



Hargrave

Neighbourhood Plan

2017-2031

CONSULTATION STATEMENT

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HARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 in respect of the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan (HNP).
- 1.2 The legal basis of this Consultation Statement is provided by Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, which requires that a consultation statement should:
 - contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
 - explain how they were consulted;
 - summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
 - describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.
- 1.3 The policies contained in the HNP are as a result of extensive engagement and consultation with residents of Hargrave as well as other statutory bodies. Work has involved a household surveys, public meetings and consultation events at appropriate stages during the preparation of the Plan.

2 BACKGROUND TO PREPARATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- 2.1 The decision to prepare a neighbourhood plan was informed by three key events:
 1. **Village Review:** In 2013 the Parish Council undertook a survey of villagers' opinions across a range of local interests and issues and the results were published in the Village Review 2013. It showed keen interest in the preservation, protection and enhancement of the natural and built environment, with little appetite for significant change to Hargrave's distinctive character. The challenge to the Parish Council was how to respond to local priorities within the Borough-wide, largely generic planning policy framework of St Edmundsbury's local plan documents.
 2. **Research:** In February 2014, two Parish Councillors attended a seminar in Lavenham on "Neighbourhood Planning & Your Community". From the information given on this day it was apparent that a Neighbourhood Plan offered just the sort of vehicle to address the emerging issues outlined in the Village Review; to craft local planning policies and community actions to address local priorities within the overarching Borough-wide policy framework of Vision 2031.



3. **Working Group:** A small working group was established to examine this opportunity and their preliminary findings, including an overview of the Village Review, was presented to the 55 villagers attending the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2014 with a recommendation of creating a neighbourhood plan. The meeting endorsed this recommendation.
- 2.2 With the establishment of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, the Plan's preparation proceeded through a number of key stages up to the point at which it has been submitted to St Edmundsbury Borough Council for examination. These can be summarised as follows:
- July 2014 onwards** - the working group has been expanded to 7, 3 Parish Councillors and 4 villagers. It has since met on a number of occasions.
- July 2014 onwards** - Open Neighbourhood Plan briefing established on the village website <http://www.zen105193.zen.co.uk/nplan/>.
- July 2014 onwards** - Regular liaison has been established with the Borough Council planning officers and support identified and received. Contact made with other community groups such as the local Housing Association.
- July 2014 onwards** - County Councillor briefed and financial support granted.
- July 2014 onwards** - Informal liaison with adjacent parishes of Ousden, Depden, Chevington and Barrow.
- May 2015** - Draft Vision and Objectives presented to the Annual Parish Meeting and approved by the 50 villagers present.
- September 2015** - Neighbourhood Plan Area submitted to the Borough Council for approval.
- November 2015** – Neighbourhood Area Approved
- May 2016** - The Working Group presented to 52 Villagers at the Annual Parish Meeting recommendations for each of the strands of activities undertaken for the four Neighbourhood Plan Objectives. These were all approved by the attendees.
- November 2016** - Following a competitive process, professional planning consultant appointed to advise on and support the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- April 2017** - Grant for the Neighbourhood Plan preparation secured from Locality.

May 2017 - At the 2017 APM a presentation was given, and display material was on show, covering all the final options for policies and recommended community actions required to deliver the objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan, ahead of the drafting of the plan document. The 45 in attendance approved the policies and community actions as outlined and agreed the plan should be progressed to consultation and beyond. The Display Material is included as Appendix A of this Statement.



September 2017 - Pre-submission consultation stage of the Neighbourhood Plan. Details of this consultation are set out in Section 3, below.

January 2018 – Plan submitted to St Edmundsbury Borough Council

Stakeholder consultation

- 2.3 Throughout the process, the HNP Working Group worked closely with St Edmundsbury Borough Council. In particular, the initial draft of the Neighbourhood Plan was provided to planning officers for their informal views prior to the formal Pre-Submission consultation commencing. The Working Group were keen to ensure that the Plan would not draw significant objections from the Borough Council during the formal consultation.

3 REGULATION 14 PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

- 3.1 As has been the practice at all consultation stages an invitation was delivered to all residents within the Village concerning the pre-consultation process and timescale. This gave details of:
- The open display session of the content of the pre-consultation document, to be held on the 14th September, with members of the working Group on hand to provide explanation;
 - How to view and comment on the document on-line on the Village website;
 - Obtaining a copy of the documents from the Parish Clerk together with feedback forms for those villagers who did not have on-line access; and
 - Details of a Village email address to provide free format comment on the policies or on the plan in general.

- 3.2 The Pre-Submission Consultation commenced on 14 September 2017 with a drop-in event at the Village Hall between 4.00pm and 8.00pm. An exhibition explaining the neighbourhood plan process and the proposals in the Plan was available as were paper copies of the Neighbourhood Plan. The drop-in session was attended by 40 residents.
- 3.3 In accordance with requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, the Parish Council notified statutory consultees based on a list provided by the Borough Council. A copy of the email text of the notification is included as Appendix B and the list of consultees is included as Appendix C.
- 3.4 Posters were also displayed around the village on notice boards. A copy of the poster is included at Appendix D.
- 3.5 It was not possible to place a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan on “deposit” in a publicly accessible place in the village as, other than the village hall, there are no shops or pubs in the village where residents regularly visit. The village hall itself is only open when clubs meet, or private functions are held there.
- 3.6 The Pre-Submission consultation period was planned to run for the statutory six weeks period from 14 September to the 31 October 2017. However, a slight website glitch meant the on-line process closed a day early. As a consequence, it was decided to extend the consultation period to 12 November 2017. A message was sent to all residents on the Parish Council’s general distribution list together with an entry on the Village Facebook page advising the on-line process had been extended to the 12 November.

4 PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION RESPONSES

- 4.1 In total 29 people or organisations responded to the Pre-Submission Consultation. The schedule of comments and the responses of the Working Group are set out in Appendix E of this Statement. As a result, the Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan (December 2017) has been appropriately amended as identified in the Response column. The changes made to the Neighbourhood Plan are relatively minor in nature and do not warrant a further pre-submission consultation round.

1. Welcome



The story so far

In 2014 the Parish Council agreed to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. Since that time a small Working Group has been established and work has been ongoing in undertaking background research and consultation on what the Plan should cover.

We're now ready to prepare the draft Neighbourhood Plan but would like to confirm what it will cover.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?
It is a new kind of planning document designed to allow local people to play an active part in planning their area. It can guide the development and conservation of the village. It can, for example, also identify proposals for:

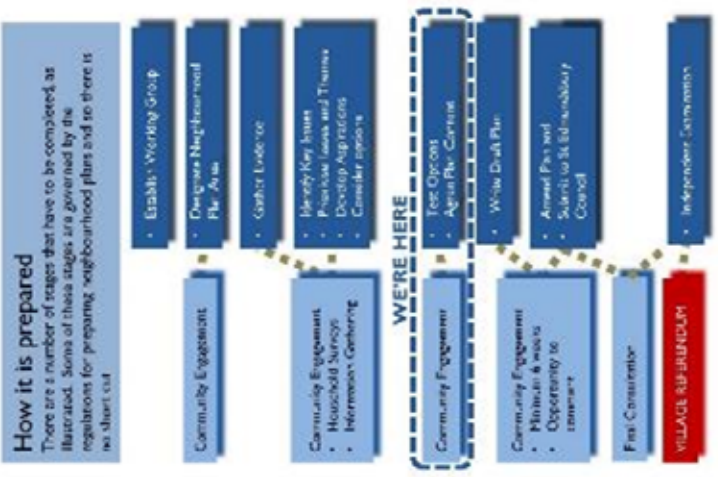
- Improving areas;
- Providing new facilities;
- Sites for new development;
- Protecting sites of environmental or historic quality.

When complete, it will form part of the statutory development plan for the area, meaning St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Planning Inspectors will have to take note of what it says when considering development proposals.

Community involvement is a major part of the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan and it must be approved in a local referendum before it can be used.

Planning Policies
These will be used to supplement the Local Plan where decisions on planning applications are made.

Community Actions
Local proposals that are not necessarily town planning related but could improve life or facilities in the village.



2. Knowledge



The planning policies in the Neighbourhood Plan will need to be based on facts and evidence. We've been collecting information and this will continue as the draft Plan is prepared.

Village Review 2013

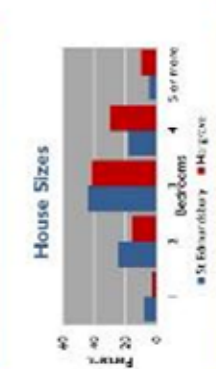
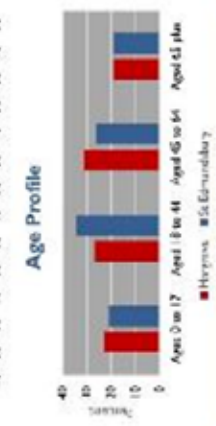
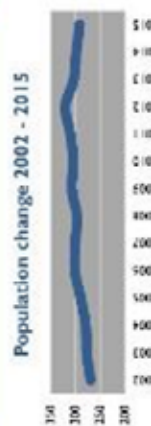
- 37% thought too little housing had been built in last 10 years
- 29% thought the amount was just right
- 53% thought Hargrave couldn't accommodate more housing
- 49 people would support the development of small groups of houses
- 19 people would support workshops
- 79 people supported the openness and the tranquility of the countryside
- 63% wanted the village to stay as it is
- 31 people would like to see improvements to the village hall, but 37 people would not.

The population of Hargrave in 2015 was 79 and is estimated to have fallen since the last Census

Over 25% of working residents work from home. A further 16% work in Bury St Edmunds

10% of those aged 16-74 work from home compared with just 4% in Burytown

In the 2013 Village Review, most people thought there had been too little new housing built in Hargrave over the last 10 years



Compared with St Edmundsbury, we have a higher proportion of larger houses

Hargrave has a smaller proportion of young adults than St Edmundsbury



3. Highways, Transport and Access



Previously agreed Objectives

- Assess the needs of our community and define its existing and future requirements;
- Rebalancing the competitive demands on highways between dominant vehicular traffic and a safer pedestrian environment
- Improving public footpaths to enhance accessibility and connectivity
- Improving access to bridleways to offer safer equestrian facilities
- Securing access to public transport

Proposed Community Actions

1. Reduce gaps in the public rights of way network
2. Pursue options to establish a public transport service for the village
3. Lobby the County Council for the implementation of more traffic calming initiatives in the village
4. Work with neighbouring parishes to lobby for a reduction of non-essential HGVs passing through the village
5. Protect verges from damage and destruction



4. Green Infrastructure and the Natural Environment

Previously agreed Objectives

Appraise, define, protect and enhance all the green features of the village and the Parish. In particular:

- Public and private open space
- The road environment, in particular grass verges, hedges and trees
- Protect and encourage wild life
- Liaise with, support and protect agriculture and its husbandry of productive land within the Parish.



