

RESIDENT SURVEY

Hurst Green Neighbourhood Plan - Housing



Dear Neighbour,

Thank you for reading this letter.

As you may be aware Rother District Council has told the Parish Council that 'Hurst Green must build at least 75 new houses' in the coming years.

As a response to this, like many villages nearby, Hurst Green is creating a neighbourhood plan that puts important decisions about housing development and the future of our community into the hands of the people who live here.

By taking part in this survey about housing you have a unique opportunity to shape and guide the future development of where you live, rather than have this decided for us by the Council Officers in Bexhill.

When complete the neighbourhood plan will have real legal force for the benefit of Hurst Green and the surrounding area, guiding the growth and development of our area for the next 10-15 years and putting in place policies by which local development and future planning applications will be determined.

We know how busy life can be, so on behalf of all the volunteers who are working on our local neighbourhood plan, we would warmly encourage every household in the parish to do their best to try and complete the survey. Taking part doesn't take long, perhaps you could complete it as a family activity.

Every questionnaire returned increases the validity of the results which will make it harder for the District Council or Government to challenge. Likewise if you are thinking about moving, then this is the survey for you to let us know what you are looking for.

Yours faithfully,

Cllr. Andrew Brown
Cllr. Steve Wright
Hurst Green Neighbourhood Plan

Instructions:

We warmly invite your household to complete this housing survey.

Please return your completed survey to the Community Shop, Pete's Wagon or Eggs to Apples. You can also give it to a Neighbourhood Plan representative or a Hurst Green Parish Councillor or employee.

COMPLETE THE SURVEY ONLINE
Instead of using this paper version,
complete the survey online at:
www.hurstgreen-pc.org.uk



Please stop - have you already completed this housing survey online?

This survey was promoted on and can still be taken via a link from the Facebook, Next Door and Hurst Green Parish Council websites.

If your household has already completed this survey online, then please don't also return this paper version.

Q1) In an effort to get as specific a picture as possible, where do you currently live?

- ☐ Hurst Green Village
- ☐ Swiftsden
- ☐ Silver Hill
- ☐ Elsewhere within Parish of Hurst Green
- ☐ Outside the Parish of Hurst Green

(if you live outside Hurst Green, go to question 3)

Q2) How long have you lived in the Hurst Green area?

- ☐ Fewer than 5 years *(go to next question 2b)*
- ☐ 5 to 10 years *(go to question 3)*
- ☐ 11 to 20 years *(go to question 3)*
- ☐ 21 or more years *(go to question 3)*

Q2b) As you lived in your current property for less than 5 years, where did you live before?

- ☐ Nearby in the Parish of Hurst Green
- ☐ Elsewhere in East Sussex
- ☐ Nearby in Kent
- ☐ Elsewhere in Kent
- ☐ London
- ☐ Surrey
- ☐ Elsewhere in the UK
- ☐ Outside the UK

Q3) Does any member of your household have any close family (parents, children or siblings) living in the parish of Hurst Green area?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q4) Does any member of your household work in the parish of Hurst Green area?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q5) Would you say that the Hurst Green area is your preferred place to live?

- ☐ Yes *(go to question 6)*
- ☐ No *(go to the next question 5b)*

Q5b) Please tell us why the Hurst Green area is not your preferred place to live? Tick all boxes that apply.

- ☐ Bad neighbours
- ☐ Difficult to get around
- ☐ Difficult to meet people and make friends
- ☐ Limited facilities
- ☐ Prefer to live in another country
- ☐ Prefer to live in a town or city
- ☐ Prefer to live in another village
- ☐ No / limited job opportunities
- ☐ Quality of schools
- ☐ Road noise
- ☐ Too far from where I work
- ☐ Too far from family / friends
- ☐ Other

Q5c) If you selected other, or wish to expand on your answers please do so here.

About where you live

Q6) How many bedrooms does your current home have?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6+ |

Q7) Please tell us what type of property you currently live in?

- ☐ Detached House
- ☐ Semi-Detached House
- ☐ Terraced House
- ☐ Bungalow
- ☐ Flat / maisonette / apartment / bedsit
- ☐ Sheltered / retirement housing
- ☐ Caravan / mobile home / temporary structure
- ☐ Homeless

Q8) Do you or someone in your household own your home? (with or without mortgage)

- ☐ Yes with or without mortgage *(go to question 9)*
- ☐ No *(go to next question 8b)*

Q8b) If you don't own the home you currently live in, do you?

- ☐ Rent from local authority
- ☐ Rent from a Housing Association
- ☐ Live in tied accommodation
- ☐ Live with parents / relatives
- ☐ Rent from a private landlord
- ☐ Shared ownership (part own / rent)

Q9) Would you say your current home is suitable for the needs of all household members (including you)?

Please also select no if you anticipate in the next few years that you or any members of your family will be moving home or need a change in housing. (e.g. retirement home, children moving to their first home)

- ☐ Yes (go to question 19a, 'housing attitudes section')
- ☐ No (go to question 10 below)

Q10) Please tell us why your current home isn't suitable for all of your household's needs. Tick all boxes that apply.

- ☐ Too small
- ☐ Too large
- ☐ Needs repairing
- ☐ Can't manage the stairs
- ☐ Want to move but there are no suitable homes available locally
- ☐ Want to move but there are no homes I / we / they can afford available locally
- ☐ Too expensive to run
- ☐ In the wrong place (within the area)
- ☐ In the wrong place (e.g. having to move for work, be closer to family etc.)
- ☐ Family circumstances are changing
- ☐ Needs adapting due to disability / health
- ☐ One or more members of the household need their own home
- ☐ Other _____

Q10b) Will the people living in this new household be the same as those living in your current home?

