



Horsham Blueprint

Making a plan for Horsham

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Policy Proposal List

A list of proposed policies, derived from Blueprints consultation programme and Survey findings.

A Policy Proposal Template is being developed for each for the proposed policies listed below (In some cases where proposed policies overlap they may be addressed on a single Template.

The purpose of the separate Policy Proposal Template is describe the rational for the proposed policy; detail supporting evidence and to provide a vehicle through which any conflicts between the proposed policy and local or national policy can be identified.

Following consultation on the Proposal Templates they will be used as the basis for the actual Policy (taking into account the feedback received).

HERITAGE AND CONSERVATION

1	<p>Conservation areas</p> <p>Further conservation areas to be considered (in addition to the existing Richmond Rd and London Road Conservations Areas); such as those proposed by the Horsham Society in their publication "<i>Proposals for a local building list and conservations areas</i>" (2009)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warnham Rd conservation area • Railway station conservation area • Brighton Rd / St Leonards Rd conservation area • North Street conservation area • Burford Rd / Oakhill Rd Conservation area • Barttelot Road conservation area • New Street <p>Aspects to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • repair and restoration of nationally and locally listed buildings • Non listed historic buildings to be considered for retention • replacement of lost features
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BUILDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

2	<p>Building Height (Included with Policies 3&4)</p> <p>The height of new building in conservation areas to be consistent with and not dominate existing buildings.</p>
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3	<p>Alterations, Additions, Extensions, Repairs and Renewals</p> <p>Aspects to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> designs / repairs etc. that complement existing buildings and surroundings.
4	<p>High Quality Master Planning</p> <p>Aspects to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clear phasing and dates demonstration of clear active community and stakeholder involvement, their inclusion and agreement a rigorous and balanced assessment of the environmental impact a demonstration of environmental improvements (with the preferential use of native species), with habitats and green spaces used to create wildlife corridors (and maintenance thereof) commitment to sustainability commitment to transport connections the proposal must be designed to fit with its surroundings and environment. early delivery of infrastructure and community benefits (e.g. bus services/ community facilities) It needs to be proactively demonstrated that any new development does not adversely impact on any scenic view or vista visible from within the perimeter of the Horsham Blueprint Designated area.
5	<p>Quality architectural building design and materials</p> <p>Aspects to consider, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the scale, density, massing, height, landscape design, layout and materials of all development proposals, including alterations to existing buildings, will be required to reflect the architectural and historic character and scale of the surrounding buildings. interesting buildings that are aesthetically pleasing and that may be of innovative design, the features and topography of the site used, not built over; respecting the surrounding environment Existing hedgerows and trees retained and incorporated Interesting and appropriate materials with good maintenance arrangements the use sustainable materials
6	<p>Building line and frontage (included with Policies 3,4 & 5)</p> <p>Aspects to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> building line and frontage position and alignment in order to prevent building too close to the pavement
7	<p>Emergency and delivery access (included with Policies 3&4)</p> <p>Aspects to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> new and change of use developments to have suitable emergency and delivery access.
8	<p>Provision of an appropriate Housing mix</p> <p>Types of housing / apartments should be built to suit all age groups and must include the required proportion of low cost housing.</p>

