

HINGHAM

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Results of the first Hingham Neighbourhood Plan consultation 10am-2pm on Saturday, 19th March 2022, drop-in event at the Lincoln Hall

The purpose of the initial consultation event was to identify key issues and themes in the parish.



Attendees

Age

- 0-10 years old: 0
- 11-20 years old: 1
- 21-30 years old: 0
- 31-40 years old: 2
- 41-50 years old: 6
- 51-60 years old: 6
- 61-70 years old: 20
- 71-80 years old: 22
- 81+ years old: 7
- TOTAL: 64 attendees

Who are you?

- Hingham resident: 61
- Hingham business owner: 2
- Work in Hingham: 2

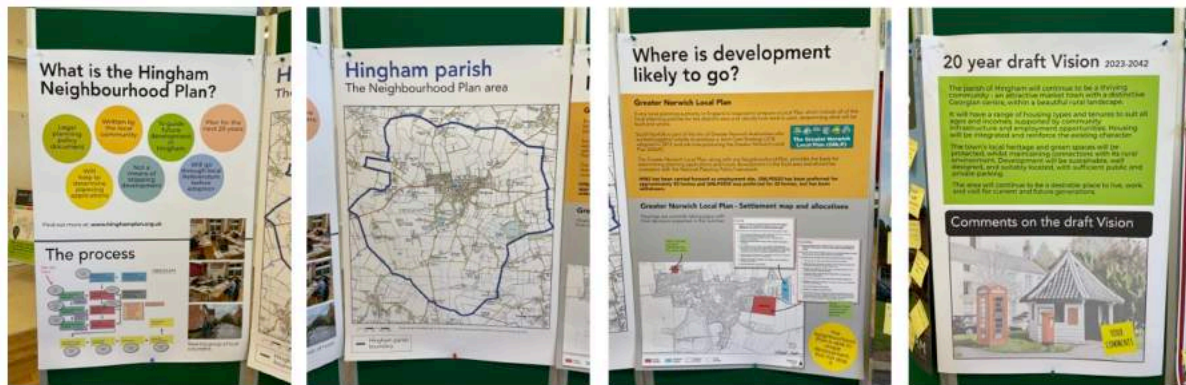


- Visitor to the area: 2
- None of the above, just interested: 0

How did you hear about today?

- Facebook: 19
- Hingham Community News: 15
- Flyer: 26
- Word of mouth: 6
- Town Council website: 0
- Neighbourhood Plan website: 0
- Poster: 4
- Town Council: 8

Introductory information



What is special about Hingham?

- A fantastic historical centre – with really good provision of services (primary school, surgery, shops and pub)
- Excellent health provision
- New builds and estates an eyesore. Already enough buildings gone up in the past few years
- Good facilities. Great GP surgery. Lovely friend town
- Don't ruin a lovely small town
- A nice historical centre
- Excellent health centre. Dr's appointment always available
- Small town, great local facilities. Historical buildings add to atmosphere. New buildings – eyesore
- Hingham is now sprawling out, leave it as it is please!!
- Good facilities
- Friendly town with a village feel. Leave it alone
- Good shops, great pub, friendly, regular bus service
- Good community, friendly, historic buildings, small town and essential shops, not more big housing estates please



- Sense of community
- It's history
- More development risks changing character and outstanding and outstripping infrastructure
- The village centre: the local shops need support from planners and residents alike
- Friendly and safe. A lovely town
- Wonderful little village. Please don't spoil it
- Friendly happy town
- A place to feel safe – keep it this way
- Lovely little town. Let's keep it that way. Just need a Post Office
- An historical town which will be spoilt with new developments

Housing & design: What do we want for Hingham?

