



## **HORSFORTH TOWN COUNCIL**

# **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON LEEDS CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT SITES SUMMARY OF RESPONSES May 2013**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Horsforth Town Council conducted a public consultation across the parish of Horsforth. The main purpose of the consultation was to gain an understanding of community views towards sites identified in the Leeds City Council Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). The SHLAA is a database of sites that Leeds City Council will assess in order to identify those considered most suitable for development. Leeds City Council will then identify a selection of the most suitable sites to meet identified housing requirements.
- 1.2 A questionnaire was hand delivered to each household and further copies made available at Horsforth Library, Horsforth Museum and the Town Council Offices, for anyone who had been inadvertently missed or required additional copies. The questionnaire was also available to download from the Council's website. The public consultation was publicised in the local press and articles featured in the Yorkshire Evening Post, Wharfedale Gazette and the Aire Valley Times.
- 1.3 Comments were requested to be returned before 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013, and also accepted after that date. In total, 1234 responses were received.
- 1.4 This 'Summary of Responses' presents the outcome of the consultation and provides some initial analysis of the responses where appropriate. This information has been used to help Leeds City Council set the proposed site allocations for Horsforth, which are to be in public consultation starting 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013, to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 17:00 hours.

**Public consultation on the proposed site allocations for the whole of Leeds (including Horsforth) may be viewed on-line at [www.leeds.gov.uk/siteallocations](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/siteallocations)**

**See the last page of this report for this list of drop-in event locations arranged by Leeds City Council Forward Planning.**

- 1.5 Amongst the replies were very many additional comments provided by respondents. These have been combined in a comments database and are currently being analysed by subject, so that broad opinions can be evaluated. The results of this are not included here, but will be taken forward for consideration in the production of the Horsforth Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.6 Some respondents criticised the format of the questionnaire as leading the answers to the acceptance of some development in Horsforth. It is very important to understand that this is exactly what the questionnaire was required to do by Leeds City Council Forward Planning. The Leeds Development Framework (submitted for inspection at the end of April 2013) requires that North Leeds (which includes the Horsforth area) accommodates 6,000 of the 66,000 housing requirement that Leeds is deemed to need up to 2028. Horsforth must therefore contribute to this requirement by the identification of suitable development sites. There is no alternative to this. The purpose of the questionnaire was to identify the most suitable sites, and to note the least suitable sites.

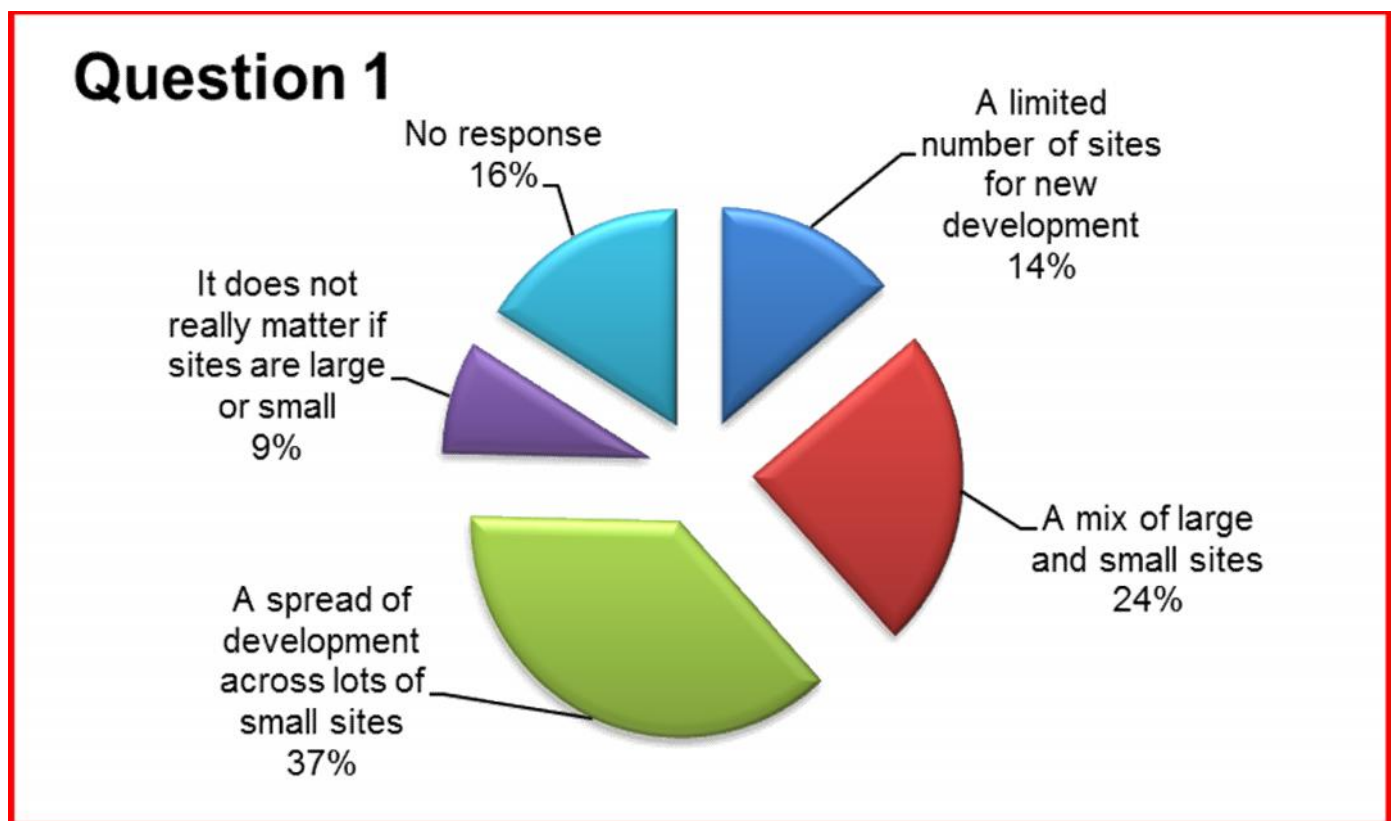
- 1.7 One of the strongest messages, from analysis of the response, was the great strain placed currently on Horsforth's infrastructure – schools, doctors, dentists, traffic and other transport. Lack of employment opportunity local to Horsforth was also noted. These are all elements that will be given consideration in the Horsforth Neighbourhood Plan.