Proposed Planning Policies

1. Protect existing green infrastructure assets including open spaces, wide verges, important hedgerows and woodland, and important views
2. Protect play space from loss
3. Protect and maintain features of biodiversity value

Proposed Community Actions

1. Manage verges to improve biodiversity value
2. Improve and maintain condition of public rights of way
3. Encourage initiatives that manage existing woodland and create new broadleaved woodland in accordance with the St Edmundsbury Green Infrastructure Strategy.



5. Village and Countryside Character



Previously agreed Objectives

Identify, define, protect and enhance the distinctive features of the village settlement and its setting within the Parish, including:

- Local Heritage and historical references
- Building and Streetscape
- Community infrastructure and assets
- Local Design exemplars and benchmarks for new building and extensions

Proposed Planning Policies

1. Identify, define, protect and enhance the distinctive features of the village settlement and its setting within the Parish, including:
 - Local Heritage and historical references
 - Building and Streetscape
 - Community infrastructure and assets
 - Local Design exemplars and benchmarks for new building and extensions



"Local listing" is a concept designed to ensure that the historic and architectural interest of buildings that are of local importance but do not meet the criteria for being nationally listed is taken account in planning decisions

Proposed Community Actions

1. Consider whether there are locally important buildings that are not listed but that have historic or visual importance in the village



6. Prosperity and Welfare



Previously agreed Objectives

Assess the scope to improve the resident's access within the village and within the region to:

- Employment, including the facilities necessary to support home working
- A range of housing to meet lifetime and generational needs
- Communication and technology
- Education
- Health and Welfare
- Shops, services and amenities
- Sports, Leisure and culture



Proposed Planning Policies

1. Define a new Housing Settlement Boundary or Boundaries
2. Define any existing employment premises and restrict their loss
3. Identify specific housing needs (size and type) that should be taken into consideration in proposals for new development
4. Protection and improvement of existing village facilities

Proposed Community Actions

1. Investigate improvement replacement of the village hall
2. Consider whether enabling development should be allowed to make construction of new village hall viable.
3. Seek improved broadband and mobile phone coverage in the parish
4. Identify opportunities for improved infrastructure and services in the village
5. Seek improvements to reduce surface water flooding risk in the village, especially at The Wash.



7. Planning for Growth



How do we provide opportunities for new homes?

Identify a Housing Settlement Boundary (HSB) would allow new homes (but not estates) to be built within the boundary. The current Local Plan removed the old HSB but does allow small scale development (see the policy below)

YES ●
NO ●

IF YES, as in previous Local Plan?

YES ●
NO ●

And/or any other areas?

YES ●
NO ●

Use a Post-it note to identify any areas on the map



The current Local Plan Policy for Hargrave
Proposals for new dwellings will be permitted subject to satisfying the following criteria:

- a) the development is within a closely knit cluster of 10 or more existing dwellings adjacent to or fronting an existing highway;
- b) the scale of development consists of infilling a small undeveloped plot by one dwelling or a pair of semi detached dwellings commensurate with the scale and character of existing dwellings within an otherwise continuous built up frontage.

8. Village Hall



Should we consider improving / replacing the Village Hall?



Do you support an initiative to assess feasibility of improving the existing village hall?

YES ●
NO ●

Do you think we should start an initiative to assess feasibility of providing a new village hall?

YES ●
NO ●

If so, should we investigate availability of land and funds?

YES ●
NO ●



9. What next.....



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|--------------|---|
| May - August | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing Draft Neighbourhood Plan |
| September | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultation on Draft Plan• 6 weeks |
| November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make amendments in response to comments |
| December | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submit Plan to St Edmundsbury |
| January | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further 6 weeks consultation by St Edmundsbury |
| March | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consideration by Independent Examiner |
| June | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village Referendum to decide if Plan should be approved |

PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR VIEWS

Either post the comments form in the box this evening

Or email your thoughts to us at: hargraveplan@gmail.com

Or visit the website and complete the online feedback section at:
www.hargrave-suffolk.co.uk

Or put your comments on the Village Facebook group
www.facebook.com/groups/hargravevillage



Appendix B

Email notification sent to all statutory consultees at Pre-Submission Consultation Stage

Dear «Greeting»

HARGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION (REGULATION 14)

As part of the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2015 (as amended), Hargrave Parish Council is undertaking Pre-Submission Consultation on the Hargrave Draft Neighbourhood Plan. As a body, we are required to consult, we are hereby seeking your views on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

The full plan and supporting documents can be viewed here together with information on how to send us your comments.

This Pre-Submission Consultation runs for a period of 6 weeks ending on **31 October 2017**

We look forward to receiving your comments

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Hargrave Parish Council

Appendix C

Statutory Consultees Consulted at Pre-Submission Consultation Stage

| Contact Name | Organisation |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Anna Lansdown | Anglian Water |
| Kim Langley | Barley Homes (Group) Ltd |
| Mrs Kat Bowe | Barrow cum Denham Parish Council |
| The Manager | British Gas |
| Mrs Frances Betts | Chevington Parish Council |
| Ms Sunila Osborne | Community Action Suffolk |
| Mrs Sarah Mortimor | Community Action Suffolk |
| Mrs J Ince | Dalham Parish Council |
| Miss S Boor | Depden Parish Council |
| | Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich |
| Alex Jackman | EE |
| Planning Liaison | Environment Agency |
| Mr Charles Ashley | Forestry Commission England |
| Mr Adrian Cannard | Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership |
| Local and Neighbourhood Plans | Health and Safety Executive |
| Highways England | Highways England |
| Planning Policy | Historic England |
| Nhi Huynh-Ma | Homes and Communities Agency |
| The Manager | Hutchison 3GUK Limited |
| Matthew Hancock MP | MP for West Suffolk |
| National Grid | National Grid |
| Ms Janet Nuttall | Natural England (Cheshire) |
| Mr Steve Taylor | Network Rail |
| Mr Chris Starke | New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership |
| Ms Anna McComb | NHS Property Services Ltd |
| Keren Wright | Norfolk & Suffolk Gypsy Roma & Traveller Service |
| The Manager | O2 UK |
| The Manager | Openreach BT |
| Mrs J Ince | Ousden Parish Council |
| Mr Mike Jones | RSPB - Eastern England |

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| Mr Philip Raiswell | Sport England (East) |
| Councillor Clive Pollington | St Edmundsbury Borough Council |
| Mr Gen Broad | Suffolk Biodiversity Partnership |
| Leigh Jenkins | Suffolk Constabulary |
| County Councillor Mary Evans | Suffolk County Council |
| | Suffolk County Council |
| CFO A Fry | Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service |
| Mr David Rees | Suffolk Preservation Society |
| Mrs Fiona Cairns | Suffolk Preservation Society |
| Mr James Meyer | Suffolk Wildlife Trust |
| Ms Jessica Mole | Sustrans |
| | The National Trust |
| Mrs L Gleave | The Saxhams Parish Council |
| Jane Evans | Three |
| Nuno Dafonseca | UK Power Networks |
| Managing Director | Vodafone and O2 |
| Lois Wreathall | West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group |
| Amy Wright | West Suffolk Councils |
| Mrs S Thorburn | Wickhambrook Parish Council |

Appendix D

Pre-Submission Consultation Stage Poster

Don't miss out

HARGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Is being consulted on **now**. It contains plans and proposals that will shape the village and how it develops between now and 2031.

This is your opportunity to comment on the Draft Plan before it is submitted to St Edmundsbury Council for examination.



Appendix E

Responses received to Pre-Submission Consultation and Responses to Comments

The tables in this appendix set out the comments that were received during the Pre-Submission Consultation Stage and the responses and change made to the Plan as a result of the comments. The table is laid out in Plan order with the general comments following the comments on the policies. Comments received on the Community Actions are set out at the end of the table.

| No. | Name | Group / Organisation | Agree Y/N ? | Comments | Neighbourhood Plan Response |
|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Vision and Objectives | | | | | |
| 1 | Paul Rogers | | Yes | Great that it encompasses all age groups in the Vision. The objectives cover all the aspects that I would like to see preserved within the Village while still allowing for controlled small development/growth if required. | Noted |
| 4 | Peter Reddick | | Yes | These express the importance of a careful balance between the protection of the village's distinctive character and ensuring its evolution to assure its future viability and vitality. | Noted |
| 5 | David Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |
| 6 | Lorna Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |
| 7 | Wendy Livingston Booth | | Yes | | Noted |
| 8 | James Snaith | | Yes | | Noted |
| 11 | Harry Wiseman | | Yes | | Noted |
| 12 | Jasmine Ince | | Yes | | Noted |
| 13 | Simon de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 14 | Sandra Goodfellow | | Yes | | Noted |
| 15 | Laura Norton | | Yes | | Noted |
| 16 | Richard Moxon | | Yes | | Noted |
| 17 | Mrs Jill de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 18 | Helen Mapperley | | Yes | | Noted |
| 19 | David Taylor | | Yes | | Noted |
| 20 | Fiona Reddick | | Yes | | Noted |
| 21 | Mrs Susan Painter | | Yes | | Noted |

