

# Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Review

As part of the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2015 (as amended), Hargrave Parish Council is undertaking a Pre-Submission Consultation on the Draft Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Review.

This is a review of its Neighbourhood Plan which was made by West Suffolk Council on 17 July 2018. The Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2031 is a [statutory development plan document](#) for the council (West Suffolk Council after April 2019). The plan is a material consideration within the parish of Hargrave for planning application purposes.

Wickhambrook Parish Council is a body with which Hargrave PC is required to consult and they welcome the parish council's views on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan Review.

Click on the highlighted text for:

[Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2031 - made July 2018](#)

Hargrave has reviewed its plan because in the four years since the Plan was finished there have been a number of changes nationally and locally which are not reflected in its made plan.

[Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Review 2023 – 2040 – Pre-submission Draft Plan](#)

Hargrave Parish Council has also provided a summary document for its residents (attached as Appendix A) which sets out what has been changed as a result of the review.

A copy of their response form is attached as Appendix B, which may be used as a guide to the information they are seeking in response to the Pre-submission Draft Plan.

This Pre-Submission Consultation runs until **Friday 20 October 2023**.

Any comments agreed by the parish council can be submitted on line by the clerk

## **Action**

**Having reviewed Hargrave's Pre-submission Draft Plan, agree any response which the parish council may direct the clerk to submit on its behalf.**



# Hargrave

Neighbourhood Plan Review 2023

**Community Consultation Drop-in**  
**2 September 10.00 to 14.00**  
**The Village Hall**

Please come along to look at the new Plan and find out more about it. There will also be an extensive Neighbourhood Plan Display. Refreshments will be on offer throughout the event, so you can read the Plan over a cuppa

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON  
THE NEW DRAFT PLAN RUNS  
FROM 2 SEPTEMBER  
TO 20 OCTOBER**

If you can't pop-in on  
2 September, find out inside  
how you can view and  
comment on the New Plan



## BACKGROUND TO THE REVIEW

### The 2018 Neighbourhood Plan

In July 2018 a parish referendum, with a turnout of 43% of the 234 residents that were on the register of electors, resulted in 88 people voting in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan for Hargrave being used by West Suffolk Council when determining planning applications in the parish and 12 people voting against. The Plan was subsequently adopted by West Suffolk Council and has since been used by them when making decisions on planning applications in the parish.

Our 2018 Plan was the first to be completed in West Suffolk, ensuring that planning application decisions reflected the local priorities expressed in our Plan. However, the world of planning continuously changes. In the five years since the Plan was finished there have been a number of changes nationally and locally that mean that our Plan is now not up-to-date and doesn't cover important matters.

A Working Group has been working on behalf of the Parish Council over the last couple of years to review the 2018 Plan and bring it up-to-date. The Parish Council has now approved that the draft Plan can be subject to public consultation, which is about to commence. We want you to provide feedback on it over the coming weeks.

### The NEW Draft Neighbourhood Plan

The New Plan has a very different look and feel to the 2018 Plan, but it remains focused on delivering our agreed vision:

**To protect and enhance the distinctive character and assets of the Village for the community both young and old**

The main task of the review has been to appraise whether the planning policies that were supported in the 2018 Plan remain fit for purpose and whether additional planning policies are required to help manage the type of development that takes place in the parish. This included assessing whether there are gaps in the Plan that should now be addressed.

**Importantly, the Plan DOES NOT allocate any sites for new development.**

Following earlier exploration and consultation about building a new village hall, potentially funded by the construction of up to ten houses, the project is NOT included in the new Plan. Such a proposal could not now go ahead unless it were identified in the new Plan.

## PLAN THEMES

The new Plan covers the following themes



## WHAT'S CHANGED IN THE NEW PLAN

Most of the ten original policies of the 2018 remain and have been updated. Only two planning policies have been replaced, as identified in the table.

