

# ***Little Harrowden***

## ***Public Information Evening***

***6<sup>th</sup> May 2026***





## *Welcome to Little Harrowden's Public Information Evening!!!*

- *In addition to presenting the results of the recent Neighbourhood Plan Surveys, plus next steps to delivering the Neighbourhood Plan, we thought that we would also introduce a number of other Businesses/Clubs/Associations/Interests within Little Harrowden to you.*
- *We are pleased to welcome the following to this Public Information Evening:*
  - *Little Harrowden Primary School (Beth)*
  - *The Working Men's Club (Tracy)*
  - *Little Harrowden Village Hall (Helen)*
  - *LH's Climate & Nature (CAN) Champion (Avnish)*
  - *Speed Watch (Yvonne)*
  - *St Mary's Church (Revd Josh Jackson)*
  - *Telephone Box Library (Bev)*
  - *The Lamb Public House (Charlotte)*
  - *Volunteer Day - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May (Dicky)*
- *Each has a table here and will spend a small amount of time explain what they do and how you can help, following which we will run through the Neighbourhood Plan Results and Next Steps*

*Little Harrowden*

*Neighbourhood Plan*

*Survey Results*

*LHNP*



## ***What we are going to cover tonight:***

- *Survey Reminder*
- *Residents Survey - key take-aways*
- *Business Survey - key take-aways*
- *Potential Development Sites*
- *Next Steps*
- *Questions?*

*Firstly, I would like to thank the following for their work so far on the Neighbourhood Plan:*

- |                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| - <i>Carol Brady</i>         | - <i>David Grout</i>   |
| - <i>Kirti Thakrar</i>       | - <i>Glynn Cotter</i>  |
| - <i>Shirley Standishday</i> | - <i>Sylvia Tilaks</i> |

# Survey Reminder

- *Why do a Village Survey?*

*It gives us the evidence to develop a shared vision for our neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of our local area. With the evidence, we are able to choose where we want new homes to be built, have our say on what those homes should look like and what infrastructure should be provided.*

***Without a Neighbourhood Plan, decisions on Planning may be made for us and we could be overrun with speculative developments that do not meet identified residents' needs***

- *Survey Statistics:*

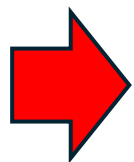
- *the survey in November 2025 was sent to 445 households in Little Harrowden*
- *we received **149** responses, representing a response rate of **33.5%** which is excellent (usual Neighbourhood Plan response rates are 5-10%)! THANK YOU! 🙏*

- *We also ran a business survey in March 2026 to the 62 businesses (including Furnace Lane) identified, and we received 15 responses (24%) which is also excellent! 🙏*

## ***Key Take-aways – Residential Survey (1)***

- 64% of the people who responded to the Survey were aged above 40 and 50% lived as either a couple or a 2-parent family*
- The majority of people who lived in Little Harrowden did so because of feeling part of a community, or because of the village location/amenities, with less importance attached to family living in the village or the Village School:*

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Feeling part of a community                                      | 51% |
| Village activities/community groups                              | 22% |
| Pocket Park/lower meadow (dog walking area)                      | 34% |
| Other village amenities (Village Hall, Working Men's Club, etc.) | 29% |
| Other family in the village                                      | 21% |
| Children attend village school and/or you work at the school     | 14% |
| Convenient commute to workplace                                  | 19% |
| Easy access to footpaths and bridleways                          | 35% |



***Preserving the Community and Green Areas are important***

## ***Key Take-aways – Residential Survey (1)***

*"Quiet, peaceful, neighbour friendly & low crime rate."*

*"Quiet and peaceful with a great view."*

*"Lots of wonderful open public trails and spaces to run on."*

*"A wonderfully welcoming and inclusive atmosphere"*

*"Nice and remote, quiet area."*

*"Quiet little village. Church.  
The Lamb pub."*

*"It's a quiet safe village. Great views across fields."*

*"Lived here all my life and 3 generations before me."*

*"History of family in village for many generations."*

*"Village is surrounded by countryside and has a rural view, which is why moved here. This must be preserved. It must not be expanded or allowed to join up with surrounding villages."*

