

Hargrave

Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation Statement Appendices

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Appendix 1: Residents survey

HARGRAVE VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN RESIDENTS' SURVEY

Our village is compiling its village plan, describing (primarily for the purpose of informing and influencing future planning decisions) the kind of village and community we would like Hargrave to be over the next 25 years. This survey is designed to capture your views and help shape that plan.

Your views are important and we urge you to complete this questionnaire, please.

If you think you might benefit from a better understanding of what a Neighbourhood Plan is for, and the background behind the questions, please ensure you attend the Village Neighbourhood Plan Meetings or ask a member of the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group who will be pleased to provide you with explanations, although they cannot provide advice on answers you give to this survey.



Meeting dates, contact details and further information can be found on our Parish Council website in the section labelled "Neighbourhood Plan" at www.parish-council.com/hargrave

Questionnaires will be collected from your home from 28th October, or can be placed in the designated box on the steps of the Village Hall.

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Introduction and Explanatory Notes

Why having a Neighbourhood Plan is important for you and for Hargrave village

The Neighbourhood Plan will:

- Represent the villagers' perspective of the development preferences and needs in Hargrave
- Seek to address what types of new dwellings or other developments are preferred by our community, and identify where in our community development should preferably occur
- Seek to address other aspects of village life such as the changing needs of our community, to help the village thrive in the years ahead: infrastructure, leisure, employment, etc.

An important part of building the plan is to consult with the community and faithfully reflect their views of that plan. **That consultation is the purpose of this questionnaire.**

We recognise that **each person** has their own views and preferences. However if your views are the same as others in your household please feel free to complete the questionnaire as a combined submission, but please indicate how many people the submission represents so that views are given appropriate weight in the analysis that will follow, and lead to better shaping of Hargrave's plan. Students who live away from home are of course fully encouraged to complete a copy of this questionnaire. Please draw this survey to their attention.

Additional copies of the questionnaire can be downloaded and printed from the parish website: www.pariah-council.com/hargrave

Or obtained from Ros Sheppard, Cobblers Cottage, Church Street. Tel: 01933 624810

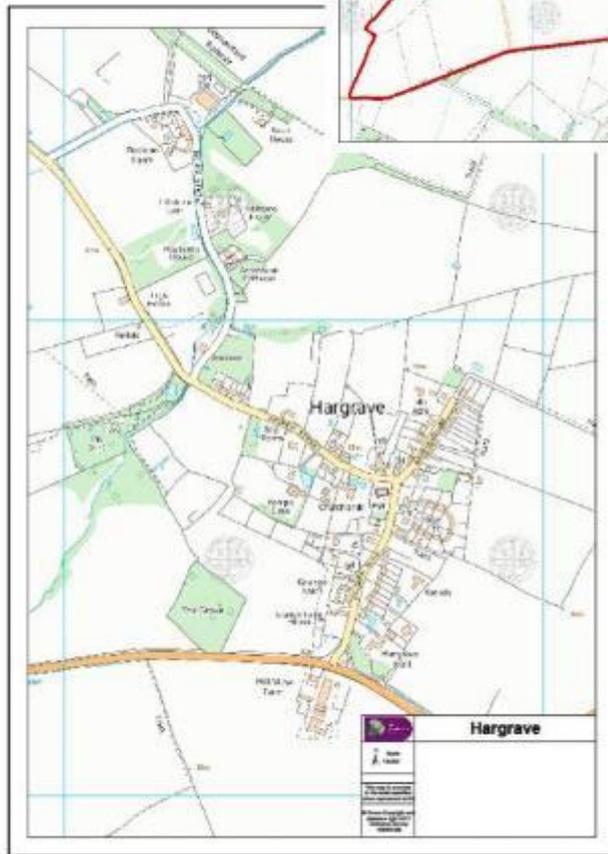
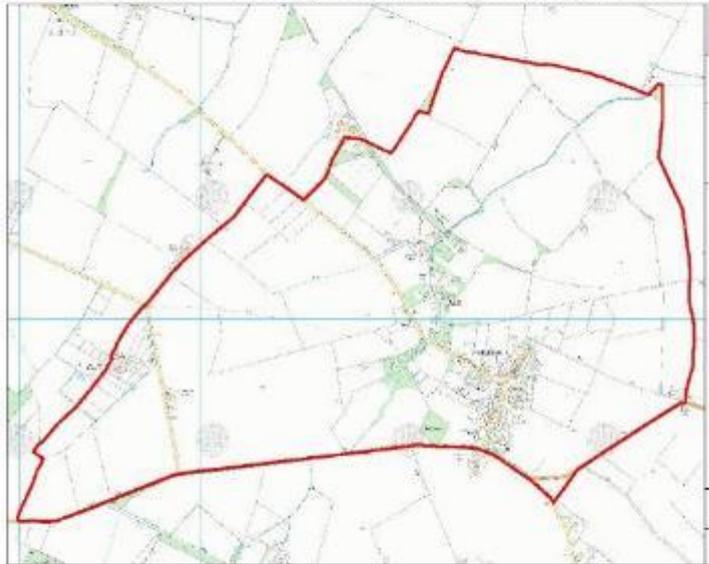
Thank you for helping to shape the future of our community!

There will be a **Village Residents' meeting** in the coming few weeks to feedback your responses from the questionnaires. Date and time to be confirmed through the parish council website, village hall noticeboard and the Hargrave Herald.

The Parish

Hargrave is located approximately 2½ miles south-east of Raunds. To the east of the village, on the B645, stands Three Shires House where the counties of Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire meet.

The parish of Hargrave covers 578 hectares (1,384 acres) laying on Oxford and Boulder clays with local high ground rising to 75m (250ft) above sea level. There is one brook which drains into the River Ouse. 150 years ago the village industries included shoe-making, lace-making and a brick works (sited next to the brook). Today, arable farming is virtually the sole village industry.



The Settlement Boundary

The "Settlement Boundary" is the accepted perimeter of the developed area within the Parish

By 2011, the village population was 241, with 104 homes distributed along Church Road, Church Street, Nag's Head Lane, Elm Close and Brook Street, with outlying farms at Hargrave Lodge, New England and Black Lodge. The present population of Hargrave is approximately 188 adults, with 37 children under 16 years old (total 225 people) living in 111 dwellings. It is a small village community.

Where should new developments typically be located in your view?

Please indicate by ticking as many boxes as appropriate:

Between existing houses (infill)

Between existing groups of houses (infill)

Within the adjacent countryside outside the current settlement boundary but still within the parish

Behind existing houses on undeveloped land (backfill)

In gardens of existing houses

Our Local Green Space and the Environment

PLEASE TICK THE BOXES OR CIRCLE THE ANSWER APPROPRIATELY IN THIS SECTION:

Aspects of the environment that most appeal to you and which you wish to conserve:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| The landscape of trees and plants | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Green spaces in the village | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Is it good that Hargrave is perceived as a small, green and spacious village? Yes No

If you answered NO, please circle the description you would prefer Hargrave to be: Modern urbanised Suburb Dense housing Built-up

Is it important to you that Hargrave village remains closely connected to the surrounding agricultural landscape and sector? Yes No

Some parts of the village (i.e. the old brickworks, bottom of Church Street, top of Nags Head Lane, by the White Bridge) have "buffer zones" of uncultivated but green land between the housing and the cultivated fields. Do you think it important to retain this green space around the village?

Yes No

Do you like the mature trees in Hargrave?	Yes	No
Should we have more trees?	Yes	No
Fewer trees?	Yes	No
Preserve what we have now and replace them if they fall or die naturally?	Yes	No
Manage trees, for example for highway safety and visibility?	Yes	No

The Character of our Village and the Landscape around us	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Hargrave is located in the open countryside, surrounded by and connected to fields and open countryside.					
I like living in Hargrave because of its countryside location	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I would prefer Hargrave to be somewhat larger	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Hargrave should be considered as a suburb of Raunds	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Wellingborough, Rushden, Kettering and Raunds are all marked for significant growth in housing and industry.					
The potential impact of this expansion on the quality of life in Hargrave concerns me.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The area of Bedfordshire on the south side of the B645 is open countryside across to Shelton and Dean.					
This as a logical place for housing development	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I would not want this area built upon	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Hargrave enjoys no amenities					
I would welcome development of:					
A village shop & Post Office	<input type="checkbox"/>				
A pub & restaurant	<input type="checkbox"/>				
A tearoom	<input type="checkbox"/>				
An artisanal craft shop (eg. pottery or similar)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other (please specify)					
Small villages like Hargrave generally lack pollution (traffic, diesel particulates, nitrogen oxides, noise) and enjoy a healthy environment. However, there are increasing traffic levels and industry in Raunds, Rushden and Higham.					
The lack of pollution in Hargrave is something I value highly	<input type="checkbox"/>				

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree/disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am concerned about Hargrave becoming contaminated by:					
Air pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Noise pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Ground contamination (litter, chemicals, spills)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Agricultural operations	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Light pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The visual impact of larger developments in the countryside can change the wider view of the landscape.					
I am concerned about the potential impact of:					
Large Housing Estates	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Industrial/Trading Estates and Warehouses	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Energy generation - windturbines, solar, and biomass	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Agricultural Buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Sustainable Infrastructure – flooding, sewers, drains, roads, footpaths, energy, telecoms.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Footpaths & Roads: <i>(countryside footpaths – see under leisure)</i>					
There are enough roadside footpaths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roadside footpaths are maintained adequately	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads are maintained to an acceptable standard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Utilities & Energy					
Hargrave is well served by the following utilities:					
Foul Water (sewage) drainage)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surface water drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water quality & pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mains Electricity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Broadband	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hargrave's neighbourhood plan should support land or sites made available within the parish for the following:					
Mobile phone masts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solar energy farm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wind turbine farm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New houses built in Hargrave should be constructed with sustainable technologies (e.g solar tiles, ground source heat pump, rainwater collection etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Design and Architecture in our Village	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
More of the following types of housing would be desirable in Hargrave:					
Detached	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Semi-detached	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Terraced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cottages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bungalows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Starter homes (1-2 bedrooms)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family homes (2-4 bedrooms)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Executive mansions (4-6 bedrooms)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I consider that more of this type of home ownership would be appropriate:					
Local authority owned	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private rented	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Privately owned	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For rent/shared ownership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New homes should complement the style of those nearby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would welcome new homes in Hargrave of a style that is:					
Historic style detached or semis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic style cottages and terraced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20th century style detached and semis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Modern Town houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please describe)					
House extensions should complement the existing property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conversions from other use into housing (i.e. a barn) should be adapted in a style that retains its original character	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintaining and retaining the original housing stock character in the village is important.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Transport, Traffic and Road Safety

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Access and use of these forms of transport are important when living in Hargrave:					
Bus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taxi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Residents previously have highlighted the following concerns. Do you agree?					
Speeding/Noise on B645	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raunds Road lack of maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic Calming needed on Church Street/Church Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety at the White Bridge by Brook Street	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking on Church Street	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speeding traffic through the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nags Head Lane/Church Rd Junction lack of maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volume of through traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase in commercial vehicle traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overhanging vegetation narrowing roads & footpaths reducing visibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overhanging vegetation around streetlights and signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of Raunds Mere road past Mere Farm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inadequate or missing footpaths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Where are the inadequate or missing footpaths that concern you?					

Are there other road safety issues of concern (please note)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I would welcome introduction of commercial traffic volume restriction measures within the village boundary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would welcome traffic speed being reduced within the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The B645 and Raunds Road have growing volumes of traffic, more growth is likely unless directly addressed.					
I am concerned about the impact of traffic on the B645 and Raunds Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would welcome the following measures to reduce the impact/flow of traffic in order to reduce pollution and noise:					
Built or planted barriers to reduce traffic noise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change to a smoother road surface to cut noise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chicanes at entrance/exit to village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speed bumps within the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Measures on the B645 to discourage speeding vehicles (rumble strips, warning signs etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On the B645, the following matters are serious safety concerns:					
The bends by the water tower	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The hidden dips towards Chelveston	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The junction with Church Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finding roadside parking is difficult in Hargrave for residents and visitors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The following road safety measures would be useful in Hargrave:

Improved street lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>				
More speed indicator devices	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Improved road signage	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Dedicated cycle routes	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Maintenance of roadside hedges	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Zebra crossing (if so, where - please write below)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other. (Please specify locations and nature of those other safety improvements below)					

Protecting existing (and supporting new) community and recreational facilities

HARGRAVE VILLAGE HALL

I or my children have frequently participated in the following activities in the village hall during the past year (please tick):

- Handicraft evenings
- Circle dancing
- Jumble Sale
- Short mat bowls
- Table tennis
- Social events (such as breakfasts or dinners)
- Pub nights
- Women's Institute
- Private functions
- Yogalates

Other: (Please specify)

What other activities would you like to see offered to you and your children within the village? (Please specify).

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY					
I value the fact that the village has public rights of way	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I value the village walking groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I use the village rights of way regularly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The rights of way are well signed and readily accessible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any improvements that might make the rights of way more enjoyable? (Please specify)					

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE					
At present there are no public open spaces in Hargrave.					
I support the Parish Council acquiring land for a public space	<input type="checkbox"/>				
If so what would you like the space to be used for e.g. Children's play area, Sports facility, village events such as fetes. (Please specify)					
I consider that it is important that planning applications are considered in the light of introducing new, green spaces?	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The Parish Council should seek all new developments to contribute in some appropriate way to the well-being of the village community as a whole	<input type="checkbox"/>				

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
PUBLIC HOUSE					
<i>The Nag's Head pub has been closed for more than 18 years.</i>					
Please consider the statements below:					
I consider the pub should not be used for any other purpose than a public house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If open as a pub, I would frequent it at least once a week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I prefer the building to be converted into a house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I prefer the building to become a village shop or similar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If it became a shop I would definitely shop there regularly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If reopened as a pub or a shop, I would be concerned by the parking of patrons causing the village difficulties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HERITAGE, RELIGION AND CULTURE					
The church has stood in the centre of the village since the 12th Century. Please consider the following statements and your view accordingly:					
I value the historic context and continuity of the church in the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I value the ability to attend services in the church - whether on a regular basis or for special occasions (carol concert, funeral, wedding etc).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am pleased the church hosts the Hargrave Music Festival	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have attended the Hargrave Music festival and consider it valuable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I value having the War Memorial in the church yard and the Remembrance Day Service held at them each year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would welcome the church opening its doors for other events such as (Please specify below).					

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
EDUCATION					
The only educational facility in the village is the nursery. Please consider:					
I value the role of the nursery in the life and attractiveness of the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am concerned that the nursery lies on the opposite side of the B645 road to the village - <i>(also refer road safety section)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES OR SITES					
I consider some other buildings, ruins or facilities around Hargrave to be of historic or archaeological value. These sites help represent and preserve the heritage of our village					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please note down below any of significance to you:					

ALLOTMENTS					
I consider there to be a need for allotments in Hargrave	<input type="checkbox"/>				

If you agreed with the statement, where would you suggest the allotments should preferably be located? (Please specify below)

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO 15 YEARS OF AGE	
I am under 16 and would be interested to take part in a youths' and children's workshop to discuss my future hopes for the leisure and village facilities in Hargrave (please circle)	Yes No
My child/children would be interested to take part in a youths' and children's workshop to discuss their future hopes for the leisure and village facilities in Hargrave (please circle)	Yes No

Housing Developments and their nature

Questions about you and your home:

Please enter the number of people in your household in each age group:

Age under 5		5-10 years		11-17 years	
18-24 years		25-44 years		45-55 years	
56-65 years		66-75 years		76+ years	

How long have you lived in Hargrave? Please tick:

less than one year	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 -10 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
11-20 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 20 years	<input type="checkbox"/>

Why did you choose to live in Hargrave? (please tick as many as apply)

Attractive location	<input type="checkbox"/>	To be close to a particular school	<input type="checkbox"/>
It had suitable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	To be close to family	<input type="checkbox"/>
Convenient location	<input type="checkbox"/>	To live with partner/spouse	<input type="checkbox"/>

I/we have always lived here

Other (please specify)

Is there anyone in your household currently in need of alternative accommodation?

Yes No

If your answer to the above was YES, would you or your household member prefer to stay in Hargrave?

Yes No

If YES what type of housing would be needed? (Please tick all that apply)

1 - 2 bedrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Owner occupied	<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 - 4 bedrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Privately rented	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 bedrooms plus	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shared ownership	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Has any member of your household moved from Hargrave in the last year?

Yes No

If YES please select their reasons:

Price of property Lack of private rented homes

No suitable property to buy Further/higher education

Lack of local authority/ housing association homes

Other (please specify)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Questions about the future of Housing in Hargrave:					
Thinking about future housing development in Hargrave, I consider it important that development should be positioned:					
Outside the settlement boundary in adjacent fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
With adequate off-road parking spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Within the settlement boundary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
With good size gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I consider it important that any new housing in Hargrave should be sympathetic to and respect the following:					
The scale of surrounding housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The character and positioning of surrounding buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The design and materials of surrounding buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The open spaces of the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I consider the following size of individual developments to be appropriate for Hargrave:					
Individual homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small developments (2 – 3 houses)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Larger developments (4 – more than 10 houses)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I am concerned and worried that further development in Hargrave will cause:					
Loss of village character	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Impact on significant views	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loss of countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overstretched rain drainage, foul water sewers, fresh water or power supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unsafe pedestrian and cycle routes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)					
Thinking of the future sustainability of Hargrave I consider it is important new housing should:					
Provide a mix of good quality housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Be eco-friendly in design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Be of good architectural design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have minimum ecological impact on the surroundings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contribute to and enhance the natural environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Supporting Rural Diversification and
Employment: Agriculture, Commerce
and Industry

For the village to be a thriving community in the medium and long term, please consider whether local employment matters or not.

General comments about employment in Hargrave. (please circle)

Should Hargrave take care to provide employment opportunities?	Yes	No
Should Hargrave encourage the development of small businesses?	Yes	No
Should Hargrave welcome developments that include business facilities such as office or workshop buildings?	Yes	No

What do you consider are the positive benefits for the village of increasing employment in Hargrave?

What do you consider are negative issues for the village of increasing employment in Hargrave?

About you and your work.

Do you work?	Yes	No
If you do is it full-time?	Yes	No
Have you recently been or currently looking for work?	Yes	No

If you work outside Hargrave how far (each way) is your commute?

_____ miles _____ hours/minutes

Would you like to work in Hargrave if there were job opportunities here? Yes No

If you work in Hargrave. (please circle)

Do you work in Hargrave as: Your main place of work Occasionally, with your main place of work being elsewhere

Do you: Work from home On a farm In a business premises

Are you: Self-employed/sole trader Employee Employer

If you are an employer and your business is based in Hargrave, how many people do you employ from your Hargrave premises? 1-5 6-10 10-20 20+

Why do you work in Hargrave? Please tick as many reasons as apply:

- I have always worked in Hargrave
- The short commute to work
- I like the rural location
- Lifestyle choice
- It is where my job happens to be
- I can communicate with customers wherever I work from
- My customers like to visit my place of work in Hargrave
- The location of my workplace is irrelevant to my customers
- My employer encourages/allows me to work from home some/all of the time

Do you expect the business you work for/your business in Hargrave to grow in the future? Yes No

What threat do you see to your employment or business in Hargrave?

What opportunity do you see for your employment or business in Hargrave?

Crime and anti-social behaviour

The following issues are a problem in Hargrave: (please circle)

Garden theft	Yes	No
Vehicle crime	Yes	No
House burglary	Yes	No
Drugs and alcohol	Yes	No
Vandalism	Yes	No
Anti-social behaviour	Yes	No

How safe do you feel when you are out in Hargrave? Please circle.

Very safe	Fairly safe	Fairly unsafe	Very unsafe	Neither safe nor unsafe
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Please tell us of anything that could be done to make Hargrave a safer place to live and work.

Other Important Topics for our
Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you taking for the time and thought to complete this questionnaire.

In drafting the questionnaire, the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group were conscious that there may be other matters that residents of our village would seek to be addressed within the neighbourhood planning document.

This space below is for you to add those additional thoughts, preferences and suggestions that you may have which you feel are not adequately covered in the above pages. Please do not feel limited by the space allowed for this response (or any others in the body of the questionnaire). Simply add further comments and append them to this questionnaire or submit them to the Steering Group Chair or Secretary. Those comments can be anonymous or accredited.

We look forward to sharing the results of the survey with all villagers through an open meeting and on the parish council website www.pariah-council.com/hargrave in the weeks ahead. We look forward to our village remaining a sustainable, enjoyable and caring community in which to live, work and play.



Thank you!
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Appendix 2: Residents survey report

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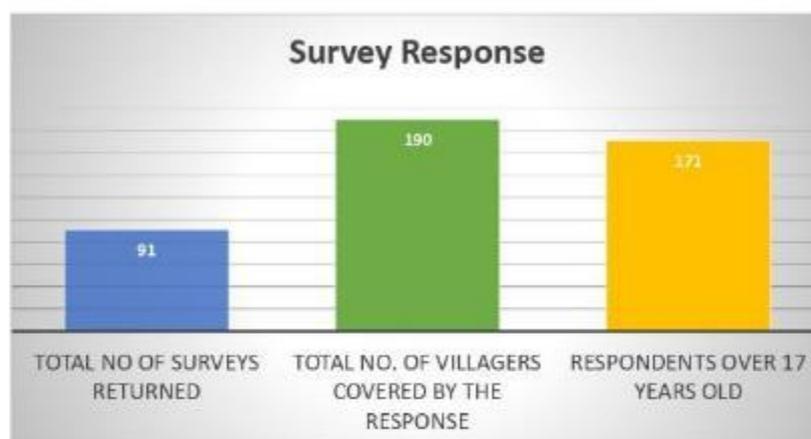
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This document reports the results from the residents' survey conducted in November 2019.

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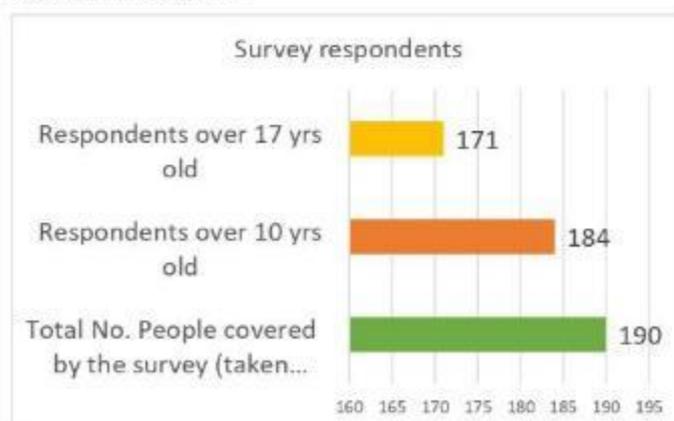
Did our village engage strongly with the survey?



The present population of Hargrave is approximately 188 adults, with 37 children under 16 years old (total 225 people). It is a small village community.

From a total village population of 188 adults, 171 people over 17 years' old responded. Including children, 190 residents were covered by the responses.

These data indicate a high degree of support for constructing an appropriate neighbourhood plan.

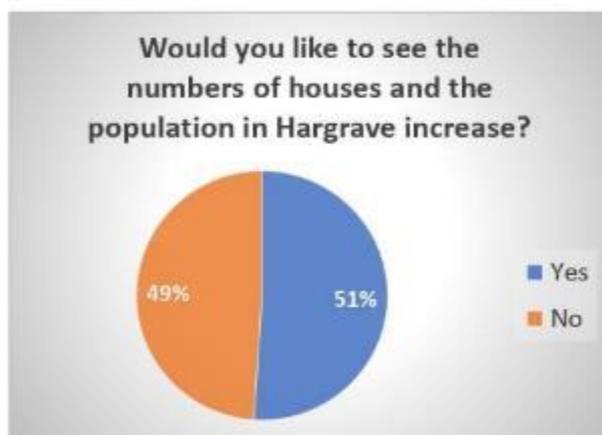


The responses in the survey are clearly shaped, with a coherent weight of opinion.

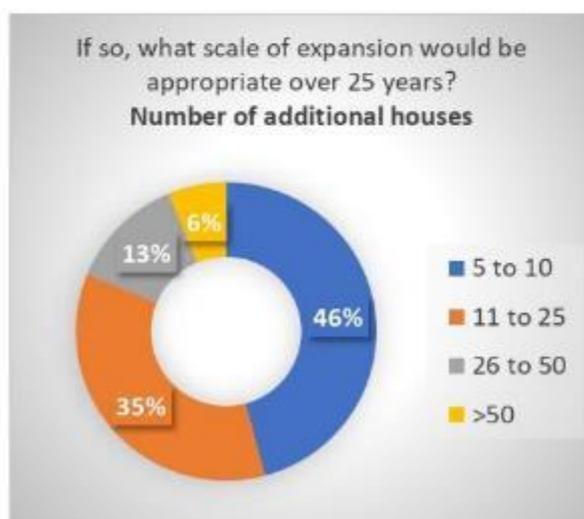
The following pages set these facts out with commentary.

The Shape of our Village

The responses indicate that whilst our village is not “anti-growth”, opinions are equally split on whether the village should grow or not over the coming 25 years.



For the half of residents who consider growth *would* be welcomed, that scale of growth is strongly shown to be of very modest proportions, with:



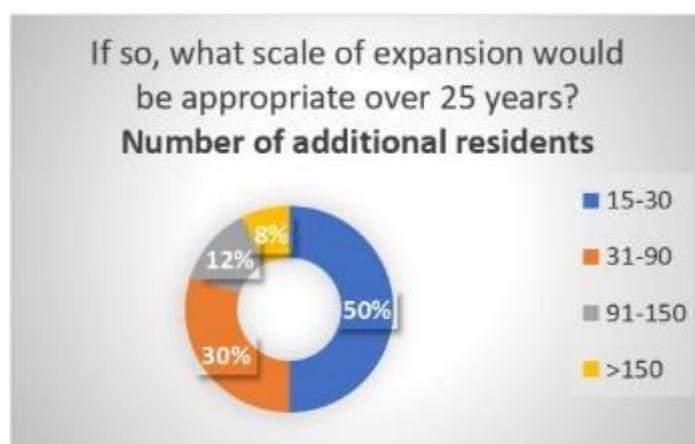
- almost half of those in favour of growth consider only 5-10 houses of expansion would be appropriate (c. 5-10% of current total homes),

- 81% of those in favour of growth consider the number of new houses should not exceed 25 homes over 25 years.