2018 Policy	Status in this Plan
Policy HAR 1 - Hargrave's Spatial Strategy	The policy has been replaced with a new, more detailed policy
Policy HAR 2 - Hargrave Housing Settlement Boundary	The policy has been retained with minor amendments
Policy HAR3 - Housing Mix	The policy has been retained unchanged
Policy HAR4 - Communications Technology	The policy has been retained unchanged and becomes Policy HAR7
Policy HAR5 - Protecting and Maintaining Features of Landscape and Biodiversity Value.	The policy has been replaced by Policy HAR8 which provides a more robust framework for protecting and enhancing wildlife habitats
Policy HAR6 - Protecting the Landscape Setting of Hargrave	The policy has been retained with minor amendments and becomes Policy HAR9
Policy HAR7 - Local Green Spaces	The policy has been retained with a greater explanation as to how development in local green spaces would be considered and becomes Policy HAR10
Policy HAR8 - Village Playing Field	The policy has been replaced by a new, more detailed policy and becomes Policy HAR6
Policy HAR9 - Local Heritage	The policy has been retained unchanged (other than corrections to the property name) and becomes Policy HAR11
Policy HAR10 - Village Character	The policy has been replaced by the more detailed Policy HAR12

### The new Plan also contains additional planning policies that cover:

- Housing Design;
- The provision of new and protection of existing community facilities and services;
- Development Design Considerations;
- Sustainable Construction Practices;
- Flooding and Sustainable Drainage; and
- Dark Skies

The inclusion of these additional matters has been informed by a consideration of the original issues that the 2018 Plan addressed, recent surveys of residents and new Design Guidance for the village that has been produced as a separate document.

### Community Actions

These are non-planning matters that address issues raised during the preparation of the Plan. The 2018 Plan contained 14 Community Actions which have been reviewed and updated where necessary.



## HOW TO VIEW THE NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

This leaflet cannot do justice to the content of the new Plan. The full version will be available to download from 1 September at <https://hargrave.suffolk.cloud/neighbourhood-plan/> where an online comments form will be available to complete.

If you would prefer to look at a paper copy, these will be available at the Drop-in Event on 2 September and will also be available to borrow for a short period by contacting the following:

Colin Painter 01284 850803

David Taylor 01284 850537

Denise Osborne 01284 850278

### HOW TO COMMENT

During the consultation period the Neighbourhood Plan website will have an online survey form which you can complete. Although we'd prefer you to use the online comments form, paper comments forms can be obtained at the Drop-in Event and from the residents identified above.

Completed paper comments forms must be returned to the Village Hall post box by 20 October

**We want your comments, even if you support everything in the Plan!**

### LOOKING AHEAD

Once the consultation ends, all comments received will be reviewed and the Plan will be amended as necessary. It will then be submitted to West Suffolk Council who will undertake a second round of public consultation before the Plan is assessed by an Independent Examiner. Because of the scale of the changes compared with the 2018 Plan, it may have to be subject to another Parish Referendum open to all Hargrave residents on the Electoral Register. As with the 2018 Plan, a simple majority in favour of the Plan will mean that it must be used by West Suffolk Council when making decisions on planning applications. We would anticipate this happening towards the end of the year after year or early in 2024.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 20 OCTOBER. WE CANNOT ACCEPT COMMENTS AFTER THIS TIME.**



# Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Review

## “Pre-Submission” Plan Consultation – September 2023

### CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

*This form should be completed in conjunction with the draft  
Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Review –September 2023*

We would prefer receiving responses via the online feedback form at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HargraveNP/> as it will make the task of collating views much easier. Scan the QR Code below and you can complete the form on a mobile phone.

