



Hatton Parish Plan

2018 Review



Foreword

My thanks to Graham Harrison for this comprehensive review of the Parish Plan. This was originally prepared in 2013, since when there have been significant developments in the local planning process:

1. The emergence of **Neighbourhood Plans** as the main instrument of local planning.

These differ from Parish Plans in that they:

- a. Are more detailed and generally require professional support to prepare. This usually takes about 2 years;
 - b. Must pass scrutiny by the Planning Inspectorate;
 - c. Must be approved by the local electorate by referendum;
 - d. Have formal status, and must be considered by the local planning authority (in our case Warwick District Council) and;
 - e. Entitle the neighbourhood to a larger (25% as against 15%) share of the infrastructure levy on new development.
2. The eventual completion and adoption in 2017 of the **Warwick District Council Local Plan**, providing for some 16,000 new homes in the district, including 150 in Hatton Parish which involved revision of the Green Belt. This Plan is subject to review every 5 years, at which time the Green Belt boundaries may again be redrawn.

It is important to note that a Neighbourhood Plan must 'sit within' the Local Plan, and it is not therefore possible for a Neighbourhood Plan to prevent further development, although it may influence the siting, design and housing mix.

As with Parish Plans, the Parish Council may initiate and facilitate the process, but it is driven by a steering group formed of local volunteers. Such a group formed in 2016, but made little progress and has since disbanded.

The question therefore arises as to how the planning process should proceed in Hatton Parish. Options include:

- Do nothing and rely upon informal negotiation with the planning authority and prospective developers;
- Further revise and update the Parish Plan. This may give the Parish Council and residents more authority, but carries no weight in the formal planning process; or
- Prepare a Neighbourhood Plan.

Any residents interested in being involved in this process are invited to contact the Parish Council. This matter is regularly reviewed at our monthly Parish Meetings.

Martin Le Tocq,

Chair, Hatton Parish Council

Introduction

It is customary for statutory plans to be reviewed and rolled forward every five years or so and, whilst the Parish Plan is not statutory, it seems logical to follow the same procedure. The Parish Plan was published in 2013, so now seems an appropriate time for a review, particularly as the Warwick Local Plan has recently been adopted.

The original Steering Group is no longer extant, however—the four members from Hatton Park having moved on, leaving just the five from Hatton Green. This means the Group is no longer representative of the Parish, so rather than undertaking a comprehensive review and roll forward, we have settled on an up-date of progress so far.

The format of this review therefore is:

Left-hand Pages: Conclusions and Suggestions from the Parish Plan, followed by a brief commentary on progress to date, with background information where relevant, together with changes in the Parish.

Right-hand Pages: The Action Plans from the Parish Plan with an additional column reviewing progress to date.

Anyone with questions, or wishing to raise new issues, should do so through their Parish Councillor. If there is support for continuing with the Parish Plan process, then a new Steering Group would need to be formed, with proportionate representation from Hatton Park. Again anyone interested should contact their Parish Councillor.

Graham Harrison, Chair

Hatton Parish Plan Steering Group

Changes in Circumstances

Since the Parish Plan was published the financial squeeze on public services has severely limited the scope for achieving much of what was requested. Instead the voluntary sector is increasingly being expected to satisfy community needs. Whether such an expectation is realistic for communities that are largely transient, such as that at Hatton Park, is debatable. Certainly there has been little or no progress towards meeting many of the targets set out in the Parish Plan.

Three other major events have occurred since the Parish Plan was published, namely:

- The introduction of Neighbourhood Plans
- Brexit
- Adoption of the Warwick Local Plan

Neighbourhood Plans

The Localism Act 2011 gave local communities the right to prepare Neighbourhood Plans. Unlike Parish Plans, which can be all embracing but are advisory with no legal force, Neighbourhood Plans are legal documents that form part of the Development Plan. As such they have to go through a more rigorous, formal procedure. (See the Foreword for more details).

Brexit

The implications of Brexit are as yet unknown, but, given its potential impact on residents and businesses within the Parish, it must be recorded as a major event that will have a strong bearing on future change.

