



Horsforth Town Council



Neighbourhood Plan

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Topic Related Consultation with Additional Business-Related Questions – Businesses – September 2014

The questionnaire on Topics plus other business-related questions were sent by post to 1,210 local businesses.

The business response was 104. These responses were accounted for within the analysis below.

There were many free form comments, which are reproduced in the summary appendix 3B.

Appendix 3A – Additional Business Letter and Questionnaire



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22nd September 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

Horsforth Town Council would like to invite you to contribute to the Horsforth Neighbourhood Plan.

The Localism Act (2012) introduced new rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new development by writing a Neighbourhood Plan. This Plan will give the people of Horsforth the opportunity to choose where new homes, shops, and offices will be built. It will decide how these developments will fit into the current street scene, and what facilities and support structures will be needed.

Working through its Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, Horsforth Town Council has created a consultation questionnaire. The Council will be asking the people of Horsforth for their views on how Horsforth needs to evolve as a place to work and live.

As a business with interests in Horsforth, the Town Council would like you to contribute to the creation of our Neighbourhood Plan, as this plan will set guidelines for future development. The Neighbourhood Plan preparation requires extensive consultation and includes businesses, landowners, developers, community groups as well as local residents. The views of all these groups will be taken into account in writing the final Plan. Later there will be community meetings with question and answer sessions, to which everyone will be invited. These are in addition to the questionnaire already sent to residents in Horsforth.

The questionnaire has been included with this letter, (and if not, may be downloaded from the link below) and we ask you to provide your views on how Horsforth should develop. In addition there are further questions on the reverse of this letter, specifically addressed to the groups mentioned above.

Above there is a contact number and email address in case you need further information or advice.

The Town Council appreciates you completing the questionnaire, and returning it to the Town Clerk at the Council offices by using the freepost address overleaf by **Monday 20th October 2014**.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Ferry
Clerk to Horsforth Town Council

For further information and updates see:
[www.horsforthtowncouncil.gov.uk/Core/Horsforth-TC/Pages/Horsforth Neighbourhood Plan 1.aspx](http://www.horsforthtowncouncil.gov.uk/Core/Horsforth-TC/Pages/Horsforth%20Neighbourhood%20Plan%201.aspx)

Additional questions for businesses, landowners, developers, and community groups.
Please comment on any that are relevant to you.

1) How can businesses in Horsforth be developed or maintained?

a) Is developing business opportunities and facilities important?

Yes No

b) Are there enough business premises in Horsforth?

Yes No

c) Are more needed in the future?

Yes No

d) What types of businesses should be developed? (e.g. offices, factories, call centres, light industrial etc.)

2) How can the three retail areas be developed or maintained?

a) Is developing retail opportunities and facilities important?

Yes No

b) Are there enough retail facilities?

Yes No

c) Are more needed in the future?

Yes No

d) How can retail outlets be supported and encouraged?

e) How might employment and employer opportunities be improved?

3) Do you have views on education and opportunities for further learning?

a) Do school leavers have the necessary business/employment skills?

Yes No

b) Are there opportunities for further learning?

Yes No

c) Should business and employment related learning be a priority?

Yes No

4) Do you have views on transport and communication links?

a) Are the road and transport links adequate?

Yes No

b) How could improvements in access and through traffic movements be made? (If necessary add below)

5) How would you like to see Horsforth develop?

Please return to: Freepost RTBC-CZE-CAKR, Horsforth Town Council, Mechanics Institute, Town Street,
Horsforth, Leeds. LS18 5BL. (No Stamp required)

Thank you.

Appendix 3B – Additional Business Questionnaire Response Summary

The Business Questionnaires were mailed to 1,210 Horsforth businesses and there were 104 responses.

The free – form comments (all of them) made by the respondents are shown below the question tables.

