

**Item 8: Neighbourhood Plan Housing Consultation**

The Harberton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has agreed a plan for re-consultation on site allocation and presents this to the Parish Council for comment. Three matters were discussed and agreed: structure of the consultation, the questionnaire and the timeline. It was noted during discussion that the decision to include or not include the Ford Farm site in the Neighbourhood Plan is a strategic decision, not specifically concerning any live planning application. This should be made clear during consultation.

**1. Consultation**

- a. Both Harberton & Harbertonford communities (all parishoners) will be informed about the need for re-consultation via the Harberton Village E-Newsletter and Harbertonford Village Life and any other appropriate social media groups.
- b. The outline timeline is detailed in 3 below. Joanna will draft a more detailed spreadsheet and ask for people to assist where needed.
- c. There will be a display in both Churches starting with Harbertonford for a week then on to Harberton for a week
- d. There will be a face to face presentation by the HNPSG in Harberton Parish Hall as per last consultation
- e. There will also be an online presentation to allow those unable to attend in person to listen to the HNPSG and to ask questions
- f. Developers will not be asked/allowed to present although they may be there. If they attend they will be limited to 3 mins air time as per any other attendees.
- g. The questionnaire will be made available:
  - electronically on request to the NP email address which Jono will monitor
  - in boxes in both Church porches
  - in person to those who attend the meeting
  - delivery of a paper copy can be requested by those unable to access a copy in the church porches.

**2. Questionnaire**

- a. This should be limited to one sheet of A4 and will ask for name & post code
- b. Only those completed by those residing in the Parish will be counted
- c. There will be a short paragraph explaining why we are reconsulting (green to amber)
- d. There will be a single question along the lines of "Do you wish Ford Farm to be allocated for housing development in the NP?" – words to be finessed.
- e. There will be 3 possible answers
  - Yes
  - No
  - Don't know
- f. There will be a box for comments
- g. Jono has drafted the questionnaire which is provided to Parish Councillors overleaf.

**3. Draft Timetable**

- a. to ask Churches for permission to:
  - display boards in porches
    1. Harbertonford Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept for 1 week
    2. Harberton Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept for 1 week
  - Allow people to collect Questionnaires from porches
  - Allow a box for completed questionnaires in porches
- b. 2nd Sept – HNPSG approves Timeline & Questionnaire
- c. 9th Sept – Parish Council informed at Ordinary Meeting and allowed to ask questions about process
- d. 7pm 7th Oct face to face presentation In Harberton Parish Hall
- e. 9th Oct online (Zoom) presentation
- f. 13<sup>th</sup> October HNPSG meet at the Committee Room of Harberton Parish Hall
- g. 24th Oct deadline for Questionnaires to be returned
- h. 24<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> November analysis of questionnaire results
- i. 3<sup>rd</sup> November HNPSG meeting
- j. 11<sup>th</sup> November Parish Council meeting to receive results

# Harberton Parish Neighbourhood Plan

## Re-Consultation Questionnaire 2025

Dear Parishioner,

Last year, the Neighbourhood Plan Committee conducted a consultation and invited feedback from parishioners on a range of issues which affect your Neighbourhood Plan. If you took part, thank you - we greatly appreciate your time and input.

Since then, we have asked our independent consultants to revisit their assessments on land suitable for housing development to ensure consistency of approach. As a result, the site at Ford Farm (Meadow Close) - originally rated Green (*suitable for development with no or few constraints*), has now been reclassified as Amber, (*potentially suitable for development if constraints can be resolved and mitigated*). The full report can be found at <https://www.harbertonparishcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Harberton-Neighbourhood-Plan-Revised-Site-Assessment-Final-Report-17.04.25.pdf>

Furthermore, in reviewing their report the Consultants emphasised to us that although the Ford Farm site was identified as “*potentially suitable for development*” it was in their view “*marginal in terms of its suitability*”.

The Steering Group feels that this is a material change which, had it been known at the time by those who responded, might have responded differently. We wish to ensure that we fully understand the Parish's views and therefore we have decided to come back to you for your views.

There will be an open meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.00pm in Harberton Parish Hall and an online zoom meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.00pm, to which you are all invited to attend in if you have further questions. Alternatively, please fill in the form overleaf.

The closing date for receipt of forms is **24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**.

Displays will be on view in St Peter's Church, Harbertonford from 12<sup>th</sup> October (5 days) and St Andrew's Church, Harberton from 19<sup>th</sup> October (5 days). Voting forms may also be deposited in a secure box in the porches of each Church.

Thank you in advance for your continued participation.

We look forward to seeing you either on line or in person.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Stirrup

Chair - Harberton Neighbourhood Steering Committee

**Do you support the allocation of the site known as *Ford Farm* (at the eastern entrance to Harberton village) for future housing development?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Please provide your name and post code below. These details are only used to confirm residency in the parish.

**If you have any other comments regarding your Neighbourhood Plan, please provide them here:**

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