Warwick Local Plan

The Warwick Local Plan was finally concluded when it was adopted by the District Council in September 2017. For this Parish the most significant element of the Plan is the provision of an additional 150 houses. (See Foreword and Housing Section for more details).

Facilities

Conclusions and Suggestions

- Demand was expressed for a better shop and the new owner is continuing to make improvements.
- Encourage the two village halls to better promote their activities and co-ordinate where feasible.
- Encourage the promotion of new activities, including new sports facility.
- There is some dissatisfaction with the condition of the playground. This is being addressed.
- The feasibility of providing any of the extra facilities suggested, such as a doctor's surgery or allotments, should be investigated, having regard to the likelihood of their being economically viable.
- Encourage local people to organise community events, such as fetes on the green, or activities for teenagers.

Actions here centred around two themes, namely desires for specific activities and better communications about those that are available. Communications have been much improved through the creation of websites for the Parish Council and Hatton Park and the publication of *Hatton Post*.

Hatton Park Shop

The proprietors are the same as five years ago and they have continued to make improvements commensurate with a viable commercial operation.

Village Halls

Both Village Halls now have comprehensive websites. Details of activities being run there, and in some neighbouring parishes, can also be found by subscribing to the *Ferncumbe News* (email Ferncumbenews@btinternet.com for further information). The same publication also contains details of church services and information about various organisations in the local parishes, such as the Women's Institute and the Ferncumbe Youth Club, which meets at Honiley.

To what extent all these activities meet the needs of the community as a whole is hard to say, but it is down to residents to take the initiative and organise other activities and events if they wish.

The car park at Hatton Park Village Hall has been enlarged and improved.

Possible use of the school sports field for recreational activities has not been explored, nor has there been any requests to do so.

Hatton Park Playground and Sports Area

The condition of the playground has improved, but otherwise little has changed. The continued, deepening restrictions on public sector finance has precluded the provision of further facilities, whilst no new sporting activities have been introduced—these being largely dependent on volunteers to organise them.

The Ferncumbe School

An additional classroom has been built and a Planning Application for a further classroom has been submitted. The school now has full single form entry and a capacity for 200 children and no further increase will be possible.

The school website puts the present number of pupils at 177—an increase of 40% since the Parish Plan was published in 2013. The last Ofsted Report (November 2014) showed the school to be good in all grades and good overall, with outstanding results in the behaviour and safety of pupils and in early years provision.

Despite this expansion, it has been necessary to restrict the catchment area to about two-thirds of Hatton Park, with the children from the other third attending Budbrooke School.

Whilst a good, thriving school is a major asset to the community, it does bring attendant problems. The additional 150 homes at Hatton Park will increase the demand for school places—either here or at Budbrooke, which in turn will increase traffic. School traffic already creates congestion and parking problems in Hatton Green, and safety is a major concern. If implemented, the County Council's proposed changes to school transport could further exacerbate these problems (see Section on Transport).

Holy Trinity Church

The church was not specifically mentioned in the Parish Plan as none of the respondents to the questionnaire raised any issues. The pattern of services has recently been changed to make it more appealing to different groups.

Requests for New Facilities

In response to requests for new facilities, revival of a Hatton Park Youth Group has not proved possible as no volunteers have come forward to run it. However, the Ferncumbe Youth Club continues to meet at Honiley.

Notwithstanding the controversy surrounding the request for junior goalposts on the green at Hatton Park, these were provided in 2016—they are well used and the Parish Council has received no adverse comments. An 'outdoor gym' on Hatton Park is also in the planning stage.

No available land could be found for allotments on Hatton Park, but it might be possible for a site to be included in the proposed new development.

Following consultation with Budbrooke Surgery, it was concluded that a branch surgery at Hatton Park would not be viable.