| No. | Name | Group / Organisation | Agree Y/N ? | Comments | Neighbourhood Plan Response |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| 24 | Amy Wright | West Suffolk Councils | Yes | <p>The Plan proposes a Vision "to protect and enhance the distinctive character and assets of the Village for the community both young and old."</p> <p>The Vision is supported by four topic areas underpinned by objectives that contribute to the delivery of the Vision.</p> <p>These are aspirations that are broadly in alignment with the adopted development plan.</p> <p>The Vision and objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan are supported.</p> | Noted |
| 26 | Russell Volkert /Rebecca Batt | | Yes | <p>Yes I agree generally but I don't think there is any scope for a shop facility within the village, I may be wrong but I just don't think it would attract enough customers to make it commercial.</p> <p>On the housing issue having seen so much desecration and annihilation of village characters that people have enjoyed for centuries I would totally object to any large scale development other than infill or utilisation/ demolition of existing buildings to be replaced with something more aesthetically pleasing to the eye.</p> | <p>Noted. The Plan provides a framework for decisions for almost the next 20 years. Opportunities to provide retail provision in the village should continue to be explored and, at least, not ruled out as the village evolves over time. Circumstances can change significantly over that time frame and, while the decision to open a shop would be a commercial one, it is considered that such an opportunity should be welcomed.</p> <p>The Plan does not propose any large-scale housing development.</p> |
| 28 | Nick Lee | | Yes | | Noted |
| 29 | Richard Jozefowski | | Yes | | Noted |
| Policy HAR1 – Spatial Strategy | | | | | |
| 1 | Paul Rogers | | Yes | I agree, limited development within the guidelines of this plan could fulfil locally identified needs. | Noted |

| No. | Name | Group / Organisation | Agree Y/N ? | Comments | Neighbourhood Plan Response |
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| 4 | Peter Reddick | | Yes | <p>The plan correctly identifies deficiencies in the housing stock with little provision for affordable starter homes to enable the village's young people to continue to live in Hargrave when they leave home or for older residents to downsize amongst their network of friends and neighbours when circumstance dictate.</p> <p>It also acknowledges the importance of the village's key community pivot, the village hall, it's shortcomings and the need to seek improvement or renewal to provide for a wider range of community activity.</p> <p>With changing technology facilitating greater work mobility, the Plan recognises the importance of positive planning to reinforce local work/employment opportunities.</p> | Noted |
| 5 | David Willcox | | No | Housing Settlement Boundary should be extended to the end of the village on the Wickhambrook Road to end at Alma Cottage. Secondly to incorporate Church Lane as this was where the original village was located. | The Housing Settlement Boundary identifies the area within which there is a presumption in favour of residential development. It is therefore not appropriate to extend it to include the areas suggested as it would essentially support a significant amount of new housing. |
| 6 | Lorna Willcox | | No | housing settlement boundary should extend to the end of the village to Alma cottage and Grove cottage. | The Housing Settlement Boundary identifies the area within which there is a presumption in favour of residential development. It is therefore not appropriate to extend it to include the areas suggested as it would essentially support a significant amount of new housing. |
| 7 | Wendy Livingston Booth | | No | Should include the whole up to Alma Cottage | The Housing Settlement Boundary identifies the area within which there is |

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| | | | | | a presumption in favour of residential development. It is therefore not appropriate to extend it to include the areas suggested as it would essentially support a significant amount of new housing. |
| 8 | James Snaith | | No | Should include the whole of the village | The Housing Settlement Boundary identifies the area within which there is a presumption in favour of residential development. It is therefore not appropriate to extend it to include the areas suggested as it would essentially support a significant amount of new housing. |
| 11 | Harry Wiseman | | Yes | | Noted |
| 12 | Jasmine Ince | | Yes | Limited development - yes, but consider that this should not be focused on the main built up area unless at the ends of the village. | The precise location of any infill development or small groups will be determined by the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan and the St Edmundsbury Local Plan and willingness of landowners to bring sites forward. |
| 13 | Simon de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 14 | Sandra Goodfellow | | Yes | | Noted |
| 15 | Laura Norton | | Yes | | Noted |
| 16 | Richard Moxon | | Yes | | Noted |
| 17 | Mrs Jill de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 18 | Helen Mapperley | | Yes | Should the wording be - Hargrave 'could ' rather than 'will' accommodate limited development. | Disagree. The Neighbourhood Plan must be positively worded and it makes provision for limited development over the period to 2031. |
| 19 | David Taylor | | Yes | | Noted |
| 20 | Fiona Reddick | | Yes | | Noted |

| No. | Name | Group / Organisation | Agree Y/N ? | Comments | Neighbourhood Plan Response |
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| 21 | Mrs Susan Painter | | Yes | | Noted |
| 24 | Amy Wright | West Suffolk Councils | Yes | The approach to the Hargrave Spatial strategy is proportionate and is supported. The Strategy seeks limited growth within the main built-up area having regard to environmental constraints. | Noted |
| 29 | Richard Jozefowski | | Yes | I wonder if there's a danger of attempting to 'social engineer' Hargrave's demographic structure in order to meet some national average. Is an 'imbalance' necessarily a bad thing in a small community? A broad demographic could result in a broad range of needs which are less focussed and less consensual. For instance, if we have a particularly high ageing population it should be easier to justify campaigning for improved access to public transport and health services. In any case, given the ageing population, the demographic structure is likely to change naturally during the next couple of decades! | It is agreed that the demographic structures of village will change over time and that planning policies alone cannot stop, for example, an ageing population. However, they can help to make sure that the right type of housing is available to meet the needs of residents in the village. |
| Policy HAR2 – Settlement Boundary | | | | | |
| 1 | Paul Rogers | | Yes | Reinstating the Settlement Boundary would allow the Village to develop and to move on from being classified as an unsustainable village. | Noted |
| 4 | Peter Reddick | | Yes | Hargrave is an historic and distinct community in this part of West Suffolk which should be recognised and reinforced by the restitution of the Settlement Boundary to allow the continuation of the village's natural evolution. | Noted |
| 5 | David Willcox | | Yes | Subject the the Housing Settlement being extended as stated above in 6.5 | The Housing Settlement Boundary identifies the area within which there is a presumption in favour of residential development. It is therefore not appropriate to extend it to include the areas suggested as it would essentially |

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| | | | | | support a significant amount of new housing. |
| 6 | Lorna Willcox | | Yes | if including the boundary as described above | The Housing Settlement Boundary identifies the area within which there is a presumption in favour of residential development. It is therefore not appropriate to extend it to include the areas suggested as it would essentially support a significant amount of new housing. |
| 7 | Wendy Livingston Booth | | No | Should include all the village as far Alma Cottage | The Housing Settlement Boundary identifies the area within which there is a presumption in favour of residential development. It is therefore not appropriate to extend it to include the areas suggested as it would essentially support a significant amount of new housing. |
| 8 | James Snaith | | No | Should include the whole of the village | The Housing Settlement Boundary identifies the area within which there is a presumption in favour of residential development. It is therefore not appropriate to extend it to include the areas suggested as it would essentially support a significant amount of new housing. |
| 11 | Harry Wiseman | | Yes | | Noted |
| 12 | Jasmine Ince | | Yes | | Noted |
| 13 | Simon de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 14 | Sandra Goodfellow | | Yes | | Noted |
| 15 | Laura Norton | | Yes | | Noted |
| 16 | Richard Moxon | | Yes | | Noted |
| 17 | Mrs Jill de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |

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| 18 | Helen Mapperley | | Yes | | Noted |
| 19 | David Taylor | | Yes | | Noted |
| 20 | Fiona Reddick | | Yes | | Noted |
| 21 | Mrs Susan Painter | | Yes | | Noted |
| 24 | Amy Wright | West Suffolk Councils | Yes | <p>The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to largely reinstate the settlement boundary removed in 2010 by the St Edmundsbury Core Strategy. The proposed settlement boundary only differs from the former 2006 Core Strategy settlement boundary for Hargrave by the inclusion of the full extent of 3 back gardens r/o Smart Fox, Willow Cottage and Willow House. Hargrave's Neighbourhood Plan proposes an approach to development within the settlement boundary that accords with the principles within the adopted St Edmundsbury Core Strategy 2010 for Infill Villages. The introduction of the settlement boundary will not designate Hargrave as an Infill Village for the purposes of the Core Strategy however, as Hargrave does not have sufficient services. The settlement boundary will allow the potential for greater growth within the defined area than would have previously been permitted as the village without a settlement boundary, is currently designated as countryside within the Core Strategy. The main material difference between a countryside designation and an Infill village is that as an Infill village Hargrave would be capable of development of up to 5 units, whereas Policy DM27 for a countryside designation would only permit up to 2 dwellings. Notwithstanding this policy distinction, the proposed settlement boundary for Hargrave is tightly drawn. There are not any obvious gaps in the build-form within the settlement boundary where a scheme could readily be developed without demolition or reconfiguration. Hargrave's aim for reintroducing the settlement boundary, to allow</p> | Noted |

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| | | | | <p>appropriate limited growth subject to compliance with other policies within the development plan accords with principles of sustainable development and is supported.</p> <p>The other change the Neighbourhood Plan highlights is that a settlement boundary will enable an opportunity for the provision of affordable housing under Policy DM29 Rural Housing Exception sites. This may permit a development to meet/ assist a need in meeting affordable housing in the locality that would not otherwise be met, subject to addressing all other relevant criteria. This is also supported.</p> | |
| 26 | Russell Volkert /Rebecca Batt | | Yes | But don't agree with 5 home developments only single dwellings and infill/ demolition /replacement | In reality there are very few, if any, opportunities for groups of new homes in the village and 5 is the maximum. Proposals would need to have regard to important built and natural environment characteristics as identified in the Neighbourhood Plan. |
| 28 | Nick Lee | | Yes | | Noted |
| 29 | Richard Jozefowski | | No | At present the outer settlement areas are quite detached from the centre of Hargrave. It could be argued that a modest degree of development between the settlement areas would make them less isolated and create a better sense of integration. I believe it should be possible to consider some building outside of the proposed settlement boundary and between the existing settlement areas, provided it is proportional and sympathetic to the countryside setting. In particular, to ensure the provision of trees which are often lacking in modern estate developments. | Such an approach would be contrary to the strategic policies of the Local Plan and therefore the Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to be supported through examination as it would fail one of the defined "Basic Conditions." |
| Policy HAR3 – Housing Mix | | | | | |