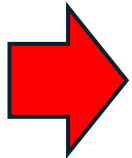
*"Accidentally bought the house."*

## ***Key Take-aways – Residential Survey (2)***

- *Over 85% of people who responded own their own house, with very low private renting (4%)*
- *3-bed houses are the most popular in the village (41%) with 20% of respondents living in a 1/2 bed house, and 39% living in a house with 4 or more bedrooms*
- *44% of respondents have lived in Little Harrowden for more than 21 years, with only 25% less than 5 years*



***We have an extremely high proportion of owner-occupiers with very little private rental accommodation***

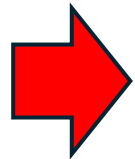


***The majority of houses are 3-bed or less, and the vast majority of people have lived here for more than 5 years***



## **Key Take-aways – Residential Survey (3)**

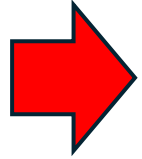
- *Only 1 in 5 (20%) of respondents believe that there is a lack of suitable accommodation in Little Harrowden; however, 14% of respondents have had family members leave Little Harrowden due to a lack of suitable accommodation*
- *14% of respondents stated that they had close relatives that would move to Little Harrowden if there were suitable accommodation available, with a further 29% unsure if they would*



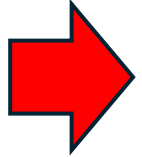
***Whilst only a minority of people believe that there is a lack of suitable accommodation, there is clear evidence that people have had to leave/would like to move to Little Harrowden***

## ***Key Take-aways – Residential Survey (4)***

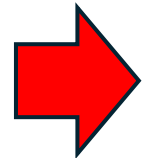
- *Over 76% of people who responded wanted to keep the village boundary as it is, and only develop the “infill” spaces*



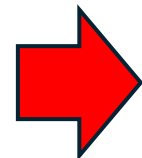
***This is a difficult one!***



***There is very little available “infill” space within the Village***



***The position also seems to contradict with other responses, particularly those regarding family moving to the Village and the development of affordable accommodation***

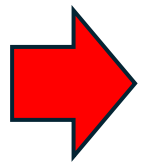


***It is also a position that is very unlikely to get approval when we present the Neighbourhood Plan to NNC given the housing targets that the Government has set***

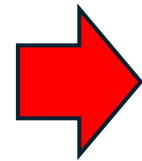


## ***Key Take-aways – Residential Survey (5)***

- *The question on supporting the development of affordable accommodation was split – with 50% in favour and 50% against*
- *The question on what type of accommodation is required in Little Harrowden was unequivocally (95%) in favour of bungalows, small/medium houses and assisted living*
- *4 out of 5 respondents will not be looking to downsize their current accommodation*



***Another difficult one!***

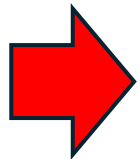


***It is clear, however, that any future housing development should NOT have any 4/5 bed houses!***

## Key Take-aways – Residential Survey (6)

- The most popular facilities used by the villagers are the footpaths, pocket park/dog walking area and the Village Hall:*

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Village hall                    | 56% |
| Working Men's Club              | 26% |
| Church                          | 30% |
| Village school                  | 17% |
| Pocket Park/play area           | 59% |
| Lower meadow (dog walking area) | 58% |
| Telephone box library           | 40% |
| Public footpaths                | 83% |
| Chattybus                       | 4%  |
| Wellibus                        | 0%  |



***The Village Hall Café was overwhelmingly the most popular club with over 80% who answered the question (42 respondents) regularly using it***

## ***Key Take-aways – Residential Survey (6)***

- There was quite a range of requests for what else to put on at the Village Hall...*

