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Friday 22 March 2024



Hungerford Town Council says,
“Please comment on the
Neighbourhood Plan by
March 29th - either online
www.hungerford-tc.gov.uk/hungerfordNP
or in paper form at the Hub / Library.”
Below, are some of the main questions asked about
the Plan, answered by Richard Hudson, the chair of
the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan and why does Hungerford need one?

It's a plan for Hungerford parish's future between now and 2040.
Neighbourhood planning was introduced in the Localism Act 2011. It is an
important and powerful tool that gives communities statutory powers to
shape how their communities develop. House builders will also allocate
more of the Community Infrastructure Levy directly to Hungerford which
will fund additional facilities.

Why does Hungerford need a minimum of 55 houses?

This is the minimum number of new dwellings as set out by West Berkshire
District Council in their emerging Local Plan, covering the whole district.
Note that this is less than the previous Plan which allocated a minimum of
100 dwellings, now constructed at Lancaster Park.

How were the locations of the developments chosen?

There was an open invitation to all land owners to put forward their land as
a development option. This was then carefully evaluated against the
Neighbourhood Plan objectives which led to three sites being assessed as
representing sustainable options. There were five potential combinations
of these three site options that could deliver the minimum requirement of
55 dwellings. These were consulted on with the community in late 2023,
with the preference expressed resulting in the two sites that have been
allocated in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

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