Houghton-on-the-Hill Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Survey

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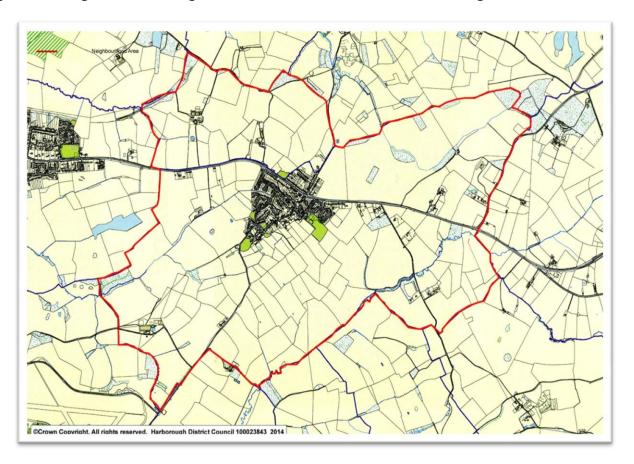


Your views are important and we urge you to complete this questionnaire

If you think you might benefit from a better understanding of a Neighbourhood Plan and the background behind the questions, please come to the Village Hall between 10.00am and 2.00pm on Saturday 23rd January 2016 and a local member of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party will provide you with explanations though cannot provide advice on answers you give. Further information can be found at http://leicestershirevillages.com/houghtononthehill/parish-plan.html

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The following map shows, outlined in red, the area to be covered by the Houghton Neighbourhood Plan. You will see that on the north side the area extends into the neighbouring Parish of Hungarton, as agreed with Hungarton Parish Council and with Harborough District Council.



Explanatory Notes:

A Neighbourhood Plan:

- Provides local detail to the strategic development needs set out in the Harborough District Council Local Plan. The latest indication is that up to 170 new dwellings may be required to be provided in the parish of Houghton-on-the-Hill.
- Needs to address what types of dwellings are preferred by the community, and where the community prefers developments to take place.
- Can also address other aspects including the changing needs of the community as the village grows.

An important part of the process towards having an adopted Neighbourhood Plan is to consult with the community and to take into account those views when building the plan. This is the purpose of the questionnaire. The person who delivered your copy of this questionnaire will be calling to collect it in one week's time. Please note that you will have received a separate questionnaire for any young people in your household under the age of 18. Please encourage them to complete and return it with this one.

Thank you for your interest and participation

ABOUT YOURSELVES & HOUGHTON

First	please give us your vie	ew of what it	is like living i	in Houghton		
Q1		e read the following lists of words then tick the 5 which best describe your / your family's gs about Houghton. <i>Please tick a total of 5 boxes only</i>				
	I / we feel a sense of community			being inclusive		
	belonging			safety		
	insecurity			it being thriving		
	being rural			Ioneliness		
	isolation			friendliness		
	neighbourliness			it being boring		
	being neglected			it being intimidat	ing 🛚	
	a dynamic community					
About y	your choices in Q1 pleas		s questionnai	re?		
Q2	Number of adults in the					
	18-30	1	2 	3 	4 5 ₊	_ጉ ገ
	31-45	<u> </u>		_		<u>.</u>
	46-60	_	_	ō		<u>-</u>
	61-75					ב
	76+]
Q3	Number	of children in t	he household by	/ age. <i>Please tick</i> t	the appropriate bo 4 5-	
	0-4]
	5-9]
	10-14]
	15-17]
	If no children please tick t	hie hov	1			

A separate questionnaire was enclosed with this one for completion by young people under the age of 18. Please encourage them to do so as their views are important.

Q4

The views of how many people in the household are reflected in your responses? E.g. if just yourself insert 1 in the box. If others have contributed please insert the total number.

HOUSING & USE OF LAND

Property	/ type now:						
Q5	Please indicate the	e type of pr	operty you	currently oc	cupy by tick	king the app	ropriate box.
	Type of dwelling	Detached	Semi- detached	Link Detached	Terraced	Bungalow	Flat Sheltered housing
Q6	Please indicate the property has by tice influence the amount of bedroom Number of cars Number of off-road parking spaces include garage space	king the ap unt of off-ro 1	propriate bo	ox. The nui	mber of car	s is importai	g spaces your nt because it might 5+
Property	type for you and	d your fai	mily in 10	ears time) <i>:</i>		
Q7	Might you, or a menext 10 years?	ember of yo	ur househo	ld, be lookir	ng for anoth	er property	in Houghton over the
	Yes 🗖 No 🗖						
Q8	If you answered N family's likely futur might need in 10 y	e change to	o circumstar	nces, pleas	e state wha		out your / your elling you think you
	Type of dwelling	House	☐ Bungal	ow 🔲	Fla	at 🗖	Sheltered housing
	Would that be	Detached	☐ Semi-d	etached 🗖	Link Detache	ed 🔲	Terraced
Q9	Please indicate the you might need in Number of bedroom Number of cars Number of off-road parking spaces include garage space	10 years tii 1				road parking 4 □ □	g spaces you think 5+ □ □
Q10	Do you currently o	ccupy a pro	operty that is	s now too la	arge for you	r needs?	
	Yes 🗖 No 🗖						
Q11	If you answered Y Yes No No	es to Q10,	would you li	ke to move	to a differe	nt property i	in Houghton?
	If Yes, what would	be your idea	l property?				

