

## Options Consultation

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has assessed the responses to the consultation on the vision, objectives and strategic options for growth and has set out 5 policy areas one for each objective with proposals that can help deliver the Neighbourhood Plan Vision over the next 20 years. Now is your opportunity to provide views on these more detailed emerging proposals which will start to shape what goes into the plan. Further information is available at [www.highamferrersneighbourhoodplan.org.uk](http://www.highamferrersneighbourhoodplan.org.uk) which sets out in more detail what the current proposals are. We want your views to ensure that these are the right priorities and issues and that you agree with the emerging direction of the plan.

The draft Vision for the Neighbourhood Plan is that Higham Ferrers will be

- A sustainable, vibrant and thriving community
- A community that encourages attractive, high quality development
- A community that is inclusive
- An attractive Town Centre

Neighbourhood Plans must accommodate development to meet the needs of its residents over the period of the plan - this means land for housing, employment and community facilities.

**No development** for Higham Ferrers is therefore not an option that can be pursued for the Plan.



### Option 2a – Strategic Options Consultation

From the previous consultation the most supported option (38%), if further development were necessary, would be for limited growth to the east of the A6 in association with Rushden East. This should be for a mix of uses including housing, employment, community facilities and open space.

The only major site still available to be planned within the existing built up area is the one adjacent to the Ferrers School.

## What you should do now

Please complete the sections on the following pages. For more detailed comments please complete online or send an extra sheet of paper. We value your input – this is your plan and it should reflect your views.

**Alternatively fill the survey in online at [www.highamferrersneighbourhoodplan.org.uk](http://www.highamferrersneighbourhoodplan.org.uk)**

Responses should be mailed in an envelope addressed to the FREEPOST address at the end of this leaflet – **NO STAMP is required.**

**WE NEED YOUR RESPONSES BY 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014**

The key proposals under each objective are set out below

## Objective 1: SERVICES

### - BETTER FACILITIES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

- 1 Location for a new community centre at either
  - A Saffron Road Recreation Ground
  - B The Ferrers Schools site
  - C The Methodist Church site on Queensway
- 2 Support for new and/or improved community facilities (such as healthcare, education, libraries, sport and leisure) in appropriate locations.
- 3 Location of new sports pitch provision and open space associated with Higham Ferrers East Reserve site.
- 4 Safeguard land adjacent to Henry Chichele primary School for potential future expansion of the school.

Please indicate whether you agree with the proposals by circling a number between 1 and 5; 5 being agree strongly and 1 being disagree strongly

Proposal 1	A	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
	B	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
	C	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Proposal 2		<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Proposal 3		<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Proposal 4		<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

**Comments:**

## Objective 2: DEVELOPMENT

### - HOMES & JOBS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE

- 1 Allocate land adjacent to the Ferrers School for up to 300 houses to contribute towards housing needs of the Parish over the plan period to 2031.
- 2 Provide a reserve site at Higham East (adjacent Rushden East) to deliver:-
  - Infrastructure needs for Rushden East (access road etc)
  - Additional housing land in future if necessary
  - Sports pitch provision
  - Strategic green corridor linking new development to Higham Ferrers town centre
  - Employment land provision
- 3 Housing development to include bungalows and self-build opportunities along with the required level of affordable housing.
- 4 Smaller house sizes are required (1 & 2 bed properties) and will be promoted through the plan for young families and older residents.

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Proposal 3		<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Proposal 4		<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

**Comments:**

**WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE PLAN OR CHARACTER ASSESSMENTS OR DESIGN ISSUES.**

Look at

[www.highamferrersneighbourhoodplan.org](http://www.highamferrersneighbourhoodplan.org).

or contact us on 01933 312075



### Objective 3: TOWN CENTRE

#### - ENHANCING THE VITALITY OF THE TOWN

- 1 Town centre public realm and transport improvements including
  - Traffic calming and pedestrian improvements around the town square
  - New/improved parking on High Street/College Street
  - New cycle parking within the town centre
- 2 Increase and diversify the range of local shops and services within the town centre.
- 3 Allow development/refurbishment of properties in the Conservation Area that respects local character and conforms with guidance on Shop Front Design.
- 4 Expand the town centre retail and business area while protecting its historic character.

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Proposal 2	5	4	3	2	1
Proposal 3	5	4	3	2	1
Proposal 4	5	4	3	2	1

**Comments:**

### Objective 4: DESIGN & ENVIRONMENT

#### - PROTECTING THE BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- 1 High quality design in new development will be supported, protecting and enhancing existing character areas within the town. (Note: this does not only include copying features from the Conservation Area. Assessment of the character of other areas of the town is ongoing)
- 2 Larger scale housing proposals (over 50 dwellings) will be required to provide a design brief setting out the design parameters of the scheme.
- 3 Important hedgerows, mature trees and nature conservation features will be retained where possible to increase local biodiversity.
- 4 The plan will protect areas of open space which are valued by the community by designating them as Local Green Space.
- 5 Development should not create an adverse impact on the Nene Valley Special Protection Area.
- 6 Proposals that are promoted at sites with known recorded historic settlements will need to carry out intensive archaeological investigations to protect ancient remains.

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Proposal 5	5	4	3	2	1
Proposal 6	5	4	3	2	1

**Comments:**



## Objective 5: ACCESS

### - TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION

- 1 New developments to be served by public transport and additional bus shelters and real time information will also be required where necessary.
- 2 Contributions towards improvements to Chown's Mill A45/A6 junction will be required and a longer term solution for better access to the A45 will be supported.
- 3 All new developments should have layouts that provide safe and convenient routes for walking, cycling and for disabled users that connect to other developments and to key destinations like the town centre, medical centre, schools, playing fields and the adjacent greenspace and countryside.
- 4 New cycle parking facilities at appropriate places will be supported. The extension of the Greenway to the north, linking to Midland Road and Wood Street, and its link to a new strategic green corridor to Rusden East will also be supported.
- 5 Proposals to increase the access and delivery of high speed broadband services throughout the Parish will be supported.
- 6 New housing developments will have adequate on-site parking, in accordance with Northamptonshire's parking standards. Higher standards will be encouraged where the impact of on-street parking is compromised.



Come and see us on Medieval Day 12<sup>th</sup> July and Farmers' Market 26<sup>th</sup> July to learn more about the plan

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Comments:



#### RESPONSES TO BE SENT TO:

FREEPOST RTJE – KSHX – 6EKY  
Higham Ferrers Town Council  
Town Hall  
Market Square  
Higham Ferrers, NN10 8BT

OR

Higham Ferrers Library Midland Rd  
Post Office, Wharf Road  
3 Newman Street,  
4 Hecham Way

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**CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFO**  
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PLEASE RETURN BY 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2014 – THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY