

# Horam Parish Council

Presentation at  
Public Meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

# Reason For This Meeting

- Horam Parish Council is in a fight to keep Horam's rural village character and save it from the massive over-development proposed by WDC in its new Draft Focussed Local Plan; and also by developers
- Therefore, to inform Residents about:-
  - Wealden Draft Focussed Local Plan
  - **Consultation runs from 6<sup>th</sup> Feb till 20<sup>th</sup> March**
  - Developer's ideas (i.e. wants !!)
  - What Parish Council has done and is doing
- Request Residents' Involvement in that Consultation
  - and
- Show Residents how to respond to the Consultation

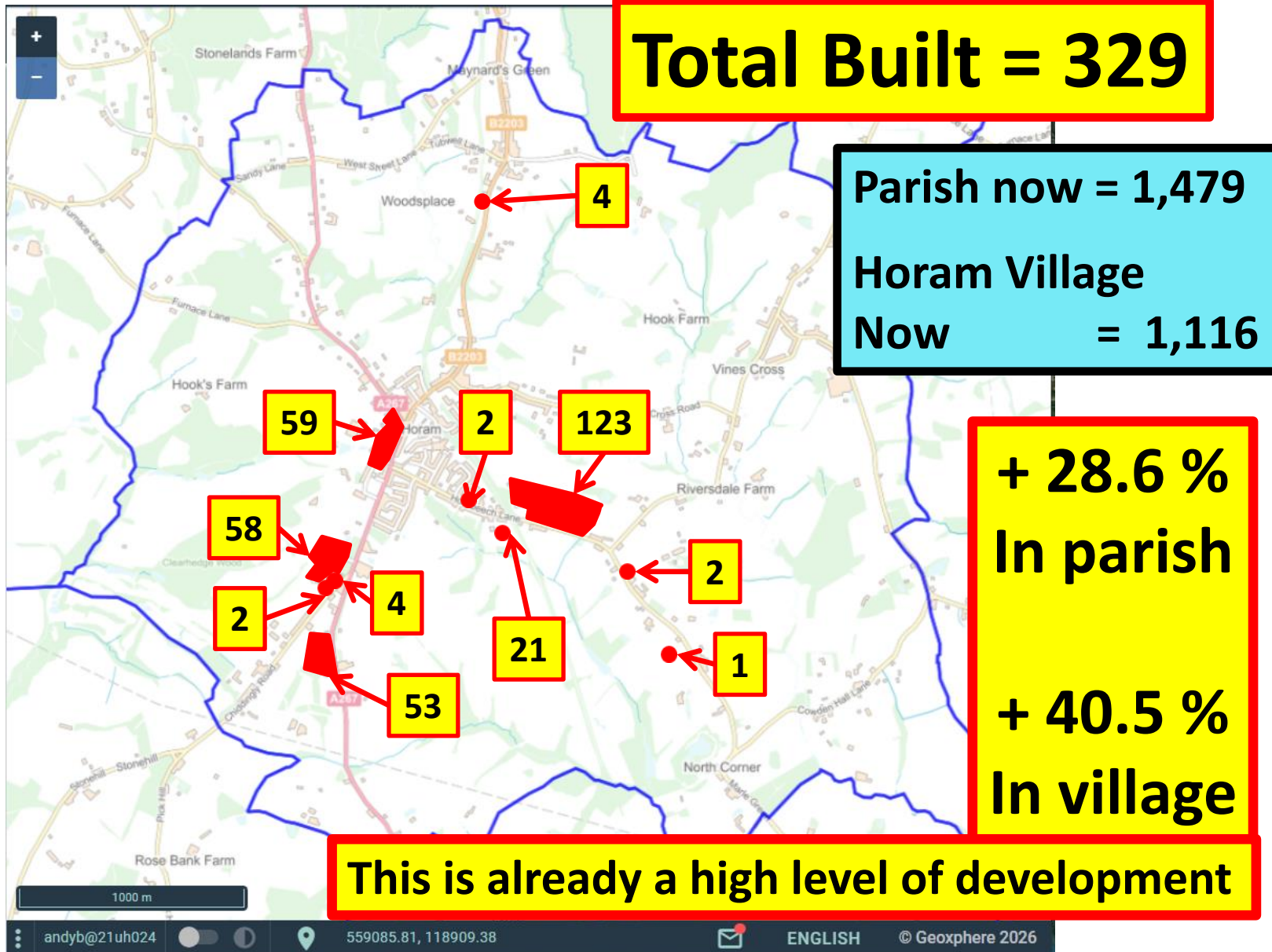
# Two more important events

- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - HPC 'Drop-in Morning'**
  - Horam Centre 09.00 -13.00 hrs (9am till 1pm)
  - See Landscape Study report commissioned by HPC
  - See a copy of WDC Draft Focussed Local Plan documents
  - Talk to Parish Cllrs, ask questions
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February – WDC Exhibition**
  - Horam Village Hall 14.00 – 20.00 hrs (2pm till 8 pm)
  - Wealden exhibition of Draft Local Plan
  - Consultation on Resubmitted Regulation 18
  - Residents' opportunity to speak to and ask questions of WDC Officers & Councillors
  - Find out what you want to know so you can respond to consultation from 6<sup>th</sup> Feb to 20<sup>th</sup> March

# The Way We Were

- **2011 Census** - Horam Parish had 1,150 dwellings
- Horam village (including Burlow) = 794
- Until 2011 there had been growth in Horam village but it had been commensurate with the facilities and infrastructure and also met a local housing need
- In 2011 the Planning Application for the Merrydown development was submitted; it was approved in 2013. That was the 'starting-gun' for development in Horam.

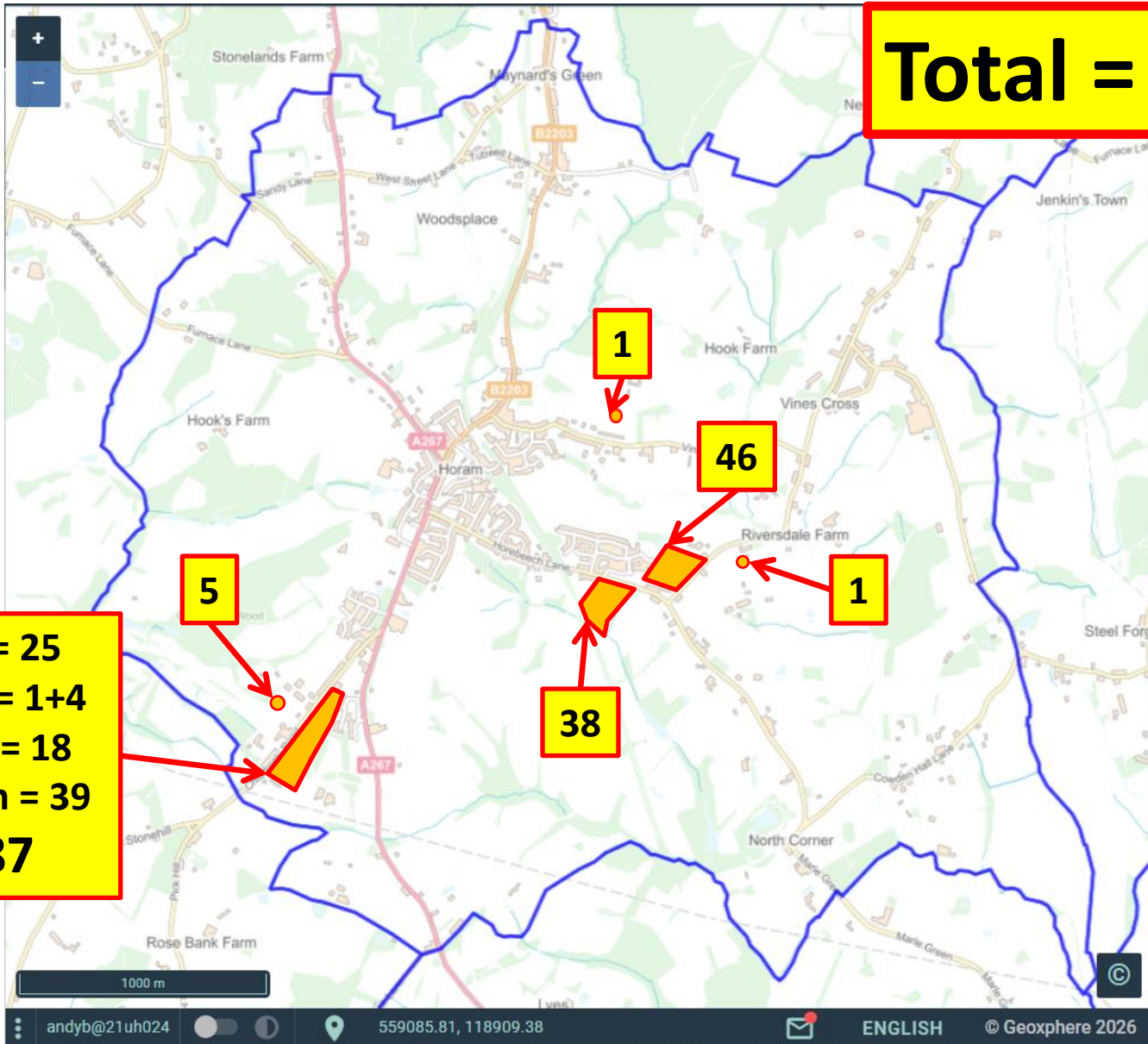
# What has been built since 2011 ?



