwellings, the application of these standards could result in car dominated development that would not be in character with the village. We would suggest that 4 spaces are required for 4 bedroom units or larger. This also reflects the fact that those who purchase larger houses are not necessarily larger family groups with more cars but use additional bedrooms for other purposes such as offices, recreational spaces or guests.

Policy IH5 9 - Housing Allocation

As per our comments above, HAM supports policy IH5 and is keen to work with the Parish Council to bring forward a suitable scheme. HAM considers that the site selection process was rigorous and the allocation is sound.

10. HAM has a minor comment with regard to the way the access arrangements are described. Para. 3 indicates that the required access roadway "probably following the existing footpath, has not be shown in the maps but is included in this policy." HAM considers that if the boundary of the allocation is not to include this access road corridor, it may assist clarity if the access route is notated on Map 21 as a black 'pecked' line adjoining the footpath with the notation "potential vehicular access."

008 Historic

England

Historic England is supportive of the Vision and objectives set out in the Plan, in particular we commend the intention to protect traditional land uses (e.g. orchards) architectural heritage and important landscapes/views. We also commend the Green Infrastructure approach in Policy EH1 and the Local Green Space Policy EH2.

Policy EH3 - A minor concern with reference to the wording "Responding to Local Character" is the use of the term "important historic buildings". This rather begs the question as to what exactly constitutes "important" and there is a danger that the lack of a precise definition here may lead to unhelpful debate in future development scenarios. In this context the National Planning Policy framework (NPPF) makes it clear that in fact all Heritage assets (not just historic buildings) should be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance.

Similarly, whilst the Policy helpfully makes reference to the "Village Character Statement" it does not explicitly require developers to have regard to it. It our view it would be quite reasonable to strengthen the policy wording and simply state that "In formulating development proposals developers should demonstrate that full account has been taken of the Village Character Statement such that it:

a) Protects heritage assets within the village......"

Policy BT3 - As a more general point, the Parish clearly has a strong agricultural base and numerous historic farmsteads. Whilst we support, as Policy BT3 of the Plan suggests, the conversion to beneficial uses, including employment uses, of redundant historic buildings we are

concerned to ensure that this is done in a sensitive manner. Therefore we suggest that you consider the inclusion of the following Policy in an appropriate section of the Neighbourhood Plan viz:

"Redevelopment, alteration or extension of historic farmsteads and agricultural buildings within the Parish should be sensitive to their distinctive character, materials and form. Due reference should be made and full consideration be given to the Worcestershire Farmsteads Characterisation Project".

<a href="https://public.worcestershire.gov.uk/sites/archaeology/Reports/SWR22523.pdf">https://public.worcestershire.gov.uk/sites/archaeology/Reports/SWR22523.pdf</a>

Further information about this can be obtained if necessary from the Worcestershire County Council Archives and Archaeology Service.

In conclusion, overall the plan reads as a well-considered and concise document which we consider takes a suitably proportionate approach to the historic environment of the Parish.

#### 009 Planning Wychavon District Council

General.

Title – suggest reference to "Development" is deleted as the term Neighbourhood Plan is now generally applied.

Introduction Para 1.1.1 Note that an updated version of the National Planning Policy Framework is likely to be published over the summer of 2018. This will need to be updated and reflected in the Regulation 16 version of the NP.

Para 1.2.1 Suggest final sentence includes reference to the SWDP Review and updated plan period to 2041 once the SWDP is adopted in 2022 in the context of a review of the NP.

The Parish of Harvington Para 2.1.4 Formatting – space required between para 2.1.3 Para 2.3.5 Suggest rephrase to "there were 5 people who ...".

Vision and objectives 3.1 Vision – should the vision include a statement about how the parish will look by 2030?

3.2 Objective 1 – not sure that the land use planning system is able to protect the "quality" of orchards, horticultural and agricultural land. Furthermore there are no planning controls over agricultural practices and "ensuing sustainable production of food, fruit and animal feed" is outside the remit of the planning system.

Objective 3 – this stance is at odds with the position in the draft NPPF (para. 66; 67) where NP are expected to contribute to the boosting of supply and not look retrospectively at past trends to determine a figure.

4. Policies. Generally the text and criteria in the policy boxes should be fully referenced throughout the NP to assist in report writing and appeal etc.

Policy DB Replace "principal" with "principle" in opening paragraph.

Bullet 2 – suggest reference is made to conversion of redundant farm building to residences is normally acceptable provided marketing has shown other uses are not appropriate/viable.

Bullet 3 – is vague and doesn't add the decision maker. Suggest expand either within policy or in explanation.

Map 6 - suggest insert "... of the development boundary ..."

#### Explanation

1. Delete text in brackets. The development boundary is defined in the SWDP to implement SWDP2 and is not the boundary of the villages showing built up area of the settlement.

2. Insert "... within the boundary, allocating sites for residential development and small-scale ..."

Query whether it is useful to draw the development boundary around the SWDP and proposed residential allocations as this could lead to infill proposals on open areas of the site.

Policy EH1 Part A - wording is vague and the criteria 'generous' in that it would be fairly straightforward forward for an applicant to make a case that alternative infill or brownfield infill sites are either not available, or that additional housing is required to boost supply. Also query:

- What criteria will be employed to consider the brownfield sites;
- ≦ What are the targets being referred to in the policy? SWDP are being met by housing and employment allocations, the NP presumably the same. These would be windfall development. I.e. in addition to the supply set out in the SWDP.

Part B – what types of development are required to contribute? All types, presumably just residential, including extensions? Unreasonable to ask retail/employment development to contribute. Therefore the policy requires clarification to assist the decision maker. Further this is delivered through SWDP39 so query if the policy is necessary.

Part C – Unless a tree(s) is protected by a TPO this policy is difficult to implement. Also the policy wording is unclear, employing such terms as "every possible effort".

Part D and E - Requirements are excessive, especially if the trees are not protected by a TPO/Conservation Area.

Part F – last bullet is unclear and does not aid the decision maker. In many cases it will not be possible to incorporate existing private access/routes as public rights of way into new development.

Policy EH2 Query if sufficient investigation has been undertaken to ensure that green spaces included in this policy proposed for designation as LGS meet the tests of para 77 in the NPPF. The supporting evidence does not seem to be accessible on the website. Final sentence insert "Where appropriate the neighbourhood proportion of the Community Infrastructure Levy will be used ...". It will not be possible to make bids to the wider CIL pot for public open space as this has already been covered via \$106 agreements and would result in 'double dipping', i.e. delivering the same infrastructure from CIL and \$106.

Policy EH3 Explanation 2 – include date of adoption of Conservation Area, i.e. March 2015. Policy EH4 – this policy seems to introduce greater restrictions affecting the setting of the conservation area than would apply to development within it.

Policy EH5 – Support the inclusion of a policy relating to views but need to ensure the evidence is robust as the examiner will be looking carefully at these.

Policy EH6 - "floodplain" Explanation 2 - replace HMG with Environment Agency.

Ditto reference in Note. 5 – Interesting but query relevance. Suggest straightforward reference to effects of climate change.

4.3 Local Facilities and Leisure Replace para 4.3.2 and 4.3.3 with bullet points?

Para 4.3.4 – this is the first reference in sections to the objectives. Should this not be consistent throughout the document?

Policy LFL1 – typo, "childrens" and "St James".

Policy LFL2 – Query why the statement is necessary that the site will only be released if demonstrated need. Has this not come forward via the consultation and input of the primary school? It is also inconsistent with LFL3 where the where the release of land for the village hall is not as onerous. Suggest delete.

Policy LFL3 - Explanation 3 - if the ownership is unknown difficult to allocate as there is no

certainty that it would be released.

4.4 Business and Tourism 4.4.2 Full stop end of second bullet.

Policy BT1 – Land use planning can control number of people employed on a business site. Also this seems to go counter to the economic pillar of sustainable development. Suggest delete third paragraph.

First bullet - replace "residents" with "residences".

Policy BT2 – Only Class A1 covers shops (or retail), A2; 3; 4 are financial services etc.; food and drink, and drinking establishments respectively. Does the opening sentence require a redraft to reflect this? It is necessary to define what is acceptable or meant by "appropriate locations". The decision maker requires assistance in this instance.

Policy BT3 – second bullet need to define "appropriate" as above.

Policy BT4 – SWDP8 is considered to be a strategic policy and it does not location of live/work units. Therefore the policy is not in conformity limiting live/work to inside development boundary and farm diversification. Also limits sustainable development by restricting live/work proposals that are not related or appropriate to farm diversification proposals.

First bullet SWDP8 sets a 60/40 threshold in favour of residential. Is there a justification for going with the 50/50 threshold limit?

Second bullet – This is overly onerous and not enforceable as signs larger than this do not require planning consent.

Explanation 3 - suggest "... dedicated work area, often assessed separately by customers ..."

Policy BT5 - A - typo "... and does not adversely affect ..."

Explanation 2. Should reference be made to boating/leisure uses on the River Avon?

- 4. Insert "seasonal" before blossom-related.
- 5. Reference to "spirt" seems rather vague. What does this mean in practice?

Policy BT6 – Suggests opening sentence makes reference to 'glamping'.

Explanation 1. "Flood Zone". 2. The final sentence does not make sense.

Policy T1 – for the avoidance of doubt the policy should identify all sites to which it applies.

Community Projects - is the provision of charging points in these locations supported by the landowners? Suggest that an explanation is provided in the introduction about the community projects. This is the first instance in the NP that the reader encounters them.

Policy T2 – suggested replace "proposed" with "safeguarded". Remove reference to "aspirational" routes as the emphasis needs to be firmer in the policy/Map18. Explanation 1. Route B – remove quotation marks from names of public houses.

4.6 Infrastructure and Housing Para 4.6.8 – does the concept of sustainability require further explanation, either here or indeed earlier on in the NP?

Policy IH1 - reference to policy should be IH5.

Policy IH2 – clarification required as to what constitutes "bungalow style". Would single storey be a better phrase? Thresholds supported provided they are robustly supported by evidence.

Policy IH3 - reference should be made to the county council's 2017 Streetscape Guide. Policy

IH4 – title of policy doesn't reflect the content. Seems to be more to do with design and sustainable development. Opportunity to cross reference to VDS.

Is there evidence to support the density limit?

How does the applicant/decision maker assess density of existing estates?

Renewables threshold on new development higher than SWDP27. Is this justified by any evidence?

010 Planning
Services
Economy and
Infrastructure
County Council

General comments

Education.

The Worcestershire County Council's Children, Families, and Communities (CFC) department note Policy LFL2, allowance for the provision of the Expansion of Harvington C of E First and Nursery School. The school is either full or almost full in all year groups and is anticipated to accept full reception classes in 3 out of the next 4 years. Additional housing developments within the catchment area will likely require additional facilities at the school to support demand in the future; the protection of land to support this possibility is strongly supported by CFC.

Minerals and Waste The draft Neighbourhood Plan currently makes no reference to the Waste Core Strategy or Minerals Local Plan. These documents form part of the statutory Development Plan for the area alongside the South Worcestershire Development Plan, and we consider that the Neighbourhood Plan should make some reference to this.

We recommend the following change and footnote (shown in bold) to paragraph 1.1.5: "Once made, this NDP will form part of the Development Plan at the local level alongside the adopted South Worcestershire Development Plan, the adopted Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy and the saved policies of the County of Hereford and Worcester Minerals Local Plan. It will be used to determine planning applications in accordance with Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Section 38 (6) in that the determination of planning applications 'must be made in accordance with the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise'."

We note the stated aspiration in section 5.7 to restrict traffic from any civil engineering, minerals extraction or similar activities inside or within 10 miles of the Neighbourhood Area from passing through Village Street, Leys Road or the Conservation Area.

We agree that this aspiration should not form a specific policy, as such a blanket restriction may not pass the tests of reasonableness for a planning condition set out in paragraph 206 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012 (namely that "Planning conditions should only be imposed where they are necessary, relevant to planning and to the development to be permitted, enforceable, precise and reasonable in all other respects").

The traffic implications of any proposed mineral development would be fully considered through the planning application process. Sustainable Drainage.

Policy EH6 – Flooding. We welcome that it requires all new developments to use permeable drives; however, we would welcome a more comprehensive approach to Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). SuDS should be encouraged on all developments in the Neighbourhood Planning area, regardless of their size. The Plan should specify that at surface level SuDS provide the best opportunity for multiple benefits and they should be considered before below ground SuDS. The maintenance of SuDS for the lifetime of the development should be encouraged by the Plan.

Additionally, we would like to make a few detailed comments:

- ≤ "Development should not result in an unacceptable risk to the quality of the receiving river, stream, brook or other water body, nor transfer the risk of increased flooding of the receiving water body". This paragraph should include "no additional water quantity".
- $\leq$  "All new developments should use permeable drives and hard standing wherever practical to allow the on-site absorption of rain water rather than permitting `run off' which can lead to

flooding".

It is important that the Plan makes it explicit that permeable drive/paving need to be adequately maintained in order to sustain its functionality. We are concerned with the use of 'hardstanding'. Tarmac driveways do not allow for 'on-site absorption'.

Sustainability 4 | Electric vehicles

We support the aspirations for an electric vehicle charge point project.

Paragraph 4.5.3 states that "the UK government has announced that the majority of new cars and vans should be electric by 2040". This statement is not quite correct.

The government has announced that all new cars sold from 2040 cannot be solely diesel or petrol driven. Hybrid vehicles will still be on the market.

We welcome the approach to electric vehicle charging points being included for all new developments. It is worth noting that a charge point installed in a garage will make the garage a parking space for the property.

Energy.

We support the approach to renewable energy with the investigation of geothermal and hydro power as options for Harvington. Living conditions play a key role in both physical and mental wellbeing of residents. The provision of affordable heating can help reduce the risk of fuel poverty and benefit the health of the local residents. This is why the affordability of the heating should be encouraged through this Plan. This approach will support the objectives of the Government's Clean Growth Strategy1 with moving away from more carbon intensive fuels.

We support the inclusion of a lower threshold for the consideration of renewable energy than SWDP27. It may also be beneficial to include the reference to the provision of roof mounted solar PV as this is by far the most popular choice for renewable energy on new development sites.

I've been reading the draft plan that has been published and firstly I would like to say that it's clear a great deal of hard work has gone into this. Being relatively new to the village (Aug 2015) I found it interesting and informative.

There are three areas I would like to get clarification on please:

1. Attached is a pdf with part of your development boundary map extracted. I've expanded the section for my property. I was confused why the red development boundary line cuts through my garden. I've drawn our boundary in blue, so you can see where that sits. The red boundary line seems quite deliberately drawn, so my query is whether this should sit outside of our property boundary, as it does for most other houses on Village Street.

011 Local resident

- 2. Traffic calming around the crossroads of Village Street, Alcester/Evesham Road, Leys Road. Are there any plans to add in a mini roundabout, with a raised junction? I assume this junction has been assessed for further traffic calming measures. Is there anything published on the options that have been/are being considered?
- 3. Leisure Facilities In the leisure section I couldn't see much in the way of proposals for future development of leisure facilities, either on the playing field or in other areas. Is there any plan to establish a tennis club/court or other sporting facilities?

012 Local resident

The NDP document is long and verbose as has become common practice although it means that those people who are busy (with family, working etc) or have limited literacy skills don't engage with democracy!

The plan presents a vision for the future which in essence is a snap shot of the village as it is now and proposes to retain it and defend the village against future significant development. Apart from the cycle paths, there is little in the plan which would improve the quality of life or reduce the cost of living for residents. This is probably what the majority of vocal residents

want but the NDP gives the impression that rural England is dominated by NIMBYs! The younger generations have desire for a better future in the same way that many of us who are now in retirement had at their age. Obviously, the surveys were constructed with this preservation objective in mind and perhaps the Parish Council should be concerned about the numbers of residents who do not participate in local decision making.

Since WW2, the village has seen a massive increase in the number of houses with new modest estates being built in almost every decade. Even post 2000, the number of houses built in the first few years (prior to the financial crisis) greatly exceeds the 2-3 per year proposed in the plan. (Off Evesham and Alcester roads alone there were in excess of 40 homes). If the current combination of anti-migrant and limited work permits for "essential skilled employees" including doctors, nurses etc continues, then it is likely that the 30% plus of the house building quota in the SWDP which do not have allocated sites will not be needed. (I believe these are also the dreams of the local politicians and authors of the SWDP). However, it should be recognised in the Harvington Plan that the pressure for more houses is coming from people living longer and more single parent families. It's unclear whether the policy of denying social housing (rented, leased or purchased) to families who do not have any connection with the village is justified when the majority of new houses have been occupied by people moving in from wealthier parts many miles from Harvington.

The age demographics in Harvington are rightly noted in the plan but their impact on the plan is not obvious! In rural Wales (where I grew up) the majority of people in post 18 education left and never returned because the job prospects were poor. It is not clear whether that is the same for this part of rural Worcestershire or how planning policies should change as a result. An ageing population increases the health service needs, the numbers of unpaid and paid carers, and has impacts on the transport planning etc. None of this is reflected in the Harvington plan despite the fact that, for instance, our bus service is generally unreliable with buses cancelled almost daily and unpredictable with buses more than 10 minutes late every day! (Although Internet access to real-time bus schedules is possible most older residents would find real-time displays in bus shelters a more accessible). In the future, there is scope for autonomous (self-driving) cars which at least for better off residents might be preferred to public transport or volunteer drivers. Compared to other parts of the Stagecoach bus network and Diamond buses in the wider area, fares for travelling on the X18 are very high and the bus shelter capacity given the numbers who use the buses is clearly inadequate in the mornings!

The plan recognises that climate change and associated increased rainfall is possible. However, it fails to acknowledge that there is no significant flooding risk providing drains and waterways continue to be adequately cleared (these were the principle causes of the most recent problems and drainage remains a problem along Station road). However, good rural drainage conflicts with regional planning which advocates retention of rainwater upstream to avoid the necessity of increased river capacity to avoid downstream flooding. Perhaps building on the site of the large pond off Leys Road some decades ago would not have been approved today!

Broadband in the village has improved but remains very expensive and inadequate compared to more urban communities. The key infrastructure limitation appears to be capacity into the village despite the high capacity fibre optics running down the B4088. Mobile phone coverage is patchy and unpredictable. The opportunity to put a mast inside the church tower (like is becoming increasingly common) has been lost by renovating the Victorian (?) copper spire which sits rather incongruously on top of the Norman tower. (Mobile signals don't travel through metal sheets).

Employment opportunities within or near the village have declined significantly during the time that I have lived in the village. In part, the opening of the A46 dual carriage way had the inevitable consequence of less business from passing traffic. Harvington is now perhaps best described as a dormitory village with the majority of people commuting to work well outside the village. I'm sure residents would not welcome a return to the noise and smells associated with vehicle maintenance and repair. The village has been fortunate that the growth in population has been sufficient to sustain some of the shops and pubs.

The plan fails to acknowledge that assuming Western Countries continue to rely on a free market growth economy, then local retail business will need an average 2-3% growth in sale per year (after inflation) to remain profitable. Without this corresponding increase in local population retailers will need to persuade residents to spend more locally. In the light of the trend for online retailing and the reduction in social drinking it seems inevitable that Harvington will see some or all of its shops and pubs close within the life of the Harvington Plan. This should be acknowledge as a consequence of not continuing to grow the village at a similar rate to the last 30 years – although there is no certainty that building 200 houses would not result in closures of shops and pubs. There is also no evidence in the plan that residents want the

local shops and pubs to remain open. Simply ensuring that there is no further loss of parking near the pubs and shops might help to draw trade from a wider area. In reality, a high proportion of residents rarely use the shops or pubs.

In conclusion, when I spent my first night in Harvington over 30 years ago I never anticipated that it would be apathy that would prevent me from moving elsewhere. Now, like other residents of my age I face difficult decisions about whether the current inadequate access to health care is likely to continue and if so how to identify areas where you don't spend 3 days calling the regional hospital appointment number every few minutes with no queuing system to find out the date of my next (long overdue) appointment for a life-changing chronic condition. Obviously, for the younger generation the primary issue is the high rate (over 30%) of GCSE failures in English and Maths across the region – few parents expect their children to have chronic or serious health problems! If there are no solutions to these problems then Harvington (and Wychavon as a whole) will become undesirable places to live and there will be no demand for increased housing!

In other words, our vision for the future should focus on a hope for a better future: access to affordable/"free" health care as needed; effective education/training and better paid jobs achieved without further damage to the environment.

Policy IH5

We had a letter sent to us from you the Parish Council asking if we were happy about 35 homes being built behind our house. "NO" we are not happy. This land that you are talking about was going to be built on before and we said NO then! If you are going to build homes on this land what was the point of Harvington Say NO campaign!

013 Local resident

I don't care if it's 3 or 335 we are not happy with any homes being built on this land and we are shocked that you are even thinking about it doing it! The local people who live in Harvington had to fight hard the last time this happened to stop anyone building on this land. It's just crazy. Your only interest is in a new community area.

014 Local resident General

I would be grateful if this could be shared with the Steering Group responsible for the Harvington Neighbourhood Development Plan and with the group responsible for the identification of possible development sites. Thank you for your work on the Harvington Neighbourhood Development Plan.

**Development Boundary** 

I have a question about the position of the development boundary (also referred to as the settlement boundary). This is significant because the position of the boundary impacts on whether or not houses can be built (on the proposed development site A) very close to the rear of several houses (including mine) on Village Street and the main road. Below are several maps showing the development boundary: NB: see attachment sent separately.

Figures 1 and 2 show the development site (identified as "Site A" in the HNDP page 68) as within the development boundary. However, figures 3, 4 and 5 (taken from the HNDP page 10, the supporting report by Aecom and the SWDP) show the area identified as Site A as lying outside the development boundary.

In other words, different maps within the same plan show different development boundaries.

Also, I notice that the Aecom report points out that: "the smaller site (A) is of a reasonable scale and does not extend the village any further than the building line" but that "It should be noted that the site is currently outside the settlement boundary, whereby the principal of development is not permitted in accordance with Policy SWDP 2.

A settlement boundary change would have to be proposed as part of the Neighbourhood Plan to allocate Site A." (Page 14 Development Site Assessments by Aecom, Main Report).

I note from a document with the filename

'ProposalForDevelopmentSiteDecisionmakingProcess.pdf and titled "Harvington Neighbourhood

Plan Allocation of building development sites" that the steering group has proposed extending the settlement boundary and acknowledge that:

- ■ The location chosen will create strong local feelings
- ≤ The decisions will be "market-sensitive" for both landowners and owners of adjacent property.

This is most certainly the case. There is no doubt that removing the large open space to the rear of properties on Village Street will impact upon their market value, especially if (as I note below), structures are built on the very edge of existing garden boundaries. The location chosen will certainly create strong local feelings and I note the SG's concerns that these feelings could derail the whole plan. It is important, therefore, that the views of residents of these properties are considered. I understand that a blanket refusal to countenance development anywhere in the village is not feasible.

Therefore, I have the following What is the basis for the assumption that the next iteration of the SWDP will automatically overturn decisions already made and move settlement boundaries without regard to the HNDP or previous versions of SWDP? It seems that the decision to move the settlement boundary is influenced heavily by this unsupported assumption. Unless there is strong evidence that the SWDP will change, it seems strange that the HNDP, designed to limit development, would actually encourage development on a site excluded by the SWDP! Furthermore, I understand that a successful HNDP must align with the local plan (the SWDP in this case). Attempting to change the settlement boundary from that agreed by South Worcestershire risks undermining the whole plan because of one detail. I note that Gladman have been keen to point this out in their submission and I have no doubt that they will seize on any loophole that may allow them to challenge the plan.

Policy IH5

InitialBriefingForConsultant.pdf) suggests "there might be a need for an additional 14 or so of these bungalows" and that "movement to 3-4 bed houses would not consume all the released stock." If that is the case, where does the need for 30 units come from? 14 bungalows would have significantly less impact than 30 unspecified units.

- 3. I had to dig around for a while to find the relevant documents and was only alerted to the need to do so when I spotted the discrepancy in the maps shown above and the point raised in the Aecom document. Given its very significant impact, what plans do the steering group have to more widely publicise this crucial proposal to move the settlement boundary agreed by SWDP?
- 4. Does a neighbourhood development plan have the authority to amend a decision made as part of the SWDP? Presumably the assumptions on which the SWDP drew the settlement boundary still apply: why would South Worcestershire, therefore, change this?

Can I suggest the following: I appreciate that Site A (whether or not within the settlement boundary) is ideal for development. However, the objections to potential development would be much less strenuous if there was some guarantee that developers won't build new structures right on the boundary of existing gardens. You will have seen the developments in Pershore and Evesham where houses have been built literally inches from existing garden boundaries, depriving homeowners of light to and privacy in their gardens. Can the neighbourhood plan thus incorporate a condition to be placed on any future development that a reasonable buffer between new structures and existing gardens be maintained – say twenty metres? Indeed, given the desirability of this buffer zone, development of the sites further south of Site A would actually be a more acceptable option than development of Site A itself. These sites do not about existing properties and can be accessed as easily as Site A.

Please don't misunderstand the tone of this letter. I am very grateful for the huge amount of work that has been put in to ensuring that our village is developed sensitively and sustainably and I'd like to thank you all for that.

Street Appraisal.

015 Local resident

Page numbering is wrong - starting with Leys Road reading 95 should be 94 and so on.

Policy IH5.

As one of the two household most affected by the proposal, road adjacent, community centre to the left, housing behind, considerable reduction in privacy and house valuation, I register my opposition to your proposals and seek answers as follows.