	<p>Aspects to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development should include suitable accommodation for the different stages of life. The Forum is concerned that there are not enough affordable homes for our young adults. In addition, there need to be more homes for later stages so that older people can remain independent and supported in their communities. Development of sheltered housing and co-housing schemes will be welcomed.
9	<p>Provision of low cost housing To ensure that developers deliver their low cost housing commitments in accordance with national and local policy.</p> <p>Aspects to be considered include:</p> <p>The local planning authorities to have a due diligence obligation to ensure that developers can deliver the affordable housing specified by local and national policy.</p> <p>Ways of achieving this this could include one of more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ new planning applications to be accompanied by a business plan detailing how compliance with housing mix requirements (eg required percentage of low cost housing) is economically viable; or ○ developer be required to take out insurance (as a condition of planning permission being granted) to pay out (to LA) in the event that low cost housing commitments cannot be met; or ○ in the event that low cost housing commitments are not met the LA can lease for a period of 25years the proportion of the development equivalent to the proportion of low cost housing required at rates broadly equivalent to their social housing rental income value.
10	<p>Sustainable and efficient transport (included with 27,28 & 30) Sustainable Transport Systems and Access Links that interconnect (including pedestrian).</p> <p>Aspects to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the analysis of travel patterns for all modes of transport • Segregated routes for different modes • Surface finishes that are appropriate to the mode of transport • Travel plans for business
11	<p>Street Furniture and Public Art</p> <p>Aspects to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • high quality street furniture • Simplicity of signage • High quality interesting public art <p>Ref: Horsham Society Design Brief p. 20</p>
12	<p>Safe and Secure (Included with Policy 1 & 4) To ensure that opportunities for illegal and anti-social behaviour are discouraged through effective design.</p> <p>Aspects to be considered include:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure developments through good design, where security is effective but not intrusive and does not prevent an attractive layout; but enabling adequate natural surveillance. Security that allows permeability, providing access into and across the site
13	<p>Sustainability and efficient use of resources</p> <p>Aspects to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> designs that make efficient use of resources during construction and the lifespan of the building including its eventual demolition. High standards of insulation Grey water recycling Inclusion of solar PV and solar thermal technologies on all new developments. Provision of electric vehicle charging points
14	<p>Storage on Residential and Commercial Developments</p> <p>Aspects to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storage for recycling, refuse bins and meters are built in to avoid street clutter Storage for cycles, pushchairs and mobility scooters.
15	<p>Parking for vehicles, Cycles and other transport</p> <p>Aspects to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On new residential developments sufficient off street parking for an average of 1.5 vehicles per domestic residence No on-street residence permits to be issued to the residents of the new developments (which will have their own parking spaces). Provision of electric vehicle charging points Designed and covered cycle and mobility scooter storage.
16	<p>Pollution from light, noise and traffic</p> <p>Light and noise sources should not adversely impact on residents' quality of life and wildlife.</p> <p>Aspects to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoidance of light pollution (eg by considerate design of street and sports ground lighting). Avoidance of noise pollution. Avoidance of traffic pollution. Impact on natural habitats
17	<p>Infill new buildings (Included with Policy 3)</p> <p>All new developments to take into account the setting of the location and respect the character of the approach roads.</p> <p>Aspects to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attractive and appropriate layout complementing the existing built environment. Appropriate density. Appropriate height.

18	<p>Conversions - Change of building use</p> <p>Aspects to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retention of the physical characteristics of the existing buildings • Benefits the street scene whilst not adversely impacting existing residents. • Sufficient parking.
GREEN SPACES AND THE ENVIRONMENT	
19	<p>Green Spaces; Horsham Park and Park House Garden</p> <p>Retain Horsham Park as a safe, clean, well maintained and attractive open space for the benefit of residents and visitors both formally and informally. To maintain, enhance and protect the horticultural, biodiversity and wildlife value of the Park. To maintain, protect and develop the landscape of the Park to complement and enhance its aesthetic appeal to residents and visitors.</p>
20	<p>Natural and Semi Natural Green Space; Warnham Nature Reserve; Chesworth Farm; Owlbeech Woods</p> <p>To protect and maintain a safe and accessible location for appropriate informal leisure activities.</p> <p>To protect and increase the biodiversity and wildlife value.</p>
21	<p>Green Spaces; Amenity And Recreation Grounds</p> <p>Cootes Farm Bennetts Field Hills Farm Mill Bay Redford Avenue Trafalgar Road Victory Road</p> <p>Provide space for a variety of recreational facilities e.g. sport, playgrounds, dog walking and for walking and games</p> <p>To retain and maintain a safe, clean and attractive green space for the enjoyment by all members of the community.</p> <p>To encourage local residents to benefit their health and wellbeing.</p>
22	<p>Green Space: Blue and green Corridors to include drainage;</p> <p>Blue: River Arun Blackbridge Lane stream Boldings Brook Hornbrook Kingslea and Ayshe Court Lakes</p> <p>Red river</p> <p>Green: Riverside Walk</p> <p>SUDS; Horsham Park Pond</p> <p>To retain and maintain essential corridors, including hedgerows and ponds, for wildlife and recreational use including hedgerows.</p>
23	<p>Green Space; allotments</p>