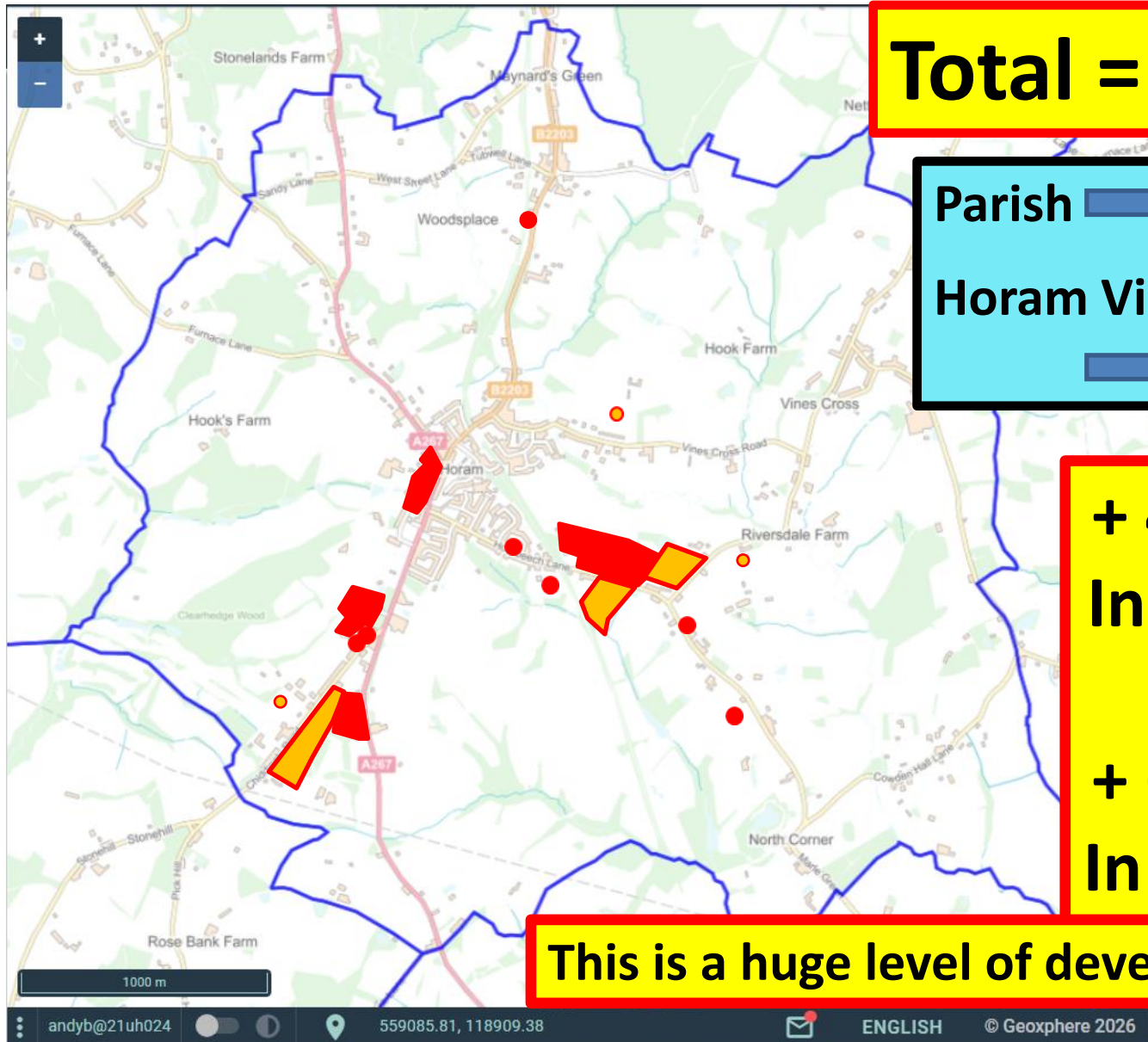
# What is already approved but not built ?

**Total = 178**

**Two Oaks = 25**  
**Dargaville = 1+4**  
**Self builds = 18**  
**H Flat Farm = 39**  
**Total = 87**



# Total Built &/or Approved since 2011



**Total = 507**

**Parish → 1,657**  
**Horam Village → 1,293**

**+ 44.1 %  
In parish**  
**+ 62.8 %  
In village**

**This is a huge level of development**

# The Way We Are Now

- Horam has already been subjected to a high level of development that has been built-out since 2012, when the plans for Merrydown were approved.
- That will grow to a huge level of development once the sites already approved but not yet built have been completed
- All against a backdrop of reduced facilities and lack of adequate infrastructure

# The Infrastructure Deficit

- **Since 2011 we have:-**
- Lost 2 pubs
- Lost Post Office
- Doctors 'Full'. Dentist 'Full'. School oversubscribed.
- Bus service cut from 30 mins to 75 mins
- Sewage spills, sludge tankers & Grampian Conditions
- Still low water pressure and hosepipe bans
- Still have long power cuts, frequent small ones
- Barely adequate internet speeds
- Roads congested and breaking up/potholing
- Car park not large enough for current demand
- WDC report – deficient for open green space
  - But we have gained a CoOp convenience store

# Where has WDC Local Plan got to?

- WDC are now rolling out for Consultation (Regulation 18) the Draft Wealden Focussed Local Plan
- WDC are consulting on this between  
**6<sup>th</sup> February and 20<sup>th</sup> March**
- WDC will hold an exhibition on their Local Plan
  - **WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEB Horam Village Hall, 2pm to 8 pm**
  - Please attend, look, listen and ask questions
  - AND please, please, please submit your own responses to the Consultation

## BECAUSE

- **Wealden allocate 5 sites in Horam for development**
- **Totalling another 801 houses in addition to the 507**

# The Future as Proposed by Wealden

**PLUS ADDITIONAL 801 allocated  
in Draft Wealden Local Plan**

**Total = 1,308**

**Parish go to = 2,458  
Village go to = 2,094**

**+113.7 %  
In Parish**

**+ 163.7 %  
In village**

**HOR1 10**

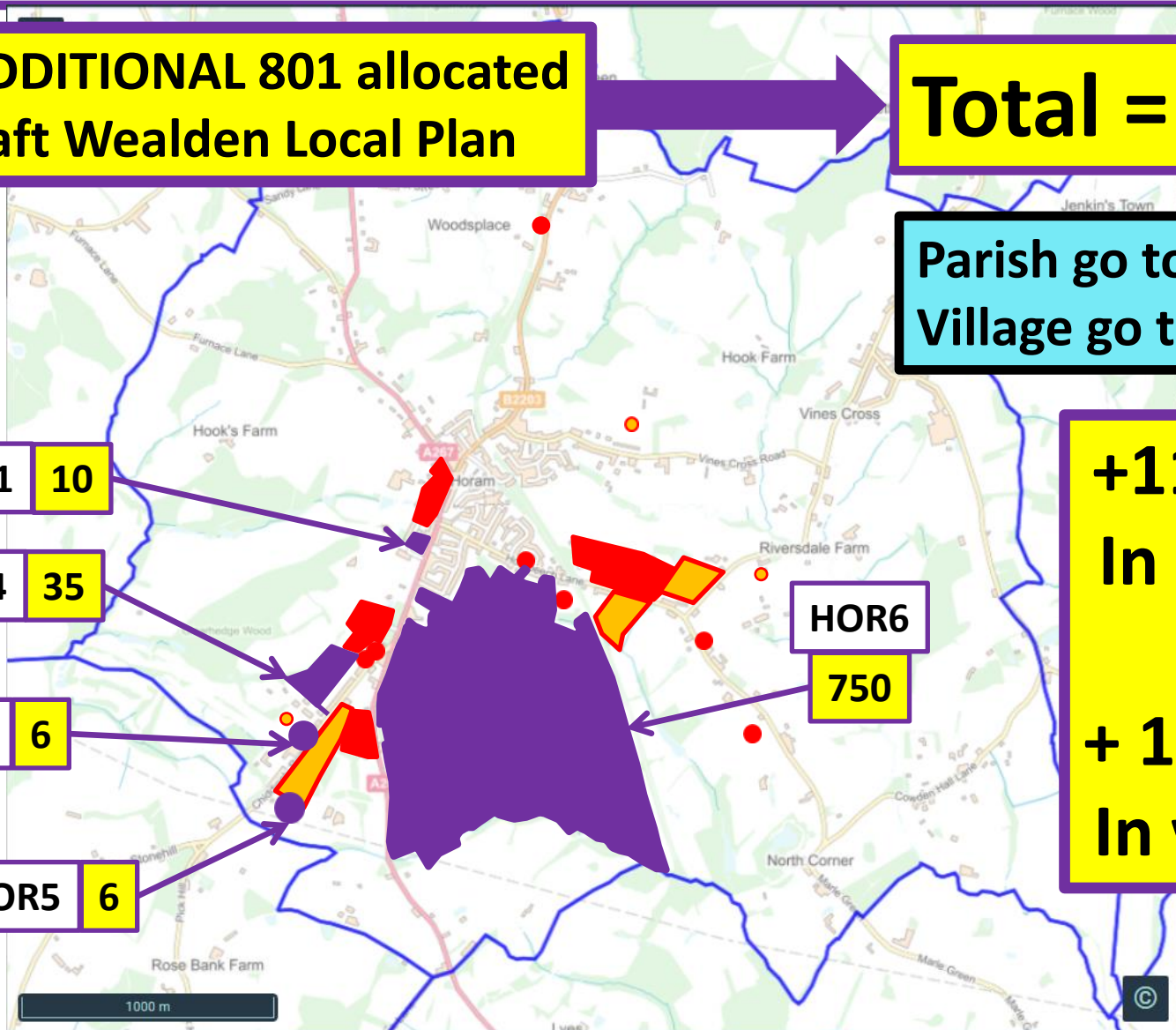
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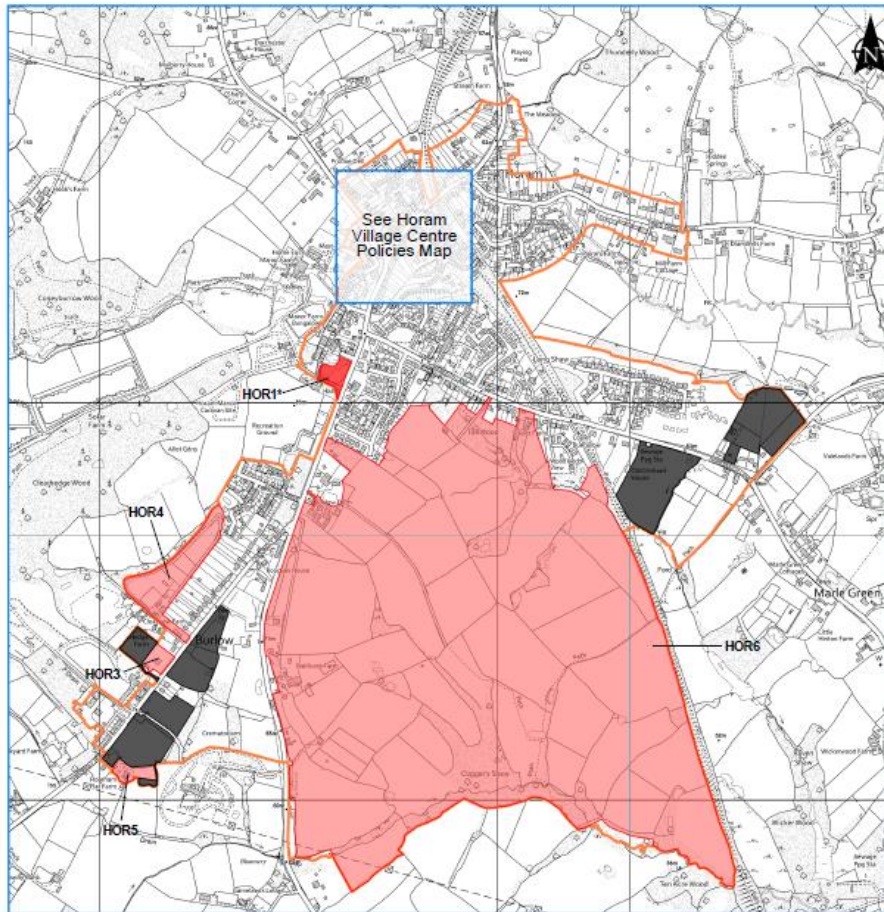
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**HOR6**

**750**



# & With the Development Boundary




## Horam



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## Site Allocations and Options Plan

  
100 Metres  
Scale 1:10000 @ A3

# Discovery Way – HOR1

In the 2024 Draft Local Plan this site was allocation for 5 dwellings; **NOW IT IS 10 (TEN)**



# Discovery Way – HOR1

- Part of Merrydown development
  - The Design and Access Statement - key features:-  
*“Existing meadow and pond at the southern boundary to be retained and enhanced as part of a habitat creation area.”*

Notice of Decision  
 Application No. WD/2011/2817/MAJ

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT  
 MIXED REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME COMPRISING 59 NO. DWELLINGS, 10 NO. NEW B1 EMPLOYMENT UNITS COMPRISING TOTAL OF 1251 S.Q.M., INFORMAL OPEN SPACE, IMPROVED VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ONTO A267 AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE.  
 FORMER MERRYDOWN CIDER FACTORY, A267, HORAM, TN21 0JF.