- While I appreciate the village plan has been compiled from suggestions put forward by the villagers, it is unlikely any of the households now affected by IH5 actually suggested this would be a good idea.
- The village (with some doubt it would now seem with regard to the parish council)
  fought a hard and determined battle, to successfully defeat recent property developers
  in their attempt to build houses on the land of which this proposed area is part, and
  land off Crest Hill.
- The parish council in agreeing to this proposal have virtually handed to the developers
  a carte blanche opportunity, to now come back and make another bid with the obvious
  tacit agreement of the PC. How can they deny it, and what grounds could now be used.
- Forget the village plan, with both the Government and opposition determined to cover the UK in concrete it will, as in many other rural areas be overruled. To believe otherwise is not only naive but very foolish and in fact irresponsible.

016 Local resident

- This is the thin end of a wedge which will be very skilfully used by the developers to overthrow any opposition and obtain the necessary consent in both areas so previously well defended.
- What has happened to the argument, again hard fought and won, that the bus stop, which prevented a road access to the land in question, being removed? Is it now OK and approved by the Parish Council? Will the protesters agree I wonder?
- With two pubs and a village hall why do we need a community centre?
- What constitutes a Community Centre? What will be its function? During what hours will it be permitted to increase the current ambient noise levels of this part of the village? Will it be single storey or two storey invading privacy of all neighbouring properties more so than a standard two story dwelling? Does the council have any idea about use or will it just happen with a "camel like" committee designing and deciding its function?

I trust the PC can give at least the semblance of proof of some consideration to all these concerns.

I accept this can be seen as NIMBY but what really concerns me is that the PC in putting forward this proposal, have opened a very wide door and invited the developers with a much bigger agenda to come back in, using this as support for their plans. Well done PC and helpers.

Policy IH5.

I have just agreed to purchase in Village Street and hope to move into the village in June. The proximity of the development is therefore of direct interest to me.

017 Local resident

Whilst in principle, I have no issue with the proposal, I would like to see other options for the access road explored and if it really has to be through Village Street, will there be traffic calming measures to take account of the additional 70+ or so cars that the development will inevitably bring?

018 Local resident Policy IH5.

I would like to express my wholehearted support for the new parish plan which will include the new "site A". As a former resident of the village I would have loved to have bought my own property however this was impossible due to the lack of homes available for sale. I would welcome a mixed development in the area. As a village we understand houses need to be built

and small developments are the way forward.

General.

Need more bungalows to keep elderly in the Village.

#### 019 Local resident

If building take into consideration school size and transport.

Street lighting - very dark in Blakenhurst and Orchard Place.

Policy IH5.

There should be a big percentage of buildings for downsizing elderly villagers with residential care, freeing up existing houses for newcomers.

#### 020 Local resident

The amount of traffic accessing Village Street would be dangerous.

The whole character of the village would be destroyed if this proposal goes through.

We viewed the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan at the consultation event this morning and are fully in support of the proposals within the plan, which seem very well thought through.

### 021 Local resident

Policy IH5 and Policy T2

We are particularly supportive of the proposal that any new housing development should have a sufficient amount of parking for residents and like the idea of a footbridge to Offenham.

Policy IH5

### 022 Local resident

After going to the recent presentation of The Neighbourhood Plan it certainly made me realise how hard the Councillors have been working on the plan to safeguard Harvington. Some of the land identified for development is at the side of my house which is on Village Street, whilst I am in favour of this I would definitely like to see affordable housing being included in the 35 properties that are proposed to be built on this piece of land. I think it is extremely important to have the Plan in place to ensure Harvington remains a village.

Policy IH5

#### 023 Local resident

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#### 024 Local resident

The following possible errors, correction, omissions and re-wording need consideration and/or correction.

- 1. Photo 5 Page 38 Should be: ....junction of Leys Road with Leysfield
- 2. Page 53 Map 17 A garage already exists on the designated marked space.
- 3. Page 102 Ragley Road Two (not three) properties face directly onto Village Street, although a third property, facing onto the green area, has a drive exiting onto Village Street.
- 4. Page 103 Hughes Lane The 'terrace of three houses' (Fig34) referred to in the text, is known as Breedon Grounds, and the name could be included for clarity in the text.

- 5. Page 105 Village Street Reference is made (Fig 39) to 1930's police station. This property was eventually sold, and a replacement police station was constructed in the 1960's, slightly further down Station Road, on the opposite side now known as 'Coppers Lodge'. Needs to be included for completeness?
- 6. Page 105 Station Road Fig 41 Perhaps, as with similar wording used for Ragley Road, the text would be better to read:- `...framed by a pair of forward-set modern housing, facing onto Station Road (Fig 41).....
- 7. Appendix C Page 111
- (i) RR1 Silver Birch This is on private land. Should it be included?
- (ii) Should the trees on the Green Space in Ragley Road also be included, or are they excluded because they are on Housing Association land although trees on land throughout the village owned by Highways are included. Seems slightly anomalous. Review?
- (iii)TREES ALSO NOT INCLUDED There are a number of Poplar trees planted in the hedgerow along Green Street, planted over 70 years ago by Vic Tyack, when his daughter Hillary.

Comments and Concerns for Review

1. Nomination of Development Site

At the first of the open days at the Golden Cross, the chairman of the Steering Group was in attendance, so I asked him for clarification. I was advised that the guidance was that we COULD (not SHOULD) include a designated development area.

I was further advised that, of the 11 sites identified in the survey, where villagers' thoughts regarding property types etc. were requested, only 3 sites were then found available for consideration for a nominated site, as being on offer for development by the owners. This surprised me, as a number of the sites identified were those owned by the Diocese, who had been quite happy previously to put them forward for consideration for minerals extraction at the recent call for sites.

On reading the Steering Group minutes, I note it was agreed to only publish the call for development sites in the Village News, which had the distinct possibility that owners of land who resided outside the village had little chance of responding. This should be of great concern, as it severely limited the potential for responses.

The three sites left for consideration were:

- 1. The site on Crest Hill, planning application opposed by the Council, and rejected for development by the Inspector on appeal.
- 2. The site on the hill, which runs down below the 'dog walker's field onto the bottom of Crest Hill. This was considered unsuitable, amongst other reasons, due to the severe slope, and affect on a protected view, and unsuitability for sheltered housing.
- 3. The site opposite the Golden Cross, behind the bus shelter.

Deciding on the site is really a bit like 'last man standing' where eight sites were not available for consideration as viable candidates, and from the limited selection of three left, one was rejected already and another was unsuitable and easily removed from consideration. I am concerned that the result is a bit 'shaky' as regards justification and may well not represents what the village wants, but was possible guided by the feeling we should (rather than could) submit an identified development area.

Reasoning and Justification

A: Within the WDC guidance document it states:

"Neighbourhood Plans can range in complexity depending on the wishes of local people ........"

Neighbourhood Plans can be used to choose where new homes and offices are built and have a say on what the building looks like".

[Therefore, there is no WDC requirement they must include a specified development area]

- B: The site suggested was originally part of the Gladman' application. At that time, following village response, a revised plan was submitted following objections to the specific area as:
- i) Access onto Village Street was too close to the main road, and onto busy Village Street
- ii) The bus shelter would need to be relocated, to improve safety and visibility.

If above reasons were strong enough then to prevent exit onto Village Street, presumably to same reasons to prevent such development may now still well be relevant and apply.

Following our village's recent history, such inclusion of an agreed development site, particularly at that location, has the potential to re-open the earlier problems we had with unwanted and unwelcome excessive development proposals – and further Gladman input.

C:From further reading, the role of Category 1,2 and 3 settlement areas in the SWDP is predominately aimed at meeting locally identified housing and employment needs. The Harvington Draft Neighbourhood Plan and ERJ specifically states that the surveys undertaken could not identify any such over-riding need from either local residents or businesses.

With all that in mind, the necessity to specify a development area is significantly weakened.

I have looked at all the successfully 'made' Neighbourhood Plans listed on the Wychavon, Malvern Hills and Stratford upon Avon District websites regarding offering voluntary specific development sites, [over and above development already in progress, awaiting approval, or nominated as part of the SWDP]. I trust I have not missed out any relevant information in my perusal, but from reading the documents, I believe the results are:-

Of the 14 sites (details below):

i) 5 chose not to list specific development sites.

[Mainly villages somewhat comparable with Harvington]

- ii) 3 submitted potential development sites
- iii) 6 already had Planning Application either substantially or completely fulfilling their parish's housing obligations, or due to location, were allocated sites under SWDP, so had no need for further voluntary submissions.

Conclusion: I would suggest, if consideration is given to all considerations above, that this shows there is no requirement, justification or real need to identify a specific site.

Evidence: Existing 'Made' Development Plan Details (taken from reading the relevant 'made' Plans)

Stratford upon Avon District Council Area

- 1. Wilmcote: No specific sites identified. Comment included that they will need a future exercise to identify suitable land to cover local housing needs.
- 2. Bidford on Avon: No specific sites identified. Supports development on brownfield sites and, in principal, new housing within the Village Boundary, complying with the Neighbourhood Plan policy

- 3. Kineton: The Stratford upon Avon Council's Draft Core Strategy (DCS) has identified Kineton as needing to provide 200 dwellings within the plan. Allocations already made, and no further additions required to meet requirements.
- 4. Long Compton: Identified sites for 20 new homes, including 9 affordable housing needs. Supports development on brownfield sites and, infill within the boundary.
- 5. Welford: The Parish Council decided not to included site allocations because, under the DCS approved permission already exceeds the upper limit requirement. Any further sites offered need full evaluation to comply with the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 6. Wooton Wawen: No specific sites identified. Supports development on brownfield sites and, infill within the Village Boundary.
- 7. Salford Priors: DCS requirement identifies approximately 84 new homes over the Plan period, with allocated sites, and planning permission already exists for 60 properties.

Wychavon District Council

- 1. North Claines: [The parish abuts the northern boundary of Worcester city] The area is identified as suitable and accessible to contribute to some of Worcester's needs. Sites already identified in SWDP. They identify a further site in Fernhill for development.
- 2. Drakes Broughton: No specific sites identified. Existing committed sites identified (either under planning application or development approved.
- 3. Bredon: Identified a site for 24 homes to meet locally identified housing needs.
- 4. Cleeve Prior: No specific sites identified.

Malvern Hills District Council

- 1. Clifton upon Teme: Planning permission exists for recent development, and current commitment for 118 properties. No further sites identified. Supports small scale infill development.
- 2. Kempsey: [Near to Worcester city] Already 2,435 new properties in major development identified in the SWDP.
- 3. Martley: SWDP site allocation and site commitments with either planning application or development approval. I also include a list of possible 'errors' that have been passed to me for review.
- 2. Policy EH2 Page 24
- (i) Regarding use of the nomenclature The Common. This suggests it is common land, open to all, which it isn't.- [ex 'Mrs Robbin's Orchard']. At the very least, in the NP the reason for use of the name be explained, including the fact that it is private land, with a public footpath running through it. Consider changing the description, or at the very least, putting site-description in quotations i.e. 'The Common'
- (ii) Confusion regarding 'Designated Green Spaces'. A number of queries regarding:
- (a) Ownership. It was frequently presumed that all the designated land was owned by the Council. This needs further clarifying in the text as to ownership etc. Although ownership, where known, is included in the ERJ perhaps a paragraph of clarification (or reference link) would be useful in the NP document also.
- (b) Affect on Planning situation of the land. This needs elaborating as to the legal position and repercussions of declaring a Green Space. e.g. Does it mean NO development ever or can owners still apply, and potentially get planning approval etc.

#### 3. Policy EH5, Page 31 - Protected Views

Apart from the view from the road to Atch Lench, outside the Parish Boundary, NO other specific views from publicly accessible areas are included for protection in the Leys Road area. This has upset residents of that area, who see a large number of protected views listed, only in the 'old' village, and are concerned at the potential future loss of their views into the adjacent countryside.

For example, Map 12, Page 35: No views are included from the public footpath [500(C)], running from Alcester Road, behind Brookdale etc. parallel with Leys Road. There are a number of views from there looking both towards the Lenches and back towards the village that could be considered equally worth specifically identifying and protecting.

Relevant information, and photos, can be found at Street Scenes and Views under Group B at: <a href="https://harvingtonplan.uk/Surveys/StreetScenesAndViews-2017/index.html">https://harvingtonplan.uk/Surveys/StreetScenesAndViews-2017/index.html</a> referring to the views from The Orchard [V2]; from the public highway near The Orchard [V3], and from the public footpath 500(C) [V1].

#### 4. Policy IH2 - Housing Mix Page 63

Can consideration be given to additional elaboration in paragraph 5, for example, to include reference to Wychavon supported-policy for Affordable Home Ownership; 'Help to Buy Midlands' found under:

#### https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/affordable-home-ownership

This referenced page includes, amongst other schemes, Shared Ownership, and Discounted Market Sale or Fixed Equity, with up to 30% equity discount (with strings – e.g. show local connections and restrictions on onward sale) possible. This could, if positively encouraged in new developments, provide better chances for villagers to remain in the village.

Facebook etc. discussions strongly suggests a 'hidden' need for local housing for children of village families to buy 'starter' homes within the village exists that did not surface in the original survey.

- 5. Policy IH5 Page 67
- (i) The wording for second paragraph:
- '.....for community use should include....' Request consideration that should be changed to could or may as in the future, a building may not be felt necessary, and other community uses may be identified (e.g. Sports/football field) for the area. ERJ comments/justification (Survey Question 4 & 5) noted, but ask for a review of this wording to permit flexibility. Changing wording does not preclude community building, just not so restrictive/proscriptive on future need. Where is the supportive evidence from the village, either in the NP or ERJ for the necessity to include either a new Village Hall or an extra Community Area?
- (ii) It is realised that there is no way of going back in time, but anger was expressed that the Council chose not to contact and pre-warn the residents who would be most affected by the proposed designated development as soon as the decision to include in NP was reached. The shock of finding it in the draft NP was a bombshell to many villagers, not only those in site-adjacent properties. Under normal Planning, the District Council always contacts those residents for comments on any development proposals what is different in this case, that such, at least a courteous notification or contact was not made?

The reasoning as to why they were not directly contacted prior to draft NP needs explanation and recording in Council minutes. It is not enough to state that information was in the public domain. Particularly in such specific circumstances it cannot be assumed affected villagers would read the Council minutes in the Village News, or attend Parish Meetings or the Fete to get the information in the public domain.

### 6. Appraisal Boundary B3 Page 86

Marsh Close is a cul-de-sac of 4 houses off the main estate, which is The Rowans. Could the map be altered to show as The Rowans rather than Marsh Lane.

## 7. ERJ Page 24 - Development Boundary: Proposed Changes

This map was available at the public sessions, and created quite a bit of confusion. It was modified to include properties already constructed, but also used the same Legend colour for the proposed new development and community-use area.

Perhaps, to clarify and remove any confusion, if approved by the PC, the proposed new development and community-use area be presented in a different colour, and listed separately in the Legend.

Is there a requirement to change the boundary to include any proposed development site? - I agree it seems logical and sensible (if this site is accepted, after discussion, for inclusion in NP by Parish Council) but one wonders why other Councils did not find it necessary to alter the boundary.

[It was interesting to note that not all published Neighbourhood Development Plans in the nearby areas had chosen to modify the development boundary, even where proposed development sites (or designated SWDP development sites) shown on their maps were adjacent to the existing boundary].

Policy LFL3 - Map 15

#### 025 Land owner

The area of land marked on Map 15 as the village hall expansion site, attached, belongs to us. It has never been registered as this is not a requirement of ownership. Our solicitors hold necessary legal documents to certify our ownership. We suggest you amend your plans and maps accordingly for future reference so your information and facts are correct. NB: Map attached.

I and writing to express my concern for the proposed development of housing in Harvington.

Policy IH5

The housing would sit directly at the back of our property which currently overlooks beautiful countryside with wonderful views, it pains me that we may potentially now be facing a building site then a housing development for the next 20 years in what we hoped would be our forever home.

## 026 Local resident

We have a baby daughter that I feel this would disturb greatly, noise, extra traffic throughout the village and extra pressures to accommodate more children at the village school really do impact on existing local families and residents.

All in all although I am in no way ignorant to the fact we need more housing and starter housing for young families like ourselves it would be an awful shame that yet another section of green space is filled with buildings.

Please think on behalf of your existing residents before making a decision.

### 027 Local resident Policy IH5

We would like lodge our strong objections to any proposed Development. Firstly, this is a small Village with more than adequate community facilities to serve the population. We are located within easy reach of Evesham & Stratford by Bus or Car which offers the community all other amenities such as sports, Libraries, Shopping, Leisure and Housing etc. We choose to live in a Village for many reasons, the peace and tranquillity, the small and friendly community, the Countryside on our Doorstep but within reach of a Town if we need it. This proposal will:

- a) Increase traffic in and out of the village onto what is already a hazardous crossroads with accidents already recorded.
- b) Increased noise & pollution which extra housing and community facilities will inevitably create
- c) The School, already overstretched.
- d) The Bus stop?
- e) A country walk from Village Street to the Farm Shop enjoyed by many for the views and tranquillity-lost!

The need for additional housing in the village is minimal and with a huge amount of Development in nearby Evesham will go a long way to facilitating this need.

On a personal note, we purchased our home 12 months ago and have invested our life savings into what we thought would be our forever home. Our searches revealed that a proposal for the Development of adjacent land had been refused and as a result of this we chose to Buy. Had there been any indication, even after we had purchased we would most certainly have modified the plans for any extension and improvement.

We are now in an impossible situation, half way through the Build! We cannot undo what has been done we cannot sell until house is finished and probably could not find a buyer in this present uncertain condition.

Lastly I come from a small village in Somerset where we were faced with a similar situation of proposed Development - permission was eventually granted for a small percentage of the build which, once built, increased, the village is sadly no longer, it's now a Town, a reality to be taken seriously if we want this community to remain as it is.

Policy IH5

We both think having looked at the Plan at the Village Hall for the Neighbourhood Development if we are just looking at the 35 houses mentioned that looks very acceptable.

028 Local resident

The other policies also look very good.

A lot of thought and work has been put into this from our parish council and we thank them for this.

Policy 4.1

I agree that village boundaries should be altered to incorporate areas designated.

029 Local resident Policy IH5

Building of new houses should be allowed. The Village has got too big to stay as it is. Bidford-on-Avon is a shining example on how to do it right.

030 Local resident Policy IH5

My property backs on to the field for proposed development of 35 houses.

I do not understand how you are able to put that in on P.67 of the plan without informing all the householders affected as Gladman had to do when they wanted to develop the land.

I am not happy about that as we currently have a nice outlook onto the field. We do not want that site developed. I worry that it will raise the risk of flooding onto our driveway and garage if the field is concreted over as all the rain water runoff will come down the hill towards our back garden, driveway and garage.

I am also not happy about the access to the 35 properties being on a road where the current footpath is as this will mean demolition of the bus stop and the three trees next to the bus stop. We argued against Gladman doing this too. I also feel a road junction at that point could be a hazard as it is opposite the bus stop at the Golden Cross where the school children wait in the morning. I do not see why this needs to be developed when in the last year or so several small developments have been built in Harvington and 9 houses have permission to be built at the top of Crest Hill so your number of 35 properties needed should be reduced to take account

of what has been built recently.

I also do not feel there is a need for a community area on Village Street behind the current bus stop. We have the park and Jubilee Orchard and numerous footpaths. That area could maybe have 3 or 4 small houses built, as you say there is a need for smaller properties in Harvington.

Policy T2

On a positive note I think the Cycle paths will be great and encourage us all to cycle more. The roads surrounding Harvington are fast so to have the safety of cycle paths would be a huge benefit.

Plan P.56

Also the footbridge at Harvington Lock to link up to Offenham would also be a great benefit as it will link the 2 villages.

General.

The land behind the Village Hall would look a lot tidier if it could be fenced off and used for the Preschool and other Village Hall Users as an outdoor space. It could be a really nice open space. It would also be of benefit to the community if the pathway to the park along the village hall could be resurfaced as it has many potholes.

Another area I feel should be looked at is outside the Golden Cross on Village Street. The children wait there in the morning and there is no clear line of where the pavement ends and the road begins I would like to see a kerb put in there as it would make the children safer and I'm sure the bus users would love to have a bus shelter there too.

Policy 1H1 Page 62

While villagers may like 3/4 houses per year it is unrealistic in the present day. At least 100 not 40 will have to be accepted.

Policy 1H2 Page 63

Fine and I hope it can be held to.

Policy 1H4 Page 65

031 Local resident

Something to fight for against all the odds.

Policy 1H5 Page 67

This will expand to the 100 houses indicated in my comment re 1H1. I do not believe in another community building to divide the village. Access to this site is not good and appalling for 100 houses.

A very good document but I wonder how much of the good work proposed will be acted upon.

032 Local resident Policy 1H5 Page 67

I live on Evesham Road and my property backs on to the field for proposed development of 35 houses.

I do not understand how you are able to put that in on P.67 out of 144 pages of the plan without informing all the householders affected as Gladman had to do when they wanted to develop the land. People are busy and not everyone has the time to read your plan. The leaflet you put through our door does not mention where the 35 houses are to be developed. This a major change for people.

I am not happy about that as we currently have a nice outlook onto the field. We do not want that site developed. I worry that it will raise the risk of flooding onto our driveway and garage if the field is concreted over as all the rain water runoff will come down the hill towards our back garden, driveway and garage.

I am also not happy about the access to the 35 properties being on a road where the current footpath is as this will mean demolition of the bus stop and the three trees next to the bus stop. We argued against Gladman doing this too and there was a campaign to save the bus stop. I also feel a road junction at that point could be a hazard as it is opposite the bus stop at the Golden Cross where the school children wait in the morning. I do not see why this needs to be developed when in the last year or so several small developments have been built in Harvington and 9 houses have permission to be built at the top of Crest Hill so your number of 35 properties needed should be reduced to take account of what has been built recently.

I also do not feel there is a need for a community area on Village Street behind the current bus stop. We have the park and jubilee Orchard and numerous footpaths. That area could maybe have 3 or 4 small houses built, as you say there is a need for smaller properties in Harvington. Or maybe 2 Bungalows which there is also a need for.

Policy T2

On a positive note I think the Cycle paths will be great and encourage us all to cycle more. The roads surrounding Harvington are fast so to have the safety of cycle paths would be a huge benefit. It will make cycling more accessible to families

Plan P.56

Also the footbridge at Harvington Lock to link up to Offenham would also be a great benefit as it will link the 2 villages which will increase visitors to Harvington.

The land behind the Village Hall would look a lot tidier if it could be fenced off and used for the Preschool and other Village Hall Users as an outdoor space. It could be a really nice open space. It would also be of benefit to the community if the pathway to the park along the village hall could be resurfaced as it has many potholes.

The park could do with some new play equipment and perhaps an outdoor table tennis table and some adult exercise equipment to get all ages more active. Similar equipment could be put in at the Jubilee Orchard too.

Another area I feel should be looked at is outside the Golden Cross on Village Street. The children wait there in the morning and there is no clear line of where the pavement ends and the road begins I would like to see a kerb put in there as it would make the children safer and I'm sure the bus users would love to have a bus shelter there too.

033 Local resident Policy 1H5 Page 67

First of all, why is there even a proposal being put forward for a development plan for Harvington, when others were recently turned down? Apparently Wychavon Council want more houses built in Worcestershire - that's not to say Harvington! The need for more housing in the Village is minimal. There are adequate houses being built in Evesham, only about four miles away, and also quite a few other sites on the outskirts to accommodate. There is a good bus service to these areas and they are only minutes away by car.

Harvington is a lovely Vale of Evesham Village and should remain so. The view of our Village, approaching from the Evesham end is outstanding. 35 houses and a Community Centre built there would totally ruin the appearance of the Village from this side. Why a Community Centre etc? We already have a Village Hall which has very little use, maybe due to the high cost of hire. There is also a children's playing field at the back.

Then there is the matter of the 'Bus Stop'. Why now, after several refusals, has the Parish Council suggested knocking this down to allow for a road. This bus stop is quite a historic part of Harvington!

Our School is full enough already and doesn't need more children - too many children in a class

means the standard could drop. There would be an increase in pollution and noise in the Village.

As far as affordable houses for Villagers children is concerned, the people of Harvington have managed for several years, as they have in other communities. Many of us have had to start at the beginning, at the bottom of the ladder and work our way up to be able to live in such a lovely Hamlet. That's what a Village is - not to be spoilt by 'starter homes' being built - there will no longer be any Villages to work up to. That's been the way though life.

The residents of Harvington have already shown their feelings about this sort of development in our Village. Surely the Parish Council will speak for us and put a stop to this Development before it gets too far off the ground.

35 houses will mean approximately 70 more cars using that small road and Village Street plus their visitors, doctors etc. Then there's the cross roads which can already be quite hazardous having already had several accidents there, on occasion needing the Air Ambulance.

Then we should take into account the terrible disruption while the ground is being prepared and the houses constructed. There would be JCB's, diggers, all sorts of noisy building machinery, not to mention the muddy roads etc. all using Village Street and this would go on for some considerable time.

We purchased our house because of the outstanding views at the back of the house over the fields to the beautiful Cotswold Hills beyond and the Village location. To be able to see this view we had the tedious task of taking down approx. 25 very large conifer trees and some others, spending days with a stump grinder –very hard work. We have worked extremely hard and spent quite a bit of money on our property. All this because we have always lived in the country and to have all this spoilt would be devastating. These properties at the back of our house would substantially de-value our home, which we hoped would be out forever retirement home.

