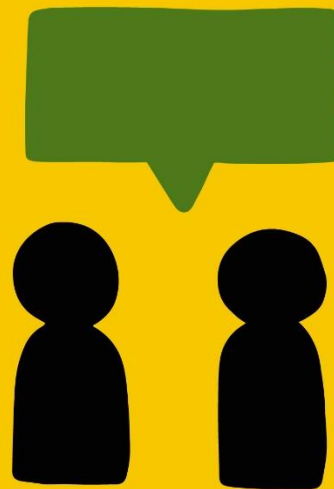


Green Open Space Pre-Application Public Consultation Report

December 2023

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Green Open Space Planning Application

1. Foreword

- 1.1 One Horton Heath has undertaken a fully managed programme of engagement with the local community and wider stakeholders for the development's internal distributor road application. The pre-application period has facilitated feedback which has been carefully considered as part of the design development of the road.
- 1.2 Pre-application engagement is an important part in sharing information and making the process of planning and design more accessible. Early consultation has addressed the main strategic and audience interaction needs throughout a 16-month period.
- 1.3 Initial consultation with statutory and key stakeholders sought to engage on the early design proposals. The planned programme facilitated a number of one-to-one design feedback meetings and concluded with responses from all thirteen engaged parties.
- 1.4 During October 2023 the community pre-application planning consultation took place. The consultation was launched under the title 'Green Open Space consultation'. All consultation materials included the title label. A green open space consultation video was launched in support of the three-week programme. On the One Horton Heath dedicated public engagement website page, an online feedback survey and consultation materials were published on 3 November 2023. The consultation closed on 24 November 2023.
- 1.5 The report provides an overview of the pre-application engagement and consultation undertaken and responses in categories and commentary on how the proposals have taken consideration for feedback.

2. Programme of engagement and consultation

- 2.1 The green open space application is an important key milestone in the development's continuing journey to deliver infrastructure first. The proposals will see 35.5 hectare, or 88 acres of undeveloped landscape delivered across the northern, central and southern areas of the development as part of the wider green infrastructure programme. All engagement materials progressed the early masterplan materials and provided a set of proposal plans informing the user of the scheme features.
- 2.2 Following the start of the scheme in early 2022, the pre-application engagement programme commenced for a period of just over a year, completing in November 2023. A period in December 2023 facilitated regard for responses and the opportunity to plan for the application submission.

3. Pre-application engagement

Areas of engagement

- 3.1 The One Horton Heath engagement programme supported the following groups:
- Local authority representatives and local stakeholder representatives – as primary consultees with knowledge of the existing area.
 - Local community – interested residents in the immediate vicinity of the development site to provide 'on the ground' first-hand knowledge of local needs and issues, concerns, and ideas as well as community aspirations.
 - Statutory consultees - statutory bodies to inform about the overall design, including the Environment Agency, Eastleigh Borough Council and Hampshire County Council.

Engagement undertaken

- 3.2 In December 2022, thirteen identified stakeholder organisations involving statutory and local representative groups were engaged. The programme of engagement kicked off with a formal pre-application letter and provided the stakeholders with an opportunity to review a set of early proving layout plans for the scheme design, which at the time included the road and landscape designs for the northern, central, and southern open spaces. One-to-one meetings were then undertaken to discuss the proposals and understand the views of the stakeholders further.
- 3.3 One Horton Heath engaged consultees at pre-engagement stage: Southampton Airport, Hampshire Country Council Police, Sustrans, Barley Fields Residential Group, Environment Agency, Eastleigh Borough Council Development Management, Burnetts Lane Residents Association, Southampton Cycling Campaign, Eastleigh Ramblers, Hampshire County Council Lead Local Flood

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Authority, Hampshire County Council Countryside Services, Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council and Hampshire County Council Highways.

- 3.4 During the pre-application engagement period the wider community consultation programme, which commenced in July 2023, was designed to be delivered in two parts. The programme sought to consult as part 1 on the internal distributor road scheme followed in part 2, in November 2023, by the green open space landscape schemes.

Conclusion

- 3.5 Early engagement with formal consultees facilitated and informed the design development of the open space scheme during the pre-application process, through face to face and other engagement channels.
- 3.6 All consulted groups responded in early 2023. A number of separate meetings were held to discuss the design further.
- 3.7 Key response feedback considerations included: managing public access, ecology considerations, water course considerations, vehicle speed limits, crossing facilities and shared use facilities for sustainable travel modes and lighting design.

