

Horsham Forest Neighbourhood Council (Horsham FNC) is one of three Neighbourhood Councils that represent the unparished area of Horsham. Our enthusiastic, elected volunteers are non-political, but we all share a keen commitment to understanding what goes on in our Neighbourhood. Meetings take place on the third Monday of each month at the Salvation Army Hall, Booth Way, Depot Road, at 7:30 PM. Members of the public are always welcome; you may wish to consider becoming a Councillor too! Please email fnchorsham@sky.com to attend or just turn up - we'd love to meet you!

Blueprint Neighbourhood Plan Referendum 20 October

Horsham's "Blueprint Neighbourhood Plan" is finally ready and the people of Horsham town are invited to choose whether or not to accept it in Referendums scheduled for 20 October 2022.



Horsham Blueprint
Making a plan for Horsham

Created over many years by local residents, workers and visitors, the Neighbourhood Plan will designate 23 specific areas within Horsham Town as 'Local Green Spaces' and will also ensure that green corridors, such as the Riverside Walk, are maintained for people and wildlife.

The Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate sites for housing development but includes many important policies such as providing affordable homes of the right type and size, and ensuring all development is of good design, environmentally friendly, and aimed at keeping Horsham a distinctive market town.

The process to create a Neighbourhood Plan was initiated by the three Neighbourhood Councils to make Horsham a better place to live for all. The Plan included the input of local residents of all ages and with diverse politics and interests, local businesses and representatives of important community groups including the Horsham Society and Horsham Town Community Partnership.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been agreed as sound by Horsham District Council and an independent Government Inspector. As the un-parished area includes the commercial centre of Horsham there will be separate referendums for residents and businesses.

Residents will receive a polling card and can vote in person or by post. A simple majority is required; if both referendums vote yes, the plan will be adopted and have statutory status. If the vote is split Horsham District Council will decide whether or not to adopt the Plan.

For full details scan the QR code or visit: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/horsham-town-un-parished-area>



Queen's Platinum Jubilee

It was great to see the many streets parties marking Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee across Horsham FNC. We will be planting a celebratory tree in Bennett's Field later this summer.



Macleod Road

Bennett's Field

Friends of Bennett's Field are arranging a local residents meeting to gauge their views on any suggested improvements in addition to the planned older persons gym equipment. We are liaising with HDC regarding the recent incursion by Travellers.

Controlled Parking Zone

WSCC are carrying out a review of the current Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). We are aware that many residents outside of the zones are encountering parking problems. Please send details of your concerns for us to take up directly with WSCC and HDC.

Planning Update



We Buy Any Car kiosk - Station car park

Listening to the concerns of residents and our neighbourhood concerns, Horsham District Council refused retrospective planning permission for the "We Buy Any Car" kiosk at the Horsham Station car park at their May meeting. HDC Planning Enforcement has confirmed that enforcement notices are being issued as "We Buy Any Car" continue to trade.

5G Mast - Brighton Road

Recently, Horsham District Council refused permission for a 5G mast on Brighton Road, at Tanyard Close, application DC/22/0883, stating "The siting and appearance of the installation would appear unduly obtrusive in the street scene and as such would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the area." Horsham FNC had expressed its concerns relating to the height and the position of this mast that is on the pavement reducing its width and access. However, there are very limited reasons for objecting to the erection of masts.

Forest School Pitch

Amendments have been submitted to the original application, the main changes being the hours of operation. Residents remain concerned. Previously Horsham FNC had written to WSCC highlighting concerns and the effect that this will have on local residents. Representations will be made at WSCC.

Hedges - time to get trimming!



Summer growth, despite the lack of rain, means hedges boarding pavements will quickly grow and could become obstructions to pedestrians. Please help maintain a clear footway by trimming back any hedges outside your homes.

Speedwatch

Horsham FNC has a mobile speed camera available for use in its area by Community Speedwatch, but we desperately need volunteers.

Please contact us at fnchorsham@sky.com to pass on your interest to Community Speedwatch.



20's Plenty for Us

Forest Neighbourhood Council approved a Motion (Resolution) to support the 20's Plenty Horsham and 20's Plenty for West Sussex campaigns and their aim to lower residential speed limits to improve road safety, improve air quality and encourage active travel. We have written to West Sussex County Council officers and councillors.



We need you! Can you help?

Are you interested in or concerned about the neighbourhood where you live?

Horsham FNC has vacancies for volunteers who care about where they live and who can contribute time, enthusiasm and experience. Neighbourhood Councillors must be resident in our neighbourhood and of voting age. We shall be pleased to hear from you if you are interested in finding out more. For further information about the role please contact the clerk by email at fnchorsham@sky.com. We suggest that you come along to one of our monthly meetings, held at 7:30 PM, on the third Monday of each month at the Salvation Army Hall, Booth Way, Depot Road.

Next meetings:

Monday, 19 September 2022

Monday, 17 October 2022

Monday, 21 November 2022

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