## 2.0 QUESTIONNAIRE SUMMARY RESULTS

### QUESTION 1

What kind of sites would you prefer Leeds City Council to identify for development in Horsforth?

The pie chart below illustrates the responses received in relation to the question above.



The majority of respondent's favoured development spread across Horsforth, rather than concentrated in large developments.

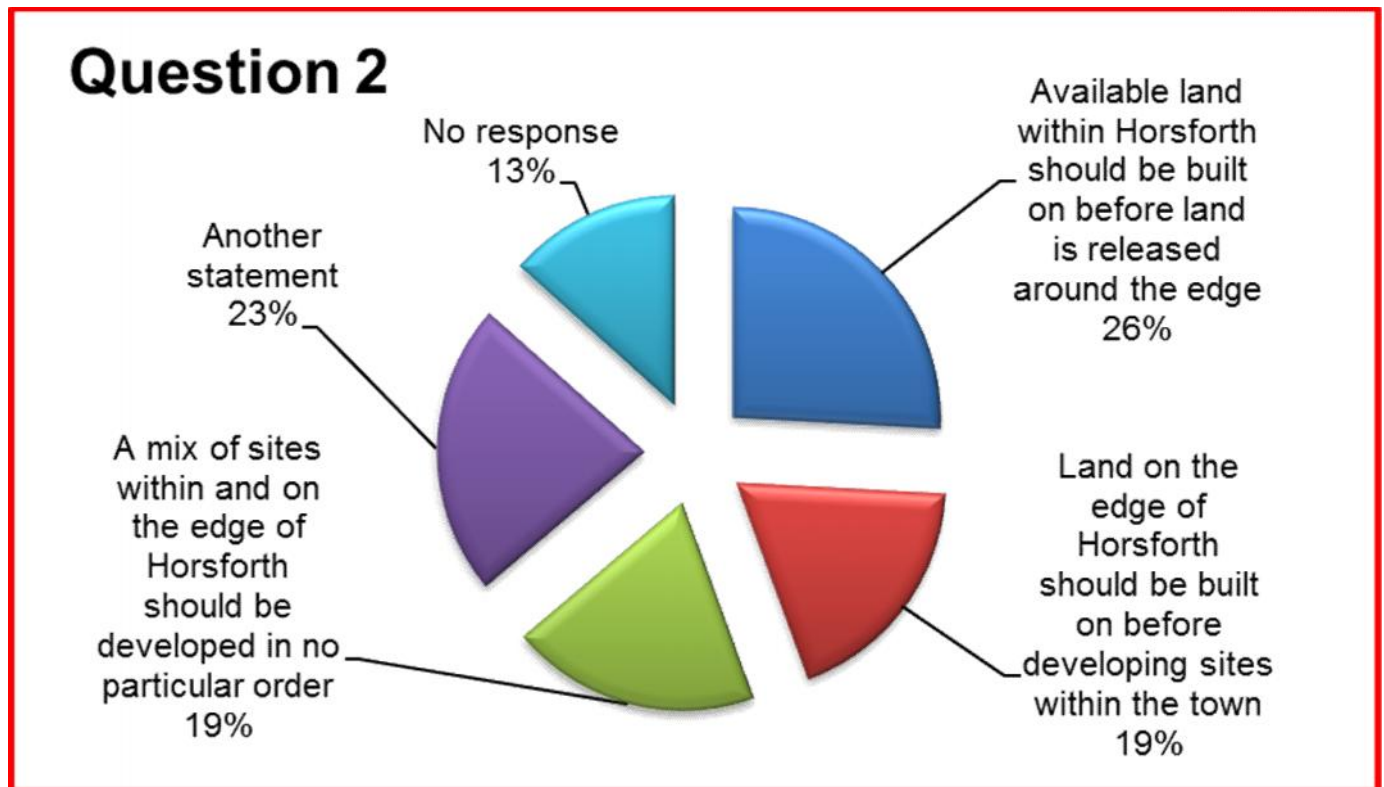
The significant "no response" reply was often accompanied by comments: -

