



Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan

List of Planning Terms (April 2015)

Subject	Description
A1, B1, B8 (See also Use)	Use Classes as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987. Classes include A1 for shops, B1 for light industrial, offices (excluding financial services) and research and development of products and processes, B8 for storage and distribution use.
Affordable Housing	Rented and part-owned housing, provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the open market. Eligibility is determined with regard to local incomes and local house prices.
Ancient Woodland	An area that has been wooded continuously since at least 1600 AD.
Article 4 Direction	Direction removing some or all permitted development rights. Article 4 directions are issued by Horsham DC.
Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land	Soil in grades 1, 2 and 3a of the Agricultural Land Classification.
Biodiversity	The whole variety of life on earth, encompassing all species and their variations and the ecosystems of which they are part.
Built up Area Boundary (BUAB)	The built up areas are designated by Horsham DC and mark the area of villages and towns, such as in Slinfold Parish, where development may be appropriate. Development outside the BUAB (considered as countryside) is strictly controlled and normally limited to uses which are suitable for a location in the countryside and have a demonstrable need for such a location, such as agriculture and forestry uses. As stated in Policy 3 of the emerging Horsham District Planning Framework, the BUAB can now also be redrawn by Neighbourhood Plans.
Change of Use	A change in the way that land or buildings are utilised, for instance from commercial and industrial to residential. Planning permission is usually necessary in order to change from one 'use class' to another.
Character	A term relating to the appearance of any countryside or built location in terms of its landscape or the layout of open spaces and spaces, giving the location its own distinct identity.
Coalescence	The closing of gaps between settlements.

Community Facilities	Facilities available for the community, including village halls, public houses, churches and play areas.
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a levy that local authorities (in our case Horsham DC) can charge on new developments in their area. The money can be available to support development by funding infrastructure that councils, the local community and neighbourhoods want.
Conservation Area	An area designated by Horsham DC under Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as an area of special architectural or historical interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance. Designation gives control over the demolition of buildings and provides the basis for policies designed to preserve or enhance all the aspects of character or appearance that define the area's special interest
Development	Development is defined under the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act as "the carrying out of building, engineering, mining or other operation in, on, over or under land, or the making of any material change in the use of any building or other land." Most forms of development require planning permission, but excluded is relatively small-scale development ("permitted development") and many agricultural/horticultural/forestry activities.
Ecological Corridor	An area of natural or semi-natural habitat providing access for plants and animals to move from place to place, often linking places of higher biodiversity.
Evidence Base	The Evidence Base is a collection of reports which have informed the Neighbourhood Plan policies. The evidence can come from a wide range of sources including public consultation, research documents, other strategies, national policy and monitoring.
Examination	An independent review of the Neighbourhood Plan carried out in public by an independent examiner.
Green Infrastructure	A strategically planned and delivered network of high quality green spaces and other environmental features. Green Infrastructure includes parks, open spaces, playing fields, woodlands, allotments and private gardens.

Heritage Asset	A building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest. Heritage asset includes designated heritage assets (as identified by English Heritage) and also places identified in the Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan.
Horsham District Planning Framework (HDPF)	The HDPF is a development plan document which will become a core part of the local development plan for the District. It sets out a long term spatial vision and objectives, containing both strategic and development management policies. Unlike the Thakeham Neighbourhood Plan, the content of the HDPF is approved by the Government's Inspector and is not subject to a referendum.
Housing Design	In planning terms, the design of new houses and conversions does not include those building control aspects covered by the Building Regulations. The Building Regulations contain the rules for building work in new and altered buildings to make them safe and accessible and limit waste, including fuel waste and environmental damage. From March 2014, certain aspects, such as the Code for Sustainable Homes, were moved from the planning regime to the building control regime.
Independent Examiner	The role of the Independent Examiner is to evaluate the Neighbourhood Plan. It has to be someone with appropriate qualifications and skills who meets certain requirements set out in the Localism Act, such as a planning consultant or other planning professional. The examiner will be appointed by Horsham District Council as the local planning authority, but only with the agreement of Slinfold Parish Council.
Infilling	The use of vacant land and buildings within a built-up area for further development.
Infrastructure	The basic facilities, services, and installations needed for the functioning of a community or society, such as transportation and communications systems, water and power lines, and public and community buildings including schools, community centres, leisure services, health services, etc.
Landscape Character	The distinct and recognisable pattern of elements that occur consistently in a particular type of landscape. It reflects particular combinations of geology, landform, soils, vegetation, land use and human settlement.