If this is not possible, please complete this form. Further copies of this form can be downloaded from the Neighbourhood Plan website <https://hargrave.suffolk.cloud/neighbourhood-plan/> or can be obtained by contacting xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

If you complete this form, please post it through the Village Hall letterbox. by  
**by Friday 20 October**



**Data Protection Notice:** All information collected and processed by the Parish Council at this stage is by virtue of our requirement under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

Please note: All comments received will be made publicly available and will be identifiable by name / organisation. All other personal information provided will be protected in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Address (optional)</b>	
<b>ORGANISATION / CLIENT YOU'RE REPRESENTING (where applicable)</b>	
<b>EMAIL (optional)</b>	
<b>Would you like to be notified when the Parish Council submits the Plan to West Suffolk Council?</b> (if yes, please provide either address or email address above)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Would you be willing to have your contact details shared with West Suffolk Council for the sole purpose of enabling that Council to keep you informed of further consultations on the Plan?</b> Data will be processed by the West Suffolk Council in accordance with their information security policies and Privacy Notice (available on their website).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**CONSULTATION RESPONSE:** *Please continue on a separate sheet if the box isn't big enough*

**1. Do you support the content of Chapters 1, 2, and 3?**

Yes

No

No opinion

Additional comments (please specify chapter and paragraph number)

**2. Do you support the Vision and Objectives in Chapter 4?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like (if appropriate, please specify the objective you would like to be changed)

**3. Do you support Policy HAR 1 - Hargrave's Spatial Strategy?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**4. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 5 – Hargrave's Planning Strategy?**

Yes

No

Comments:

**5. Do you support Policy HAR 2 – Housing Development?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**6. Do you support Policy HAR 3 – Housing Mix?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**7. Do you support Policy HAR 4 – Housing Design?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**8. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 6 – Housing?**

Yes

No

Comments:

**9. Do you support Policy HAR 5 – Community Facilities?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**10. Do you support Community Action 1 – Groups and Societies?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**11. Do you support Community Action 2 – Village Hall?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**12. Do you support Policy HAR 6 – Village Playing Field?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like



**13. Do you support Community Action 3 – Car Sharing Initiative?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**14. Do you support Community Action 4 – Promoting small-scale employment opportunities?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**15. Do you support Community Action 5 – Promoting Hargrave?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**16. Do you support Policy HAR 7 – Communications Technology?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**17. Do you support Community Action 6 – Communications Technology Improvements?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**18. Do you support Community Action 7 – Working with the agricultural community?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**19. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 8 – Services, Facilities and the Local Economy?**

Yes

No

Comments:

**20. Do you support Policy HAR 8 – Biodiversity and Habitats?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**21. Do you support Community Action 8 – Hedgerows?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**22. Do you support Policy HAR 9 - Protecting the Landscape Setting of Hargrave?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**23. Do you support Community Action 9 – New woodlands?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**24. Do you support Policy HAR 10 – Local Green Spaces?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**25. Do you support Community Action 10 – Village Verges?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**26. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 8 – Natural Environment?**

Yes

No

Comments:

**27. Do you support Policy HAR 11 – Local Heritage Assets?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**28. Do you support Policy HAR 12 – Development Design Considerations?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**29. Do you support Policy HAR 13 – Sustainable Construction Practices?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**30. Do you support Policy HAR 14 – Flooding and Sustainable Drainage?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like



**31. Do you support Policy HAR 15 – Dark Skies?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**32. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 9 – Built Environment?**

Yes

No

Comments:

**33. Do you support Community Action 11 – Public Transport?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**34. Do you support Community Action 12 – Traffic Calming?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**35. Do you support Community Action 13 – HGV management?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**36. Do you support Community Action 14 – Public Rights of Way?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

**37. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 10 – Highways, Transport and Travel?**

Yes

No

Comments:

**38. Do you support the content of the Policies Map and Inset Maps?**

Yes

No

No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like (please specify which map you are referring to)

**39. Do you have any comments on the Appendices?**

Yes

No

If No, please state what changes you would like (please specify which appendix you are referring to)

**40. Do you have any other comments on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan?**

Yes

No

Comments

Thank you for providing your feedback. We will take your comments into account in deciding whether amendments are required to the Neighbourhood Plan.

A Consultation Report for the Neighbourhood Plan will be published when the Plan is submitted to West Suffolk Council.