	<p>Bennett's Road Bird's Farm (Blunts Way) Chesworth Clarence Road Depot Road Hills Farm Lane Shelley (Redford Avenue) West of Horsham?</p> <p>To provide growing facilities for residents who do not have space where they live.</p>
24	<p>Green Space; Cemeteries and Churchyard Denne Road Cemetery (site of Nature Conservation Interest) Hills Cemetery St. Mary's Churchyard</p> <p>Preserve historic area. Provide modern facilities for people who require burials</p>
25	<p>Green Space; verges, roundabouts and corners To provide and retain open areas to create a pleasant environment that are essential for wildlife corridors</p>
26	<p>Green Space; Community Gardens New Street Gardens New Street Green Garden of Remembrance Fenhurst</p> <p>To preserve the areas for residents and visitors</p>
PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS	
27	<p>Shared Spaces (to be included with 10, 28 & 30)</p> <p>Shared spaces must be safe for all users.</p>
28	<p>Pedestrian Areas (to be included with 10, 27 & 30)</p> <p>Any new and refurbished surfaced pedestrian area needs to be both smooth enough and to have sufficient slip resistance for all pedestrian (including wheelchair and pushchairs) users.</p>
29	<p>No policy 29.</p>
30	<p>Pedestrian Crossing points (to be included with 10, 27 & 28)</p> <p>Safe crossing points to be required outside new developments serving vulnerable people (eg schools, retirement homes etc)</p>
31	<p>Pedestrian and Cycle Routes (to be included with 10, 27,28 & 31)</p> <p>Development of a network of pedestrian and cycle routes to encourage walking and cycling as viable means of traversing the town, for school, college, work and shopping.</p> <p>Aspects to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All new developments to provide good and safe access for pedestrians and cyclists, including suitable paths and cycle paths that links with existing networks so that when riding

	<p>a bike from one part of town to another there is continuous, safe and direct provision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All major roads to have fully separated cycleways where practicable with particular attention paid to making junctions safe for non-motorised users. • The protection and maintenance of existing twittens across the town (a twitten is a narrow path or passage way between two walls or hedges).
BUSINESS AND THE ECONOMY	
32	<p>Communications</p> <p>To review of inter- business and customer / business communications both electronically and by other means within the town to identify any areas of possible improvement with respect to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • business development and enhancement. • Emergency response.
ENTERTAINMENT AND LEISURE	
33	<p>Capitol Arts Centre, Museum and Drill Hall</p> <p>The development (for subsequent implementation) of a strategy to ensure their ongoing viability as community cultural resources.</p>
34	<p>Provision of Leisure Facilities</p> <p>The provision of enhanced leisure facilities (both indoor and outdoor) for all age to cater for the increasing population (both living within and visiting the town from adjacent settlements).</p>
ALL AGE HORSHAM	
35	<p>All Age Horsham</p> <p>All development must recognise and accommodate the needs of all those who live in the town so that no-one feels excluded or isolated and unable to be fully active in the community.</p> <p>Aspects to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of suitable toilets at major town facilities should include a Changing Places toilet. • Larger indoor and outdoor playgrounds with equipment suitable for adults, children and those with disabilities. • Bus stops should be located near to major facilities and include shelters and suitable seating with arms and backrests. • dropped kerbs for mobility scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs. • Pedestrian crossings by retirement homes.

CREATION OF A TOWN COUNCIL	
36	<p>To create a Horsham Town Council</p> <p>The unparished area of Horsham has a population of 28,000 people (or 20% of the total population of 138,000 people in the district).</p> <p>However, unlike the rest of the district which have successful Parish Councils actively managing a range of services for the benefit of local residents; in Horsham these services are run directly by Horsham District Council whose priorities may not match those Horsham residents.</p>