Our garden backs on to the field where it is proposed that the building takes place. You can imagine what a blow it was to read that this may happen. Apparently there were meetings as to where this should take place in the Village. Please note no one living in the line of houses affected was consulted.

We have lived in the Evesham area most of our married lives and before we purchased our home we made it our business to find out if there were proposals to build and learned that there had been a few and they had all been turned down. If we had known that there was this possibility, we would not have bought the house in the first place and certainly would not have spent so much money, time and effort on it. If this building goes ahead, we will have to seriously consider selling again. We're already retired so don't want to take on another project of this size. We're now about half way through. We have to complete it. With the proposal to possibly build houses at the bottom of our garden going on, we wouldn't be able to sell for quite a considerable time anyway.

We all know that once permission is granted for 35 houses to be built somewhere, this will be the starter for many more and before we know it there will be the vast amount that was applied for and turned down a couple of years ago.

Parish Council - We are absolutely without question against this proposal and you should act on the Villagers behalf and say NO.

We would like to be informed where residents can view all letters sent in.

## 034 Local resident

Firstly we would like to commend all of those involved with the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for reaching this stage, and all of the effort required to reach this point. We have some comments on the Plan, as follows.

## **NPPF**

The draft National Planning Policy Framework was published in March 2018 and is anticipated to be completed and published in Summer 2018. It would be prudent to wait until the NPPF is published before the Neighbourhood Plan is formally submitted to Wychavon District Council, to ensure that the NP is in general conformity.

The South Worcestershire Development Plan is now being reviewed, with a call for sites issued by Wychavon District Council. It will be necessary for the NP to be reviewed once the SWDP is adopted, to ensure conformity with SWDP policies. This is to ensure that the NP holds sufficient weight in the planning process. Similarly, it will be necessary for the Parish Council to review the policies of any emerging SWDP and to comment as appropriate, in the context of an adopted NP.

Policy EH1 - Green Infrastructure

Part A of this policy should include a part d) which requires an agricultural land assessment to be included as part of any planning application, in order to assess the grade and quality of land to be lost, and its significance to the local area.

Part C of this policy does not appear to be compliant with the NPPF as it suggests that veteran trees/mature trees/ancient hedgerows can be compensated for by a net gain in tree or hedge planting. It should be reworded to reflect paragraph 118, which sets out a presumption against any loss of these types of vegetation:

"planning permission should be refused for development resulting in the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats, including ancient woodland and the loss of aged or veteran trees found outside ancient woodland, unless the need for, and benefits of, the development in that location clearly outweigh the loss..."

Part D appears to be overly onerous and is unreasonable. Fruit trees do not require planning permission to be removed. This will only encourage developers to remove trees before submitting any application.

Policy EH2 - Local Green Spaces

It is necessary to consult with the landowners of these spaces to ensure that they agree that these areas are to be designated as local green spaces.

Policy BT2 - Village Retail and Service Outlets

This policy includes no cap on the size of A1 to A4 uses. A cap is suggested of 280 sqm to ensure that proposals are proportionate to the surrounding village environment.

Proposals will be subject to the sequential test as the village has no defined centre and therefore if support is given to such proposals, they will need to be of `neighbourhood significance' in scale. This should be worded within the policy in accordance with definitions in the NPPF.

The policy should be explicit that A5 uses are not acceptable, given the associated amenity and transport considerations arising from hot-food takeaways.

Similarly a line should be added to state that garages/farm shops etc, should be of a scale appropriate to the surrounding location (think of the Valley and how small that once was) and to seek to minimise transport impact.

A line should be added to say that proposals will need to demonstrate that they do not have a negative impact on nearby residential amenity or traffic impact, and that adequate provision has been made for parking on-site (to avoid on-street parking).

Policy T1 -Sustainable management of private transport

Additional text should be added to the first paragraph to set out that it needs to be demonstrated that there is sufficient rather than adequate provision for parking.

In respect of the electric charging facilities this should be specific to state a minimum of 1 external charger (otherwise arguably you could use an internal plug).

Policy IH1 and Policy IH5Housing Growth and Designated development site

The SWDP includes sufficient housing allocations for Wychavon to adequately meet the objectively assessed need (OAN) of the District during the Plan period. As at May 2018, Wychavon had a housing land supply of 7.48 years, significantly above the 5 year requirement of national policy. As such it is unclear why the NP seeks to allocate such a large amount of additional dwellings on one site when there is i) no housing land need within the District and ii) certainly the number of dwellings proposed is substantially above the identified local housing need for Harvington.

Other locations within the District are considerably more sustainable, as noted in the Crest Hill appeal decision, such that development should be directed towards urban areas.

General.

#### Other concerns include:

- the poor location of the only available vehicular access point
- it includes the majority of a site that was previously refused planning permission. That decision cited numerous concerns including:
- · development within the open countryside
- limited range of facilities within the village such that development was likely to generate substantial additional vehicular trips
- Whilst the site is smaller it does not appear to have overcome any of the previous reasons for refusal. As such arguably it is not deliverable or developable in accordance with the NPPF requirements.
- Impact on residential amenity is extensive, particularly given the access point for such a large number of dwellings.

The community area is unnecessary given that the village already has a village hall. Instead, any development of the site if progressed should provide funding for the village hall extension, as well as a parking area for the school/village hall, rather than a new building.

We consider that the designated site should be substantially reduced in scale.

We trust that the above points will be taken into consideration in respect of the NP. Should the NP not be amended, this representation will be submitted as part of the Regulation 16 consultation.

035 Local resident

Overall the presentation and comprehensive content of this Plan and the efforts of all involved should be highly commended.

Policy IH5

Housing—Whilst understanding the ethos and logic of siting the 35 new houses opposite the Golden Cross, it does not perhaps reflect the overall wishes of residents of the village as the most opportune site and to some extent undermines all the villagers fought for at the time of the Gladman applications and the protection of the bus shelter and its artwork.

Overall it does however provide a firm development and building boundary, subject to any vagaries and changes in Government planning rules in the future, and that must be a positive step and policy.

However, there could still be more thought given to also making use of this space as a future site for a more comprehensive community centre usage to replace the present Village Hall and provide a multi-use facility with full parking facilities as well as recreational space. This could then free up the existing Village Hall ground space to provide some, albeit limited, parking

spaces for school traffic which could benefit the village.

A larger community centre type building would give residents more daytime use of this facility instead of it being monopolised by one user as at present. It may also have potential to provide further facilities for other outside services such as Health, Post Office, etc.

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The creation of recreational space in this area would also create more of a focal heart to the village as well as provide a play/sports area in public view which could also overcome some of the vandalism and misuse of the current play area which are too out of sight.

Tourism - Harvington may not currently be a "Tourist Destination" as such but could become a Tourism Hub or Centre as a "Gateway to the Vale".

To achieve this, we would need to establish a "Brand" – perhaps the church steeple which is seen from far and wide could be our trademark. In addition, car parking and visitor information boards, website information and leaflets for distribution to VIC's and other visitor destinations, would be needed.

Anything that can encourage visitors to the Village will make the 2 pubs, and the shop more viable and sustainable

What can Harvington offer? We perhaps need to look more at the niche market tourist/visitor population – people looking for something different they have not done before or following a hobby/pastime

A.Church Tourism – to include visits to the church, developing the church as a start point for the Preedy Trail, Bell Ringing Groups, access to church registers for amateur genealogists.

B. Walking Groups – develop Harvington as a start and finish point for a selection of walks of varying lengths and interests

C.Cycling Groups - as 2 above

D.Blossom Trail – a refreshment stop on the Trail for motorists and coach groups. Visit an Orchard and involve the D.Jubilee Orchard with its varieties of interest as they mature

E. Encourage Caravanners, Golfers, Fishermen, Shooters and Boaters to use Village facilities more – a captive market on the doorstep.

F.Work with Ellenden Farm shop on their seasonal Events

Develop a series of summer events to encourage visitors and locals to get to know the Village – Village Walkabout, Open Gardens, and Asparagus Event linked to local Festival, Beer festivals, Scarecrow Trail.

I appreciate these only addresses two key topics of the many areas covered by the Draft Plan, but these reflect the key areas I feel most strongly about, and it would take too many pages to address every area of this otherwise excellent way forward for our village

# 036 Local resident Policy IH5

After living and working in Harvington for most of my 58 years, I have always been happy with the gradual growth of the village and the way the residents and parish council between us keep it a pleasant place to live.

Over the years the fields at the back of our bungalow have certainly attracted some attention!

You are now asking me if I am happy with the proposal of "around" 35 dwellings and community uses being built on this land.

If like Mr Gladman you are proposing to build a terrace of 5/6 houses looking directly down into my garden, then the answer would be "NO" I am not happy with it.

If the parish councils and future developers would just take a moment to consider the residents on the edge of these new sites. If I am going to lose my wall to wall open skyline, please let it be as painless as possible.

Policy IH5

Unfortunately I have some concern regarding the site allocation for thirty-five homes. Whilst I understand there is always a need for new housing, I feel there could be traffic problems if these homes were given the go -ahead. If these houses are built, most of them will likely have at least one vehicle which could potentially contribute towards traffic problems during the work rush hour and school run.

Firstly, the required access roadway which will come out onto Village Street is close to The Golden Cross pub and school pupils wait around here in the morning for public transport. An increase in traffic in this area could possibly compromise safety.

Secondly there is the issue of increased traffic at the cross-roads by Leys Road. As a mother of two children who are at schools in Evesham, I am at The Leys Road cross-roads at around 8.05am during term time, and find this a busy crossing at times. Adding more traffic to this area could result in traffic chaos.

037 Local resident

A third concern of mine is that the road could be close to the existing bus shelter which could be problematic in terms of pedestrian safety. There's also the possibility this shelter could be knocked down to make way for the road which would be a great pity as this shelter has been here for many years. I'm aware that the bus stops were painted by a local artist and children in the village around six years ago, therefore special to Harvington.

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However, the plan has some excellent ideas in terms of building a bridge over the lock between Harvington and Offenham, linking the two villages together and bringing extra business to the pub restaurants either side of the lock.

Thank you for taking time to read my views.

Policy EH2: Local Green Spaces.

See Map 9 p26: Protected Views. FP 500 crosses a large field entered via Alcester Road. This path and the field it crosses are both used daily by rambling groups, villagers and dog walkers and is a well-used amenity. I contend together they constitute a valued local green space.

Policy EH5: Protected Views

038 Local resident

See Map 11 p35 and lists p32 – 34: The outward view from FP 500 as it crosses the field from Alcester Road across farmland is typical of this farming area and is worth preserving.

Appendix B: Village Character Appraisal

See Figure 1 p86: The road marked as Marsh Close is actually The Rowans.

039 Local resident Aspirations :Crest Hill/ Abbott Salford footpath

I would request the Council to add onto the Neighbourhood Plan the re-installation of a proper footpath at the base of Crest Hill connecting with the highway footpath leading towards Abbots Salford and on to Salford Priors. At the moment pedestrians have to walk on the road around the "T" junction entrance to Crest Hill. This is both dangerous, particularly in the winter months, for walkers and anyone who is vulnerable and or with mobility issues.

Policy IH1, 1H2, 1H4, 1H5, Housing.

I would like the Council to consider the number of planned new homes.

Based on previous and projected progress with the Neighbourhood Plan to date, it seems the earliest that the NP is likely to get adopted will be around 2019. There will be just over 10 years remaining until 2030, (not 15 years as indicated in the NP).

The South Worcestershire Development plan up to the year 2030 calculated that the "planned growth "new homes for Harvington was for 9 dwellings ("windfall developments" excluded). While understanding the methodology used in the NP to determine the new 35 homes, this may be far too many homes over a short plan period of 10 years.

I would request the Parish Council to give consideration to release the 35 homes under a phased programme that goes beyond the 10 years – say for example 10 homes up to 2030 with the remainder into the next plan period (say 2030 to 2045).

#### 040 Local resident

I should be grateful if you would accept this representation as an objection to the Harvington Neighbourhood Development Plan.

To satisfy this objective the plan has allocated land for residential development off Village Street.

More specifically my objection relates to:

Objective 3: Housing growth which states that:

The NDP should sustain growth in new dwellings at the same rate as the previous 10 years.

To satisfy this objective the plan has allocated land for residential development off Village Street

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

• The South Worcestershire Development Plan is up to date and relevant. The policies in the SWDP provide a policy framework for development up to 2030. The SWDP is based on sound and comprehensive research which enabled an Inspector to recommend that the plan be adopted following examination. The Sustainability Appraisal which supports the SWDP identifies that the spatial policy for residential development within the SWDP is sustainable and in conformity with the NPPF. The spatial policies for residential development are set out at SWDP 2. The Sustainability Appraisal concludes that:

'Community objectives are also supported in the long term by the policy which directs growth proportionately with the highest volume of homes and employment land allocated to existing urban and market centres. There is the potential for some short term disbenefit to existing communities arising from the disturbance effects on new development. The policy [SWDP2] also ensures that the identity of the smaller/ rural settlements is maintained by managing development volumes, but also supported in the long term by allowing new/proportionate growth in suitable areas.'

In respect of Harvington the spatial residential policy determined that the appropriate development volume for the Plan period was 9 dwellings. This resulted in an allocation of this amount of residential development on a site at Crest Hill which now has the benefit of a planning permission. My opinion is that a further residential allocation, as proposed in the NDP, is not in conformity with the SWDP and as a consequence the NPPF.

The calculation of the growth rate is flawed as it uses two different periods to reach the
outcome. The calculation uses housing delivered over 25years whereas the SWDP only
looks as far back as 2006. In addition, the calculation underestimates the potential for
housing to be delivered by windfall. The figures contained in Appendix 8 of SWDP
identify that within Harvington over the period 2006 to 2017, 24 dwellings were
consented on windfall sites. This gives an annual rate of 2.1 and over the plan period a

figure of 27.3.

Notwithstanding the strong spatial policy objection set out above the site assessment carried out by AECOM is flawed and cannot be relied up in support of the proposed allocation. The background section of the AECOM report states that:

In this context it is anticipated that the Neighbourhood Planning site selection process, aided by this report, will be robust enough to meet the Basic Conditions considered by the Independent Examiner, as well as any potential legal challenges by developers and other interested parties.

I don't not think that the AECOM report satisfies this test.

I thought the plan was very fair in all areas & agreed with the number & location of future properties and had no objection to any items contained within the future plan for our village.

Policy T2 and P.56

#### 041 Local resident

As an avid cyclist and with a child now starting to ride further afield I was particularly impressed with the inclusion of Cycle paths and linking into the cycle paths throughout the Vale. The possibility of a bridge across the Avon for walking and cycling was the highlight for our household and having crossed the weir in the past with bike over my shoulder this will certainly be a huge improvement. While beneficial to people from our own village for leisure and commuting into Evesham it will also attract cyclist and walking groups from the other side of the river that would not contemplate the rather hazardous route along the A46 bypass.

### 042 Local resident

I am making these comments on the NDP on behalf of my wife We would first like to congratulate Chris Haynes and the Plan Steering Group on the quality and scope of the Plan. It is of necessity a weighty document and we have tried our best to read and understand the 'Evidence' section and the resultant Plan proposals. The areas where we would like to comment are:

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### Policy IH5

1. We accept the reasoning behind the preferred need for 'organic' growth in new housing stock which suggests a need for 35 new homes over the 10 year period of the plan; excluding the already planned new homes and any individual houses such as that being built next to the Coach and Horses public house. The only suitable site identified is site 'A' which is the area off Village Street opposite the Golden Cross.

The question/comment we would first ask with regard to this site is whether it is large enough to accommodate 35 new homes at an acceptable density.

Access to this area was originally proposed by Gladman Developments off Village Street by demolishing the bus shelter. This was successfully resisted by the 'Harvington Says No Campaign'. However Gladman proposed a much larger development than the 35 homes possibly being considered for this site. Demolition of the bus shelter could be justified for a much smaller development with fewer traffic movements.

However there are 2 fine Plane trees either side if the bus shelter which if possible must be retained. There is also an Oak tree just behind the bus shelter and some other less significant trees elsewhere on the site. If possible any development of this site should preserve any significant trees.

The evidence from the housing needs survey indicates a need for 1/2 bedroom bungalows, 39% of which should provide supported living, and 1/2 bedroom 'starter' homes for singles and couples wishing to get on to the 'housing ladder'. However it is also suggested elsewhere in the NDP that only 10% of new homes should be for bungalows and 10% for 'starter' homes. This would only provide a total on 7 out of 35 for these two categories which we consider is inadequate. Furthermore it is suggested that there is an undersupply of 18 1/2 bedroom bungalows and possibly a similar need for 'starter' homes. We would ask therefore that the NDP refines the type of the 35 new homes proposed to better reflect these demonstrated needs. We would agree that a development of 35 new homes should incorporate pipe work for the

retro provision of a community energy scheme.

2. We are puzzled by the fact that 62% of residents see a need for a new village meeting place within the period of the NDP; 10 years. Surely our excellent Village Hall and the other places in the village utilised for various activities i.e. The School Hall, the Baptist Chapel, St. James Church, the 2 public houses and now the Ellenden Farm shop cafe are more than adequate for the needs of a village which is only going to grow 'organically'?

#### 043 Local resident Policy IH5

We understand the thinking behind the preparation of the plan and also the need, nationally, for additional housing to be built. We don't, in principle, have any issue with the construction to new houses where the developments are considered, well planned and do not unnecessarily and negatively affect the incumbent residents of the proposed development area.

The proposal within the town plan to build 35 houses (policy IH5) on the land referred to as Site A on Map 21 does present some concerns and we believe that these must be considered carefully and that the plan should be modified.

- 1. Flooding. In February 2016 we acquired a flood report on the area from Homecheck Professional (part of the Landmark Information Group) which indicates that the potential flood risk from surface water, during inclement weather, in the immediate area around our house is at a medium level i.e. 10 cm to 30 cm. The fact that the area behind our house is open fields (Site A) provides relief from this as surface water will naturally drain away. Our concern is that, should houses be built there, this natural drainage will be lost and any installed drainage will not be of adequate capacity to deal with the high level of surface water we have witnessed on occasions since we moved here. As such we would see the surface water flood risk to our house and those of our neighbours increase exponentially.
- Light. The proposed Site A is not large and building 35 houses would potentially entail building very closely to the existing properties. Our first concern here is that the natural light to the rear and side of house will be substantially reduced if large numbers of houses are built along our boundary.
- 3. Privacy. Alongside point 2 we are concerned that, should a large number of houses be built close to our boundary, the privacy we enjoy both in our house and outside in our garden will be strongly and negatively impinged upon if we are overlooked by these properties and their occupants.
- 4. Access. Building a further 35 houses in Harvington would increase the pressure on the local road network, which is already under strain. There are regular complaints aired about double parking and inconsiderate driving near the local school in Village Street and cars linked to 35 more homes would only increase this pressure.
- 5. Infrastructure. Harvington does not have a post office, a doctor's surgery, a dentist or other such facilities. It only has one small convenience store, with limited and rather expensive products. The local school has a limited capacity. The building of a further 35 houses would mean more people needing to travel to other local towns (mainly Evesham) to access these facilities and services; with any children living in the houses either needing to be bussed to schools elsewhere. The bus service in the area is very limited and as such does not offer a viable alternative for people living here already or moving onto these proposed new houses.
- Employment. There are no businesses of any size in the immediate area, so these new
  residents would be travelling elsewhere to find work. This would again involve
  increased road traffic in the area.
- 7. Recreation. From our house we are able to look out across the first of the two fields covered by Site A and there is a constant daily traffic of local residents walking their dogs, cycling and people riding horses. Building on this site would take that valuable facility away from the local residents and may affect current resident's mental and physical health and wellbeing.

- 8. Environment. Adding a substantial number of homes to this small community would, as outlined above, have an adverse effect on our environment from increased flood risk, to increased light pollution through heavier road traffic and on to the carbon and other emissions that would be generated by each new household.
- 9. In summary, our view is that it would be better to focus any local building on more modest projects on brown field sites, rather than a fairly substantial development on what is a green field location.

## 044 Local resident Policy IH5

PLANNING APPLICATION NO (Harvington Parish Council)

Proposed erection of 35 houses adjacent fields to Ellenden Farm behind current houses along Village street

I write in connection with the above planning application. I have examined the plans and I know the site well. I wish to object strongly to the development of these houses in this location.

Following a meeting with local planning authority and presented various documentation and reference to Government policy for site-specific local development which is up for private development to my knowledge has not yet been approved by local council and its represented community.

This land outlined for potential development should be considered very carefully and by continued development could ruin the character of the village as development has already taken place within the village during 2017\2018 with more land already approved for additional housing (Near the village church)

Estate development would overwhelm Harvington and erode \ loose its identity as a friendly village forever.

The protection of open land from a visual, and nature qualities is also supported by Policy C6 in local planning – Refer to below extract;

C6, Insects of the wider countryside (butterflies).

Butterflies respond rapidly to changes in environmental conditions and habitat management, occur in a wide range of habitats, and are representative of many other insects, in that they utilize areas with abundant plant food resources. Butterflies are complementary to birds and bats as an indicator, especially the habitat specialists, because they use resources in the landscape at a much finer spatial scale than either of these groups.

The indicator consists of two measures of annual butterfly population abundance: the first for specialist butterflies (species strongly associated with semi-natural habitats such as unimproved grassland) and the second for butterflies found in both semi-natural habitats and the wider countryside. Both measures show marked fluctuations from year to year, principally in response to weather conditions.

In addition planning should be refused for development of poor design that fails to take the opportunities already available for improving the character and quality of an area and the way it functions inclusive and not limited to;

Local neighbourhood planning and development consultation with the community for site allocations with transparent visibility of what the development plan looks like inclusive of affordable housing for qualifying local people.

As the site is subject to this proposal and therefore has not been approved and taking into account that planning by the local authority's previous planning decisions in the area has been declined on two occasions why do we need to continue putting pressure on local residents who

have either lived in this idyllic environment for some considerable time or have simply worked hard in order to integrate as a incomer in local village life of which I am one.

We moved into Harvington in June 2017 so less than one year, The reason why we as a family chose Harvington is peace within a calm village environment. At no time during the search was any pending proposal presented, only rejections of all previous proposals to date.

WE would NEVER have brought the property and invested all our hard earned savings (£40,000) to date and simply looked elsewhere.

Another reason for rejecting also to include the inadequacy of additional traffic from the lanes and from main road traffic to accommodate even small increases in traffic to the proposed site is dangerous and irresponsible by local authority.

Additional road into the proposed site would destroy ancient field boundaries and the charm to its current aspect and in addition, I am concerned about the current bus stop that has been part of our village life and serves both young and old well.

The proposed site of the development is particularly ill-considered:

It is on a greenfield site used by many villagers and visitors for recreation and walking dogs, and building here would both diminish the view into the village.

The proposed development is not transparent for house design maybe out of keeping with the village's character and while design issues might be solved with conditions or revised proposals, this will not remedy the siting problem.

Furthermore, there is no need for this kind of open market housing development in the village of Harvington has adequate supply of housing to meet local requirements and due to its aging population natural availability is inevitable.

We understand that there seems to be a national need for housing however brown field site should be developed over Greenfield.

General comments about the plan.

### 045 Local resident

This is an incredibly comprehensive document and a great deal to take in. Its details prove to me that there is little left to say that would affect the plan in its present form so I would just say congratulations to those involved and many thanks for contributing so much which I'm sure will pave the way to keep Harvington a fine village to live in.

Having read the draft plan this weekend I just wanted to register my thanks for the superb effort the plan team have put in to completing it. I think a thoroughly professional and thoughtful draft, and as someone who has to read this type of document too regularly, that is praise indeed!

### 046 Local resident

I am especially excited by the proposals around improved cycling routes through the parish, especially those crossing the A46 and bridging the River Avon, imaginative!

I hope I'm not too late in submitting my heartiest congratulations on the fantastic work done on the neighbourhood development plan. I commend all those who have worked on it. It is a great piece of work showing the excellent community input on all points.

# 047 Local resident

All the main policies are well thought through and have all been written with thought to the future of the village. In particular I was impressed with the footpaths, cycle ways and electric charging points. The 'wish list' was also well thought through with some kind of bridge to Offenham being an excellent idea.

Congratulations to all who have worked in this.

# Appendix L - Regulation 14 consultation - actions taken

The consultation responses listed in Appendix 10 were split into individual comments (most respondents made more than one comment in their response). Each comment was then classified into one of:

- · Objection,
- Change proposal,
- Question or request for clarification,
- Typographic or other error correction,
- · Support,
- Neutral.

Every comment was examined by the Steering Group. Selected comments were also discussed with our Planning Consultant and with the Planning Department of Wychavon District Council.

This table records all the individual comments, ordered by:

- 1. The action taken,
- 2. The policy number (or other component of the Neighbourhood Plan).

The action taken was one of:

- Revise policy: A NP policy was revised as a consequence,
- Revise text: An explanation or other non-policy text was revised,
- PC Action: The issue was referred to the Parish Council for action,
- Project support: The comment was recorded as support for a community project,
- FAQ: The comment has been addressed in the Frequently Asked Questions,
- The comment was examined and noted.