| No. | Name | Group / Organisation | Agree Y/N ? | Comments | Neighbourhood Plan Response |
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| 1 | Paul Rogers | | Yes | As we do appear to have a shortage of smaller 1 or 2 bedroom houses I think it is important that any development should include a number of 'affordable' houses, suitable for those who may want to downsize but not leave the village. | Noted |
| 4 | Peter Reddick | | Yes | For the reasons set out in "1" above, positive action is required to address the housing needs of our community, and this is one provision to achieve this objective. | Noted |
| 5 | David Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |
| 6 | Lorna Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |
| 7 | Wendy Livingston Booth | | Yes | | Noted |
| 8 | James Snaith | | Yes | But this can't be rigid. Most small houses are extended. | Noted |
| 11 | Harry Wiseman | | Yes | | Noted |
| 12 | Jasmine Ince | | Yes | | Noted |
| 13 | Simon de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 14 | Sandra Goodfellow | | Yes | | Noted |
| 15 | Laura Norton | | Yes | | Noted |
| 16 | Richard Moxon | | Yes | | Noted |
| 17 | Mrs Jill de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 18 | Helen Mapperley | | Yes | With emphasis on 1/2 bedroom houses | Noted |
| 19 | David Taylor | | Yes | | Noted |
| 20 | Fiona Reddick | | Yes | | Noted |
| 21 | Mrs Susan Painter | | Yes | | Noted |
| 24 | Amy Wright | West Suffolk Councils | Yes | The Policy states that proposals for three or more dwellings located within the Housing Settlement Boundary will be permitted where they incorporate one or two bedroom homes. This Policy is considered appropriate given the housing need identified by the Plan. | Noted |
| 26 | Russell Volkert /Rebecca Batt | | Yes | One or two dwellings but not three or more | In reality there are very few, if any, opportunities for groups of new homes in the village and 5 is the maximum. |

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| | | | | | Proposals would need to have regard to important built and natural environment characteristics as identified in the Neighbourhood Plan. |
| 28 | Nick Lee | | Yes | | Noted |
| 29 | Richard Jozefowski | | Yes | In principle I'm in favour of a housing mix but, as indicated, we should be careful to ensure there is market demand for the type of homes we're proposing and that they're commercially viable. | Noted |
| Policy HAR4 – Communications Technology | | | | | |
| 1 | Paul Rogers | | Yes | It would be nice to have a choice of mobile network in Hargrave, rather than having to use the only operator that we can get any signal on. It would also help if we could actually get 4G or even 5G signals. | Noted |
| 4 | Peter Reddick | | Yes | The present mobile reception is poor for some providers even though there is a mast within a 1/4 mile from the heart of the village. A good standard of mobile communications and broadband is vital to the village's residents in the 21st Century. | Noted |
| 5 | David Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |
| 6 | Lorna Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |
| 7 | Wendy Livingston Booth | | Yes | | Noted |
| 8 | James Snaith | | Yes | | Noted |
| 11 | Harry Wiseman | | Yes | | Noted |
| 12 | Jasmine Ince | | Yes | | Noted |
| 13 | Simon de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 14 | Sandra Goodfellow | | Yes | | Noted |
| 15 | Laura Norton | | Yes | | Noted |
| 16 | Richard Moxon | | Yes | | Noted |
| 17 | Mrs Jill de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 18 | Helen Mapperley | | Yes | | Noted |

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| 19 | David Taylor | | Yes | | Noted |
| 20 | Fiona Reddick | | Yes | | Noted |
| 21 | Mrs Susan Painter | | Yes | | Noted |
| 24 | Amy Wright | West Suffolk Councils | No | <p>The Policy is in two parts.</p> <p>The first element seeks to minimise the number of masts required for the efficient operation of the network. This is considered to duplicate the requirements of paragraph 45 of the NPPF, which seeks for applicants to evidence that they have explored erecting antennas on an existing mast before applying for new equipment. It is considered that there is no need for this part of the policy, which is effectively replication of national policy.</p> <p>The second part, which requires proposals to minimise the impacts on the rural character of Hargrave having regard to the identified important views within the Neighbourhood Plan is locally specific and is considered sound.</p> | <p>It is noted that Policy DM9 of West Suffolk's Joint Development Management Policies Local Plan document also repeats paragraph 45 of the NPPF. This element of Policy HAR4 is considered vital to be retained to reflect the local circumstances in Hargrave.</p> <p>Noted. Soundness is not a requirement of a NP, rather it must conform with the Basic Conditions.</p> |
| 26 | Russell Volkert /Rebecca Batt | | Yes | | Noted |
| 28 | Nick Lee | | Yes | Improved mobile phone signal needs to be encouraged. Do the local masts actually carry providers signal? | Noted. It is not known where providers masts are located locally. |
| 29 | Richard Jozefowski | | Yes | | |
| Policy HAR5 Landscape & Biodiversity | | | | | |
| 1 | Paul Rogers | | Yes | I feel it is important that we protect and retain natural features like hedgerows and trees that provide a natural habitat for the wildlife that inhabits these places. | Noted |
| 4 | Peter Reddick | | Yes | The historical mechanisation/industrialisation of agriculture has made significant changes to the rural environment over the past century. It is vital that the village's fragile green environment with its distinctive | Noted |

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| | | | | features is protected and enhanced for the benefit of residents, biodiversity and future generations. Hargrave is a "green" village where buildings are subordinated to trees, hedges and wide grass verges. Nothing should be able to radically change this distinctive character. | |
| 5 | David Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |
| 6 | Lorna Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |
| 7 | Wendy Livingston Booth | | Yes | | Noted |
| 8 | James Snaith | | Yes | But no speed bumps OR chicanes | Noted. We would seek that traffic calming measures are sympathetic with the rural village environment. |
| 11 | Harry Wiseman | | Yes | While I agree in general with the policy, there are special sometimes circumstances when it is necessary to cut a hedge back quite drastically in order to carry out ditching or drainage operations. | Noted. Hedge management in this way is normally acceptable but the loss of identified hedgerows could have a dramatic impact on the character of the village. |
| 12 | Jasmine Ince | | Yes | | Noted |
| 13 | Simon de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 14 | Sandra Goodfellow | | Yes | | Noted |
| 15 | Laura Norton | | Yes | | Noted |
| 16 | Richard Moxon | | Yes | | Noted |
| 17 | Mrs Jill de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 18 | Helen Mapperley | | Yes | | Noted |
| 19 | David Taylor | | Yes | | Noted |
| 20 | Fiona Reddick | | Yes | | Noted |
| 21 | Mrs Susan Painter | | Yes | | Noted |
| 24 | Amy Wright | West Suffolk Councils | Yes | The Policy's aims to preserve and enhance features of biodiversity and landscape value are supported. | Noted |
| 26 | Russell Volkert /Rebecca Batt | | Yes | | Noted |
| 28 | Nick Lee | | Yes | | Noted |
| 29 | Richard Jozefowski | | Yes | | Noted |

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| Policy HAR6 Protecting the Landscape Setting | | | | | |
| 1 | Paul Rogers | | Yes | | Noted |
| 4 | Peter Reddick | | Yes | These development criteria are vital to encourage sensitive and sympathetic development where appropriate. Any new proposal must demonstrate that it fits in to the Hargrave scene seamlessly in setting, materials and scale - a piece of natural evolution. | Noted |
| 5 | David Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |
| 6 | Lorna Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |
| 7 | Wendy Livingston Booth | | Yes | | Noted |
| 8 | James Snaith | | Yes | | Noted |
| 11 | Harry Wiseman | | Yes | | Noted |
| 12 | Jasmine Ince | | Yes | | Noted |
| 13 | Simon de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 14 | Sandra Goodfellow | | Yes | | Noted |
| 15 | Laura Norton | | Yes | | Noted |
| 16 | Richard Moxon | | Yes | | Noted |
| 17 | Mrs Jill de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 18 | Helen Mapperley | | Yes | | Noted |
| 19 | David Taylor | | Yes | | Noted |
| 20 | Fiona Reddick | | Yes | | Noted |
| 21 | Mrs Susan Painter | | Yes | | Noted |
| 23 | Cameron Clow | Suffolk County Council Planning Officer | No | <p>The proposed Plan appears to take a robust approach to landscape matters within the parish. It properly identifies the multiple clusters within the settlement as an important characteristic of the parish as well as the associated open spaces and verges.</p> <p>The County Council would recommend a change to Policy HAR6 b, which currently is currently worded: 'A proposal for development will be permitted where... it</p> | Noted |

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| | | | | <p>would not have an adverse impact on the landscape setting of Hargrave’.</p> <p>In order to be more reasonable and robust the County Council recommends the following change to the wording of this policy: “A proposal for development will be permitted where... it would not have a significant adverse impact.’</p> <p>It is currently not clear against what criteria the important views, identified in section 9, have been selected, or why each view is important. This information will be required in order to make policy HAR6 d effective.</p> | <p>AGREE. Policy HAR6 has been amended accordingly.</p> <p>The supporting document “Important Views” has been amended to provide further reasoning for the identification of the specific views.</p> |
| 24 | Amy Wright | West Suffolk Councils | Yes | <p>The Policy seeks to protect the Landscape setting of Hargrave and is in principle supported.</p> <p>This Policy references Policy DM27 of the St Edmundsbury Local Plan. This should in fact read Policy DM27 of the Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015.</p> | Noted. The policy has been amended to refer to the “Joint Development Management Policies Local Plan Document 2015” |
| 26 | Russell Volkert /Rebecca Batt | | No | Wouldn't agree with any development proposals on the green and pleasant land outside the boundary | The Plan does not make provision for development outside the defined boundary. However, policies in the Borough Local Plan and the NPPF identify the exceptional circumstances by which development would be allowed. The Plan cannot go against these policies. |
| 28 | Nick Lee | | Yes | | Noted |
| 29 | Richard Jozefowski | | Yes | I note that all the ‘Important Views’ are views from the roads and, as such, most of us only see them briefly when driving through the village. Speaking to residents you’ll find the views we consider by far the most important are the beautiful open landscapes many of us see from our | Noted |