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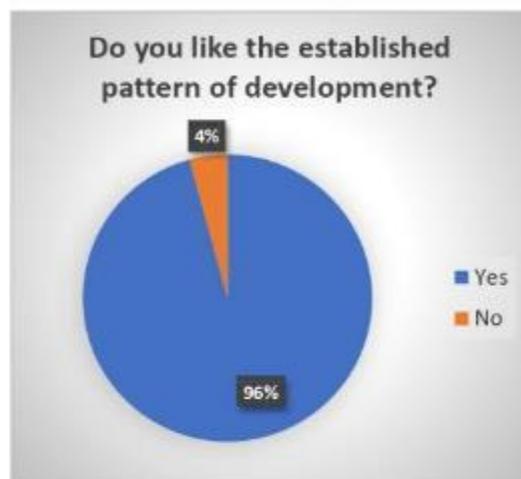
Similarly, the appropriate scale of growth in resident population over 25 years is also considered to be modest, with half those respondents who are positive to growth considering that only 15-30 new residents would be an appropriate level of expansion over the next 25 years.



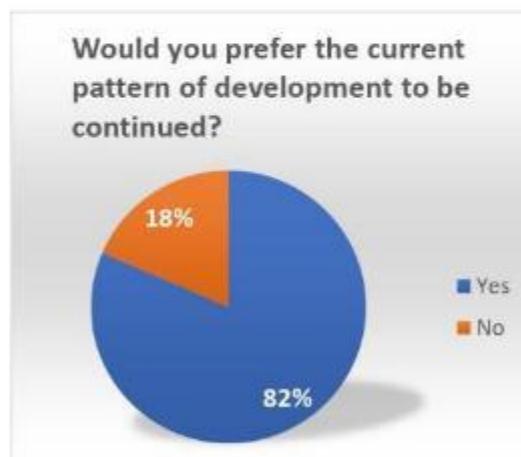
Summary

In broad terms, the village expects (at the most) only low growth over the next 25 years, and as later results indicate, this appears to stem from a strong desire to retain the essential nature of the small rural community, whilst protecting its countryside and environs in which to live and work.

Pattern of any future housing development



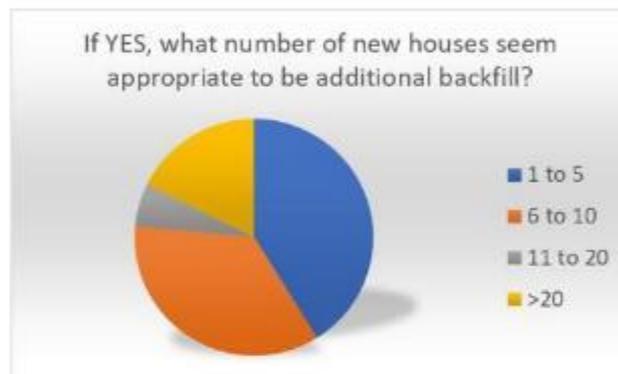
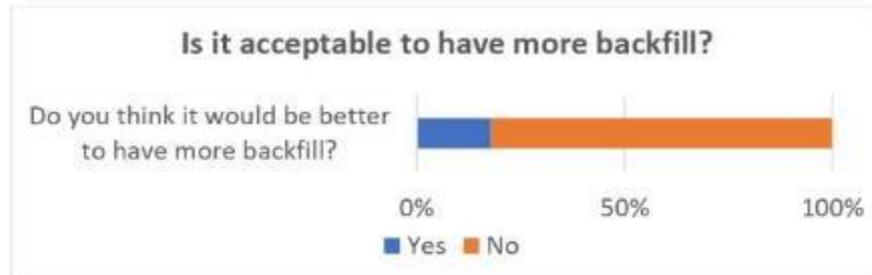
There is an almost unanimous affection for the historic pattern of expansion by “ribbon infill” along a small number of streets in the village, with a strong desire amongst a large majority of villagers for that to remain the future pattern of development, too.



In considering future development, there is a strong preference for not having “backfill” development instead of the current pattern of “ribbon development”.

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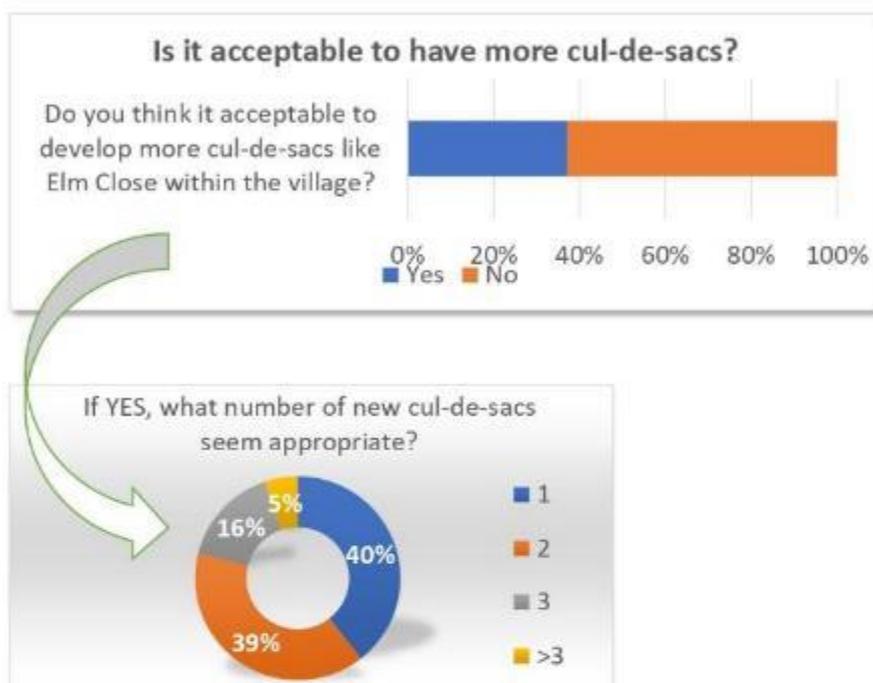


There is divergence of view expressed amongst the minority of residents who *are* in favour of backfill development: however, their preference is for less than 10 homes built in the next 25 years.

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There is a clear majority preference for no further cul-de-sacs like Elm Close to be developed. This is in keeping with the general desire for only low levels of development.



Whilst there is clear majority for no further cul-de-sacs to be built, there is slightly more tolerance for cul-de-sac development than for backfill plots – villagers indicating a stronger level of support for this type of development, should any development occur. Even so, 40% of those who favour cul-de-sacs as a development pattern would not want to see more than one in the course of the next 25 years.

Inevitably, should one new cul-de-sac be permitted there is clear precedent set, with no legal grounds for further limitation. Therefore, in light of the village residents' preferences, the Parish Council should be mindful of this when contemplating any future planning submissions.

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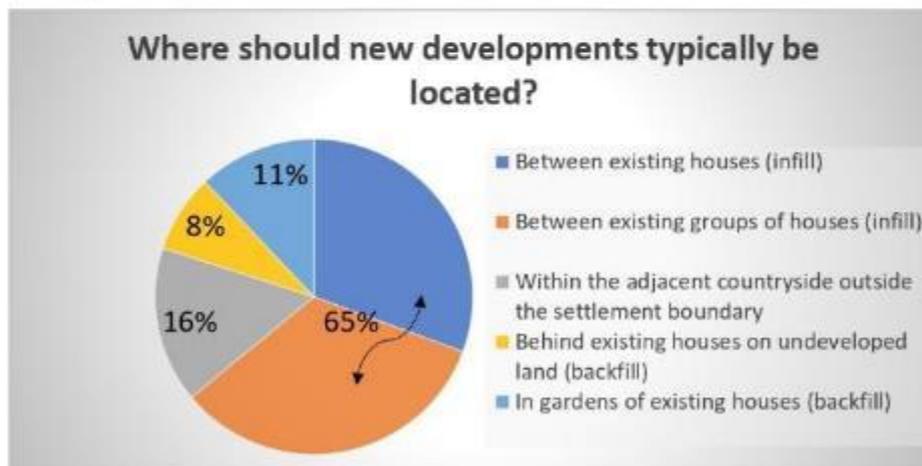
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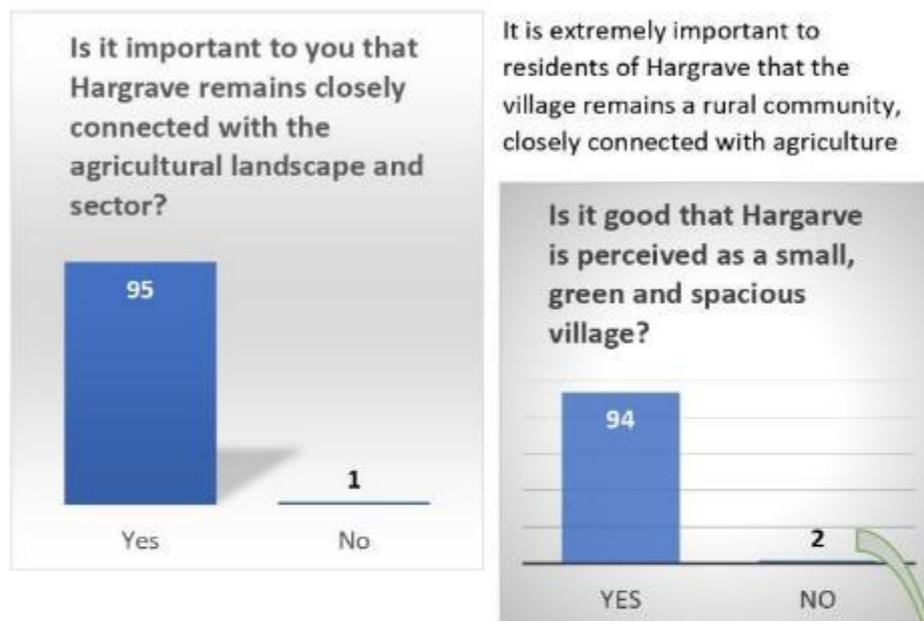
- The strong indication for either none or only low levels of new housing development
- The liking of the village current “ribbon infill” development pattern
- Strong “No” votes for both backfill and cul-de-sacs

there appears to be neither appetite nor need for property development that could not be accommodated within the existing pattern of “infill” along the existing streetscape – as has recently been the case for some properties built along Nags Head Lane and Church Road.

This sentiment is strongly affirmed by the specific responses to the question asking where any future new housing should be located, where 65% of respondents indicated their opinion that new housing should typically be located between existing houses and groups of houses, in contrast with 16% who indicated “outside the current village settlement boundary”, and only 8% who considered behind existing houses and 11% who considered within existing house gardens.

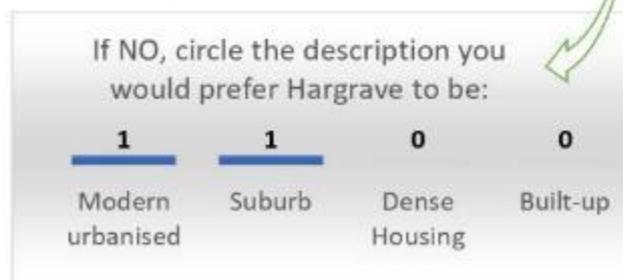


Green Space and the Environment

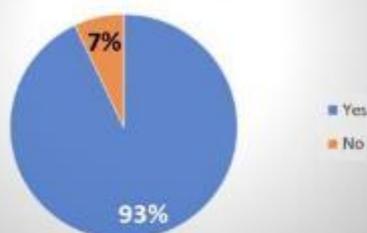


The two respondents who consider it is not good that Hargrave is perceived as a small green and spacious village, indicated that Hargrave should be considered as a modern urbanised community and a suburb of Raunds.

Their views are in a considerable minority amongst respondents.



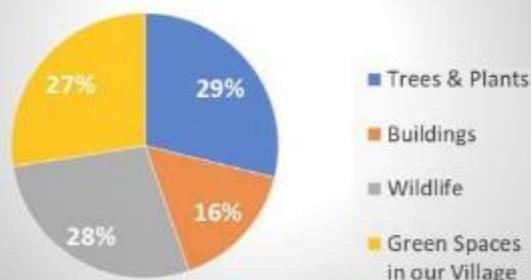
Do you think it is important to retain the existing green space around the village?



In keeping with the strongly expressed desire to retain rural and agricultural connections the overwhelming majority of respondents consider it important to not lose the existing green spaces around the village.

The aspects of Hargrave's environment that most appeal to residents are evenly spread between the trees, plants, and the wildlife that surround us in the green spaces of the village.

Aspects of the environment that most appeal to you and which you wish to conserve:



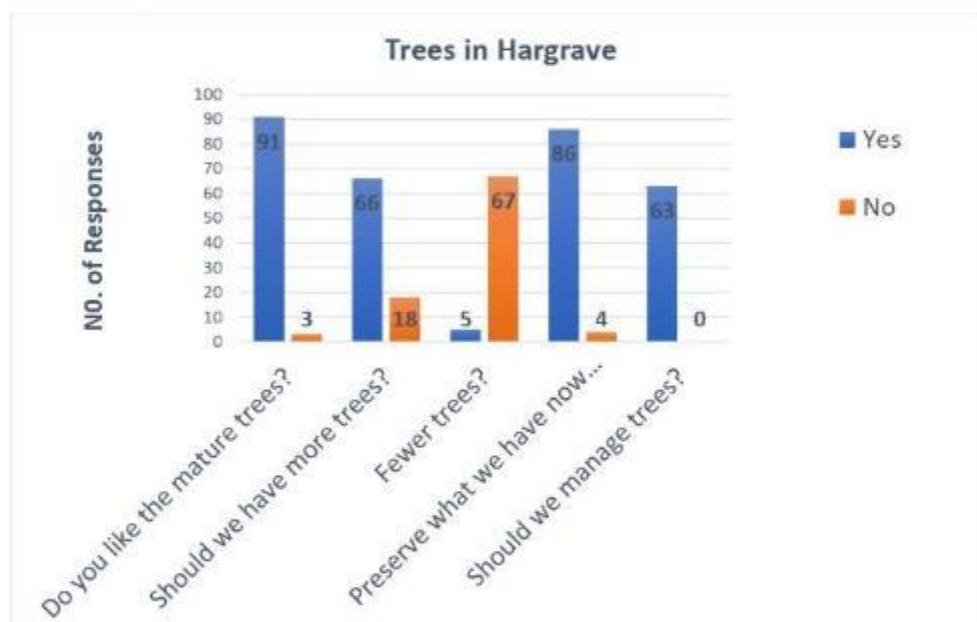
The conservation of the buildings of our village also appealed to a significant proportion of respondents.

This response is later reinforced in the survey results by the responses on architecture and housing preference.

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Finally, in regards to the specific questions of trees and their management, the village indicated a very strong liking for the mature trees of our village; would like more trees still; and considered that they should be cared for and managed appropriately in terms of their replacement and the enabling of safety and visibility. There was overwhelming support on these topics, consistent with other questions about the green environment and village surroundings.



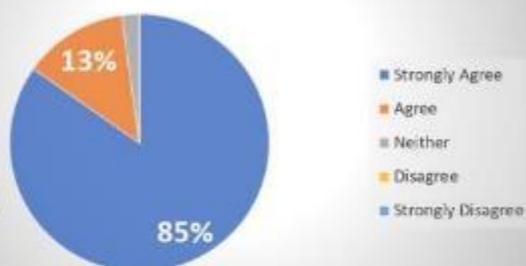
Summary

The green environment, the connection with local agriculture and general rurality of the village are deeply important to residents and must be protected and preserved in the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Character of our Village and Landscape

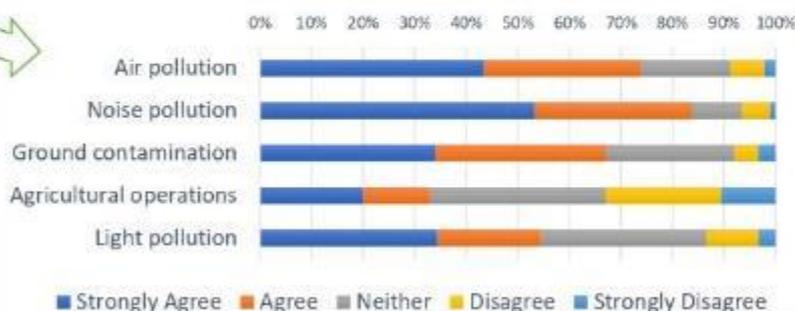
Pollution

The lack of pollution in Hargrave is something I value highly:



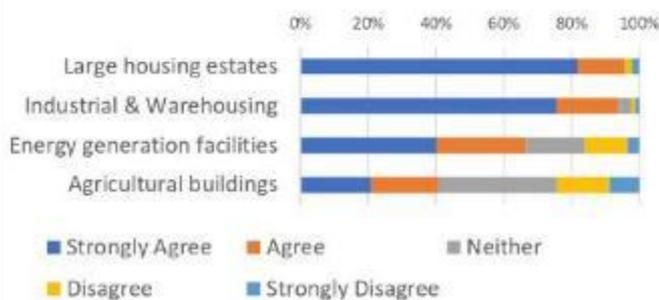
98% of village residents value the lack of pollution highly. Most concern is exhibited about noise (83%); air pollution (73%); and ground contamination (67%).

I am concerned about Hargrave being contaminated by:



... and are more concerned about potential impact of housing estates and industry on the village than from windfarms and the like.

I am concerned about the potential impact of:

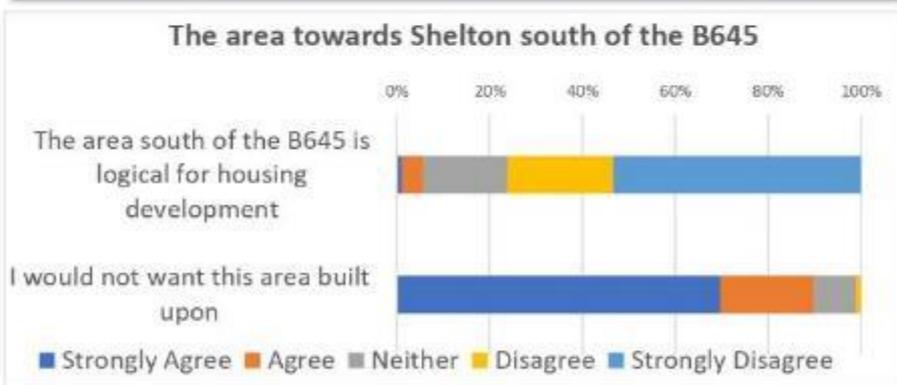
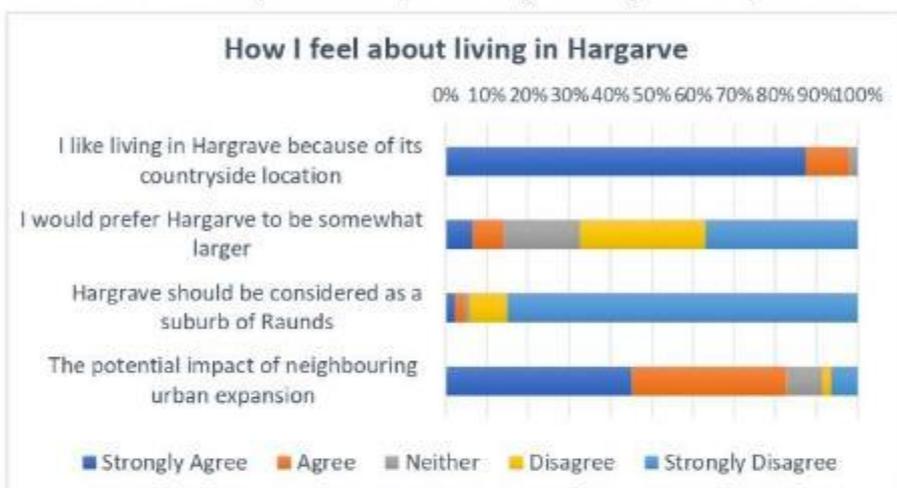


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Given the value placed on the environment and lack of pollution, the responses to how villagers' feel about living in Hargrave are unsurprising.

Almost everyone in our community enjoys living here because of the rurality, only a small minority (13%) preferring the village somewhat larger; almost no one (94%) considers Hargrave as a suburb of Raunds; and more than 80% are concerned about the potential impact of neighbouring urban expansion.



One area laying just outside the county boundary which has been muted as a potential housing site, would be considered by the vast majority of residents as very unwelcome development.

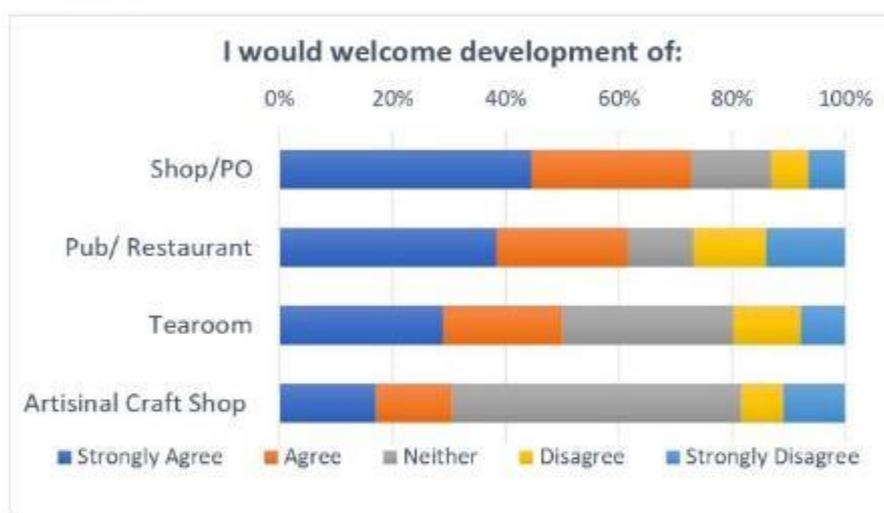
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Summary

Damage to the rural nature and tranquillity of the village from noise, air pollution and the impact of nearby residential and industrial expansion in towns and industrial parks are concerns from which the village needs to be protected through the village plan.

Amenities:



The village is short of amenities to serve the community.

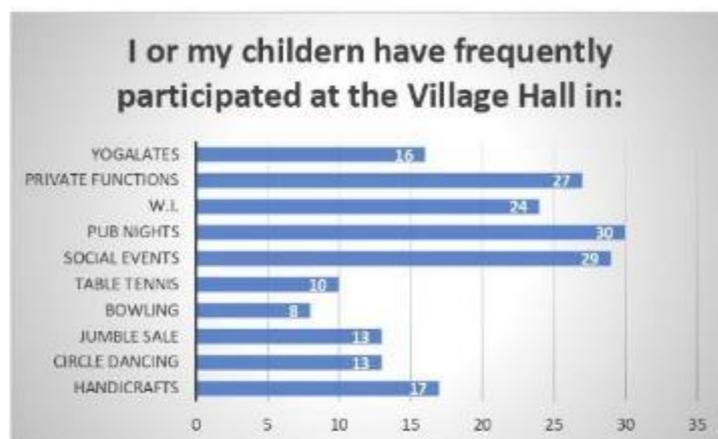
Preferences expressed for amenities showed the strongest support for a shop/post-office, then a pub/restaurant and a tearoom. Ambivalence was shown towards having a craft shop.

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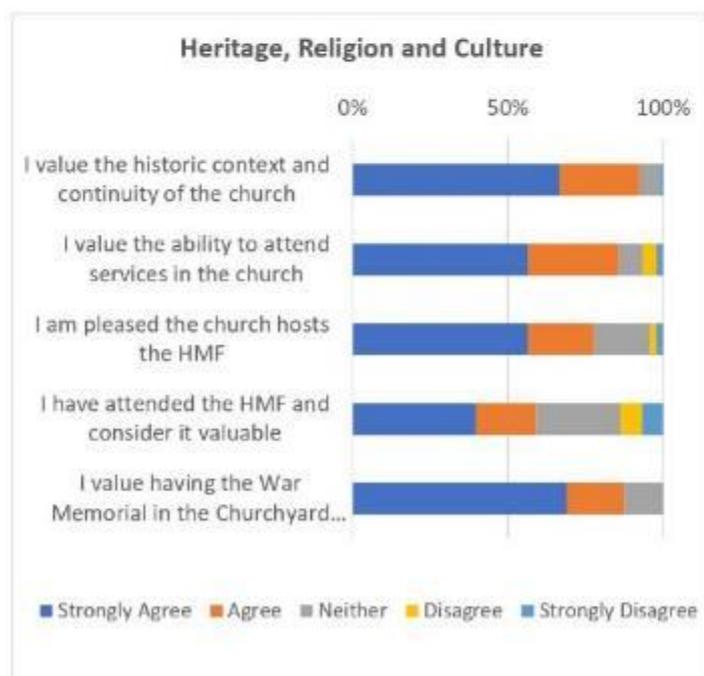
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Community and Recreational

The church's Village Hall is enjoyed by many as a recreational facility. The greatest use appears to be from social events including "pub nights" and



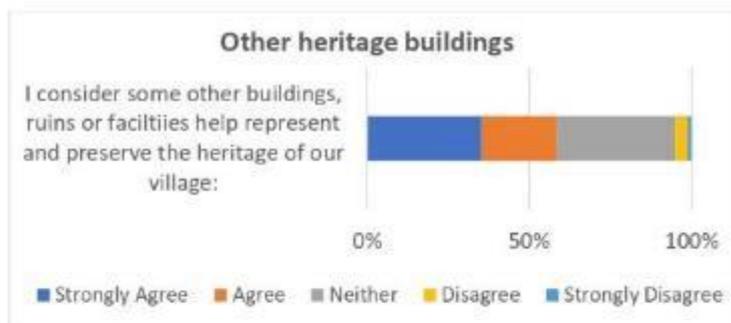
private functions. Apart from the WI which attracts good attendance, there are a limited number of clubs attracting roughly a dozen participants.



All Hallows' church, its war memorial, Remembrance Service, and the Hargrave Music Festival form a valuable combination of religion, heritage, continuity and culture for a clear majority (c. 80%) of the village community.