ID	Submitter	Comment type	Subject	Comment	Response
008C	Historic England	Change proposal	Gen	Similarly, whilst the Policy helpfully makes reference to the "Village Character Statement" it does not explicitly require developers to have regard to it. It our view it would be quite reasonable to strengthen the policy wording and simply state that "In formulating development proposals developers should demonstrate that full account has been taken of the Village Character Statement such that it:	Revise policy
	Planning			a) Protects heritage assets within the village"  General.	
009- 01	Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	Gen	Title – suggest reference to "Development" is deleted as the term Neighbourhood Plan is now generally applied.	Revise policy
009- 07	Planning Wychavon District Council	Objection	Gen	Objective 3 – this stance is at odds with the position in the draft NPPF (para. 66; 67) where NP are expected to contribute to the boosting of supply and not look retrospectively at past trends to determine a figure.	Revise policy
009- 08	Planning Wychavon District Council	Error / typo	Gen	4. Policies. Generally the text and criteria in the policy boxes should be fully referenced throughout the NP to assist in report writing and appeal etc.	Revise policy
009- 14	Planning Wychavon District Council	Question	EH1A	Policy EH1 Part A - wording is vague and the criteria 'generous' in that it would be fairly straightforward forward for an applicant to make a case that alternative infill or brownfield infill sites are either not available, or that additional housing is required to boost supply. Also query:  What criteria will be employed to consider the brownfield sites;  What are the targets being referred to in the policy? SWDP are being met by housing and employment allocations, the NP presumably the same. These would be windfall development. I.e. in addition to the supply set out in the SWDP.	Revise policy
009- 15	Planning Wychavon District Council	Question	EH1B	Part B – what types of development are required to contribute? All types, presumably just residential, including extensions? Unreasonable to ask retail/employment development to contribute. Therefore the policy requires clarification to assist the decision maker. Further this is delivered through SWDP39 so query if the policy is necessary.	Revise policy
009- 16	Planning Wychavon District Council	Question	EH1C	Part C – Unless a tree(s) is protected by a TPO this policy is difficult to implement. Also the policy wording is unclear, employing such terms as "every possible effort".	Revise policy
034F	Resident	Objection	EH1D	Part D appears to be overly onerous and is unreasonable. Fruit trees do not require planning permission to be removed. This will only encourage developers to remove trees before submitting any application.	Revise policy
009- 17	Planning Wychavon District	Objection	EH1D	Part D and E – Requirements are excessive, especially if the	Revise policy

	Council			trees are not protected by a TPO/Conservation Area.	
008B	Historic England	Change proposal	EH3	Policy EH3 - A minor concern with reference to the wording "Responding to Local Character" is the use of the term "important historic buildings". This rather begs the question as to what exactly constitutes "important" and there is a danger that the lack of a precise definition here may lead to unhelpful debate in future development scenarios. In this context the National Planning Policy framework (NPPF) makes it clear that in fact all Heritage assets (not just historic buildings) should be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance.	Revise policy
				3. Policy EH5, Page 31 - Protected Views	
				Apart from the view from the road to Atch Lench, outside the Parish Boundary, NO other specific views from publicly accessible areas are included for protection in the Leys Road area. This has upset residents of that area, who see a large number of protected views listed, only in the 'old' village, and are concerned at the potential future loss of their views into the adjacent countryside.	
024J	Resident	Change proposal	EH5	For example, Map 12, Page 35: No views are included from the public footpath [500(C)], running from Alcester Road, behind Brookdale etc. parallel with Leys Road. There are a number of views from there looking both towards the Lenches and back towards the village that could be considered equally worth specifically identifying and protecting.	Revise policy
				Relevant information, and photos, can be found at Street Scenes and Views under Group B at: <a href="https://harvingtonplan.uk/Surveys/StreetScenesAndViews-2017/index.html">https://harvingtonplan.uk/Surveys/StreetScenesAndViews-2017/index.html</a> referring to the views from The Orchard [V2]; from the public highway near The Orchard [V3], and from the public footpath 500(C) [V1].	
003C	Sports England (Email)	Error / typo	LFL1	LF1 states that development of sports facilities will not be opposed if the facility is no longer viable, which not one of the circumstances is set out in P.74 that justifies development.	Revise policy
009- 26	Planning Wychavon District Council	Question	LFL2	Policy LFL2 – Query why the statement is necessary that the site will only be released if demonstrated need. Has this not come forward via the consultation and input of the primary school? It is also inconsistent with LFL3 where the where the release of land for the village hall is not as onerous. Suggest delete.	Revise policy
009- 30	Planning Wychavon District Council	Error / typo	BT1	First bullet – replace "residents" with "residences".	Revise policy
009- 29	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	BT1	Policy BT1 – Land use planning can control number of people employed on a business site. Also this seems to go counter to the economic pillar of sustainable development. Suggest delete third paragraph.	Revise policy
034J	Resident	Change	BT2	Similarly a line should be added to state that garages/farm Page 197 of 262	Revise

		proposal		shops etc, should be of a scale appropriate to the surrounding location (think of the Valley and how small that once was) and to seek to minimise transport impact.	policy
034K	Resident	Change proposal	BT2	A line should be added to say that proposals will need to demonstrate that they do not have a negative impact on nearby residential amenity or traffic impact, and that adequate provision has been made for parking on-site (to avoid on-street parking).	Revise policy
009- 32	Planning Wychavon District Council	Error / typo	ВТ3	Policy BT3 – second bullet need to define "appropriate" as above.	Revise policy
				Policy BT3 - As a more general point, the Parish clearly has a strong agricultural base and numerous historic farmsteads. Whilst we support, as Policy BT3 of the Plan suggests, the conversion to beneficial uses, including employment uses, of redundant historic buildings we are concerned to ensure that this is done in a sensitive manner. Therefore we suggest that you consider the inclusion of the following Policy in an appropriate section of the Neighbourhood Plan viz:	
008D	Historic England	Change proposal	BT3	"Redevelopment, alteration or extension of historic farmsteads and agricultural buildings within the Parish should be sensitive to their distinctive character, materials and form. Due reference should be made and full consideration be given to the Worcestershire Farmsteads Characterisation Project".	
				<a href="https://public.worcestershire.gov.uk/sites/archaeology/Reports/SWR22523.pdf">https://public.worcestershire.gov.uk/sites/archaeology/Reports/SWR22523.pdf</a>	
				Further information about this can be obtained if necessary from the Worcestershire County Council Archives and Archaeology Service.	
009- 36	Planning Wychavon District Council	Error / typo	BT4	Explanation 3 – suggest " dedicated work area, often assessed separately by customers"	Revise policy
009- 34	Planning Wychavon District Council	Question	BT4	First bullet SWDP8 sets a 60/40 threshold in favour of residential. Is there a justification for going with the 50/50 threshold limit?	Revise policy
009- 33	Planning Wychavon District Council	Objection	BT4	Policy BT4 – SWDP8 is considered to be a strategic policy and it does not location of live/work units. Therefore the policy is not in conformity limiting live/work to inside development boundary and farm diversification. Also limits sustainable development by restricting live/work proposals that are not related or appropriate to farm diversification proposals.	Revise policy
009- 35	Planning Wychavon District Council	Objection	BT4	Second bullet – This is overly onerous and not enforceable as signs larger than this do not require planning consent.	Revise policy

009- 41	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	BT6	Policy BT6 – Suggests opening sentence makes reference to 'glamping'.	Revise policy
009- 43	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	T1	Policy T1 – for the avoidance of doubt the policy should identify all sites to which it applies.	Revise policy
009- 47	Planning Wychavon District Council	Error / typo	IH1	Policy IH1 – reference to policy should be IH5.	Revise policy
009- 48	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	IH2	Policy IH2 – clarification required as to what constitutes "bungalow style". Would single storey be a better phrase? Thresholds supported provided they are robustly supported by evidence.	Revise policy
010G	Planning Services Economy and Infrastructure County Council	Change proposal	IH7	We support the inclusion of a lower threshold for the consideration of renewable energy than SWDP27. It may also be beneficial to include the reference to the provision of roof mounted solar PV as this is by far the most popular choice for renewable energy on new development sites.	Revise policy
				Street Appraisal.	
015	Resident	Error / typo	Gen	Page numbering is wrong - starting with Leys Road reading 95 should be 94 and so on.	Revise text
024F	Resident	Change proposal	Gen	6. Page 105 Station Road Fig 41 Perhaps, as with similar wording used for Ragley Road, the text would be better to read:- 'framed by a pair of forward-set modern housing, facing onto Station Road (Fig 41)	Revise text
009- 02	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	Gen	Introduction Para 1.1.1 Note that an updated version of the National Planning Policy Framework is likely to be published over the summer of 2018. This will need to be updated and reflected in the Regulation 16 version of the NP.	Revise text
009- 03	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	Gen	Para 1.2.1 Suggest final sentence includes reference to the SWDP Review and updated plan period to 2041 once the SWDP is adopted in 2022 in the context of a review of the NP.	Revise text
009- 04	Planning Wychavon District Council	Error / typo	Gen	The Parish of Harvington Para 2.1.4 Formatting – space required between para 2.1.3 Para 2.3.5 Suggest rephrase to "there were 5 people who".	Revise text
009- 05	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	Gen	Vision and objectives 3.1 Vision – should the vision include a statement about how the parish will look by 2030?	Revise text
009- 06	Planning Wychavon District Council	Question	Gen	3.2 Objective 1 – not sure that the land use planning system is able to protect the "quality" of orchards, horticultural and agricultural land. Furthermore there are no planning controls over agricultural practices and "ensuing sustainable production of food, fruit and animal feed" is outside the remit	Revise text

of the planning system.

042C	Resident	Question	Gen	The evidence from the housing needs survey indicates a need for 1/2 bedroom bungalows, 39% of which should provide supported living, and 1/2 bedroom 'starter' homes for singles and couples wishing to get on to the 'housing ladder'. However it is also suggested elsewhere in the NDP that only 10% of new homes should be for bungalows and 10% for 'starter' homes. This would only provide a total on 7 out of 35 for these two categories which we consider is inadequate. Furthermore it is suggested that there is an undersupply of 18 1/2 bedroom bungalows and possibly a similar need for 'starter' homes. We would ask therefore that the NDP refines the type of the 35 new homes proposed to better reflect these demonstrated needs.  We would agree that a development of 35 new homes should incorporate pipe work for the retro provision of a community energy scheme.	Revise text
024A	Resident	Error / typo	Gen	The following possible errors, correction, omissions and rewording need consideration and/or correction.  1. Photo 5 Page 38 - Should be:junction of Leys Road with Leysfield	Revise text
024B	Resident	Error / typo	Gen	2. Page 53 Map 17 - A garage already exists on the designated marked space.	Revise text
024C	Resident	Error / typo	Gen	3. Page 102 Ragley Road Two (not three) properties face directly onto Village Street, although a third property, facing onto the green area, has a drive exiting onto Village Street.	Revise text
024D	Resident	Error / typo	Gen	4. Page 103 Hughes Lane The 'terrace of three houses' (Fig34) referred to in the text, is known as Breedon Grounds, and the name could be included for clarity in the text.	Revise text
010B	Planning Services Economy and Infrastructure County Council	Change proposal	Gen	Minerals and Waste The draft Neighbourhood Plan currently makes no reference to the Waste Core Strategy or Minerals Local Plan. These documents form part of the statutory Development Plan for the area alongside the South Worcestershire Development Plan, and we consider that the Neighbourhood Plan should make some reference to this.  We recommend the following change and footnote (shown in bold) to paragraph 1.1.5: "Once made, this NDP will form part of the Development Plan at the local level alongside the adopted South Worcestershire Development Plan, the adopted Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy and the saved policies of the County of Hereford and Worcester Minerals Local Plan. It will be used to determine planning applications in accordance with Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Section 38 (6) in that the determination of planning applications 'must be made in accordance with the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise'."	Revise text
02.41	<b>D</b>	Error /	•	<ol> <li>Appraisal Boundary B3 Page 86</li> <li>Marsh Close is a cul-de-sac of 4 houses off the main estate,</li> </ol>	
024N	Resident	typo	Gen	which is The Rowans. Could the map be altered to show as The Rowans rather than Marsh Lane.	Revise text
038C	Resident	Error / typo	Gen	Appendix B: Village Character Appraisal	Revise text

See Figure 1 p86: The road marked as Marsh Close is actually The Rowans.

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				(i) RR1 Silver Birch – This is on private land. Should it be included?	
024G	Resident	Question	Gen	(ii) Should the trees on the Green Space in Ragley Road also be included, or are they excluded because they are on Housing Association land – although trees on land throughout the village owned by Highways are included. Seems slightly anomalous. Review?	Revise text
				(iii)TREES ALSO NOT INCLUDED – There are a number of Poplar trees planted in the hedgerow along Green Street, planted over 70 years ago by Vic Tyack, when his daughter Hillary.	
009- 11	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	DB	Bullet 3 – is vague and doesn't add the decision maker. Suggest expand either within policy or in explanation.	Revise text
007E	Land owner	Error / typo	DB	4. It is noted that "principal" in the third sentence of the policy should read "principle."	Revise text
				Explanation	
009- 13	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	DB	<ol> <li>Delete text in brackets. The development boundary is defined in the SWDP to implement SWDP2 and is not the boundary of the villages showing built up area of the settlement.</li> <li>Insert " within the boundary, allocating sites for residential development and small-scale" Query whether it is useful to draw the development boundary around the</li> </ol>	Revise text
				SWDP and proposed residential allocations as this could lead to infill proposals on open areas of the site.	
009- 12	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	DB	Map 6 – suggest insert " of the development boundary"	Revise text
009- 10	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	DB	Bullet 2 – suggest reference is made to conversion of redundant farm building to residences is normally acceptable provided marketing has shown other uses are not appropriate/viable.	Revise text
009- 09	Planning Wychavon District Council	Error / typo	DB	Policy DB Replace "principal" with "principle" in opening paragraph.	Revise text
034E	Resident	Change proposal	EH1C	Part C of this policy does not appear to be compliant with the NPPF as it suggests that veteran trees/mature trees/ancient hedgerows can be compensated for by a net gain in tree or hedge planting. It should be reworded to reflect paragraph 118, which sets out a presumption against any loss of these types of vegetation:	Revise text

"planning permission should be refused for development resulting in the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats, including ancient woodland and the loss of aged or veteran trees found outside ancient woodland, unless the need for, and benefits of, the development in that location clearly outweigh the loss..."

009- 18	Planning Wychavon District Council	Question	EH1F	Part F – last bullet is unclear and does not aid the decision maker. In many cases it will not be possible to incorporate existing private access/routes as public rights of way into new development.	Revise text
009-	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	EH2	Policy EH2 Query if sufficient investigation has been undertaken to ensure that green spaces included in this policy proposed for designation as LGS meet the tests of para 77 in the NPPF. The supporting evidence does not seem to be accessible on the website. Final sentence insert "Where appropriate the neighbourhood proportion of the Community Infrastructure Levy will be used". It will not be possible to make bids to the wider CIL pot for public open space as this has already been covered via s106 agreements and would result in 'double dipping', i.e. delivering the same infrastructure from CIL and s106.	Revise text
				2. Policy EH2 Page 24	
				(i) Regarding use of the nomenclature - The Common. This suggests it is common land, open to all, which it isn't [ex 'Mrs Robbin's Orchard']. At the very least, in the NP the reason for use of the name be explained, including the fact that it is private land, with a public footpath running through it. Consider changing the description, or at the very least, putting site-description in quotations – i.e. 'The Common'	
	Resident		EH2	(ii) Confusion regarding 'Designated Green Spaces'. A number of queries regarding:	Revise text
024I		Question		(a) Ownership. It was frequently presumed that all the designated land was owned by the Council. This needs further clarifying in the text as to ownership etc. Although ownership, where known, is included in the ERJ perhaps a paragraph of clarification (or reference link) would be useful in the NP document also.	
				(b) Affect on Planning situation of the land. This needs elaborating as to the legal position and repercussions of declaring a Green Space. e.g. Does it mean NO development – ever – or can owners still apply, and potentially get planning approval etc.	
009- 20	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	EH3	Policy EH3 Explanation 2 – include date of adoption of Conservation Area, i.e. March 2015. Policy EH4 – this policy seems to introduce greater restrictions affecting the setting of the conservation area than would apply to development within it.	Revise text
009- 21	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	EH5	Policy EH5 – Support the inclusion of a policy relating to views but need to ensure the evidence is robust as the examiner will be looking carefully at these.	Revise text
010D	Planning Services Economy and Infrastructure	Change proposal	EH6	Policy EH6 – Flooding. We welcome that it requires all new developments to use permeable drives; however, we would welcome a more comprehensive approach to Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). SuDS should be encouraged on all	Revise text

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developments in the Neighbourhood Planning area, regardless of their size. The Plan should specify that at surface level SuDS provide the best opportunity for multiple benefits and they should be considered before below ground SuDS. The maintenance of SuDS for the lifetime of the development should be encouraged by the Plan.

Additionally, we would like to make a few detailed comments:

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- "Development should not result in an unacceptable risk to the quality of the receiving river, stream, brook or other water body, nor transfer the risk of increased flooding of the receiving water body". This paragraph should include "no additional water quantity".
- ≤ "All new developments should use permeable drives and hard standing wherever practical to allow the on-site absorption of rain water rather than permitting `run off' which can lead to flooding".

It is important that the Plan makes it explicit that permeable drive/paving need to be adequately maintained in order to sustain its functionality. We are concerned with the use of 'hardstanding'. Tarmac driveways do not allow for 'on-site absorption'.

Policy EH6 – "floodplain" Explanation 2 – replace HMG with Environment Agency.

Revise text

Revise text

009- 22	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	EH6	Ditto reference in Note. 5 – Interesting but query relevance. Suggest straightforward reference to effects of climate change.
009- 24	Planning Wychavon District Council	Question	LFL1	Para 4.3.4 – this is the first reference in sections to the objectives. Should this not be consistent throughout the document?

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O09- District Error / LFL1
Council LFL1 Policy LFL1 – typo, "childrens" and "St James".

Policy LFL1 – typo, "childrens" and "St James".

Revise text

Policy LFL3 - Map 15

025	Land owner	Change proposal	LFL3	The area of land marked on Map 15 as the village hall expansion site, attached, belongs to us. It has never been registered as this is not a requirement of ownership. Our solicitors hold necessary legal documents to certify our ownership. We suggest you amend your plans and maps accordingly for future reference so your information and facts	Revise text
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are correct. NB: Map attached.

009- 27	Planning Wychavon District Council	Question	LFL3	Policy LFL3 – Explanation 3 – if the ownership is unknown difficult to allocate as there is no certainty that it would be released.	Revise text
009- 28	Planning Wychavon District Council	Error / typo	BT1	4.4 Business and Tourism 4.4.2 Full stop end of second bullet.	Revise text
009- 31	Planning Wychavon District Council	Question	BT2	Policy BT2 – Only Class A1 covers shops (or retail), A2; 3; 4 are financial services etc.; food and drink, and drinking establishments respectively. Does the opening sentence require a redraft to reflect this? It is necessary to define what is acceptable or meant by "appropriate locations". The decision maker requires assistance in this instance.	Revise text
009- 39	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	BT5	4. Insert "seasonal" before blossom-related.	Revise text
009- 37	Planning Wychavon District Council	Error / typo	BT5	Policy BT5 – A – typo " and does not adversely affect"	Revise text
009- 40	Planning Wychavon District Council	Question	BT5	5. Reference to "spirt" seems rather vague. What does this mean in practice?	Revise text
009- 38	Planning Wychavon District Council	Question	BT5	Explanation 2. Should reference be made to boating/leisure uses on the River Avon?	Revise text
009- 42	Planning Wychavon District Council	Question	BT6	Explanation 1. "Flood Zone". 2. The final sentence does not make sense.	Revise text
009- 44	Planning Wychavon District Council	Question	Т1	Community Projects - is the provision of charging points in these locations supported by the landowners? Suggest that an explanation is provided in the introduction about the community projects. This is the first instance in the NP that the reader encounters them.	Revise text
009- 45	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	T2	Policy T2 – suggested replace "proposed" with "safeguarded". Remove reference to "aspirational" routes as the emphasis needs to be firmer in the policy/Map18. Explanation 1. Route B – remove quotation marks from names of public houses.	Revise text
007F	Land owner	Change proposal	IH1	Policy IH1 – Housing Growth	Revise text
		угорозаг		5. HAM supports policy IH1 in defining a broad number of units to be brought forward in the lifetime of the plan. However, HAM has some concern that the way the policy is currently drafted could result in objection to development on the housing allocation if in the meantime windfall development has consumed more than 5 units of the overall 40 unit allowance. It may help the clarity of the policy if the "around 35 units" as expressed in Policy IH5 is also reflected	

in policy IH1 – i.e. "This growth will be achieved principally through around 35 units at a housing allocation and natural windfall development."

6. The explanation to the policy may also benefit from an indication that the estimate of the contribution of windfall development to the overall provision of around 40 dwellings above the 35 unit allocation is an estimate only and that development within the development boundary that resulted in excess of 'around 40 dwellings' would not be prevented if it accorded in all other respects with the policies of the plan. This would help emphasise that "around 40 dwellings" is not a target.

009- 46	Planning Wychavon District Council	Question	IH1	4.6 Infrastructure and Housing Para 4.6.8 – does the concept of sustainability require further explanation, either here or indeed earlier on in the NP?	Revise text
				Sustainability 4   Electric vehicles	
				We support the aspirations for an electric vehicle charge point project.	
	Planning Services Economy and	Europ /		Paragraph 4.5.3 states that "the UK government has announced that the majority of new cars and vans should be electric by 2040". This statement is not quite correct.	
010E	Infrastructure County Council	Error / typo	IH1	The government has announced that all new cars sold from 2040 cannot be solely diesel or petrol driven. Hybrid vehicles will still be on the market.	Revise text
				We welcome the approach to electric vehicle charging points being included for all new developments. It is worth noting that a charge point installed in a garage will make the garage a parking space for the property.	
				Policy IH2 – Housing Mix	
007G	Land owner	Change proposal	IH2	7. HAM raises no objection to policy IH2 per se although some flexibility in the targets expressed would be beneficial given that the policy will apply to developments that are small in scale. For example, 10% of the 35 units proposed on IH5 would be 3.5 units and to aid the creation of the appropriate balance of units, HAM consider it preferable that the policy allows either 3 or 4 bungalows and 2 bed starter units respectively with the exact detail to be agreed at the time the development is brought forward. HAM suggests the replacement of "at least 10%" with "circa 10%".	Revise text
009- 49	Planning Wychavon District Council	Change proposal	IH3	Policy IH3 – reference should be made to the county council's 2017 Streetscape Guide. Policy IH4 – title of policy doesn't reflect the content. Seems to be more to do with design and sustainable development. Opportunity to cross reference to VDS.	Revise text
009- 51	Planning Wychavon District Council	Question	IH3	Renewables threshold on new development higher than SWDP27. Is this justified by any evidence?	Revise text
007H	Land owner	Change proposal	IH3	Policy IH3 – Parking Provision	Revise text

8. The proposed parking standards of one car parking space for each bedroom is clearly in excess of those within the current Worcestershire County Council Interim Parking Standards February 2016 which requires 2 spaces for 2/3 bed units and 3 spaces for 4 or more bedrooms. Although the rural location of Harvington may justify an increase on the current county-wide standard HAM are concerned that for larger dwellings, the application of these standards could result in car dominated development that would not be in character with the village. We would suggest that 4 spaces are required for 4 bedroom units or larger. This also reflects the fact that those who purchase larger houses are not necessarily larger family groups with more cars but use additional bedrooms for other purposes such as offices, recreational spaces or guests.

Is there evidence to support the density limit?

	Planning			Is there evidence to support the density limit?		
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009-	District	Ouestion	TH3	How does the applicant/decision maker assess		

does the applicant/decision maker assess density of Revise text existing estates?

10. HAM has a minor comment with regard to the way the

access arrangements are described. Para. 3 indicates that the required access roadway "probably following the existing Change 007J Land owner IH5 proposal

footpath, has not be shown in the maps but is included in this policy." HAM considers that if the boundary of the allocation is not to include this access road corridor, it may assist clarity Revise text if the access route is notated on Map 21 as a black 'pecked' line adjoining the footpath with the notation "potential vehicular access.'

- 5. Policy IH5 Page 67
- (i) The wording for second paragraph:

'.....for community use should include....' Request consideration that should be changed to could or may - as in the future, a building may not be felt necessary, and other community uses may be identified (e.g. Sports/football field) Revise text for the area. ERJ comments/justification (Survey Question 4 & 5) noted, but ask for a review of this wording to permit flexibility. Changing wording does not preclude community building, just not so restrictive/proscriptive on future need. Where is the supportive evidence from the village, either in the NP or ERJ for the necessity to include either a new Village Hall or an extra Community Area?

Energy.

We support the approach to renewable energy with the investigation of geothermal and hydro power as options for Harvington. Living conditions play a key role in both physical and mental wellbeing of residents. The provision of affordable heating can help reduce the risk of fuel poverty and benefit the health of the local residents. This is why the affordability of the heating should be encouraged through this Plan. This approach will support the objectives of the Government's Clean Growth Strategy1 with moving away from more carbon intensive fuels.

Revise text

0240 Resident Change **ERJ** proposal

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7. ERJ Page 24 - Development Boundary: Proposed Changes Revise text

This map was available at the public sessions, and created quite a bit of confusion. It was modified to include properties already constructed, but also used the same Legend colour

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for the proposed new development and community-use area.

Perhaps, to clarify and remove any confusion, if approved by the PC, the proposed new development and community-use area be presented in a different colour, and listed separately in the Legend.

Is there a requirement to change the boundary to include any proposed development site? - I agree it seems logical and sensible (if this site is accepted, after discussion, for inclusion in NP by Parish Council) but one wonders why other Councils did not find it necessary to alter the boundary.