Now, thinking about new housing developments for Houghton please read and complete the following.

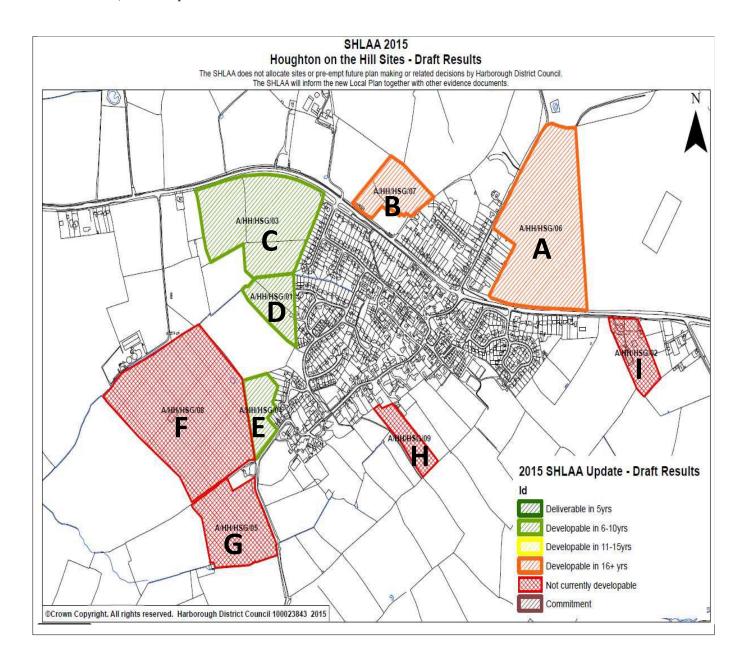
Residential housing developments in Houghton and other rural areas are inevitable in the next 15 years in order to meet targets placed on Harborough District Council by Central Government. One estimate is up to **170** new dwellings to be built in Houghton

Q12	What types of new dwelli Tick up to 4 boxes.	ngs do you cor		eded within Houg	hton?				
		House	Dwelling Type Bungalow	Apartment					
	1 bedroom			, <u> </u>					
	2 bedroom								
	3 bedroom								
	4+ bedroom								
Q13	Do you feel there is a nee	ed for more rer	ntal properties in Ho	oughton?					
	Yes 🔲 No 🗖 No opin	ion \square							
Q14	Do you feel there is a nee	ed for more ret	irement homes in H	loughton?					
	Yes 🔲 No 🖫 No opin	Yes □ No □ No opinion □							
	If 'Yes' what would be your small bungalow, warden as homes complex. Please d	ssisted independ							
Q15	Do you feel there is a nee internal layout can be mo				design	ed so th	nat the		
	Yes □ No □ No opinion □								
Q16	Do you feel there is a nee	ed for a resider	ntial care home in H	loughton?					
	Yes 🔲 No 🖫 No opin	ion 🗖							
Q17	Do you feel a garden is ir	nportant for ne	ew dwellings?						
	Yes 🔲 No 🖵 No opin	ion 🗖							
Q18	What view do you have a		ving statements: Ple						
	New developments should Have a proportion of the site		elf build (for people to		Agree	Neutral	Disagree		
	and build their design.	, .			_		_		
	Be adequately served by ne Main Street and the wider a		oads / to minimise ne	gative impact on		Ц	Ц		
	Have ample parking spaces	to service the r	new residents.						
	Be planned to maintain a se	ense of commun	ity.						
	Not extend the village in the	direction of Bus	shby.						
	Not extend the village in the	direction of Bill	esdon						
	Maintain the character of He	oughton by prov	iding a mix of housing	g types.					
	Be connected to the centre	of Houghton by	safe walkways & road	d crossings					
	Preserve public rights of wa	y and access to	the surrounding coul	ntryside.					
	Create more publically acce Protect, and/or enhance the Be provided with super-fast	e current biodive	rsity enjoyed by resid	lents.		_ _			

Potential sites for the location of new dwellings in Houghton:

The following map shows a number of sites in and around the village which have been offered by landowners as potentially available for housing development in Harborough District Council's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (**SHLAA**).

