

COMMENTS POST REG 14 CONSULTATION – HURST CLOSE/HURST COTTAGES

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

Policy	Summary Explanation	Comments
EN1 Ecological Sites	Conserve and enhance the natural environment and preserve important ecological sites	Do not support any development. If absolutely necessary, then support these policies
EN2 Landscape Character and Open Views	All development must maintain the local character of the landscape and preserve important views	Overall benefits should override individual householder views The village is enhanced by different architectural materials
EN3 Protection of trees and hedgerows	Development that damages or results in the loss of ancient trees or woodland or hedgerows will be resisted	Could we seek “positive enhancement” from any developments Growth of Amberley is more important than a couple of trees
EN4 Renewable Energy	Proposals for energy-generating infrastructure using renewable or low carbon energy sources will be supported	Solar panels are an eyesore Wind turbines would be difficult to support More solar panels would be great Yes with reservations Yes providing does not block important views

EN5 Conserving and Enhancing the Heritage Environment	New development plans shall respect and preserve the distinctiveness and character of the area	Only applies in the Conservation area Though I cannot see how!
EN 6 'Unlit village' status	Development proposals which detract from the unlit status of the Parish will not be supported; "always-on" lighting will be discouraged	Having moved from a large town, we really like the view of the sky at night When Black Horse was open, people used to leave lights on to help light the way home Always on lighting must not happen
EN7 Local Green Space (development not permitted)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Millennium Green • Village Pond • Top Field ("The Old Piggery") 	Support these The Old Piggery should be regarded as an important Green Space Move MG to Old Piggery and build affordable housing on MG Strongly agree
EN8 Local Open Space (development not permitted)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation Ground & Cricket Field • Football Field • Hurst Cottages Playground 	Would not want any developments on these sites Strongly agree

FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE POLICIES

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FI 1 Create a car park	Create a car park in the Lower Field ("Harvey's Field")	The Top, Middle and Bottom fields should remain as grazing for MY horses (current sub-tenant) As long as it's not too big Only if visitors can be made to use it – otherwise it will be wasted Consider including a bike park, both for school parents/children and for visitors Please incorporate parking for cycles
FI 2 Build a public toilet	Build a public toilet adjacent to the car park	Include other facilities for children next to car park – eg skate ramp, basketball hoop etc How will a public toilet be financed? Absolutely not! Seems unnecessary for village of size of Amberley Build external access toilets in new hall. Consider enhancing toilet facilities already available in cricket pavilion
FI 3 Build a joint-use School/Community Hall	Build a joint-use School/Community Hall on Amberley School land, for use by Amberley School (during school hours) and the Community (outside school hours)	The school has a hall and so does the church so why do we need another hall Only if Year 6 is added Community Hall could have external toilet
FI 4 Protection of assets of community value	Proposals that enhance the community value of any Asset of Community Value will be supported.	
FI 5 Surface Water Management	All new developments must have a surface water management plan	

<p>FI 6 Allotments and a community orchard</p>	<p>Land on the Upper and Middle Fields will be allocated for allotments and a community orchard,</p>	<p>Allotments are an eyesore. These fields should be retained as grazing for MY horses (current sub-tenant) Use of Top Field for allotments could increase traffic. Consultation on details needed A community orchard would require a footpath therefore the Bottom field would be better Is there sufficient demand for allotments – most Amberley houses have generous plots Stupid idea Would prefer old peoples' bungalows, one or two bedrooms Yes on Orchard. Allotments need to be well managed and maintained – often difficult Orchard preferable to allotments Allotments preferable to housing on Old Piggery site – but prefer to keep as livestock grazing and/or wild flower meadow</p>
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HOUSING AND DESIGN POLICIES

Policy	Summary Explanation	Comments
<p>HD 1 Presumption in favour of development</p>	<p>Planning applications which accord with the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan will be approved.</p>	<p>Yes - if based on realistic needs assessment and encourages less wealthy to stay in village Do not support any development – but if inevitable, should review each proposal on its merits Possibly a car park for visitors and users of the Sportsman I don't believe we need more housing This is too broad - the Design Statement is important</p>