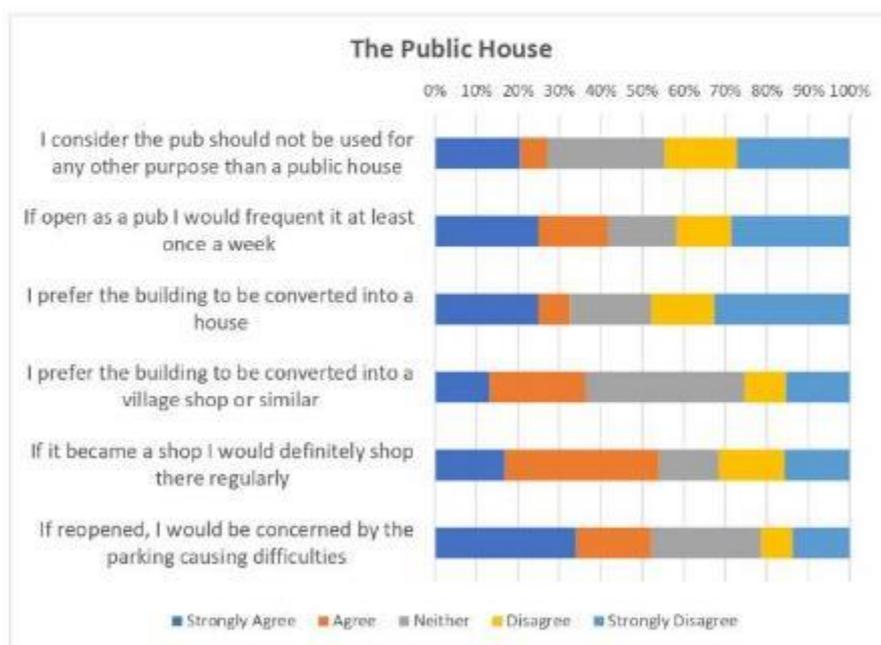
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More than half the respondents consider other buildings or ruins to represent and preserve the heritage of our village.

The former Nag's Head public house:



Opinions are divided over future use of the former Nag's Head pub.

Those who consider it must remain a pub (26%) are in the minority with those who disagree and therefore accept alternative usage (45%).

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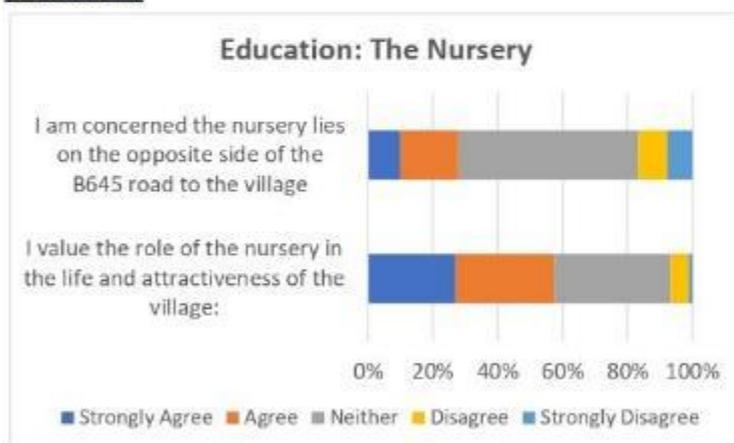
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Whilst 40% of respondents say they would regularly frequent a pub, 40% consider they would not. There is no strong majority backing.

Only 33% state that they would prefer the building to revert to becoming a house, whilst 47% would not.

However, 37% would prefer the building to become a village shop or similar, a proposition only disliked by 25%. Intriguingly, if it were a shop, more than half the village say they would shop there regularly: more than state they would frequent the premises were it a pub. Whether a pub or a shop, more than half the respondents would be concerned about parking of patrons causing difficulties for the village: a problem that would not exist were it to be a house.

Education:

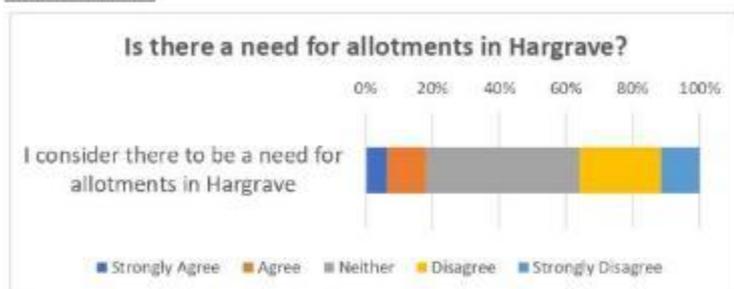


Although the Village Hall was originally a village school, the only educational facility is the nursery. Nearly 60% of the village value the presence of the nursery in the village. Its location on the other side of the B645 whilst not ideal is not a major concern for most residents.

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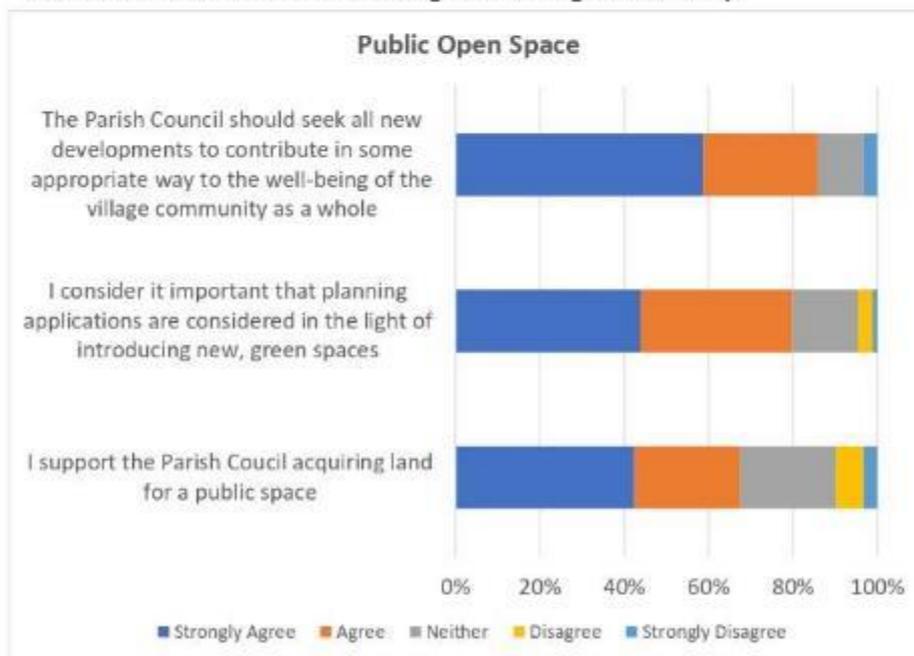
Allotments:



There was only weak support for development of allotments.

Public Open Space and Rights of Way

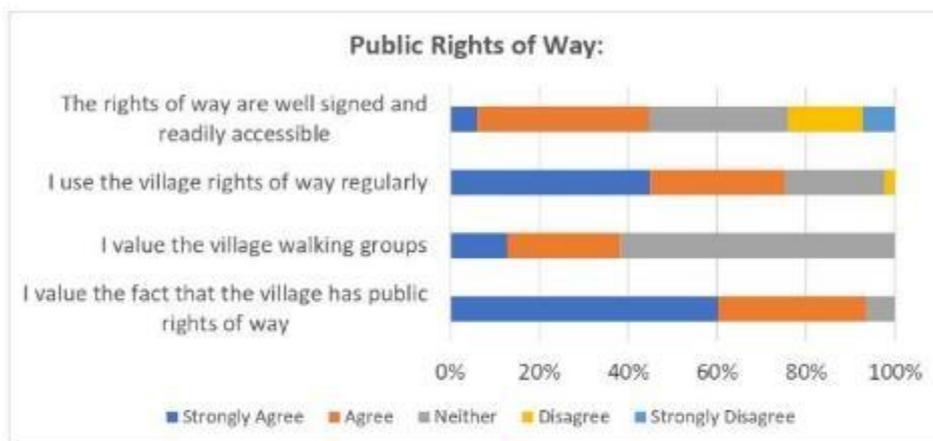
A strong majority of 80% of respondents consider that planning applications should be considered as a means of introducing new green space within the village, and that the Parish Council should seek that all new developments make contribution to the well-being of the village community.



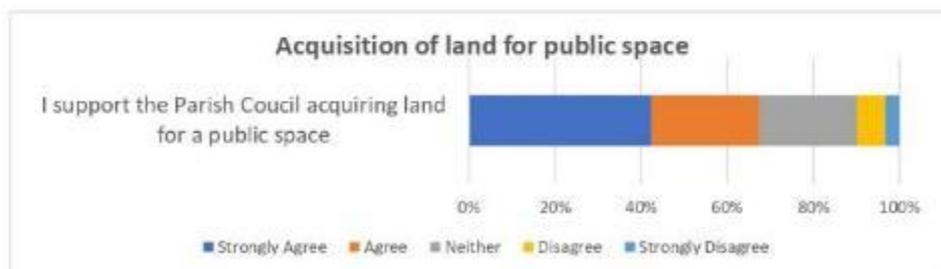
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Meanwhile the village indicates strong appreciation of the public rights of way, albeit their signage and accessibility could be improved.

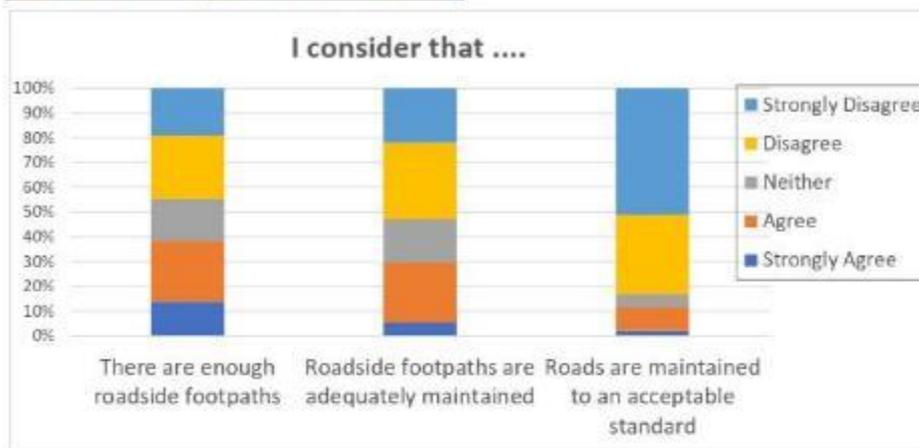


In this context there is strong support for the Parish Council acquiring land to create a public space, with many suggestions for its use (presented separately).



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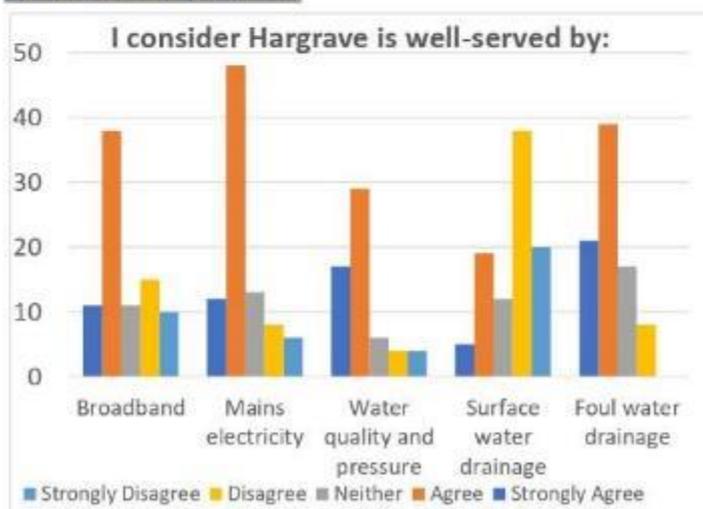
Roads and Footpath Infrastructure:



There is significant dissatisfaction at the maintenance of the village roads.

There is also dissatisfaction at the maintenance of roadside footpaths, and opinion is roughly divided on whether there are adequate roadside footpaths.

Utilities Infrastructure:



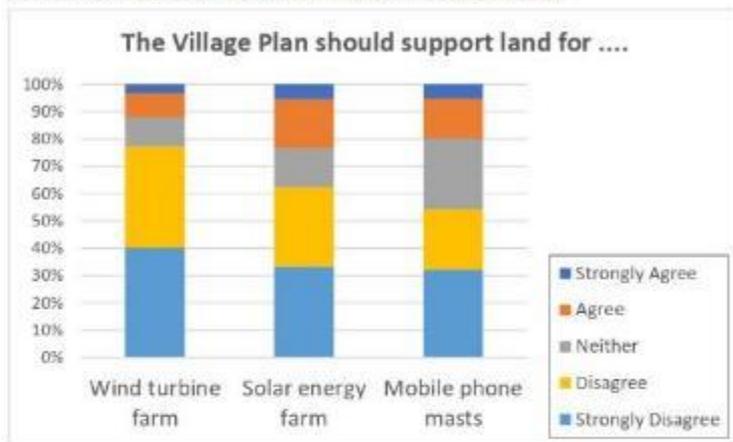
There is broad satisfaction with electricity, water and broadband. However, the drainage of surface of water is significantly of concern and dissatisfaction. This is perhaps

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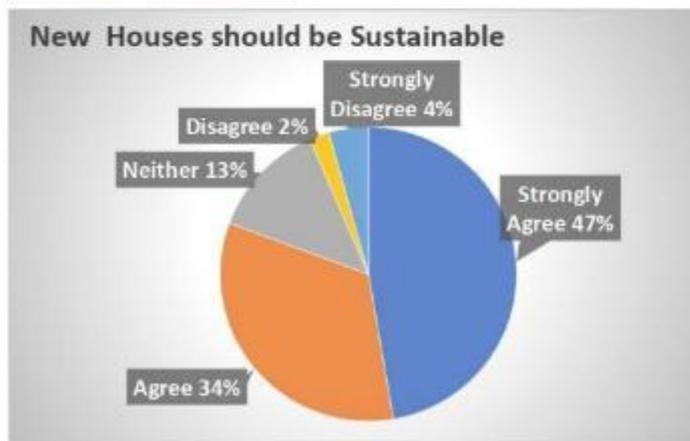
unsurprising given the flooding that regularly occurs of some village roads during periods of wet weather.

Development of New Utility Infrastructure:



Very few residents are supportive of having more wind turbines, solar farms or mobile phone masts nearby to the village.

Housing Infrastructure:



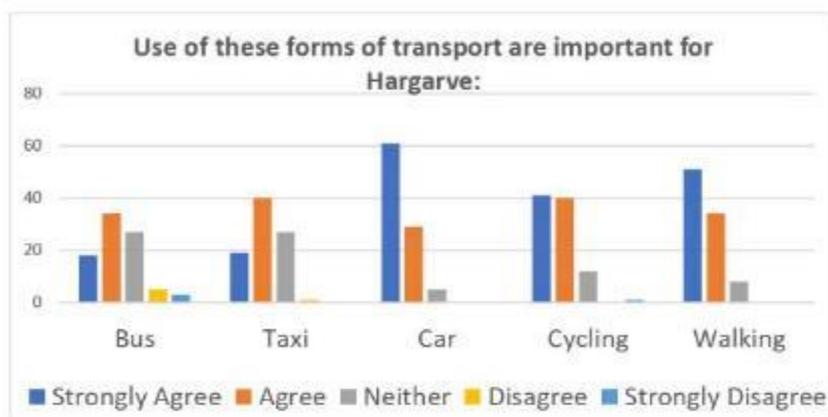
There is strong preference (81%) that any new homes should be sustainable in their design and construction.

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Transport Infrastructure

Transport in Hargrave is limited with no public transport links of bus or rail. The responses below affirm the importance of car, cycling and walking. There is very high dependency on car or taxi transportation if one lives in Hargrave.



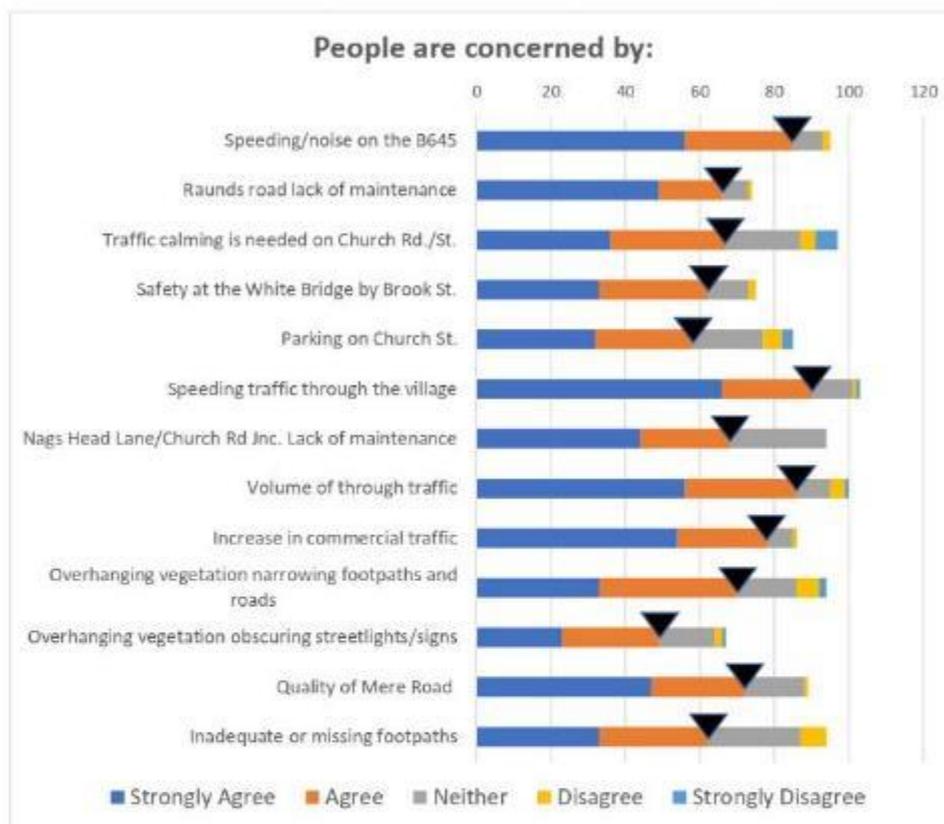
However, the scoring on bus transport appears to indicate the importance to some residents for having bus connections. The question may therefore have been unclear, and further work will be performed to flush this issue out more clearly, as to whether there is strong desire for bus transport connections within the village. The neighbourhood plan could then consider how this might best be achieved, were it a strongly expressed requirement.

Given the need for car ownership, and the narrow single road through the village, roadside parking is a problem for many villagers:



Road Safety

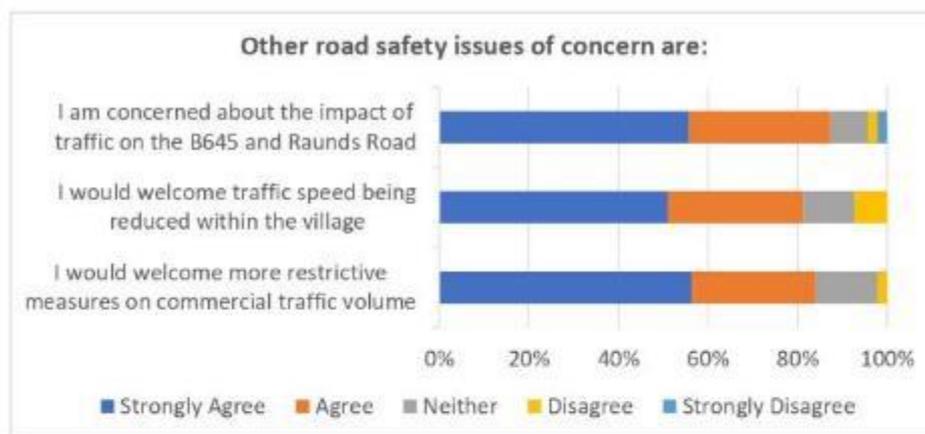
Significant concerns were expressed in the survey over road safety.



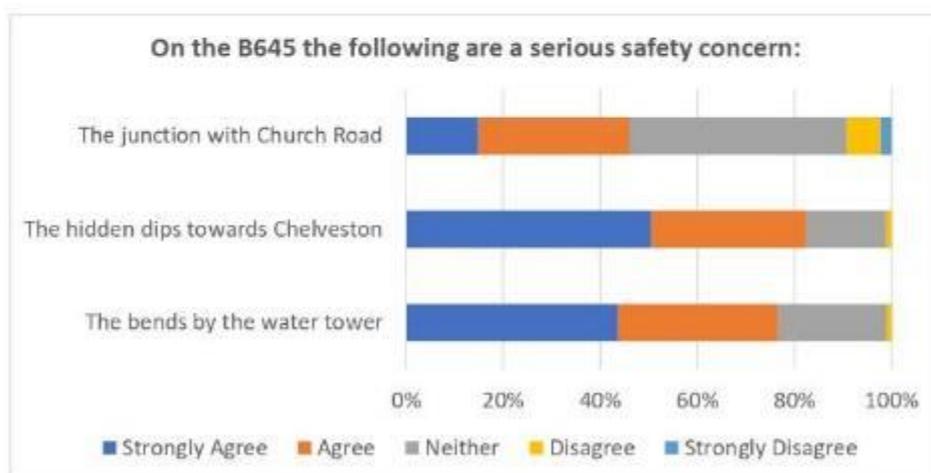
Speeding traffic through the village and on B645, the high volume of traffic through the village; and the levels of commercial traffic are major issues for a lot of villagers.

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Restrictive measures to reduce vehicle speed and discourage or restrict commercial traffic flows are welcome to 80% or more of respondents to the survey.

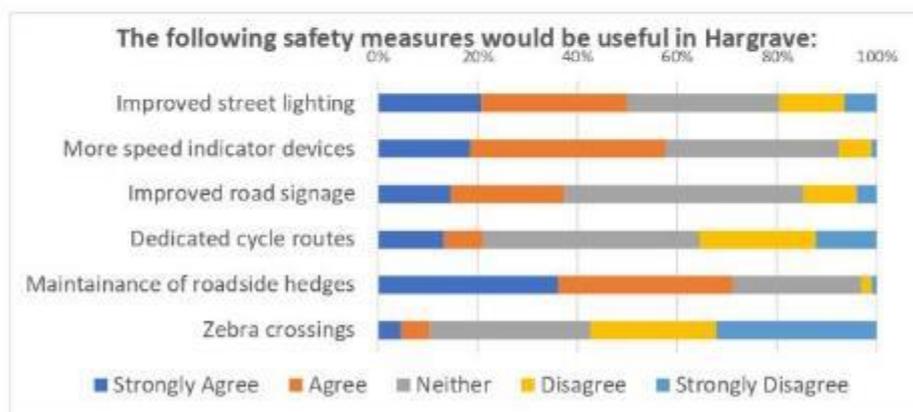
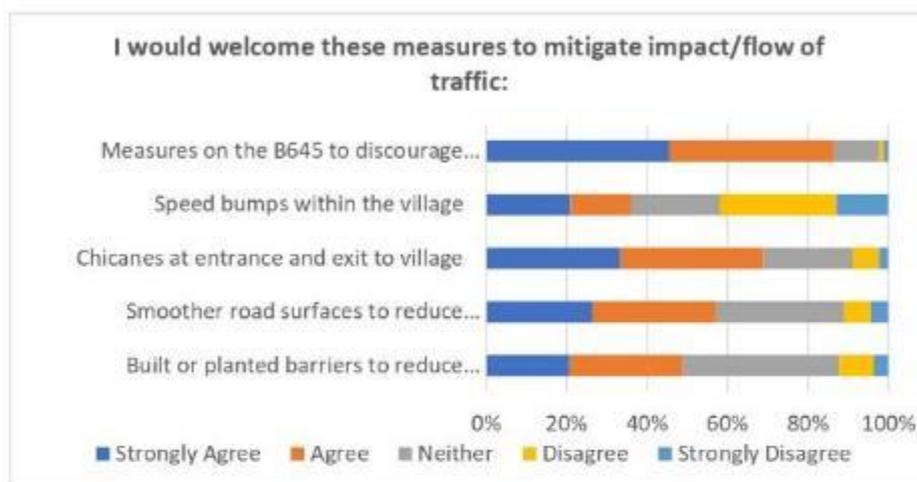


There is strong (c. 80%) agreement that the bends by the water tower and the hidden dips on the B645 are serious risks to safety, whilst the junction of the B645 with Church Road form a serious safety hazard in the minds of almost half the respondents.

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The village welcomes additional measures to mitigate road safety risk. It is likely that some of these would also reduce noise pollution from the B645, which is also of concern to respondents.

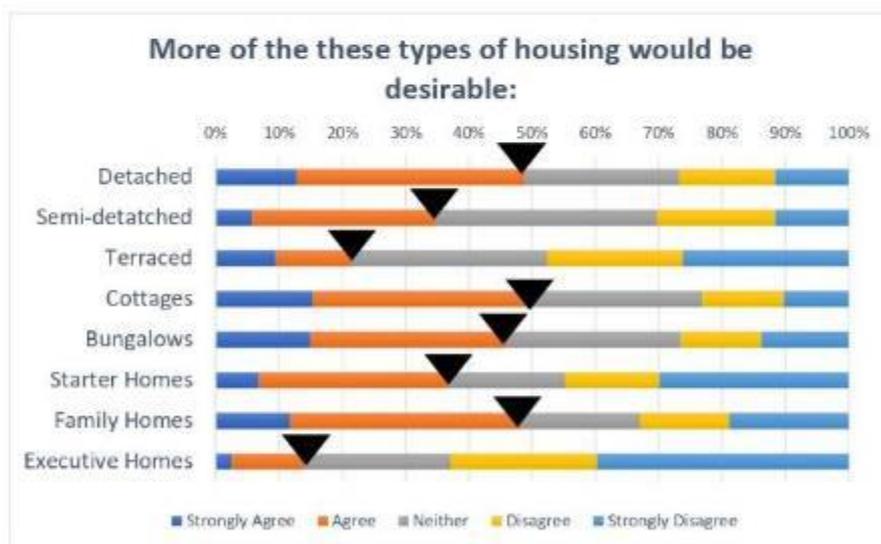


The Neighbourhood Plan should consider these suggestions, take highways engineering advice and make recommendations and lobby through the Parish Council to the Highways Department for improvements to road safety, noise and traffic flows, as well as to those landowners with roadside hedges.

