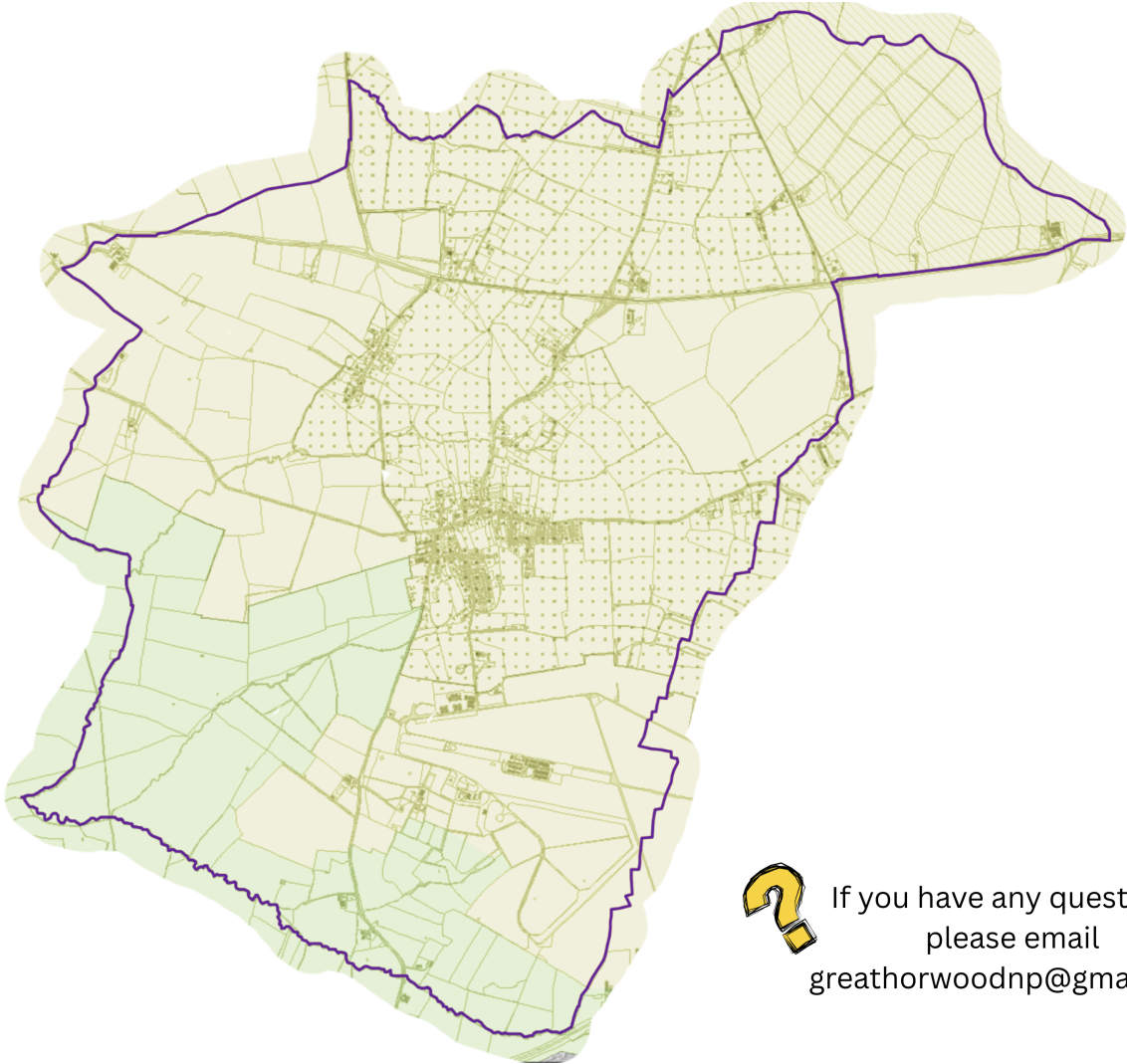


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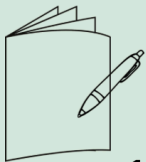


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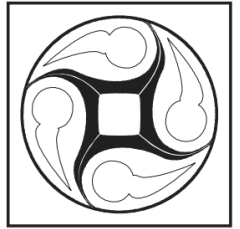
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**Great Horwood
Parish Council**

The housing shortage in England means that we need more homes; but what type and where?