HD 2 Quality of design	Proposals for new development and extensions will be assessed against the standards laid down in the Parish Of Amberley Design Statement. New housing must be well connected to the surrounding area, and visually integrated	Depends on what part of village We were told Newlands Gardens meant that we did not ever need any more
HD 3 Housing mix	New housing proposals must meet the housing needs of current and future households within the Parish of Amberley	Yes
HD 4 Housing Density	The density of any new development shall be appropriate to its location.	Blurb – means nothing
HD 5 Housing site allocation	Permission will be granted for a minimum of six new homes on the land adjoining, and to the east of, Newland Gardens	Would complement existing development, if well screened, with direct road access Drewitts Farm should serve as a warnign of what can go wrong when considering further housing Crosssgates site should be considered as an alternative This is my preferred site
HD 6 Windfall sites	Permission will be granted for residential developments on infill and redevelopment sites within the recognised settlement boundary, subject to a set of specific conditions	Object to term “infill”. Important to protect Top and Middle fields from development Provided the specific conditions are strict

HD 7 Outdoor space	Housing development proposals should include good quality outdoor amenity space	Gardens not so important since we live among fields
HD 8 Attention to detail	In addition to conforming to the Parish of Amberley Design Statement (PADS), new developments should meet a further set of detailed requirements (eg bin stores, outside lighting, photo-voltaic panels)	Outside lighting should be kept to a reasonable minimum
HD 9 Local Connection	Affordable housing delivered as part of policies HD5 and HD6 will require the first occupants to be existing residents of Amberley, or with an Amberley connection	Needs careful definition

HOUSING SITES

SITE	COMMENTS
Parham Site 1	Possibly – small development might be possible Yes – unobtrusive Second choice if needed New development should be appropriately spread. Parham site, like Newlands site, appears relatively “unconcentrated” and should be considered Possibly – but could lead to ribbon development
HDC Site, “Top Field”, The Old Piggery	Detrimental impact on traffic and access through Hurst Cottages Would increase traffic through Hurst Cottages Ditto Development of any of the HDC sites would destroy the character of the village The original intention on the 1970’s. Services etc all ready to go NO
HDC Site “Middle Field”	Would create infill NO
HDC Site “Bottom Field”	Better used as car park NO
Hilda Newland site	Best location for future development Ditto Only if absolutely necessary First choice Our preferred option

GETTING AROUND POLICIES

Policy	Summary Explanation	Comments
GA1 Footpaths, cycleways and bridleways	Support will be given to proposals that improve and extend existing footpaths, cycleways and bridleways	No mention of <i>bridal</i> (sic) ways Improvement to link green and amenity spaces would be a real enhancement We should ensure that hedges are maintained and dog poo cleared up – paths are currently hard to use because of these Foot path to station needs improving Would love to see cycle route from village to the station Cycleways need to be improved, particularly on the Downs
GA2 Pedestrian footways	Support will be given to proposals which lead to the creation of public footways.	Where possible and appropriate to historic context Would like to see a footpath from Hurst Cottages to Crossgates
GA 3 Car parking	Development proposals will be supported only if they include the maximum level of off-street parking consistent with current standards.	This will destroy the rural village character

GA 4 Quiet Lanes	<p>It is proposed that the following are considered for designation as Quiet Lanes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mill Lane • High Titten • Church Street • Hog Lane • East Street • Rackham Road • North Stoke Road <p>Please indicate your view (Y/N) for each</p>	<p>Unnecessary in our village This is blurb How will this be enforced? Yes to all – sounds good. Needs better definition Will this be SDNPA responsibility?</p>
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EMPLOYMENT AND TOURISM POLICIES

Policy	Summary Explanation	Comments
ET1: Development of new and existing businesses	<p>Proposals for the redevelopment or change of use of land or buildings in employment or service trade use to non-employment uses will not be permitted, unless the existing use can be shown to be no longer economically viable.</p>	<p>Finding a solution for the Black Horse should be a priority Would like more info on this No – each case should be judged on its merits Could the Black Horse be developed? Does this include the Black Horse?</p>
ET 2 Telecommunications	<p>Proposals to improve mobile phone services will be supported</p>	<p>Erection of masts would be contrary to EN5 Strongly support this Assume this does not require any above-ground poles/masts But will not support installation of mobile masts Provided no masts in the village</p>

ET 3 Tourism	Subject to appropriate conditions, development of facilities connected with tourism will be supported	What facilities? There is enough tourism already
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Would like to see greater provision for teenagers and young people in the Plan

Elderly people in larger houses need somewhere to downsize to. The Old Piggery would be ideal for bungalows like Hurst Cottages nos 50-53