Design and Architecture

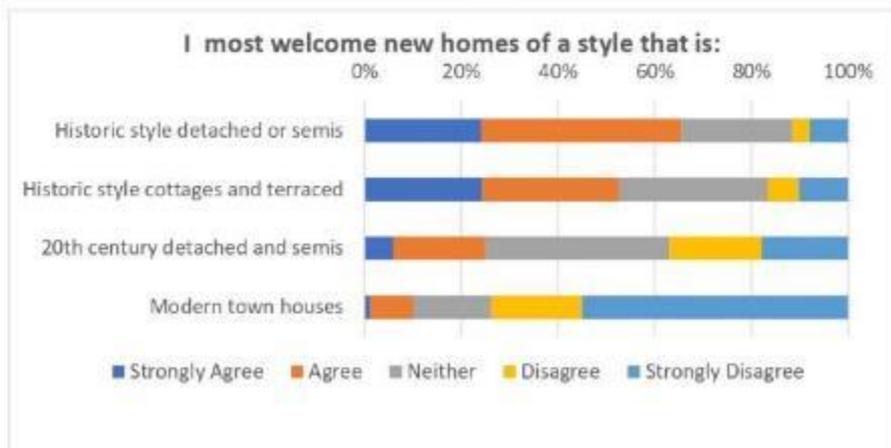
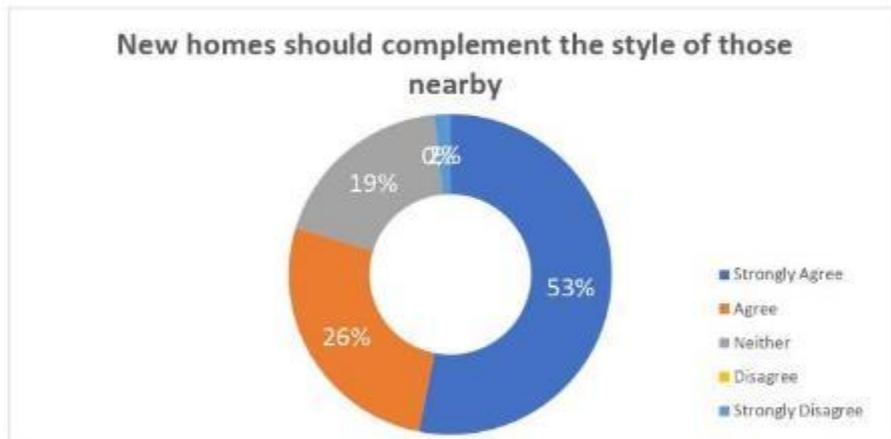
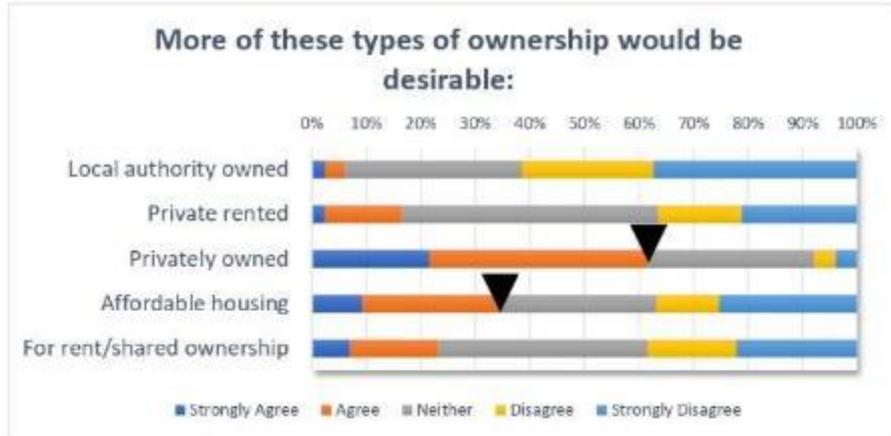
Through this survey, our village has expressed strong preferences for the type and architecture of any new homes:

- Traditional styles of detached and semi-detached homes are preferred, with some desire for traditional styles of cottages and bungalows.
- Terraced homes and executive homes are the least favoured styles
- Private ownership is the dominant preference for type of ownership, with some appetite for "affordable" private property.
- There is a strong preference (c. 80%) that new homes complement the style of nearby housing, providing continuity of architecture.
- Modern architectural styles are not preferred - although homes should be modern in sustainable performance as indicated (refer above).
- Family homes, affordable housing and starter homes are most wanted
- Conversions and extensions should complement the existing property.



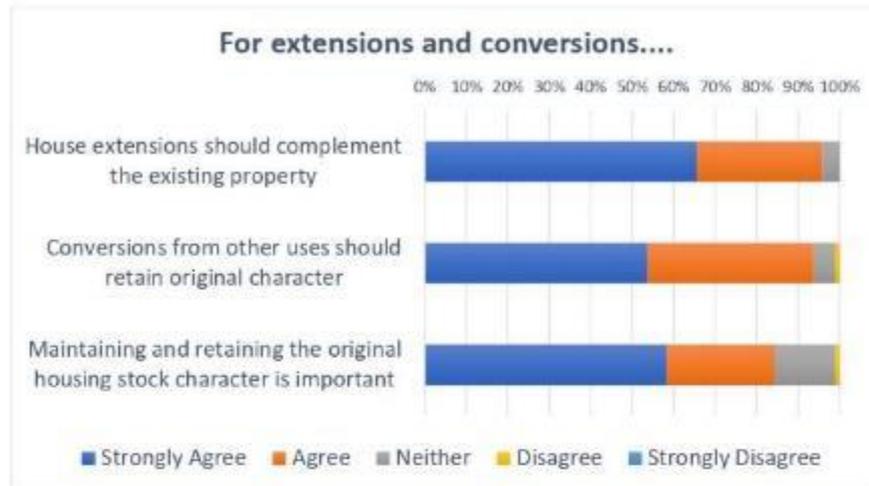
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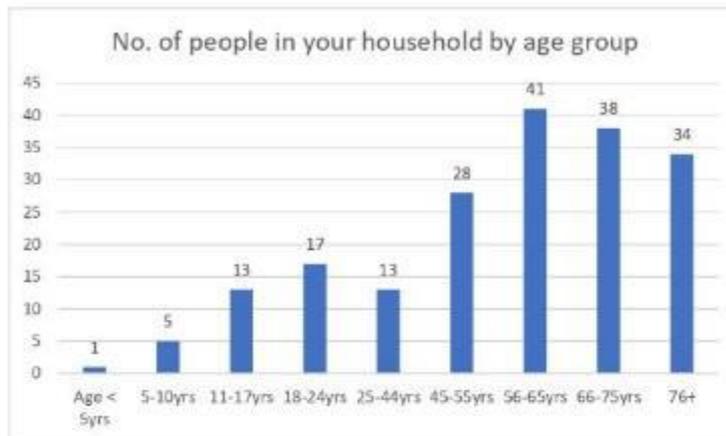


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Housing Developments and their Nature

Profile of our residents



75% of respondents are 45 years old or older over.

People who move to Hargrave have tended to stay here, with the clear majority of residents staying for more than 10 years.



The attractive nature of our village, its convenient location and the suitability of its housing bring people to live in our village – and then to stay here.



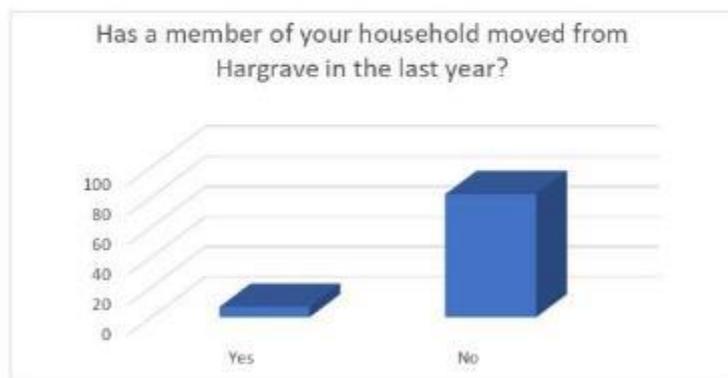
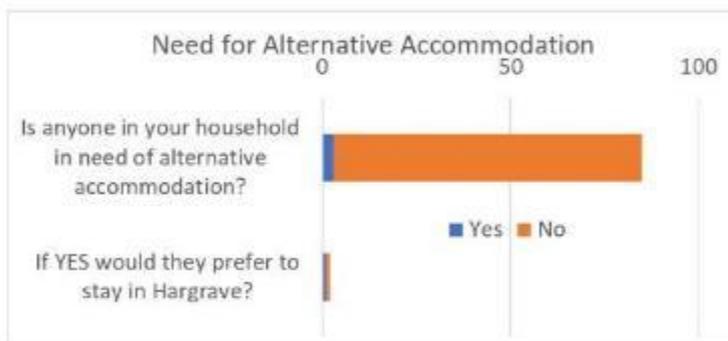
Our neighbourhood plan should recognise and retain these features.

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Is there a need within the village for new accommodation?

Although there are currently some notable movements of long established residents from the village due to the lack of transport connections, more generally few residents indicate a need to move from their current home.

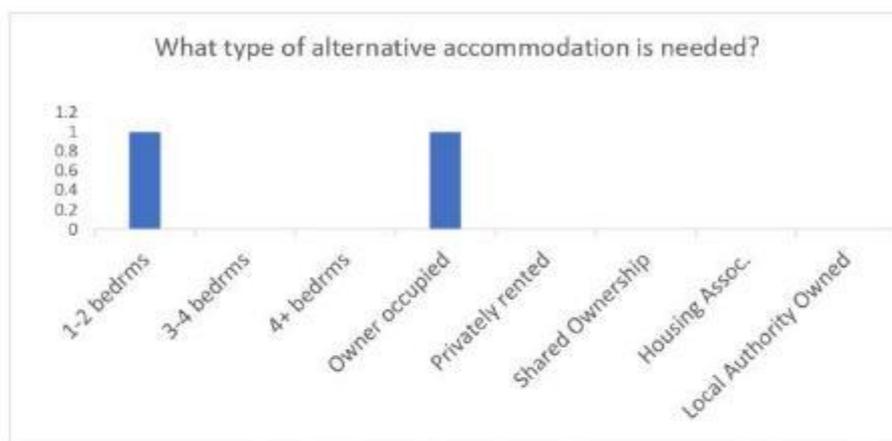


Very few residents have moved from the village within the last year

Two who did were because they moved to further education and because there was nowhere in Hargrave to rent.

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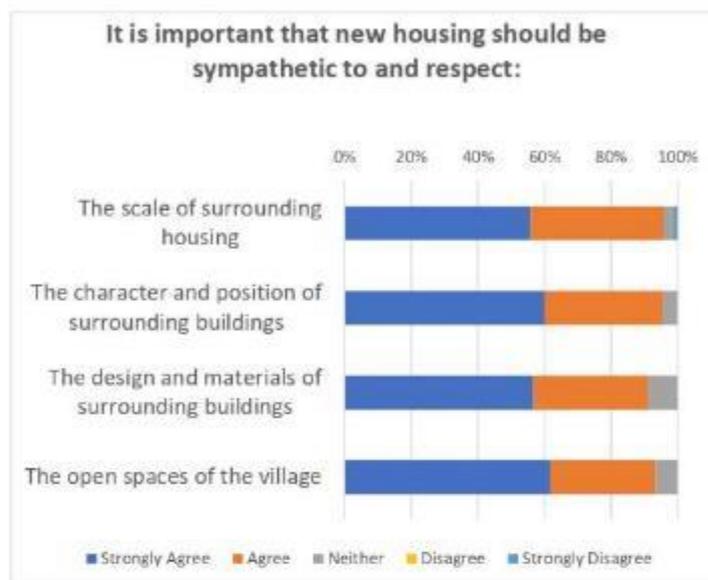


However, two respondents indicated that alternative accommodation needs are perceived to be small homes (1-2 bedrooms) and owned homes rather than rented.

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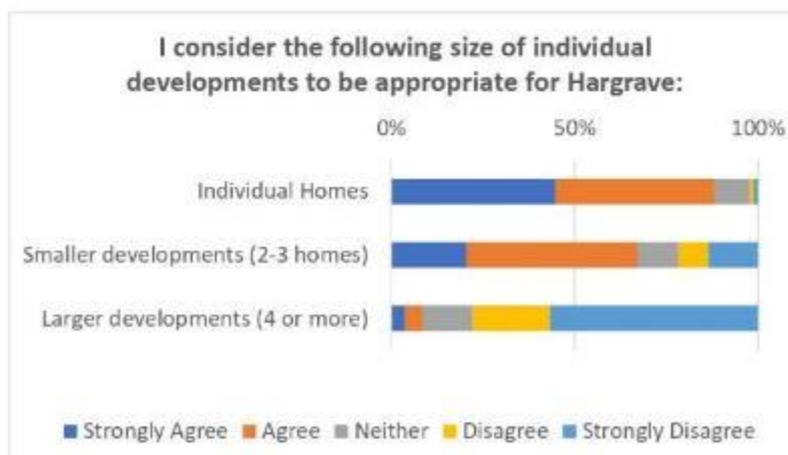
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Nature of any new development



Respondents strongly consider (90%) that any new development should be sympathetic to and respect the style of adjacent dwellings in size, character and the open spaces of the village.

Typically, the size of developments is expected by 75% of respondents to be no greater than 2-3 homes in scale, with 85% of respondents preferring individual homes.



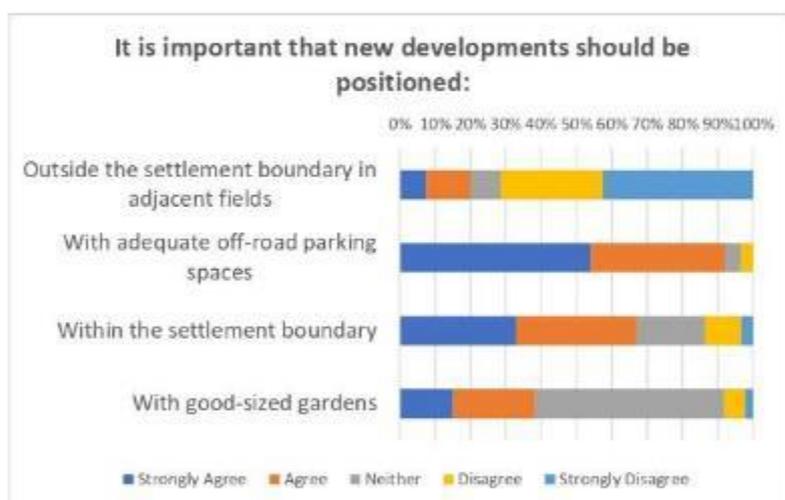
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71% of respondents consider that land outside the current settlement boundary should not be built upon (reflecting the desire to retain the green environment of the village, not have large scale growth, and grow by infilling in between existing homes). Similarly, 68% consider development must be within the existing settlement boundary.

90% consider that off-road parking spaces are a must for new homes in the village (reflecting the concerns over traffic and parking).

Less than 10% consider homes should not have good sized gardens – perhaps reflecting the enjoyment and long residency indicated by respondents from their current environs and lifestyles within the village.

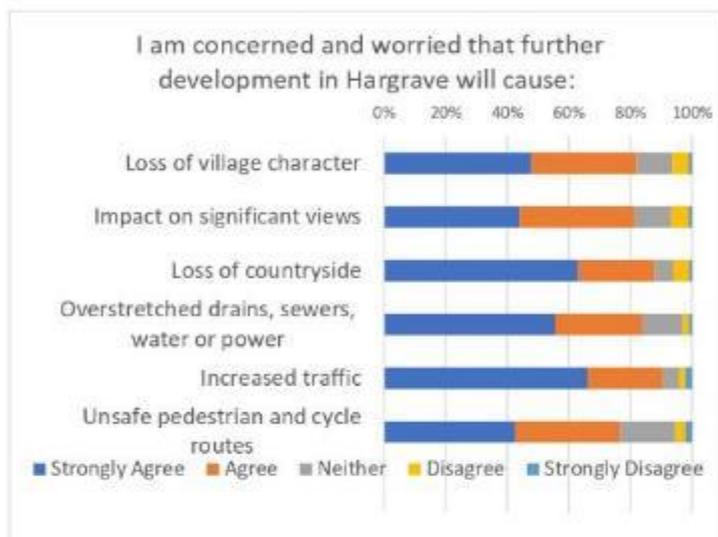


These results reaffirm the answers given at the start of the survey which indicated that ribbon infill was the growth pattern strongly preferred, continuing the historic pattern of the village over the centuries.

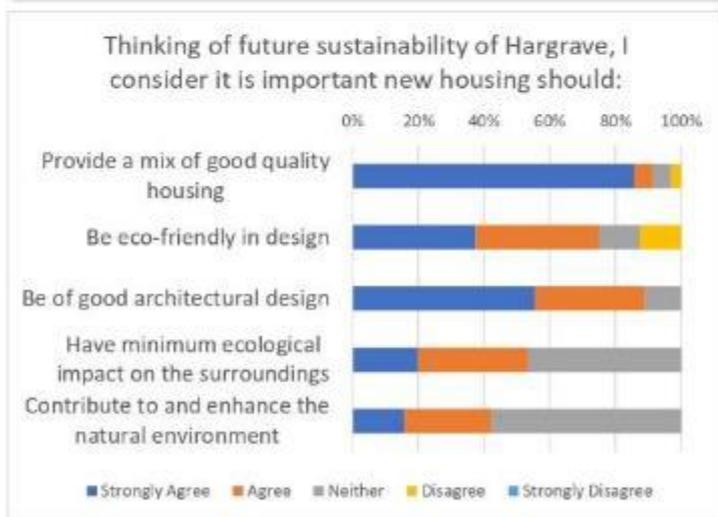
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There is a very high degree of concern (more than 80% of respondents) that potential property developments will cause negative impact on views and damage to the countryside, as well as causing overload of drains and utilities, and increasing danger on Hargrave’s roads and footpaths.



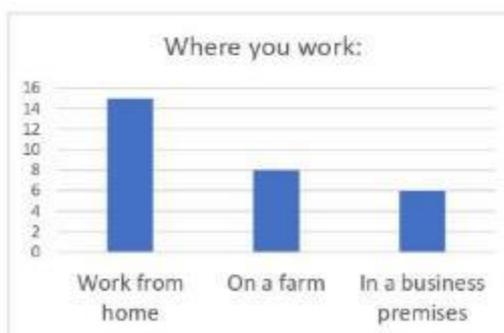
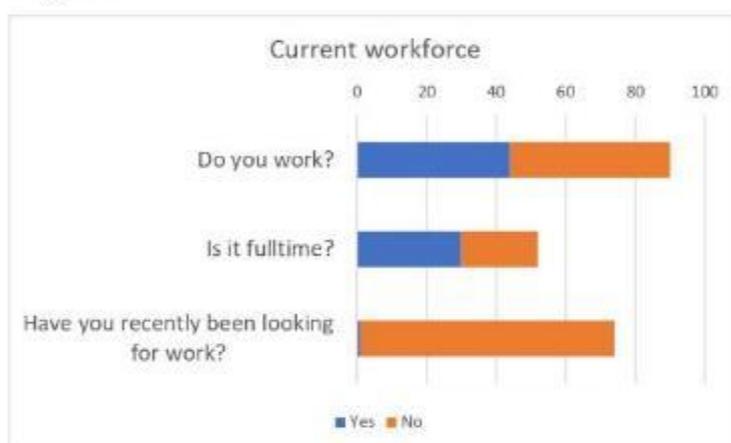
Respondents consider that any development should provide a good mix of well designed, energy and water efficient housing that has minimum impact and contributes positively to the environment of the village and the surrounding countryside.



Supporting Rural Diversification and Employment:

Agriculture, Commerce and Industry

Hargrave has a small community of employers and a local workforce. More than forty of the respondents to this question work, 29 of those fulltime. None of the respondents said they were searching for work. Of those who work, most workers work from home. Of the workforce in Hargrave, 12 work in the village as their main place of work, with another 6 sometimes working from Hargrave.



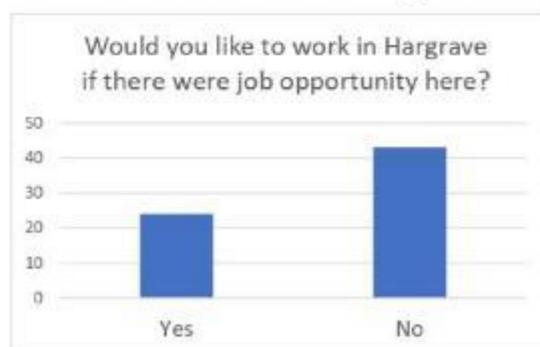
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When people do work from Hargrave, it is mostly a result of a lifestyle choice, influenced by the rural location and either an ability to choose where they work from or because their work is within the village. From this it appears that a proportion of people find it attractive to work from home / in Hargrave.



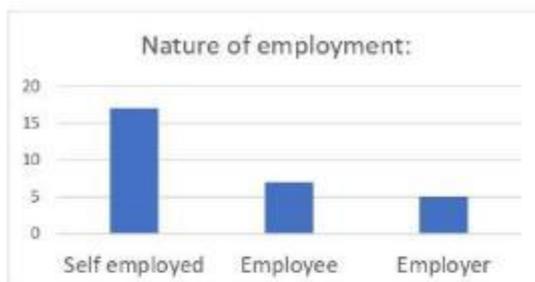
A third of those who indicated they work outside Hargrave, indicated that they



would like to work from Hargrave if there was work and they were able to do so.

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Roughly half those workers who live in Hargrave are self-employed. Working from the village is therefore a choice they choose to make.

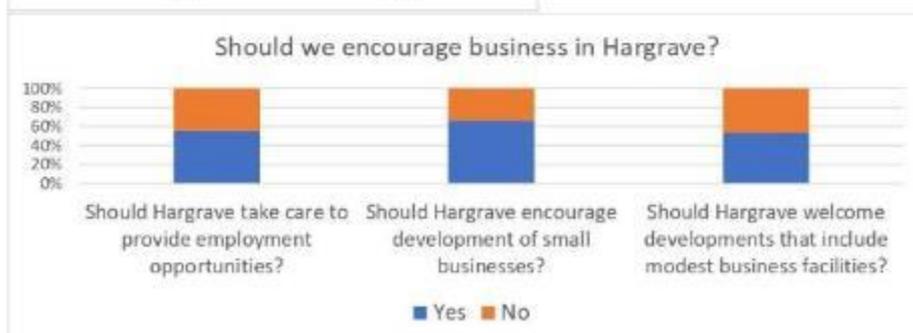


For those who are employers in Hargrave, all are relatively small businesses with less than 20 employees.

Growth prospects for existing business seem evenly balanced between those who expect growth and those who do not.



Asked whether Hargrave should be encouraging businesses into the village, opinions were almost equally divided.



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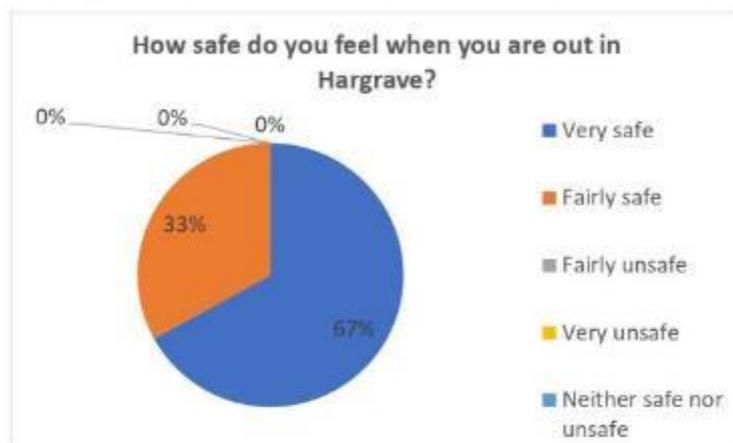
Summary

The neighbourhood plan should take care to encourage and facilitate modest scale of business and employment within the village, provided that no threat to the character or green spaces of the village occurs as a consequence.

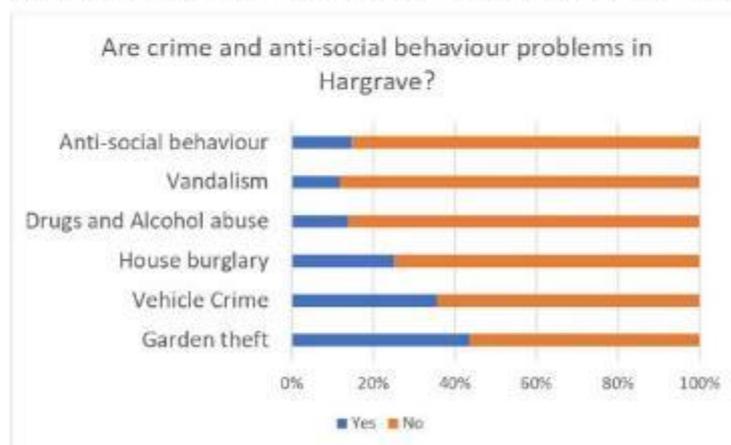
Businesses which help retain the desired connection with agriculture, and/or facilitate home working and take advantage of the modern era of telecommunications might be preferred in keeping with the current pattern.

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

People generally feel either “fairly safe” or “very safe” in Hargrave.



The most concerns raised are over risk of Burglary, Vehicle or garden crime



Summary

The low risk of crime is an appealing nature of our village. The neighbourhood plan should value and protect this.

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Conclusion:

These survey results provide detailed insight into matters related to development of the village – both its physical development and its growth as a community.

The high proportion of respondents indicate that the construction of a coherent neighbourhood plan matters to the vast majority of residents.

The results express clear majority views, thereby providing relatively unambiguous mandates to shape the Neighbourhood Plan's policies, recommendations and contents.

Drafted appropriately, the neighbourhood plan should prove a useful document and yardstick that guides the Parish Council and the wider East Northamptonshire planning authorities when they are considering their support for and assessing planning applications.

