

Hunsdon Parish Plan – First Draft for discussion by Core Group

Aims of the Plan

The aims of the Plan, as determined by public consultation, should be to:

- 1. Conserve the environment of the Village and its surrounding countryside.**
- 2. Improve safety in the Village, particularly in relation to traffic.**
- 3. Ensure that local housing needs are met.**
- 4. Support the social life and facilities of the Village.**

Appendix

Views received from Hunsdon JMI School

<i>Policy or Proposal</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Priority</i>
<p><u>General</u></p> <p>1. Hunsdon to have an active voice</p> <p>2. To demand higher priority for policies to support rural communities and protection of the countryside in L.D.F and Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies.</p> <p>3. To reject proposals to review the Green Belt to develop up to 25,000 houses north of Harlow. The community believes this to be unnecessary, unsustainable and to have been pursued by a totally undemocratic process.</p> <p>4. To revitalise the 'Good Neighbour' Scheme for the benefit of all with a disadvantage and to reinforce community spirit.</p> <p>5. To develop a 'welcome pack' for all new residents and a system of welcome visits.</p>	<p>PC to establish a network of suitably qualified volunteers within the parish to read and where necessary promote a response to consultations and documents.</p> <p>Representations to EHC, HCC, EERA & Government. Seek support from HAPTC, CPRE, FoE</p> <p>Support for STOP Harlow North as follows: 1. Parishioners individually physically and financially 2. PC to continue to mandate a representative on SHN 3. PC to continue funding support of SHN</p> <p>Establish working party from community groups led by PCC</p> <p>As 4. above + include in PC budget. Alert Parish Mag. distributors</p>	<p>1 , 2.& 3 Immediate and continuing.</p> <p>4 & 5 Immediate</p>

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<u>Environment</u>		
1. To include the whole of the Parish, outside the present Village envelope, in an extended Green Belt north of Harlow. The boundary to be defined in relation to local housing needs.	1-5 PC Propose to EHC as part of Local Development Framework and Development Control process.	Immediate
2. To support and include the whole of the Parish, east of Widford Road and Stanstead Road as part of the Gilston Great Park proposal.	+ Liaise with adjoining parishes to ensure consistency. Establish GGP Steering Group.	2008
3. To give special emphasis to conservation and improvement to the historic parklands and woodland landscape in the southern part of the Parish as a green back-drop to the built-up area of Harlow.	+ Seek support from CMS and land-owners. PC to ensure when commenting on planning applications.	2009
4. To seek landscape improvements to the open areas in the northern part of the Parish, in particular to increase the area of woodland in accordance with EHC policy ENV10.		
5. To support the Conservation Area policies for the centre of the Village as adopted by the District Council.		
6. To establish a comprehensive record of all sites and features of historic, ecological or scenic value in the Parish in order to secure their protection and enhancement.	6. Seek funding support from Ropemakers to provide expertise - Village organisations to compile with reference to local authority and specialist organisation records.	2009
7. To support the establishment of a Village Museum.	HVHMC	
8. To implement a set of unique Village Signs and "Gateways" as a fitting entrance to the Village.	PC liaise with HA. Core Group sponsor design competition. Include in budgets.	2008
9. To support continuation of the Litter Picking service	PC to include in budget	Continuing

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<p><u>Traffic and Transport</u></p> <p>1. To improve the safety of both non-road users and road users within the village, the County Council should be requested to implement a range of traffic calming measures which will result in increased safety within the village environment. . It should be noted that this could result in limited street lighting being installed in the village. To these ends a parish referendum should be held on options for street lighting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To achieve this, the PC should discuss common issues with adjacent parish councils and then lobby EHC and HCC conduct an assessment of the current traffic situation and seek proposals and finance for appropriate measures to be implemented. • The PC should reintroduce 6 monthly checks on vehicle speed through the village with the police speed gun. • Hunsdon School could consider involving pupils in an assessment of traffic movements in the village • Highways Authority should be asked to review the road markings at the A414 junction with Acorn Street as some drivers are not using it safely. • Core Group to arrange referendum. 	<p>Immediate</p>

<p>2. To improve the ease and safe use of pavements within the village, the Parish Council and East Herts Council should arrange for hedges and obstructions which currently limit the width of pavements to be cutback and/or removed.</p>	<p>PC to survey the pavements and a) where the pavement abuts private properties, require the property owner to affect a remedy and b) where the pavement abuts public land, request EHC to affect a remedy.</p>	<p>Immediate</p>
<p>3. To improve the safety of parishioners walking to the village church and to encourage non-vehicular journeys by church goers, the County Council should be requested to construct a pavement from Copthall to St Dunstons Church.</p>	<p>PC to a) re-open the previously successful discussions with local land owners to reconfirm the availability of the necessary land and b) to lobby HCC to provide the finance for the construction of the pavement.</p>	<p>2008-11 Budgets</p>
<p>4. To improve the uptake and use of public transport by Hunsdon villagers, the Parish Council should correlate and publish a review of current services thru the village and where appropriate lobby for the provision of an improved service.,</p>	<p>Parish Plan Team to establish a user group to identify and collate available services to the village. This group to recommend, where appropriate, improvement to these services. PC should publish the review of services (Parish Web Site) and lobby EHC for improved services, where identified.</p>	<p>2008</p>