33. This planning decision relates solely to the following plan(s) and (where appropriate) documents:

Ref.	Date Stamped.	STN4
Site Survey Sheet 1 Dwg SUR_01	13 August 2012	
Tree Protection Plan Dwg 7611/02 3/3 Rev B	13 August 2012	
Location Plan Dwg 53	13 August 2012	
Constraints/Opportunities Plan Dwg 105	13 August 2012	
Concept Plan Dwg 103	13 August 2012	
Statement of Community Involvement	13 August 2012	
Commercial Viability Statement	13 August 2012	
Design and Access Statement	13 August 2012	

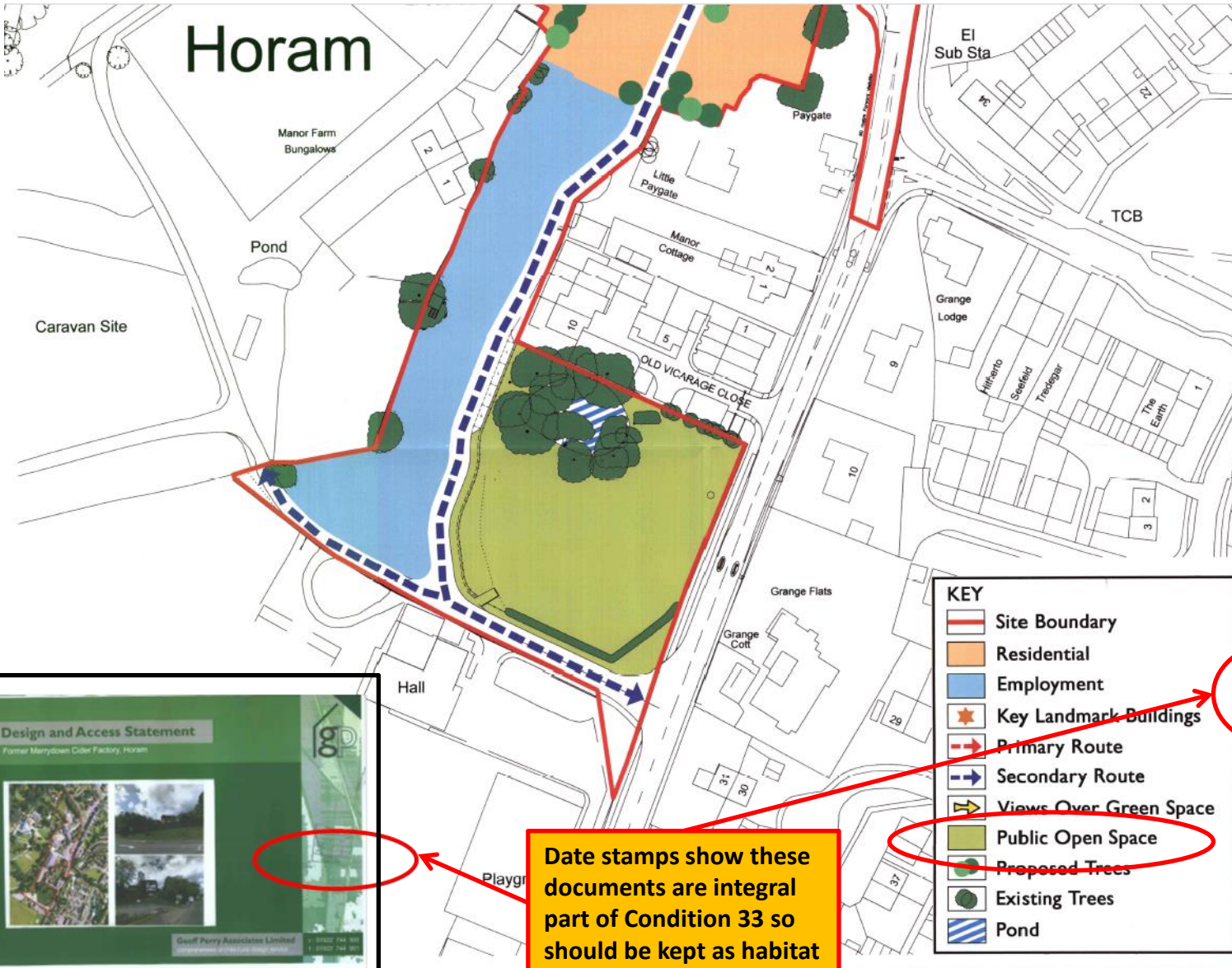
IMPORTANT: See Notes overleaf  
 DATE OF ISSUE: 6 August 2013

*Kelvin Williams*

Kelvin Williams  
 Head of Planning & Environmental Services

Application No. WD/2011/2817/MAJ

# Discovery Way – HOR1



Client:  
Redrow Homes Eastern Ltd

Project:  
Former Merrydown Cider Factory,  
Little London Rd, Horam

Title:  
Concept Plan

Date: March 2012 Scale: 1:500 @ A0  
Drawn by: GPA Checked by: -

Job No. 1508 Drwg No. 103 Rev.

WALSALL DISTRICT COUNCIL	WALSALL DISTRICT
13 AUG 2012	18 JUL 2012
13 AUG 2012	18 JUL 2012



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- KEY**
- Site Boundary
  - Residential
  - Employment
  - Key Landmark Buildings
  - Primary Route
  - Secondary Route
  - Views Over Green Space
  - Public Open Space
  - Proposed Trees
  - Existing Trees
  - Pond



Date stamps show these documents are integral part of Condition 33 so should be kept as habitat

# Discovery Way – HOR1

- 2022 Wealden Open Space Assessment
  - Horam is deficient in open green space
  - This site is one of only two in parish classed as natural and semi-natural open space :-
  - Site ID 98 – Horam Natural Green Space 2 (0.32 ha)

Paragraph 254 of the Wealden Open Space Assessment states

254. If an area does not have access to provision, it is deemed deficient.

Table 20.3: Summary of quantity standards

**HORAM IS DEFICIENT**

Typology	Quantity (Sqm)		
	Available	Required	Balance
Parks and gardens	56,500	15,089	+41,411
Natural & semi-natural	13,800	54,378	-40,578
Amenity greenspace	4,000	15,943	-11,943
Play provision	1,400	1,424	-23
Allotments	5,900	2,847	+3,053

# **Discovery Way – HOR1**

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  - This site is one of only two in parish classed as natural and semi-natural open space :-
  - Site ID 98 – Horam Natural Green Space 2 (0.32 ha)
- **In 2023 Horam Parish Council negotiated a period of exclusivity for WDC to buy Horam Manor Farm to remove that deficiency & be an asset to promote physical and mental well being in all Wealden residents**
- **2023 – WDC refused as it didn't provide enough income !!**

# Discovery Way – HOR1

- **2023 – Horam Draft Neighbourhood Plan**
- Identified this site as a project that the parish could improve and convert into a ‘low-activity’ park with trees, bushes, flowers, a pond, benches and paths. Easy walk from Horam, adjacent to parking at Village Hall and a contrast to ‘high-activity’ recreation ground.
- **2024** - This was commended highly by the external examiner – but **WDC required** it to be removed in order for the Neighbourhood Plan to be MADE

# Discovery Way – HOR1

## WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL OPEN SPACE ASSESSMENT REPORT

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25. This included dedicated chapters on natural environment and health and well-being, of which open space provision is a key consideration. A series of policy options were set out focusing on:

- ◀ Continuing to resist inappropriate loss of green infrastructure (including open spaces) and support proposals to enhance access to, as well as quality and quantity of, provision.
- ◀ Ensure future open space needs are planned for in areas with potential for substantial change and support the creation of new publicly accessible provision in areas of deficiency.
- ◀ Enhance open spaces to provide a wider range of benefits for residents.
- ◀ Ensure housing development is made healthy through the provision of good quality open spaces within their design and layout.

26. An up-to-date open space study will therefore form a key element of the Council's evidence base to support its emerging policies and the Local Plan as a whole.

54. A site rating low for quality should not automatically be viewed as being fit for development. It is also necessary to understand its value, access and role within the community it serves. It may for example be the only site serving an area and should therefore be considered a priority for enhancement.