- A decent takeaway
- 20mph actually observed
- Safety for pedestrians/speed control and crossings
- Small groups of new housing not big estates – fitting with Hingham's historic character
- Houses that are affordable for local people
- Brown rather than green sites (infill)
- Nimby's need to be more realistic – charge is constant
- No more big estates. Small development
- No more estates, namely Abel, poor houses
- Character houses, not the same
- Housing to reflect local population
- If it happens there are some builders than Abels
- No more new housing estates!
- Water drainage improved. Pavement access to centre improved
- No more new housing estates!
- Affordable housing for young people
- New pavements instead of grass. Earth to be recycled to asset with and level instead of slope
- Aesthetically pleasing houses not all the same
- Good quality and contemporary design for new housing. Shared spaces/home zones too
- Decent pavements
- No more new houses!
- No more estates. Need a PO
- No more new buildings please
- A water supply that matches existing needs
- No more new buildings please
- Keep Hingham small and friendly
- More parking
- A Post Office



- Regular bus service to Attleborough and Dereham
- Different builder to proposed housing on Norwich Road as the Hops is not the sort of housing Hingham wants
- Housing in character with the town
- Pavements
- To improve housing provision to be nature friendly – bat boxes, hedges, swift bricks
- Pre-note – HOP2. The residential housing estate presents itself very well from the Norwich Road. Make sure HOP2 does the same. Trees/grass/plants
- Post Office
- We don't want to lose the essence of Hingham by too much growth
- Housing that connects safely for pedestrians to all Hingham's services
- Crossing near coop
- Post Office
- Pavements (wheelchair and pushchair friendly)
- Don't ruin Hingham please (*notebook comment*)

Housing

Thinking about the delivery of housing over the next 20 years...

- **Where should housing go in Hingham parish?**
 - Watton Road not Norwich Road
 - Redeveloping land already built on. Not farmland
 - Fill ins. Brownfield sites, not farmland
 - Close to existing housing
 - Use plots that are not large. Keep small
 - Use the assisted living accommodation in Hardingham Road, i.e. for local people, Ukrainian Refugees
 - Fill in the gaps rather than build large estates
 - Houses should be built in the gaps in the town. Not huge estates at the edges
 - No more large estates please! No talk of doctor's surgeries/schools!
 - No more big estates. Fill in the gaps
 - Fill in the gaps. No big housing estates. Don't build where it floods
 - Watton Road
 - Where it can be sensitively incorporated, knits in with the existing layout of streets, lanes and paths
 - Houses should be built in the gaps in the town. Not huge estates at the edges
- **What type of housing should there be to meet local need?**
 - Affordable homes for young people. Green homes, solar hedges not fences, swift bricks, nest boxes, pond, communal green space
 - Real affordable housing for local people
 - Small developments
 - Bungalows for the elderly



- Housing that is affordable and suitable for young people
- Small developments rather than large areas
- Small developments like at the end of Chapel Street
- Small developments rather than large areas
- Small developments
- Mixed, but must include a higher % of social housing, cleverly designed for low running costs/every use
- Small developments, cul-de-sacs etc
- Small developments
- **How should new housing be designed?**
 - In-keeping with the village
 - To be carbon-neutral and energy efficient
 - Parking is needed
 - Eco friendly. Water tanks beneath all new housing. Grey water to be used for toilets, cleaning cars and watering gardens (as done in Belgium by law)
 - All new housing to have sufficient parking for longevity – lots of homes have 2 or more cars
 - Low energy, Passive house design. Good layouts, less domination of the car but must be done to still accommodate them
 - Eco friendly housing – heat pumps, solar panels. Affordable for lower incomes
 - Housing with car parking
 - Character houses not little boxes, as Pete Seeger song. Little boxes make out of ticky tacky
 - Houses built in character with a market town
 - Housing that can provide car parking! Too much street parking
 - To fit in with historic character and be eco friendly
 - Eco friendly and nature friendly

Community infrastructure: What do we want for Hingham?

- Plan for 'things' to go wrong!
- Wider pavements
- Local NHS dentist
- A dentist
- PO!
- We need a zoo
- We need a swimming pool
- We need a castle for tourists
- Places at doctors. SM businesses to retain character
- NHS dentist
- Resurface roads instead of filling in potholes
- Post Office!
- Pave or resurface Tally Alley
- Wider footpath between marketplace and coop



