

6th January 2015

Hartley Wintney Neighbourhood Plan: Call for Sites

As part of the Hartley Wintney Neighbourhood Plan, it is important for us to consider the merits of making site allocations for development in the parish of Hartley Wintney in order to address local needs. This therefore is a call to all landowners in the parish, however large or small the area of land may be, who have an interest in promoting their land for development over a period from now until 2032.

If you are a landowner and wish your land to be considered for allocation in the Neighbourhood Plan, we are primarily looking for sites for a mix of affordable social housing and open market residential use. However, if you have aspirations for alternative uses then we would also like to hear from you. In particular, we would welcome details of land that you may wish to see taken forward to provide wider community benefit. For example, this could be as space for children's play areas, an allotment, or an area to be designated for purposes such as leisure facilities, or educational use. These are examples only and all ideas would be considered.

It is understood that any response represents a draft position and at this stage does not automatically bind a landowner to make any such provisions. Landowners should bear in mind that any potential land which is not put forward at this stage may not be considered for allocation during the period of the Plan ie 2011 - 2032. Equally sites can only be proposed for allocation if they are demonstrably deliverable and this is a matter which you may wish to address in your submission.

If you have potential sites that are either:

- within or directly adjacent to the existing curtilage of the village, or
- directly adjacent to an existing cluster of buildings outside the curtilage

then could you please provide us with the following details:

- 1. a clear statement of which types of development you wish your land to be considered for, eg residential, business, etc
- 2. the area of the land in hectares
- 3. a plan which clearly shows the extent of the land that you wish to be considered
- 4. an understanding of how the site would be accessed by vehicles and public transport, and opportunities for linking it with existing drainage, footpath, pavement and cycle routes.

At Appendix I are listed the Objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan when considering future development in the village of Hartley Wintney and you might like to consider how these might link in with your response.

It is important that you submit your sites as part of the Neighbourhood Plan process. An allocation in the finalised Plan will establish the principle of development of the land in question for that particular use (subject to normal planning requirements). Without an allocation in the approved Plan it is unlikely that planning approval for development will be granted. Our vision is in line with the strategic objectives of Hart's Local Plan.

We would like to extend to you a personal invitation to either of the Drop-in Days on Friday 9th January or Saturday 10th January 2015. These will be held in the Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Hartley Wintney between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Members of the Steering Group will be present to answer any questions you may have. Alternatively, please contact Janet Martin on 01252 843361 if you would prefer to meet at a later date.

We require all submissions to be made in writing including all information requested in this letter by 31st January 2015. Submissions to be made to: Mrs Janet Martin, 9 Kiln Gardens, Hartley Wintney, RG27 8RG.

Yours faithfully

Janet Martin Chairman Hartley Wintney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Appendix I

- Provide for the future housing needs of the parish and the surrounding villages it serves
- To seek to improve the physical infrastructure serving the residents and businesses of Hartley Wintney
- To improve the community infrastructure of Hartley Wintney in order to provide more places for people, young and old, to undertake their work, leisure and community pursuits
- To sustain Hartley Wintney as a place that people want to visit for their work, leisure and community needs
- To improve movement by non-car modes, principally walking, cycling and public transport links
- To protect the existing business base of the town and ensure their needs are provided for
- To improve transport facilities in the area in terms of traffic flow, parking, both on and off street, and public transport

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