[It was interesting to note that not all published Neighbourhood Development Plans in the nearby areas had chosen to modify the development boundary, even where proposed development sites (or designated SWDP development sites) shown on their maps were adjacent to the existing boundary].

032G	Resident	Neutral	Gen	Another area I feel should be looked at is outside the Golden Cross on Village Street. The children wait there in the morning and there is no clear line of where the pavement ends and the road begins I would like to see a kerb put in there as it would make the children safer and I'm sure the bus users would love to have a bus shelter there too.	PC Action
032E	Resident	Neutral	Gen	The land behind the Village Hall would look a lot tidier if it could be fenced off and used for the Preschool and other Village Hall Users as an outdoor space. It could be a really nice open space. It would also be of benefit to the community if the pathway to the park along the village hall could be resurfaced as it has many potholes.	PC Action
030F	Resident	Neutral	Gen	Another area I feel should be looked at is outside the Golden Cross on Village Street. The children wait there in the morning and there is no clear line of where the pavement ends and the road begins I would like to see a kerb put in there as it would make the children safer and I'm sure the bus users would love to have a bus shelter there too.	PC Action
				General.	
030E	Resident	Neutral	Gen	The land behind the Village Hall would look a lot tidier if it could be fenced off and used for the Preschool and other Village Hall Users as an outdoor space. It could be a really nice open space. It would also be of benefit to the community if the pathway to the park along the village hall could be resurfaced as it has many potholes.	PC Action
032F	Resident	Neutral	Gen	The park could do with some new play equipment and perhaps an outdoor table tennis table and some adult exercise equipment to get all ages more active. Similar equipment could be put in at the Jubilee Orchard too.	PC Action
011C	Resident	Question	Gen	2. Traffic calming around the crossroads of Village Street, Alcester/Evesham Road, Leys Road. Are there any plans to add in a mini roundabout, with a raised junction? I assume this junction has been assessed for further traffic calming measures. Is there anything published on the options that have been/are being considered?	PC Action
019B	Resident	Neutral	Gen	Street lighting – very dark in Blakenhurst and Orchard Place.	PC Action

# Aspirations :Crest Hill/ Abbott Salford footpath

039A Resident	Question	Gen	I would request the Council to add onto the Neighbourhood Plan the re-installation of a proper footpath at the base of Crest Hill connecting with the highway footpath leading towards Abbots Salford and on to Salford Priors. At the moment pedestrians have to walk on the road around the "T" junction entrance to Crest Hill. This is both dangerous, particularly in the winter months, for walkers and anyone who is vulnerable and or with mobility issues.	Project support
047B Resident	Support	Gen	All the main policies are well thought through and have all been written with thought to the future of the village. In particular I was impressed with the footpaths, cycle ways and electric charging points. The 'wish list' was also well thought through with some kind of bridge to Offenham being an excellent idea.  Congratulations to all who have worked in this.	Project support
			Policy T2 and P.56	
041B Resident	Support	Gen	As an avid cyclist and with a child now starting to ride further afield I was particularly impressed with the inclusion of Cycle paths and linking into the cycle paths throughout the Vale. The possibility of a bridge across the Avon for walking and cycling was the highlight for our household and having crossed the weir in the past with bike over my shoulder this will certainly be a huge improvement. While beneficial to people from our own village for leisure and commuting into Evesham it will also attract cyclist and walking groups from the other side of the river that would not contemplate the rather hazardous route along the A46 bypass.	Project support
035E Resident	Support	Gen	Tourism - Harvington may not currently be a "Tourist Destination" as such but could become a Tourism Hub or Centre as a "Gateway to the Vale".	Project support
			To achieve this, we would need to establish a "Brand" – perhaps the church steeple which is seen from far and wide could be our trademark. In addition, car parking and visitor information boards, website information and leaflets for distribution to VIC's and other visitor destinations, would be needed.	
			Anything that can encourage visitors to the Village will make the 2 pubs, and the shop more viable and sustainable	
			What can Harvington offer? We perhaps need to look more at the niche market tourist/visitor population – people looking for something different they have not done before or following a hobby/pastime	
			A.Church Tourism – to include visits to the church, developing the church as a start point for the Preedy Trail, Bell Ringing Groups, access to church registers for amateur genealogists.	
			B. Walking Groups – develop Harvington as a start and finish point for a selection of walks of varying lengths and interests	

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C.Cycling Groups – as 2 above

D.Blossom Trail – a refreshment stop on the Trail for motorists and coach groups. Visit an Orchard and involve the

D.Jubilee Orchard with its varieties of interest as they mature

E. Encourage Caravanners, Golfers, Fishermen, Shooters and Boaters to use Village facilities more – a captive market on the doorstep.

F.Work with Ellenden Farm shop on their seasonal Events

Develop a series of summer events to encourage visitors and locals to get to know the Village – Village Walkabout, Open Gardens, and Asparagus Event linked to local Festival, Beer festivals, Scarecrow Trail.

I appreciate these only addresses two key topics of the many areas covered by the Draft Plan, but these reflect the key areas I feel most strongly about, and it would take too many pages to address every area of this otherwise excellent way forward for our village

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037E	Resident	Support	Gen	However, the plan has some excellent ideas in terms of building a bridge over the lock between Harvington and Offenham, linking the two villages together and bringing extra business to the pub restaurants either side of the lock.  Thank you for taking time to read my views.	Project support
046B	Resident	Support	T2	I am especially excited by the proposals around improved cycling routes through the parish, especially those crossing the A46 and bridging the River Avon, imaginative!	Project support
				Plan P.56	
030D	Resident	Support	T2	Also the footbridge at Harvington Lock to link up to Offenham would also be a great benefit as it will link the 2 villages.	Project support
				Policy T2	
032C	Resident	Support	T2	On a positive note I think the Cycle paths will be great and encourage us all to cycle more. The roads surrounding Harvington are fast so to have the safety of cycle paths would be a huge benefit. It will make cycling more accessible to families	Project support
				Policy T2	
030C	Resident	Support	T2	On a positive note I think the Cycle paths will be great and encourage us all to cycle more. The roads surrounding Harvington are fast so to have the safety of cycle paths would be a huge benefit.	Project support
				Plan P.56	
032D	Resident	Support	T2	Also the footbridge at Harvington Lock to link up to Offenham would also be a great benefit as it will link the 2 villages which will increase visitors to Harvington.	Project support
021B	Resident	Support	IH5	Policy IH5 and Policy T2	Project support

We are particularly supportive of the proposal that any new housing development should have a sufficient amount of parking for residents and like the idea of a footbridge to Offenham.

024H Resident Objection Gen Comments and Concerns for Review

FAQ

#### 1. Nomination of Development Site

At the first of the open days at the Golden Cross, the chairman of the Steering Group was in attendance, so I asked him for clarification. I was advised that the guidance was that we COULD (not SHOULD) include a designated development area.

I was further advised that, of the 11 sites identified in the survey, where villagers' thoughts regarding property types etc. were requested, only 3 sites were then found available for consideration for a nominated site, as being on offer for development by the owners. This surprised me, as a number of the sites identified were those owned by the Diocese, who had been quite happy previously to put them forward for consideration for minerals extraction at the recent call for sites.

On reading the Steering Group minutes, I note it was agreed to only publish the call for development sites in the Village News, which had the distinct possibility that owners of land who resided outside the village had little chance of responding. This should be of great concern, as it severely limited the potential for responses.

The three sites left for consideration were:

- 1. The site on Crest Hill, planning application opposed by the Council, and rejected for development by the Inspector on appeal.
- 2. The site on the hill, which runs down below the 'dog walker's field onto the bottom of Crest Hill. This was considered unsuitable, amongst other reasons, due to the severe slope, and affect on a protected view, and unsuitability for sheltered housing.
- 3. The site opposite the Golden Cross, behind the bus shelter.

Deciding on the site is really a bit like 'last man standing' where eight sites were not available for consideration as viable candidates, and from the limited selection of three left, one was rejected already and another was unsuitable and easily removed from consideration. I am concerned that the result is a bit 'shaky' as regards justification and may well not represents what the village wants, but was possible guided by the feeling we should (rather than could) submit an identified development area.

Reasoning and Justification

A: Within the WDC guidance document it states:

"Neighbourhood Plans can range in complexity depending on the wishes of local people ........" Neighbourhood Plans can be used to choose where new homes and offices are built and have a say on what the building looks like".

[Therefore, there is no WDC requirement they must include a specified development area]

B: The site suggested was originally part of the Gladman' application. At that time, following village response, a revised plan was submitted following objections to the specific area as:

- i) Access onto Village Street was too close to the main road, and onto busy Village Street
- ii) The bus shelter would need to be relocated, to improve safety and visibility.

If above reasons were strong enough then to prevent exit onto Village Street, presumably to same reasons to prevent such development may now still well be relevant and apply.

Following our village's recent history, such inclusion of an agreed development site, particularly at that location, has the potential to re-open the earlier problems we had with unwanted and unwelcome excessive development proposals – and further Gladman input.

C:From further reading, the role of Category 1,2 and 3 settlement areas in the SWDP is predominately aimed at meeting locally identified housing and employment needs. The Harvington Draft Neighbourhood Plan and ERJ specifically states that the surveys undertaken could not identify any such over-riding need from either local residents or businesses.

With all that in mind, the necessity to specify a development area is significantly weakened.

I have looked at all the successfully 'made' Neighbourhood Plans listed on the Wychavon, Malvern Hills and Stratford upon Avon District websites regarding offering voluntary specific development sites, [over and above development already in progress, awaiting approval, or nominated as part of the SWDP]. I trust I have not missed out any relevant information in my perusal, but from reading the documents, I believe the results are:-

Of the 14 sites (details below):

i) 5 chose not to list specific development sites.

[Mainly villages somewhat comparable with Harvington]

- ii) 3 submitted potential development sites
- iii) 6 already had Planning Application either substantially or completely fulfilling their parish's housing obligations, or due to location, were allocated sites under SWDP, so had no need for further voluntary submissions.

Conclusion: I would suggest, if consideration is given to all considerations above, that this shows there is no requirement, justification or real need to identify a specific site.

Evidence: Existing 'Made' Development Plan Details (taken from reading the relevant 'made' Plans)

Stratford upon Avon District Council Area

- 1. Wilmcote: No specific sites identified. Comment included that they will need a future exercise to identify suitable land to cover local housing needs.
- 2. Bidford on Avon: No specific sites identified. Supports development on brownfield sites and, in principal, new housing within the Village Boundary, complying with the Neighbourhood Plan policy
- 3. Kineton: The Stratford upon Avon Council's Draft Core Strategy (DCS) has identified Kineton as needing to provide 200 dwellings within the plan. Allocations already made, and no further additions required to meet requirements.
- 4. Long Compton: Identified sites for 20 new homes, including 9 affordable housing needs. Supports development on brownfield sites and, infill within the boundary.
- 5. Welford: The Parish Council decided not to included site allocations because, under the DCS approved permission already exceeds the upper limit requirement. Any further sites offered need full evaluation to comply with the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 6. Wooton Wawen: No specific sites identified. Supports development on brownfield sites and, infill within the Village Boundary.
- 7. Salford Priors: DCS requirement identifies approximately 84 new homes over the Plan period, with allocated sites, and planning permission already exists for 60 properties.

Wychavon District Council

- 1. North Claines: [The parish abuts the northern boundary of Worcester city] The area is identified as suitable and accessible to contribute to some of Worcester's needs. Sites already identified in SWDP. They identify a further site in Fernhill for development.
- 2. Drakes Broughton: No specific sites identified. Existing committed sites identified (either under planning application or development approved.
- 3. Bredon: Identified a site for 24 homes to meet locally identified housing needs.
- 4. Cleeve Prior: No specific sites identified.

Malvern Hills District Council

1. Clifton upon Teme: Planning permission exists for recent development, and current commitment for 118 properties. No further sites identified. Supports small scale infill development.

- 2. Kempsey: [Near to Worcester city] Already 2,435 new properties in major development identified in the SWDP.
- 3. Martley: SWDP site allocation and site commitments with either planning application or development approval. I also include a list of possible 'errors' that have been passed to me for review

General.

01	9A	Resident	Question	Gen	Need more bungalows to keep elderly in the Village.	FAQ
					If building take into consideration school size and transport.	
					Policy 1H5 Page 67	
03	3A	Resident	Objection	Gen	First of all, why is there even a proposal being put forward for a development plan for Harvington, when others were recently turned down? Apparently Wychavon Council want more houses built in Worcestershire - that's not to say Harvington! The need for more housing in the Village is minimal. There are adequate houses being built in Evesham, only about four miles away, and also quite a few other sites on the outskirts to accommodate. There is a good bus service to these areas and they are only minutes away by car.	FAQ
01	2B	Resident	Neutral	Gen	Since WW2, the village has seen a massive increase in the number of houses with new modest estates being built in almost every decade. Even post 2000, the number of houses built in the first few years (prior to the financial crisis) greatly exceeds the 2-3 per year proposed in the plan. (Off Evesham and Alcester roads alone there were in excess of 40 homes). If the current combination of anti-migrant and limited work permits for "essential skilled employees" including doctors, nurses etc continues, then it is likely that the 30% plus of the house building quota in the SWDP which do not have allocated sites will not be needed. (I believe these are also the dreams of the local politicians and authors of the SWDP). However, it should be recognised in the Harvington Plan that the pressure for more houses is coming from people living longer and more single parent families. It's unclear whether the policy of denying social housing (rented, leased or purchased) to families who do not have any connection with the village is justified when the majority of new houses have been occupied by people moving in from wealthier parts many miles from Harvington.	FAQ
01	1D	Resident	Question	Gen	3. Leisure Facilities – In the leisure section I couldn't see much in the way of proposals for future development of leisure facilities, either on the playing field or in other areas. Is there any plan to establish a tennis club/court or other sporting facilities?	FAQ
01	4B	Resident	Question	DB	Development Boundary	FAQ

I have a question about the position of the development boundary (also referred to as the settlement boundary). This is significant because the position of the boundary impacts on whether or not houses can be built (on the proposed development site A) very close to the rear of several houses (including mine) on Village Street and the main road. Below are several maps showing the development boundary: NB: see attachment sent separately.

Figures 1 and 2 show the development site (identified as Page 213 of 262

"Site A" in the HNDP page 68) as within the development boundary. However, figures 3, 4 and 5 (taken from the HNDP page 10, the supporting report by Aecom and the SWDP) show the area identified as Site A as lying outside the development boundary.

In other words, different maps within the same plan show different development boundaries.

Also, I notice that the Aecom report points out that: "the smaller site (A) is of a reasonable scale and does not extend the village any further than the building line" but that "It should be noted that the site is currently outside the settlement boundary, whereby the principal of development is not permitted in accordance with Policy SWDP 2.

A settlement boundary change would have to be proposed as part of the Neighbourhood Plan to allocate Site A." (Page 14 Development Site Assessments by Aecom, Main Report).

I note from a document with the filename 'ProposalForDevelopmentSiteDecisionmakingProcess.pdf and titled "Harvington Neighbourhood Plan Allocation of building development sites" that the steering group has proposed extending the settlement boundary and acknowledge that:

- ■ The decisions will be "market-sensitive" for both landowners and owners of adjacent property.

This is most certainly the case. There is no doubt that removing the large open space to the rear of properties on Village Street will impact upon their market value, especially if (as I note below), structures are built on the very edge of existing garden boundaries. The location chosen will certainly create strong local feelings and I note the SG's concerns that these feelings could derail the whole plan. It is important, therefore, that the views of residents of these properties are considered. I understand that a blanket refusal to countenance development anywhere in the village is not feasible.

Therefore, I have the following What is the basis for the assumption that the next iteration of the SWDP will automatically overturn decisions already made and move settlement boundaries without regard to the HNDP or previous versions of SWDP? It seems that the decision to move the settlement boundary is influenced heavily by this unsupported assumption. Unless there is strong evidence that the SWDP will change, it seems strange that the HNDP, designed to limit development, would actually encourage development on a site excluded by the SWDP! Furthermore, I understand that a successful HNDP must align with the local plan (the SWDP in this case). Attempting to change the settlement boundary from that agreed by South Worcestershire risks undermining the whole plan because of one detail. I note that Gladman have been keen to point this out in their submission and I have no doubt that they will seize on any loophole that may allow them to challenge the plan.

1. Attached is a pdf with part of your development boundary map extracted. I've expanded the section for my property. I was confused why the red development boundary line cuts through my garden. I've drawn our boundary in blue, so you can see where that sits. The red boundary line

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011B Resident

Question DB

FAQ

Policy EH2: Local Green Spaces. See Map 9 p26: Protected Views. FP 500 crosses a large field entered via Alcester Road. This path and the field it crosses Change 038A Resident EH2 FAQ are both used daily by rambling groups, villagers and dog proposal walkers and is a well-used amenity. I contend together they constitute a valued local green space. Policy EH5: Protected Views See Map 11 p35 and lists p32 - 34: The outward view from Change 038B Resident EH5 FP 500 as it crosses the field from Alcester Road across FAQ proposal farmland is typical of this farming area and is worth preserving. Policy IH1 and Policy IH5Housing Growth and Designated development site The SWDP includes sufficient housing allocations for Wychavon to adequately meet the objectively assessed need (OAN) of the District during the Plan period. As at May 2018, Wychavon had a housing land supply of 7.48 years, significantly above the 5 year requirement of national policy. As such it is unclear why the NP seeks to allocate such a 034M Resident Objection IH1 FAQ large amount of additional dwellings on one site when there is i) no housing land need within the District and ii) certainly the number of dwellings proposed is substantially above the identified local housing need for Harvington. Other locations within the District are considerably more sustainable, as noted in the Crest Hill appeal decision, such that development should be directed towards urban areas. Policy IH1, 1H2, 1H4, 1H5, Housing. I would like the Council to consider the number of planned new homes. Based on previous and projected progress with the Neighbourhood Plan to date, it seems the earliest that the NP is likely to get adopted will be around 2019. There will be just over 10 years remaining until 2030, (not 15 years as indicated in the NP). Change The South Worcestershire Development plan up to the year 039B Resident TH1 FAQ proposal 2030 calculated that the "planned growth "new homes for Harvington was for 9 dwellings ("windfall developments" excluded). While understanding the methodology used in the NP to determine the new 35 homes, this may be far too many homes over a short plan period of 10 years. I would request the Parish Council to give consideration to release the 35 homes under a phased programme that goes beyond the 10 years - say for example 10 homes up to 2030 with the remainder into the next plan period (say 2030 to 2045).

seems quite deliberately drawn, so my query is whether this should sit outside of our property boundary, as it does for

most other houses on Village Street.

I should be grateful if you would accept this representation

as an objection to the Harvington Neighbourhood

**FAQ** 

040

Resident

Objection IH1

Development Plan.

To satisfy this objective the plan has allocated land for residential development off Village Street.

More specifically my objection relates to:

Objective 3: Housing growth which states that:

The NDP should sustain growth in new dwellings at the same rate as the previous 10 years.

To satisfy this objective the plan has allocated land for residential development off Village Street.

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

• The South Worcestershire Development Plan is up to date and relevant. The policies in the SWDP provide a policy framework for development up to 2030. The SWDP is based on sound and comprehensive research which enabled an Inspector to recommend that the plan be adopted following examination. The Sustainability Appraisal which supports the SWDP identifies that the spatial policy for residential development within the SWDP is sustainable and in conformity with the NPPF. The spatial policies for residential development are set out at SWDP 2. The Sustainability Appraisal concludes that:

'Community objectives are also supported in the long term by the policy which directs growth proportionately with the highest volume of homes and employment land allocated to existing urban and market centres. There is the potential for some short term disbenefit to existing communities arising from the disturbance effects on new development. The policy [SWDP2] also ensures that the identity of the smaller/ rural settlements is maintained by managing development volumes, but also supported in the long term by allowing new/proportionate growth in suitable areas.'

In respect of Harvington the spatial residential policy determined that the appropriate development volume for the Plan period was 9 dwellings. This resulted in an allocation of this amount of residential development on a site at Crest Hill which now has the benefit of a planning permission. My opinion is that a further residential allocation, as proposed in the NDP, is not in conformity with the SWDP and as a consequence the NPPF.

• The calculation of the growth rate is flawed as it uses two different periods to reach the outcome. The calculation uses housing delivered over 25years whereas the SWDP only looks as far back as 2006. In addition, the calculation underestimates the potential for housing to be delivered by windfall. The figures contained in Appendix 8 of SWDP identify that within Harvington over the period 2006 to 2017, 24 dwellings were consented on windfall sites. This gives an annual rate of 2.1 and over the plan period a figure of 27.3.

Notwithstanding the strong spatial policy objection set out above the site assessment carried out by AECOM is flawed and cannot be relied up in support of the proposed allocation.

The background section of the AECOM report states that:

In this context it is anticipated that the Neighbourhood Planning site selection process, aided by this report, will be robust enough to meet the Basic Conditions considered by the Independent Examiner, as well as any potential legal challenges by developers and other interested parties.

I don't not think that the AECOM report satisfies this test.

4. Policy IH2 - Housing Mix Page 63

Can consideration be given to additional elaboration in paragraph 5, for example, to include reference to Wychavon supported-policy for Affordable Home Ownership; 'Help to Buy Midlands' found under:

https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/affordable-home-ownership

024K Resident Question IH2

This referenced page includes, amongst other schemes, Shared Ownership, and Discounted Market Sale or Fixed Equity, with up to 30% equity discount (with strings – e.g. show local connections and restrictions on onward sale) possible. This could, if positively encouraged in new developments, provide better chances for villagers to remain in the village.

FAQ

Facebook etc. discussions strongly suggests a 'hidden' need for local housing for children of village families to buy 'starter' homes within the village exists that did not surface in the original survey.

Policy IH5

InitialBriefingForConsultant.pdf) suggests "there might be a need for an additional 14 or so of these bungalows" and that "movement to 3-4 bed houses would not consume all the released stock." If that is the case, where does the need for 30 units come from? 14 bungalows would have significantly less impact than 30 unspecified units.

- 014C Resident Question IH5
- 3. I had to dig around for a while to find the relevant documents and was only alerted to the need to do so when I spotted the discrepancy in the maps shown above and the point raised in the Aecom document. Given its very significant impact, what plans do the steering group have to more widely publicise this crucial proposal to move the settlement boundary agreed by SWDP?
- 4. Does a neighbourhood development plan have the authority to amend a decision made as part of the SWDP? Presumably the assumptions on which the SWDP drew the settlement boundary still apply: why would South Worcestershire, therefore, change this?

044A Resident Objection IH5 Policy IH5 FAQ

PLANNING APPLICATION NO (Harvington Parish Council)

Proposed erection of 35 houses adjacent fields to Ellenden Farm behind current houses along Village street

I write in connection with the above planning application. I

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have examined the plans and I know the site well. I wish to object strongly to the development of these houses in this location.

Following a meeting with local planning authority and presented various documentation and reference to Government policy for site-specific local development which is up for private development to my knowledge has not yet been approved by local council and its represented community.

This land outlined for potential development should be considered very carefully and by continued development could ruin the character of the village as development has already taken place within the village during 2017\2018 with more land already approved for additional housing (Near the village church)

Estate development would overwhelm Harvington and erode \ loose its identity as a friendly village forever.

The protection of open land from a visual, and nature qualities is also supported by Policy C6 in local planning – Refer to below extract;

C6, Insects of the wider countryside (butterflies).

Butterflies respond rapidly to changes in environmental conditions and habitat management, occur in a wide range of habitats, and are representative of many other insects, in that they utilize areas with abundant plant food resources. Butterflies are complementary to birds and bats as an indicator, especially the habitat specialists, because they use resources in the landscape at a much finer spatial scale than either of these groups.

The indicator consists of two measures of annual butterfly population abundance: the first for specialist butterflies (species strongly associated with semi-natural habitats such as unimproved grassland) and the second for butterflies found in both semi-natural habitats and the wider countryside. Both measures show marked fluctuations from year to year, principally in response to weather conditions.

In addition planning should be refused for development of poor design that fails to take the opportunities already available for improving the character and quality of an area and the way it functions inclusive and not limited to;

Local neighbourhood planning and development consultation with the community for site allocations with transparent visibility of what the development plan looks like inclusive of affordable housing for qualifying local people.

033F Resident Objection IH5

35 houses will mean approximately 70 more cars using that small road and Village Street plus their visitors, doctors etc. Then there's the cross roads which can already be quite hazardous having already had several accidents there, on occasion needing the Air Ambulance.

Then we should take into account the terrible disruption while the ground is being prepared and the houses constructed. There would be JCB's, diggers, all sorts of noisy building machinery, not to mention the muddy roads etc. all using Village Street and this would go on for some considerable

time.

We purchased our house because of the outstanding views at the back of the house over the fields to the beautiful Cotswold Hills beyond and the Village location. To be able to see this view we had the tedious task of taking down approx. 25 very large conifer trees and some others, spending days with a stump grinder -very hard work. We have worked extremely hard and spent quite a bit of money on our property. All this because we have always lived in the country and to have all this spoilt would be devastating. These properties at the back of our house would substantially devalue our home, which we hoped would be out forever retirement home.

Our garden backs on to the field where it is proposed that the building takes place. You can imagine what a blow it was to read that this may happen. Apparently there were meetings as to where this should take place in the Village. Please note no one living in the line of houses affected was consulted.

We have lived in the Evesham area most of our married lives and before we purchased our home we made it our business to find out if there were proposals to build and learned that there had been a few and they had all been turned down. If we had known that there was this possibility, we would not have bought the house in the first place and certainly would not have spent so much money, time and effort on it. If this building goes ahead, we will have to seriously consider selling again. We're already retired so don't want to take on another project of this size. We're now about half way through. We have to complete it. With the proposal to possibly build houses at the bottom of our garden going on, we wouldn't be able to sell for quite a considerable time anyway.