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| | | | | <p>homes and the views we see when out walking on the footpaths. It's these views I'd most want to protect. It seems human nature to resist change but we soon adapt. For instance, not long ago there were some concerns raised about the removal of the field hedge between the Chevington Road junction and Moat Farm. Now it's been identified as an important view!</p> <p>I'm unclear why the gap between The Grove and the main village centre has been identified as especially important when there are several other gaps (such as between Mill House/The Bull and the Playing Field) that haven't been. As I pointed out in section 7.5, I believe it should be possible to consider some building outside of the proposed settlement boundary and between the existing settlement areas, provided it is proportional and sympathetic to the countryside setting.</p> | The Borough Local Plan and the NPPF identify the exceptional circumstances by which development outside the settlement boundary would be allowed. However, it is considered that the historic character of the village, whereby it has developed around clusters, could be eroded if the important gap between The Green and The Grove was not protected. |
| Policy HAR7 – Local Green Spaces | | | | | |
| 1 | Paul Rogers | | Yes | I would expect this to only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and be of benefit to the community as a whole. | Noted |
| 4 | Peter Reddick | | Yes | Hargrave's Green Spaces are its most distinctive feature, whether public or private. It is critical to retain these. I question even acknowledging the possibility of developing within them in the wording of the policy, even though the wording sets the condition criteria very high. Perhaps restriction should be unequivocal. | Noted. The national planning guidance states that in exceptional circumstances development on local green spaces might be required. |
| 5 | David Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |
| 6 | Lorna Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |
| 7 | Wendy Livingston Booth | | Yes | | Noted |

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| 8 | James Snaith | | Yes | But there could be individual houses behind the green spaces | Noted. The designation does not impact on the continued use of those houses |
| 9 | Stewart Patience | Anglian Water Services Limited | No | <p>There are existing water mains and sewers in the ownership of Anglian Water within the boundaries of the designated local green spaces at Hargrave and The Grove as identified on the Policies Map.</p> <p>Reference is made to development only being allowed in exceptional circumstances. However no further guidance is provided in what circumstances development would be allowed.</p> <p>It is therefore suggested that Policy HAR 7 should be amended to include reference to the circumstances in which development would be permitted in the designated local green spaces included utility infrastructure provided by Anglian Water.</p> | Noted. Policy HAR7 has been amended to identify that works to utilities infrastructure in local green spaces is permitted development and the designation would not restrict operations. |
| 11 | Harry Wiseman | | Yes | There is possibility of limited housing development behind some of the 'green spaces'. | Agree. The designation does not rule out the development of land elsewhere including on adjoining sites. |
| 12 | Jasmine Ince | | Yes | | Noted |
| 13 | Simon de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 14 | Sandra Goodfellow | | Yes | | Noted |
| 15 | Laura Norton | | Yes | | Noted |
| 16 | Richard Moxon | | Yes | | Noted |
| 17 | Mrs Jill de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 18 | Helen Mapperley | | Yes | But what could be the 'special circumstances' - is this a get out clause? | Noted. It is difficult to identify all special circumstances otherwise this would rule out acceptable circumstances that we do not currently know about. |

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| 19 | David Taylor | | Yes | | Noted |
| 20 | Fiona Reddick | | Yes | | Noted |
| 21 | Mrs Susan Painter | | Yes | | Noted |
| 24 | Amy Wright | West Suffolk Councils | Yes | The Policy seeks to only permit development on identified local green spaces in exceptional circumstances. This Policy is considered appropriate. | Noted |
| 26 | Russell Volkert /Rebecca Batt | | No | Wouldn't agree with any development on the existing green spaces we currently enjoy | Noted |
| 28 | Nick Lee | | Yes | | Noted |
| 29 | Richard Jozefowski | | Yes | | Noted |
| Policy HAR8 Playing Field | | | | | |
| 1 | Paul Rogers | | Yes | Now we have a high quality Play Area we definitely need to protect it unless it is a trade off for an even better facility. | Noted |
| 4 | Peter Reddick | | Yes | The playing field is a key asset for our young population, as demonstrated by the increased use following a significant recent upgrade by the Parish Council. | Noted |
| 5 | David Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |
| 6 | Lorna Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |
| 7 | Wendy Livingston Booth | | Yes | | Noted |
| 8 | James Snaith | | Yes | | Noted |
| 11 | Harry Wiseman | | Yes | | Noted |
| 12 | Jasmine Ince | | Yes | Yes, but how will the Parish Council protect it from development if they don't own it (leased from Havebury)? | The designation in the Neighbourhood Plan protects it from being developed unless the circumstances in Policy HAR8 are met. |
| 13 | Simon de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 14 | Sandra Goodfellow | | Yes | | Noted |
| 15 | Laura Norton | | Yes | | Noted |
| 16 | Richard Moxon | | Yes | | Noted |

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| 17 | Mrs Jill de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 18 | Helen Mapperley | | Yes | The text 9.11 states--it is owned and maintained by the Parish Council, which can be construed to mean private ownership instead of leasehold as stated in paragraph 4.9 | Paragraph 9.11 has been amended to reflect that the Parish Council has a long lease with a maintenance responsibility for the playing field. |
| 19 | David Taylor | | Yes | | Noted |
| 20 | Fiona Reddick | | Yes | | Noted |
| 21 | Mrs Susan Painter | | Yes | | Noted |
| 24 | Amy Wright | West Suffolk Councils | No | <p>The Policy aims to protect the village playing field from development that detracts from its use as a recreation facility. Proposals which reduce the quality or size of the Playing field will only be permitted if a replacement of equivalent to better standard is provided in an equally accessible location.</p> <p>This policy appears to be a duplication of Joint Development Management Policies Document Policy DM42 – Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities and is therefore not considered necessary.</p> | Policy DM42 and the Local Plan Proposals Map identifies “Recreational Open Space”. However, there is no Inset Map for Hargrave and the playing field is not identified on the Borough-wide Proposals Map. It is therefore necessary to have this policy in the Neighbourhood Plan in order to identify Hargrave’s playing field for protection. |
| 26 | Russell Volkert /Rebecca Batt | | No | | Noted |
| 28 | Nick Lee | | Yes | | Noted |
| 29 | Richard Jozefowski | | Yes | | Noted |
| Policy HARg – Local Heritage Assets | | | | | |
| 1 | Paul Rogers | | Yes | I agree there are other buildings, although not Listed, that we should try to preserve the character of without excessive legislation as with Listed buildings. | Noted |
| 4 | Peter Reddick | | Yes | All important considerations to ensure any new proposals are sensitively and sympathetically conceived. | Noted |
| 5 | David Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |
| 6 | Lorna Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |

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| 7 | Wendy Livingston Booth | | Yes | | Noted |
| 8 | James Snaith | | Yes | | Noted |
| 11 | Harry Wiseman | | Yes | | Noted |
| 12 | Jasmine Ince | | Yes | | Noted |
| 13 | Simon de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 14 | Sandra Goodfellow | | Yes | | Noted |
| 15 | Laura Norton | | Yes | | Noted |
| 16 | Richard Moxon | | Yes | | Noted |
| 17 | Mrs Jill de Laat | | No | See above. Building should not be restricted to being "in keeping". That had happened in the past all buildings would now look the same. Whilst building should, of course, be of high quality and green spaces respected as much as possible, people's needs should come first. | Agree. The Plan has been amended to include reference to important and distinct characteristics, including modern features, in the village that proposals should have regard to. A double page spread has been inserted to illustrate specific characteristics to provide a suitable reference point for new development. |
| 18 | Helen Mapperley | | Yes | | Noted |
| 19 | David Taylor | | Yes | | Noted |
| 20 | Fiona Reddick | | Yes | | Noted |
| 21 | Mrs Susan Painter | | Yes | | Noted |
| 24 | Amy Wright | West Suffolk Councils | No | The Policy seeks to retain and protect local heritage assets. Proposals that may harm such assets should be supported by detailed analysis of the asset that demonstrates the wider public benefit of the proposal. The majority of the policy is duplication of Joint Development Management Policies Document Policy DM16, and is therefore not necessary. Nevertheless, the Policy does seek to specify exactly which properties are Local Heritage Assets. It should be noted that the text only mentions Old School House and School Hall. The Proposals Maps also highlight the Knowles Green Farm | Noted. The policy wording provides the local context and also specifies that a detailed analysis of the local asset needs to be submitted with an application, demonstrating that there is a wider public benefit of the proposal. This is not set out in JDMPD Policy DM16. The indication on the Proposals Map of Knowles Green Farm and Knowles |

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| | | | | and Knowles Green Cottage, which should be incorporated. It is suggested that the Policy simply identifies the local heritage assets and refers to JDMPD Policy DM16. Please note that the proposals map also contain a typographical error where it reads 'Locally' instead of 'Local (Heritage Asset)'. | Green Cottage as Local Heritage assets is an error as they are already listed. The typographical error has been amended. |
| 26 | Russell Volkert /Rebecca Batt | | Yes | | Noted |
| 28 | Nick Lee | | Yes | | Noted |
| 29 | Richard Jozefowski | | Yes | | Noted |
| Policy HAR10 – Village Character | | | | | |
| 1 | Paul Rogers | | Yes | We do need to ensure that any future development is in keeping with the character of the village and is not obviously different in terms of materials, colours etc. | Agree. The Plan has been amended to include reference to important and distinct characteristics, including modern features, in the village that proposals should have regard to. A double page spread has been inserted to illustrate specific characteristics to provide a suitable reference point for new development. |
| 4 | Peter Reddick | | Yes | All important considerations to ensure any new proposals are sensitively and sympathetically conceived. | Agree. The Plan has been amended to include reference to important and distinct characteristics, including modern features, in the village that proposals should have regard to. A double page spread has been inserted to illustrate specific characteristics to provide a suitable reference point for new development. |
| 5 | David Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |
| 6 | Lorna Willcox | | Yes | | Noted |