*"Evening keep fit and yoga classes."*

*"Some kind of gardening club."*

*"Youth Club."*

*"Evening exercise classes, adult learning. "*

*"Community shop with Pop up shop with Bank/Post Office."*

*"Film club in evenings."*

*"Outreach services  
Shop*

*"Weekly pop-up shop for milk bread sweets, etc.  
Youth club."*

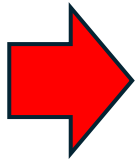
*Evening keep fit e.g. Zumba."*

*"Kink/fetish festival."*

## Key Take-aways – Residential Survey (7)

- *The most popular facilities that villagers want to see in the Pocket Park are seating areas/picnic benches and a pop-up café:*

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|--|-----|
| Forest school                            | 24% |
| Adult outdoor education                  | 8%  |
| Exercise classes                         | 19% |
| Pop up café                              | 38% |
| Community building, e.g. wooden pavilion | 24% |
| Seating areas and picnic benches         | 47% |
| No changes                               | 22% |
| Other (please specify)                   | 19% |



***We have recently found the old Deeds for the Pocket Park which restrict activities to those related to “a children’s play or recreational area” which does limit us in what we can put there...***

## ***Key Take-aways – Residential Survey (7)***

- *There was a range of suggestions for what else to put in the Pocket Park/Lower Meadow...*

*"Fruit trees in Lower Meadow for children to pick."*

*"Shop, Restaurant/Café."*

*"Especially benches at top of meadow."*

*"Exercise equipment round dog walking track. Bee Hives to promote and enhance a wildflower meadow."*

*"Outdoor gym equipment. Callisthenic equipment."*

*"Waste bins and education for children on using them."*

*"An outdoor gym (other parks have this) would be a nice addition, some tree/wildflower planting too."*

*"Exercise equipment for older children and adults."*

*"Asylum seeker accommodation."*

## ***Key Take-aways – Residential Survey (8)***

- *Some varied suggestions for how to enhance the appearance of the Village...*

*“Christmas tree lighting ceremony. Farmers Market. Community boot sale day at each house. (Once per year).”*

*“Flower planters.”*

*“More community events. e.g. Scarecrow competition.”*

*“Features like planters on the roundabout it is very ugly at present.”*

*“Better Street Lighting. Better entrance to village, i.e. Flowers, nice trees.”*

*“Age restriction on play equipment at the park.”*

*“None. Please don't waste tax-payers money.”*



## **Key Take-aways – Residential Survey (8)**

- *Over 81% of respondents thought that that the Parish Council’s notification of events was sufficient with Facebook (59%), the Church Magazine (59%) and the Noticeboards (51%) as the most popular places to get information, with only 16% using the Parish Council website*
- *Only 28% of respondents thought that litter was a problem within the village, but 42% thought that dog fouling was a problem*
- *The areas where litter/dog fouling is a problem are:*

*“Main St and path to lower meadow.”*

*“Litter - Especially Hilltop Road. Dog fouling - Park & lower meadow.”*

*“Hardwick Rd, Main St and Lower Meadow. More Poo bins.”*

*“Main Street and footpath linking Town Close and Main Street.”*

*“Road up to Hilltop. Frisby lane. Footpath to Orlingbury from school.”*

## **Key Take-aways – Residential Survey (9)**

- *Over 88% of respondents thought that speeding through the village was a problem and 67% highlighted inconsiderate parking as another problem*
- *65% of respondents believed that safe access to the A509 was a major road safety issue, with only 47% highlighting potholes as an issue. Problems encountered included:*

*“During school drop off times, Main Rd congested. Turning right onto A509 at Gt Harrowden.”*

*“Coming out onto the A509 during busy periods, absolute nightmare.”*

*“The traffic at peak times is very busy - it’s like a rat run.”*

*“No pathway to Great Harrowden.”*

*“Should be 'No through route to Park Farm', local traffic only.”*

**“2 girls were paralysed from a collision at the 509/Hilltop junction. I taught them at the time and know the impact on the family. I always worry turning right onto Hilltop as cars undertake and make the bend blind to oncoming traffic.”**

## ***Key Take-aways – Residential Survey (9)***

- *Some useful suggestions for how to improve Road Safety in the Village...*

"A proper footpath out of the village to Great Harrowden."

"Speed bumps, traffic lights, zebra crossing near the school."

