

Slinfold Parish Council Response to HDC Decision Statement

Residents who have been monitoring the progress of the Slinfold Parish Neighbourhood Plan will know that after the Examiner issued his 17 point modification to the Plan, there have been on-going discussions between the Parish Council and Horsham over which of the amendments to accept and/or reject. We are now into a further consultation period which closes on the 4th May and it is up to us as a Parish to make our views known.

The Parish Council felt the draft plan as submitted for examination represented a positive plan with sites chosen to mitigate 'over development' at any one site and spread the load of much needed homes in sustainable locations across the village. There were some parts of the plan which were less palatable than others but judging by the feedback we received, it was considered balanced.

The downside of the whole process has always been that should the plan fail, we could see upto 800 homes across the entire parish.

The Examiner and HDC want to make some modifications to the Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan which they have published in their Decision Notice which is now being consulted on. The Parish Council would like to HDC to further modify and are interested in the views of the Parish on;

- Housing numbers for each site - The Examiner wants all reference to housing numbers removed and HDC want to prefix each number with "at least [number]". Slinfold Parish Council would like to see numbers included for each site and those number prefixed by "upto [number]" or "around [number]" which is a term used by HDC in its own plan.
- End of Westway - The Examiner and HDC want to see all housing and public space omitted from the central fields and the surplus housing put on land East of Hayes Lane. Slinfold Parish Council want to see housing which releases public open space in this central village location and a limit on the housing attributed to Hayes Lane albeit maybe slightly more than the original linear 15 allocated.
- Scout Hut - HDC and the Examiner have struck out the Scout Hut at Crosby Farm meaning that unless a deal can be struck between Saxon Weald and HDC, the Scouts could be without a hut after 2024. The developer for End of Westway has now put forward a proposal which reduces the number of residential units, includes public open space and provides a new Scout Hut.

The Parish Council would like to encourage residents to comment on the Plan and proposed amendments.

To make your views known, please visit the HDC Consultation website:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planningpolicy/planning-policy/currentconsultations/neighbourhood-development-plans>