- GP practice that will reflect housing growth – Naturally difficult to recruit GPs
- More green spaces of nature
- A park or woodland area where dogs can safely be let off the lead
- Stop it being a large town. Population is sufficient. Nice and friendly place
- More doctors places/GPs and an NHS dentist and a Post Office
- Keep village/town not any larger. Too keep services able to cope and keep village feel
- Not to overwhelm our doctors and schools by lots of housing development
- Don't let Ellingham take over the Doctor's Surgery
- Neighbourhood Watch Scheme as in big cities
- Safety pedestrians
- Safe walkways for pedestrians
- More social amenities and church functions with a 184 singles club day and evening
- Accessibility of any new paths
- Safe pavements (not Ringers Lane) keep green spaces more lighting along some pavements – particularly where dangerous underfoot (Ringers Lane)
- Outdoor swimming pond or lido
- Safe pedestrian access to all of Hingham's facilities
- We need to stop Hingham becoming a dormitory village. Also to stop it becoming a large town!!
- Take into account doctors, schools and road ? important
- GPs should be a 'community asset' like the pub
- Good pharmacy agreed!
- By Roads x2 east-west and north-south
- Sufficient schooling and doctors and dentists for the town population
- Elderly and disabled. Mums and toddlers all disadvantaged as 2nd class (foot paths)
- New cemetery
- Community woodland
- Yes!
- Better public transport
- Post Office
- New builds need corresponding infrastructure improvements i.e. the school, doctors surgery, dentist (*notebook comment*)

Business & employment: What do we want for Hingham?

- A mix of jobs
- Join up with Wymondham/Norwich Hi Tech Corridor
- Local Employment opportunities
- Need small business for local employment
- New developments to be properly landscaped especially where on main roads
- More shops and local facilities in the town rather than carers company – The old furniture shop



- No more business. No more buildings. No more parking at the crossroads in Dereham Road
- Places for small start up businesses
- A decent takeaway

Access & parking: What do we want for Hingham?

- Community electric charging points. Sports Hall? Lincoln Hall?
- Roundabout on Fairlands
- Pedestrian Crossing across Watton Road
- Disabled persons' access to newsagent shop. Cars are parked too close to shop and too close together
- A footpath between the Hops estate and Bears Lane
- Proper Car Park
- Car park, safe pavements
- Speed humps on Dereham Road to slow down traffic to speed limit
- Pedestrian crossing in Market Place somewhere!!
- Electric car charging points in public areas for those who do not have off street parking
- Any new builds should include better and proper infrastructure for parking and more importantly pedestrians or they should not be allowed
- Better parking and safer walkway
- Electric car charging station
- Stop people parking all day on the Fairland
- Carpark for locals visiting the shops that has restrictions to prevent commuters parking all day
- A Post Office in town
- Clearly marked parking
- 20mph speed limit Hardingham St
- No parking in Dereham Road by the Fairland
- Pedestrian crossing and safe pavements
- Reduce speeding
- Too much parking around village shops and now in the main Dereham Road. If an ambulance had to get there good luck!
- Increased car parking off road to reflect increase in businesses and visitors
- Enforce 20mph limit. Don't listen to police unions chase chief const. and home sec.
- Speeding need 20mph past school!
- Traffic mirror at Hall Road junction
- Electric car charging points on Market Place
- Parking restrictions in Town Centre for residents only
- Off road parking area for cars that are currently parking all day in town centre by people catching bus to Norwich/Watton preferably near bus stop
- Crossing for pedestrians in the town
- Stop commuter parking – improve Fairland parking issues



- Electric charging points short term parking spaces e.g. 30 mins
- Parking by school is awful at 9 and 3
- 20mph speed limit out school and surgery
- School entrance via Dereham Road and expand school to north
- Car parking – 3hr limit in Market Place – purchase Ladies Meadow for town parking
- Proper car park and designated disabled spaces in town centre
- Suggested use of Ladies Meadow for off road car parking. Approx. 7 years ago the land was given a historic search. Nothing of interest historically was found (*notebook comment*)
- Why are so many road signs in the village covered in mould? A good scrub would sort them out quickly (*notebook comment*)
- The village centre is full of cars so is the Fairlands where if a fire engine or ambulance was required they couldn't get through and there could be loss of life (*notebook comment*)

Natural environment: What do we want for Hingham?