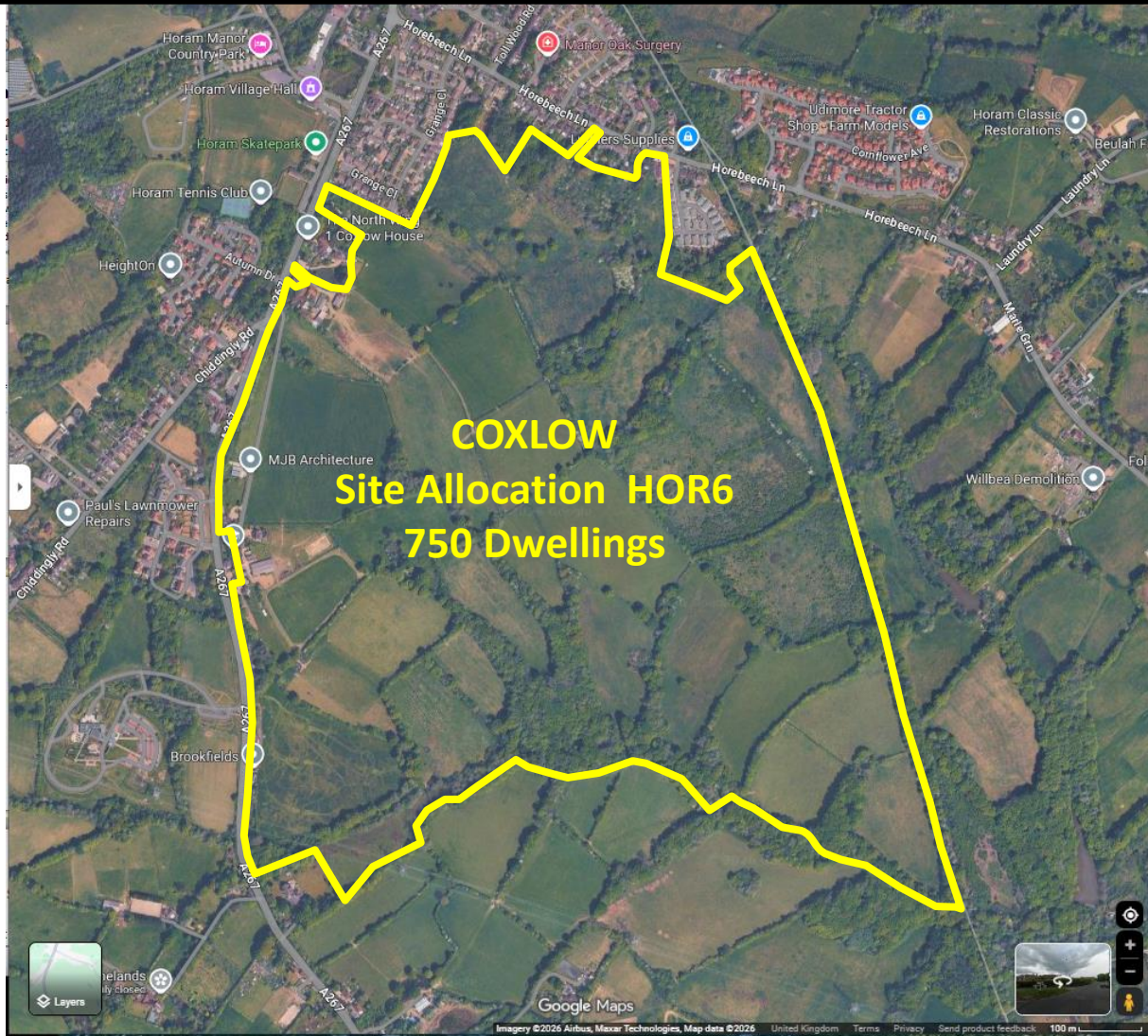
140. Sites scoring below the quality threshold tend to be devoid of basic ancillary features such as benches and bins. In some instances, natural and semi-natural sites can be intentionally without ancillary facilities in order to reduce misuse/inappropriate behaviour whilst encouraging greater conservation. All five of these sites score low for entrances and user security. Scarletts Lake (15%) is noted as being a large site with poor access and parking, lowering the quality of the site. Moat Wood (22%) also lacks ancillary features however is observed as a well-used wood. Horam Natural Green Space 2 (22%) is a small area lacking any noticeable features other than a very worn pathway.

# Green Space Summary

- Protecting green infrastructure and improving access, quality, and quantity.
- Planning for future open space in growth areas and creating new public sites where needed.
- Enhancing open spaces for broader resident benefits.
- Ensuring housing developments include quality open spaces.
- A site with a low quality rating shouldn't be seen as automatically suitable for development.
- A sites value, accessibility, and community function must be considered