The Action Plan

Objective 1: To support facilities and activities which meet the needs of the community.

| Community Views | Responses and Ideas | Actions Required | Priority/ Timescale | Leader & Partners | Resource Implica- tions | Progress |
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| Village Halls | | | | | | |
| Residents suggested numerous activities, mostly for the village halls. | Some suggestions already exist, so effective publicity is needed both for events and regular activities. Seek ways to increase scope of activities. | Consider Parish Council newsletter, Community Diary Planner, use of websites. Encourage local people to organise and support community activities and events. User reports to Committees/ Trustees. | On-going | HPC VHC | Volunteers to run/organise. Possible printing costs | Websites achieved Some |
| Lack of activities for children and young people. | Revive Hatton Park Youth Club. Explore supervised use of school field. | Seek volunteers to organise. Consult with school. | Year 1 | HPC, PPSG School Head | Volunteer/ Organiser | None Not pursued |
| Retail Facilities | | | | | | |
| Requests for an improved shop (since the Questionnaire survey improvements have been made) Provision of a post office at Hatton Park. Suggested move post box near to shop. | The shop would benefit from increased patronage. Post office unlikely In the present economic climate. | Periodically review situation. Consult on the suggestion to relocate the post-box to Crimscote Square. | On-going | PPSG Village shop HPRA | Not known | Some– on going Not progressed Not pursued |
| Doctor's Surgery | | | | | | |
| Request for a doctor's surgery at Hatton Park. | A surgery is unlikely in the current circumstances, but should remain a long-term goal. | Explore possibility of an outreach surgery at Hatton Park Village Hall, or transport to a local surgery. | Medium Years 2-3 | HPC, HPVH, Local practices | Cost of Village Hall Administration costs | Not feasible |
| Sport and Recreation | | | | | | |
| Conflicting views about junior goal-posts on the green at Hatton Park. | Seek a compromise. | Propose time-limited trial and then re-view. Consider five-a-side pitch on the Sports Area as an alternative. | Year 1 | HPC | Cost of goal-posts Volunteers for supervision and monitoring | Achieved None |
| Dissatisfaction with condition of Hatton Park playground. | Some improvement has already taken place. | Ensure on-going maintenance. | On-going | WDC, HPC, HPRA | Unknown | ? |
| Conflicting views about provision of allotments. | Seek a compromise. | Continue to search for a suitable site. | Medium Years 1-2 | HPC, WDC | Cost of land, facilities and administration | Seek site in new Hatton Park development |
| Encourage the promotion of new activities, including new sports facility. | Follow up the community's suggestions and further ideas. | Seek residents' views and explore opportunities. | On-going | HPC, WDC, HPRA | Cost of facilities Volunteers to run/organise | None |
| Monitoring | | | | | | |
| | Ensure all facilities are sufficient for local needs. | Periodically review. | On-going | HPC | Administration costs | On going |

Environment

Conclusions and Suggestions

- The residents highly value all aspects of the natural environment.
- The canal area is particularly valued by local people.
- Generally there is satisfaction with the condition of most features, but dog fouling, litter, graffiti and vandalism are seen as the main problems.
- Seek the continued improvement of all the facilities along the canal, particularly the towpath to Hatton Station to encourage visitors coming by train to use it to get to Hatton Locks Cafe and the Country World.
- Encourage better protection and management of hedges, trees and woodland in conjunction with landowners.
- Promote tree planting, using native species.
- Encourage people using public footpaths to report any blockages or unapproved diversions to the Parish Council. Seek improved access and signing where necessary.
- Look for ways of improving the condition of roadside verges and pavements and reducing inconsiderate parking on verges.
- Explore the possibility of creating roadside nature reserves.
- Ensure that the open spaces at Hatton Park and Hatton Green are well maintained.
- Extend the cycleway where possible.
- Seek ways to reduce the problems of dog fouling, litter, graffiti and vandalism.

All aspects of the natural environment are highly valued, but this seems to be largely a passive appreciation, assuming nothing will change, rather than a desire for action to ensure it remains healthy and sustainable.

At the time the Parish Plan was published the Canal and River Trust had just taken over from British Waterways. Since then the towpath has been improved, some of the locks repaired and a small Visitor Centre opened to welcome visitors at peak times.

The Canal Café remains extremely popular and deserves credit for coping so well with a great many customers in such a small space.