These do not represent current or pending planning applications nor approved sites and do not imply that other sites around the village are not suitable for, or may not become available for, development.



Q19 Considering your previous answers, and looking at the map, please score the potential sites for development in Houghton in order of your preference, ticking 1 for your most preferable, then 2, 3 etc up to 9 being your least preferred location for new dwellings. The potential No. of dwellings per site is shown in brackets. 1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 **A.** (Up to 152) **B.** (up to 60) **C.** (up to 76) **D.** (*Up to 70*) **E.** (*Up to 40*) F. (No. unknown) G. (No. unknown) H. (No. unknown) I. (No. unknown)

Please tell us briefly, your reasons for your preferences.

Key issues are to improve the flow of traffic through the village and to reduce the parking problems in order to create a safer environment for all within the village.

When substantial new development takes place in Houghton the Neighbourhood Plan may potentially be used to improve transport links and access.

Q20	What form of transport does your household mainly use to access the following activities within Houghton? Please tick all boxes that apply			llowing activities
		To shop	To go to work	For leisure
	Bus			
	Taxi			
	Car			
	Cycle			
	Walk			
Q21		does your househ	nold mainly use to access the fo	llowing activities
		To shop	Go to work	For leisure
	Bus			
	Taxi			
	Car			
	Cycle			
	Walk			
Bus Se	ervice:			
Q22	Please tick one box on following		ate the level of priority you woul Priority Medium Priority	
	More frequent 747 bus se	_		
	Bus service to other desti	nation(s)	<u> </u>	
	If <i>High Priority</i> please	state destination(s)		

Road Safety:

Q23 Please tick one box on each row to indicate the level of priority you would place on each of th following High Priority Medium Priority Low Priority					
	Controlled pedestrian crossing of A47				
	Traffic lights at the junction of Main Street and	A47			
	New roads to reduce traffic impact on the existi network	ng road			
	Footpaths to link new developments to the cent	tre of Houghton			
	Cycling safety and cycle paths e.g. alongside U Road to Bushby	Ippingham			
	Physical means to reduce speed on A47 Please state what physical means you would prefer				
Q24	Please tick one box to indicate your level o	f priority:			
	A car park to relieve parking in Main Street	High Priority	Medium F	Priority	Low Priority
	If High Priority please suggest where the car park might be located.				
Q25	Please tick one box to indicate your priority				_
	Bollards in areas of parking congestion to prevent pavement parking	High Priority	Medium F	Priority	Low Priority
	Electronic warning signs near the school				
	Further electronic speed warning signs				
	If <i>High Priority</i> please suggest where the signs should be located.				
Q26	Are there roads in Houghton where an incressues?	ease in traffic f	low might caus	e significa	ant traffic
	Yes 🔲 No 🗖				
	If Yes please state which roads.				
Q27	Are there roads in Houghton where an incr	ease in traffic r	night cause sig	nificant pa	arking issues?
	Yes 🗖 No 🗖				
	If Yes please state which roads.				

Agree Neutral Disagree Q30 Please state any changes that could be made in Houghton which would encourage you to walk or cycle more around the village rather than use a car. Q31 Please tick one box to indicate your level of priority: High Priority Medium Priority Low Priority The provision of pavements alongside existing roads in the village. Please state which locations. LANDSCAPE, GREEN SPACES & HERITAGE Q32 When determining Planning Applications how important is it to consider the impact on the overall landscape setting of the village? Important Desirable Not important D	Q28 Are there any sites of major road safety concern?					
In your view does the volume of traffic on Main Street make it an unattractive environment for pedestrians and cyclists? Agree Neutral Disagree		Yes □ No □				
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W	eir Lane playing field /eir Lane children's playground /eir Lane teenagers area	Yes	No □	Yes ☐	No
W				_	
	/eir Lane teenagers area				
V					
	illage Hall field (Bowls, play area)				
S	t Catharine's Green (play area)				
	hapel Close Green (entered from hapel Close to Hairdressers)				
F	ield footpaths & bridleways				
	Other: please identify.				
	re there other Green Spaces that lature Trail etc?	at you conside	er need to be crea	ated e.g. Commu	inity Wood /
Υ	es 🗖 No 🗖				
	If Yes please identify what and whe	ere.			
hi	re there any buildings, structures istoric, archaeological or of desigillage?				
Y	es 🔲 No 🗖				
	If Yes please specify.				
			hton which you e	especially value a	and would li

Which publically accessible **Green Spaces** in and around the village do you / your family use and / or value? You might value a Green Space even if you / your family don't use it, so tick as

Q34

FACILITIES AND SERVICES WITHIN HOUGHTON

Your use of local facilities and services

Q38 How often do you or your family use the following facilities in a typical year?