The Government has set targets for Local Government to build new homes in their local areas over the length of this parliament totalling 1.5 million homes in England.

Buckinghamshire has a county target but as yet has not been able to let our parish council know what growth in homes they expect in Great Horwood and Singleborough.

Your parish council wants to know your views at the start of this process. Your responses to the consultation will feed into our updated Great Horwood Parish Neighbourhood Plan, which will be for the period 2025-2033. Under the current plan a total of 81 new homes were completed. Any subsequent completions will go towards the new homes total under the new neighbourhood plan.

Respond and your voice will be heard - previous village consultations have received response rates of over 75%!

Can we beat it?

Please answer the questions and return your form as soon as possible and by 13th October 2025 at the latest.

The consultation divides questions into 7 sections.

A - concerns you and your household members.

B - what types of homes could be developed within the parish

C - what types business and commercial premise could be developed

D - Where should any new homes be built

E - Green Gaps, the importance of green spaces between a village and the next village or town

F - Green Spaces and their importance for recreation and leisure within the parish.

G - Design policy - what new developments should look and feel like.

To assist you in completing the questions we have included two maps, one of the parish as a whole which as you will see is more extensive than many imagine. At the end of section D there is a map of the current settlement area of the village which includes the additional homes built under the existing Neighbourhood Plan.

We can't shy away from the need for more housing and that such housing will need the support of facilities and services. This is your opportunity to enable the Parish Council to take into account your views and reflect those views in producing our new Plan.

Thank you for participating in your village consultation.

The Great Horwood Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group

Nikki Steele, Chair of Steering Group

Caroline Cousins, Chair of Parish Council



Section A - You and Your Household

It helps us to plan for the future if we know a little about the current village residents. If more than one member of your household wishes to complete a consultation questionnaire then further copies are available online.

A.1 How many people are there in your household in each of the following age groups?

Up to 2 years	_____	3-4 years	_____	5-11 years	_____
12-18 years	_____	19-30 years	_____	31-45 years	_____
46-60 years	_____	61-75 years	_____	Over 75 years	_____

A.2 How long have you lived in Great Horwood? _____ years

A.3 Where in the parish do you live? *(please tick one)*

In Great Horwood village:

- in the centre of the village ☐
- along Little Horwood Road, or the roads off it ☐
- along Spring Lane, or the roads off it ☐
- along Nash Road, or the roads off it ☐

In Singlebrorrough ☐

On or near Winslow Road ☐

North of the A421 ☐

In an isolated dwelling/farm ☐



A.4 How many people in your household are:

In paid employment (including self-employed) _____

In Full-time Education or Training _____

Retired _____

A.5 For those members of your household who are in paid employment, how many carry out the majority of their work ...

Within the village _____ From home _____

Less than 20 miles _____ Or more than 20 miles _____ from the village.

A.6 How do you travel to work from the village? *(Please tick all that apply)*

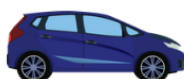
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Train	<input type="checkbox"/>	Motorcycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bicycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electric Bike		<input type="checkbox"/>	

A.7 Do you or any of your household commute to London or another city for work?

London from Milton Keynes ☐ London from Bletchley ☐
London from Other ☐ To another City ☐

A.8 How do you travel to leisure activities from the village? (Please tick all that apply)

Car ☐ Electric Vehicle ☐ Car Share ☐ Taxi ☐ Bus ☐
Train ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Bicycle ☐ Electric Bike ☐



A.9 Does your household use the Internet?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, is it High Speed Fibre? Yes ☐ No ☐



A.10 Do you use Social Media?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, mostly on what platform?

Facebook ☐ Instagram ☐ X (Twitter) ☐ YouTube ☐ TikTok ☐

A.11 Do you read "Focus", the Great Horwood and Singleborough parish magazine?