4. Pre-application consultation

- 4.1 One Horton Heath undertook a final round of pre-application consultation to consult the community on the final proposal plans ahead of the formal planning application.
- 4.2 The consultation materials provided information on the proposed scheme and the opportunity to engage with the project team and provide feedback.

Consultation programme

- 4.3 The consultation programme aimed to take place ahead of the formal planning application to ensure the views of the community could be taken into regard.
- 4.4 One Horton Heath took regard, when planning the channels and consultation materials, ensuring the scheme website page acted as the central site to source all consultation materials, respond to the questionnaire, and ask the project team a question through the project's wider response channels.

Consultation period

- 4.5 The green open space consultation ran for a period of 3 weeks. The time period deemed appropriate as an activity of pre-consultation engagement with residents and stakeholders. The time period also ensured all communication channels accommodated raising awareness of the consultation ahead and during the consultation period.
- 4.6 All consultation materials advised the closing date and time for responses as 23:59 on 24 November 2023 in order to be taken into consideration.

Consultation materials

Website and consultation channels

- 4.7 The One Horton Heath website has a dedicated public engagement page. The page acted to raise awareness of the scheme early on and supported the

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consultation, allowing the community to access consultation materials, respond to the questionnaire, watch the green open spaces video, and access wider project information. The following channels were developed or utilised:

- One Horton Heath Public Engagement Secondary Road page: <https://www.onehortonheath.co.uk/public-engagement>
- Email: onehortonheath@eastleigh.gov.uk
- Postal address: One Horton Heath, Eastleigh Borough Council, Eastleigh House, Upper Market Street, Eastleigh SO50 9YN
- Telephone: 023 8068 8000

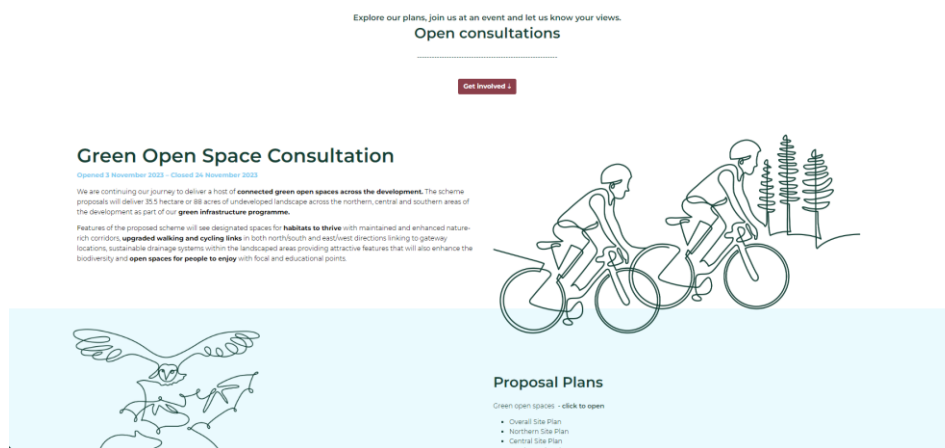


Image 4.1 Screen shot of One Horton Heath public engagement web page.

Events

- 4.8 The project team held a main public exhibition one day event. The main drop-in event took place on 15 November 2023 between 12.00-3.00pm at the Horton Heath Community Centre. Attendees could view the scheme plans, ask technical questions to the project team, and engage on the One Horton Heath Masterplan and present activities.
- 4.9 The drop-in event venue was chosen due to its close proximity to the development site, ease of public access and general local knowledge of the venue.



Image 4.2 Public exhibition at Horton Heath Community Centre

Raising awareness

- 4.10 To make certain those living in and around the development and wider community areas were aware of the consultation and knew how to respond online and seek further information, One Horton Heath utilised Eastleigh Borough Council's communication channels, onsite poster display boards and venue noticeboards and through local stakeholder partners to include the Parish Council and resident's association social media channels.



YOUR WEEKLY BOROUGH NEWS

Green space consultation under way

Residents are being invited to have their say and take part in the latest consultation for the exciting One Horton Heath development. The green open space consultation runs until next Friday 24 November.