	Never	1-12 times	13-50 times	More than 50 times
Primary School, including non-school activities				
Village Hall				
Weir Lane Pavilion				
Village Store (Co-op)				
Post Office /Newsagents				
Hairdressers				
Pharmacy				
Fish and chip shop				
Village Public Houses				
Garages / repair shops (any or all of the 3)				
St Catharine's Church for worship or any other purpose				
Methodist Chapel & school room for worship or any other purpose				
Village Hall field - including Bowls				
Weir Lane Playing Field (dog walking- sports)				
Weir Lane Children's playground				
Weir Lane young people's recreation area				
Dixon's Cricket Field				
Bus Service				
Countryside Walks				

Q39	Please tick one box on eacommunity facilities for ou		ur view of the ade	equacy of the follo	wing
	Village Hall Pavilion Playing Field St. Catharine's Church	Seriously inadequate	Inadequate	Satisfactory	No opinion
	Methodist Chapel & School Room				
	Please comment here on other village facilities you consider need to be impro				
encourage http://www questionna	Id care to provide further come eyou to visit the village websit y leicestershirevillages.com/ho aire for Houghton Village Hall. rmulating requests for funding	te at: bughtononthehill/questi Your input will be valu as and when that become	onnaires.html when uable to the people omes available.	re you will find a sup	pplementary
	>	EMPLOY	MENT		
Q40	Do you have a business b	pased in Houghton?			
	Yes 🔲 No 🗖				
	ve answered No please go ve answered Yes please ar		43 first.		
Q41	Do you work from home?	Yes	No		
	Full time				
	Part time				
Q42	Would you welcome a nu the village?	mber of small industr	ial / office units b	eing located within	n or adjacent to
	Yes 🔲 No 🗖				
Q43	What changes or improve describe	ements could be mad	e locally to help y	ou run your busin	ess? Please

We will be pleased to invite those that run a business in or from Houghton to a Stakeholder Consultation Meeting in March, specifically for people like you, along with other service providers and the local authority. Please write your email address below or send your details to mike.hearn@btinternet.com

Email /	Address:				
Q44	Would you favour a small <i>Business Park</i> as a route to creavillage?	ating emp	oloyment o	pportunities	s in the
	Yes No No				
Q45	Do you think there should be developments in Houghton we employment opportunities?	vhich mal	ke provisio	n for creati	ng new
	Yes 🗖 No 🗖				
Q46	When new developments take place, would you like to see	e a propo	rtion of nev	w retail outl	ets?
	Yes No No				
	If Yes, please add any comments here.				
Q47	Do you work in one of the retail outlets in the village?				
	Yes No No				
Q48	Do you work in a non-retail business in Houghton?				
	Yes No No				
	ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWA	ABLE E	NERGY	<u>'</u>	
	ay be aware that a planning application has been approving arsby Lane, and for an <i>Anaerobic Digester</i> near to the street the Solar Energy Farm.				
Q49	What priority do you believe should be given following within the Houghton Neighbourhood than 3 in each column.				
		Agree	Neutral	Disagree	No opinion
	New dwellings in Houghton should have means of generating energy (e.g. Solar tiles)				
	New dwellings in Houghton should have some means of harvesting surface water (e.g. to water gardens, flush toilets, wash cars				
	Local Solar Energy Farms should be considered as part of the national drive to greater renewable energy provision				
	Local Wind Farms should be considered as a route to greater renewable energy provision				
	Anaerobic Digesters, in appropriate rural areas, should be considered as a route to greater renewable energy provision				

PHONE & INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Q50	Is your household connected to the internet?
	Yes No No If No please go to Q52
Q51	If your household uses Super-fast Broadband please tick how often you perceive the service to be unavailable.
	Daily Weekly Monthly Less frequently Never
	Please tell us your Postcode.
Q52	Do you use a mobile phone in the village?
	Yes No No
	If Yes please tell us your experience and what changes / improvements you might welcome.
Q53	Do you use a mobile phone to connect to the internet?
	Yes □ No □
	If Yes please tell us your experience and what changes / improvements you might welcome.
Q54	Please add any further comments you have on internet and phone (including mobile) communications provision within Houghton.

	FIN	IALLY	
Q55	Do you feel that this questionnaire has given you a proper opportunity to express your views about local issues, priorities and concerns?		
	Yes □ No □		
Q56	If you have answered No to Q55 , please use the space below to state what local concerns or views you have that have not already been covered.		
	views and comments will be key con ares the Neighbourhood Plan, but it w		Norking Party Group as it
Q57	The Houghton Neighbourhood Plan Working Party will be pleased to keep you informed of progress if you care to complete the following, or alternatively give your contact details to the person who collects your completed questionnaire.		
	Name:		
	Email Address:		
	Post Code:		

If any young person in your household has completed the separate young people's questionnaire please make sure it is returned with this one when collected from your house.