No further development in Horsforth  
Development only if supported by local infrastructure.

## QUESTION 2

Which of the following statement would you most agree with?

The pie chart below illustrates the responses received in relation to the question above.



In terms of those who stated “Another statement”, the following represents a summary of the comments made: -

- Brownfield sites should be developed first
- Horsforth has enough houses, so leave Horsforth alone
- No greenfield sites should be developed
- Recreational, green space should be retained and protected
- No building until roads and infrastructure is improved
- Avoid Green Belt land
- Hunger Hills should be protected
- Provide social housing, retirement homes and family homes

### QUESTION 3

The enclosed map shows all the sites within Horsforth from which Leeds City Council will select sites for development. Looking at the map, which of the following sites do you think are most suitable for development and the least suitable for development?

Below is a list of those sites considered by respondents to be most suitable for development.

<b>Reference No.</b>	<b>Name of site</b>
29	Former Dixon car sales
2	Clariant, Calverley Lane
28	Horsforth Police Station
1	Riverside Mill, Low Hall Road
24	Delap Waterworks
30	St Joseph's Care Home
12	Woodside Mill, Low Lane
3	Low Hall Farm
27	Mather's Mill
6	Barnardo's, Clarence Road
26	Corn Mill Fold
25	Woodside roundabout

Below is a list of those sites considered by respondents to be least suitable for development.

<b>Reference No.</b>	<b>Name of Site</b>
11	Hunger Hills and field
15	Sports ground, Brownberrie Lane
22	North Ives Farm, Brownberrie Lane
9	Fraser Avenue (next to the Horsforth roundabout)
23	Ling Bob, off Scotland Lane
14	Westbrook Lane, Trinity Close
17	South of Westbrook Farm
7	Outwood Lane
8	Broadway field
18	Westbrook Farm
16	South of Layton Grange
4	Newlaithes field

#### QUESTION 4

**Are there any sites or buildings not shown on the map that you think should be considered for housing development in Horsforth?**

Below is a list of sites put forward by respondent to be considered for development in addition to those identified in the SHLAA.

<b>Name of Site</b>	<b>Type of Site</b>
Crabtree land, Town Street	Brownfield
Former adult training centre off Church Lane	Brownfield
Brownfield land at the northern end of Lee Lane West	Brownfield
Wood Bottom Mills, Low Hall Road	Brownfield
Land bounded by Regent Road and Burley Lane	Mix
Land enclosed by West End Lane, West End Rise and The Avenue	Greenfield
Former Stanhope Youth Centre	Brownfield
Single house opposite Outwood Walk	Brownfield
South of the A65 from Horsforth RAB to Rawdon Crematorium	Greenfield
Plymouth Brethren, Brownberrie Lane	Mix
Holly Park Estate extension	Greenfield
Randersons Peugeot, Low Row	Brownfield
Independent Coachways, New Road Side	Brownfield