We all know that once permission is granted for 35 houses to be built somewhere, this will be the starter for many more and before we know it there will be the vast amount that was applied for and turned down a couple of years ago.

Parish Council - We are absolutely without question against this proposal and you should act on the Villagers behalf and say NO.

After going to the recent presentation of The Neighbourhood Plan it certainly made me realise how hard the Councillors

### Policy IH5

023	Resident	Support	IH5	have been working on the plan to safeguard Harvington. Some of the land identified for development is at the side of my house which is on Village Street, whilst I am in favour of this I would definitely like to see affordable housing being included in the 35 properties that are proposed to be built on this piece of land.  I think it is extremely important to have the Plan in place to ensure Harvington remains a village.	FAQ
044B	Resident	Question	IH5	The proposed community area is what? - We already have a village green, Church, School, pubs etc?	FAQ
013	Resident	Objection	IH5	Policy IH5	FAQ

We had a letter sent to us from you the Parish Council asking if we were happy about 35 homes being built behind our house. "NO" we are not happy. This land that you are talking about was going to be built on before and we said NO then! If Page 219 of 262

you are going to build homes on this land what was the point of Harvington Say NO campaign!

I don't care if it's 3 or 335 we are not happy with any homes being built on this land and we are shocked that you are even thinking about it doing it! The local people who live in Harvington had to fight hard the last time this happened to stop anyone building on this land. It's just crazy. Your only interest is in a new community area.

043 Resident Objection IH5 Policy IH5

FAQ

We understand the thinking behind the preparation of the plan and also the need, nationally, for additional housing to be built. We don't, in principle, have any issue with the construction to new houses where the developments are considered, well planned and do not unnecessarily and negatively affect the incumbent residents of the proposed development area.

The proposal within the town plan to build 35 houses (policy IH5) on the land referred to as Site A on Map 21 does present some concerns and we believe that these must be considered carefully and that the plan should be modified.

- 1. Flooding. In February 2016 we acquired a flood report on the area from Homecheck Professional (part of the Landmark Information Group) which indicates that the potential flood risk from surface water, during inclement weather, in the immediate area around our house is at a medium level i.e. 10 cm to 30 cm. The fact that the area behind our house is open fields (Site A) provides relief from this as surface water will naturally drain away. Our concern is that, should houses be built there, this natural drainage will be lost and any installed drainage will not be of adequate capacity to deal with the high level of surface water we have witnessed on occasions since we moved here. As such we would see the surface water flood risk to our house and those of our neighbours increase exponentially.
- Light. The proposed Site A is not large and building 35 houses would potentially entail building very closely to the existing properties. Our first concern here is that the natural light to the rear and side of house will be substantially reduced if large numbers of houses are built along our boundary.
- 3. Privacy. Alongside point 2 we are concerned that, should a large number of houses be built close to our boundary, the privacy we enjoy both in our house and outside in our garden will be strongly and negatively impinged upon if we are overlooked by these properties and their occupants.
- 4. Access. Building a further 35 houses in Harvington would increase the pressure on the local road network, which is already under strain. There are regular complaints aired about double parking and inconsiderate driving near the local school in Village Street and cars linked to 35 more homes would only increase this pressure.
- Infrastructure. Harvington does not have a post office, a doctor's surgery, a dentist or other such Page 220 of 262

facilities. It only has one small convenience store, with limited and rather expensive products. The local school has a limited capacity. The building of a further 35 houses would mean more people needing to travel to other local towns (mainly Evesham) to access these facilities and services; with any children living in the houses either needing to be bussed to schools elsewhere. The bus service in the area is very limited and as such does not offer a viable alternative for people living here already or moving onto these proposed new houses.

- Employment. There are no businesses of any size in the immediate area, so these new residents would be travelling elsewhere to find work. This would again involve increased road traffic in the area.
- 7. Recreation. From our house we are able to look out across the first of the two fields covered by Site A and there is a constant daily traffic of local residents walking their dogs, cycling and people riding horses. Building on this site would take that valuable facility away from the local residents and may affect current resident's mental and physical health and wellbeing.
- Environment. Adding a substantial number of homes to this small community would, as outlined above, have an adverse effect on our environment from increased flood risk, to increased light pollution through heavier road traffic and on to the carbon and other emissions that would be generated by each new household.
- In summary, our view is that it would be better to focus any local building on more modest projects on brown field sites, rather than a fairly substantial development on what is a green field location.
- (ii) It is realised that there is no way of going back in time, but anger was expressed that the Council chose not to contact and pre-warn the residents who would be most affected by the proposed designated development as soon as the decision to include in NP was reached. The shock of finding it in the draft NP was a bombshell to many villagers, not only those in site-adjacent properties. Under normal Planning, the District Council always contacts those residents for comments on any development proposals what is different in this case, that such, at least a courteous notification or contact was not made?

024M Resident Objection IH5

FAQ

The reasoning as to why they were not directly contacted prior to draft NP needs explanation and recording in Council minutes. It is not enough to state that information was in the public domain. Particularly in such specific circumstances it cannot be assumed affected villagers would read the Council minutes in the Village News, or attend Parish Meetings or the Fete to get the information in the public domain.

016 Resident Objection IH5 Policy IH5.

FAQ

As one of the two household most affected by the proposal, road adjacent, community centre to the left, housing behind, considerable reduction in privacy and house valuation, I register my opposition to your proposals and seek answers as

follows.

- While I appreciate the village plan has been compiled from suggestions put forward by the villagers, it is unlikely any of the households now affected by IH5 actually suggested this would be a good idea.
- The village (with some doubt it would now seem with regard to the parish council) fought a hard and determined battle, to successfully defeat recent property developers in their attempt to build houses on the land of which this proposed area is part, and land off Crest Hill.
- The parish council in agreeing to this proposal have virtually handed to the developers a carte blanche opportunity, to now come back and make another bid with the obvious tacit agreement of the PC. How can they deny it, and what grounds could now be used.
- Forget the village plan, with both the Government and opposition determined to cover the UK in concrete it will, as in many other rural areas be overruled. To believe otherwise is not only naive but very foolish and in fact irresponsible.
- This is the thin end of a wedge which will be very skilfully used by the developers to overthrow any opposition and obtain the necessary consent in both areas so previously well defended.
- What has happened to the argument, again hard fought and won, that the bus stop, which prevented a road access to the land in question, being removed? Is it now OK and approved by the Parish Council? Will the protesters agree I wonder?
- With two pubs and a village hall why do we need a community centre?
- What constitutes a Community Centre? What will be its function? During what hours will it be permitted to increase the current ambient noise levels of this part of the village? Will it be single storey or two storey invading privacy of all neighbouring properties more so than a standard two story dwelling? Does the council have any idea about use or will it just happen with a "camel like" committee designing and deciding its function?

I trust the PC can give at least the semblance of proof of some consideration to all these concerns.

I accept this can be seen as NIMBY but what really concerns me is that the PC in putting forward this proposal, have opened a very wide door and invited the developers with a much bigger agenda to come back in, using this as support for their plans. Well done PC and helpers.

030B Resident Objection IH5

I also do not feel there is a need for a community area on Village Street behind the current bus stop. We have the park and Jubilee Orchard and numerous footpaths. That area could maybe have 3 or 4 small houses built, as you say there FAQ is a need for smaller properties in Harvington.

Policy 1H5 Page 67

I live on Evesham Road and my property backs on to the field for proposed development of 35 houses.

I do not understand how you are able to put that in on P.67 out of 144 pages of the plan without informing all the householders affected as Gladman had to do when they wanted to develop the land. People are busy and not everyone has the time to read your plan. The leaflet you put through our door does not mention where the 35 houses are to be developed. This a major change for people.

I am not happy about that as we currently have a nice outlook onto the field. We do not want that site developed. I worry that it will raise the risk of flooding onto our driveway and garage if the field is concreted over as all the rain water runoff will come down the hill towards our back garden, driveway and garage.

I am also not happy about the access to the 35 properties being on a road where the current footpath is as this will mean demolition of the bus stop and the three trees next to the bus stop. We argued against Gladman doing this too and there was a campaign to save the bus stop. I also feel a road junction at that point could be a hazard as it is opposite the bus stop at the Golden Cross where the school children wait in the morning. I do not see why this needs to be developed when in the last year or so several small developments have been built in Harvington and 9 houses have permission to be built at the top of Crest Hill so your number of 35 properties needed should be reduced to take account of what has been built recently.

I also do not feel there is a need for a community area on Village Street behind the current bus stop. We have the park and jubilee Orchard and numerous footpaths. That area could maybe have 3 or 4 small houses built, as you say there  $_{\mbox{FAQ}}$  is a need for smaller properties in Harvington. Or maybe 2 Bungalows which there is also a need for.

Can I suggest the following: I appreciate that Site A (whether or not within the settlement boundary) is ideal for development. However, the objections to potential development would be much less strenuous if there was some guarantee that developers won't build new structures right on the boundary of existing gardens. You will have seen the developments in Pershore and Evesham where houses have been built literally inches from existing garden boundaries, depriving homeowners of light to and privacy in their gardens. Can the neighbourhood plan thus incorporate a FAQ condition to be placed on any future development that a reasonable buffer between new structures and existing gardens be maintained – say twenty metres? Indeed, given the desirability of this buffer zone, development of the sites further south of Site A would actually be a more acceptable option than development of Site A itself. These sites do not about existing properties and can be accessed as easily as Site A.

032A Resident Objection IH5

032B Resident Objection IH5

014D Resident Objection IH5

033C	Resident	Objection	IH5	Then there is the matter of the 'Bus Stop'. Why now, after several refusals, has the Parish Council suggested knocking this down to allow for a road. This bus stop is quite a historic part of Harvington!	FAQ
037D	Resident	Objection	IH5	A third concern of mine is that the road could be close to the existing bus shelter which could be problematic in terms of pedestrian safety. There's also the possibility this shelter could be knocked down to make way for the road which would be a great pity as this shelter has been here for many years. I'm aware that the bus stops were painted by a local artist and children in the village around six years ago, therefore special to Harvington.	FAQ
017	Resident	Question	IH5	Policy IH5.  I have just agreed to purchase in Village Street and hope to move into the village in June. The proximity of the development is therefore of direct interest to me.  Whilst in principle, I have no issue with the proposal, I would like to see other options for the access road explored and if it really has to be through Village Street, will there be traffic calming measures to take account of the additional 70+ or so cars that the development will inevitably bring?	FAQ
034N	Resident	Objection	IH5	<ul> <li>Other concerns include: <ul> <li>the poor location of the only available vehicular access point</li> <li>it includes the majority of a site that was previously refused planning permission. That decision cited numerous concerns including:</li> <li>development within the open countryside</li> <li>limited range of facilities within the village such that development was likely to generate substantial additional vehicular trips</li> </ul> </li> <li>Whilst the site is smaller it does not appear to have overcome any of the previous reasons for refusal. As such arguably it is not deliverable or developable in accordance with the NPPF requirements.</li> <li>Impact on residential amenity is extensive, particularly given the access point for such a large number of dwellings.</li> </ul>	FAQ
0340	Resident	Objection	IH5	The community area is unnecessary given that the village already has a village hall. Instead, any development of the site if progressed should provide funding for the village hall extension, as well as a parking area for the school/village hall, rather than a new building.	FAQ
037C	Resident	Objection	IH5	Secondly there is the issue of increased traffic at the cross-roads by Leys Road. As a mother of two children who are at schools in Evesham, I am at The Leys Road cross-roads at around 8.05am during term time, and find this a busy crossing at times. Adding more traffic to this area could	FAQ

result in traffic chaos.

Policy IH5.

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020	Resident	Objection	IH5	There should be a big percentage of buildings for downsizing elderly villagers with residential care, freeing up existing houses for newcomers.  The amount of traffic accessing Village Street would be dangerous.  The whole character of the village would be destroyed if this	FAQ
				proposal goes through.	
037B	Resident	Objection	IH5	Firstly, the required access roadway which will come out onto Village Street is close to The Golden Cross pub and school pupils wait around here in the morning for public transport. An increase in traffic in this area could possibly compromise safety.	FAQ
				Policy IH5	
037A	Resident	Objection	IH5	Unfortunately I have some concern regarding the site allocation for thirty-five homes. Whilst I understand there is always a need for new housing, I feel there could be traffic problems if these homes were given the go -ahead. If these houses are built, most of them will likely have at least one vehicle which could potentially contribute towards traffic problems during the work rush hour and school run.	FAQ
014E	Resident	Support	Gen	Please don't misunderstand the tone of this letter. I am very grateful for the huge amount of work that has been put in to ensuring that our village is developed sensitively and sustainably and I'd like to thank you all for that.	Note
002	Severn Trent Water(Email with attached information)	Neutral	Gen	We currently have no specific comments to make however, please keep us informed as your plans develop and when appropriate we will be able to offer a more detailed comments and advice.  We have attached some general information and advice for your information.	Note
012A	Resident	Objection	Gen	The NDP document is long and verbose as has become common practice although it means that those people who are busy (with family, working etc) or have limited literacy skills don't engage with democracy!  The plan presents a vision for the future which in essence is a snap shot of the village as it is now and proposes to retain it and defend the village against future significant development. Apart from the cycle paths, there is little in the plan which would improve the quality of life or reduce the cost of living for residents. This is probably what the majority of vocal residents want but the NDP gives the impression that rural England is dominated by NIMBYs! The younger generations have desire for a better future in the same way that many of us who are now in retirement had at their age. Obviously, the surveys were constructed with this preservation objective in mind and perhaps the Parish Council should be concerned about the numbers of residents who do not participate in local decision making.	

We note the stated aspiration in section 5.7 to restrict traffic from any civil engineering, minerals extraction or similar activities inside or within 10 miles of the Neighbourhood Area from passing through Village Street, Leys Road or the Conservation Area.

010C	Planning Services Economy and Infrastructure County Council	Question	Gen	We agree that this aspiration should not form a specific policy, as such a blanket restriction may not pass the tests of reasonableness for a planning condition set out in paragraph 206 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012 (namely that "Planning conditions should only be imposed where they are necessary, relevant to planning and to the development to be permitted, enforceable, precise and reasonable in all other respects").	Note
				The traffic implications of any proposed mineral development would be fully considered through the planning application process. Sustainable Drainage.	
012C	Resident	Question	Gen	The age demographics in Harvington are rightly noted in the plan but their impact on the plan is not obvious! In rural Wales (where I grew up) the majority of people in post 18 education left and never returned because the job prospects were poor. It is not clear whether that is the same for this part of rural Worcestershire or how planning policies should change as a result. An ageing population increases the health service needs, the numbers of unpaid and paid carers, and has impacts on the transport planning etc. None of this is reflected in the Harvington plan despite the fact that, for instance, our bus service is generally unreliable with buses cancelled almost daily and unpredictable with buses more than 10 minutes late every day! (Although Internet access to real-time bus schedules is possible most older residents would find real-time displays in bus shelters a more accessible). In the future, there is scope for autonomous (self-driving) cars which at least for better off residents might be preferred to public transport or volunteer drivers. Compared to other parts of the Stagecoach bus network and Diamond buses in the wider area, fares for travelling on the X18 are very high and the bus shelter capacity given the numbers who use the buses is clearly inadequate in the mornings!	Note
041A	Resident	Support	Gen	I thought the plan was very fair in all areas & agreed with the number & location of future properties and had no objection to any items contained within the future plan for our village.	Note
021A	Resident	Support	Gen	We viewed the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan at the consultation event this morning and are fully in support of the proposals within the plan, which seem very well thought through.	Note
047A	Resident	Support	Gen	I hope I'm not too late in submitting my heartiest congratulations on the fantastic work done on the neighbourhood development plan. I commend all those who have worked on it. It is a great piece of work showing the excellent community input on all points.	Note
024E	Resident	Question	Gen	5. Page 105 Village Street Reference is made (Fig 39) to 1930's police station. This property was eventually sold, and a replacement police station was constructed in the 1960's, slightly further down Station Road, on the opposite side – now known as 'Coppers Lodge'. Needs to be included for completeness?	Note
012D	Resident	Neutral	Gen	The plan recognises that climate change and associated Page 226 of 262	Note

increased rainfall is possible. However, it fails to acknowledge that there is no significant flooding risk providing drains and waterways continue to be adequately cleared (these were the principle causes of the most recent problems and drainage remains a problem along Station road). However, good rural drainage conflicts with regional planning which advocates retention of rainwater upstream to avoid the necessity of increased river capacity to avoid downstream flooding. Perhaps building on the site of the large pond off Leys Road some decades ago would not have been approved today!

I am making these comments on the NDP on behalf of my wife We would first like to congratulate Chris Haynes and the Plan Steering Group on the quality and scope of the Plan. It is of necessity a weighty document and we have tried our best to read and understand the 'Evidence' section and the resultant Plan proposals. The areas where we would like to comment are:

042A Resident Support Gen

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Policy IH5

We both think having looked at the Plan at the Village Hall for the Neighbourhood Development if we are just looking at the 35 houses mentioned that looks very acceptable.

028 Resident Support Gen

The other policies also look very good.

A lot of thought and work has been put into this from our parish council and we thank them for this.

I've been reading the draft plan that has been published and firstly I would like to say that it's clear a great deal of hard work has gone into this. Being relatively new to the village (Aug 2015) I found it interesting and informative.

011A Resident Support Gen

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There are three areas I would like to get clarification on please:

042D Resident Question Gen

2. We are puzzled by the fact that 62% of residents see a need for a new village meeting place within the period of the NDP; 10 years. Surely our excellent Village Hall and the other places in the village utilised for various activities i.e. The School Hall, the Baptist Chapel, St. James Church, the 2 public houses and now the Ellenden Farm shop cafe are more than adequate for the needs of a village which is only going to grow 'organically'?

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2. Overall, HAM considers that the HNDP is sound, well thought through and evidenced, and well presented, and HAM supports its approach and contents. Comments are made on specific policies below and where changes are suggested, these are suggestions in order to aid clarity or robustness of the plan.

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012E Resident Neutral Gen

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007C Land owner

Broadband in the village has improved but remains very expensive and inadequate compared to more urban

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(Mobile signals don't travel through metal sheets). Having read the draft plan this weekend I just wanted to register my thanks for the superb effort the plan team have put in to completing it. I think a thoroughly professional and 046A Resident Support Gen Note thoughtful draft, and as someone who has to read this type of document too regularly, that is praise indeed! General comments about the plan. This is an incredibly comprehensive document and a great deal to take in. Its details prove to me that there is little left 045 Resident to say that would affect the plan in its present form so I Support Gen Note would just say congratulations to those involved and many thanks for contributing so much which I'm sure will pave the way to keep Harvington a fine village to live in. This response to the Harvington Neighbourhood Development Plan ("HNDP") has been prepared by Vincent and Gorbing on behalf of Hobden Asset Management Limited ("HAM") in 007A Land owner Neutral Gen partnership with Rural Housing Trust (RHT) in respect of 3ha. Note of land owned by HAM to the south of Village Street. A very good document but I wonder how much of the good work proposed will be acted upon. 031E Resident Support Gen Note Employment opportunities within or near the village have declined significantly during the time that I have lived in the village. In part, the opening of the A46 dual carriage way had the inevitable consequence of less business from passing traffic. Harvington is now perhaps best described as a dormitory village with the majority of people commuting to 012F Resident Neutral Gen Note work well outside the village. I'm sure residents would not welcome a return to the noise and smells associated with vehicle maintenance and repair. The village has been fortunate that the growth in population has been sufficient to sustain some of the shops and pubs. SHWG (Email) We note that the plans outline that Harvington has a growth target of 40 dwellings during the life-time of this NDP. It is Planning important that if/when these sites are selected they are appropriate and consider the information detailed in the 006B Neutral Gen Note attached pro-forma. I trust the above is of assistance at this Environment time. Please can you also copy in any future correspondence to my team email address Agency 006A SHWG (Email) Neutral Note Gen We have no comments to make at this stage. Planning We do not offer detailed bespoke advice on policy but advise you ensure conformity with the local plan and refer to guidance within our area neighbourhood plan "proforma Environment guidance". Notwithstanding the above, for example it is important that these plans offer robust confirmation that Agency development is not impacted by flooding and that there is sufficient waste water infrastructure in place to accommodate

communities. The key infrastructure limitation appears to be capacity into the village despite the high capacity fibre optics running down the B4088. Mobile phone coverage is patchy and unpredictable. The opportunity to put a mast inside the church tower (like is becoming increasingly common) has been lost by renovating the Victorian (?) copper spire which sits rather incongruously on top of the Norman tower.

growth.

We would only make substantive further comments on the plan if you were seeking to allocate sites in flood zone 3 and 2 (the latter being used as the 1% climate change extent perhaps). Where an 'ordinary watercourse' is present this would need to be assessed and demonstrated as part of the evidence base within a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) i.e. to inform the sequential testing of sites and appropriate / safe development.

We would not, in the absence of specific sites allocated, offer a bespoke comment at this time. You are advised to utilise our attached area guidance and pro-forma which should assist you moving forward with your Plan.

The Commission does not have the resources to respond to all consultations, but will respond to consultations where it considers they raise issues of strategic importance.

Equality and Human Rights Commission

Neutral Gen

Local, parish and town councils and other public authorities, as well as organisations exercising public functions, have obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) in the Equality Act 2010 to consider the effect of their policies and decisions on people sharing particular protected characteristics. The PSED is an on-going legal requirement and must be complied with as part of the planning process. The Commission is the regulator for the PSED and the Planning Inspectorate is also subject to it. In essence, you must consider the potential for planning proposals to have an impact on equality for different groups of people. To assist, you will find our technical guidance here.

The Canal & River Trust (Email)

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Neutral Gen

The Canal & River Trust have considered the content of the document and have no comments to make in this case as we do not own or maintain any waterways within the area.

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003D Sports Question Gen England (Email)

More generally, government planning policy, within Note the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.

It is essential therefore that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 73 and 74. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's statutory consultee role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England's playing fields policy is set out in our Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document.

http://www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy

Sport England provides guidance on developing planning policy for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of

planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded.

http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/

Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 74 of the NPPF, this takes the form of assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery.

Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England's quidance on assessing needs may help with such work.

http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance

If new or improved sports facilities are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.

http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/

Any new housing developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place.

In line with the Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how any Page 230 of 262

new development, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing or assessing individual proposals.

Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying checklist, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active lifestyles and what could be improved.

NPPF Section 8: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities</a>

PPG Health and wellbeing

section: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing</a>

Sport England's Active Design

Guidance: https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign

(Please note: this response relates to Sport England's planning function only. It is not associated with our funding role or any grant application/award that may relate to the site.)

If you need any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact Sport England using the contact provided.

The plan fails to acknowledge that assuming Western Countries continue to rely on a free market growth economy, then local retail business will need an average 2-3% growth in sale per year (after inflation) to remain profitable. Without this corresponding increase in local population retailers will need to persuade residents to spend more locally. In the light of the trend for online retailing and the reduction in social drinking it seems inevitable that Harvington will see some or all of its shops and pubs close within the life of the Harvington Plan. This should be acknowledge as a consequence of not continuing to grow the village at a similar Note rate to the last 30 years - although there is no certainty that building 200 houses would not result in closures of shops and pubs. There is also no evidence in the plan that residents want the local shops and pubs to remain open. Simply ensuring that there is no further loss of parking near the pubs and shops might help to draw trade from a wider area. In reality, a high proportion of residents rarely use the shops or pubs.

012G Resident Objection Gen

012H Resident Objection Gen

In conclusion, when I spent my first night in Harvington over 30 years ago I never anticipated that it would be apathy that would prevent me from moving elsewhere. Now, like other residents of my age I face difficult decisions about whether the current inadequate access to health care is likely to continue and if so how to identify areas where you don't spend 3 days calling the regional hospital appointment number every few minutes with no queuing system to find out the date of my next (long overdue) appointment for a

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life-changing chronic condition. Obviously, for the younger generation the primary issue is the high rate (over 30%) of GCSE failures in English and Maths across the region – few parents expect their children to have chronic or serious health problems! If there are no solutions to these problems then Harvington (and Wychavon as a whole) will become undesirable places to live and there will be no demand for increased housing!

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above neighbourhood plan.

Sports England (Email)

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The specific comments Sport England wish to provide on this matter relates to policies EH2 and LF1.

Policies EH2 and LF1.

001 National Grid Neutral Gen General

Note

National Grid has appointed Wood to review and respond to development plan consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regards to the above Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

#### About National Grid

National Grid owns and operates the high voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales and operate the Scottish high voltage transmission system. National Grid also owns and operates the gas transmission system. In the UK, gas leaves the transmission system and enters the distribution networks at high pressure. It is then transported through a number of reducing pressure tiers until it is finally delivered to our customer. National Grid own four of the UK's gas distribution networks and transport gas to 11 million homes, schools and businesses through 81,000 miles of gas pipelines within North West, East of England, West Midlands and North London.

To help ensure the continued safe operation of existing sites and equipment and to facilitate future infrastructure investment, National Grid wishes to be involved in the preparation, alteration and review of plans and strategies which may affect our assets. Specific Comments

An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high pressure gas pipelines and also National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate / High Pressure apparatus. National Grid has identified the following high voltage overhead power lines as falling within the Neighbourhood area boundary:

ZF Route - 400kV from Feckenham substation in Redditch to Minety in Wiltshire. From the consultation information provided, the above overheads power line does not interact with any of the proposed development sites.