Listed Buildings	Buildings and structures which are listed by English Heritage as being of special architectural and historic interest and whose protection and maintenance are the subject of special legislation. Listed building consent is required before any works are carried out on a listed building.
Local Green Spaces	A designation to provide special protection of a green area of particular importance to the local community, using the criteria of paragraphs 76-77 of the NPPF.
Local Planning Authority	The Local Planning Authority for Slinfold Parish is Horsham District Council (HDC)
Localism Act	The Localism Act is an Act of Parliament that became law in April 2012. The Act introduces a new right for local people to draw up 'Neighbourhood Development Plans' for their local area.
Market Housing/Open Market Housing	Houses for sale or rent where prices are set in the open market.
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)	The NPPF was published by the Government in March 2012. It sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied in development planning documents, including neighbourhood plans, and in decisions on planning applications.
Neighbourhood Plan (Neighbourhood Development Plan) (See also Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan)	A plan (made under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) to guide local land use planning issues, including the identification of new development sites acceptable to the community. It does not cover issues beyond the Planning Acts or matters of broader concern such as energy or waste development.
Parish Design Statement	A document which describes the visual character and architectural styles of the Parish in order to recommend the preferred style for new development. The existing statement is to be updated during the lifetime of the TPNP.
Permitted Development	Permission to carry out certain limited forms of development without the need to make an application to a local planning authority, as granted under the terms of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order. For instance, erecting small shed in gardens is normally permitted development.
Plan Period	The period for which the Slinfold Parish Neighbourhood Plan will set policy for the parish. This will be to 2031.

Previously Developed Land (Brownfield Land)	Previously developed land is land which is occupied by a permanent structure, its curtilage and associated fixed infrastructure. Previously developed land specifically excludes land occupied by agricultural, horticultural or forestry buildings.
Public Open Space	Open space which is open to the public and is normally owned or managed by a public organisation such as Slinfold Parish Council or HDC.
Referendum	A vote by the electorate on a single political question that has been referred to for a direct decision. With regard to the Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan, a public referendum will decide whether to adopt the Plan.
Statutory	Required by law (statute), usually through an Act of Parliament.
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)	The SHLAA, written by consultants for Horsham DC, provides an informed estimate of land availability for housing at a given point in time, to inform plan-making and to ensure that Horsham DC maintains a five-year supply of housing land. The study provides a key element of the evidence base for the emerging HDPF. However, the Practice Guidance is very clear that “the Assessment is an important evidence source to inform plan making but does not in itself determine whether a site should be allocated for housing development”.
Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)	The SHMA, written by consultants for Horsham DC, forms part of the evidence base for Local Plans (such as the HDPF) and provides an assessment of needs for all types of housing, taking account of demographic projections and the needs of different groups in the community, as well as housing demand and the level of housing supply necessary to meet this demand.
Sunken Lane	A road or track significantly lower than the land on either side and not formed by recent engineering of a road cutting but of much greater age.
Sustainability Appraisal (SA or SA/SEA)	A process of appraising draft planning policies for their social, economic and environmental effects. It incorporates the requirements of EU Directive 42/2001 on strategic environmental assessment. The checking of the appraisal is done by Horsham DC, the Independent Examiner will approve the content.

<p>Sustainable Development</p>	<p>The three dimensions to sustainable development – economic, social and environmental - together form the backbone to the National Planning Policy Framework to which all development plans need to conform. The NPPF's definition of Sustainable Development (NPPF, p2) states:</p> <p>The UK Sustainable Development Strategy <i>Securing the Future</i> set out five 'guiding principles' of sustainable development: living within the planet's environmental limits; ensuring a strong, healthy and just society; achieving a sustainable economy; promoting good governance; and using sound science responsibly.</p>
<p>Slinfold Neighbourhood (Development) Plan</p>	<p>The full title in the Localism Act is 'Neighbourhood Development Plan' but this is commonly shortened to Neighbourhood Plan. The SNP is a plan document for Slinfold Parish that is subject to examination in public and approval by referendum.</p>
<p>Use</p>	<p>In planning terms, the way in which land or buildings are utilised (used). The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 puts the utilisation (use) of land and buildings into various categories, such as commercial and industrial or residential.</p>
<p>Water course</p>	<p>A channel through which a moving body of water flows, including rivers, streams and drainage ditches.</p>
<p>West Sussex County Council</p>	<p>The Authority of the County of West Sussex responsible for services such as education, transport, emergency services and waste disposal.</p>
<p>Windfall Sites</p>	<p>Sites (including conversions) which are not included as part of the housing land supply at the base date of the Plan but which subsequently become available for appropriate housing development, other than</p>