Yes – paper copy ☐ Yes – online ☐ No ☐ I don't receive one ☐

A.12 Do you keep animals? (Please indicate number)

Dogs _____ Cats _____ Horses _____

Other (please specify)



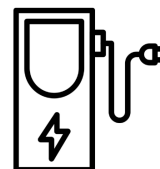
A.13 How many cars are in your household? (Please indicate number) _____

A.14 Are any of these Electric vehicles? (Please indicate number) _____

A.15 Do you have an EV charging point? Yes ☐ No ☐

A.16 Would you use any public EV charging points? *(on The Green for example)*

Yes – ourselves ☐ Yes – visiting friends/family ☐ No ☐



A.17 Do you expect to use the Train Station in Winslow?

Yes ☐ For ... commuting for work ☐ Or... Leisure ☐
No ☐



A.18 Would you expect to use the train more if there was a regular bus service to Winslow?

Yes ☐ No ☐



A.19 Do you or does any member of your close family need housing in the village but find the prices are difficult to afford?

Yes ☐ No ☐

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**Grab a cuppa**



**We appreciate it's not the shortest form, but your opinions are valued.**

## Section B - Future Development of the Parish – Homes

As more homes are needed, it helps us to plan for the future if we know what types of homes current residents would want or not want in the village.

### B.1 What kinds of new housing developments would you want or not want? *(Tick all that apply)*

|                                         | Wanted | Not<br>Wanted |                                             | Wanted | Not<br>Wanted |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|---------------|---------------------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| 1 bedroom homes                         |        |               | Flats/maisonettes                           |        |               |
| 2 bedroom homes                         |        |               | Bungalows                                   |        |               |
| 3 bedroom homes                         |        |               | Mobile/Park homes<br>(Similar to Nook Park) |        |               |
| 4 bedroom homes                         |        |               | Starter homes                               |        |               |
| 4+ bedroom Executive homes              |        |               | Rented housing                              |        |               |
| Affordable housing<br>** See Note Below |        |               | Social housing<br>eg Housing Association    |        |               |
| Sheltered housing                       |        |               | Holiday homes/Airbnb                        |        |               |
| Retirement homes                        |        |               |                                             |        |               |

Other: *(please write in)* \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* NOTE: Affordable Housing is for people whose needs are not met by the private market, where sale or rental prices are at least 20% less than the market value.

### B.2 If there are no changes to the existing facilities (e.g. accessible schools, surgeries, shops) and services (e.g. drains, water, electricity) that we already have, how many new homes would be acceptable in the parish over the next 20 years? For guidance, there are about 500 households in the whole parish now.

10 homes ☐ Up to 20 homes ☐ Up to 40 homes ☐

Up to 80 homes ☐ Over 80 homes ☐

*(please say why)*

### B.3 If additional facilities and services could be added, how many new homes would be acceptable in the parish over the next 20 years?

10 homes ☐ Up to 20 homes ☐ Up to 40 homes ☐

Up to 80 homes ☐ Over 80 homes ☐

*(please say why)*



**B.4 Do you believe that additional housing should be made available in the village for persons with village connections who are unable to afford to live here?**

Yes ☐

No ☐

**B.5 Should affordable housing be reserved for those with village connections or should it be open to others?**

Reserved ☐

Open ☐

**B.6 Should affordable housing be reserved for those in specific occupations e.g. teaching, police?**

Reserved ☐

Open ☐

**B.7 How should affordable housing be made available?**

To rent ☐

To buy ☐

A combination (shared ownership)? ☐



**B.8 What new or upgraded infrastructure, facilities and services would be needed if significant numbers of new homes were to be built in the parish? And where should each one be?**

*(Tick all that apply and add more details if you wish)*

|                               | ✓                        | Details | Where |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------|
| Bus service                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| Roads/speed limits            | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| Cycle paths                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| Parking                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| Traffic calming               | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| Policing                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| Youth Services                | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| Services for the elderly      | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| New sewerage                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| Sports/leisure facilities     | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| Health facilities             | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| Pubs/restaurants              | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| Retail                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| Other <i>(please specify)</i> |                          |         |       |

## Section C - Future Development of the Parish – Commercial/Industrial Employment

Currently these sites include Greenway Business Park and sites on or adjacent to the A421.