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| 7 | Wendy Livingston Booth | | Yes | | Noted |
| 8 | James Snaith | | Yes | | Noted |
| 11 | Harry Wiseman | | Yes | | Noted |
| 12 | Jasmine Ince | | Yes | | Noted |
| 13 | Simon de Laat | | Yes | | Noted |
| 14 | Sandra Goodfellow | | Yes | | Noted |
| 15 | Laura Norton | | Yes | | Noted |
| 16 | Richard Moxon | | Yes | | Noted |
| 17 | Mrs Jill de Laat | | No | See above. Building should not be restricted to being "in keeping". That had happened in the past all buildings would now look the same. Whilst building should, of course, be of high quality and green spaces respected as much as possible, people's needs should come first. | Agree. The Plan has been amended to include reference to important and distinct characteristics, including modern features, in the village that proposals should have regard to. A double page spread has been inserted to illustrate specific characteristics to provide a suitable reference point for new development. |
| 18 | Helen Mapperley | | Yes | | Noted |
| 19 | David Taylor | | Yes | | Noted |
| 20 | Fiona Reddick | | Yes | | Noted |
| 21 | Mrs Susan Painter | | Yes | | Noted |
| 24 | Amy Wright | West Suffolk Councils | No | <p>The design characteristics highlighted are generally acceptable, and in accordance with Joint Development Management Policies Document Policies DM2 and DM22.</p> <p>However, it is suggested that the guidance on building materials is overly prescriptive and may stifle innovative design.</p> <p>It is recommended that paragraph 10.17 on building materials is altered to reflect this comment.</p> | It is not considered that the Policy stifles innovative design. However, the Plan has been amended to include reference to important and distinct characteristics, including modern features, in the village that proposals should have regard to. A double page spread has been inserted to illustrate specific characteristics to provide a suitable reference point for new development. |

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| | | | | Please note that 'dormer' should be spelt generically, rather than referring to the brand 'dorma' within paragraph 10.18 of the Plan. | Noted, The Plan has been amended accordingly |
| 26 | Russell Volkert /Rebecca Batt | | Yes | | Noted |
| 28 | Nick Lee | | Yes | | Noted |
| 29 | Richard Jozefowski | | Yes | | Noted |

General Comments

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| 1 | Paul Rogers | | Agree | No | Although I am now a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, I have only been involved for a few months. The amount of work that has gone into producing this plan and getting it to this stage with village support is amazing. Well done! | Noted |
| 2 | Matthew Hancock | Member of Parliament | Agree | No | Thank you for your email of 15 September letting us know about the pre-submission consultation for the Hargrave Draft Neighbourhood Plan. If you require any help from Matt, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our office. | Noted. The response does not require any changes to the Neighbourhood Plan. |
| 3 | Planning Administration Team | Sport England | Agree | No | Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above neighbourhood plan. Government planning policy, within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating | Noted. The response does not require any changes to the Neighbourhood Plan. |

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| | | | | | <p>healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important. It is essential therefore that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 73 and 74. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's statutory consultee role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England's playing fields policy is set out in our Planning Policy Statement: 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England'.</p> <p>http://www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy - Sport England provides guidance on developing planning policy for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded.</p> <p>http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/ - Sport England works with local authorities</p> | |

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| | | | | | <p>to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 74 of the NPPF, this takes the form of assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery. - Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England's guidance on assessing</p> | |

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| | | | | | <p>needs may help with such work. http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance - If new or improved sports facilities are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes. http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/ Any new housing developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place. In line with the Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how any new development, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing</p> | |

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| | | | | | <p>or assessing individual proposals. - Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying checklist, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active lifestyles and what could be improved.</p> <p>NPPF Section 8: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities - PPG Health and wellbeing section: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing - Sport England's Active Design Guidance: https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign</p> <p>(Please note: this response relates to Sport England's planning function only. It is not associated with our funding role or any grant application/award that may relate to the site.)</p> <p>If you need any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact Sport England using the contact details below. Yours sincerely, Planning Administration Team. Planning.central@sportengland.org</p> | |
| 4 | Peter Reddick | | Agree | No | 1) The Landscape Character Appraisal Map for "The Grove" should recognise the copse adjoining Grove Farm Cottage on the north side as being of importance to the street | Noted. |

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| | | | | | scene. 2) The Character Appraisal Map for Bird's End should be extended east to the bridge to include Frogs End Farm (a listed building) and recognise the importance of the group of trees adjacent to the farm and road which "frames" this gateway to the village. I fully support the proposed Neighbourhood Plan which accurately articulates the key local issues of importance to protect, enhance and evolve Hargrave to remain a vital and viable community for the future. | Agreed. The map has been extended and identifies these features |
| 5 | David Willcox | | Agree | Yes | | These matters are dealt with against individual policies above. |
| 6 | Lorna Willcox | | Agree | Yes | | These matters are dealt with against individual policies above. |
| 7 | Wendy Livingston Booth | | Agree | Yes | Perhaps use the odd bits of land behind green space for infill. Also no speed chicanes on the road through the village. | Noted. The Plan does not preclude infill within the settlement boundary. |
| 8 | James Snaith | | Agree | Yes | See comments above (Well done to the authors of the report and website) | Thank you. These matters are dealt with against individual policies above. |
| 9 | Stewart Patience | Anglian Water Services Limited | Agree | Yes | See comments on HAR7 | These matters are dealt with against individual policies above. |
| 10 | Robert Deanwood | National Grid | Agree | No | National Grid has appointed Amec Foster Wheeler to review and respond to development plan consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regards to the above Neighbourhood Plan consultation. About National Grid - National Grid owns and operates the high voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales and | Noted. The response does not require any changes to the Neighbourhood Plan. |

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| | | | | | <p>operate the Scottish high voltage transmission system. National Grid also owns and operates the gas transmission system. In the UK, gas leaves the transmission system and enters the distribution networks at high pressure. It is then transported through a number of reducing pressure tiers until it is finally delivered to our customers. National Grid own four of the UK's gas distribution networks and transport gas to 11 million homes, schools and businesses through 81,000 miles of gas pipelines within North West, East of England, West Midlands and North London. To help ensure the continued safe operation of existing sites and equipment and to facilitate future infrastructure investment, National Grid wishes to be involved in the preparation, alteration and review of plans and strategies which may affect our assets.</p> <p>Specific Comments - An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high pressure gas pipelines, and also National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate and High Pressure apparatus. National Grid has identified that it has no record of such apparatus within the Neighbourhood Plan area. - Gas Distribution – Low / Medium Pressure Whilst there is no implications for National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate / High Pressure apparatus, there may however be Low Pressure (LP) / Medium</p> | |

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| | | | | | <p>Pressure (MP) Gas Distribution pipes present within proposed development sites. If further information is required in relation to the Gas Distribution network please contact plantprotection@nationalgrid.com - Key resources / contacts - National Grid has provided information in relation to electricity and transmission assets via the following internet link: http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/ The electricity distribution operator in St Edmundsbury Borough Council is UK Power Networks. Information regarding the transmission and distribution network can be found at: www.energynetworks.org.uk - Please remember to consult National Grid on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or site-specific proposals that could affect our infrastructure. We would be grateful if you could add our details shown below to your consultation database: [Personal details not included in this consultation log] I hope the above information is useful. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.</p> | |
| 11 | Harry Wiseman | | Agree | Yes | In addition to my comments above I just add that I would be opposed to 'traffic calming' measures such as those used in Westley and Cheveley. | Noted |
| 12 | Jasmine Ince | | Agree | Yes | | These matters are dealt with against individual policies above. |

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| 13 | Simon de Laat | | Agree | No | I am a member of the neighborhood plan committee so have been involved in the preparation of this plan. | Noted |
| 14 | Sandra Goodfellow | | Agree | No | | Noted |
| 15 | Laura Norton | | Agree | No | | Noted |
| 16 | Richard Moxon | | Agree | No | | Noted |
| 17 | Mrs Jill de Laat | | Agree | Yes | Only changes refer to proposal to "take the lead" on a Conservation Area and designating more properties to be protected. | These matters are dealt with against individual policies above. |
| 18 | Helen Mapperley | | Agree | Yes | I commend the workers for their dedication and time consuming commitment to the village plan, it is a very comprehensive document, and although I do not absolutely agree with every thing as set out I approve of the vision and principles for the village. | Noted. Individual comments ae dealt with elsewhere in this consultation statement |
| 19 | David Taylor | | Agree | No | | Noted |
| 20 | Fiona Reddick | | Agree | No | | Noted |
| 21 | Mrs Susan Painter | | Agree | No | A well structured and developed plan. | Noted |
| 22 | Kim Langley | WSC Strategy & Enabling Officer | Agree | No | West Suffolk Councils' Strategic Housing Team has reviewed Hargrave Village Pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan and we welcome that the vision for Hargrave looks to address a number of social, economic and environmental themes aimed at protecting and enhancing the distinct characteristics of the village. We note, that the draft plan recognises the need to deliver some smaller one and two bedroom properties within the village to help address the need of young people wishing to move into Hargrave as well as families wishing to downsize. | Noted. The response does not require any changes to the Neighbourhood Plan. |

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| | | | | | <p>We note that Hargrave is classified as 'countryside' within the Settlement Hierarchy and therefore there will be fewer growth opportunities to provide infill development. The draft Neighbourhood Plan suggests that there will be little opportunity to provide more than five dwellings within each location identified with Hargrave but where possible these homes should help to address a local housing need for Hargrave and any proposed developments should meet lifetime and generalisation needs. The Strategic Housing Team supports this approach.</p> <p>We appreciate that large scale residential developments would impact significantly on the nature and characteristics of the village of Hargrave, but some small scale, sympathetically designed developments, incorporating homes for both sale and rent, could help to ensure the long term sustainability of the village.</p> | |
| 23 | Cameron Clow | Suffolk County Council Planning Officer | Agree | Yes | The County Council is not a plan making authority, except for minerals and waste. However, it is a fundamental part of the planning system being responsible for matters including: - Archaeology - Education - Fire and Rescue - Sustainable Drainage - Health and Wellbeing - Libraries - Minerals and Waste - Natural Environment - Rights of Way - Transport This response, as with all those comments which the County Council makes on emerging planning policies and allocations, | Noted |