Whilst there can be no guarantee that the Planning Officers will enforce the recommendations and needs identified by the Neighbourhood Plan, they are obliged to take any adopted neighbourhood plan into account when deciding any application.

Beyond the function of development planning, the survey results also might be used to guide and encourage some of the village community groups and their activities.

The Steering Committee thank those many villagers who returned surveys: and especially those people who drafted, printed, distributed, collected and counted them.

The next step will be to feedback the findings to residents during a Village Meeting in December. After listening to any further feed-back the Steering Committee will then start to draft policies and plans.

In parallel, other steps may also be taken to engage and secure more detail or expert recommendations on some matters (eg. traffic safety or specific development plots). This will be subject to the Steering Committee's determination. Any further steps will be confirmed through the Parish Council as well as publicly to residents.

Our intent is to have a draft neighbourhood plan available for ratification by the Parish Council in summer 2020.

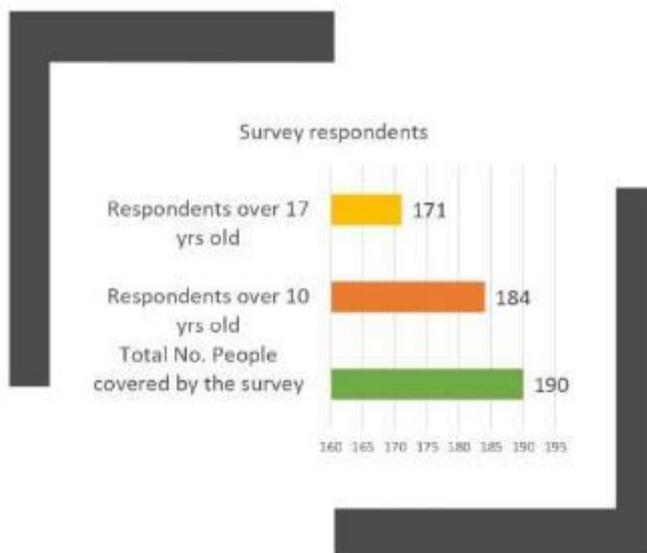
Nicholas Pollard
Chair
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee
December 2019

Appendix 3 September 2020 Presentation



POLICY INTENT:

Given the high level of engagement and the consistency of overwhelming responses the policies must follow the requirements of the villagers in order to be authentic and acceptable to the community.



- From a total village population of 188 adults, 171 people over 17 years' old responded.
- Including children, 190 residents were covered by the responses.
- This is a high degree of engagement and provides a clear mandate for the plan

The policies have been drafted by the HNP Steering Group.

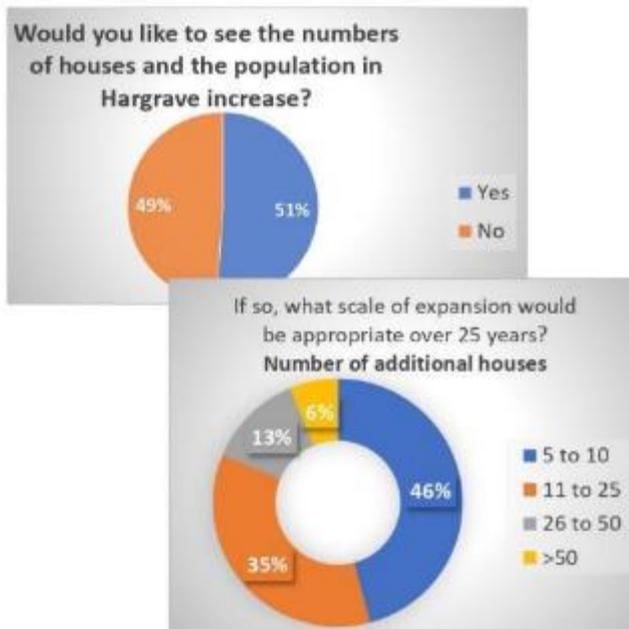
So..... The question for you today:

Do the drafted policies faithfully reflect the village survey results?

Just a reminder of what the HNP is for:

- *The HNP does not prevent individual applications of any type, nor does it inhibit any individual objections in the normal course of make planning applications, raising objections and planning considerations*
- *Once adopted by ENC, the HNP would provide planners with a consistent guide to the nature and extent of development in Hargrave, and the specific considerations that matter to the community, and form obligatory matters for consideration.*
- *ENC officials continue to encourage communities to develop their NP's and thereby have a stronger voice and a greater degree of self-determination than otherwise would be possible.*

Survey Results:



Scale of growth

- Majority of villagers want either **no growth or only low growth over the next 25 years**
- Stems from strong desire to retain the essential nature of our small rural community, whilst protecting its countryside and the environs in which to live and work
- 81% suggest less than 25 houses in the next 25 years, with nearly half of the respondents wanting less than 10.

POLICY INTENT: The level of any housing growth must be sufficiently few in number and sufficiently well-positioned so as to protect (not only “not damage”) the nature of Hargrave village and the surrounding countryside within the parish boundary.

Scale of growth

POLICY INTENT: Housing Growth

1. The Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan therefore plans to accommodate an average annual growth in the number of homes of 0.6%. Through the 25-year period of the HNP (2020 to 2045) this would increase village housing by 15 new homes, growing from the total of 111 homes extant at Dec 2019, to a recommended maximum of 126 at the start of 2045.

2. Infrastructure to support the housing must be established ahead of need, and be appropriate in nature, capacity and location to accommodate this rate of growth.

NB. Within the drafted policies of the HNP, housing development is only commended within the existing settlement boundary of the parish, and that settlement boundary has been updated in the plan to reflect the current shape of the village of the village settlement

Village settlement boundary for inclusion within the HNP

Scale of growth

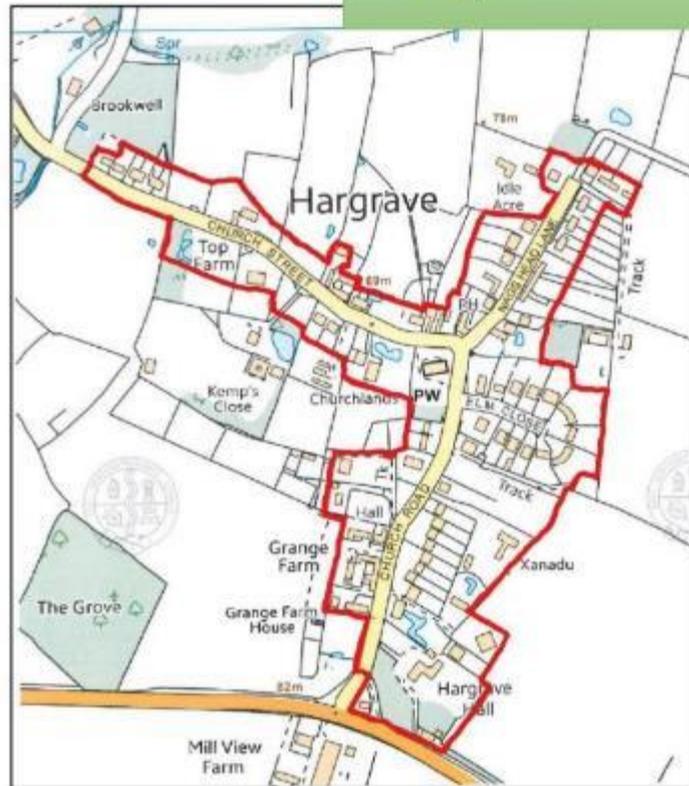
Survey Results:

The survey results are clear that in considering the next 25 years, 49% of the village respondents do not favour *any* further development, whilst 23% favoured development of 5 - 10 dwellings and 18% favoured an increase of up to 25 properties.

The overwhelming number of residents (96%) like the pattern of roadside development, and 82% would like the current pattern to continue.

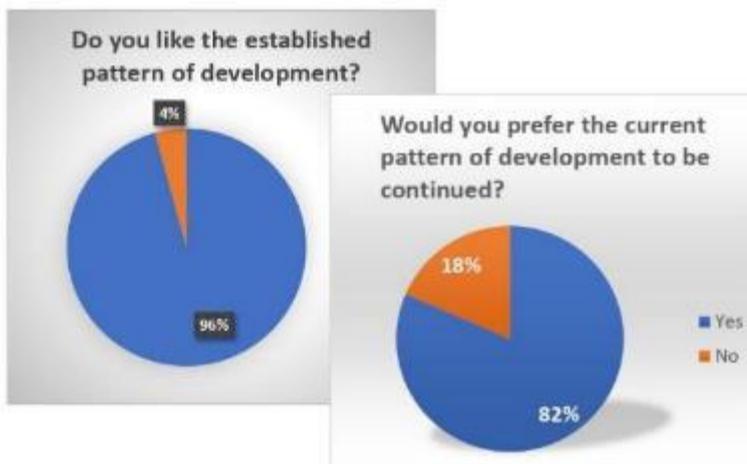
POLICY INTENT:

This proposed settlement boundary has therefore been carefully considered to reflect the views of the residents of Hargrave, and contains room for roadside infill development of between 10-20 properties.



Pattern of development

Survey Results:



- Unanimous affection for the historic pattern of expansion by "ribbon infill" along a small number of streets in the village
- A strong desire amongst a large majority of villagers for that to remain the future pattern of development, too.

POLICY INTENT: New housing development should follow the pattern of roadside infill, between and alongside the existing properties, and not be behind the existing building line.

POLICY INTENT: [MAIN POINTS – READ THIS PAGE!]

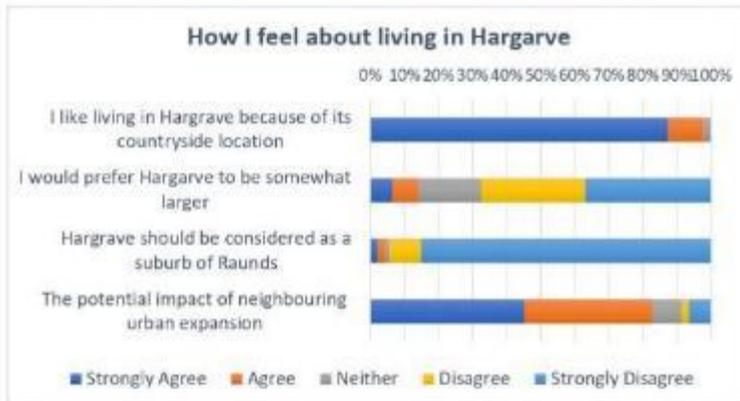
Pattern of development (contd)

- Given the high level of engagement and consistency of response consultation, the policies must follow the requirements of the villagers in order to be authentic and acceptable to the neighbourhood community whilst also complying with national/regional planning guidelines.
- The level of any housing growth must be sufficiently constrained and appropriate in number and nature so as to protect and enhance the rural nature of Hargrave village and the surrounding countryside within the parish boundary
- New housing development should follow the pattern of roadside infill, between and alongside the existing properties, and not be behind the existing building line
- Development of roadside infill plots within the settlement boundary that continue the historic development pattern, conform with the prevalent nature of the village and align with the preference of villagers, should be welcomed by the Planning Authorities and the Parish Council provided support for infrastructure and off road parking are sufficient.
- Any other proposal that does not meet those criteria should be resisted by Planning Authorities and Parish Council unless demonstrating absolutely exceptional benefits for both the village and its environs under Clause 13 of the NNJCS.
- Any development within the parish boundary should:
 - ✓ Retain the nature of Hargrave as a small historic village, well integrated with its surrounding agricultural land
 - ✓ Remain within the existing settlement boundary so that it does not encroach on the surrounding fields and countryside
 - ✓ Protect established green spaces within the settlement boundary
 - ✓ Retain the spacious character of the village
 - ✓ Protect and enhance the amenity of the public rights of way that form a network of well-used footpaths, bridle paths and cycling routes around the village and provide interconnection with adjacent parishes.
 - ✓ Not harm existing trees, their canopies or their roots

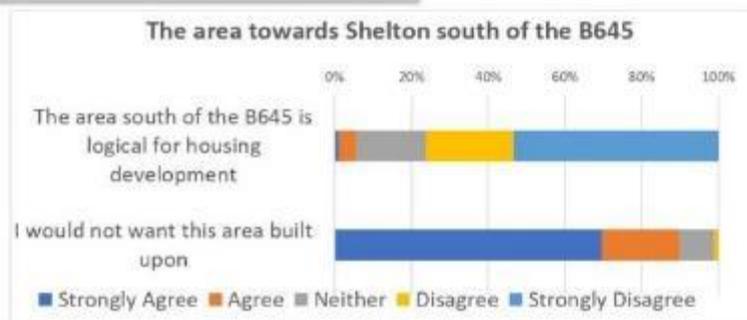
Survey Results:

- How we feel about living in Hargrave...

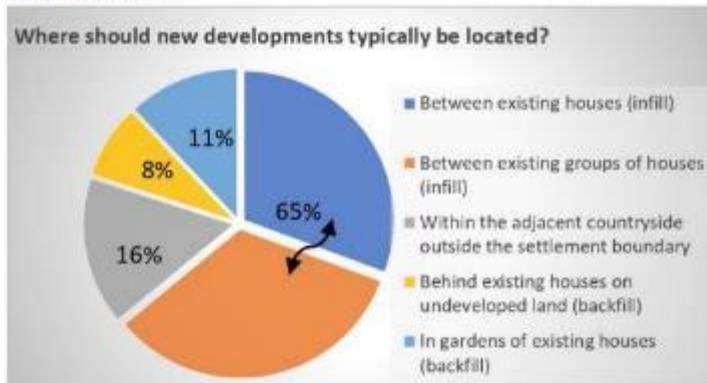
How we feel about living in Hargrave..



- We like the countryside
- Don't want Hargrave to be somewhat larger
- Feel threatened by urban growth
- Don't want the site across the B645 developed for housing



Survey Results:



Location of new homes

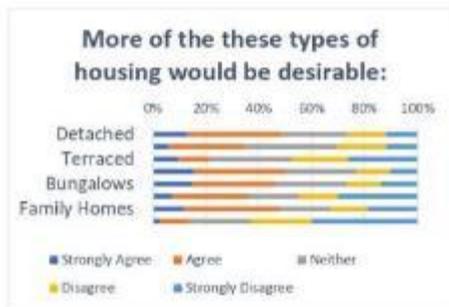
Strong affirmation from specific response to the question asking where any future new housing should be located....

The level of housing development potentially available through roadside infill sites exceeds the numbers of homes that the villagers considered acceptable in the coming 25 years. Given this, there is little reason to accept backfill land, back-garden plots or rural development as an alternative that is less preferable to the majority of villagers, and which would change the nature of the village environment and community.

POLICY INTENT: Given the availability of a considerable number of roadside infill plots which would continue the historic development pattern and align with the preference of villagers, appropriate roadside infill housing development should be the place for a limited number of new houses in Hargrave

Any other proposals should be resisted by Planning Authorities and Parish Council unless providing demonstrably exceptional benefits for the village.

Survey Results:



Design & Architecture

Traditional styles of detached and semi-detached homes are preferred

Some desire for traditional styles of cottages and bungalows.

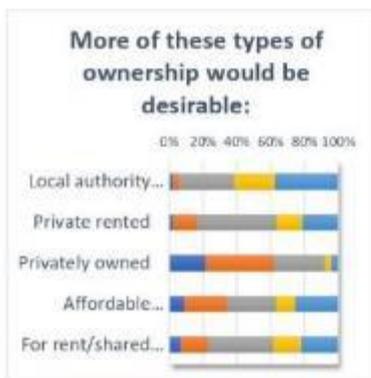
Terraced houses and executive homes are the least favoured styles

Private ownership is the dominant preference for ownership

c.80% prefer that new homes complement the style of nearby housing, providing continuity of architecture.

Modern architectural styles are **not** preferred - although homes should be modern in sustainable performance

Conversions and extensions should complement the existing property



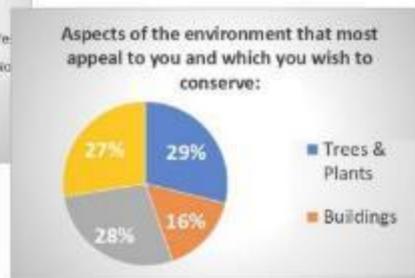
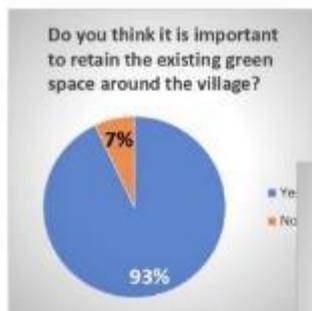
Design & Architecture

POLICY INTENT:

1. Policy 11.2 Rural Areas and Policy 13 Rural Exceptions will apply
2. New homes should reflect the character of the historic village and its surroundings in terms of size, scale, density, layout and landscaping, contributing to the character and amenity of the village.
3. Architecture of new homes, conversions and extensions complement the nearby style of housing
4. New housing should contribute to the mix of housing in a manner that reflects the local needs of the neighbourhood and helps to retain the local community.
5. New houses should maximise use of local materials and traditions whilst embracing and encouraging sustainable design and technology.
6. Design of housing should be environmentally sustainable, providing accommodation that minimizes water and energy use and offers solar/ground sourced energy generation wherever practicable.
7. Design must provide sustainable drainage solutions to retain or slow egress of rainwater off-site, rather than directing water into storm drains.
8. New properties should be equipped with charging points for electric cars and battery storage as appropriate.
9. Vehicular access must be safe, avoiding blind entry/egress.
10. Design and construction of dwellings and amenities should include adequate public roadside footpaths in order to safely serve the needs of pedestrians and pedestrian access throughout the village
11. To avoid further congestion, house architecture should provide for adequate off-road parking
12. New housing should retain and incorporate existing natural features such as trees and hedgerows, avoiding loss of habitat for wildlife

Survey results:

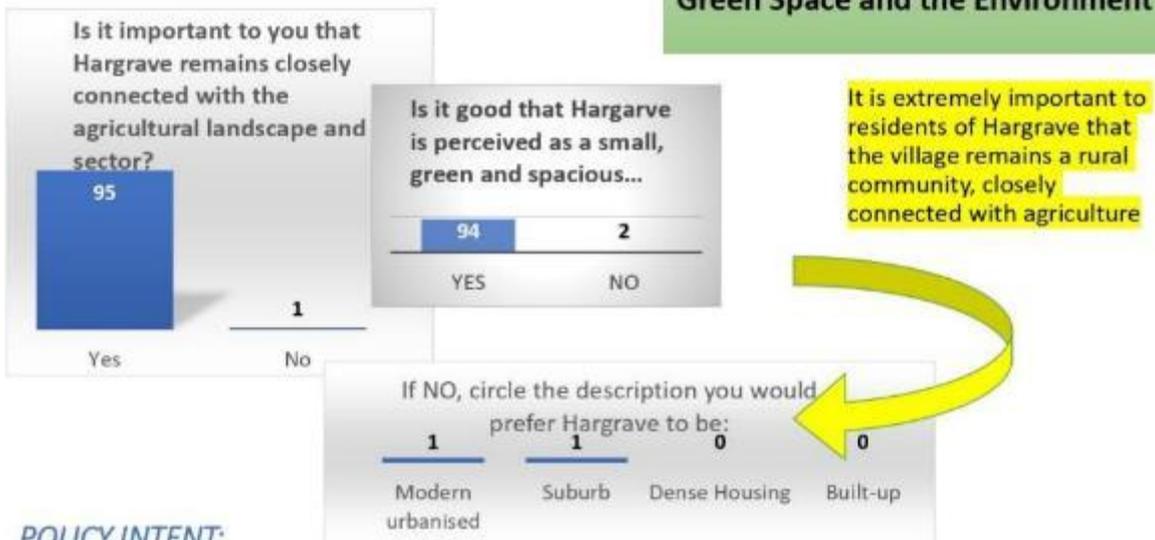
Green Space and the Environment



- The green environment, the connection with local agriculture and general rurality of the village are deeply important to residents and must be protected and preserved in the Neighbourhood Plan.

POLICY INTENT: Any development within the parish boundary should not be harmful to existing trees, historic buildings/sites or green spaces – protection measures must be rigorously enforced by the Planning Authorities

Survey Results:



POLICY INTENT:

Any development within the parish boundary should:

- Remain within the existing settlement boundary and not encroach on the surrounding fields and countryside
- Retain the spacious character of the village
- Retain Hargrave as a small historic village (not a dormitory)
- Protect and enhance the amenity of the public rights of way that form a network of well-used footpaths, bridle paths and cycling routes around the village and which provide interconnection with adjacent parishes.

Green Space and the Environment (cont.)

POLICY INTENT: Some of the specific requirements -

- In accordance with NNJCS Policy 11.2. (b), and under the guidance of this Neighbourhood Plan, any development will be strongly resisted within the Designated Green Spaces of the village, which taken with the configuration of the roads and the architectural development of the village settlement define the character at the heart of the village
- It must be recognised that trees have an important practical role in minimising carbon emissions and in absorbing local pollution.
- Plans for new properties will be required to provide a comprehensive landscaping scheme that is compatible with the surrounding landscape and environment and recognise the need to soften the visual impact of built development. Planting schemes must utilise tree and shrub species that are appropriate to a natural rural environment, enhance biodiversity and blend in with the surrounding landscape.
- Front gardens of new properties should be able to accommodate at least one deciduous native tree.
- Where practicable, boundaries for new properties should avoid the use of "hard" fencing materials and seek to establish native hedges that provide "soft" edges and merge effectively into the local scene.
- Care must be taken in the management of mature village trees and every effort made to avoid damage or felling. Plans for new properties must avoid the loss of any trees that are significant in size, age or appearance so as to retain their natural structure as a key component of the village infrastructure.
- Wherever practicable, developers should propose planting native deciduous trees to add to existing stock. New trees should be compatible with the general local landscape, be planted with care and should have a management plan for the first 3 years of establishment.

**Green Space and the Environment
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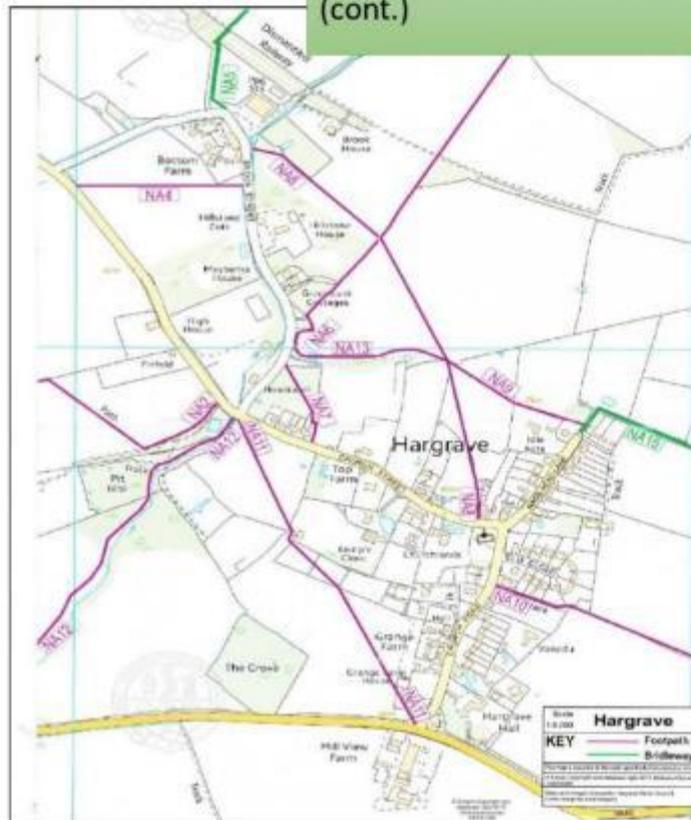
- A map of designated green spaces within the village



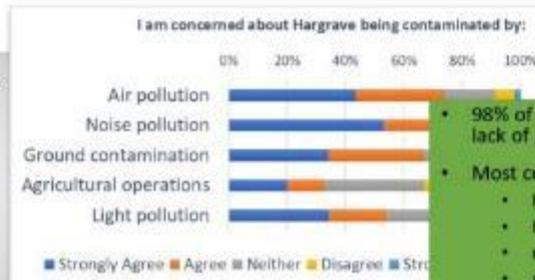
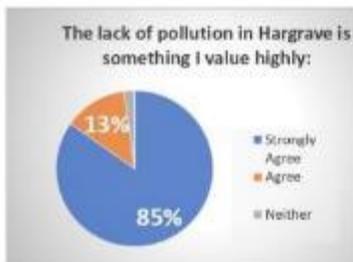
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- A map of the recognised footpaths and bridleways



Survey Results:



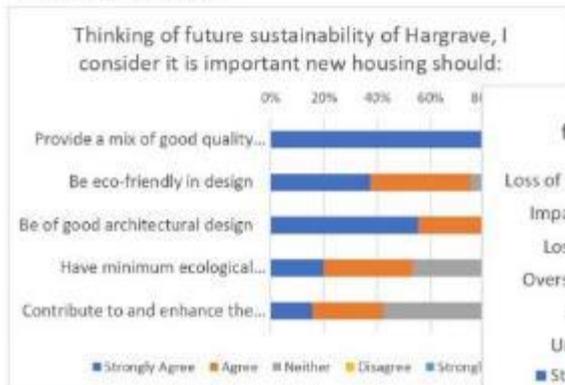
Environmental Pollution

- 98% of village residents value the lack of pollution highly.
- Most concern is exhibited about
 - housing estates (97%)
 - industrial development (95%)
 - noise (83%);
 - air pollution (73%); and
 - ground contamination (67%)

POLICY INTENT: Any housing, agricultural or industrial development should assess and demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Authorities and Hargrave Parish Council (HPC) :

1. The nature, location, scale and impact of external lighting associated with the scheme
2. The nature, scale, frequency and impact of any additional vehicle movements exiting from, entering onto and passing along the village roads (during construction and in use).
3. The expected noise, dust and emissions from the development during construction and future use
4. How ground contamination will be avoided during construction and during use.
5. These studies and forecasts must be independently certified, and performed in manner that satisfies the HPC and the Planning Authorities. In keeping with normal business practice, and order to underscore the veracity of the reports and forecasts, the HPC and Local Authority shall be granted legal reliance on any report by its author.
6. The HPC will monitor and measure the quality of the village environment providing data to East Northamptonshire, who in turn shall be obliged to consider these facts and publish their clear opinion as part of their response to any local planning application that is likely to affect the environment of Hargrave village (including traffic volumes and speeds).