**C.1 Do you agree that there should be some growth in the number of commercial/industrial employers in the parish over the next 20 years?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

Please say why \_\_\_\_\_

**C.2 If there are no changes to the facilities and services we already have, how much commercial/ industrial development would be acceptable in the parish over the next 20 years?**

5 new businesses ☐ Up to 10 new businesses ☐  
Up to 20 new businesses ☐ Up to 40 new businesses ☐

**C.3 If additional facilities and services could be added, how much commercial/industrial development would be acceptable in the parish over the next 20 years?**

5 new businesses ☐ Up to 10 new businesses ☐  
Up to 20 new businesses ☐ Up to 40 new businesses ☐

**C.4 What new or upgraded infrastructure, facilities and services would be needed if significant numbers of new businesses were to be built in the parish? And where should each one be?**

*(Tick all that apply and add more details if you wish)*

|                               | ✓                        | Details | Where |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------|
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| Services for the elderly      | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| New sewerage                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| Sports/leisure facilities     | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| Health facilities             | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| Pubs/restaurants              | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| Retail                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |       |
| Other <i>(please specify)</i> |                          |         |       |

# Section D - Potential Development Sites

Please look at the map below showing the current village settlement area. This includes the developments which achieved our previous target for new homes.

D.1 When new homes are built, where should these be?

Within or adjacent to the current settlement boundary☐

If so, do you prefer:-

North☐

South☐

East☐

West☐

Outside the current settlement boundary☐

Further away from the current settlement boundary☐

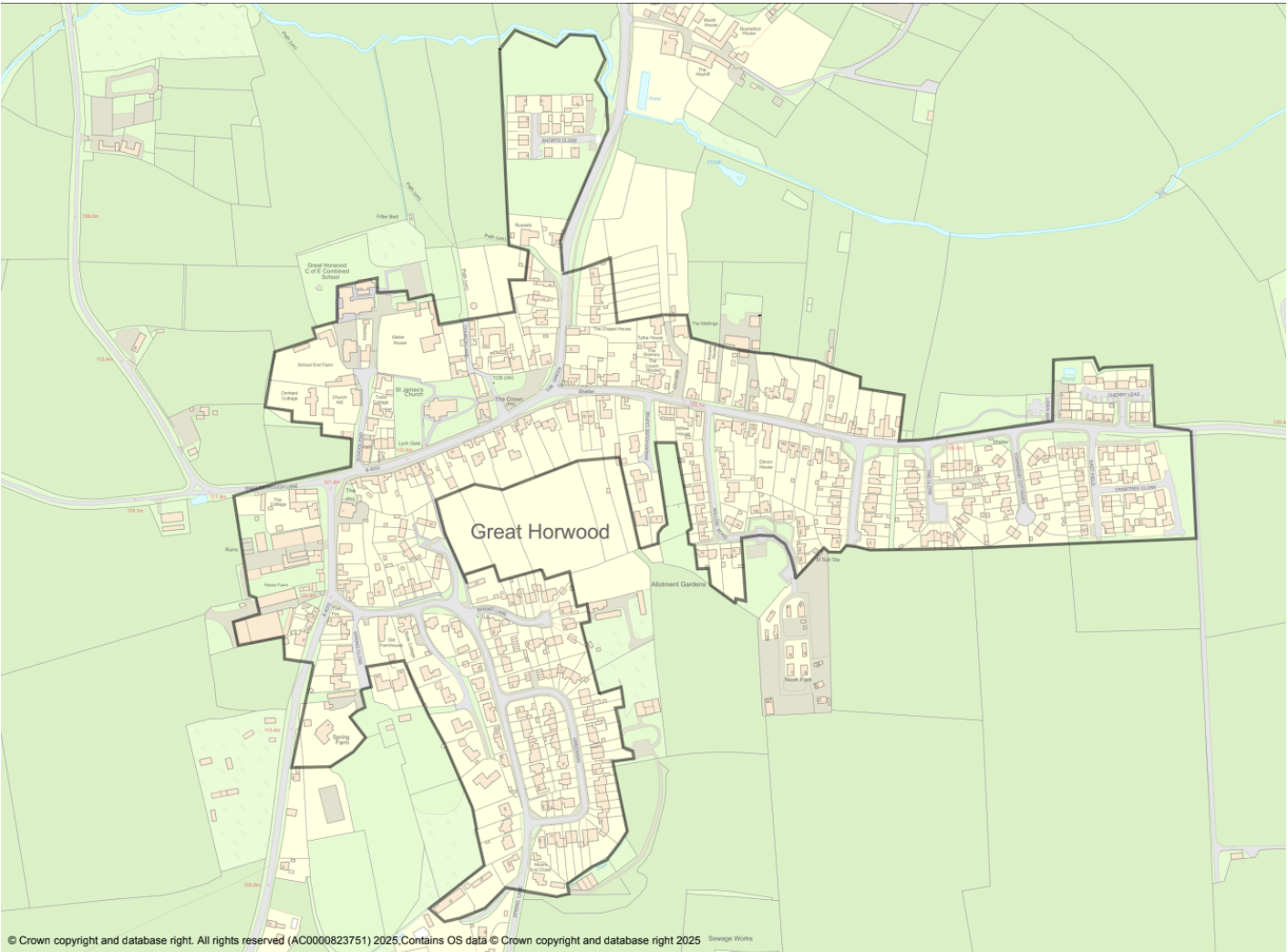
D.2 Do you have an ideal number of new homes on any new site? (Please indicate a number)