Improvements have also been made to the route from Hatton station to the Country World, but pedestrian access to the Country World remains hazardous when the diversionary routes to Dark Lane are too muddy to use.

In response to the dissatisfaction with dog fouling, litter, graffiti and vandalism, pupils at Ferncumbe School designed a series of posters which were laminated and displayed in places where these problems were most evident. The Canal and River Trust was most co-operative in displaying posters along the canal. How successful the posters were is unknown, as the proposed follow up study had to be abandoned due to inclement weather.

Otherwise the management of the green and other open spaces remains as before, with the cutting of certain verges delayed until late summer to allow the wildflowers, including some plants that are notable in Warwickshire, to set seed. The bank at Hatton Green has been cleared by volunteers and is well maintained by contractors.

The creation of roadside nature reserves in general has been taken up by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, which is liaising with the County Council.

One essential change has been the erection of posts around the green at Hatton Park to prevent encroachment by travellers (see Objective 4). These have been well received, but visually they do detract from open flowing nature of the space.

The Parish Council has not received any comments concerning the energy saving restrictions to street lighting since they were introduced.

Objective 2: To conserve and enhance the natural environment.

| Community Views | Responses and Ideas | Actions Required | Priority/ Timescale | Leader & Partners | Resource Implications | Progress |
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| Landscape and Wildlife | | | | | | |
| Residents highly value the natural environment with its wildlife habitats of woods, mature trees, hedges, open spaces and the canal. | These features should be conserved and where possible improved or created. All hedges, trees and woods should be well managed and Ancient Woodland conserved. | Liase with landowners. Raise awareness of threats through publicity, possibly involving the school. Consider forming a Local Nature Group. Promote tree planting using native species. | Medium/ High and on- going | PPSG, HPC Land owners, School, CRT, WWT, FE, LAs | | Some Not pursued Not pursued Some |
| Open Spaces, Public Rights of Way and Roadside Pavements and Verges | | | | | | |
| Open spaces should be well maintained and where necessary improved. | Use posters, newsletters and websites to highlight problems and encourage reporting. | Monitor WDC contracts and report as necessary. Review mowing schedule with flora and habitat conservation in mind. | Medium/ High & on- going | PPSG, HPC, LAs, HPRA | Cost of remedial action and management | Some Some |
| The condition of public rights of way is very important to residents. | Use posters, newsletters and websites to highlight problems and encourage reporting. | Report obstructions and signage problems to WCC Footpath Officer. Periodically review the Definitive Footpath Map. | Medium On-going | PPSG, HPC, LAs, Land owners | Cost of remedial action and management | Some—on going None |
| Some dissatisfaction regarding overgrown pavements, danger from overhanging hedges and parking on verges. | Use posters, newsletters and websites to highlight problems and encourage reporting. | Monitor and report overgrowth, overhang and vehicle obstructions to the appropriate authorities. Review mowing schedule with conservation of flora in mind. | Medium Years 2-3 | HPC, WCC, PPSG or Local Nature Group, LAs, WWT | Volunteers | Some—on going Some – on going |
| Canal | | | | | | |
| Considered a very important asset by the community. | Ensure the continued maintenance and improvement of the canal environment. Look for more recreational and educational facilities and encourage tourism. | Engage with the new Canal and River Trust regarding towpath maintenance and upgrading to Hatton Station. Explore habitat enhancement and more facilities such as seating, tables and information boards. Raise issue of cyclists riding too fast on towpaths in breach of Code of Conduct. | Medium On-going | HPC, CRT | Cost of material and labour | Some—on going Some Some |
| Energy Conservation | | | | | | |
| Conflicting views on whether or not street lights should be switched off at night to save energy as well as costs. | The County Council has now decided to switch off certain lights and this has recently been done at Hatton Park. | Residents opinions should be monitored. | On-going | HPC, WCC, HPRA | Minimal | Implemented |