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| | | | | | <p>will focus on matters relating to those services, and other responsibilities. Suffolk County Council is supportive of the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan vision for the Parish. A small number of issues are raised below, however the County Council is open to discussion in order to resolve these issues.</p> <p>Archaeology: While there is a general emphasis on heritage in the Plan, there is no mention of archaeology (below ground heritage) and it would be appropriate to mention these assets. There are some specific archaeological points the parish council may wish to include in the Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In section 3.3 on the village origins and development, if the parish would like to include more on archaeological sites, https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/simple-search is a good starting point for research. There has, however, been very little investigation to understand earlier origins of the settlement. • The historic centres of population mentioned in section 3.4 may have been foci for medieval settlement. • In section 3.4 could also refer to the Historic Landscape Characterisation which was done across Suffolk, which shows that a large part of the parish comprises pre-18th century enclosure landscape https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/hlc • Section 4.7 could also refer to assets recorded in the Historic Environment Record. | <p>Noted. Section 3 of the Neighbourhood Plan provides limited historical context for the village rather than a comprehensive story in itself.</p> <p>The information on the website referred to is of limited use given that the sites referred to are not mapped.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>The Suffolk Landscape Character Assessment is referred to in paragraph 4.3 of the Plan.</p> <p>The Plan has been amended to refer to "assets recorded in the Historic Environment Record."</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>Additionally, it could be beneficial to add explanatory text into the Plan about archaeological assets. This would be most appropriate in section 10, under the sub heading 'Historical Assets'. Some suggested working is below. 'Suffolk County Council maintains the Historic Environment Record, which comprises a database of information on recorded archaeological sites in the County. Non-designated archaeological heritage assets would be managed through the National Planning Policy Framework, and Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service advises that there should be early consultation of the Historic Environment Record and assessment of the archaeological potential of the area at an appropriate stage in the design of new developments, in order that the requirements of the NPPF and Local Plan policies are met. Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service is happy to advise on the level of assessment and appropriate stages to be undertaken.'</p> <p>Sustainable Drainage - The plan has an awareness of local flooding issues and the reference of Policy DM6 of the Joint Development Policies is welcome. While the Plan does not intend for large scale development to take place in Hargrave, the County Council recommends reiterating that the National Planning Policy Framework</p> | <p>The Plan has been amended to include this detailed text.</p> <p>Given that the County Council acknowledges that major development is not planned for Hargrave and that the Neighbourhood Plan should not repeat the policies of the Local Plan, it is not considered appropriate to include these references.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>requires the sustainable urban drainage is required on all major developments and that the County Council, as the lead flood authority in Suffolk, is a statutory consultee.</p> <p>Other Considerations - Creating the Greenest County - Suffolk County Council has an aspiration to make Suffolk the greenest county in the UK and the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan has an opportunity to contribute to this aspiration while providing community benefits. The Suffolk Climate Change Action Plan contains actions to improve community resilience to climate change, domestic energy efficiency and Community Energy (which could potentially link into Community Action 6 regarding the village hall). More information can be found at http://www.greensuffolk.org/green-communities/.</p> <p>I hope that these comments are helpful. The County Council is always willing to discuss issues or queries you may have and can be contacted at neighbourhoodplanning@suffolk.gov.uk. Some of these issues may be addressed by the County Council's Neighbourhood Planning Guidance, which contains information relating to County Council service areas and links to other potentially helpful resources.</p> | Noted. No change has been made. |
| 24 | Amy Wright | West Suffolk Councils | Agree | Yes | Overall, the Pre-submission Plan is considered to meet the requirements of the Localism Act and the Service Level | Noted |

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| | | | | | <p>Agreement between St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Hargrave Parish Council.</p> <p>a) Whether the plan meets the basic conditions? In terms of the basic conditions, the Plan is considered: - to be compliant with national policies and advice. This includes the NPPF, and the Strategic development needs and strategic policies set out within the Local Plan. - to contribute towards sustainable development as it aims to lead to improvements in environmental, economic and social conditions. - to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan. The neighbourhood plan supports the general principles that the strategic policies are concerned with. There is not a conflict between the Plans and no neighbourhood plan policy undermines a strategic policy. - to be compatible with EU obligations this includes Directive 2001/42/EC on Strategic Environmental Assessments, Directive 2011/92/EU on Environmental Impact Assessments, Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of fauna and flora (habitats) and Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds (species). - the making of the neighbourhood plan is provisionally not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2012) (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects). The Council has prepared a draft screening</p> | Noted |

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| | | | | | <p>report to be sent to statutory consultees Natural England, Heritage England and Environment Agency. Once their replies are received, a formal screening response may be formulated. Based on the environmental information and the scope of the policies in the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan, the preliminary outcome of the assessment is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in respect of Strategic Environmental Assessment, likely significant environmental effects can be screened out. • in respect to Habitats Regulations Assessment, likely significant effects can be screened out. <p>b) the suitability of the Consultation Statement - The Hargrave Parish Council website does not provide a Consultation Statement as a formal document, but has stated that the document is open for public comments for 6 weeks. It explains where people can express their views and how to attain a hard copy. The Parish Council have sent a link to the copy of the Plan to the Local Planning Authority. This is all that is required under the Regulations. A formal Consultation Statement will be necessary when the Neighbourhood Plan is formally submitted to the Council at Regulation 15 stage. An amendment to the Service Level Agreement wording is suggested to reflect this. –</p> <p>c) whether the other documents submitted are suitable? The Neighbourhood Plan is</p> | <p>The Screening Opinion, including the responses from the statutory consultees, will be included with the submission documents at when the Plan is submitted to the Local Planning Authority.</p> <p>This document forms the Consultation Statement.</p> <p>Noted</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>accompanied by a Landscape Character Appraisal and Important Views. The Landscape Character Appraisal comprises 5 maps around the village area, with key features identified. These maps are also embedded within the Neighbourhood Plan and are considered appropriate. The Important Views document identifies 19 views on a map accompanied by photographs that justify the importance of the views. The documents are fit for purpose and support the Plan. –</p> <p>d) whether any maps submitted conform with OS mapping requirements? The submitted maps appear appropriate and have appropriate copyright through GetMapping, Parish Online services.</p> <p>Following report to Growth Steering Group and Cabinet - Further observations and comments are appended. Appendix A Following report to Growth Steering Group and Cabinet.</p> <p>Further observations and comments: - The Plan has been designed to allow for the village to be able to expand gradually/naturally, but Members questioned as to whether some of the aspirational elements of the Plan would actually be deliverable.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>The Plan is a forward looking document that has been prepared with engagement of local residents and addresses concerns raised by them.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>For clarity, it was considered that there could be a separate distinction from the 'aspirational' and 'policy' elements of the Plan. The community actions could be appended as a supplement to the Plan, rather than being embedded amongst the policy text.</p> <p>The Plan is perhaps a little long. It is suggested that concepts could be explored more graphically rather than through text.</p> <p>The Parish Council should be informed that St Edmundsbury Borough Council is due to produce a new Local Plan in the near future. This would be a West Suffolk Local Plan, in conjunction with Forest Heath District Council. West Suffolk would welcome the Parish Council's involvement in the preparation and consultation of that Plan.</p> <p>Members recognised the need for a "vibrant countryside", allowing modest growth within the village to enable a sustainable settlement.</p> <p>Members suggested that the settlement boundary could be more ambitious, subject to ensuring consistency with the countryside</p> | <p>Disagree. The Planning Policies and Community Actions are identified in distinctly different ways and there is a wealth of examples where Community Actions and Planning Policies sit side by side in the body of a neighbourhood plan. This approach was taken at the recently "made" Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan where the Examiner commented that "the Plan takes an effective approach to its presentation and is of a high standard."</p> <p>At 38 pages plus maps, the Plan is an example of a shorter neighbourhood plan and documents of 100 pages are not uncommon.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan must conform with the adopted strategic policies of the Local Plan, which</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>protection and settlement hierarchy strategic policies of the Local Plan and St Edmundsbury Borough Council's Vision 2031, in addition to national planning policies.</p> <p>Members recognised that the Plan was the result of hard work, the policies were well worded and the Parish Council Working Group should be applauded.</p> | <p>currently defines tight settlement boundaries around village. It would not be appropriate at this stage to be more "ambitious".</p> <p>Thank you</p> |
| 25 | Edward James | Historic England | Agree | No | <p>Thank you for your correspondence dated 15 September 2017 inviting Historic England to comment on the Submitted Draft of the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Draft. In October 2015 Historic England submitted comments on the Pre-submission Draft of this Plan direct to St Edmundsbury Council and Hargrave Parish Council. I have now had the opportunity to review the latest version of the Plan and am pleased to see our earlier advice and information has been reflected in this latest version. Overall, we welcome this comprehensive and informative plan, in particular Policy HAR 9 - Local Heritage Assets, and the accompanying design guidance and commentary, which is detailed and helpful. We also welcome the content of Community Action 14 with respect to the objective of potentially identifying and potentially designating a Conservation Area for Hargrave. In the absence of a designated conservation area at present, the undertaking of an historic area assessment to form part of the evidence base for your neighbourhood</p> | <p>Noted. The response does not require any changes to the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>plan, and to support its policies, may well be a useful exercise that could later form the basis for designation of a conservation area, if considered appropriate. We would refer you to some of our recently published guidance on conservation areas and historic area assessments, which may be of use: HE Advice Note 1 - conservation area designation, appraisal and management: historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/conservation-area-designation-appraisal-management-advice-note-1/ (25 February 2016) and Understanding Place - Historic Area Assessments: content.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/understanding-place-historic-area-assessments/heag146-understanding-place-haa.pdf (April 2017). These suggestions aside, we do not wish to comment any further at this stage. I would be grateful if you would notify me if and when the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted by the district council.</p> | |
| 26 | Russell Volkert /Rebecca Batt | | Agree | Yes | <p>Generally agree but with obvious reservations we've seen only too well what this on mass building program has created in a lot of areas an urban sprawl The changes I would like to see would be to safeguard us from the general land grab that seems to be the norm at present.</p> | <p>The Plan provides policies appropriate with the nature and scale of Hargrave to ensure that these concerns do not materialise. The kind of developments suggested in this response would be contrary to the policies of the Local Plan.</p> |
| 27 | Miss Rachel Bowden | Natural England Consultations Team | Agree | No | <p>Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 15/09/2017. - Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory</p> | <p>Noted. The response does not require any changes to the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> |

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| | | | | | purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made. Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan. - However, we refer you to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk. | |
| 28 | Nick Lee | | Agree | No | | Noted |
| 29 | Richard Jozefowski | | Agree | Yes | A huge amount of work has obviously gone into developing the plan and there are many laudable aims. Of course, our ideas will vary we may not be in total agreement on every aspect of the plan. What it has done is focus our thoughts on the village and how it might develop in the future. To repeat a comment I made concerning section 9.6. All the important views that have been identified are views from the road, some of which we only ever glimpse when driving | Noted The Plan concentrates on the consideration of views that the general public can enjoy from public places that contribute to the character of Hargrave as a whole, rather than those private views from dwellings. |