Survey Results:



Sustainability



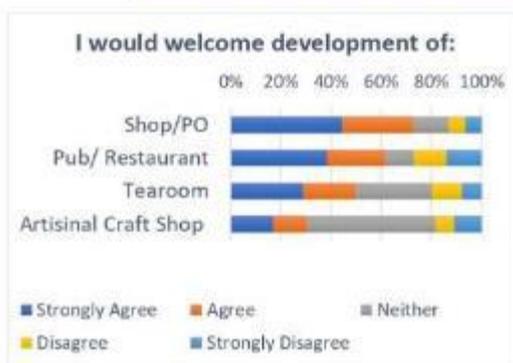
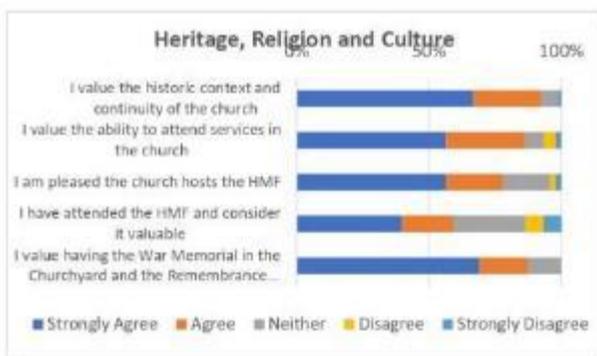
- >80% concerned property developments will cause:
- negative impact on views;
 - damage to the countryside;
 - overload of drains and utilities;
 - increase danger on Hargrave's roads and footpaths.

POLICY INTENT: Sustainable Infrastructure

1. All new developments must demonstrate that they will not put undue pressure on available infrastructure or provide enhanced infrastructure ahead of need.
2. Any development should preferably provide sustainable drainage solutions to retain or slow egress of rainwater off-site rather than directing water into storm drains.
3. Design of dwellings, amenities or business premises must incorporate renewable energy technology and water recovery/recycling that enables a low carbon footprint and low treated water usage. Construction materials should be certified as thermally and environmentally sustainable in their constituent nature, source, transport, packaging and performance.
4. Wherever practicable, design and construction of dwellings should include adequate roadside footpaths at their front in order to safely serve the needs of pedestrians.
5. Developers should be requested to make a contribution to a fund specific for infrastructure improvements that can improve accessibility and transport serving the village.

Survey Results:

Amenities



POLICY INTENT: Village Amenities

1. Any development should enhance the extent and quality of the village amenities and natural beauty.
2. Any development must protect and not impinge on the few remaining village amenities, including the church, village hall, graveyard, war memorial and millennium cairn.
3. Proposed amenities must demonstrate adequate parking, minimal disruption of neighbours and safe pedestrian access
4. Any development should provide considerate design, good landscaping and planting and where appropriate offer play areas, open green space, footpath access and contribute to the natural beauty of our village.
5. Appropriate developments that provide new village amenities, or enhance the existing amenities and the environment, whilst contributing to safe public access, off-road parking and public footpaths, will be in principle be welcomed by the Parish Council.

Survey Results:

Rural diversification & Employment



POLICY INTENT: Supporting Rural Diversification and Employment.

1. Sensitive employment opportunities that help diversify the rural economy will be supported in the Parish.
2. Reuse of redundant farm buildings will be supported for small scale sensitive business premises such as offices, workshops, amenities, service economy.
3. Limited new employment opportunities in the village will be considered.
4. Agricultural development of a suitable scale and design will be considered on its merits.
5. All proposed developments will be subject to specified criteria that protect the village and its environs. (Detail in policy docs).
6. Developments shall be designed sensitively and respond positively to the local context in terms of materials, scale and height.
7. Employment opportunities that support local amenities, residents that work in the village, the viability and/or security of agricultural operations will be particularly welcomed.

THANK YOU!

- The survey results provided detailed insight into matters related to development of the village – both physical development and growth as a community.
- The high proportion of responses indicate that a coherent neighbourhood plan matters to the majority of residents.
- The results expressed clear majority views, thereby providing relatively unambiguous mandates to shape the Neighbourhood Plan's policies, recommendations and contents.
- Drafted appropriately, the neighbourhood plan should prove a useful document and yardstick that guides the Parish Council and the wider East Northamptonshire planning authorities when they are considering their support for and assessing planning applications.
- Whilst there can be no guarantee that the Planning Officers will enforce the recommendations or needs identified by the Neighbourhood Plan, they are obliged to take any adopted neighbourhood plan into account when deciding any application.

Our Request

- Please consider the Policies proposed for inclusion in the HNP.
- We shortly start the drafting of the full plan and need to ensure we remain in tune with the majority views expressed by the village in order that the HNP will secure support from your Parish Council and also the ENC to enable its future adoption.
- The detail policy document (as well as this presentation) are on the parish website. It is worth a read and really matters! It is simple to download and read on line or print for yourself. Help is available to do that from the Committee members if you are unsure. (We are your neighbours too!)
- A few individual copies are available here today if you unfortunately do not have web access (We have done our best to keep these clean – however, just like with goods in a shop, if you are taking a printed policy document then any “covid risk” must be yours and yours alone in this respect).
- **YOU ARE ASKED TO RESPOND WITH COMMENTS** – even if it is simply “I support”. If it is an improvement suggestion please suggest the alternative.
- Please remember the policies are intended (and must) to reflect the views of the village expressed through the survey – not your personal preference. Criticism should be couched in that understanding, please.

YOUR RESPONSE IS VITAL

- There is a SIMPLE form for expressing your response to the policies on the parish website – please **email it back to us (PREFERRED)**

(website is.....)

or if you cannot email it, please print it off in hard copy and return it by hand

- There are also forms available today to take with you if you do not have internet access
- Hard copies can be returned by posting (anonymously) in the “black bin” outside the village hall, or also by handing them in to Ros Sheppard if you prefer.
- **PLEASE TELL YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND FRIENDS TO READ THE DOCUMENT AND FILL OUT A FORM TOO**
- Responses are sought from **each individual village resident** - not just per household. Make sure you each get your personal view expressed and considered.

Appendix 4 Call for sites document

HARGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Expressions of Interest

from Landowners intending to develop their land: "Call for Sites"

Introduction

1. Through its Steering Group, Hargrave Village Parish Council is working to develop, publish, consult on and formalise a Neighbourhood Plan, setting out clearly the villagers' preferred scale, pattern and style of development for the village across the next 25 years.
2. A village survey has been conducted, and the results of survey have been collated and fed back to the village in further consultation. From the feedback and its verification, a clear mandate for the content of the plan has been secured through the villagers' expressions of their preferences.
3. The policies which will sit behind the neighbourhood plan for the future guidance of County planners have been drafted in accordance with those clearly stated preferences. Those policies are now published for public consultation (currently on the website and in a scheduled open meeting 5th September 2020) in order to secure further feedback ahead of drafting the plan itself.
4. The survey preferences clearly indicate an appetite for only low expansion of the village community (less than a house a year on average), with a clear preference stated that favours any new houses being sited on roadside infill plots within the village boundary.
5. The draft policy document sets out this detail together with policies covering design architecture, sustainability, amenity, rural diversity and environment.

Expressions of Interest: A "Call for Sites"

6. In a spirit of co-operation and openness, the Steering Group, working on behalf of the Parish Council and village community, now issue an invitation for landowners who intend to develop their land within the parish to:
 - a. Consider an early copy of the draft policies and survey results - both published on the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan section of the Parish Council website. www.parish-council.com/hargrave/
 - b. Take up an opportunity to meet (virtual "zoom" given covid-19 restrictions) with the Chair together with members of the Hargrave Steering Committee for a personal briefing on the survey results and those draft policies.
 - c. Submit to the Chair of the Steering Group before 27th September their outline proposals for development, in order to have them published on the HPC/HNP website for public consultation with villagers during the first two weeks of October. Those outlines should indicate the landowners'/developers' intended scale (number of houses or type of industry), nature, and position of their developments.
 - d. Meet with villagers during a chaired open day in early/mid-October and participate in a Q&A regarding their proposals. Receive feedback from the villagers on their proposals, through a structured process. The same feedback to be included together with their outline proposals within the drafted Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan.

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7. It is emphasised that:
- a. This process does NOT form an intrinsic part of any formal planning process: although inevitably details such as the proposals, meeting records and the public commentary will be placed into the public domain and therefore may be referred to by any party should a formal planning application later be submitted.
 - b. There is no obligation or undertaking of confidentiality offered, implied or given by any member of the Steering Committee or its collective body. This is because all discussions and materials will be fully in the public domain (refer above).
 - c. This "Call" simply constitutes an opportunity for developers to enjoy benefit from public consultation in an open, structured process of consultation within the village environment. No responsibility for the success or failure of future planning applications is implied or conferred throughout this process.
 - d. Through this process, it is NOT the current intention of the HNP Steering Group to formally "allocate sites for development" within the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan.
 - e.
8. **Early indication (without obligation to then submit) of a landowner's intention to make a submission into this process is required by the 15th September.** This is to ensure that there is adequate time for public consultation to be marshalled and organised in terms of venue, scale and the anticipated number of submissions which will be made on the day.

Given Covid-19 risks, only one occasion of a public meeting for this consultation will be held.

It is the intention that all submissions of expressed interest will be displayed on the website for the period of at least 4-6 weeks, as well as at the venue in hardcopy. Each submission can be then discussed at the venue, with the public, by each landowner/developer in turn, in order that informed opinions can be forged, with constructive feedback later provided by the village community in writing as part of this process of early consultation and compilation of the village Neighbourhood Plan.

Should you have an interest in developing your land within Hargrave, please consider this opportunity and contact the Chair of the Steering Group in writing in order to make the necessary arrangements as set out above.

Please direct all correspondence and submissions to both email addresses below:

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Appendix 5 Policy Document for Consultation

HARGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – draft policies document

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Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan – Context, objectives and policies

Introduction

1. Hargrave's Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is informed by a well-supported resident consultation process and gives due care and attention to wider modern planning requirements at national and county level - a modern approach that remains similar to and consistent with previous planning treatment. The aim is to reflect this throughout the Plan and its associated policies.
2. The policies will be applied in the consideration of any planning applications submitted within the designated NP area of Hargrave Parish. These policies are necessarily wide ranging in their scope and, taken together, should help to deliver sustainable development within the area.
3. A Neighbourhood Plan has the same legal status as a Local Plan once it has been approved at a referendum and is made (brought into legal force) by the local planning authority. At this point it becomes part of the statutory development plan. Applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Nature of Hargrave as observed by previous plans

4. In the 2016 North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (NNJCS), the county was described in para 2.5:

"The four largest towns, Corby (population 54,9275) Kettering (56,2266), Wellingborough (49,087) and Rushden (29,272) are located on a north-south spine, with a chain of smaller towns related to the A6 corridor including Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Burton Latimer, Desborough and Rothwell. To the east of this urban spine [Kettering, Wellingborough, Higham Ferrers, Rushden] is the town of Raunds (population 8,641) and the towns of Oundle (population 5,735) and Thrapston (6,239) which serve a large rural catchment."

It is in the extremity of this "rural catchment" that the village of Hargrave rests, tightly adjacent to the boundaries of Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire and within the classification of "Farmed Claylands" referred to in Fig 13 of the NNJCS.

5. The 1996 East Northamptonshire District Local Plan (ENDLP) contains this description:

"Hargrave is located approximately 2½ miles south-east of Raunds. The village consists of development along Church Road and Church Street, which form a right angle within which All Saints Church is situated."

The village was recorded in the Domesday Book as Haregrave. All Saints Church dates from the late 12th Century and was restored in 1868-70. To the east of the village, on the A45, stands Three Shire House, so called because this is where the three counties of Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire actually meet. Churchlands which was formerly the Rectory and is now a private dwelling, was built in the 17th Century and is thought to have 12th Century origins."

In the Parish of Hargrave there are nine entries on the statutory list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest. There are a large number of Tree Preservation Orders within Hargrave."

6. In terms of its development strategy the 1996 plan reflected the rural, predominantly agricultural setting of the village, and commented on its constrained infrastructure:

"The general form and character of the village is such that it is considered unable to accommodate significant development without affecting that character, or the village setting. Hargrave is therefore categorised as a Restricted Infill settlement in policy H10."

Land is not allocated for housing or employment on the Inset Proposals Map and development will not be permitted on the areas designated as Important Open Land. During the Plan period some new housing may be permitted. This will need to be within the confines of the village and must satisfy the criteria set out in policy H12."

Small scale business, general industrial and tourism developments located within the confines of the village may be permitted, provided the criteria set out in policy EMP11 are satisfied. The provision of recreation and community facilities will be supported by the District Council within the terms of policy RL1...."

Summary – synthesising previous plans with the latest residents' survey

7. The general form of the village is such that it is unable to accommodate significant development without adversely affecting the village character and setting. The historic context, character and setting of the village are highly valued by the community.
8. Hargrave residents value highly the open green space within the village. Developments which threaten or impinge on that green environment are therefore not welcomed and should not be permitted.
9. Whilst the wider need and context for housing across the county and the nation is recognised, the village lacks amenity, utilities and infrastructure to support any significant levels of population or business growth.
10. Where limited new development is permitted, it must satisfy the criteria set out in this neighbourhood plan, and be located within the confines of the defined village settlement area, following a similar pattern of development to that historically welcomed alongside the two contiguous roads running through the heart of this rural community.

Settlement Boundary – from 2007-2020 and beyond

11. The map at Figure 1 (below) shows the village settlement boundary as defined 13 years ago. This is the last available document showing a boundary development line.
12. The boundary lines are closely wrapped around the centre of the village. Brook Street, Raunds Road and a large part of Church Street were not included. On Church Street, the envelope for development finished at the Old Farm House opposite Kemps Vineyard. Most of the open spaces were excluded and the boundary at these points followed the roadside.



Figure 1 - Settlement Boundary 2007

13. In accordance with Polcyn29 of the JCS, which states:

"Other than small scale infilling (Policy 11) or rural exceptions schemes (Policy 13), levels of housing development in excess of the identified requirements for the named Villages and Rural Areas will only be permitted where tested and supported through Part 2.

Local Plans or Neighbourhood Plans. These plans should also identify the phasing of individual housing sites in the rural areas to ensure that development opportunities are not exhausted early in the plan period."

In accordance with the JCS, the 1996 Village Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan currently in draft, housing development in Hargrave Parish should therefore be contained within the settlement boundary of Hargrave Village. The only exceptions should be for housing development specifically approved by exception under Section 13 of the NNJCS Policy (Rural Exceptions).

14. Since November 2016 applications for development in Hargrave Parish, which have all been completed, are as follows:

- 3 houses
- 2 bungalows
- 1 demolition and replacement at Hargrave Lodge Farm
- 1 barn conversion to 2 cottages.

15. In construction at March 2020 are 4 additional dwellings:

- 2 houses (Rectory View)
- 1 bungalow and 1 one and a half storey house (Rectory View)
- 1 house (adjacent to 4 Moors Cottages)

16. At March 2020, planning applications submitted to ENC include a further 3 dwellings:

- 1 one and a half storey house (High House)
- 1 barn conversion to 2 dwellings (Hargrave Lodge Farm)
- 1 change of use and extension to form 1 additional property (Idle Acre)

17. Housing development in Hargrave Parish shall be contained within the settlement boundary. A newly proposed settlement boundary has been drawn up for Hargrave to identify the built-up area within which future development is considered appropriate. Outside this identified settlement boundary, the Parish area is regarded as open countryside for the purposes of planning and hence development opportunities, if any, will be extremely limited and subject to approval as exceptions under the NNJCS Policy 13 (Rural Exceptions).

18. Figure 2 - Proposed settlement boundary (below) shows, marked in red, a proposal for a new village settlement boundary which recognises the existing homes along Church Street and the development on Church Road within the settlement boundary.

19. The implication of adopting this revised boundary is that future development within its envelope would not require to be treated by exception under Clause 13 of the NNJCS.

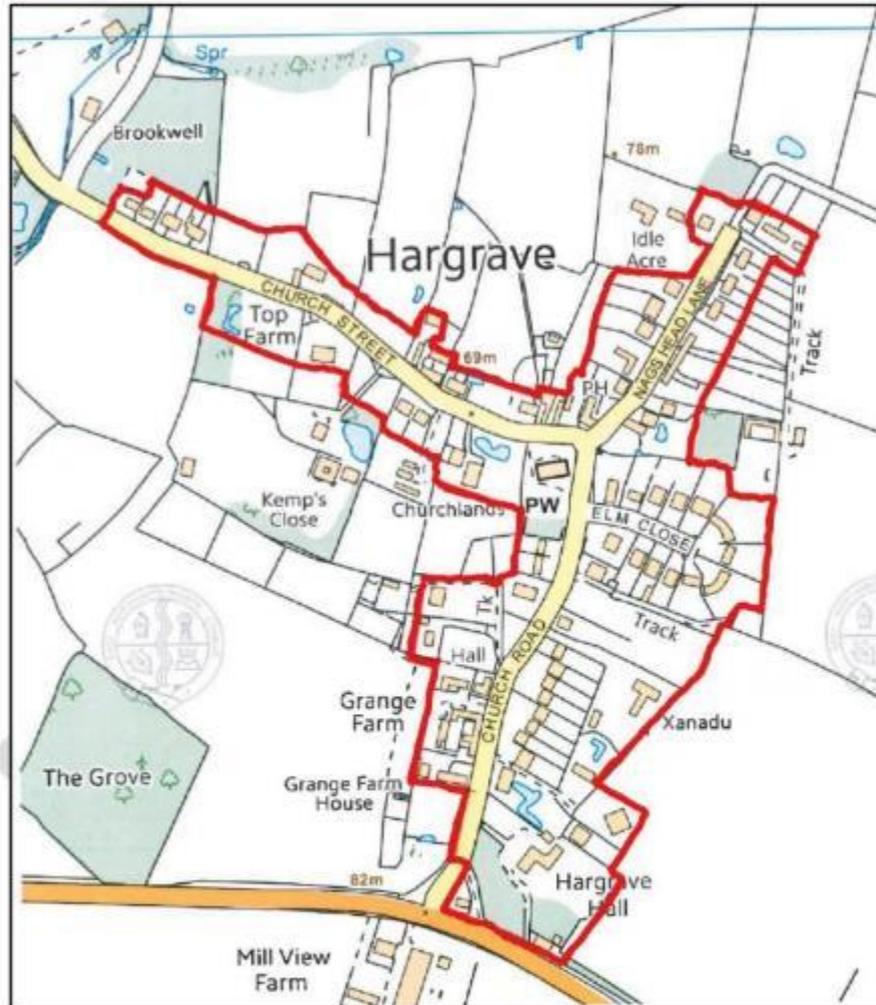


Figure 2 - Proposed settlement boundary

20. This proposed settlement boundary has been carefully considered to reflect the views of the residents of Hargrave, containing room for roadside development of between 10-20 properties. The survey results are clear that when considering the next 25 years, 49% of the village respondents do not favour *any* further development, whilst 23% favoured development of 5 - 10 dwellings and 18% favoured an increase of up to 25 properties. The overwhelming number of residents (96%) like the pattern of roadside development, and 82% would like the current pattern to continue.

Housing Growth in Hargrave

Objectives

1. To secure clarity and confidence that any growth of the village is delivered in the context of national and regional needs, and without breaching, impairing or damaging the quintessential nature of Hargrave as a small rural community which is set in a tranquil, agricultural environment.

Context

21. The NNJCS at 3.36 notes the importance of retaining the tranquillity of the Northamptonshire countryside:

"The importance of 'tranquillity' has long been emphasised by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) and in 2008 it commissioned researchers to create a national tranquillity map."

Whilst 3.27, the NNJCS notes the nature of the Northamptonshire landscape, and in doing so perfectly describes Hargrave's own setting:

"The area is thinly settled with farms and individual dwellings. As a result of the sparse settlement pattern, the landscape retains a strong agricultural character, with arable farmland the predominant land use on the hills and valley slopes and pasture along the valley floor and close to woodlands. Although limited in number, country houses are important features in the landscape, and communication routes are principally confined to minor roads. These features combine to provide a peaceful and secluded local landscape"

Whilst continuing in para 3.28 to note:

"It is important to protect tranquillity in this area in particular from urban intrusion such as excessive levels of noise, light spillage and traffic and to ensure that development is of an appropriate density, and massing, consistent with its surroundings. Part 2 Local Plans may identify further areas of tranquillity based in areas which have remained relatively undisturbed by noise and are prized for their recreation and amenity value, based on local evidence."

Hargrave village and its environs across to the Deans in Bedfordshire, Kimbolton in Cambridgeshire, and Chelveston in Northamptonshire is just such an area of rural tranquillity. Through traffic is largely drawn away from the area by the A1, A6, A45 and the A14, leaving a network of B-roads and narrow unclassified roads lacing through and around these compact and well-defined communities.

22. The NNJCS cites the Office of National Statistics (ONS) forecast data, and projects population growth for the county:

"2.21 The latest Office for National Statistics (ONS) 2012-based population projections indicate that, if recent trends continue, the population of North Northamptonshire will grow from around 321,400 people in 2012 to 370,600 in 2031, an increase of 15.3%. For comparison, the population of England is projected to grow by 12.9% over this same period."

23. The NNJCS growth rate suggests an average 15.3% covering a 20-year period from 2012. This is an average annual growth rate of 0.765%. Population growth for the purpose of this plan is taken to be the same as domestic housing growth rate.
24. Population growth in urban environments is expected to be higher than in rural areas.
25. In Hargrave:
- 25.1. In December 2011, the village population was 241, with of 104 homes distributed along Church Road, Church Street, Nag's Head Lane, Elm Close and Brook Street with outlying farms at Hargrave Lodge, New England and Black Lodge as well as Three Shire House.
- 25.2. In December 2019, the population of Hargrave was 225 people, living in 111 dwellings.
26. In Hargrave the growth of new housing since the end of 2011 has been an increase of 7 homes through until the end of 2019. Expressed in terms of percentage growth this is 7/104 over an 8-year period, a growth rate of 0.85% per annum.
27. It is seen that the village has grown substantially above the average rate projected in the NNJCS for the county across the period 2011-2019.
28. As the residents' survey indicated, this has placed considerable stress on roads, footpaths and sewerage. Should this high growth rate continue, the village would not only have a growth rate above the average projected growth rate of the NNJCS, but require substantial investment in infrastructure, disproportionate with the scale of the housing opportunity: works such as road widening which would also be to the detriment of the very village character and rural environment that for the vast majority of residents makes the village an attractive environment in which to live and work.
29. Were the village to grow at the NNJCS average annual growth rate of 0.765% then projected forwarded across a 25-year period an increase of 21 houses would be achieved. This would represent an increase in scale of our village housing of 19% from the 111 homes extant at December 2019 to a total of 132 homes in December 2045.
30. Conversely, in the survey:
- 30.1. almost half of the respondents (49%) did not agree with any further growth of the village during the 25-year period of the HNP
- 30.2. in the other 51% of respondents who agreed with the prospect of some growth in the village:
- 30.2.1. 23% favour of growth of only 5-10 houses and
- 30.2.2. 18% considered growth of 11-25 homes across the next 25 years acceptable.
11 new homes constitute growth = 10%
25 new homes constitute growth = 23%
- 30.3. Only 9% of respondents considered greater growth than 25 homes would be acceptable.
- 30.4. Considering growth in numbers of residents of the plan period, 50% of respondents considered only between 15-30 additional residents would be acceptable, and 30% of respondents considering up to 31-90 new residents would be acceptable.

31. Whilst the perspective expressed clearly in the survey, subsequent feedback and meetings, is that half the residents would welcome no growth, this position is not considered a viable planning policy for our neighbourhood plan, given the pressures across the nation from housing need, and given the perspective of the NNJCS growth rate of 15.3% across 20 years. Moreover, modest growth in the village is considered appropriate by the other half of village residents.
32. The NNJCS average growth rate of 15.3% predominantly is driven by the urban growth seen across the region, where the growth is ably supported by parallel and cost-effective infrastructure development to serve the homes in terms of utilities, schools and other amenities.
33. Hargrave is a distinctly rural area with no amenities other than the Village Hall (no school, no shop, no leisure facility, no restaurant, pub or cafe). The village is served relatively poorly by utilities and transport networks (no bus, no rail, narrow country roads, infrequent pavements, inadequate sewerage). Consequently, the village is not able to sustain growth successfully.
34. Considering all of this together, a growth rate of c. 12% over 20 years appears appropriate. This is slightly lower than the NNJCS average and is equivalent to an annual growth rate of 0.6% per annum, or 15% across the 25-year frame of the HNP.

POLICY: Housing Growth

1. The village plans to accommodate an average annual growth in the number of homes of 0.6%. Through the 25-year period of the HNP (2020 to 2045) this will increase village housing by 15 new homes, growing from the total of 111 homes extant at Dec 2019, to a total of 126 at the start of 2045.
2. Infrastructure to support the housing must be established ahead of need, and be appropriate in nature, capacity and location to accommodate this rate of growth.

Pattern of Development

Objectives

1. To support modest levels of residential development which provides family homes, affordable housing for local people and a mix of house size consistent with housing need and village architecture.
2. To ensure the pace of development within the village can be accommodated by its very limited infrastructure, and avoid damage to the village environment and amenity from traffic speed, traffic volume, flooding, noise and environmental damage
3. To encourage small scale infill developments which are appropriate to the linear layout of Hargrave Village, retain the village character and are within its defined settlement envelope.
4. To ensure any developments do not encroach upon the relationship between the village settlement area and the surrounding countryside
5. To encourage the design of new houses to reflect local materials and traditions, whilst embracing and encouraging sustainable design and technology which maximise energy.
6. To encourage water efficiency whilst minimising waste and environmental impact.

