

## **Astwood and Hardmead Neighbourhood Plan, Reg 16 consultation responses**

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I am writing to give my opinion on the Neighbourhood Plan for Astwood and Hardmead Parish. I have lived in the village all my life and really feel strongly that the villages need to stay as a village and not become overcrowded. Having a NHP helps us to protect what GREEN we have left and also allows the villages to try and limit the number of houses built over the years. Of course, I understand the population is growing continuously and houses do need to be built but at the same time we need to be able to have some say on what is allowed to be built in the village and where.

When you have a NHP I feel this tries to protect what we have and to stop someone coming in and allowing huge number of houses to be built without a say, this way it gives people freedom of speech and try to look after what we have, such as, wildlife, conservation areas and keep the village as a village, having a NHP this helps towards the decisions which are made and give locals a chance to have their say, which is a very important part of a village.

THE PLAN IS ESSENTIAL FOR OUR PARISH