"Reduction of speed to 20mph at all times and regular speed checks."

"Traffic calming measures on Main St and Orlingbury Rd."

"Car park for school. Speed enforcement."

"Traffic calming measures as you enter the village from Orlingbury and as you leave village for Gt Harrowden. Pavement from village to Gt Harrowden."

"Traffic lights at Gt Harrowden and roundabout at Hill top."

"20 mph speed restriction within village. stop the lorries cutting through to Park Farm."

**"Desperately need a footpath from Little Harrowden to Great Harrowden and one from Little Harrowden to Orlingbury - again, before someone is killed walking on the side of the busy, unlit roads."**

"You can't educate idiots."



## ***Key Take-aways – Residential Survey (11)***

- *Over 62% of respondents thought that better access to public transport was an issue with 74% saying that they would use the bus service and/or public footpath at Great Harrowden if there was a pedestrian footpath between the villages*

- *There were many comments in support of this:*

*“Retiring soon, so will need to use public transport more to town. Must have a footpath between Lt and Gt Harrowden.”*

*“4/5 days a week.”*

*“Once a day.”*

*“Very occasionally but would use pedestrian footpath a lot.”*

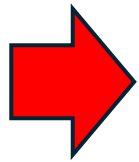
*“My kids will use daily.”*

*“My teenagers would possibly use it daily.”*

*“3 times a week, at present having to use taxi service as no bus route in the area as no shops or newsagents in the village.”*

## **Key Take-aways – Residential Survey (12)**

- *Only 41% of respondents thought that Little Harrowden should investigate renewable energy sources and 43 % would support the provision of a dedicated recycling point (with 39% answering “maybe”)*
- *There was overwhelming support for more trees in the village, particularly in the pocket park/lower meadow (>70% responses) with only 7% not wanting more trees*
- *Biodiversity initiatives in the lower meadow were popular with 92% supporting a wildflower meadow, and approx. 60% supporting hedgehog highways/insect hotels; there was also support for a pond (48%) and a micro-forest (44%)*



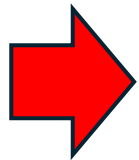
***There was a lot of support for protecting the Green Spaces we have in the Village (particularly the Pocket Park, Lower Meadow and the fields between Little Harrowden and Orlingbury)***

## ***Key Take-aways – Business Survey (1)***

- *Business Types:*

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Agriculture/Farming | 11%   |
| Construction/Trades | 22%   |
| Hospitality/Food    | 11%   |
| Other               | 55% ( <i>Education, Property, Consultancy, Childminder, Engineering, etc.</i> ) |

- *The majority of businesses operate from their home (or home office)*
- *27% of businesses were sole traders, with a further 45% employing between 1-5 people*
- *45% of businesses have existed for over 10 years, with a further 27% existing for 5-10 years*



***We have a diverse mix of businesses, primarily home-based, which are well-established, long-standing and with local roots***

## ***Key Take-aways – Business Survey (2)***

- *Major Business challenges were:*

|   |  |                                     |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| - | <i>Road Conditions</i>                           | <i>raised by 91% of respondents</i> |
| - | <i>A509 Access</i>                               | <i>73%</i>                          |
| - | <i>Inconsiderate Parking</i>                     | <i>55%</i>                          |
| - | <i>Poor Broadband connectivity</i>               | <i>44%</i>                          |
| - | <i>Transport Access (incl. public transport)</i> | <i>44%</i>                          |
| - | <i>Parking availability</i>                      | <i>33%</i>                          |

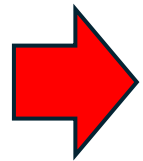
- *Infrastructure improvements required were:*

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| - | <i>Faster Broadband</i>              | <i>67%</i> |
| - | <i>Public transport improvements</i> | <i>33%</i> |
| - | <i>Workspace/units for expansion</i> | <i>33%</i> |