D.3 Should there be a maximum number of new homes to be built on any new site?

Yes☐

No☐

If yes, how many



As part of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council is considering creating a Green Gap Policy. A Green Gap Policy is used to preserve open land between settlements and prevent urban sprawl. Its core purpose is to maintain the physical and visual separation of towns, villages, and neighbourhoods, protecting their distinct identities and landscape settings:

- Prevent coalescence: Avoid merging of nearby settlements due to unchecked development
- Preserve rural character: Maintain open countryside and natural buffers between built-up areas
- Support biodiversity and recreation: Encourage green infrastructure, wildlife corridors, and public access
- Guide sustainable development: Direct growth to appropriate areas while safeguarding strategic green spaces.

**E.1 What do you value most, and how do you benefit, from our current Green Gaps?**

*(Please give a Short answer)*

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**E.2 What would you like to see from a Green Gap Policy? *(Please give a Short answer)***

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## Climate & Environment

**E.3 How do you think green gaps can help tackle climate change locally?**

Cooling urban areas ☐

Preventing floods ☐

Supporting wildlife ☐

Improving air quality ☐

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**E.4 Should green gaps be part of local climate action plans?**

Yes ☐

No ☐

Unsure ☐

## Community Involvement

**E.5 Would you like to be involved in decisions about green gap protection?**

Yes ☐

No ☐

**E.6 Are you part of any local group focused on green gap, wildlife protection or climate?**

Yes ☐

If yes, please name the group: \_\_\_\_\_

No ☐

**E.7 What support do you think the Great Horwood Parish community needs to help preserve green gaps?**

*(Please give a Short answer)*

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## Section F - Green Space Policy - Access and Use

**F.1 Which green spaces near you do you use most (e.g. parks, trails, fields)? (number 1-6, 1 being most)**

|                                 |  |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Horwood Pece                    |  | Village Green                   |  |
| Liden Park, Little Horwood Road |  | Public Footpaths / Bridle Paths |  |
| Shorts Field, Shorts Close      |  | Allotments                      |  |

**About You**

**F.2 How often do you use local green spaces?**

Daily ☐ Weekly ☐  
Monthly ☐ Rarely ☐  
Never ☐



**F.3 Do you feel you have fair access to green spaces in your area?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

**F.4 What prevents you or others in your household from accessing green spaces? (tick all that apply)**

Distance ☐ Disability/inaccessibility ☐  
Safety concerns ☐ Lack of transport ☐  
Poor maintenance ☐  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**F.5 What improvements would make your local green spaces more welcoming or useful?  
(Please give a Short answer)**

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**Value & Use**

**F.6 What do green spaces mean to you? (tick all that apply)**

Relaxation ☐ Nature/wildlife ☐ Exercise ☐  
Community events ☐ Mental health ☐  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**F.7 Who uses the Green Spaces in your household? (tick all that apply)**



|               |                          |              |                          |          |                          |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Yourself      | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other Adults | <input type="checkbox"/> | Children | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Grandchildren | <input type="checkbox"/> | Friends      | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |                          |