# Coxlow - HOR6

**Classed as a Strategic Site by WDC**



# Looking Into Coxlow



From PROW HOR/16/1 near Cuckoo Trail  
Looking north



From Cuckoo Trail  
Looking west



From end of Grange Close  
Looking south to the Downs



PROW HOR/16/1  
Showing regrowth



From May Garland bus stop on A267  
Looking east to Grove Hill

# Coxlow – The now



From PROW HOR/16/1  
Looking west to Coxlow Farm

These field boundaries are present on map published in 1782



From PROW HOR/16/1  
Looking southeast



Venerable Oaks



From PROW HOR/16/1  
Looking northwest



From PROW HOR/16/1  
Looking north

# Coxlow – April Morning, early

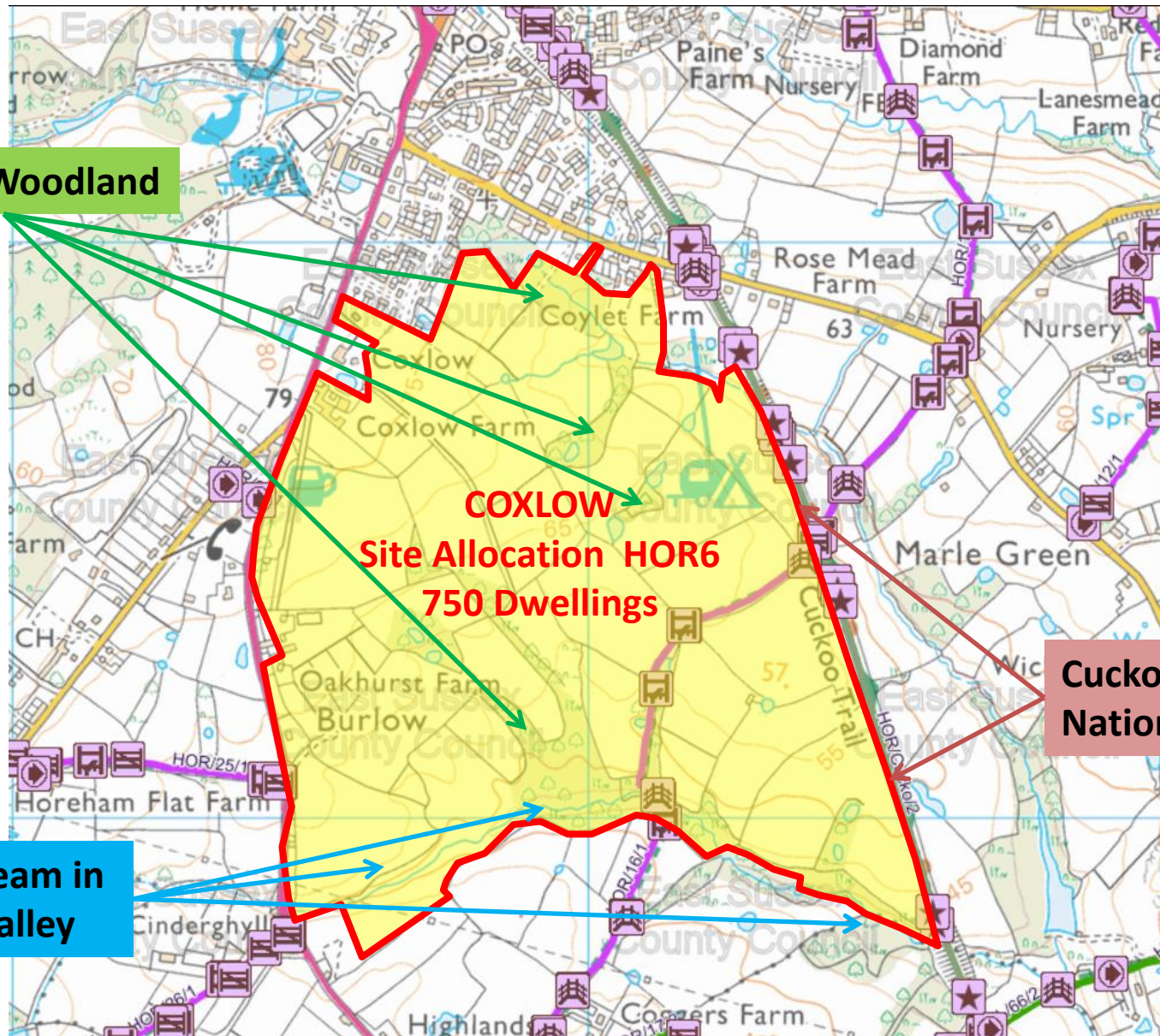


From PROW HOR/16/1  
Looking southwest towards Cogger's Shaw

**Taken in 2025  
Probably looked similar in  
1925, 1825 & even 1725  
(but the oak trees would have been smaller  
and before the hedge was grubbed out)**

# Coxlow - HOR6

Ancient Woodland



**COXLOW**  
**Site Allocation HOR6**  
**750 Dwellings**

Cuckoo Trail  
National Asset

Ghyll stream in  
incised valley

# SUSTAINABILITY

- WHAT IS SUSTAINABILITY?
- Sustainability is a word that is much used (i.e. thrown around) in order to justify development.
- Summer 2024 – Westminster Government wanted developments of good design in sustainable locations
- Not yet had a definition of Sustainability from WDC Officers, despite repeated requests

# Developers

- Main protagonist is Gladman now owned by Bovis
- But Brookworth also involved
- HOR6 Coxlow site is 'owned' piecemeal between Gladman and Brookworth, and also individuals
- Not yet clear which tranches of land will be included in the first planning Application
- Gladman & Brookworth have a financial discussion going on

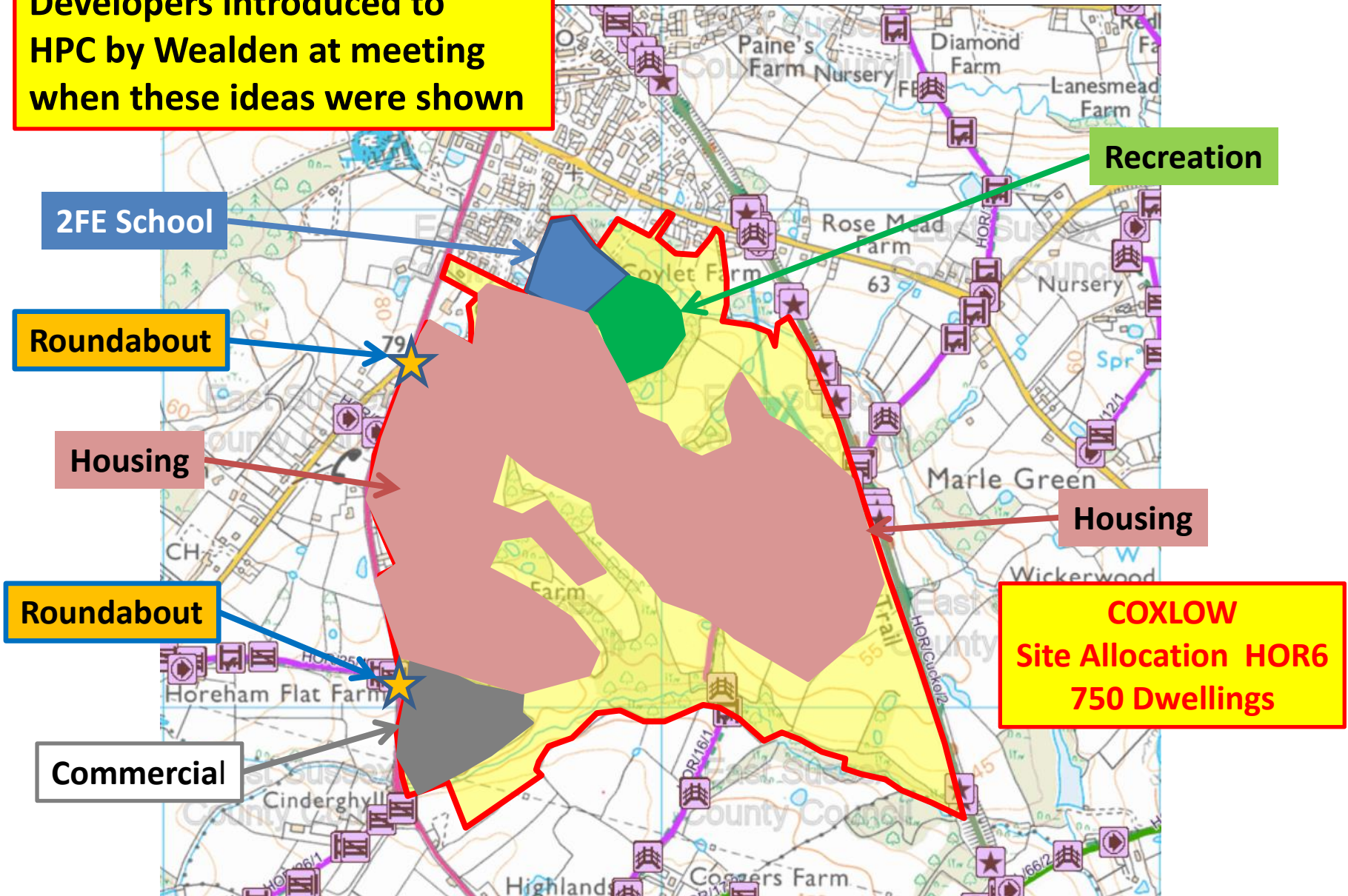
Failure to resolve the financial discussion may mean more chaos on A267 while access roads are dealt with

# Developers Ideas

- Environmental Impact Assessment for 900 dwellings
- Access via new roundabout at junction Chiddingly Rd/A267
- Also new roundabout at Crem/A267
- OR access behind Grange Close
- Land ownership issues may dictate access points
- New 2 Form Entry primary School
- New Community building
- Community sports field, allotments, play area

# Developers & Wealden's Initial Ideas

Developers introduced to HPC by Wealden at meeting when these ideas were shown



# Wealden's ideas

- We know that WDC are clearly under massive pressure from Government on housing numbers and being limited in where housing can go due to the High Weald National Landscape, South Downs National Park and the Pevensey Levels, are dumping it in the Low Weald - with (HPC believe) insufficient regard to the impacts on the local communities affected.