Gas Distribution - Low / Medium Pressure

Whilst there is no implications for National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate / High Pressure apparatus, there may however be Low Pressure (LP) / Medium Pressure (MP) Gas Distribution pipes present within proposed development sites. If further information is required in relation to the Gas

Distribution network please contact: plantprotection@nationalgrid.com

Key resources / contacts National Grid has provided information in relation to electricity and transmission assets via the following internet link: <a href="http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/">http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/</a>

The first point of contact for all works within the vicinity of gas distribution assets is Plant Protection (plantprotection@nationalgrid.com).

Information regarding the transmission and distribution network can be found at: <a href="https://www.energynetworks.org.uk">www.energynetworks.org.uk</a>

Please remember to consult National Grid on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or site-specific proposals that could affect our infrastructure.

033B	Resident	Objection	Gen	Harvington is a lovely Vale of Evesham Village and should remain so. The view of our Village, approaching from the Evesham end is outstanding. 35 houses and a Community Centre built there would totally ruin the appearance of the Village from this side. Why a Community Centre etc? We already have a Village Hall which has very little use, maybe due to the high cost of hire. There is also a children's playing field at the back.	Note
033G	Resident	Question	Gen	We would like to be informed where residents can view all letters sent in.	Note
034A	Resident	Support	Gen	Firstly we would like to commend all of those involved with the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for reaching this stage, and all of the effort required to reach this point. We have some comments on the Plan, as follows.	Note
				NPPF	
034B	Resident	Neutral	Gen	The draft National Planning Policy Framework was published in March 2018 and is anticipated to be completed and published in Summer 2018. It would be prudent to wait until the NPPF is published before the Neighbourhood Plan is formally submitted to Wychavon District Council, to ensure that the NP is in general conformity.	Note
				SWDP	
034C	Resident	Neutral	Gen	The South Worcestershire Development Plan is now being reviewed, with a call for sites issued by Wychavon District Council. It will be necessary for the NP to be reviewed once the SWDP is adopted, to ensure conformity with SWDP policies. This is to ensure that the NP holds sufficient weight in the planning process. Similarly, it will be necessary for the	Note

It is necessary to consult with the landowners of these spaces to ensure that they agree that these areas are to be

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Parish Council to review the policies of any emerging SWDP and to comment as appropriate, in the context of an adopted

Policy EH2 - Local Green Spaces

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034G Resident

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designated as local green spaces.

035A	Resident	Support	Gen	Overall the presentation and comprehensive content of this Plan and the efforts of all involved should be highly commended.	Note
008E	Historic England	Support	Gen	In conclusion, overall the plan reads as a well-considered and concise document which we consider takes a suitably proportionate approach to the historic environment of the Parish.	Note
012I	Resident	Neutral	Gen	In other words, our vision for the future should focus on a hope for a better future: access to affordable/"free" health care as needed; effective education/training and better paid jobs achieved without further damage to the environment.	Note
				General	
014A	Resident	Support	Gen	I would be grateful if this could be shared with the Steering Group responsible for the Harvington Neighbourhood Development Plan and with the group responsible for the identification of possible development sites. Thank you for your work on the Harvington Neighbourhood Development Plan.	Note
	Historic			Historic England is supportive of the Vision and objectives set out in the Plan, in particular we commend the intention to	
008A	England	Support	Gen	protect traditional land uses (e.g. orchards) architectural heritage and important landscapes/views. We also commend the Green Infrastructure approach in Policy EH1 and the Local Green Space Policy EH2.	Note
				Policy DB – Development Boundary	
007D	Land owner	Support	DB	3. HAM supports Policy DB and considers that the boundary has been drawn in a reasonable manner given existing development and that proposed in the plan. The land south of Village Street identified in IH5 is rightly included within the development boundary and it is noted that Map 6 clearly indicates that this land represents a logical extension to the built up area within extending into the open countryside.	Note
				Policy 4.1	
029A	Resident	Support	DB	I agree that village boundaries should be altered to incorporate areas designated.	Note
				Policy EH1 - Green Infrastructure	
034D	Resident	Change proposal	EH1A	Part A of this policy should include a part d) which requires an agricultural land assessment to be included as part of any planning application, in order to assess the grade and quality of land to be lost, and its significance to the local area.	Note
003B	Sports England (Email)	Question	EH2	P.74 of the NPPF establishes that open space, and land or buildings used for sport or recreation should not be developed, unless it is objectively assessed as being surplus to requirements, it will be replaced by equivalent or superior provision, or the development is for justifiable alternative provision.	Note

EH2 currently refers to 'very special circumstances' in which LGSs may be developed, but there is no indication as to the nature of these circumstances, or whether they will be consistent with P74.

### General comments

#### Education.

010A	Planning Services Economy and Infrastructure County Council	Support	LFL2	The Worcestershire County Council's Children, Families, and Communities (CFC) department note Policy LFL2, allowance for the provision of the Expansion of Harvington C of E First and Nursery School. The school is either full or almost full in all year groups and is anticipated to accept full reception classes in 3 out of the next 4 years. Additional housing developments within the catchment area will likely require additional facilities at the school to support demand in the future; the protection of land to support this possibility is strongly supported by CFC.	Note
033D	Resident	Objection	LFL2	Our School is full enough already and doesn't need more children - too many children in a class means the standard could drop. There would be an increase in pollution and noise in the Village.	Note
				Policy BT2 - Village Retail and Service Outlets	
				This policy includes no cap on the size of A1 to A4 uses. A cap is suggested of 280 sqm to ensure that proposals are proportionate to the surrounding village environment.	
034H	Resident	Change proposal	BT2	Proposals will be subject to the sequential test as the village has no defined centre and therefore if support is given to such proposals, they will need to be of 'neighbourhood significance' in scale. This should be worded within the policy in accordance with definitions in the NPPF.	Note
034I	Resident	Change proposal	BT2	The policy should be explicit that A5 uses are not acceptable, given the associated amenity and transport considerations arising from hot-food takeaways.	Note
				Policy T1 -Sustainable management of private transport	
034L	Resident	Change proposal	T1	Additional text should be added to the first paragraph to set out that it needs to be demonstrated that there is sufficient rather than adequate provision for parking.	Note
				In respect of the electric charging facilities this should be specific to state a minimum of 1 external charger (otherwise arguably you could use an internal plug).	
				Policy 1H1 Page 62	
031A	Resident	Objection	IH1	While villagers may like 3/4 houses per year it is unrealistic in the present day. At least 100 not 40 will have to be accepted.	Note
033E	Resident	Objection	IH1	As far as affordable houses for Villagers children is concerned, the people of Harvington have managed for several years, as they have in other communities. Many of us have had to start at the beginning, at the bottom of the ladder and work our way up to be able to live in such a lovely Hamlet. That's what a Village is - not to be spoilt by 'starter Page 235 of 262	Note

homes' being built - there will no longer be any Villages to work up to. That's been the way though life.

The residents of Harvington have already shown their feelings about this sort of development in our Village. Surely the Parish Council will speak for us and put a stop to this Development before it gets too far off the ground.

Policy 1H2 Page 63

				Policy 1H2 Page 63	
031B	Resident	Support	IH2	Fine and I hope it can be held to.	Note
				Policy 1H4 Page 65	
031C	Resident	Support	IH4	Something to fight for against all the odds.	Note
035C	Resident	Support	IH5	However, there could still be more thought given to also making use of this space as a future site for a more comprehensive community centre usage to replace the present Village Hall and provide a multi-use facility with full parking facilities as well as recreational space. This could then free up the existing Village Hall ground space to provide some, albeit limited, parking spaces for school traffic which could benefit the village.	Note
				A larger community centre type building would give residents more daytime use of this facility instead of it being monopolised by one user as at present. It may also have potential to provide further facilities for other outside services such as Health, Post Office, etc.	
				Policy IH5	
035B	Resident	Support	IH5	Housing– Whilst understanding the ethos and logic of siting the 35 new houses opposite the Golden Cross, it does not perhaps reflect the overall wishes of residents of the village as the most opportune site and to some extent undermines all the villagers fought for at the time of the Gladman applications and the protection of the bus shelter and its artwork.	Note
				Overall it does however provide a firm development and building boundary, subject to any vagaries and changes in Government planning rules in the future, and that must be a positive step and policy.	
				Policy IH5	
029B	Resident	Support	IH5	Building of new houses should be allowed. The Village has got too big to stay as it is. Bidford-on-Avon is a shining example on how to do it right.	Note
				We consider that the designated site should be substantially reduced in scale.	
034P	Resident	Objection	IH5	We trust that the above points will be taken into consideration in respect of the NP. Should the NP not be amended, this representation will be submitted as part of the Regulation 16 consultation.	Note
042B	Resident	Question	IH5	Policy IH5 1. We accept the reasoning behind the preferred need for	Note

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'organic' growth in new housing stock which suggests a need for 35 new homes over the 10 year period of the plan; excluding the already planned new homes and any individual houses such as that being built next to the Coach and Horses public house. The only suitable site identified is site 'A' which is the area off Village Street opposite the Golden Cross. The question/comment we would first ask with regard to this site is whether it is large enough to accommodate 35 new homes at an acceptable density.

Access to this area was originally proposed by Gladman Developments off Village Street by demolishing the bus shelter. This was successfully resisted by the 'Harvington Says No Campaign'. However Gladman proposed a much larger development than the 35 homes possibly being considered for this site. Demolition of the bus shelter could be justified for a much smaller development with fewer traffic movements.

However there are 2 fine Plane trees either side if the bus shelter which if possible must be retained. There is also an Oak tree just behind the bus shelter and some other less significant trees elsewhere on the site. If possible any development of this site should preserve any significant trees.

027 Resident Objection IH5 Policy IH5

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We would like lodge our strong objections to any proposed Development.

Firstly, this is a small Village with more than adequate community facilities to serve the population. We are located within easy reach of Evesham & Stratford by Bus or Car which offers the community all other amenities such as sports, Libraries, Shopping, Leisure and Housing etc. We choose to live in a Village for many reasons, the peace and tranquillity, the small and friendly community, the Countryside on our Doorstep but within reach of a Town if we need it.

This proposal will:

- a) Increase traffic in and out of the village onto what is already a hazardous crossroads with accidents already recorded.
- b) Increased noise & pollution which extra housing and community facilities will inevitably create
- c) The School, already overstretched.
- d) The Bus stop?
- e) A country walk from Village Street to the Farm Shop enjoyed by many for the views and tranquillity-lost! The need for additional housing in the village is minimal and with a huge amount of Development in nearby Evesham will go a long way to facilitating this need.

On a personal note, we purchased our home 12 months ago and have invested our life savings into what we thought would be our forever home. Our searches revealed that a proposal for the Development of adjacent land had been refused and as a result of this we chose to Buy. Had there been any indication, even after we had purchased we would most certainly have modified the plans for any extension and improvement.

We are now in an impossible situation, half way through the Build! We cannot undo what has been done we cannot sell until house is finished and probably could not find a buyer in this present uncertain condition.

Lastly I come from a small village in Somerset where we were faced with a similar situation of proposed Development - permission was eventually granted for a small percentage of the build which, once built, increased, the village is sadly no longer, it's now a Town, a reality to be taken seriously if

we want this community to remain as it is.

Policy IH5

My property backs on to the field for proposed development of 35 houses.

I do not understand how you are able to put that in on P.67 of the plan without informing all the householders affected as Gladman had to do when they wanted to develop the land.

I am not happy about that as we currently have a nice outlook onto the field. We do not want that site developed. I worry that it will raise the risk of flooding onto our driveway and garage if the field is concreted over as all the rain water runoff will come down the hill towards our back garden, driveway and garage.

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I am also not happy about the access to the 35 properties being on a road where the current footpath is as this will mean demolition of the bus stop and the three trees next to the bus stop. We argued against Gladman doing this too. I also feel a road junction at that point could be a hazard as it is opposite the bus stop at the Golden Cross where the school children wait in the morning. I do not see why this needs to be developed when in the last year or so several small developments have been built in Harvington and 9 houses have permission to be built at the top of Crest Hill so your number of 35 properties needed should be reduced to take account of what has been built recently.

I and writing to express my concern for the proposed development of housing in Harvington.

Policy IH5

The housing would sit directly at the back of our property which currently overlooks beautiful countryside with wonderful views, it pains me that we may potentially now be facing a building site then a housing development for the next 20 years in what we hoped would be our forever home.

We have a baby daughter that I feel this would disturb greatly, noise, extra traffic throughout the village and extra Note pressures to accommodate more children at the village school really do impact on existing local families and residents.

All in all although I am in no way ignorant to the fact we need more housing and starter housing for young families like ourselves it would be an awful shame that yet another section of green space is filled with buildings.

Please think on behalf of your existing residents before making a decision.

I would like to express my wholehearted support for the new parish plan which will include the new "site A". As a former resident of the village I would have loved to have bought my own property however this was impossible due to the lack of homes available for sale. I would welcome a mixed

development in the area. As a village we understand houses

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Resident

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Objection

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030A Resident

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need to be built and small developments are the	way
forward.	

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035D	Resident	Support	IH5	The creation of recreational space in this area would also create more of a focal heart to the village as well as provide a play/sports area in public view which could also overcome some of the vandalism and misuse of the current play area which are too out of sight.	Note
				As the site is subject to this proposal and therefore has not been approved and taking into account that planning by the local authority's previous planning decisions in the area has been declined on two occasions why do we need to continue putting pressure on local residents who have either lived in this idyllic environment for some considerable time or have simply worked hard in order to integrate as a incomer in local village life of which I am one.	
044C	Resident	Objection	IH5	We moved into Harvington in June 2017 so less than one year, The reason why we as a family chose Harvington is peace within a calm village environment. At no time during the search was any pending proposal presented, only rejections of all previous proposals to date.	Note
				WE would NEVER have brought the property and invested all our hard earned savings (£40,000) to date and simply looked elsewhere.	
				Another reason for rejecting also to include the inadequacy of additional traffic from the lanes and from main road traffic to accommodate even small increases in traffic to the proposed site is dangerous and irresponsible by local authority.	
				Additional road into the proposed site would destroy ancient field boundaries and the charm to its current aspect and in addition, I am concerned about the current bus stop that has been part of our village life and serves both young and old well.	
				The proposed site of the development is particularly ill-considered:	
044D	Resident	Objection	IH5	It is on a greenfield site used by many villagers and visitors for recreation and walking dogs, and building here would both diminish the view into the village.	Note
				The proposed development is not transparent for house design maybe out of keeping with the village's character and while design issues might be solved with conditions or revised proposals, this will not remedy the siting problem.	
				Furthermore, there is no need for this kind of open market housing development in the village of Harvington has adequate supply of housing to meet local requirements and due to its aging population natural availability is inevitable.	
				We understand that there seems to be a national need for	

We understand that there seems to be a national need for housing however brown field site should be developed over Greenfield.

Support IH5 The land is suggested for allocation under Policy IH5, an Note allocation which is welcomed by HAM and we look forward to

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007B Land owner

working with the Parish Council to bring forward development in a sensitive manner should the HNDP be adopted as presently drafted.

Policy 1H5 Page 67

031D Resident Objection IH5

This will expand to the 100 houses indicated in my comment re 1H1. I do not believe in another community building to Note divide the village. Access to this site is not good and appalling for 100 houses.

Policy IH5 9 - Housing Allocation

007I Land owner Support IH5

As per our comments above, HAM supports policy IH5 and is keen to work with the Parish Council to bring forward a suitable scheme. HAM considers that the site selection process was rigorous and the allocation is sound.

Policy IH5

After living and working in Harvington for most of my 58 years, I have always been happy with the gradual growth of the village and the way the residents and parish council between us keep it a pleasant place to live.

Over the years the fields at the back of our bungalow have certainly attracted some attention!

036 Resident Objection IH5

You are now asking me if I am happy with the proposal of "around" 35 dwellings and community uses being built on this Note land.

If like Mr Gladman you are proposing to build a terrace of 5/6 houses looking directly down into my garden, then the answer would be "NO" I am not happy with it.

If the parish councils and future developers would just take a moment to consider the residents on the edge of these new sites. If I am going to lose my wall to wall open skyline, please let it be as painless as possible.

Policy IH5

022 Resident Support IH5

After going to the recent presentation of The Neighbourhood Plan it certainly made me realise how hard the Councillors have been working on the plan to safeguard Harvington. Some of the land identified for development is at the side of my house which is on Village Street, whilst I am in favour of this I would definitely like to see affordable housing being included in the 35 properties that are proposed to be built on this piece of land.

I think it is extremely important to have the Plan in place to ensure Harvington remains a village.

## **Appendix M - Significant policy changes**

This appendix records the significant policy changes made to the Regulation 14 draft as a result of the Regulation 14 consultation.

# **Executive summary**

This document records the significant policy changes between the draft used in the Regulation 14 pre-submission and that submitted under regulation 16.

One policy has been added:

### Policy IH6 – Renewable energy

The majority of this policy's contents are clauses which have been moved out of other policies to group them under this more logical heading.

One new clause has been added, on the design and orientation of roofs to optimise the use of PV panels. This was at the suggestion of WDC and to take advantage of a new opportunity provided by NPPF2 to influence the orientation of buildings.

A more extensive explanation for this policy has been provided, at the suggestion of the SWDP's sustainable energy planning officer.

Four policies have been deleted or had clauses re-assigned to other policies:

- Policy EH1 (B) Open Spaces. The first clause expected developments to make
  financial contributions to the development of open spaces. Wychavon DC advised that it
  was inappropriate to include this within a Neighbourhood Plan, since this kind of
  contribution is specified and managed under different legislation. The second clause (on
  safeguarding the environment), has been moved into a more appropriate policy. This
  policy EH1(B) has thus been deleted.
- **Policy EH1 (D)** to sample and preserve the genetic stock of orchard trees is converted from a policy into a community project, since it was shown (by a resident) to be counter-productive: the presence of the policy would have encouraged developers to fell orchards before engaging with the planning process.
- **Policy EH2 Local Green Spaces**. The clause referring to Community Infrastructure Levy funds is removed, for the same reason as the change to EH1(B) recorded above.
- Policy BT4 Live / Work units is removed, since it conflicts with a strategic SWDP policy.

The remaining 18 changes to the plan document involve textual additions or re-wording for clarity or correctness.

The correction of typographic and other minor errors is omitted from this document.

# **Document-wide changes**

- Neighbourhood Development Plan / NDP changed to Neighbourhood Plan / NP throughout.
- References to NPPF updated to refer to NPPF2 (i.e. the July 2018 update) throughout.
- Every paragraph and every bullet point of every policy has been given a reference letter/number at Wychavon DC's request.

# Individual policy changes

Page numbers (P#: ) refer to the Regulation 14 draft plan of 16 April 2018.

P6: Added 1.4:

### **Community Projects**

- Community projects describe projects which the community would like to undertake during the period of this NP. They involve land use, but do not themselves justify the status of Neighbourhood Plan Policies.
- They are shown in this NP in **green boxes**, in close association with those policies which enable or facilitate the projects.

Initiatives to undertake these community projects from appropriate community groups will be welcomed. The Parish Council will play facilitation, co-ordination and (where appropriate) funding roles.

P12: replaced second para of 2.2.7 with:

In the nearby town of Evesham, among those active in civic affairs, the village has a reputation for a high level of social activism.

P15: At WDC's suggestion added new paragraph to 3.1 Vision:

In 2030 the village will have added at least 50 residences (making much greater use of renewable energy), will be served by vibrant retail outlets and will have many more residents enjoying cycling and walking.

P15: Objective 1. Replaced "extent and quality of the orchards..." with extent and productivity of the orchards ...

P16: At WDC's suggestion re-worded the conditions for building outside Development Boundary to quote NPPF2 directly:

Residential developments outside this boundary are limited to the following special circumstances , defined in NPPF2 Para 79 :

- a) there is an essential need for a rural worker, including those taking majority control of a farm business, to live permanently at or near their place of work in the countryside;
- b) the development would represent the optimal viable use of a heritage asset or would be appropriate enabling development to secure the future of heritage assets;
- c) the development would re-use redundant or disused buildings and enhance its immediate setting;
- d) the development would involve the subdivision of an existing residential dwelling; or
- e) the design is of exceptional quality, in that it: -
  - is truly outstanding or innovative, reflecting the highest standards in architecture, and would help to raise standards of design more generally in rural areas; and

- would significantly enhance its immediate setting, and be sensitive to the defining characteristics of the local area.
- **f)** There is an essential need for a rural worker, including those taking majority control of a farm business, to live permanently at or near their place of work.

# P19: **EH1 A – Agricultural and Horticultural Land** reworded following WDC's comment:

The use of agricultural, horticultural or orchard land may only be considered for housing or business development if:

- a) There is an additional objectively-assessed strategic requirement to provide a site within this specific NP area in some future version of SWDP 2016 and,
- a) The requirement cannot be met through infilling within the development boundary; and
- b) There are no brownfield sites within the NP area recorded in the Brownfield Land Registry that might otherwise be suitable for development.

P19: **EH1 B – Open Spaces** Overall policy deleted. Former clause (1) deleted at Wychavon DC's suggestion, as its provisions are included in other policies or other legislation. Policy (2) on safeguarding the natural and historic environment, moved to new EH1 -C(4).

P20: **EH1 C – Trees and Hedges** reference to Appendix C changed; previous version said it had only those on public land. It now says:

Appendix C to this NP lists the significant trees in the neighbourhood area in 2017.

# P20: **EH1 C – Trees and Hedges** (3<sup>rd</sup> para.) reworded following WDC's comment:

The preservation of the individual trees and the overall integrity of the Millennium Oak Avenue trees on either side of Evesham Road – see Map 7 - should be a planning priority. Any development which adversely affects this avenue will be resisted.

## P20: EH1 D Preservation of arboreal genetic heritage

It was pointed out by a resident (who is a professional planner) that this policy would be counter-productive, in that it would encourage orchard owners to remove all fruit trees before applying for planning permission. It is thus proposed to replace this policy with a community project with which (hopefully) land-owners would co-operate. The project should attempt to

cover all village orchards, not just those perceived to be at threat. The proposed project reads:

# **Community Project: Preservation of arboreal genetic heritage**

Many orchards within the Neighbourhood Area (particularly those close to the village) are under threat from agricultural and residential developments. They may contain rare, locally-developed types of potential genetic significance in the preservation of the genetic diversity of the overall fruit crop pool.

Such trees cannot, in general, be protected within the planning process, and are unlikely to meet the criteria for Tree Preservation Orders. There is nothing preventing land-owners removing them prior to submitting a planning application.

The genetic identity of trees can be established by a relatively cheap process of analysing a leaf taken from the tree during the summer. It costs (2018 prices) around £30 per tree. In veteran orchards the trees were usually planted in rows of similar type, so the genetic heritage of an old orchard may be assessed for a few hundred pounds. There is a national genetic database which can be accessed to determine the rarity of sampled leaves.

Preserving the genetic stock can be done by taking cuttings or grafts to another, protected, site and does not require on-site tree preservation. Organizations such as the <u>Vale Heritage Landscape Trust 1</u> can provide advice and a safe location for the stock to be preserved.

This community project is to:

- Procure funding for the project,
- Gain permission from orchard owners,
- Sample the leaves of possibly genetically-rare trees,
- Arrange for the off-site protection of cuttings / grafts of any found to be rare

### P21: EH1 E - Wildlife and Biodiversity

Delete "or trimming" from the first line (outside scope of planning control).

#### P25: EH2 - Local Green Spaces

Delete the paragraph referring to Community Infrastructure Levy, at Wychavon DC's advice, as this paragraph mis-represents the funding opportunities.

Rename 'The Common' throughout to 'Field to South of Playing Field'

#### P28: EH4 - Setting of Conservation Area 'holloway'

Re-worded and re-drawn to extend the protection along the whole of the skyline on both sides of Anchor Lane, as suggested by WDC.

### P31: EH5 - Valued Landscapes

There are 2/3 new landscapes to be added from Footpath 500 and the Community Orchard.

We have invited Jack Hansen to provide a quote to enhance all the view descriptions.

## P40: LFL1 - Village Facilities

Followed Sports England advice to re-word this to:

[redevelopment ...will only be supported if ...] the operation of the facility is surplus to current or expected future requirements.

And added new explanation (2):

NPPF2 83 d) mandates that planning policies should enable the retention and development of accessible local services and community facilities, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship.

#### P42: LFL2 - Expansion of First and Nursery School

Followed WDC's advice and re-worded to make site reservation immediate – the paragraph "The site will only be released..." is deleted.

### P43: LFL3 - Expansion of the Village Hall

In the light of new information re. ownership the paragraph the third explanation point becomes:

3. The land is not registered on the UK Land Registry database , therefore permanent buildings and structures should be avoided.

### P45: BT1 - Employment Sites

Limit on number of employees (and reference to Micro-entities) removed following WDC's advice, as this is not amenable to planning control.

### 3 c) Modified to add control of deliveries. It now reads:

Adequate off-street parking is provided for employees, deliveries and visitors;

New small-scale business development policy condition 3 e) added:

3 e) The proposals do not conflict with other policies in this plan.

### P46: BT2 - Village Retail and Service Outlets

The policy is re-worded, following comments from WDC and a local resident:

- 1) The creation or expansion of farm shops, garden centres and similar rural enterprises will be supported where they enhance the viability and/or expansion of an existing local business.
- 2) Permission for new retail business premises of classes A1, A2, A3 or A4 will be supported.
- 3) Support under (1) or (2) will be conditional on:
  - a) There being no adverse impact on local amenity and
  - b) the provision of adequate off-road parking.