## ***Key Take-aways – Business Survey (3)***

- *Benefits of being based in Little Harrowden:*
  - Friendly, supportive community
  - Village setting
  - Central location to Corby, Burton Latimer & Northampton
  - Access to major road networks
  - Established local reputation
  - Green space and quality of environment
- Participation in village initiatives was encouraging (with 50% confirming interest and a further 33% possibly interested)
- Type of involvement was also aligned with the Residential survey with 100% support for Village facilities and 80% support for Environmental/village improvement projects



***Businesses value being part of the village and want to support it***

# Potential Development Sites

**A Reminder of Question 16: In order to contribute to planning policy for housing in Little Harrowden, which statement best represents your views?**

Answer Choices:

***(a) Restrict new housing development so that no new properties are allowed; maintain gardens and green spaces between houses to keep the village as it is.***

***(b) Restrict new development to just infill, i.e. filling gaps that already exist such as the land in Kings Lane, and not to extend the current village boundary.***

***(c) Restrict new development to infill, such as the land in Kings Lane, AND allow moderate expansion beyond the village boundary, including exception sites like Coles Close***

***(d) Allow limited development within the village and unlimited extension to the village boundary.***

**Responses were as follows:**

|            |           |            |   |            |
|------------|-----------|------------|---|------------|
| <b>(a)</b> | <b>48</b> | <b>33%</b> | } | <b>76%</b> |
| <b>(b)</b> | <b>62</b> | <b>43%</b> |   |            |
| <b>(c)</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>16%</b> |   |            |
| <b>(d)</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>8%</b>  |   |            |

## ***Potential Development Sites***

- As mentioned earlier, the position on the previous slide appears to contradict with some of the other questions (those regarding people leaving/wanting to move to the village and the development of more affordable accommodation within the village)
- Also, given the National housing targets, and the limited infill space within the village, a Neighbourhood Plan that is essentially saying “no more housing” is unlikely to get NNC support
- The 1.5m New Homes target represents approx. 5.8% of the existing housing stock in England
- Translating this to Little Harrowden, this equates to just 25 new homes in Little Harrowden in the period 2024-2029. Given that there have been 4 new homes completed on Wellingborough Road, and there are plans for a further 4 on Kings Lane, **that means we need just 17 more new homes over the next 3-5 years in the village**
- We also know, from the Survey results, that any new housing should be bungalows and 1/2/3 bed houses, not 4/5 bed houses

## ***Potential Development Sites***

- So, what we are planning to do, hopefully with your support, is the following:
  - Identify what sites may be appropriate for new housing development (small sites, adjacent to existing housing within the village, conversion of gardens which are no longer required, or extensions to existing new developments)
  - discuss with the landowners whether the sites are potentially available and rank them (R/A/G) so that we have a priority **list that may be capable of delivering only 17 houses**
  - meet with potential developers to determine their appetite for developing housing IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SURVEY RESULTS (i.e. Bungalows or 1/2/3 bed houses only)

We will then either have:

- a list of preferred sites which can generate 17 houses over the next 3-5 years, or
- we will determine that there is no appropriate land and/or developers are unwilling to develop the houses that are required

**Either way, our Neighbourhood Plan will then carry greater weight given the work completed**

# Potential Development Sites



Kings Lane  
infill site

Rookery View

Coles Close

Google Maps

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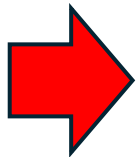
# Potential Development Sites



## ***What happens next?***

- *We will take any feedback from this evening's meeting and incorporate it into our planning for the Neighbourhood Plan*
- *We have received some invaluable help from an Associate at NNC who recognised that with the cancellation of funding available for villages to help complete their NPs, that they needed to provide some assistance, otherwise villages would need to employ (expensive) external consultants*
- *We will begin to draft the various sections of the NP, based on the Survey feedback and assistance from NNC's Associate*
- *We will then seek feedback from villagers (including another evening like tonight), NNC and other villages to arrive at a near final version (the "final draft")*
- *The "final draft" is submitted to NNC for their examination, following which there will be a referendum in the village, after which, if the NP is approved, it becomes legally binding*

**LHNP**



**Your support and approval is essential to the NP!**



*Any Questions?*

*LHNP*





***Thank you for coming!***

***LHNP***