An 'infrastructure-first' approach, which is already delivering a new link road and sustainable energy solutions, will ensure that green elements are in place before new homes are delivered. Previously farmed fields have already been transformed into habitat-rich open spaces, and local people are now being invited to help shape the next stages. [Find out more](#)

Feedback survey

- 4.11 A feedback survey was produced. The online form, accessed via the One Horton Heath website page, was designed to capture comments and feedback on the proposals.
- 4.12 The feedback survey was designed into six sections:
- About you
 - About the use of spaces and facilities
 - About the development
 - Overall green open spaces
 - Local centre
 - Other comments
- 4.13 The feedback survey was available online via a link on the scheme website page. The community had the option to write additional comments in free text boxes within the questionnaire.

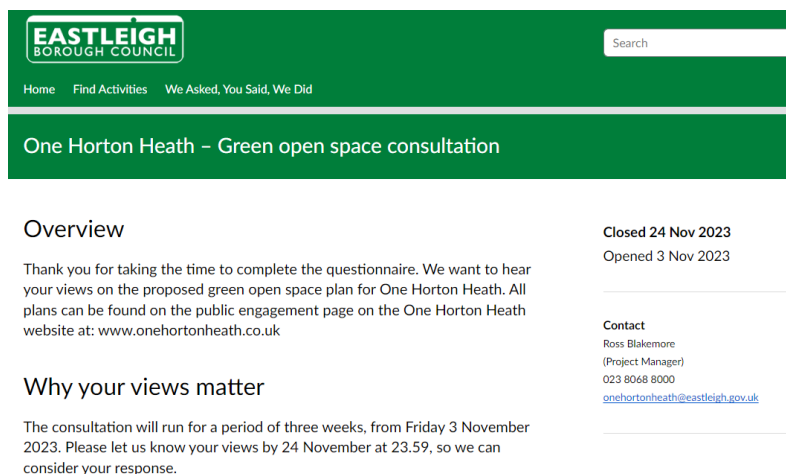


Image 4.4 Screenshot feedback survey following its completion on 24 November 2023.

Additional consultation material

4.14 To assist the consultation, the following is a list of materials published and those used in support of the public drop-in event:

- Overall Site Plan - published
- Northern Site Plan - published
- Central Site Plan - published
- Southern Site Plan - published
- The drop-in event banner pack includes the following banners: welcome, Overall green open spaces plan, timescales, Masterplan and what's up and coming.
- Green Open Spaces Consultation video



Image 4.5 Screenshot of the Green Open Spaces Consultation video

Dealing with consultation feedback

4.15 The following is a record of responses received:

- 24 feedback survey responses.
- 1 general comment via the scheme inbox.

Results from Consultation questionnaire

4.16 Results provide an overview of response results and issues raised.

4.17 A total of 24 responses received and included 22 from residents, and 2 from traveling public.

Table 4.6 responses received by age group

Answer Choices	Response	Total
Under 18	0%	0
18-24	0%	0
26-34	4%	1
35-44	13%	3
45-54	29%	7
55-64	33%	8
65+	21%	5
Total	100%	24

4.18 Results are presented from the feedback survey and arranged into topic areas.

Summary of scheme questions

- Transport modes
- Infrastructure delivery approach
- Overall design for the internal distributor road
- Wider development
- Other comments

Response summary

4.19 Responses to question – How likely are you to use any of the following spaces and facilities within the future development?

- Bicycle routes: 29% responded as highly likely, 21% as fairly likely, 8% as neutral, 13% as fairly unlikely, 29% as unlikely and 0% not answered.
- Walking routes: 50% very likely, 17% fairly likely, 12% as neutral, 0% as fairly unlikely and 21% unlikely.
- Seating areas: 33%as very likely, 17% as fairly likely, 17% as neutral, 4% as fairly unlikely, 29% as unlikely and 0% not answered.
- Play areas: 21% as very likely, 8% as fairly likely, 8% as neutral, 13% as fairly unlikely, 50% as unlikely and 0% not answered.
- Green spaces: 50%as very likely, 17% as fairly likely, 8% as neutral, 4% as fairly unlikely, 21% as unlikely and 0% not answered.

Table 4.7 Responses to question – Do you agree or disagree we are approaching development differently by committing to infrastructure first?