### P48: BT4 - Live / work units

It was pointed out by WDC that SWDP 8 is a strategic policy which cannot be overridden at local level. We were attempting to restrict it, not enhance it. The entire policy is deleted.

#### P49: BT5 - Tourism

At WDC's suggestion added explanation (3) on boating use of River Avon:

The river itself is used extensively by narrow-boats and small cruisers; navigation between Tewkesbury and Stratford-upon-Avon being managed by the Avon Navigation Trust. There are visitor mooring points within the NP area.

## **P50: BT6** – [camp-] sites

Added words "glamping and camping" to supported site applications.

Re-worded explanation 1 to clarify that on-site expansion is not permitted by SWDP 36 (a) .

#### P53: T1 - Parking

Malthouse Close re-charge point moved after resident pointed out previous proposal already had a garage there.

#### P55: T2 - Provision for cycleways.

Policy made more emphatic at WDC's suggestion. It now reads (changed wording underlined):

The routes designated on map 18 are <u>safeguarded</u> for the up-grading of existing roads, footpaths and trackways to cycleways – joining with <u>potential</u> cycleways alongside the River Avon and from The Valley, Evesham to Salford Priors Road, Norton. Planning decisions which would adversely affect these current or future routes will be resisted.

The title of map 18 is similarly modified.

#### P60: Introduction to Housing and Infrastructure.

WDC advised explaining what we mean by 'sustainable' in this context. Accordingly the explains how we fulfil the relevant objectives of NPPF2 and replaces the previous 4.6.8:

'Achieving sustainable development' is the purpose of the planning system, according to in the NPPF2 - 7. Policies in this section contribute to the NPPF2's three overarching objectives:

- The economic objective, by providing sufficient land of the right type to meet the objectively-assessed housing need expressed in the SWDP,
- The social objective by ensuring there is a sufficient stock of homes of the right size and accessibility, set in a well-designed environment, to meet the needs of present and future generations,
- The environmental objective to mitigate and adapt to climate change through exploiting local renewable energy sources, so as to facilitate reducing the carbon needs of the current and future housing stock.

#### P62: IH1 - Housing Growth

NP & WDC have pointed out that its important not to give the impression that, in setting a target, we are attempting to cap growth. The following Explanation point has been added:

5) The target of 40 dwellings for the village during the plan period is not intended to be a ceiling as there is an expectation that limited infilling and windfall development within the Development Boundary may continue to occur.

### P63: IH2 - Housing Mix

WDC suggested replacing 'bungalow-style' with 'single-storey'. NP then pointed out that the requirement for single-level accommodation can also be met in e.g. maisonettes with lifts. So, to make the policy as open as possible the policy replaces 'bungalow-style' with 'single-storey or single-level' and explanation 4 is amended to:

This policy therefore includes a requirement for single-storey or single-level accommodation to increase the village stock of this form of housing to meet the proven needs of elderly 'downsizers'. This is in accordance with the intent of policy SWDP20. Bungalows provide the most obvious (and most market-attractive) form of single-level accommodation, but the term "single-level" is used to recognize that it is also possible to have multi-storey buildings which offer separate single-level accommodation units.

### P65: IH3 - Parking provision

WDC referred us to a Worcestershire CC guide on parking provision. Although this guide has no formal role within the NPPF / SWDP system, it does contain one useful suggestion which we have now adopted, namely to exclude integral garages from the computation of parking spaces. Our previous wording implied this, but did not make it specific.

Accordingly a new policy clause is added:

Garages which are integral parts of residential buildings do not class as parking spaces. and a new explanation is added:

2. Garages which form part of the residential building do not count as parking spaces, since these may readily be converted into living accommodation or used for storage.

At NP's suggestion the following new explanation points are added, to explain our choices here:

- 6. The NP is entitled to form its own parking standard since this is not a strategic issue in the SWDP.
- 7. The NP recognises that Worcestershire County Council has its own County wide standard but has chosen to impose a different standard because of the need to have the impacts described in the above explanation points.

#### P65: IH4 - Sustainable Development

Is re-titled (at WDCs suggestion) to IH4 – Density of developments

Additionally, a reference to the Harvington Village Design Statement has been added after the reference to **EH3**, as has a footnote explaining how to calculate estate density.

Explanation 7 has been extended to record that Worcestershire CC has endorsed our use of a lower threshold for considering renewable energy. It now reads:

The SWDP27 definition of 'larger' sites is 10,000 square meters or 100 or more dwellings. To ensure that potential to use these local renewable heat sources is taken fully into account, this policy has adopted a lower site size threshold. This reduced threshold has been supported by Worcestershire County Council in their response to the Regulation 14 consultation, as recorded in the ERJ.

## P67/8: IH5 - Designated development site

The maps are to be re-drawn to include vehicular access within the allocation.

The third explanation is re-worded:

3) Vehicular access to the site is expected to be from Village Street; access details will be considered as part of any planning application.

P108: Appendix C - Trees

Wording changed to make it clear that this appendix contains all significant trees, not just those on public land.

## **Appendix N - Frequently Asked Questions**

# **Harvington Neighbourhood Plan**

There were many interesting questions and comments raised during the May / June 2018 Regulation 14 consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan (NP). It is not practicable to respond to individuals, so the NP Steering Group has compiled the following answers to those points which were frequently raised.

## Why do we need a Neighbourhood Plan?

The UK planning regime is specified in the National Planning Policy Framework. We are now working to satisfy the July 2018 version, termed **NPPF2**. You can find this by Googling "**NPPF2**" and making sure you get to the July 2018 version. It's actually very well written and quite easy to understand.

Under the NPPF2, there is less protection for villages without neighbourhood plans, particularly if and when the presumption in favour of sustainable development arises, at which point speculative and unplanned development may be very difficult to resist.

However with a neighbourhood plan in place, the law gives the community the power to shape and guide development.

This is why, to protect Harvington and shape its future over the next 10 years or so we *need* to have a plan in place, one which has been drawn up by the community and represents villagers' preferences.

# Why have we proposed building more houses?

Two reasons:

- 1. The NP is *required* to be a community-based plan. When we asked villagers in October 2015 how much growth they want, 60% said they wished to see it grow at the same rate as the previous 15 years. Our draft plan would result in a average of 4 new houses being built each year over fifteen years.
- 2. The NPPF2 places district planning authorities under increased pressure to find sites for houses. So far, the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) has only asked us to provide 9 in the first five years (this is the site at the top of Crest Hill). By providing sites for the next ten years we should meet the needs of the next version of the SWDP.

# Why do we have to designate a specific site?

Some have suggested that we could just rely on 'windfall' sites, i.e. ones that just turn up through infilling, demolition of old houses and so on. The new NPPF2 has anticipated this approach: If a NP relies on 'windfall' it has to produce evidence that the needed rate of windfalls has happened recently in the area. We are relying on just 4 windfall sites; we can produce evidence to show that this rate is justified by the historical trend. It is simply not credible that 40 'windfalls' could occur within the built-up part of the village in the next ten years.

## Can't we build on 'brownfield' sites?

Brownfield sites are ones which have been previously used for other purposes (such as businesses) and are now unused. There is a Worcestershire County Council register of all the brownfield sites; there are currently none in our Parish.

# By designating a development site, are we not just opening the flood-gates to further expansion?

No, quite the opposite! If we had no plan, or no designated site, we would be open to developers empowered by the NPPF2's 'presumption in favour' of open development. Of course, no one can tell what changes future legislation may bring, but – given the current rules - we believe we have put in place the strongest possible way of managing and shaping the growth of the village in line with villagers' wishes.

# But we thought you found there was no local need for more housing?

It is true that, in our 2016 Housing Need survey, **no one said they had relatives who wanted to move into the village**. (Quite frankly, we were amazed by that!).

We also asked local businesses if they knew of anyone trying to move here; none of them did.

But relations wanting to move in are not the only people with a 'local need'. Under the NPPF2 district plans (such as the SWDP) have to assess their overall 'local need' (i.e. the whole of South Worcestershire) and even consider the needs of neighbouring planning districts. We in Harvington are required to satisfy our part of this need.

The other need for housing arises from within the village. Our survey showed that there are not enough single-storey (or single-level) dwellings for those who are becoming elderly and want to remain in the village. We can't *require* any particular style of house to be built, we've done all we can to 'nudge' developers in that direction.

# Why haven't you allocated a site for an old people's home or sheltered accommodation?

When we started the plan we thought the community would ask us do this. Much to our surprise, the Residents' survey in 2015 and the Housing Need survey in 2016 told us that there's hardly any need!

It seems that people feel that, when they get to the stage of requiring assistance, they would rather be in a town (such as Evesham or Pershore) where they can easily walk to a range of shops and social facilities.

# Why the site opposite the Golden Cross?

There have been four, independent searches for available, suitable land:

- a) In the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) undertaken in 2015 as part of the SWDP activity,
- b) Our request for opinions on sites in the October 2015 resident's survey,

- c) Our 'Call for Sites' in 2016,
- d) An independent search undertaken by the Aecom consultancy in 2017.

The full search process, and the reason this site was selected, is written up in our Evidence Reasoning and Justification (ERJ) document, available on the Parish Council's web site <a href="https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/erj.pdf">https://harvington-pc.org.uk/np/erj.pdf</a> (120 pages).

In filtering sites the following rules were used:

- We have strong policies on preserving and protecting agricultural land around the village – the higher its quality the less it should be suitable for housing,
- The land owner has to have indicated that they are prepared to make the site available for housing.

# Why haven't you specified the layout or housing mix of this site?

The Neighbourhood Plan is only allowed to specify the use of the land. All details of how the site is actually developed will be considered later, when a planning application is made. Applications will be assessed against *all* of the policies specified in our NP.

# Why have you changed the Development Boundary?

The Development Boundary (DB) marks the limit of the 'built-up' part of the village. Within it infilling and the expansion of existing buildings is permitted. Outside, the NPPF2 places severe limits on what can be built.

We have extended the DB to include the new designated site and to include parts of Crest Hill, where recent building and the allocated site for 9 houses have effectively extended what can reasonably be considered 'the village'.

Some other small 'tweaks' were applied to correct earlier drafting errors (there is a full explanation of the changes in appendix B of the ERJ).

# Why does the Development Boundary run through my back garden?

The Development Boundary effectively defines the 'outer building line' of the village. It is intended to prevent creeping expansion of the village into the surrounding open space and countryside (regardless of who owns it). This is why there are around 14 properties around the edge of the village in which the house and immediate grounds are inside the DB but parts of the large garden (and, in a few cases, non-residential buildings) are outside.

# You have reserved a community area within the development site. What is it for?

Under national and local planning policies, in some circumstances, developers are encouraged to make land available for community purposes. If you look around Harvington you'll see that this doesn't seem to have previously happened in the larger estates.

What we have done here is 'stake a claim' that the site they *have* to provide should have a frontage on Village Street, since ensuring easy pedestrian and vehicular access seems to be sensible.

It will not actually be available for community use until the residential development is under way, so there's no urgency about deciding what to use it for.

The community could have a say in what it might be used for.

Among the uses that have been suggested are:

- A skateboard park with half-pipes for older children,
- Move the infants play apparatus from the playing field into this area (so that its more
  accessible for parents with toddlers) and put more equipment for older kids (half-pipes,
  etc.) in the playing field,
- · Some form of community health clinic,
- · A quiet park with lawns, benches and flower beds,
- Although the village hall has had an excellent refurbishment, it was only capable of being given a 20-year extension of life (starting in 2011). Our plan runs to 2030 – might we need a replacement village hall in the next 20 years or so?

These are just some of the ideas that have been suggested. What are yours? There's no urgency and nothing has to go into the NP. Just look forward to the village debate when the opportunity arises!

# **How can Local Green Spaces be used?**

We have proposed to have 12 sites designated a Local Green Spaces because they are of particular importance to our community. Successful designation has the following impact:

- Designation does not in itself confer any rights of public access over what exists at present.
- Existing public rights of way are unaffected.
- Any additional access would be a matter for separate negotiation with land owners, whose legal rights must be respected.
- Designating a green area as Local Green Space will give it the same protection as if it were part of a Green Belt.
- The construction of new buildings, or any other form of development, will not be approved, except in very special circumstances (See NPPF2 paras 101 & 143 147).

# Have you followed the correct process, done the correct calculations, consulted the right people at the right time?

The process we are required to follow is laid down in planning law. We have been supervised by our independent planning consultant, by Wychavon District Council planning department and by the Parish Council's clerk.

Each time the Parish Council has approved our recommendations and draft plans they have been made public. We've tried to tell everyone what we are doing in the Village News, which goes to every household every month.

The Steering Group has also had stalls at the last three village fêtes, with maps and displays.

It has been important to be fair by making sure that information which might impact individual properties is made visible and equally accessible to everyone at the same time.

All our research results and calculations are recorded in the Evidence, Reasoning and Justification (ERJ) document, available on the <a href="https://harvington-pc.org.uk">https://harvington-pc.org.uk</a> web site.

## Who approves the final plan?

We have just completed the Regulation 14 community consultation. The next two stages are:

- A Regulation 16 consultation to be undertaken by Wychavon District Council,
- Examination of the plan by an independent examiner appointed by Wychavon District Council.

The examiner will examine all our processes and calculations in detail and will visit the village to check all the physical evidence.

These two stages may result in further changes to the plan.

Once the final version has been prepared it will be submitted to a **referendum of all the eligible Harvington voters**. If a majority of those voting approve the plan it will be 'made' by Wychavon District Council and will become an integral, mandatory part of the planning regulations applying to Harvington.

## Who is this Steering Group?

The Steering Group has been made up of twelve community volunteers who have spent over 3 years researching and preparing the draft plan.

The majority of the policies in the draft plan were initially defined and researched in six specialist working groups, using the findings of the community consultations and other research. A further sixteen people contributed to these working groups.

The Steering Group compiles the wishes of the community into draft plans. The Parish Council approves the drafts, and then passes them onward in accord with the legally-mandated process.

At any one time there have been two representatives of the Parish Council on the Steering Group.

All of the work so far has been funded by grants from Locality (which channels central government funds into neighbourhood plans) and from Wychavon District Council. There is an allocation to the NP in the Parish Council budget, but, so far, we have not had to draw on this.

We have been guided and assisted in 2017 and 2018 by Neil Pearce of Avon Planning Services.

These FAQs have been prepared by the Harvington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, on behalf of Harvington Parish Council.

# Appendix O – Responses to Local Green Spaces consultation

## HARVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM LAND GREEN OPEN SPACES CONSULTATION

## **APRIL / JUNE 2018.**

Ref.	Organization	LGS referenced	Comment	Action taken
LGOS 001	Worcestershire County Council Highways	GS5 – Village Green	In my capacity as Highways Liaison Engineer for the Wychavon area I can confirm that I would have no objections to this proposal, rather I would be very supportive.	Support noted in Evidence, Reasoning and Justification (ERJ) document
LGOS 001	Legal & Democratic Services Worcestershire County Council	GS 5 – Village Green  New area identified: Green area junction of Grange Lane and Village Street.	Please note that the Parish Council owns two village greens within the village which are protected, having been registered as Town or Village Green under the Commons Registration Act 1965.  It may be that there are highway rights over the greens which might supersede. (See highways comments above)	Noted in ERJ, which now records the surface vs. sub-soil rights situation.  Grange lane / village street junction not proposed as LGS.
LGOS 002	Wychavon District Council	GS1 – Jubilee Orchard	GS1 is leased to the PC in a 125 year term ending in 2137.  As the purpose of the land is primarily to act as a flood protection measure there is no intention to use this land for any other purpose than the current public access / orchard area, so we have no objection to the proposed designation.	Support noted in ERJ.
LGOS 002	Wychavon District Council	GS4 - Ragley Road entrances.	GS4 is made up of 2 pieces of open space that were retained after the Council's Housing Stock Transfer and also incorporate visibility splays for the adjoining road junction.  We have no file record for the installation of the fencing in the larger section, but believe it may be an original feature going back to the formation of the housing / open space area.  There are no plans to alter the use of this open space so again we have no objection to the proposed designation.	Support noted in ERJ.
LGOS 002	GS11 - Cricket Club.		GS11 this land is leased to the cricket club by Worcestershire County Council, not Wychavon District Council, (please see attached Land Registry title check) so we are unable to comment in the proposal for that site.  I hope this information is of use but please contact us if you do require more feedback.	See LGOS 005 below.

LGOS 003	Stansgate Planning	GS8 – Land known as 'The common' adjacent to Playing Field.	Document response sent out as attachment.	Name of area changed from "The Common" to "Field to south of Playing Field" in Neighbourhood Plan and in ERJ.  Land owner's objection to registration noted.
LGOS 004	Rooftop Housing Association	GS9 – Verge in front of Glebe cottages. GS10 – The Steps	[Information & land registry title / plan supplied on land ownership in area of Glebe Cottages. These showed that the verge in front of No. 5 Glebe Cottages is privately owned].	Letter written to owner of No. 5 Glebe Cottages – no response received.  ERJ notes inferred acceptance by Rooftop of LGS designations of remainder of areas owned by them.
LGOS 005	Place Partnership on behalf of Worcestershire County Council.	GS11 - Cricket Club	Harvington Neighbourhood Development Plan Regulation 14 Consultation Policy EH2 – Local Green Spaces - Site GS11 - Cricket Club.  On behalf of our client, Worcestershire County Council (WCC), we write in response to your invitation to comment on the proposed allocation of the Cricket Club site as a Local Green Space within the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Whilst we can confirm that there is no objection to the proposal, we would like to make you aware that the landholding is held as part of WCC's Smallholdings Estate and not as Highways.  We would accordingly be very grateful if the Neighbourhood Plan and all associated documentation could be amended to reflect the above. Should there be any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.	Ownership / lease details recorded in ERJ.  Support for registration recorded in ERJ.

# Appendix P – Objection to "The Common" LGS designation

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#### PRE-SUBMISSION DRAFT

# HARVINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF

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Mrs P Everall; Mr J and Mrs P Robbins; and Mr P and Mrs J Stockley.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 These representations relate to the Pre-Submission Draft Harvington Neighbourhood Plan, specifically the proposal contained therein to designate land to the east of the playing field off Village Street (GS8) as a Local Green Space. The representations are made on behalf of the owners of the land Mrs P Everall; Mr J and Mrs P Robbins; and Mr P and Mrs J Stockley. The land affected by the proposed designation is shown edged red on the image below.



- 1.2 The draft Neighbourhood Plan refers to the land as 'The Common' but the landowners do not recognise this title and dispute the degree of public use of the land as alleged in the evidence base to the Plan. The land is in private ownership and the only lawful access to any part of the land is along a public right of way (506(C)) which runs close to the northern boundary of the land. There are signs on the land advising 'Private Property. Please keep out'.
- 1.3 The proposal in the draft Neighbourhood Plan to identify the land as a Local Green Space seeks to rely on paragraphs 76 and 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework. The landowners submit however that the proposed designation fails to meet the criteria set down in the NPPF, and those in the accompanying National Planning Practice Guidance.

2.

#### PLANNING POLICY CONTEXT

National Planning Policy Framework

2.1 Paragraphs 76 and 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) state: "76.

Local communities through local and neighbourhood plans should be able to identify for special protection green area of particular importance to them. By designating land as Local Green Space local communities will be able to rule out new development other than in very special circumstances. Identifying land a Local Green Space should therefore be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or reviewed, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.

"77.

The Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas of open space. the designation should only be used:

- Where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- Where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational values (including as a plating field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- Where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land."

National Planning Practice Guidance

- 2.2 Further advice on the designation of Local Green Spaces is contained in the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG).
- 2.3 Paragraph: 007 Reference ID: 37-007-20140306, states that the designation of any Local Green Space will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area. In particular, plans must identify sufficient land in suitable locations to meet identified development needs and the Local Green Space designation should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making.
- 2.4 Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 37-009-20140306, states Local Green Spaces may be designated where those spaces are demonstrably special to the local community, whether in a village or in a neighbourhood in a town or city.
- 2.5 Paragraph: 014 Reference ID: 37-014-20140306, notes the proximity of a Local Green Space to the community it serves will depend on local circumstances, including why the green area is seen as special, but it must be reasonably close. For example, if public access is a key factor, then the site would normally be within easy walking distance of the community served.
- 2.6 Paragraph: 015 Reference ID: 37-015-20140306, makes it clear that Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green area concerned is not an extensive tract of land ......blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. In particular, designation should not be proposed as a 'back door' way to try to achieve what would amount to a new area of Green Belt by another name.
- 2.7 Paragraph: 017 Reference ID: 37-017-20140306 notes some areas that may be considered for designation as Local Green Space may already have largely unrestricted public access, though even in places like parks there may be some restrictions. However, other land could be considered for designation even if there is no public access (e.g. green areas which are valued because of their wildlife, historic significance and/or beauty).
- 2.8 Designation does not in itself confer any rights of public access over what exists at present. Any additional access would be a matter for separate negotiation with land owners, whose legal rights must be respected.
- 3. ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED IDENTIFICATION AS LOCAL GREEN SPACE
- 3.1 The NPPF, and NPPG, state designation of a Local Green Space should only be used where land is demonstrably special to a local community AND holds a particular local significance AND is local in character.

The proposed designation in the draft

Harvington Neighbourhood Plan fails to meet any of these requirements, and therefore there is no justification for its inclusion in the Plan. 3.2 The draft Neighbourhood Plan fails to bring forward any compelling evidence that the land is of 'particular importance' to the local community. The justification for the proposed identification rests on the alleged fact that members of the local community use the land to walk their dogs. This activity, in itself, is unlawfully with the exception of those using the public right of way which runs close to the northern boundary of the land.

Furthermore the existence of the public right of way does not justify the identification of the land as Local Green Space.

3.3 The assessment of the land undertaken in the evidence base to the Plan does not suggest the land is used for recreational purposes, other than walking dogs and giving an opportunity for people to talk to one another.

This is not a justification for

identification of the land as Local Green Space, and does not show that it is of 'particular importance' to the local community.

- 3.4 Moreover the draft Plan fails to show that the land is 'demonstrably special' to the local community and 'holds a particular local significance'. The assessment in the evidence base to the Plan claims the 'site is special to the dog-walking community' and, although the activity of dog-walking may well offer an opportunity for social interaction it does not go anywhere near far enough to show that the land identified is, in itself demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance.
- 3.5 The assessment of the site in the evidence base to the Plan brings forward nothing to suggest the land is of especial beauty. The site is of limited visual amenity and does not positively contribute to the character and appearance of the settlement or its setting. The site is visually contained by its topography, existing boundary features, including a mature line of conifer trees along the northern boundary, and other features. The site does not offer important or significant public views over it.
- 3.6 There is no evidence to indicate that the land is of historic significance, and it does not contribute to the setting of a heritage asset.
- 3.7 The assessment of the site in the evidence base does not show the land to be of particular or demonstrable recreational value. As already stated the land is not lawfully accessible to the public other than along the public right of way along the northern boundary of the land, and no recreational use of the land has been identified other than dog-walking and the opportunity for people to talk to one another. This is not enough to justify identification of the land as Local Green Space. The site has no role as a public amenity or recreational asset, except for providing a direct, linear public right of way across the northern extremity of the site. Local Green Space designation would make no difference to the level of public access between Village Street and from Crest

Hill, or to the frequency of use of this footpath.

- 3.8 The land lies on the edge of the settlement, close to a recreation ground and in proximity to dwellings and roads. The site is not within an area recorded for its particular tranquillity.
- 3.9 There is no evidence that the site is of particular ecological significance making it demonstrably special to the local community, and warranting its identification as a Local Green Space. None of the land is subject to a national or local ecological or habitat designation.
- 3.10 The land measures 1.84 hectares and constitutes a large area of open countryside; it is 'an extensive tract of land' and should not be designated as a Local Green Space for this reason alone.
- 3.11 there is no justification for the identification of the land as Local Green Space, especially having regard to the effect of such a designation as set down in paragraph 78 of the NPPF, that local policy for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with policy for Green Belts. Further Policy EH2 of the draft Neighbourhood Plan states proposals for "Development that would harm the openness or special character of a Local Green Space or its significance and value to the local community will not be supported unless there are very special circumstances which outweigh the harm to the Local Green Space."

As outlined the particular

characteristics of the land identified as GS8 do not merit such a level of control.

- 3.12 In fact Policy EH2 of the draft Neighbourhood Plan goes even further than Green Belt policy by restricting any type of development, including types that are appropriate in Green Belt, namely agricultural and forestry buildings, replacement buildings, sport and recreation buildings and engineering operations. This high level of restriction sought by Policy EH2 is unacceptable, outside the purpose of Local Green Space designation and will result in a "back door' way to try to achieve what would amount to a new area of Green Belt by another name" (PPG Reference ID: 37-015-201403).
- 3.13 It would appear that designation of the land as Local Green Space and the consequential effect of Policy EH2 is simply being used as a tool to prevent development. However, existing policies in the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP 21, SWDP 22 and SWDP 25) relate to environmental enhancement and protection matters so would defend against development that 'would harm the openness or special character' of the landscape. Additional protection is neither necessary nor desirable.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

4.1 The Pre-Submission Draft Harvington Neighbourhood Development Plan fails to

demonstrate that the land at GS8 is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance and is local in character. It is evident that under the policies of the NPPF's and NPPGs that the site notated as GS8 does not qualify as a Local Green Space.

4.2 The site notated as GS8 should be removed as a Local Green Space designation from the pre-Submission draft Neighbourhood Development Plan.

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