**F.8 Which activities do you enjoy there?** *(Please give a Short answer)*

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**F.9 Which areas within the Parish should be protected from development to preserve community identity or ecological value?** *(Please give a Short answer)*

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#### Future Planning & Protection

**F.10 Are you concerned about green space being lost to development in your area?**

|     |                          |    |                          |        |                          |
|-----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Unsure | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|-----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|

**F.11 Should new developments include protected green areas or corridors?**

|                |                          |                   |                          |         |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> | Agree             | <input type="checkbox"/> | Neutral | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Disagree       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |                          |

#### Community Involvement

**F.12 Would you like to be involved in decisions about green space protection?**

|     |                          |    |                          |
|-----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|-----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|

**F.13 Are you part of any local group focused on maintaining green spaces in the village?**

|     |                          |                                                          |
|-----|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | If yes, please name the group: _____                     |
| No  | <input type="checkbox"/> | I'm not, but I would like to be <input type="checkbox"/> |

**F.14 What support do you think the Great Horwood Parish community needs to help preserve green spaces?**

|                                                |                          |                    |                          |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Maintain them                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Try to obtain more | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improve the facilities within the green spaces | <input type="checkbox"/> |                    |                          |
| Other: _____                                   |                          |                    |                          |

## Section G - Design Policy

If possible, the Parish Council would like to include a Design Policy within the Neighbourhood Plan.

A Design Policy is a community created framework that guides the visual character, layout, and sustainability of future development. It sets out expectations around building styles, materials, public spaces, and infrastructure—reflecting the area and unique identity while promoting sustainable growth. If adopted, it becomes part of the statutory development plan and must be considered in planning decisions, giving communities a meaningful voice in shaping their built environment.

### G.1 What makes the architecture or design of the Great Horwood Parish area distinctive?

*(Please give a Short answer)*

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### G.2 Are there any buildings, features, or views you think should be preserved? *(Please give a Short answer)*

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### G.3 What materials or styles do you associate with local buildings? *(tick all that apply)*

Brick ☐

Stone ☐

Timber ☐

Modern glass and steel ☐

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### G.4 Which architectural styles do you associate most with the Parish?

Georgian (e.g. symmetry, sash windows) ☐

Victorian (e.g. bay windows, decorative brickwork) ☐

Edwardian (e.g. wider plots, timber detailing) ☐

Modernist (e.g. flat roofs, clean lines) ☐

Contemporary (e.g. glass façades, mixed materials) ☐

Cottage/Vernacular (e.g. stone, pitched roofs) ☐

Other: \_\_\_\_\_



**G.5 Design features that matter - Which elements contribute most to attractive building design?**  
(tick all that apply)

- |                                                                     |                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Roof shapes (e.g. pitched, flat, gabled)                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Window proportions and detailing (e.g. sash, casement, full-height) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Materials (e.g. brick, stone, render)                               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Colour schemes                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Decorative features (e.g. cornices, porches)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Building scale & symmetry                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**G.6 Preferred building heights in new developments:**

- |                                   |                          |             |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 1–2 storeys                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3–4 storeys | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Taller buildings in certain zones | <input type="checkbox"/> |             |                          |

**G.7 Do you feel that recent developments within the Parish reflect the area's architectural character?**

- |     |                          |    |                          |       |                          |
|-----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mixed | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|-----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|

**G.8 What one thing would you change about the style of new buildings in the Parish?**  
(Please give a Short answer)

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**G.9 Should new developments reflect traditional or modern design?**

- |             |                          |        |                          |               |                          |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Traditional | <input type="checkbox"/> | Modern | <input type="checkbox"/> | Blend of both | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|

**G.10 What environmental features should be built into new developments? (please tick all that apply)**

- |                           |                          |                            |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Solar panels              | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rainwater harvesting       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Electric vehicle charging | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wildlife-friendly planting | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sustainable drainage      | <input type="checkbox"/> |                            |                          |