DESIGN	Response
QUESTION 1 - What is your view on materials to be used in new buildings?	
Traditional materials and methods should be used	13
Modern materials and methods should be used	2
A mixture of traditional and modern materials and methods should be used	24
Another statement (see comments below)	5
QUESTION 2 - What is your view on the design of new buildings?	
They should always be built in a traditional style	7
They should match existing surrounding buildings	17
They should be distinctive and not feel like 'estates'	16
Another statement (see comments below)	7
QUESTION 3 - What other things should the plan cover in terms of design?	
Shop frontages and signage	27
Designing out anti-social behaviour and crime	29
Street furniture and street scene	30
Another statement (see comments below)	7

EDUCATION	Response
QUESTION 4 - How would you prefer to see the number of places at our schools increase?	
Expansion of all our schools	16
Expansion of one or two schools	5
Provision of a new 'Free School' primary school	6
Another statement (see comments below)	13
QUESTION 5 - What must happen before school expansion can take place?	
On-site parking for all staff should be compulsory	26
Traffic and parking restrictions should be imposed	29
On-site drop off parking must be provided	20
Another statement (see comments below)	6
QUESTION 6 - Trinity University wants more students - what would be the best solution?	
On campus accommodation should be expanded	26
More parking on campus should be provided	20
Students should be encouraged to live in the community	17
Another statement (see comments below)	6

LEISURE	Response
QUESTION 7 - Horsforth has many pubs inside its boundaries, how do you view them?	
There are about the right number	36
There are too many	3
Are there any pubs/facilities that we should keep by identifying them as an asset?	0
QUESTION 8 - What type of leisure facility do you use outside Horsforth?	
Swimming pool	36
Cinema	34
Health Club	18
Something else (see comments below)	6
QUESTION 9 - Which of Horsforth's leisure facilities is the most important?	
Sports fields and clubs	14
Library	10
Community Centres	7
Hall Park	27
Something else (see comments below)	1

CONSERVATION	Response
QUESTION 10 - What should we retain and conserve about Horsforth?	
Distinctive and historic buildings and features	27
Green spaces and countryside	35
The village identity	30
Wildlife habitats	21
Another statement (see comments below)	1
QUESTION 11 - How should we deal with Horsforth's three conservation areas?	
They should be strengthened and expanded	34
They are out of date and need reviewing	3
Other parts of Horsforth deserve the same status	2
Another statement (see comments below)	3
QUESTION 12 - How should we deal with heritage buildings that are not already protected?	
Allow them to be modified or demolished at will	2
Retain them where possible	33
Seek to have them listed	10
Another solution (see comments below)	2

YOUTH AND THE RETIRED	Response
<u>QUESTION 13 - How can developers help deliver facilities for the youth of Horsforth?</u>	
Include open spaces in their development	22
Provide activities such as skate parks	16
Provide funding for services in Horsforth	25
Another statement (see comments below)	7
<u>QUESTION 14 - Please suggest where facilities for youth and retired people be provided</u>	
Where could additional youth or retired people's facilities be located? (see comments)	0
What facilities did you have in mind? (see comments below)	0
<u>QUESTION 15 - How can developers deliver facilities for retired people in Horsforth?</u>	
Provide affordable retirement housing	25
Provide sheltered retirement accommodation	22
Provide funding for services in Horsforth	23
Another statement (see comments below)	4

RETAIL	Response
<u>QUESTION 16 - What type of shopping street scene do you most favour?</u>	
Traditional shop frontages	36
Shopping 'Mall' type developments	1
Modern supermarkets	3
Another statement (see comments below)	5
<u>QUESTION 17 - How can we best help preserve independent shops?</u>	
Planning restrictions on use of shops	13
Greater parking provision in shopping areas	30
More time restrictions to prevent all day parking	9
Another statement (see comments below)	5
<u>QUESTION 18 - Is there any type of shop we should not encourage?</u>	
Charity shops	23
Takeaways	26
Hair and beauty salons	11
Another statement (see comments below)	14

INFRASTRUCTURE	Response
QUESTION 19 - Horsforth roundabout will be improved; what other can roads be improved?	
Please identify any road infrastructure issues of which you are aware (see comments)	0
How can this be improved? (see comments below)	0
QUESTION 20 - What services do you feel need larger provision?	
Doctors	10
Dentists	7
Schools	12
Anything else (see comments below)	6
QUESTION 21 - What improvements to transport provision would benefit you?	
Bus services	8
Rail services	14
Extra parking spaces	20
Footpaths	9
Cycle routes	20
Anything else (see comments below)	8

ENVIRONMENT	Response
QUESTION 22 - Which environmental issues are most important to you?	
Litter, fly tipping and graffiti	22
Noise pollution	7
Green belt and green spaces	21
Another statement (see comments below)	4
QUESTION 23 - What environmental restrictions should apply to housing, old and new?	
Paving over gardens should be discouraged	12
New housing should have gardens	26
Housing should be environmentally sustainable	24
Another statement (see comments below)	8
QUESTION 24 - What other environmental issues should we include?	
Microgeneration (solar panels or domestic windmills)	17
We should encourage recycling	31
We should encourage sustainable development	23
We should designate community green spaces	28
Another suggestion (see comments below)	2