- Community woodland. More natural church and cemetery
- Proper modern streetlights shielded to prevent glare
- Maintain footpaths ROW
- Retaining green spaces and footpaths
- More trees x2 and maintenance
- Community woodland
- To reduce flooding
- Duck and nature pond on the green
- Consider accessibility of green spaces
- New development must incorporate well designed green spaces
- More green spaces
- Nature point. Plant more trees
- Developers to plant more trees - ? pet house
- Protect wildlife not building on green fields
- More green spaces and trees
- Agree with person duck point on the green
- Any housing development (developers) must give something SIGNIFICANT to village e.g. not just a seesaw on scrappy bits of land
- Protect wildlife
- More public footpaths and west of Hingham
- Bigger sports field
- Keep off AI farmland
- Implement a dark skies policy. Bright lights are reducing insect population and denying food for birds
- Need a village green for all. Not just a sports field
- More Hingham surgery, a community asset
- No duck pond – danger to duck and vehicles
- Community orchard. More woodland! A pond! Hedges not fences



- Some of the Market Place and Fairland left as wildflower area
- Woodland area or park where dogs can be safely let off lead
- Can't they flood the valley like they proposed 3 years ago (*notebook comment*)

What areas should the Neighbourhood Plan designate as Local Green Spaces?

- Green Spaces doesn't mean loads of cut grass... Biodiversity is a key consideration as well as education
- Anywhere!
- Fairland!! Market place. Fields just outside the village both ends
- The Fairland. The marketplace
- More green spaces - nature reserve. Protect wildlife
- Allotments
- Less grass cutting, more wild spaces
- Fairland and marketplace
- Green space for everyone. Wildlife areas
- Fairland. Market place. Area adjacent to Hops where footpath is. Spaces on new development



What should the Neighbourhood Plan identify as Non-designated Heritage Assets?

- The Fairland
- The old Georgian buildings. Houses of character
- Georgian buildings in town centre
- SSSIs
- All Georgian buildings town centre post box, phone box and bus shelter. Any SSSI
- The view of the church as you drive in from Norwich
- Hingham has its own identity and should keep it
- Any of the old buildings @ Roads
- The Georgian buildings



Individual submission

- Development along B1108 should be more carefully considered in relation to traffic volumes (particularly the continues haphazard development of Watton)
- No development should be allowed in the village without safe pedestrian access to the village business centre, school and surgery. The Hops development palpably failed in this consideration (also footpaths, crossing etc should be provided prior to developments being occupied!)
- Action needed on safe pedestrian access to and within the Market Place if long term businesses are to thrive, e.g. a paved area in front of the newsagent/care office
- Creation of a safe pedestrian zone from the corner of Bond Street to the White Hart Boots and the main bus stop

- Measures to reduce the speed of traffic through the Market Place and the provision of safe crossing points
- The visual appearance of the one tone black tarmac space has been commented upon in previous reviews of the market the hugely historic, attractive centre deserves better than to look like one huge car park!
- Primary school/surgery
 - Every development should provide safe/accessibly pedestrian access to these vital facilities
 - Proportionate and considered expansion of these facilities will be/is needed to meet growing need
- Public transport
 - The increasing use of the bus service to Norwich as a 'Park and Ride' in Hingham centre and the Fairland resulting in less available parking for businesses needs considering!
 - A cross country bus service – Dereham, Hingham, Great Ellingham and Attleborough is/will be needed

Flags in maps

Map 1



- 1: The footpath to the cemetery is inaccessible to mobility scooters
- 2: Woodland round GNL P 0335
- 3: Not safe to walk with a dog
- 4a: Parking around the Fairland is a nightmare
- 4b. Parking problems
- 5: Crossroads dangerous of cars and pedestrians

- 6: Speed humps to slow traffic to 30mph
- 7: Road – to be looked at
- 8: No pedestrian crossings
- 9: No disabled parking
- 10: Parking issues!
- 11: Resurface Chapel Street
- 12: 20mph speed limit
- 13: 20mph on Hardingham Road school/surgery
- 14: Surface water un off and area of wildlife and recreation
- 15: Local Green Space
- 16: Pedestrian refuge needed
- 17: Ringers Lane pavement is terrible
- 18: Ringers Lane pavement is terrible and lighting poor
- 19: Good selection of small shops
- 20: Lovey green spaces and good to walk through

Map 2



- A: More green space
- B: Parking restrictions. 2hr max only on the Fairfield
- C: Floods. Drainage from the Hops needs sorting
- D: Drainage in village maintained (often block drains) – flooding
- E: Safe pedestrian routes in town
- F: Flooding
- G: Friendly village
- H: Keep off AI farmland for building
- I: The bend by White House Farm is a death trap