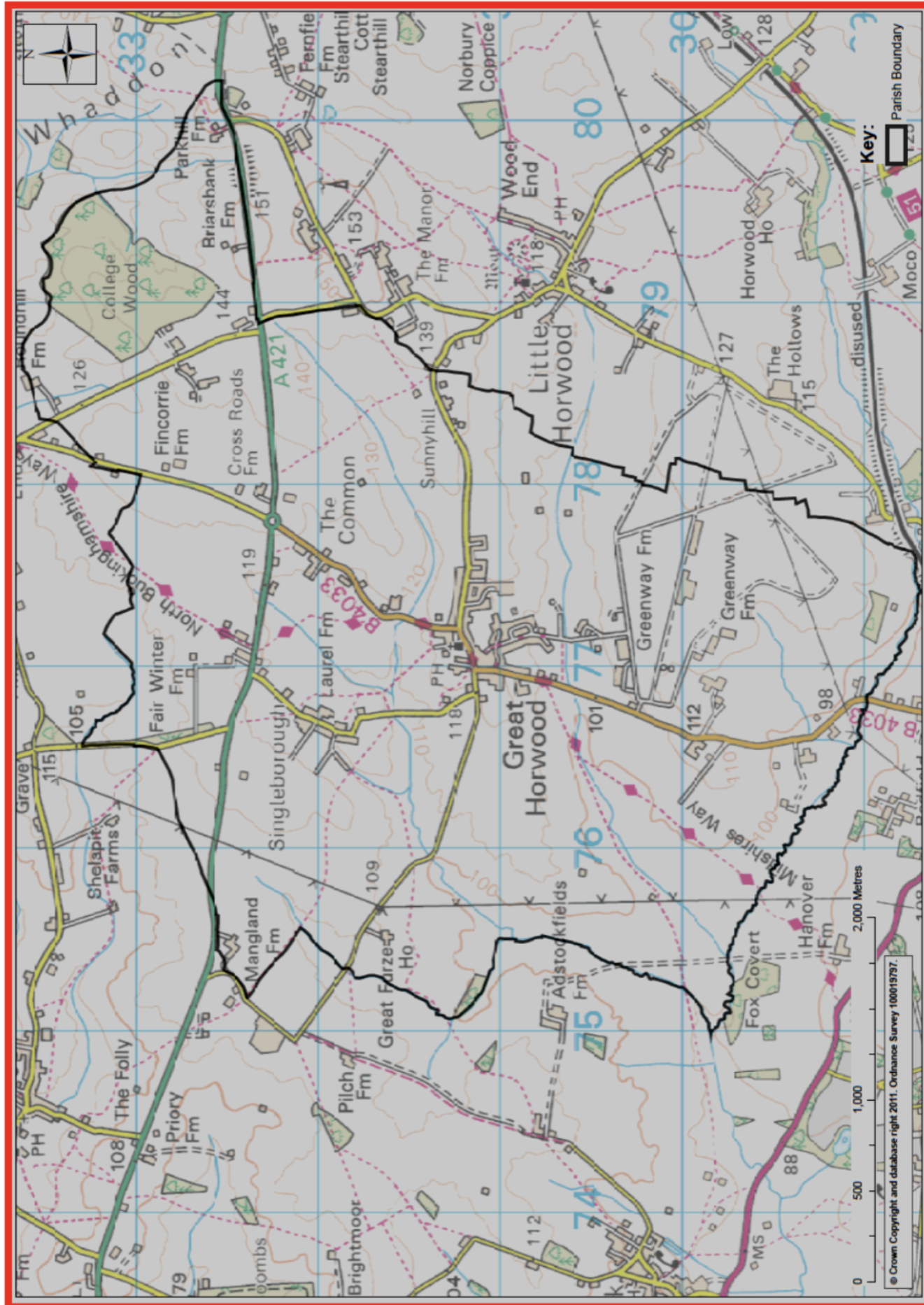
Other: (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**G.11 How important is climate resilience in neighbourhood design?**

- |                |                          |                    |                          |               |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Very important | <input type="checkbox"/> | Somewhat important | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not important | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|

**G.12 Do you support new styles that reflect climate resilience (e.g. greenroofs, modern materials)?**

- |                              |                          |                         |                          |         |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Strongly support             | <input type="checkbox"/> | Support with conditions | <input type="checkbox"/> | Neutral | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prefer traditional solutions | <input type="checkbox"/> |                         |                          |         |                          |



Key:



Parish Boundary

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