EMPLOYMENT	Response
QUESTION 25 - Should the NP address issues relevant to job creation and local business?	
No	8
Yes	21
Suggestions (see comments below)	7
QUESTION 26 - What type of businesses are suited to Horsforth?	
Retail	29
Light industrial	18
Office based	31
Other suggestion (see comments below)	4
QUESTION 27 - Should the neighbourhood plan seek to encourage more of these?	
Retail	18
Light industrial	15
Office based	20
None	4

HAVE WE MISSED ANYTHING	Response
Other final notes or suggestions given by people	4

ABOUT YOU	Response
Post codes given	31
Ages given in total (comprising of following breakdown)	0
Under 18	0
18-25	0
26-35	0
36-50	0
51-65	0
Over 65	0
Final notes given	4
Contact information given, sufficient for further contact	16

Free-form business response comments in question order.

1 - What is your view on materials to be used in new buildings?	If fits with street scene
	Dry stone walls
	Modern energy-efficient methods should be used whilst attempting to fit in with the neighbourhood look and feel
	Avoid the pitfalls of council building in the 60s e.g. Shipley centre
	To fit in with current areas
	Sympathetic to existing, not necessarily matching
	Respect environment for next generation, create safe place
	Stone
	Yorkshire stone
	Distinctive but sympathetic to existing properties
	Not like insurance building on Featherbank Lane
	Sympathetic to the surroundings
	High quality public realm, resist tarmac and unnecessary signage
	Pedestrian ways
	Upgrade parking areas e.g. Town Street opposite Morrison's
	Solar panels recycling
	Clean streets, litter chewing gum
3 - What other things should the plan cover in terms of design?	No garish signs and areas to conceal bins
	Include schools, newsagents, mini-marts to sustain developments
	Secondary education
	Horsforth secondary plus primary with available land not sports fields
	Think about our children
	Consult Horsforth Children Services
	No school expansion
	Expand existing schools where possible, otherwise build new
	Perhaps a new school
	No academies or free schools
	Expand schools with additional housing
4 - How would you prefer to see the number of places at our schools increase?	St Mary's RC and Westbrook Lane
	Newlaithes and Broadgate
	Build new schools
	New primary and secondary school, Horsforth School too big
	Promote green travel plans, encourage non-car use
	Better public transport, speed cameras, cycle lanes

Pupils encourages to walk/cycle to school
Horsforth school back to local authority control
Roads already congested, especially A65
Admit local pupils only, get rid of sibling rule to reduce traffic
On street parking problems near university
University an asset not a hindrance
Stop charging students for parking
Build flats close to campus
Keep size as is
Amenities closer to campus, mini-market etc.
Library and park
Paris restaurant
Parks
Horsforth needs leisure facility
Restaurants
Dance Hall
Restaurants
Squash court, community halls for Pilates
Leisure in Horsforth vital for the community
Preserve independent shops, restaurants, stop chains e.g. Costa Greggs
Protect the asset don't strangle development, open-minded
Hunger Hills
Conservation level acceptable
Consider each building individually, change is sometimes better
Try to return but be open to modification if beneficial
Developers are creative, work positively to benefit all
Innovation and enterprise centres
All weather pitches
Unused office space to children's creative arts projects
Provide quality environment by economic expansions
Skate park at Cragg Hill fields
Developers contribute to a new school and other facilities
Hall Park old stables to community café
Use school and college indoor/outdoor facilities out of hours
Leisure centre
Town Street Youth Club
Look at every vacant building or unused land, facilities for both old and young
Expand existing facilities
Low Lane and close to the park, swimming pool needed and more open space
Attached to the schools. Creative computing, media video design
Library
Ensure they are on a decent bus route and well lit
In the park - meeting and facilitating places
Parking on Broadway for attending carers and ambulances
All weather pitch next to skateboard park
In Hall Park
Children's creative arts - theatre, dance, retired people tea dance meeting rooms

