



**2013**

**Comments from Key Issues  
Community Consultation  
Event September 17<sup>th</sup> 2013**

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<b>Roads and Traffic</b>
<b>Do existing services meet the needs of the community?</b>
The LLITM model computer model used for identifying traffic impact is questionable
Ensure HDC listens and acts on local people's views
Take into account the independent traffic report that LPC commissioned
Main services are all in Harborough – A 4304 is already busy and will be worse if there is a link rd between the village and Harborough
Have to go to Harborough to shop so need to make it safe and easy for all travel methods
Getting to the station now takes longer and longer because of developments in Farnon Road increased traffic and road humps.
<b>How will Traffic and Transport issues spoil your enjoyment of the village?</b>
Pollution
Noise - difficulty sleeping
Concerns for children playing
Ruin my peaceful lifestyle
Concern for safety of children
Difficulty walking to buses on Main Rd
Increase in traffic would be detrimental to village community especially on smaller roads
Foxton Road used as Rat Run to M1 by airfield development farm traffic and old A6 - M1
Would totally ruin my enjoyment of the parish
Increased traffic will be detrimental to the community events e.g. scarecrow weekend and Open gardens that enable the community to raise money for the sustainability of the village
The Main Road divides the village - it is difficult for those on the south side to use the amenities of The Village Green and Playing Field and for those on the North side to access the School, and Church and countryside walks around the river - this is particularly bad for children and for elderly people.
HGV vehicles use the restricted roads and no one police's it
Will make it even more difficult and dangerous to cross the road
Lubenham will get huge problems with transport if all of the NW Harborough development goes ahead - Showground traffic will likely use Foxton Road. People trying to bypass Harborough will use proposed Link Road as 'rat run'
Difficulty crossing the road especially for children and elderly people

Make journeys to Harborough more dangerous and slower.
Will affect children's freedom to play with friends

**What change in transport infrastructure or service would support what you want to achieve?**

Can only be improved by building no houses
Forget the whole idea (of development)
I agree with above
A bypass to take traffic away from the centre of the village
Footways to Gartree and Bramfield
A new road onto Lubenham Hill is a huge mistake - it is a failed bypass in the making
Bite the bullet discuss a proper bypass - if developers want to build - make them pay - no piecemeal development
The proposed access onto Lubenham Hill will slow down everyones journeys to Market Harborough, increase carbon emissions and make for a dangerous junction at the brow of the hill. Accidents waiting to happen!
Footpaths to Gartree and Bramfield

**Footpaths**

More dog bins x2
Maintenance is much reduced in recent years
More considerate parking -paths are frequently obstructed
Footpath between Lubenham Village and Bramfield required
Footpath to Bramfield would also link Bramfield with Harborough
Require regular mowing and hedges cut
Prevention of Dog/cat fouling
There is no footway to Bramfield and several people take their life in their hands walking this route each day
Need to define difference between footways and footpaths
Comment from Baxter (dog) less cats!

**Flooding and Sewers**

Flooding from field next to and above Bramfield Park - Solution Field drains and ditches
Stop developing any further housing until this problem is resolved. No promise from the developers to attend to it at some stage.This needs doing first !
Sewers both foul and surface water need upgrading and subject to regular maintenance.
Sewers need upgrade
Sewer & storm drain on the green is inadequate and in need of repair

<p>Flooding in Rushes Lane</p>
<p>Solution is to avoid any further housing</p>
<p>I was assured when I bought my house that there would be NO flooding - I think the river/ river bank needs attending to (school lane~0</p>
<p>Development at west Farndon is causing a build back of water. The village is flooding around the church and school lane far more frequently. Solving the drainage problems round the green is pushing more problem to the southern end of the village</p>
<p>So is the previous writer suggesting we don't solve problems in one part of the village in case it impacts on another - surely the aim should be to get it right EVERYWHERE.</p>
<p>Existing sewer service only almost meets current needs</p>
<p>There seems to have been a lack of maintenance by Highways and Anglian Water which is causing some of the problems</p>
<p><b>Employment</b></p>
<p>Lubenham not important for employment sites - plenty of opportunity provided by Harboorough</p>
<p>NO to any business that puts emissions into the air whatever they are</p>
<p>NO to factories - industries - NO to Warehousing/ storage - small business only</p>
<p>A local shop would be well supported particularly if the village is expected to grow (and would cut down on CO2 as people could walk there)</p>
<p>Only business development required is Post office/shop</p>
<p>Its good to have some business units in the village where local employment can be provided - I also like to buy local services and support local (village/parish) business. A local business hub for self employed people would be good.</p>
<p>Enough businesses in the village There are plenty of alternatives within short travelling distance</p>
<p><b>Open space sport &amp; recreation</b></p>
<p>If housing goes ahead, support hotel with leisure facilities and swimming pool and would bring employment</p>
<p>LGS3 why is this space unsuitable for use as green space? Housing is preferred to green space!!</p>
<p>LGS2 where is LGS 2?</p>
<p>LGS3 why is this space unavailable? Parts should be. What about the spinney and wooded areas. The western slope should not be developed. Harborough should remain behind the ridge line</p>
<p>SDA area is planning to provide badminton courts - I don't remember being consulted at any time on what leisure facilities were needed? Badminton courts would not entice me to be more active - a decent spa and leisure facility with sauna and pool might though.</p>