Answer Choices	Response	Total
Strongly agree	8%	2

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Agree	25%	6
Neutral	21%	5
Disagree	4%	1
Strongly disagree	42%	10
Not answered	0%	0
Total	100%	24

Table 4.8 Responses to question – We are prioritising green corridors and associated projects routes as part of our Masterplan. Do you agree or disagree with this approach?

Answer Choices	Response	Total
Strongly agree	25%	6
Agree	38%	9
Neutral	8%	2
Disagree	4%	1
Strongly disagree	25%	6
Not answered	0%	0
Total	100%	24
Comments 12		

Table 4.9 Responses to question – Do you agree with the proposed green open space plans?

Answer Choices	Response	Total
Strongly agree	17%	4
Agree	33%	8
Neutral	17%	4
Disagree	4%	1
Strongly disagree	29%	7
Not answered	0%	0
Total	100%	24
Comments 15		

Table 4.10 Responses to question – Any further comments that you think we should consider related to use of green spaces.

Answer Choices	Response	Total
Comments 9		

Table 4.11 Responses to question – A new Local Centre is proposed at One Horton Heath. What facilities and services would you like to see provided?

Answer Choices	Response	Total
Comments 21		

Table 4.12 Responses to question – What other important features do you believe a development like One Horton Heath should capture?

Answer Choices	Response	Total
Comments 15		

Table 4.13 Responses to question – Do you have any ideas, observations or comments on the proposed recreation and play areas for consideration, as shown on the proposal plans.

Answer Choices	Response	Total
Comments 10		

Table 4.14 Responses to question – The success of the green open spaces is stronger when the local community needs are met. Getting involved when we run a consultation is one example of involvement. How else would you like get involved in future activities?

Answer Choices	Response	Total
Comments 9		

Summary of key issues raised and One Horton Heath responses

The development

4.20 A small number commented on wider cycle routes notably between Fair Oak to Itchen Valley Country Park and Eastleigh Town Centre to Hedge End.

4.21 One Horton Heath response:

- As part of the One Horton Heath development, a number of local improvement schemes will be delivered to footway routes. The Local Plan provides information on wider borough routes and can be found here: [Local Plan | Eastleigh Borough Council](#)

Transport connectivity and proposal plans

4.22 A few comments asked about a links to Itchen Valley Country Park. and Lapstone Park.

4.23 A number of residents commented on a walking and cycling route to Hedge End station.

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4.24 One Horton Heath response:

- The new link road will provide a future transport route for all modes of travel between Allington Lane in the north and Burnetts Lane in the south. The norther green infrastructure proposals will facilitate a link into Lapstone Park.
- As part of our local road and footway improvements scheme programme we will upgrade of a section of the path towards Hedge End train station from Bubb Lane and will also be delivering a crossing scheme on Bubb Lane.

Key regard for feedback as a response to consultation

4.25 Table 4.14 below provides a summary of general feedback received.

Table 4.15 Summary of feedback

Summary of main feedback	
Topic or theme	Feedback:
The developments place making approach.	Celebrating the farming history of the site through public art.
Future consideration for facilities within the Local Centre	Bicycle parking facilities, facilities for young people, disabled access, baby changing facilities, outside seating and exercise equipment.
Landscaped and recreational areas	Inclusion of information boards about the area, more fruit trees, outdoor exercise equipment and more natural looking play areas incorporating the sue of wood more.

Key regard for feedback as a response to consultation

Table 4.16 Summary of public rights of way regard for comments

Summary of main feedback	
Footpath	Feedback:
North section Footpath No 9 Fair Oak and Horton Heath	Although not within the scope of the Green Infrastructure proposals, there are plans to provide a connecting path to Fair Oak and Horton Heath Footpath 9. This will allow future upgrades to be made to this path.
Central section Fir Tree Lane downgraded bridleway section	Although not within the scope Green Infrastructure proposals, the plans are part of the developments overall plans and will be incorporated within future proposals.

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Southern Section Footpath No 702 Fair Oak and Horton heath from Link Road to Burnetts Lane. Footpath 703 Fair Oak and Horton Heath west of link road	Although not within the scope of the Green Infrastructure proposals, the upgrade of these footpaths are part of the developments overalls plans and will be incorporated in future works.
Overall plan Burnetts Lane roadside footway within the parcel	The footpath is part of the Lower Acre parcel residential scheme. The scheme is presently under construction. This parallel footpath to Burnetts Lane will continue through future residential development phase than is located immediately south and west of Barley Fields.