	Where are you going to build additional housing, share the land, residential care, youth clubs can operate from existing halls
	Clariant site - youth club community centre, multi-purpose rooms
	Near Hawksworth Road, old water works, skate park
	Swimming, sports centres for young and old
14 - Where could additional youth or retired people's facilities be located and what facilities do you have in mind?	St Margaret's Hall upgrade
	Town Street & New Road Side vacant shops
	Building of private retirement housing
	Where 50 houses built, 5 beds made for retirement
	Parking on Broadway for attending carers and ambulances
	Quality expansion will improve community for all
	Independent shops restaurants retain distinctive feel
	Support quality of public realm
	Parking needed for New Road Side
	Traditional shop fronts more suitable
	Don't spoil parades of shops, e.g. cash for clothes, garish posters look awful
	Offer business incentives for new retail providers
	Parking is fine, don't change it
	Local authority assistant with finding for new enterprises
	Retail expansion support
17 - How can we best help preserve independent shops?	Restrict Large Chains
	sustainable businesses
	Tattoo parlours, book makers, bargain booze
	Diversity and flexibility, full shops are better than empty ones
	Restaurants and bars
	Betting shops
	Betting shops
	Supermarkets
	Estate Agents
	Tory HQ in Town Street
	Far too many charity shops, more independents
	General retail
	M&S
	Betting shops
	Opticians
	Too many new developments stop building

	Station road narrow, busy at top, relocate bus stops, one way
	Horsforth roundabout always the issue
	Parking Hall Lane sunny days/ events etc. dangerous blind spots double yellow lines
	Roundabouts Old Ball, Station Road Town Street
	Lack of cycle lanes to A65, create them
	Station Road/Troy junction, top of Lister hill. Lights? Roundabout?
	Speed cameras on Fink Hill, traffic lights at Old Ball junction
	Between top of Newlay Wood road and Newlay Wood Crescent, adopt and resurface
	Rodley roundabout affects Horsforth
	Improve junction bottom of Town Street / Hall Lane, roundabout
	Junction of Broadway and Calverley Lane South, Clariant side lethal, traffic island
	Top of Broadgate Lane, mini-roundabout or traffic lights
	Town Street - pedestrianize at least 9-6
	Broadway house access and parking - widen road improve junction, give houses access to their drives/front gardens, drop kerbs
	All roads around Newlathes School - build car park facing school
	Better cycle paths, feel safer, create a barrier from cars
	Scotland Lane widen footpaths
	Woodside roundabout needs lights, drivers cheating queuing traffic
	West End Lane outside school parking on both sides of road, parking restricted to one side only
	Parking around Newlathes school, take some of the field to create drop-off point
	Outwood Lane speeding
19 - Please identify any road infrastructure issues of which you are aware and how can this be improved?	West End Lane/Rise speed restriction
	Green space
	Car parks
	Youth club
	Sports centre
	Parking at airport a joke
	Not applicable as business
	Hall Park parking
	Re-open Calverley and Rodley stations with car parking facilities
	Old station by Clariant
	Parking for residents of Broadway - Stanhope Drive to Bank Ave - restore footpath behind open gates opposite Bank Ave
	LBA need for underground system / tube
	Get people out of cars
	With parking not enough room for cycling lanes
	With smooth surface not patched with pot holes
	Hunting with dogs Cragg Wood / Low Hall Road
	Car Park behind Fultons Town Street - remove litter, vegetation and resurface. Morrison's same

	Stop building
	Safe cycle routes, pavements protected from parked cars
	Brown sites first
	Adequate on-site parking for flats including visitor spaces
	Larger detached housing
	Clariant houses crammed
	Encourage sympathetic innovation
	Solar panels on all new builds
	Yorkshire stone
	Off-street parking and/or garages
	Include light industrial and enterprise centres
	Pavements and cycle paths throughout, no parking on pavements
	financial assistance to encourage use of empty premises
	Not as a primary reason for new development
	Encourage new business
	Professionals to work locally
	Support business ventures
	Not sure how many local people work in Horsforth
25 - Should the Neighbourhood plan address issues relevant to job creation?	Give jobs to local people
	Small businesses, start-ups, entrepreneurs
	Enterprise centre
	Leisure
	All businesses
Have we missed anything?	Services in the park should be improved, it's the peoples' park, stables are wasted as store for garden equipment - redevelop
	Traffic at peak times but no solutions, rat runs, improvements to H. roundabout might help
	Street cleaning especially Town Street, road sweeping, litter bins, more police
	Greater police presence by Clariant, fly-tipping, sex-dogging, drug abuse, vandalism
	Band Stand in Hall Park wants repairs
	For living quality state of streets important, authorities and community should work together
	When business comes to Horsforth provide parking spaces