- ☐ Yes (we want to change homes)
- ☐ No (e.g. it's just for my children, a relative who currently lives with us)

Q11) Where would you prefer this new home was?

- ☐ Hurst Green Village
- ☐ Swiftsden
- ☐ Silver Hill
- ☐ Elsewhere within Parish of Hurst Green
- ☐ Outside the Parish of Hurst Green

Q12) What type of property would this household prefer?

- ☐ Detached House
- ☐ Non-Detached House
- ☐ Bungalow
- ☐ Flat / maisonette / apartment / bedsit
- ☐ Sheltered / retirement housing
- ☐ Caravan / mobile home/ temp structure
- ☐ Unknown / undecided

Q13) Ideally, how many bedrooms should this new home have?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6+ |

Q14) What type of arrangement would this household prefer?

- ☐ Rent from local authority (RDC)
- ☐ Rent from a Housing Association
- ☐ Rent from a private landlord
- ☐ Shared ownership (part own / rent)
- ☐ Buy on the open market (with a loan or mortgage)
- ☐ Buy outright
- ☐ Other _____

If you selected a preferred rent arrangement go question 16a, otherwise go to question 15a.

Buying

Q15a) What is the maximum deposit that this household could afford for this home?

- ☐ Under £1,000
- ☐ £1,000- £4,999
- ☐ £5,000- £9,999
- ☐ £10,000-£19,999
- ☐ £20,000-£29,999
- ☐ £30,000-£49,999
- ☐ £50,000-£69,999
- ☐ £70,000-£99,000
- ☐ £100,000 or over

Q15b) If applicable, has this household been accepted for shared ownership or any other low cost home ownership scheme, including the Government's Help to Buy: Shared Ownership and Help to Buy: Equity Loan?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Go to question 17, do not complete question 16a or 16b.

Renting

Q16a) How much could this household afford to pay for housing each month?

- ☐ Under £200 (under £47 per week)
- ☐ £200 - £399 (£47 - £92 per week)
- ☐ £400 - £599 (£93 - £138 per week)
- ☐ £600 - £799 (£139 - £184 per week)
- ☐ £800 - £999 (£185 - £230 per week)
- ☐ £1000 - £1249 (£231 - £288 per week)
- ☐ £1250 - £1499 (£289 - £346 per week)
- ☐ Over £1500 (over £347 per week)

Q16b) Has this potential household been accepted onto the Sussex Homemove housing register? See: www.helptobuy.gov.uk

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Actively house hunting?

Q17) Would you describe this household as currently actively house hunting?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Please go to the next question.

Q18) What is this household's combined annual income (before tax)?

We appreciate this is a very personal question, knowing this helps us formally document whether homes in Hurst Green are affordable for local people. Answers to this survey are completely anonymous, we have no way of identifying individuals.

- ☐ Under £10,000
- ☐ £10,000- £14,999
- ☐ £15,000- £19,999
- ☐ £20,000-£24,999
- ☐ £25,000-£29,999
- ☐ £30,000- £39,999
- ☐ £40,000-£59,999
- ☐ £60,000 - £79,999
- ☐ £80,000 - £99,999
- ☐ £100,000 - £149,999
- ☐ £150,000 or over
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Please go to question 19a on the next page.

Housing Attitudes

Q19a) What do you think about the amount of housing currently available in Hurst Green Village?

	Too much	About right	Need a few more	Need a lot more	Don't know
Currently available housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q19b) What do you think about the amount of housing currently available in Silver Hill?

	Too much	About right	Need a few more	Need a lot more	Don't know
Currently available housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q19c) What do you think about the amount of housing currently available in Swiftsden?

	Too much	About right	Need a few more	Need a lot more	Don't know
Currently available housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q20) What do you think about the current types of housing in our community generally?

<i>Place a response in each row.</i>	Need a lot more	Need a few more	About right	Too many already	Don't know
Studio apartments (1 bed)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flats (1 – 2 beds)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bungalows (2 - 3 beds)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family houses (2 – 3 beds)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family houses (4 – 5 beds)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family houses (6+ beds)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park homes (mobile)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please go to the next question, over page.

Q21) What do you think about the current types of housing in our community?

<i>Place a response in each row.</i>	Need a lot more	Need a few more	About right	Too many already	Don't know
Care / nursing home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open market houses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private rented housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Retirement housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shared ownership houses (occupier only owns a % of the value)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sheltered housing (housing with support services)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social housing (rented)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q22) With new housing build, what scale / type of housing development would you prefer?

<i>Place a response in each row.</i>	Preferred	Not Preferred	Don't know
Larger estate(s) over 50 homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Medium sized estate(s) 25 – 49 homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small development(s) 6 – 24 homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Very small development(s) 2 - 5 homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Individual released plots	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Re-development / conversions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Garden (in-fill) development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Greenfield site	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Brownfield site	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Controlled extension of built up area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q23) How important do you think it is that the Neighbourhood Plan should aim to ensure that new housing developments are in keeping with existing developments?

- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ Quite Important
- ☐ Important
- ☐ Very important

Q24) Please let us know if you wish to expand on any of your answers by leaving your comments here.

Survey Return Instructions: Please return your completed survey to any of the following: the Hurst Green Community Shop, Pete’s Wagon or to Eggs to Apples. You can also return it to a Neighbourhood Plan Representative or a Hurst Green Parish Councillor / employee.

Alternatively, please telephone 01580 860111 to arrange for us to come and collect it from you.

Volunteer Your Time and Get Involved

Find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan on our website, search ‘Hurst Green Neighbourhood Plan’ or by joining our Facebook page. Alternatively, please look out for updates in *theHurst* magazine or come along to our monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 7.30pm, everyone is welcome.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and its Task Groups are predominantly made up of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to get involved, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01580 860111 or any Parish Councillor. We would be delighted to hear from you.