Context

35. The NNJCS Section 11 notes:

"THE RURAL AREAS

- a. Development in the rural areas will be limited to that required to support a prosperous rural economy or to meet a locally arising need, which cannot be met more sustainably at a nearby larger settlement;*
- b. Small scale infill development will be permitted on suitable sites within Villages where this would not materially harm the character of the settlement and residential amenity or exceed the capacity of local infrastructure and services. Part 2 Local Plans and/ or Neighbourhood Plans may identify sites within or adjoining Villages to help meet locally identified needs or may designate sensitive areas where infill development will be resisted or subject to special control;*
- c. Local and Neighbourhood Plans will identify sites within or adjoining the villages to meet the rural housing requirements identified in Table 5. Other than small scale infilling or 'rural exceptions' schemes, development above these requirements will be resisted unless agreed through the Part 2 Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plans to meet a particular local need or opportunity;*
- d. Rural diversification and the appropriate re-use of rural buildings will be supported in accordance with Policy 25. Renewable energy developments will be considered under Policy 26. Other forms of development will be resisted in the*

open countryside unless there are special circumstances as set out in Policy 13 or national policy;"

36. The HNP supports and endorses the development of roadside infill sites that are within the settlement boundary; are consistent with the historic and established nature of the village; and do not damage the character and green nature of Hargrave village.
37. The community survey enjoyed a very high response rate throughout the village community. Its findings, taken together with public meetings and other feedback indicate unequivocally the preferred pattern for any future housing development in the village is the historic pattern of roadside infill within the village settlement boundary.
38. There is an almost unanimous affection for the historic pattern of expansion by "roadside infill" along a small number of streets in the village, with a strong desire amongst a large majority of villagers for that to remain the future pattern of development, too.

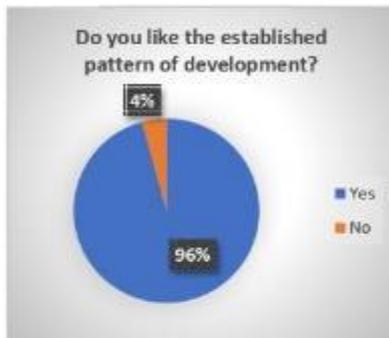


Figure 4 - Survey results on development pattern

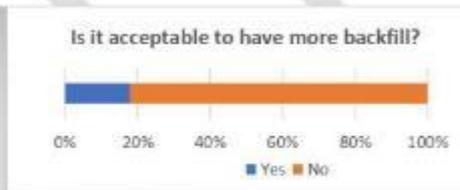


Figure 3 - Survey result on development pattern

39. There is a clear majority preference for no further development of cul-de-sacs like Elm Close. This is unsurprising given the strong desire of residents for only low levels of development, and no erosion of the countryside or green spaces within the village.
40. There is very strong preference in the survey for:
- 40.1. Either no, or only a low level, of new housing development
 - 40.2. Retaining the historic "roadside infill" development pattern
 - 40.3. Rejection of both backfill and cul-de-sac development

There is neither appetite nor need for property development that could not be accommodated within the existing pattern of "roadside infill" along the existing streetscape – as has recently been the case for some properties built along Nags Head Lane and Church Road.

41. This approach is strongly affirmed by the specific responses to survey questions asking where any future new housing should be located, in which 65% of respondents indicated their opinion that new housing should typically be located between existing houses, in contrast with 16% who indicated "outside the current village settlement boundary", and only 8% who considered either behind existing houses to be acceptable.
42. Surveys have indicated that there is room for development of some [x] new dwellings on undeveloped land that constitutes roadside infill within the settlement boundary.
43. It is important that any future housing should offer off-street resident parking because of the tightness of Hargrave's single through roads of Church Road and Church Street (which are both single vehicle width in parts, and joined by a sharp right-angle bend at their junction with Nag's Head Lane).

Housing Development Sites

44. A key area for consideration in the HNP is the provision of a positive planning framework to support appropriate future housing growth in the neighbourhood area. Key Policies within the NNJCS which provide direction in this context are Policy 11.2 (Development in Rural Areas) and Policy 13 (Rural Exceptions).
45. Through street walk and map studies the HNP Steering Group Committee has identified a number of sites within the settlement boundary with potential for infill roadside development.
46. These total a potential of 12-20 additional properties. **For these locations to become viable would require the evidence of necessary supporting infrastructure.**
47. Housing development outside the village settlement boundary should be strongly resisted, and only ever considered if there is an over-riding need for the development, and it secures an exceptional dispensation under Section 13 of the NNJCS.

Site Assessments

48. All identified sites were visited and inspected by Committee members to attain a fuller understanding of the sites and their prospects.
49. Were each one of these roadside infill sites to be developed in a manner coincident with the intent of this plan, and thereby remain in keeping with the express desire of the villagers to retain the character of the village, up to an additional 20 units of housing could readily be provided to generate growth. This is amply in excess of the planned growth rate of 15 new homes, c. 15% through to 2045 (refer above) and is in line with the ONS forecasts of population growth and NNJCS forecast growth rate.
50. **It is of course only subject to the will of the current landowners and agreement of the planning authority that these sites could be brought forward for development – hence the “buffer”.**
51. Moreover, any development must demonstrate that it can be served in advance of need by appropriate infrastructure capacity and meet the required criteria of this HNP.
52. Predominantly the locations where roadside infill could occur lie along Church Street. There are between 10 and 20 frontages available.
53. Other locations have also been considered however these are not thought to be suitable or preferable in any way. These include:
- a. **Nags Head Lane** - Whilst other potential roadside infill plots lie along Nags Head Lane these are less preferred for development than those on Church Street, simply because these are difficult locations, up this dangerously narrow road which lacks any footpaths whatsoever, and has recently seen the development of 4 additional dwellings in the last 5 years.
 - b. **Brook Street** - There is also undeveloped roadside land along Brook Street. However, this country lane is
 - i. outside both the existing and the proposed village settlement boundary
 - ii. prone to flooding from the brook
 - iii. a narrow single vehicle lane, hemmed in long part of it by high banks and hedges
 - iv. without any pedestrian roadside footpath anywhere along its length
 - v. joined to Church Street by a dangerous road junction immediately adjacent to the single-track white bridge and a blind corner.

For all these reasons, inviting additional development and associated traffic growth along Brook Street is not considered a sensible option.

- c. At the **western entry** into the village, there is undeveloped roadside land along the Raunds Road between the corner of the single-track White Bridge and "Pin-fold".

This area is not a preferred development location for roadside infill because:

- i. This area lies outside the current village settlement boundary (described in the 1996 plan) and the proposed extension of that settlement boundary (in this HNP). The land therefore should not be developed because there is sufficient room within the boundary to achieve responsible growth of the community
- ii. The land is adjacent to the dangerous blind bend on a single-track bridge at the foot of a steep hill down into the village. This narrow bridge and blind bend already create a hazard to traffic, equestrians and pedestrians alike without additional vehicle and pedestrian movements from new properties at this location
- iii. The low-laying portion of the land adjacent to the village brook is also prone to flooding.

POLICY: Pattern of Development

1. Given the high level of engagement with and the consistency of response consultation, the policies must follow the requirements of the villagers in order to be authentic and acceptable to the neighbourhood community whilst also complying with national and regional planning guidelines.
2. The level of any housing growth must be sufficiently constrained and appropriate in number and nature so as to protect and enhance the rural nature of Hargrave village and the surrounding countryside within the parish boundary.
3. New housing development should follow the pattern of roadside infill, between and alongside the existing properties, and not be behind the existing building line.

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POLICY: Pattern of Development (continued)

4. Development of roadside infill plots within the settlement boundary that continue the historic development pattern, conform with the prevalent nature of the village and align with the preference of villagers, should be welcomed by the Planning Authorities and the Parish Council provided support for infrastructure and off-road parking are sufficient.
5. Any other proposal that does not meet those criteria should be resisted by Planning Authorities and Parish Council unless demonstrating absolutely exceptional benefits for both the village and its environs under Clause 13 of the NNJCS
6. Any development within the parish boundary should:
 - a. Retain the nature of Hargrave as a small historic village, well integrated with its surrounding agricultural land.
 - b. Remain within the existing settlement boundary so that it does not encroach on the surrounding fields and countryside.
 - c. Protect established green spaces within the settlement boundary.
 - d. Retain the spacious character of the village.
 - e. Protect and enhance the amenity of the public rights of way that form a network of well-used footpaths, bridle paths and cycling routes around the village and provide interconnection with adjacent parishes.
 - f. Not harm existing trees, their canopies or their roots.

Design and Architecture of Houses

Objectives

1. To encourage design of new houses to reflect the local materials and traditions whilst embracing and encouraging sustainable design and technology which maximise energy and water efficiency whilst minimizing waste and environmental impact.
2. To ensure that any new houses reflect the character of the village and its surroundings in terms of size, scale, density, layout and landscaping and contribute to the character and amenity of the village.
3. To ensure new development is designed sensitively to respond to the setting of the site and reflects the rural character of neighbouring buildings.
4. To encourage new developments to provide a suitable mix of housing that reflects the local needs of the neighbourhood community.
5. Any new development retains and incorporates where possible existing natural features such as trees and hedgerows, whilst ameliorating any loss of habitat for wildlife.

Context:

54. Following the responses to the November 2019 survey, villagers have expressed strong preferences for the type and architecture of any new homes. Traditional styles of detached and semi-detached homes are preferred with some desire for traditional styles of cottages and bungalows.
55. There is a strong preference (c.80%) that new homes complement the style of nearby housing, providing continuity of architecture.
56. Family homes, some affordable housing and starter homes are most wanted. Private ownership is the dominant preference for type of ownership with some appetite for 'affordable' private property.
57. In style, large executive homes (chosen by less than 10%), and terraced homes (less than 15%) are the least favoured styles in the survey responses.
58. Very modern architectural styles are not preferred, although homes should encompass technology that provides the latest capability in sustainable performance that minimizes waste and energy use whilst providing energy generation facilities from solar, ground or similar low carbon sources.
59. Conversions and extensions should complement the architecture of the existing property.
60. New houses should provide adequate on-site parking facilities.
61. Given the rural nature of the village, new homes should be designed to enjoy good-sized gardens rather than be clustered tightly within the plot at the expense of their own amenities.

POLICY: Design and Architecture of Houses

Relevant ENDC Policies - Policy 11.2 Rural Areas and Policy 13 Rural Exceptions apply.

1. New homes should reflect the character of the village and its surroundings in terms of size, scale, density, layout and landscaping and contribute to the character and amenity of the village.
2. Architecture of new homes should complement the style of nearby housing, providing continuity of architecture
3. Conversions and extensions should complement the architecture of the existing property.
4. New developments should contribute to the mix of housing in a manner that reflects the local needs of the neighbourhood and helps to retain the local community.
5. New houses should maximise use of local materials and traditions whilst embracing and encouraging sustainable design and technology.
6. Design of housing should be environmentally sustainable, providing accommodation that minimizes water and energy use and offers solar/ground sourced energy generation wherever practicable.
7. Design must provide sustainable drainage solutions to retain or slow egress of rainwater off-site rather than directing water into storm drains.
8. New properties should be equipped with charging points for electric cars and battery storage as appropriate.
9. Vehicular access must be safe, avoiding blind entry/egress.
10. Design and construction of dwellings and amenities should include adequate roadside footpaths in order to safely serve the needs of pedestrians and pedestrian access.
11. To avoid further congestion, house architecture should provide for adequate off-road parking relative to their size.
12. New development is designed sensitively to respond to the setting of the site and reflects the rural character of neighbouring buildings.
13. New housing should retain and incorporate existing natural features such as trees and hedgerows, avoiding loss of habitat for wildlife

Landscape, Character & Green Space

Objectives

1. To conserve the essential rural character of the parish.
2. To protect and preserve local green spaces & wildlife habitats.
3. To protect the paths, bridleways and distinctive open views from the village so as to retain a close visual and physical relationship with the surrounding countryside.
4. To maintain the existing separation of Hargrave from nearby towns, such as fast-developing Raunds, to protect the pastoral landscape in between and maintain the rural vista.
5. To keep Hargrave as a small, pastoral village with firm links to the surrounding countryside and its ecology.

Context

Landscape

62. The existing rural and agricultural landscape character of Hargrave is exceptionally highly valued by residents and is recognised as a critical attribute of the Parish. The questionnaire results answered 95 to 1 in nominating the close connection with the agricultural landscape as "important".
63. A similarly overwhelming majority (94 to 2) want Hargrave to remain as "a rural community connected with agriculture".
64. The Northamptonshire Environmental Assessment (NEA) identifies Hargrave as lying within East Northamptonshire Claylands. The East Northamptonshire Claylands occupy the easternmost extent of the county and continue deep into neighbouring Cambridgeshire, marking the limits of Boulder Clay drift deposits and underlying Jurassic Oxford Clay Formation. These gently undulating landscapes are divided up by broad shallow valleys that flow either westwards into the River Nene, or eastwards to feed the network of streams that form the wide catchment of the River Great Ouse. However, the positioning of Hargrave is in a swathe of countryside that the Assessment recognises as having more undulating and exaggerated landscape features, noted as being to the east of Higham Ferrers and into Cambridgeshire towards Kimbolton.
65. Policy 11.2 (Rural Area) Development in the rural areas will be limited to that required to support a prosperous rural economy or to meet a locally arising need, which cannot be met more sustainably at a nearby larger settlement.

66. Policy 3 of the NNJCS states:

“Development should be located and designed in a way that is sensitive to its landscape setting, retaining and, where possible, enhancing the distinctive qualities of the landscape character area which it would affect.

Development should:

- a) Conserve and, where possible, enhance the character and qualities of the local landscape through appropriate design and management;*
- b) Make provision for the retention and, where possible, enhancement of features of landscape importance;*
- c) Safeguard and, where possible, enhance important views and vistas including sky lines within the development layout;*
- d) Protect the landscape setting and contribute to maintaining the individual and distinct character, and separate identities of settlements by preventing coalescence;*
- e) Provide appropriate landscape mitigation and/or suitable off-site enhancements; and*
- f) Preserve tranquillity identified in Part 2 Local Plans by minimising light and noise pollution and minimising the visual and traffic impacts of development.*

67. In further assessing the protective aims of Policy 3 above, note should also be taken of the concerns established for this area as “Key issues” within the NEA. These warn of creating a loss of landscape character brought about by

“unsympathetic new development in the urban-rural fringe” and,

“Further industrial scale and designed agricultural buildings (that) further threaten to erode rural character”.

These Key Issues cited in the NEA also include caution regarding *“Further agricultural intensification and moves to create ever larger fields”*, and also threats from *“Inappropriately sited development or woodland planting and poor hedgerow management”*. There is recognition in the NEA that *“remaining habitats may be under threat from agricultural intensification, and opportunities exist to provide some enhancement of the resource through new planting and habitat linkage”*. The strong identification of Hargrave residents with such concerns is evident from the results of the questionnaire.

68. Hargrave residents consider it important that the green spaces within and around the village are retained, voting 75% in favour of this notion.

69. Policy E20 of the 1996 East Northamptonshire District Local Plan protects open land of significance from future development although this was replaced by Policy 3 of the NNJCS upon adoption of the latter (July 2016). It is proposed that most of the areas within Hargrave, as designated within Policy E20, should retain such protection by their inclusion within this HNP.

70. As well as showing a determination to protect the character of a rural landscape and the village’s open spaces within the village settlement, residents also respect and enjoy the local wildlife, vegetation and trees that surround and feature within the village. This view is reinforced by a desire to constrain the character, volume and location of any building within the village.

71. The possibilities for encroachment from accelerating urban development in nearby county towns to the west is recognised as a threat to the quiet, rural nature of Hargrave. (Refer to the section entitled “

72. The Environment" below).

Paths and bridleways:

73. Hargrave enjoys a distinct network of rural footpaths that criss-cross the village and connect across the countryside to adjacent villages and towns. These footpaths run through open greenspaces and corridors within the village that must be preserved. Some of those are marked on the map below.

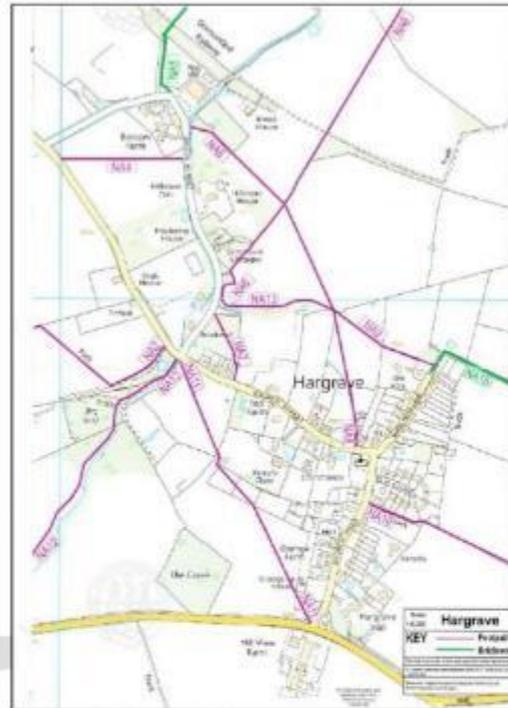


Figure 5 - Footpaths and bridleways

- 74. These walks provide locally significant views towards Shelton, Higham Ferrers, Kimbolton and Keyston over open rolling countryside. The footpaths prove popular with ramblers and dog-walkers as well as members of the public from farther afield.
- 75. Developments shall take into consideration any adverse impacts on these views through landscape appraisals and impact studies. Development proposals including associated tree planting shall conserve vital local landscape features such as hedges, stone walls and outbuildings.
- 76. The urban arc of Rushden, Higham and Irthlingborough should continue to be enhanced by and have access to this hinterland of tranquil open countryside towards the border with Cambridge-shire.
- 77. Planning authorities are asked to take care to limit encroachment into the countryside of the extensive urban housing and industrial estate developments in Raunds and Rushden. These need to be limited in their creep to the east, so that the area of attractive, open, rolling countryside towards and beyond Hargrave, Covington, the Deans and Kimbolton is preserved for enjoyment by the residents of these villages and towns alike.

Trees:

78. Trees have an important practical role in minimising carbon emissions and in absorbing local pollution. Hargrave is notable for its mature trees and these have been identified as important to village residents.
79. Plans for new properties must avoid the loss of any trees that are significant in size, age or appearance so as to retain their natural structure as a key component of the village infrastructure.

Green Space

80. The HNP provides direction on the identification and protection of green space.
81. NNJCS Policy 11.2. (b) provides that
"Neighbourhood Plans may identify sites within or adjoining villages to help meet locally identified needs or they may designate sensitive areas where infill development will be resisted or subject to special control".
82. A number of sites have been identified holding particular significance to the village because:
 - 82.1. The land contributes to the retention of the existing form and character of Hargrave village. As a predominantly rural settlement, Hargrave has benefited from the natural breaks in the built environment provided by green "wild" areas between the groups of dwellings that comprise our village.
 - 82.2. The existing green spaces provide important open areas within the village mass and are important visual links to the countryside beyond.
 - 82.3. The land contributes to the setting of all properties in the village, whether substantial dwellings or small terraced cottages, placing them all firmly in a rural setting that connects naturally with their surroundings.
 - 82.4. The green spaces provide valuable open landscape views from Church Road, Church Street and the top of Nags Head Lane. Brook Street has more scattered development and its green spaces are critical to retaining the vision of an open rural and wooded landscape alongside the village brook.
 - 82.5. These green spaces are also important to wildlife, providing shelter and having created habitat corridors and cover that allow mammals and birds, such as deer and pheasant, to roam freely within the village and connect with the countryside beyond. Species are diverse, and include long-eared owls, barn owls, turtle doves and lesser spotted woodpeckers. Badgers, muntjac and fallow deer, foxes, bats, red kites and peregrine falcons are all frequently observed within the village and its environs, providing delightful diversity of wildlife.

Designated Green Spaces

83. Designated Green Spaces nominated for preservation include:

- i. The south west corner of Church Road between the B645 and Grange Farmhouse.
- ii. The triangular space immediately to the north of the Village Hall
- iii. The wooded area to the north of the footpath off Nags Head Lane.
- iv. The area to the top end of Nags Head Lane leading into the small fields beyond.
- v. The space between Churchlands and The Swallows.
- vi. The narrow area between the Old Bakehouse and the Nags Head Pub
- vii. The small grass field adjacent to Hilltop House and the white bridge
- viii. The area known as Kemps Vineyard.
- ix. The space between Wild Acre and Brook Street.
- x. All those existing open green spaces in Brook Street and along the old sunken wagon road

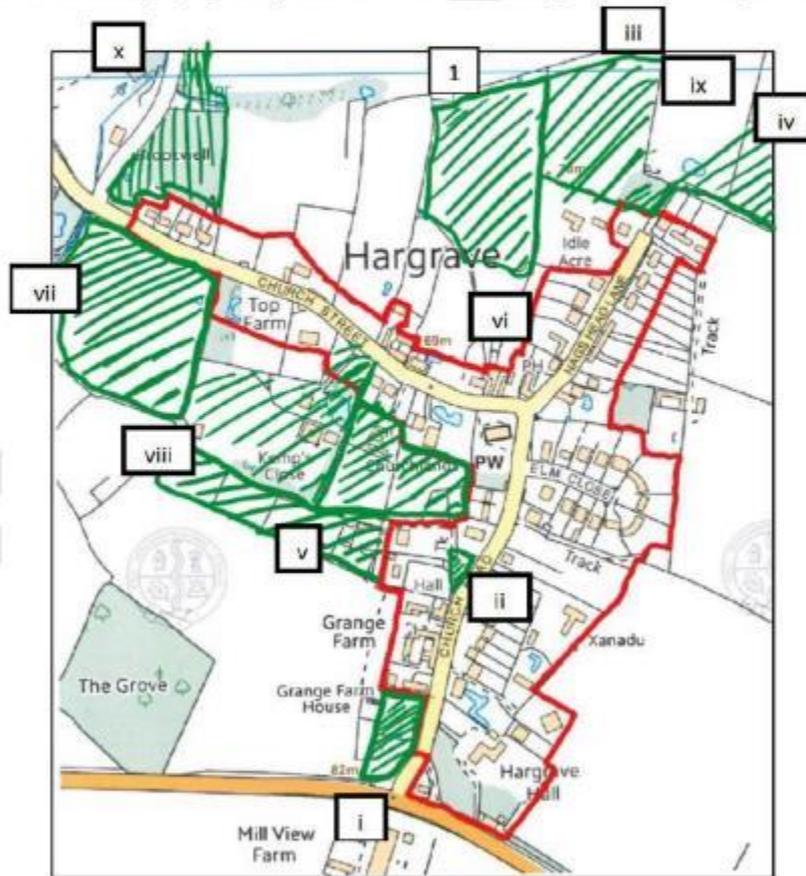


Figure 6 - Map of Designated Village Green Spaces

POLICY: Landscape, Character and Green Space

1. Plans for new properties will be required to provide a composite landscaping scheme that is compatible with the surrounding landscape and environment.
2. Such schemes will recognise the need to soften the visual impact of built development. Planting schemes must utilise tree and shrub species that are appropriate to a natural rural environment, enhance biodiversity and blend in with the surrounding landscape.
3. Native trees should be planted where feasible to break up the boundary lines between properties and wherever gardens meet the open countryside.
4. Front gardens should be able to accommodate at least one deciduous native tree.
5. Where practicable, boundaries for new properties should avoid the use of "hard" fencing materials and seek to establish native hedges that provide "soft" edges and merge effectively into the local scene.
6. Developments of more than one or two properties should develop planting schemes that link naturally to boundaries.

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POLICY: Landscape, Character and Green Space (continued)

7. Care must be taken in the management of mature village trees and every effort made to avoid damage or felling.
8. Plans for new properties must avoid the loss of any trees that are significant in size, age or appearance so as to retain their natural structure as a key component of the village infrastructure.
9. Wherever practicable, developers should propose planting native deciduous trees to add to existing stock. New trees should be compatible with the general local landscape, be planted with care and should have a management plan for the first 3 years of establishment.
10. It must be recognised that trees have an important practical role in minimising carbon emissions and in absorbing local pollution.
11. In accordance with NNJCS Policy 11.2. (b), and under the guidance of this Neighbourhood Plan, any development will be strongly resisted within the Designated Green Spaces of the village, which taken with the configuration of the roads and the architectural development of the village settlement define the character at the heart of the village.

The Environment

Objectives:

1. To ensure the natural environment is not damaged or undermined by new residential development and traffic pollution.
2. To measure air quality, noise levels and traffic density and take note and appropriate action of residents' concerns on a regular scheduled basis.
3. To establish a means of action to reduce pollution that is beyond an acceptable level, including minimising traffic flow, speed, emissions, hazard and noise along the narrow village roads.
4. To identify negative visual impacts of any nearby local developments and if thought necessary to then lobby the District Council for restraint.

Context:

84. Whilst "Landscape, Character & Green Space" are dealt with above, "The Environment" (as referenced in this section) deals with those influences that affect the quality of environment in Hargrave. These are primarily polluting factors that degrade our quality of life.
85. The UK population and government are increasingly concerned to protect the natural environment from pollution of all forms. There is a clear growing appreciation of the issues at stake from development damaging our ecosystems.
86. The need for these concerns to be recognised appropriately within the planning process are recognised in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and NNJCS. The NNJCS leaves no doubt that the threats to villages like Hargrave from rapid development is understood within Local Government and by Planning Authorities. The document has many references to "sustainable development" and notes clearly the need to protect "the green environment" and associated ecosystems and geosystems. The following example extracts make the point:

2.15 "The North Northamptonshire countryside incorporates many of North Northamptonshire's environmental and cultural assets and is a diverse mix of landscapes, each with its own distinctive visual, historic and ecological character."

