

Harvington Neighbourhood Plan Review (2024)

Material updates to the Adopted Harvington Neighbourhood Plan (Date 18th September 2019)

Planning process

Following extensive community consultation, the first Harvington Neighbourhood Plan was published in July 2019, following a successful local referendum, and ‘made’ by Wychavon District Council on 18th September 2019. The Plan is over four years old and Harvington Parish Council has decided to review and update it, taking account of the latest national planning advice, and the emerging South Worcestershire Development Plan Review.

These revisions have been incorporated into a new (Submission) Draft version of the Harvington Neighbourhood Development Plan. However, the broad nature of the Neighbourhood Plan has changed little. It is considered that the changes made to the Neighbourhood Plan are not substantial enough to change the nature of the Plan.

Planning Strategy

The Parish Council has concluded that some material changes to the Neighbourhood Plan are required but the broad nature of the Plan has not changed. No new housing or employment allocations are planned. To undertake the revision, the Parish Council set up a working party comprised of Parish Councillors and local volunteers

Neighbourhood Plan Policies

The main changes are:

- The current ‘made’ plan period is to 2030, and the revised plan will be valid to the same year. Where relevant, changes will be made to align with the emerging South Worcestershire Development Plan Review.
- A refresh of much of the mapping;
- Revision to Policy IH1 to include the revised proportional calculation for the housing requirement for Harvington and this requirement has been met for the plan period by the allocation of a designated development site, which has now been built out. This satisfies Paragraph 14 of the NPPF and no further allocation has been made.
- Revisions to Policy IH2 to take account of the Government’s new First Homes requirements and allocation prioritisation for those with a local connection
- Revision of Policy T2 to align with advances in local and regional cycleway provision

Note on the Nature of the Changes

In accordance with Neighbourhood Planning Guidance, the Qualifying Body Harvington Parish Council needs to take a view on the changes and whether they are so substantial as to change the nature of the Plan and give reasons. Where modifications do not change the nature of the plan and the Planning Authority and Independent Examiner agree, a referendum is not required.