<p>5. To improve car parking within the parish, the Parish Council should investigate the potential location of new car parks near the centre of the village and at Hunsdon Meads</p>	<p>PC should make enquires with interested parties to investigate the potential release of land to support parking options.</p>	<p>Medium term</p>
<p>6. To improve security within the village in answer to parishioner's requests, the Parish Council should explore the potential for street lighting outside the Dell.</p>	<p>PC to open discussions with HCC to assess the viability of reintroducing limited street lighting outside the entrance to the Dell play area.</p>	<p>Immediate</p>
<p>7. To request design improvements at the junction of Eastwick Road and A414 to ensure that drivers use it in the correct manner.</p>	<p>PC to instruct HA</p>	<p>Immediate</p>
<p>8. To improve cycle access to Harlow and Stanstead Abbots the use of existing rights of way should be considered.</p>	<p>CMS and Parish Paths Partnership</p>	<p>Immediate</p>

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Housing Policies		
1. Establish local view on scale, location, mix, type of tenure, restrictions on allocation (e.g. age, length of tenure in locality) of housing development in village	Core group to (1) brainstorm possible development sites and min / max no. of houses each could accommodate (2) seek advice on any legal minimum proportion of affordable housing within each site (3) seek advice on types of tenure, and consequent means of ensuring that the affordable homes are allocated to local people (4) present options to the community and establish preferences.	2008
2. Establish, insofar as possible, the implication of Hunsdon's inclusion as a Category 1 settlement in the Local Plan	Core group Engage with EHC	2008
3. Engage with landowners of candidates development sites (Trundles, St Alban's Diocese, Quinto) to facilitate any consequent allocation	Identify and engage with (on behalf of PC) landowners	March 2008
4. Develop a parish council policy on response to Applications for development of existing housing Stock.	PC	
5. Consider establishment of 'Village Properties for Sale' register.	Core group	

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<p><u>Services</u></p> <p>1. To support the existing services and facilities within the Village through use and publicity and through objections to proposed changes</p> <p><i>1.a. To be ready to take action if the Village Post Office is threatened with closure in the current round of Post Office proposed changes as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Make local views known during the pre consultation period.</i> o <i>Prepare an article for the Hunsdon Village News June addition advising local residents of the plan publication and possible action in response to any planned closure in support of our village facility during the consultation period.</i> o <i>In the event of a proposed closure a door to door drop and well managed campaign of letter writing in the 6 week consultation period.</i> <p><i>1.b: in the event of a proposed School Closure in the future residents would be ready to work with, and support, Hunsdon JMI School in a similar campaign.</i></p> <p>2. To consider establishment of community cooperatives to ensure continuation of services if necessary and to promote local enterprise by</p> <p><i>2.a The creation of a yearly local business directory for each household</i></p> <p><i>2.b Advertisement of local enterprise on Hunsdon.org</i></p> <p><i>2 c Continued advertisement of local services in the Village News</i></p> <p>3. To support the further development of Village Hall facilities including a Village Medical Centre.</p> <p>4. To provide a forum for airing local issues on web-site including publication on planning applications received by PC</p>	<p>Community support and promotion in Village web-site.</p> <p>HPC Parish Clerk</p> <p>All residents led by an action committee</p> <p>All residents led by an action committee</p> <p>Funded by Parish Room Trust. Web site manager PCC / Editor</p> <p>HVHMC/Doctors</p> <p>Web-site Manager.</p>	<p>Immediate</p> <p>April 2008 May 2008</p> <p>June 2008</p> <p>If the need arises</p> <p>2008</p> <p>Immediate On going</p> <p>2008</p> <p>Continuing</p>

<p>5. To seek improved re-cycling facilities and collections and to aim to be a 'sustainable' village. To publicise grants available.</p> <p><i>5.a lobby HCC for a more comprehensive collection of recyclables</i> <i>5.b. form a working party/advisory group to look into ways of reducing Hunsdon's carbon footprint including solar panels and windmills, possible bulk purchase and available grants.</i> <i>5.c. Further consultation with interested parties followed by possible bulk purchase and installation of solar panels.</i> <i>5.d Public consultation about possible sighting of wind turbines.</i></p> <p>6. To widen support for 'neighbourhood watch' in order to reduce vandalism.</p> <p><i>6.a.meetings for small neighbourhood groups to share ideas and information</i></p>	<p>PC liaise with EHC.</p> <p>Parish plan group to form a working party to set criteria for solar panels and windmills.</p> <p>PC and Police</p> <p>Neighbourhood co-ordinators</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Continuing</p>
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<u>Leisure and Recreation</u>		
1. To improve recreational facilities for teenagers including provision of cycle / skate board facility in The Dell.	Hunsdon JMI School PC budget provision.	2008 2009
2. To develop a 'trim trail' on a site well related to the Village core as part of Gilston Great Park scheme.	GGP Steering Group.	Design '08 Negotiations 09 Implement '10 2009
3. To investigate the feasibility of building a swimming pool possibly associated with the School.	School Governors	
4. Proposals from GGP: develop RAF museum, establish picnic / camp site, honey-pot adjoining River Stort Navigation.	GGP Steering Group	tba

Abbreviations: **EHC** – East Herts Council. **HCC** – Herts County Council. **EERA** – East of England Regional Assembly. **HAPTC** - Herts Ass. Town & Parish Councils. **CPRE** – Council for Protection Rural England. **FoE** – Friends of the Earth. **PC** – Parish Council. **PCC** – Parochial Church Council. **GGP** – Gilston Great Park. **CMS** – Countryside Management Service. **HA** – Highway Authority. **HVHMC** – Hunsdon Village Hall Management Committee. **SHN** – Stop Harlow North