3.11 PROTECTING AND ENHANCING ASSETS – "The scale of development planned across North Northamptonshire will place pressure on social and environmental assets. It is therefore important to protect, conserve and enhance the natural and local environment, protect valued landscapes, minimise impacts on biodiversity and enhance green networks"

3.25 "Planning applications should include a landscape and visual impact assessment"

87. However, whilst enforcement measures exist to act upon breaches of planning and emissions, preventative action conversely remains unmeasured within the process and relies on assessment of individual planning applications to prevent the creep of incremental change that over time produces irreversible negative impacts on the quality of life, landscape and infrastructure in small villages. Preventing negative impact becomes almost impossible through such a fragmented assessment process.
88. The absence of effective means of measuring these changes is a concern. This plan recommends local action to support the local authority planning processes, through the Parish Council and the HNP team devising methods of monitoring and measuring pollution levels from traffic, noise and visual impact, providing feedback to the local authority on a quarterly basis. follow up corrective actions. This will entail:
- 88.1. Establishing datum points from which to measure changes in the impairment of the Hargrave environment
 - 88.2. Maintaining records and monitoring the extent of such changes for scrutiny locally and by the District Council in order to identify where action is required. Publish the results.
 - 88.3. Where the need for action is identified, communicate with the necessary agencies and/or businesses responsible for the source of the concern. Working with the Councils and/or Government agencies, implement appropriate corrective actions.
89. Avoiding further damage to the natural environment clearly matters to business and residents in Hargrave village:
- 89.1. Hargrave village boasts the UK's first plastic neutral and carbon neutral farm.
 - 89.2. Many of Hargrave's homes have chosen to invest in solar panels for their power.
 - 89.3. Amongst Hargrave residents, 98% value highly the benefits of living in a rural environment away from urban contamination: yet their responses to the community survey questionnaire also make clear that pollution of various types is perceived as a serious threat to the quality of life for Hargrave's residents and businesses. Those concerns are expressed as:
 - 89.3.1. The resident survey and associated consultations reveal universal serious concern at the impact of large housing estates (97%) and industrial-style developments (96%) following recent major commercial developments at Warth Park and with new large housing estates to the east of Raunds
 - 89.3.2. Air pollution is now a concern for residents (75%) and in the past year proposed developments to the east of Rushden have included a large chicken farm and a plastics recycling factory.
 - 89.3.3. Light pollution from new commercial and residential developments in Raunds and Rushden is a growing concern identified by residents (55%).

89.3.4. The impact of renewable energy generation is also a concern for 64% of residents. Wind turbine clusters have had a major visual impact on the amenity of the countryside around Hargrave. No less than 34 wind turbines at Burton Latimer, Podington and Chelveston are now visible from the top of Church Road alone, with even more turbines at Woolley Hill, Southoe and Toseland also visible from within the parish.

89.3.5. In recent years, there has been a notable increase in traffic volumes and speeds through the village from Raunds as well as increasingly heavy traffic on the B645. Hargrave residents are concerned about growing levels of air and visual pollution. Over 80% of Hargrave residents are concerned about current levels of traffic noise from the B645 and the hazards of growing traffic volumes and speeds through the village.

90. The single narrow village road which has no footpath and little foundation is not suited to carry the high volumes of traffic or for the large vans, trucks and delivery vehicles that run towards the A1 at St Neots from Raunds. The unclassified road from Raunds to Hargrave is also very poorly surfaced, lacks a solid foundation and is narrow. Without action, these circumstances make it more and more likely that accidents will occur.

91. As a direct consequence of the new industrial developments in Raunds, branded through traffic in Hargrave has dramatically increased. With further industrial development of Raunds planned, it is likely that traffic through the village will further increase, creating damage and hazard to the village environment unless measures are taken to mitigate that impact.

POLICY: Environment

1. Any housing, agricultural or industrial development should assess and demonstrate to the Planning Authorities and Hargrave Parish Council (HPC) :
 - a. The nature, location, scale and impact of permanent external lighting associated with the scheme
 - b. The nature, scale, frequency and impact of any additional vehicle movements exiting from, entering onto and passing along the village roads (during construction and in use).
 - c. The expected noise, dust and emissions from the development arising during construction and during its occupation and operational use
 - d. How ground contamination will be avoided during construction and during use.

These studies and forecasts must be independently certified, and performed in manner that satisfies the HPC and the Planning Authorities. In keeping with normal business practice, and order to underscore the veracity of the reports and forecasts, the HPC and Local Authority shall be granted legal reliance any report by its author.

2. The HPC will monitor and measure the quality of the village environment providing data to East Northamptonshire, who in turn shall be obliged to consider these facts and publish their clear opinion as part of their response to any local planning application that is likely to affect the environment of Hargrave village (including traffic volumes and speeds).

Sustainable Infrastructure

Objectives

1. To ensure development within the village can be accommodated by its very limited infrastructure and avoid environmental damage from flooding, noise and light.
2. To encourage, through design and construction practice, the development and provision of practicable, sustainable solutions for all new dwellings, amenities or business premises, together with their immediate support environment, utilities and land.
3. Proposed developments should provide for footpaths in front of a property when required.
4. To improve the transport infrastructure.

Context:

92. Any new development must either demonstrate that they will not put undue pressure on the available infrastructure or must provide enhanced infrastructure to accommodate proposed development ahead of need.
93. Villagers expect that the community progressively becomes more environmentally sustainable. Moreover, the majority of residents are extremely concerned about flooding risk, particularly whilst storm drainage on Church Road and Church Street frequently has proved inadequate to carry rain runoff during winter and spring months.
94. Any development should preferably provide sustainable drainage solutions to retain or slow egress of rainwater off-site rather than directing water into storm drains. Designs should include (for example) features such as purpose-built Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) and soakaways, together with retention ponds; permeable driveways; and rainwater harvesting for 'grey' water use.
95. House design must incorporate renewable energy technology including, but not limited to, rooftop solar panels and ground source heat pumps, electric car chargers and battery storage. In addition building orientation should be considered to maximise solar gain. In terms of construction, the use of thermally efficient and environmentally sustainable building materials should be encouraged.
96. Where required, a footpath should be constructed at the front of any new development on the road frontage through the village.
97. The village has an ageing population and without a car access to shops, doctors' surgeries and other community facilities is difficult. Any developer should be requested to make a contribution to a fund specific for infrastructure improvements that can improve accessibility or uses the money to subsidise a community bus service.

POLICY: Sustainable Infrastructure

1. All new developments must either demonstrate that they will not put undue pressure on the available infrastructure or must provide enhanced infrastructure to accommodate proposed development ahead of need.
2. Any development should preferably provide sustainable drainage solutions to retain or slow egress of rainwater off-site rather than directing water into storm drains.
3. Design of dwellings, amenities or business premises must incorporate renewable energy technology and water recovery/recycling that enables the low carbon footprint and low treated water usage. Construction materials should be certified as thermally and environmentally sustainable in their constituent nature, source, transport, packaging and performance.
4. Wherever practicable, design and construction of dwellings should include adequate roadside footpaths at their front in order to safely serve the needs of pedestrians.
5. Developers should be requested to make a contribution to a fund specific for infrastructure improvements that can improve accessibility and transport serving the village.

Village Amenities

Objectives

1. To maintain and enhance amenities currently enjoyed by residents of the village.
2. To ensure that any development within the village includes a duty to provide new or improve current amenities.

Context

98. Sadly, Hargrave village has lost many of its amenities over the course of the past 25 years. It no longer has a Post Office, shop or public house. Nor does Hargrave have a village green or similar open space that can be used for fetes, sports, playground etc.
99. Hargrave Village Hall is enjoyed by many as a recreational facility. The greatest use appears to be from social events including "pub nights", the Hargrave Music Festival, church festival celebratory meals and private functions when about 10-15% of the residents attend any one event. The Women's Institute (WI) attracts a similar number and there is also regular attendance for physical activities such as table tennis, circle dancing and short mat bowls.
100. All Hallows' Church holds regular religious services which are strongly valued by the community. A majority of residents also value it for its heritage, continuity and as a cultural centre. It acts as a main venue for the annual Hargrave Music Festival which brings professional musical performances of international calibre into the area and is greatly appreciated by a majority of the residents.
101. The War Memorial stands in the churchyard and holds great significance for the residents of the village. A well-supported annual Act of Remembrance takes place around it on Remembrance Sunday.
102. A brick cairn built to celebrate the millennium, and constructed from bricks originally made in Hargrave, stands on a green verge. It is an historic counterpoint to the War Memorial opposite.
103. The village green spaces, rural footpaths, bridleways and byways are highly valued by the community.

The future of amenities in Hargrave

It is anticipated that use of the Village Hall and the Church will continue as at present, as both have engaged and proactive managing committees. Opportunities for increasing residents' use of both will be pursued.

Residents have expressed a preference for new amenities to be provided, with the strongest support being for a shop/post-office. Support has also been demonstrated for a public house, restaurant or tea-room. Ambivalence was shown towards having a craft shop.

If a patch of publicly owned land could be acquired there would be strong support for a playground and/or a sports field and such an area could also provide space for fetes and other village activities to take place.

POLICY: Village Amenities

1. Any development should enhance or contribute towards the extent and quality of the village amenities and natural beauty in some way.
2. Any development must protect and not impinge on the few remaining village amenities, including the church, village hall, graveyard, war memorial and millennium cairn.
3. Proposed amenities must demonstrate adequate parking, minimal disruption of neighbours and safe pedestrian access to the village.
4. An appropriate development that promises to enhance or contribute towards the extent and quality of amenities would be welcomed by Hargrave Parish Council and the village residents.
5. Any development should provide considerate design, good landscaping and planting and where appropriate offer play areas, open green space, footpath access and contribute to the natural beauty of our village.
6. Appropriate developments that provide new village amenities, or enhance the existing amenities and the environment, whilst contributing to safe public access, off-road parking and public footpaths, will be in principle be welcomed by the Parish Council.

Supporting Rural Diversification and Employment

Objectives

1. To aid rural diversification and support appropriate small-scale employment opportunities, including potential village amenities.
2. To support the success of existing businesses to develop and thrive.
3. To remain closely connected with the agricultural economy and landscape.

Context

104. Employment opportunities in Hargrave Parish are reasonably significant for the size of the village, with farming still being the largest sector by land area, but not by people employed. The main places of employment are the farms, within the village at Bottom Farm and those in or directly adjacent to the Parish at Black Lodge, Mere Farm, New England Farm and Mill View Farm. The biggest employers are at Bottom Farm (food manufacturer), Hillstone Barns (consultancy business) and Mill View Farm (children's nursery). There are also business units at Mere Farm. The combined employment opportunities in the parish amount to over 60 employees, with around 12 of these being residents according to the residents' survey.
105. The survey shows that around 25% (over 40) of residents work, with around 52% (around 99) of traditional working age. Half the respondents who work in Hargrave are self-employed, with several working from home either full or part-time. Of residents who work outside Hargrave, a third indicated they would like to work in the village if the opportunity existed.
106. Around 65% of respondents showed a desire to support small businesses, with around 52% supporting development that includes modest business facilities. This shows general support for modest rural employment opportunities considering only a quarter of residents work.
107. There is support for better village amenities. Whilst support for the Nags Head public house reopening is reducing, currently around 26%, there is slightly more support, over 35% for the building to be opened as a shop or similar. There is concern about parking for any proposed commercial use. There is strong support (ranging from 50% to 75%) for some form of amenity in the village such as: shop, post office, public house/restaurant, café/tearoom.
108. Opportunities for rural diversification employment in villages tend to involve the conversion of traditional farm buildings. However, most of these conversions have already taken place in Hargrave, such as the residential conversion of Grange Farm, bed and breakfast accommodation at Top Farm and business units at Bottom Farm. There may be scope at the outlying farms, but there is no obvious conversion opportunity within the village.
109. Rural economic success depends on good infrastructure including telecommunications and road networks. Broadband connectivity has greatly improved in Hargrave, with land line and wireless systems for example offering superfast broadband. Road suitability and safety is a concern in the village, with around 75% of residents having concerns over increased volume of commercial vehicles. This should be considered in any employment development.
110. Agriculture is important to the village economy. Whilst the rural nature of the roadside is important to residents, 70% would like better management of roadside hedges ensuring highway safety for farm machinery and other road users, including walkers and cyclists, so tractors and large vehicles such as refuse lorries do not travel in the middle of the road.

POLICY: Supporting Rural Diversification and Employment.

1. Sensitive employment opportunities that help diversify the rural economy will be supported in the Parish.
2. Reuse of redundant farm buildings will be supported for small scale sensitive business premises such as offices, workshops, amenities, service economy.
3. Limited new employment opportunities in the village will be considered, especially if sensitive to and improving village amenity. Development that encourages working from home or includes small scale office facilities, especially for startup businesses may be considered suitable.
4. On farms, agricultural development of a suitable scale and design will be considered individual merits.
5. All proposed developments will be subject to the following criteria. It must:-
 - 5.1. Relate well to the existing built form of the village
 - 5.2. Be appropriate to the village in terms of scale, location, design and materials
 - 5.3. Demonstrate consideration of its impact on infrastructure and incorporate mitigation measures to minimise any adverse impacts
 - 5.4. Provide adequate car parking on-site for employees and visitors
 - 5.5. Provide on-site soft engineering solutions to rainwater runoff from roofs and carparks.
6. Developments shall be designed sensitively and respond positively to the local context in terms of materials, scale and height.
7. Employment opportunities that support local amenities, residents that work in the village, the viability and/or security of agricultural operations will be particularly welcomed.

Appendix 6 Response form

YOUR RESPONSES TO THE HARGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DRAFT POLICY DOCUMENT *** 1 FORM PER PERSON ***
 Please return form by Friday 18th September 2020 - either in bin provided at event or at Village Hall or via email to rossheppard49@gmail.com

POLICY CONCERNING:	Page No.	I agree (please tick one)	I disagree	Comments
1 Housing Growth	10			
2 Pattern of Development	15/16			
3 Design & Architecture of Houses	18			
4 Landscape, character and green space	24/25			
5 Environment	29			
6 Sustainable infrastructure	31			
7 Village Amenities	33			
8 Supporting Rural Diversification & employment	35			

Appendix 7 Analysis of comments from September 2020 survey

The number of survey returns showing Agreement or Disagreement to the policy sections.

SUMMARY:

Policy Topic:	# Agree	# Disagree	# 50/50	# Comments
1. Housing Growth	61	1	0	7
2. Pattern of development	60	2	0	9
3. Design and Architecture of Houses	62	0	0	8
4. Landscape, character & green space	56	4	2	12
5. Environment	59	2	1	6
6. Sustainable Infrastructure	62	0	0	9
7. Village Amenities	57	5	0	22
8. Supporting rural diversification & employment	59	2	1	11
Total returns	62			6 "other comments"

Feedback form countup final final

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62 responses to the draft policies were received.

1 responses to the Call for Sites was received (Bastion)

2 consultations in advance of a potential call for sites was held, although these two did not materialise in practice.

Written comments on the policies which were received are logged below:

Policy Topic:	Comments
1. Housing Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A limited rate of growth if possible with Government Policies Doubtful that this rate of growth will be necessary as the aging population of our village will mean that current housing becomes available The suggested growth in the policy MUST be able to be supported by the existing infrastructure – this should be investigated before the figure is finalised. There is likely some growth because of Government plans but it must be contained and in keeping with no resources (shops, schools etc). There is no need for start-up homes and there is no education or other infrastructure to support them I support these objectives I cannot support the proposed change to village envelope because it unnecessarily endangers a number of green spaces that should remain outside the scope of development. Developing outside it – which I suspect is the only way to achieve the 15 house target – would damage the character of the village.
2. Pattern of development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ribbon Development, less backfill, safe access/egress to roads The majority of large infill sites have been identified on three sides of Top Farm. Wrongly concentrates new development in this area with adverse impact on rurality and current properties. In our view, Brock Street has a number of sites suitable for development which are not prone to flooding and due to their smaller ring-fenced nature would limit scale of proposed developments. Access issues could be overcome by creating passing places or a one-way system along the through road.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Point 6f doesn't seem to be in line with section 4 point 7. Should 6f be reworded to reflect the need for care to preserve and minimise damage to trees in all cases, with removal or reduction only being allowed as the last resort. I think covers all possible areas and should be cut back I disagree. The proposed pattern of development may be too large. Agree but not sure where/how you can fit in new buildings given the constraints listed Agree but there is no space within the proposed settlement area to fit more than 4 or 5 homes If there must be further development then I agree completely that it should comply with the suggested criteria. I would suggest that the reference to trees should be expanded to explicitly require full independent ecological assessment of sites before development is allowed. A vast number of properties in the Hargrave are backfill and allows the growth we need to survive as a village without encroaching outside the village boundary¹ Do not agree that backfill is a problem.¹
3. Design and Architecture of Houses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mixture we have is suitable I should like to see houses incorporating semi-permeable driveways instead of tarmac (which is urban in style and unsustainable) All recent new developments have been different (brickwork, architecture, garage designs etc) The village is becoming a midge-modge. This is making the character of our village unclear. Use local materials I would like some terraced cottages included in the village I agree but would not object to a "one-off" design of specific architectural influence as no real standard village property design at present. Designs of "architectural merit" should be allowed

¹ Entries marked with a 1 were all received very late beyond the deadline, and included here out of goodwill and for completeness because of they express disagreement with the drafted policies which helps provide counterpoint and challenge for the Steering Committee to consider

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The neighbourhood plan has the ability to control the design of their neighbourhoods through design codes. Strongly agree and trust policies will be upheld There are so many varied designs of property so hard to see how new ones can reflect their surrounding properties. So each must be on its own merit. We must preserve the few old properties in the village including the Nags Head even if that means allowing it to be a residential property.¹ Designs needed to encourage some young families.¹
4. Landscape, character & green space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to try to find communal green space for events, meetings, etc. Take into account that trees that are mature can cause structural problems and need removal. The fields either side of Top Farm are no less important green space than other parts of the village. The lack of binaries in these fields increase the potential for large scale development and needs addressing. Initial infill schemes lead to backfill – as already seen elsewhere. Re draw the settlement boundary to prevent this. Must maintained in keeping with a small rural village Agree but item 4 not strictly necessary. Not all houses comply with this now. Also is the intent and wording clear? Should the gardens be big enough to accommodate a tree, or do you want a tree actually planted? Quite different. The area for development on Church Street near Top Farm lack footpaths, is narrow. Other locations appear to have been discounted for development because of these limiting features, therefore Church Street should be treated the same. Point 7 at odds with Section 2 6f. The existing trees are of utmost importance and must be protected. Greenspace is reduced too much with too many roadside areas being included for potential development. Green space reduced too much. But the green space should go right around the settlement area – why have some areas been left out? I agree as far as this goes but it is incomplete in its consideration of the environment. It talks a great deal about trees but says barely anything about accommodation of wildlife when developing property compatible with the

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	<p>environment. The local fauna are as much a part of the character and charm of the village. Also, in proposing protected green spaces, we should not be removing those currently in the existing plan, such as the field immediately to the west of that marked 1 in the new plan.</p>
5. Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep as many trees as possible. Replant where suitable, minimise noise Aging population means over the next 20 years many properties will change hands. Little/no need for more properties Not all trees should be preserved. Some need removing. Agreed. These points should be adhered to in the existing developments. Noise and pollution are currently unacceptable. This seems totally over the top given the limited development suggested Given the low level of development the policy is far too onerous
6. Sustainable Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new build without proper improvement of roads, pavements and drains Aging population means over the next 20 years many properties will change hands. Little/no need for more properties Will developers really listen? Surface water and lack of adequate road drainage is a big problem We need to ensure this is actioned rather than given lip service I think this is a particularly important area and could be in the village plan to improve the EXISTING houses Developers should be required to set up a fund to contribute to the village Development here would impact on failing infrastructure Vague – a site must be drained
7. Village Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure public Rights of Way are maintained. Obtain land for public space Developers should contribute to village amenities. Improve village hall facilities Natural surroundings/environment – “beauty” is subjective “Church and graveyard” – we don’t have a separate one

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although we would like to retain the pub, we would prefer it be residential rather than the eyesore it currently is. • Would welcome a pub or shop. • Pub and shop are unrealistic propositions in such a small community where parking WOULD be an issue. • Population of the village is too small to sustain the upkeep of a play area/area for fetes which would undoubtedly get rained off. Also too small for sustaining a shop/pub with no passing trade. • A village play area is not viable for so few people, and costs would be too high. Also encourages drugs and litter etc. • Could be increased by more use of village hall for different types of social gathering • Village Hall could be used more • Adequate parking is not demonstrated by current amenities and is not always possible for future use. • Paragraph 3 is of particular importance when considering the old nags head pub. "No parking disruption to neighbours and no safe pedestrian access." A pub would contravene all these requirements. • A pub would only survive with lots of visitors from outside the village but there is no parking available on site for those visitors. • Street parking only available for a pub in Nags Head Lane or Elm Close. • The pub group misled ENC and provided no business plan and relied on buying the pub cheaply. • I strongly agree with paragraph 3 • We do not want large car parking areas within the village – current amenities do not have any adverse effects currently • This should not include a public house • I agree only assuming this does not include a pub • The fact that quite rightly you insist on adequate parking seems to rule out retaining the Nags head as an amenity and I think it is time we accepted this and allow the current owner to move on.¹
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<p>8. Supporting rural diversification & employment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only if businesses are "friendly", quiet and non-polluting • Any renewable energy developments? • Solar properties on properties are acceptable • No more wind turbines • I agree in part but qualify since the likes of windfarms and chicken farms would not be welcomed additions. • "Sensitive development opportunities" needs better definition to avoid misunderstanding and argument in the future. • "Sensitive development" – needs further clarification • May have negative impact and increase traffic and parking problems • Whilst I agree with this in general, the language is very open to interpretation. • Please add "must not encourage increased traffic, especially transport vehicles" • As a small village we do not want any large commercial building with would increase the traffic through the village, because the traffic is currently already at an unacceptable level and dangerous.
<p>Other comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well done to everyone who has put the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan together • All planning/liaison with CC must be transparent and well publicised to all village members at all times • Raunds is growing rapidly and its facilities are becoming inadequate • Raunds, Thrapston, Rushden, Higham Ferrers all have significant growth for this area but they have advantages of amenities and facilities. Hargrave Village DOES NOT. • The village settlement boundary as proposed could lead to large scale developments which an enormous majority of the village residents are opposed to. • With changes to the planning system there is potential for sites within the settlement boundary to be granted outline planning consent and require a less rigorous planning application (Growth/Renewal areas). In our opinion it would be more appropriate to keep as much as possible of Hargrave Village within the Protected designation to ensure planning applications operate in a similar manner to the current system. As such it is imperative that the correct areas for future development are identified or omitted at this stage to ensure the village retains its historic character and open landscape features so highly valued by its residents

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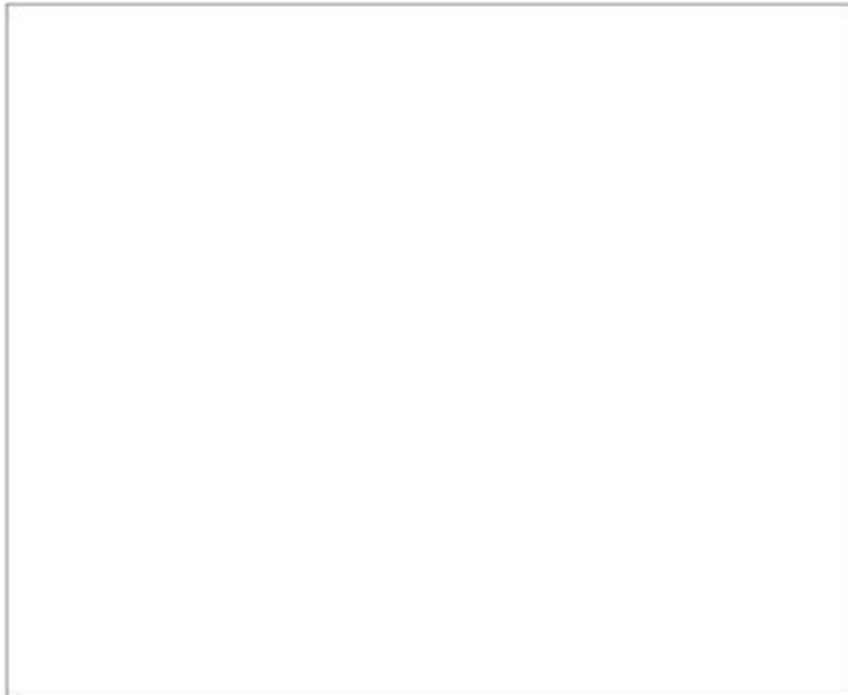
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Appendix 8 Regulation 14 documents

List of consultees

East Midlands Councils
Bedford Borough Council (Planning Policy)
Huntingdonshire District Council (Planning Policy)
Stanwick Ward Member
Northamptonshire County Council, Head of Planning Policy
Northamptonshire County Council
Northamptonshire County Council (Development Management)
Northamptonshire County Council
Northamptonshire County Council (Fire and Rescue)
Northamptonshire County Council (Highways)
Northamptonshire County Council (Sustainable Transport)
Northamptonshire County Council (Nene Valley Nature Improvement Area Officer)
Northamptonshire County Council (Archaeology)
North Northamptonshire Joint Planning and Delivery Unit
Historic England
Historic England
Highways England (Planning Manager)
Highways England
Highways England
Environment Agency
Environment Agency
Consultation Service, Natural England
Dean and Shelton Parish Council
Covington Parish Meeting
Bythorn and Keyston Parish Council
Raunds Town Council
Stanwick Parish Council
Chelveston cum Caldecott Parish Council
Northamptonshire Police
Anglian Water
Wildlife Trust
Homes and Communities Agency
AFW (for National Grid)
The Mobile Operators Association
Nene Valley Community Action
Northamptonshire ACRE
Northamptonshire Archaeological Society
Welland Valley Partnership
CPRE
East Northamptonshire Council

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Environment Agency
Natural England
Network Rail
Health and Safety Executive
National Farmers Union (East Midlands Region)
Sport England
Western Power Distribution
Ancient Monuments Society
Midlands Rural Housing
British Gas Connections
Environment Agency
Environment Agency
Homes England
Northamptonshire County Council



Data Protection: The information you supply will be processed by the Hargrave Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group who will analyse the comments on behalf of the Hargrave Parish Council. Any personal information you provide will be treated as strictly confidential and it will be used for the purposes of informing the Hargrave Neighbourhood Development Plan. This personal information will be passed to East Northamptonshire Council in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning regulations to enable them to consult you again at the Regulation 16 stage. The comments you provide will appear in full in the published Consultation Statement.

Thank you for your time and interest. Please return this form by 1700 on Monday 8th February 2021 to:

Email: rossheppard49@gmail.com

Or

Post: Mrs R Sheppard, Cobblers Cottage, Church Street, Hargrave, Wellingborough NN9 6BW

