

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan Consultation 2025

Summary of Community Feedback

- 114 valid household responses (25% of all parish households)
- Overarching message: protect the rural identity of Great Horwood

Housing & Development

Residents strongly favour very limited growth unless infrastructure is significantly improved.

Preferred Scale of Development

- Most support 10 homes or fewer
 - Some support up to 20
- A minority support up to 40, usually phased
 - Very little support for 80+ homes

Key Concerns

- Roads, sewage, parking, and healthcare already at capacity
- Desire to avoid coalescence with Winslow or Milton Keynes
 - Protecting village character and heritage is essential

Location of development

- The majority said within or adjacent to the settlement boundary
 - Spatially the majority had no view
- Preference was then for North, South, West then East, in that order

Infrastructure Needed Before Growth

- Regular bus services
- Safe cycle routes to Winslow & the new station
 - Traffic calming & 20mph limits
 - Improved healthcare access
- Upgraded sewerage and sewage treatment plant
 - Youth and elderly services

Commercial & Employment

Views are mixed:

- Some oppose further commercial growth due to traffic and rural character
- Preference for using existing business sites (e.g., Greenway Business Park)
 - A village shop is the most requested new facility

Green Gaps & Environment

Residents place extremely high value on Green Gaps for:

- Preserving rural character
- Preventing urban sprawl
- Wildlife and biodiversity
- Walking, cycling, and recreation
- Mental health and wellbeing

Green Spaces - Most Used Areas

- Footpaths
- Village Green
- Horwode Pece
- Shorts Field

Overall Message from Residents

- **Protect the rural identity of Great Horwood**
- **Limit development unless infrastructure is upgraded**
 - **Safeguard green spaces and green gaps**
 - **Ensure new buildings respect village character**
- **Enhance transport, footpaths, and local amenities**