# An Example of this Insufficient Regard

- **For example:-** Developer's Scoping Report for EIA stated that the impact of Coxlow Farm development on community and its' social effects would be significant so needed to be addressed in EIA.
- Wealden did not consider them significant so Community and Social Effects had to be removed from EIA. WDC suggested they be covered in a standalone report (which, incidentally, carries far less weight because it is not part of the EIA)
- In their Decision Notice dated 16/01/2026 Wealden's comments on Community and Social Effects included:-
  - WDC, however, does not agree with the level of impact being defined as significant.
  - Whilst there will be impacts, WDC does not consider these are likely to be significant having regard to the proposed land-uses within the actual development and therefore should be scoped out of the ES.
  - It is considered that these matters can be appropriately covered in a standalone report supporting the planning application.
- **These subjective, unsubstantiated 'considerations' show there is insufficient regard of the impact on existing residents !!**

# What HPC has done to push back

- Neighbourhood Plan – including Design Guide
- Responded fully to previous Reg 18 Consultation
- Commissioned Proprietary Landscape Study
  - Sent it to WDC officers
- Written to Steve Reed – Housing Minister
  - Copied to Nus Ghani – MP
- Written to WDC - Chris Bending –
  - Landscape Study not yet incorporated in Draft LP but WDC replied it will be ‘taken into account’
- Holding residents meeting 12<sup>th</sup> Feb & ‘Drop-in Morning’ on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb in Horam Centre
- Will hold 3 Extraordinary Full Council Meetings to prepare Parish Council response to Consultation

# HPC Landscape Study of HOR6

- Why? – Did not think WDC Landscape report was accurate, was piecemeal based on SHELAA areas
- What? – To find out if & where development was appropriate within Coxlow site allocation
- Where? – Covered whole of HOR6 Coxlow as a single area
- When? – Spring/early summer of 2025, so more recent than WDC report
- Who? - Huskisson Brown Associates (HBA), very experienced
- How? – Site visit (along Public Right Of Way) and desk top study

# Landscape Study - results



Key:

- Site Boundary
- ▨ Intact field pattern to be retained
- Existing woodland to be retained and min. 15m buffer to be established
- New and enhanced woodland to connect existing habitat and create enclosure/ emphasise wooded ridge to protect setting of Cuckoo Trail and the village
- ▨ Create strong hedgerow frontage to A267 and set back to development
- Key routes to be retained
- Important local views (Policy HCD3)
  - 2. Grange Close to South Downs
  - 27. Footpath 16
  - 26. Footpath 16
- ▨ Areas to remain undeveloped
- D1 Potential area for housing
- D2 Potential area for school

Scale 1:5000@A2  
 0 10m 100m 200m 300m 400m

# What Landscape Study means

- HPC Landscape Study is much more recent than WDC study by LUC
- WDC study by LUC predates Horam Neighbourhood Plan
- LUC report for WDC is fragmented into individual SHELAA sites so lacks perspective of the site as a whole
- HPC Landscape Study is not only more recent but is the only one to deal with the HOR6 Coxlow site as a single entity
- WDC allocation of housing numbers is far too high in this landscape setting
- Housing numbers based on HPC Landscape Study are maximum 450 to 500 dwellings NOT 750
- Protects Cuckoo Trail from encroachment, so maintains enjoyment of this important National Cycle Network Route 21 in a rural setting
- Protects Cuckoo Trail from visual urbanisation
- Protects views identified in NP so conforms to Horam Neighbourhood Plan
- **Does not prevent development, it steers development to an evidence-based more appropriate scale and footprint**

# You Can See HPC's Landscape Study

- We have a copy at this meeting
- It is already on the Horam Parish Council website
- <https://horamparishcouncil.gov.uk/landscape-sensitivity-study>
- **The Horam Centre will also be open on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 09.00 – 13.00hrs** for residents to look at the landscape study, this presentation and to ask questions of Parish Councillors
- Paper Copies of WDC Draft Focussed Local Plan will be available for inspection too. Also Response Forms
- **ALL WELCOME** - There will be some tea/coffee and biscuits

# Summary of HPC push-back

- - HPC is being proactive
- - HPC has produced a MADE Neighbourhood Plan
- - HPC is highlighting the inadequacy of infrastructure
- - HPC has highlighted deficiencies in WDC's (and developer's) evidence on landscape sensitivity by commissioning a Landscape Study on behalf of the parish
- - HPC has done the maths to show that Horam is being targeted for strategic growth – which would nearly treble the size of the village - which is disproportionate and a massive over-development, which will mean Horam losing its rural village character
- - HPC is making sure that our residents are as informed as possible and able to respond to the consultation

# WHAT YOU CAN DO - 1

- Look at the Landscape Study – on HPC website
- Look at this presentation on HPC website
- **Visit Horam Centre on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb** to see Landscape Study and ask questions of Parish Cllrs
- **Before:- Attending the WDC Exhibition Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb at Horam Village Hall 2pm to 8pm**

# WHAT YOU CAN DO - 2

- Attend the WDC Exhibition Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb at Horam Village Hall 2pm to 8pm
- At the Exhibition – please look, listen, ask questions and then....
- Look at the Draft WDC Local Plan at that exhibition or on:-
- <https://www.wealden.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/new-local-plan>
- Respond personally to the WDC consultation process; the more responses WDC get the more likely they will make changes
- Encourage family, friends, neighbours to respond too

# If you cannot attend the WDC Exhibition on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, others are available

**WDC exhibition & face-to-face consultation locations and times :**

Venue	Date	Time
Ethel Wood Community Centre, Pevensey Bay	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	13:00 – 19:00
Uckfield Civic Centre	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	10:00 – 16:00
Horam Village Hall	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	14:00 – 20:00
Polegate Community Centre	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	14:00 – 20:00
East Hoathly Village Hall	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2026	10:00 – 16:00
Maresfield Village Hall	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	14:00 – 20:00
Heathfield Community Centre	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	14:00 – 20:00
Hailsham Civic Community Centre	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	10:00 – 16:00

**Paper copies of the  
Consultation  
Response Forms  
Will be available  
at these locations**

**Take your pen !!**

# To See Wealden Documents - 1

- Look at the Draft WDC Local Plan on:-
- <https://www.wealden.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/new-local-plan>

- **Scroll Down To**

[All Focused Local Plan Consultation Information](#)

[Planning Policy Evidence Base](#)

[New Sustainability Appraisal](#)

[Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment](#)

- **Click on the appropriate green text to open the next menu of documents**

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## All Focused Local Plan Consultation Information

🕒 Reading time: Approximately 1 minute

- [Draft Focused Local Plan \(pdf\)](#)

Policies Maps

**Scroll down to Horam**

- [Heathfield and Old Heathfield \(pdf\)](#)
- [Horam \(pdf\)](#)
- [Maresfield \(pdf\)](#)