Important that houses on SDA cannot be seen from A4304

<b>Biodiversity</b>
<b>What do you most value from the countryside within and around the parish?</b>
Separation from Harborough
Limited number of houses and quiet roads
Open space. Non straggling of village.. Village identity. Village Green. No high rise built features
The proximity of rural areas for walking and wildlife - don't please encroach on these areas of woodland and truly open countryside
Green spaces. Limited size of village. Separate village identity. Village atmosphere and community spirit
Open space. Greenery. Less traffic (in theory)
The currently remaining peace and freedom from crowding
Pleasant dog walking places away from traffic and development
Lots of wildlife coming into the village
Green space within the village
Trees
Good quiet walks
Hearing the birds
Seeing cows and sheep grazing and baled hay/straw when fields are cut
<b>Areas suitable for creation of wildlife sites</b>
Washpit
Undle
Proposed separation area between village and Harborough
Railway bank
Cart bridge and surroundings
Near the brook
<b>What features do you think should be protected to enhance and encourage biodiversity</b>
Washpit
Nathius Pipistrelle bat in rubble piles on old airfield. Others using the ponds and bomb holes on airfield as staging posts from river to canal
Cutbacks have reduced council 'sprayin'we have had more butterflies and a quicker distribution of wildflowers
Mill Hill - the field where the mill was
Open aspect and views to North of Village
<b>Sites important for wildlife</b>
All greenfield sites
All greenfield sites are important
No to any new housing in Lubenham
River verges hedgerows -Spinneys - Railway track

All open sites are important
I agree - all open sites are important
<b>Renewables</b>
All new houses to have dual water tanks - storm and fresh tap water
No windfarm - yes to solar panels - yes to ground source heat - a district scheme would be an idea for airfield farm
No to community energy - define what you mean by community energy scheme
No to renewable energy scheme
I agree with renewable energy scheme
<b>External wall insulation</b>
Why focus on this - few houses would benefit - who would finance?
The plan could have no effect on existing houses
<b>Facilities &amp; services</b>
<b>What facilities would you use if they could be provided ?</b>
Shop & Post Office
Cemetery
Shop
<b>What facilities should the PC provide if funding allows?</b>
Cemetery
Sewer system is hopeless
Sewer system cannot cope with present demands
New sewer system required
School bus
Transport facilities particularly for younger people are inadequate - I understand buses don't get them to school on time and so all parents have to drive
New play equipment when it needs replacing
<b>Do you consider parish has sufficient facilities?</b>
Yes
Shop would be nice but would enough people use it?
Must make sure we don't lose the Pub
<b>Registration for assets of community value</b>
Village Hall
Public House - Coach & Horses - Green - village Hall Church Schools - memorial garden
Pill box on airfield Farm - rare two storey command centre
School
Village Hall - Church

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The Green
Westgate Lane green area & water pump
Pub school - church
School – Church - Pub
Pub
Pub - Village Hall
Shop premises - antiques and old newspaper shop
Heritage assets washpit
Old Bakehouse
<b>Housing</b>
Bungalows & 1 & 2 bed homes
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Don't let change in limits to development become an open invitation to build in an ever increasing area which could spoiul the village
More flexibility in village envelope in welcomed but it must not allow for an open opportunity t= for development around the village - each case should be looked at on merit
No homes
Need for bungalows with gardens allows downsizing releasing othe housing
We cannot set the village in aspic we have to have some individual new houses
No houses - bungalows with 1 - 2 bedrooms
<b>How many new properties in next 10 yrs?</b>
None - a disaster for all except developers
Up to 10 mixture of sizes
None max 6
Max 20
Max 20 in village or Gartree – the Parish has taken enough development from the SDA area. Any development for homes should be to satisfy a locally identified need.
<b>Most suitable sites</b>
None
West of village - no development east of village we need to keep a separation area from Harborough
Land north of foxton rd but next to houses and allotment - NOT on proposed sites
Without advanced improvements to services - none
1 Land east of Old Hall Lane
2 Foxton Rd opposite houses

3 South Main Street, Westfield
Not opposite houses in Foxton Road
Development at Gartree would enhance the area particularly using the old garage sites and the empty buildings – Gartree has access to all facilities in Foxton by footpath – Foxton has a shop and 2 pubs.
<b>Thoughts on further development</b>
Should be limited to current village envelope- must maintain separate identity
Possible worries about Bramfield Park and the farm Papillion Farm as potential brownfield sites in the future when it ceases to be a working farm
No further development until sewers and storm drains in Lubenham are capable of dealing with existing housing and run off
Limit to existing village envelope
Disagree to suggestions for gypsy traveller sites in Lubenham
<b>Criteria for criteria based policy</b>
Sewer pipe system needs complete revamp if extra house buildings
No more development until sewers function correctly at all times
Danger of flooding for existing houses
Too much land identified for too many houses
Retain all current green field sites - NO development
Sewer pipe system needs to be replaced with BIGGER pipe all the way through to Harborough
Pumping station already can't and doesn't cope - how can any building be considered without complete overhaul of all water & sewage systems
No building on separation areas or important open land
No building if trees need to be cut down to accommodate it
<b>Design</b>
Insulated walls roof and double glazing
Design in keeping with the local aesthetic. \limited spread to infil except in exceptional circumstances
None
No more than 3 bedrooms - space for bins - garage- current not eco friendly building material
Eco friendly
Starter family homes on part of land MX01
Sort out the sewage and foul water systems first
No development without major water supply and drainage update