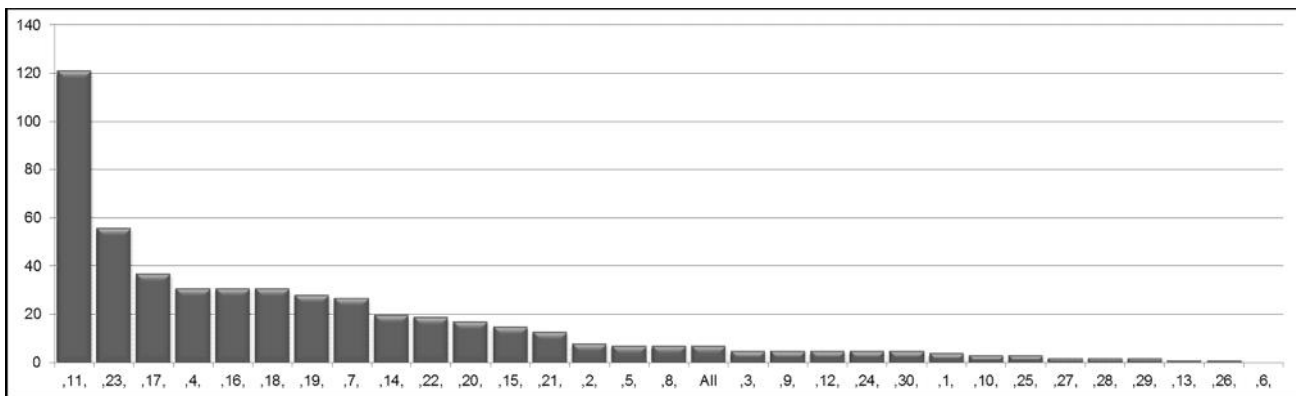
## QUESTION 5

There are a number of green areas shown on the map which represent playing fields, parks and other areas of open space in Horsforth.

Please mark on the map any areas not coloured green which you think should be protected for open space and please mark on the map any green areas you think should no longer be protected and might be considered for development alongside the sites listed.

### Sites that should be protected for open space

The bar chart below illustrates how respondents showed overwhelming support for the protection of Hunger Hills. Respondents would also like to see Ling Bob, Scotland Lane protected and land to the south of Westbrook Farm.



### Sites that should not be protected for open space

Very few respondents thought that existing open spaces should not be protected.

Even though Hunger Hills was put forward as an area of open space that should not be protected, only three people were of such an opinion. This is in contrast to the 121 who thought it should be protected.

## Leeds City Council Public Consultation on proposed Site Allocations

Leeds City Council has published the *Issues and Options for the Site Allocations Plan* for public consultation. This will be an 8 week public consultation period starting on Monday 3rd June and finishing at 5pm on Monday 29th July.

The Site Allocations Plan is a key document in the Local Plan for Leeds in identifying specific allocations for development to 2028. It will cover the whole of Leeds district except for the area within the Aire Valley Area Action Plan, which is a separate plan.

The Issues and Options stage of the Site Allocations Plan sets out early ideas for site allocations for housing, employment, retailing and greenspace. This is the first consultation stage in the preparation of the Site Allocations Plan. The Plan has to go through various stages of preparation and will be subject to examination in public by an independent Inspector before it can be adopted by the Council.

We will also be holding a number of drop-in events across the city where people can view the material and planning officers will be on hand to offer guidance and support.

<i>Civic Hall Banqueting Suite (Community Groups)</i>	<i>Friday 7th June 3.30-8.30pm</i>
<i>Wetherby Town Hall (Deighton Room)</i>	<i>Saturday 8th June 10-3pm</i>
<i>Civic Hall Banqueting Suite (Developers/Agents/Businesses)</i>	<i>Monday 10th June 2pm-7pm</i>
<i>Cross Gates Library Heritage Room</i>	<i>Tuesday 11th June 3-6.30pm</i>
<i>Leeds Trinity Leeds Customer Service Lounge</i>	<i>Wednesday 12th June 12.00-7pm</i>
<i>Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre</i>	<i>Thursday 13th June 3-6.30pm</i>
<i>Morley Town Hall</i>	<i>Saturday 15th June 10-3pm</i>
<i>Armley One Stop Centre</i>	<i>Monday 17th June 3-6.30pm</i>
<i>Rothwell , The Windmill</i>	<i>Tuesday 18th June 3-8pm</i>
<i>Otley - Core Resource Centre</i>	<i>Thursday 20th June 3-8pm</i>
<i>Horsforth - High School - Main hall</i>	<i>Saturday 22nd 10-3pm</i>
<i>Pudsey , Civic Centre</i>	<i>Tuesday 25th 3-8pm</i>
<i>Roundhay - St Edmunds Church Hall</i>	<i>Thursday 27th June 3-8pm</i>
<i>Harehills - St Aidans Community Hall</i>	<i>Friday 28th 3.00-8pm</i>
<i>Garforth - Miners Welfare Hall</i>	<i>Saturday 29th June 12.30-5.30pm</i>
<i>Youth Council</i>	<i>Saturday 6th July 1-4pm</i>
<i>Civic Hall Banqueting Suite</i>	<i>Tuesday 16th July 12-7.30pm</i>

The details of the venues (and please check for any updates) will also be available online at [www.leeds.gov.uk/siteallocations](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/siteallocations) or ring (0113) 247 8092.

How can you view the documents?

The consultation documents will be accessible in the following ways:-

- Web – [www.leeds.gov.uk/siteallocations](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/siteallocations)
- By visiting the Development Enquiry Centre at The Leonardo Building, 2 Rossington St, Leeds, LS2 (Monday to Friday 08:30 - 17:00, except Wednesdays 10:00 - 17:00)
- By visiting all libraries and One-Stop centres within Leeds District.

Should you require any further information regarding the events please contact Ian Mackay or Kathryn Holloway at (0113) 2478079 / 2478203

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