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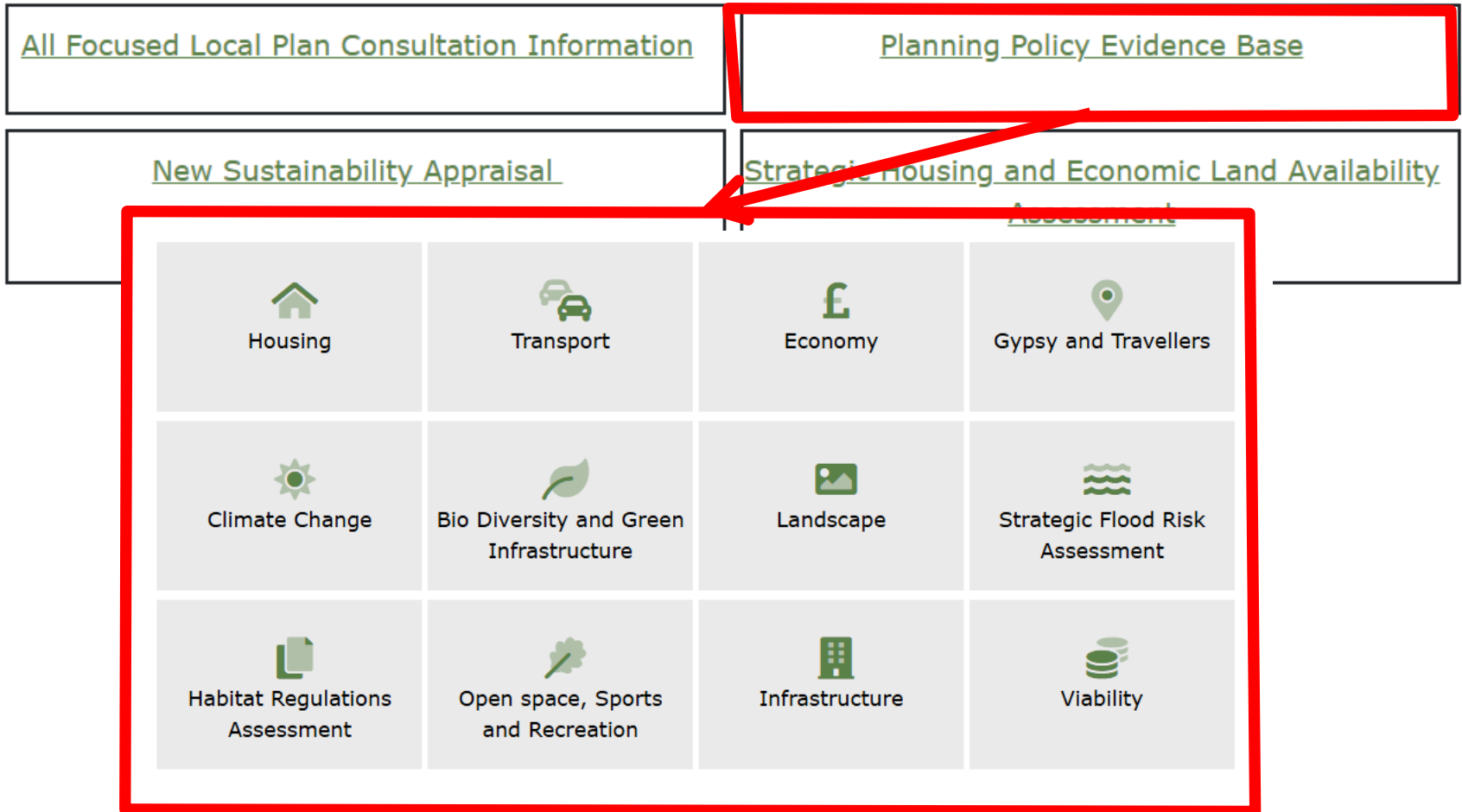
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- [Sustainability Appraisal Part 1 \(pdf\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal Part 1 APPENDICES 1 – 4 \(pdf\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal Part 2 Parish Site Assessments \(pdf\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal Part 2 Parish Site Assessments APPENDIX B – Detailed Site Assessments \(pdf\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal Part 3 Strategic Site Assessments \(pdf\)](#)

**For Example:- As HOR6 Coxlow is a Strategic Site information on this can be found in Part 3**

# To See Wealden Documents - 4

- For example



# To See Wealden Documents - 5

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- [Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment \(SHELAA\) Main Report \(January 2026\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Appendix 1 – Site Assessments \(pdf\)](#)
- [Appendix 2 – Windfall Assessment \(pdf\)](#)

# To See Paper Copies of WDC Documents

- Attend one (or more) of the WDC Exhibitions
- Paper copies of Draft WDC Local Plan Documents will be available to view at Horam Centre, High Street, Horam, TN21 0EH during HPC Office hours:-

Tuesday 09.30 – 12.30

Wednesday 09.30 – 12.30

Thursday 09.30 – 12.30

Friday 10.00 – 1.00

- Paper Copies of the Consultation Response Form will be available too - please bring your pen.

# How to Respond online

Use the form available on WDC online consultation portal

<https://consult.wealden.gov.uk/kse/>

And make sure you complete all the personal details too, otherwise your response may not be validated



## Draft 'Focused' Wealden Regulation 18 Local Plan Consultation Response Form

Draft 'Focused' Wealden Regulation 18 Local Plan

**Draft Site Allocations - Please provide the site reference and site name that you wish to comment on. You can comment on as many sites as you wish to. If you would like to comment on a SHELAA site or parish, please provide the SHELAA reference and site or parish name?**

Site Reference & Name	Comments

**Part A Personal Details – You must provide these details for us to accept your consultation response**

	Details please
Title	
First Name	
Surname	
Professional Position (if relevant)	
Represented Organisation (if relevant)	
Address	
Post Code	
Email address	

**Please use this box to make any general comments that you may have that are not covered by any other question within the draft 'Focused' Wealden Local Plan?**

Question Number	Comments

**Please use this box to make any comments on any supporting documents. For example, this may include the Interim Sustainability Appraisal, Interim Infrastructure Delivery Plan, and Interim Equalities and Fairness Impact Assessment?**

Document and paragraph Number	Specific Comments

# How to Respond using Paper Form - 1

- **Collect a Response Form from:-**
- WDC offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham (Office hours)
- Parish Council Office, High Street, Horam (Office hours)
- At WDC Exhibition, 18<sup>th</sup> Feb at Horam Village Hall
- HPC drop-in Mornings 14<sup>th</sup> Feb & 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Parish Council Office, High Street, Horam

# How to Respond using Paper Form - 2

- **Return Your Completed Response Form by Post to:-**

**Planning Policy,  
Wealden District Council,  
Vicarage Lane,  
Hailsham,  
BN27 2AX**

- Remember to affix the appropriate value postage stamp – there is no FreePost

# **How to Respond using Paper Form - 3**

- **OR :- Put Your Completed Response Form inside a sealed envelope, addressed to :-**

**Planning Policy, Wealden District Council,  
Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX**

- **on the outside of the envelope please write the Question numbers that you have commented on**
- **Return by hand to Horam Parish Council Office.**
  - **In the Horam Centre, High Street, Horam**
- **Before 12.00hrs (midday) Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**
- **If office closed please put through letter box**

# An Example on How to Respond - 1

Use the form available on WDC online consultation portal

<https://consult.wealden.gov.uk/kse/>

And make sure you complete all the personal details too

**If you think the parts of the Draft WDC Local Plan which have most direct impact on Horam are the Draft Site Allocations then Question 11 invites your comments**

## Question 11

- a) Do you agree with the updated draft Policy SA1: Housing and Mixed-Use Site Allocations, and if not, why?
- b) Do you agree with the site allocations listed within this policy and if not, what are the reasons for this?

# An Example on How to Respond - 2

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**So to comment about Draft Site Allocations at, for example:-**

**HOR1 Land adjoining Discovery Way and Village Hall, Horam**

**And/or**

**HOR6 Coxlow Farm, Horam Road, Horam**

**Use the page headed Draft Site Allocations and ensure to provide both the site reference and the site name (even if it is a tad long)**

Draft Site Allocations - Please provide the site reference and site name that you wish to comment on. You can comment on as many sites as you wish to. If you would like to comment on a SHELAA site or parish, please provide the SHELAA reference and site or parish name?

Site Reference & Name	Comments

# For More Information

- **Horam Centre will be open Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb & Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March**
- **09.00hrs to 13.00hrs (9am to 1pm); both days**
- Where you can see the documents, speak to Parish Councillors & pick up a Response Form to write your own comments (Please bring a pen)
- **All Welcome**

# Horam Parish Council Summary

- Horam has already had a huge scale of development
- Already suffered unsustainable distribution of housing growth relative to settlement size and infrastructure
- Horam lacks adequate infrastructure for the current residents
- WDC Draft Local Plan – includes additional substantially disproportionate scale of growth; hence it represents a massive over-development of Horam.
- WDC Draft Local Plan evidence base is flawed, it disregards:-
  - Landscape setting in HOR6 Coxlow
  - Value of a rural Cuckoo Trail in HOR6 Coxlow
  - Open Green Space requirements in HOR1 Discovery Way
  - Appeal Inspector's Decision in HOR4 Clearview Farm
  - Scale of Impact of these on Community & it's Social Effects
  - Greatly Exceeds local housing need; Horam parish Housing Need report