

Draft West Horsley Neighbourhood Plan 2016 – 2033

Report and amendments to Draft 4 following informal Open Day (January 29th 2017).

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Note: Feedback received was extremely positive, and all points raised by residents have been discussed and noted by the Environment and Landscape Team at their meeting on 13th February, 2017. These are summarised below:

(Evidence Base Documents and Maps have been added in as reference points within the Policy Document as many people gave verbal feedback on how useful these were.)

Policy WH11: Local Green Spaces (96.6% of respondents support this policy)

- Residents expected to see more sites included.
- Many of the sites that we had on our original list are already protected by Green Belt status.
- We have been advised by our planning consultant not to include them as they have a higher level of protection, unless we have sound justification that they are worthy of the LGS designation.

Action: *This is mentioned in our current draft plan at point 5.48. Provide further details in the Evidence Base – Environment and Landscape Report to clarify. (CY)*

- Ben's Wood was frequently requested for inclusion – however, it is in the Green Belt and is listed within the Draft GBC Local Plan 2016 as a proposed Suitable Alternative Natural Green space (SANG), with the support of Natural England. We are 'permitted' to use this space by the land owner who does not support the designation of Local Green Space. Therefore we have not included this site.
- Other possible sites do not meet the NPPF criteria and could be regarded as extensive tracts of land (more than 20 hectares), such as the Sheepleas (AONB and Green Belt protection).
- Some sites are not accessible by the local community (private land that the owner does not allow access to). This applies to current Site 7 Land to the west of Manor Farm and east of Long Reach, and Site 8 Land between Lollesworth Wood and East Lane. These two sites are included within the Draft GBC Local Plan 2016 and the owners do not support the designation of Local Green Space. They are in the Green Belt.

Action: *These sites, following agreement at the Steering Group Meeting, 8th February 2017, will now be removed from our proposed list.*

Action: *The following sites will be added in response to residents' feedback:*

- a. Farleys Close
- b. Horsley Football Club
- c. Horsley and Send Cricket Club
- d. Verges at Ripley Lane/The Street, Butler's Hill/The Street, and the verge on the A246 with the Water Trough.

Action: *Amend the draft NP in light of the above. The LGS descriptions and justification in the Evidence Base will need to be amended as will the map (CY).*

Amendments to draft plan (in red):

Policy box:

The Neighbourhood Plan designates Local Green Spaces in the following locations, as shown on the Policies Map and in Appendix C:

Site 1: West Horsley Village Green, The Street

Site 2: West Horsley Village Orchard, The Street/Ripley Lane

Site 3: West Horsley Village Hall playground

Site 4: The Barley Mow Beer Garden

Site 5: Recreational Area at Nightingale Crescent

Site 6: **Recreational Area at Farleys Close**

Site 7: **Land at Horsley and Send Cricket Club**

Site 8: Land at Horsley Football Club

Site 9: Verge at the junction of The Street/Silkmore Lane

Site 10: **Triangle** at the junction of Long Reach/East Lane

Site 11: Verge at the corner of East Lane/Northcote Road

Site 12: Verge at the junction of The Street/Ripley Lane

Site 13: Verge at the junction of The Street/Butlers Hill

Site 14: Land at the site of the Water Trough (A246)

Proposals for development on these Local Green Spaces that will undermine their essential, permanent open character will be resisted unless very special circumstances can be demonstrated.

~~**SG to seek owners approval inclusion~~

5.48 , it is particularly important that these Local Green Spaces, **highly valued by the residents of West Horsley**, are recognised in order to protect them for the **community, and its future generations, and its wildlife.**

5.50 The Local Green Spaces Justification Chart (in the Evidence Base) sets out the case for each site to be designated **and demonstrates how it meets the Local Green Space criteria specified in the NPPF.**

Policy WH12: Green and Blue Infrastructure (96.5% of respondents support this policy)

- Feedback indicated a need to include more footpaths to illustrate the connectivity across the village in every direction.
- Comments on the maintenance of these has been noted.
- Supporting information required on Wildlife Corridors.

Action: Add paths that are not 'permissive' to Green Infrastructure Map 4A and add briefing note from Mike Waite on Wildlife Corridors and 'Stepping Stones' to Evidence Base. (CY – actioned)

Policy box:

Proposals which enhance/maintain the existing Green and Blue Infrastructure Network will be supported.

5.62 In addition, there are a number of Permissive Footpaths and Bridleways in the Parish. A detailed list of these is provided in the Evidence Base: Document 2 – Green Infrastructure in West Horsley and are shown on Map 4A – Green Infrastructure.

5.65 After the list of Wildlife Corridors please insert Further details about our Wildlife Corridors are provided in the Evidence Base: Document 10 – Wildlife Corridors and 'Stepping Stones' in West Horsley and shown on Map 4B – Wildlife Corridors.

Policy WH13: Sustainable Urban Drainage (98.3% of respondents support this policy)

- Concerns raised about the increased flooding around the village over recent years.
- Suggested areas for inclusion have been noted.
- Feedback needed to SCC on their need to maintain the drainage on main roads.

Action: Follow up with Parish Council re a possible link person to liaise with GBC/SCC on surface water flooding issues, reference GBC Surface Water Management Plan (CY)

Policy box:

...one or more of the following sustainable drainage design features adequate to the scale of the development etc.

5.66 add at end of paragraph This is illustrated in the Evidence Base: Document 4 – Schematic of water courses, streams, ponds, and lakes in West Horsley, and shown on Maps 5A - Water Features and 5B - Areas of Surface Water Flooding in West Horsley.

5.68 () round 2014

5.69 at top of list above Long Reach insert bullet point

- main sewer that runs parallel with Ockham Road North

Policy WH14: Biodiversity (97.4% of respondents support this policy)

- Very well received (we noted the comment about the Amazon Jungle).
- Mention of Ben's Wood and the positive increase of wildlife in that area.
- Needs stronger protection.
- Could be seen as too prescriptive in some areas.

Action: None for the moment.

5.71 Check the Constraints Plans are in Appendix C.

5.72 Add in sentence to reference other maps in Evidence Base – This is further illustrated in the Evidence Base: Document 1 and Map 2, National and Local Designations within West Horsley, Document 8 and Map 8, Woodland Areas, Trees and Tree Preservation Orders, and Map 10 Biodiversity Opportunity Areas in West Horsley.

Policy WH15: Dark Skies (95.7% of respondents support this policy)

- Very strong support for this policy.
- Streetlights disliked – but be aware of safety needs.
- Comments noted about schools and businesses lit up – investigate to see if SCC’s switch off policy could apply here.
- Great idea reference ‘encourage those that manage private roads to help implement this policy’.

Action: Make contact with SCC re ‘Switch Off’ policy to see how that applies to Businesses/Schools.

Policy Box:

This is an amendment from rCHO that we need to add in:

All major development proposals and significant planning applications should be designed to reduce the occurrence of light pollution. The Parish Council will expect such schemes to employ energy-efficient forms of lighting that also reduce light scatter and comply with the current guidelines established for rural areas by the Institute of Lighting Engineers (IoLE).

Proposals for all development will be expected to demonstrate how it is intended to contribute towards minimising prevent light pollution. Information on these measures must be submitted with applications, and where a development would potentially impact on light levels in the area, such as the addition of roof lanterns or security lighting, an appropriate lighting scheme will be secured by planning condition.

Report ends.