DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HORSMONDEN DEVELOPMENT

ADVISORY GROUP *(ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF HPC)*

HELD AT HORSMONDEN VILLAGE HALL

ON THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2026 AT 7.30 PM

Present:

Mr Winser, Mrs Newton, Cllrs Richards, Davis, and Russell,.
In attendance:
Lucy Noakes (Clerk) anna Blyth (Deputy Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Baxter-Smith and Boon. Cllr Richards proposed acceptance of the reasons for absence and this was seconded by Cllr Russell . Unanimous.

2. Public Session (no decisions):

No speakers.

3. Agree minutes of the previous meeting 14 July 2026

The minutes of 14 July 2026 had previously been circulated by the Clerk. Mrs Newton proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded Cllr Richards . Unanimous from those present at the previous meeting.

4. Discuss what preparations and evidence the PC may wish to make /gather ahead of the next TWBC Local Plan Review Consultation.

Mr Winser had prepared a number of slides for the committee to consider. The slides suggested following the procedures outlined in the newsletters received from WKPS (Weald of Kent Protection Society) about how parishes should prepare for Regulation 23 Consultation of their Local Plan. The slides gathered together information and considerations raised previously by the parish in the Horsmonden Neighbourhood plan and outlined any useful data and evidence which may be available regarding the points raised.

The committee then shared their thoughts, feedback, and suggestions based on the information presented in the slides, trying to establish which of the points raised should be given priority, what further evidence was required and how this could be gathered . Mr Winser added the committee's comments into notes for each of eight focus areas covered in the WKPS briefings.

It was suggested that the group seek further information from all village clubs and societies by way of a brief set of questions. Mr Winser agreed to make a template for this. The group also suggested making contact with the local GP surgery to find out their latest thoughts on the medical centre provision at the Bassetts Farm site, and Leigh Academy to find out how any future increase in village population may affect the school .

Mr Winser agreed to take all the comments and summarise them into an initial set of possible priorities which HPC might wish to then consider in more detail in preparation for any representations it might wish to submit for the Local Plan Regulation 23 Consultation due at the beginning of March 2027. Cllr Richards and Mrs Newton proposed acceptance of the this approach, unanimous.

The Committee went on to consider the invitation from TWBC for a meeting with the Parish Council on local sites and future requirements and priorities for the village. The Clerk informed the group that a provisional date of 10 December had been set for this meeting to be held at the Town Hall (9am -12pm) . It was suggested by the Committee that the Clerk should seek some clarity on how the meeting would be run and request that there be an opportunity for the parish attendees to ask questions and seek further information from TWBC as well as sharing information with the Borough, in order to ensure a cohesive discussion on this matter moving forward. Attendees confirmed so far were Cllr Richards, Russell and Davis, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk and Mr Winser, as Chair of HDAG.

These recommendations and suggestions would be put to the Parish Council at their meeting on 7th December .

THE MEETING ENDED AT APPROX 9:50PM