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| | | | | | <p>past in our cars! Yet many villagers benefit from views of beautiful open landscapes they see from their homes and appreciate the views when out walking on the local footpaths. Above all, I believe it's these views we wish to protect. I think it's important to recognise that the character and vitality of the village are as much determined by the residents as the housing.</p> <p>Hargrave is a friendly village where people feel free to engage in village life as much or as little as they wish. It's perhaps indicative that Sue the postwoman claims it is her favourite round! The village must continue to evolve and we shouldn't resist gradual change, as long as it isn't detrimental. However, we should try to ensure that the social character of the village is maintained and is not fractured by too rapid change to the population.</p> | Noted. |

Community Actions

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| 1 | Paul Rogers | | <p>I support all the Community Actions but in particular:</p> <p>Community Action 3 - Do whatever we can to secure high speed broadband for the whole village as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>Community Action 6 - I agree we should look to find a new location for the Village Hall as the options on the existing site are very limited. However the new site must be easily accessible from the centre of the village and be able to accommodate enhanced facilities.</p> <p>Community Action 8 - It would be nice to have a bus service in the village to go with the best bus shelter in Suffolk.</p> <p>Community Action 12 - There is a need to establish additional woodland and hedgerows to replace those removed in recent years.</p> | Noted |
| 4 | Peter Reddick | | <p>CA1 - It is important to the village's viability and vitality that local, sustainable employment is encouraged to establish through positive action/promotion.</p> <p>CA6 - A good quality village hall is vital to the life and activity of Hargrave residents across the whole age range. It is probably the only building that offers the opportunity to improve local activity/enterprise across the age range.</p> <p>CA8 - Public transport serves all surrounding communities but not Hargrave! It is vital to serve the needs of disadvantaged residents and reduce the use of the private car.</p> | Noted |

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| 5 | David Willcox | | 7.9 Suggest that areas of land where a new business or business could be located be identified so as if the opportunity for a new business occurred a provision would already be identified in the Hargrave Neighbourhood. One suggestion would be at the top of Barrow Hill where two businesses (Orchard Industrial being one) already exist. The land area owned by Orchard Industrial stretches to approximately 2.5 acres and any new business would not impact on the village views or other properties. | Designating an area of land at the size indicated would be contrary to the strategic policies of the local plan, which seeks to direct larger areas of employment to the Key Service Centres and Towns. |
| 6 | Lorna Willcox | | 7.11 and 7.12 I would not like a caravan park even for touring vans. I think this would still contribute to traffic problems. If it became popular it would also affect the rural tranquillity already discussed in the document. 7.19 good ideas. 8.5 /CA9 good idea providing that the barrier is well lit. It would have been helpful if the appendix gave short descriptions of the DM references mentioned. Well done what a lot of work!! | Policies in the Local Plan make provision for the consideration of proposals for caravan parks in the countryside, providing strict criteria that proposal would need to meet. Noted The Basic Conditions Statement will provide a cross-reference to the DM policies and the other strategic policies of the Local Plan. |
| 12 | Jasmine Ince | | 2. Do not agree with holiday lets or camping facilities to be provided which could adversely impact on nearby residents eg. from noise/disturbance. Also allowing the village hall to be used for business start-ups could impact on current hiring and plans to ideally increase the number of groups for villagers to access/enjoy (community action 5). 6. Support as long as the existing hall is still available during the construction period of a new hall. | Policies in the Local Plan make provision for the consideration of proposals for caravan parks in the countryside, providing strict criteria that proposal would need to meet. Noted. Clearly the uses would need to be managed for the benefit of the wider community. Agree |
| 17 | Mrs Jill de Laat | | 10.6. The Parish Council should not look to create a Conservation Area thus creating even more restrictions on what residents can do to their own properties. | Noted. |

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| 18 | Helen Mapperley | | <p>2) While this may seem a good idea, Hargrave may not necessarily attract holiday makers. Caravaners would need a convenient shop, maybe a garage, Where would it be? Would it be used by unattractive squatters?</p> <p>5) Education - I was surprised that Ickworth school at Horringer is used by most Hargrave Primary age children and to which bus transport is provided, was not mention even though it is further away than the other schools mentioned. It is of grave concern that although education is now compulsory up to age 18, public transport from Hargrave is not available</p> <p>6)The Village Hall dispute will continue! Can the damp problem be solved? Could there be a bit more storage added? If it is rebuilt Where? what happens to activities meanwhile, and lots more questions. But Hargrave does not need a much bigger hall as there are already 3 large halls nearby struggling financially, and it suits for some hirers as Hargrave hall is not so big or expensive.</p> <p>7)Car sharing sounds fine but probably difficult with few people and many directions, needs and purposes. Do we not do it already where possible?</p> | <p>Policies in the Local Plan make provision for the consideration of proposals for caravan parks in the countryside, providing strict criteria that proposal would need to meet.</p> <p>Paragraph 7.16 has been amended to reflect the use of Ickworth Primary.</p> <p>Noted. There are no definite proposals but community engagement through the preparation of the Plan identified that improvements of provision were needed.</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| 19 | David Taylor | | <p>Actions 1-14. The role of the Parish Council is critical to the implementation of much of the hoped for agreed Neighbourhood Plan and in particular the community Actions 1-14. An important message is that the participation encouraged through the development of this excellent plan will be as important when it comes to the actioning of that plan. To that end I put forward a proposal that an implementation group (possibly time limited) be set up once the plan is approved to ensure that actions are taken up by the wider community. The Parish Council would play a key role in helping to establish such a group and supporting it.</p> | <p>Noted. This would seem a constructive way forward.</p> |
| 23 | Cameron Clow | Suffolk County Council Planning Officer | <p>CA11 - Rights of Way - It is welcome that the Plan has considered the rights of way network and where potential improvements could be made. SCC Rights of Way Office is willing to work with</p> | <p>Noted</p> |

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| | | | <p>the Parish to develop their aspiration of filling in gaps in the rights of way network, but also making any improvements that will enhance the network for all users, where resources allow.</p> <p>CA8 - Transport - There are currently two options for residents of Hargrave to leave the village by bus: the school day bus is also open to regular passengers; and the Connecting Communities service run by the Volunteer Network.</p> <p>Paragraph 8.2 could be updated to include these options. More information about the Voluntary Network can be found here: http://www.thevoluntarynetwork.org/.</p> <p>Bus services in Suffolk are commercially run by bus companies and the County Council is able to provide routes where gaps in the network exist, provided there is a social need and that resources allow.</p> <p>The County Council welcomes the inclusion of Community Action 8 and is open to discussing with Hargrave Parish Council where a bus service can be provided, if resources allow.</p> <p>CA9 - The cooperative approach of Community Action 9, to work with the County Council, is welcome. Suffolk County Council Highways is willing to discuss with Hargrave Parish Council options that may be suitable for the parish, however a source of funding would need to be identified in order to bring any measures forward.</p> | <p>Noted. Paragraph 8.2 has been updated to reflect the comment.</p> <p>Noted. This willingness to discuss options is welcomed.</p> |
| 24 | Amy Wright | West Suffolk Councils | <p>The Neighbourhood Plan incorporates 14 Community Actions in addition to the planning policies outlined above. The 14 actions and 10 policies are considered to have a direct relationship to the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Vision and objectives: "To protect and enhance the distinctive character and assets of the Village for the community both young and old".</p> <p>The Community Actions identify aspirations of the community,</p> | Noted |

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| | | | <p>which require actions but are not suitable to be incorporated as planning policies. Clear identification and differentiation from policy of the Community Actions is welcomed.</p> <p>The only comment in relation to the Community Actions are that Community Action 1 states that ...small scale employment opportunities...will not have an impact on residents and the environment. All development to some extent impacts on its surroundings. The insertion of "adverse" before the word impact is suggested.</p> | <p>Disagree. There is a wealth of examples where Community Actions and Planning Policies sit side by side in the body of a neighbourhood plan. This approach was taken at the recently "made" Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan where the Examiner commented that "the Plan takes an effective approach to its presentation and is of a high standard."</p> <p>Community Action 1 has been amended as suggested.</p> |
| 29 | Richard Jozefowski | | <p>Community Action 3 Reasonable broadband communication is now almost essential for modern life and efforts should be made to ensure everyone in the village has acceptable speeds. This could be particularly important in the future, should the government decide to turn off terrestrial TV in order to sell off the frequencies! Vodafone mobile reception seems reasonable in Hargrave, the other networks less so. However, go to another village and O2 reception may be good and Vodafone terrible! Last year The British Infrastructure Group pointed out that foreign visitors get a better coverage because they're not tied to any provider, so can use the strongest signal. Therefore, perhaps we should be campaigning for the networks to be forced to support UK roaming for their UK subscribers, especially in rural areas.</p> <p>Community Action 6 Any plans for a new village hall should be 'demand driven'. At the moment there are a limited number of regular activities in the hall and these depend upon the ongoing enthusiasm of the residents to</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. There are no definite proposals but community engagement through the preparation of the Plan</p> |

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| | | | <p>participate and people with the ability and commitment to organise them. Whilst they would no doubt benefit from a somewhat larger, modern hall, it's difficult to see how a brand new hall development could be justified on the basis of the existing usage alone. If there were to be a new village hall I suggest considering incorporation of a room with a modest range of fitness equipment that could be made available to residents, perhaps on a subscription basis. This might prove popular with young and old. However, practical difficulties with supervision and maintenance might deem the idea it unfeasible.</p> <p>Community Action 8 I believe provision of better public transport to access shops and medical facilities will become an increasing concern in the coming years as many of us are approaching the time when we no longer wish or are no longer able to drive.</p> <p>Community Action 11 As a walker myself I believe the existing public footpath network already provides reasonable connectivity to most other local villages and towns (apart from Newmarket, but that's not due to the Hargrave paths), provided they are adequately maintained. Many are simply used by villagers to exercise their dogs and therefore they don't actually have to go anywhere, other than a circular tour! I see no major problem with the accessibility to the back of Ickworth Park (National Trust will be pleased!) or Ousden.</p> | <p>identified that improvements of provision were needed.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted</p> |

