

Haversham-cum-Little Linford Neighbourhood Plan

Reg 16 consultation responses

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My comments are as follows.....

1. I would like to thank all participants in the Neighbourhood Plan process. This has been a long and arduous process made worse by the delays and difficulties of operating through the Covid pandemic.
2. The vast majority of the plan as submitted is great work and has my approval; it provides a good local framework for the near future of our neighbourhood.
3. Invariably the proposed Housing Development is seen as the headline issue, and I would like to comment on that proposal.
 - a. The two surveys carried out arrived at an overall conclusion that there is a housing need in Haversham and that this can be expressed simply as, for a small housing development consisting of predominantly affordable housing. Yet the proposal outlined in this document is stated as conforming to Policy HLL2, which amongst other things states a minimum mix of 31% affordable housing.
 - b. I understand how we have arrived at the proposal to go forward with the site to the North end of High St in the old village but to my mind, the process has let us down. We have arrived at the least-best opportunity on a site with no bus route which will have a disproportionate impact on its very local environment.
 - c. In my opinion, the site that should have been explored much more intensely is the North end of the Recreation Ground. This site is already owned by the Parish Council, is on a bus route and would have a lower impact on its immediate environment in terms of additional traffic etc.
4. Overall, I propose to support this plan and to vote for it in its current format. I would not like to see Haversham without a Neighbourhood Plan.
5. However, if the developer of the site to the North end of High St proposes a plan with less than 50% affordable housing I will object to it.
6. One last thought. If this plan were to be rejected in the upcoming voting process, as part of the ongoing review process, I would like to see the site owned by the Parish Council at the North end of the Recreation Ground reviewed and reconsidered as part of the ongoing review process.