Travel

Conclusions and Suggestions

- The vast majority of journeys are made by car.
- Buses are mostly used by children going to school, whilst walking and cycling are largely leisure activities.
- Dangerous junctions, parking outside the school and on residential streets, speeding and the summer evening motorbike gatherings were all perceived as problems.
- Locally promote bus and rail services.
- Seek better co-ordination between buses and trains and an improved bus service that better reflects people's needs, especially to Hatton Green.
- The possibility of eligible residents being included in the £50 band for travel tokens now there are far fewer buses has been addressed.
- Seek improvements to the A4177/B4439: B4439/Hatton Green/Dark Lane; and A4177/Canal Lane junctions.
- Calls for a single speed limit along the A4177 and B4439 throughout the Parish have now been largely met.
- Introduce traffic calming measures at Hatton Green and lower speed limits in parts of Hatton Park.
- Look for ways to ease parking problems.
- Discuss the problems arising from motorbike gatherings with those concerned.
- Seek better road maintenance to reduce pot-holes, areas prone to flooding and overgrown vegetation.

The car remains the dominant means of transport, except for certain leisure activities and journeys to school.

At present school buses continue to bring pupils from Hatton Park to Ferncumbe School, but the County Council is reviewing school transport. The suggestion that children could walk to school under supervision has been dropped, but free bus travel will be progressively withdrawn. The service is likely to continue, however, with paid-for places available, but the changes might well result in more children being brought to school by car, adding to the congestion in Hatton Green and further damaging the verges along this narrow road.

It is not known what proposals have been made for those children from Hatton Park that attend Budbrooke School, but their numbers will be swollen in the future, as the 150 new homes proposed for Hatton Park in the adopted Local Plan will fall within the Budbrooke School catchment area.

Speed limits on A4177 and B4439 have been rationalised, with that from near the A4177/ Ugly Bridge Road Junction to Stanks Island recently reduced from 50 to 40mph and that from Stanks Island into Warwick reduced from 40 to 30mph. However, the 40mph signs southbound on both the A4177 and the B4439 are inadequate.

Despite the imposition of speed limits, there have been further accidents at the A4177/ B4439 and Dark Lane junctions and both main roads remain dangerous.

Instances of severe congestion, when traffic diverts onto the A4177 or B4439 as a result of incidents on the M6, M40 or M42, also seem to be on the increase, causing long delays. With regard to noise from the M40, the Parish Council (in liaison with Shrewley Parish Council) consulted with the Highways Authority, with the result that a low noise dressing has been put on the inside lanes. Shrewley residents appear to have noticed a marked improvement, but those in Hatton haven't noticed any change.

One issue that has been satisfactorily resolved is that of the sum-

mer evening motor cycle gatherings, which have now ceased.

Rail services from Warwick Parkway have been improved, but the desire for better co-ordination between trains and buses has not been achieved. This is because the Hatton Park bus also serves many other residential areas on its way to Cubbington, so services are scheduled to connect with trains at Leamington.

No improvements have been made in the bus service to Hatton Green and the service to Hatton Park has been reduced from half-hourly to hourly.

Eligible residents were included in the £50 band for travel tokens, but the District Council has now withdrawn all tokens as an economy measure.

Some improvements have been made to eliminate pot-holes and reduce flooding, notably along Dark Lane, and overhanging vegetation has been cut back from the footway along the B4439 between the A4177 and Dark Lane. Vegetation obstructing footways and obscuring road signs is a recurring problem and the Parish Council requests landowners and householders to fulfil their obligation to prevent this happening.

Objective 3: To pursue safe, accessible means of travel for all the community.

| Community Views | Responses and Ideas | Actions Required | Priority/ | Leader & | Resource Implications | Progress |
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| Roads | | | | | | |
| Concerns about speeding traffic along main roads and through the villages. | Speed restrictions on the A4177 and B4439 have now been rationalised. | More speed restriction signs needed. Consider 20mph limit and 'Children Playing' signs on some residential areas at Hatton Park. Explore village gateways/ other traffic calming measures where appropriate. | High Year 1 and onwards | HPC, LAs, HPRA | Implementation costs | Implemented Not pursued |
| Concerns about dangerous junctions. | Seek improvements at A4177/B4439; B4439/Hatton Green/Dark Lane; and A4177/Canal Lane junctions. | Consult with Highways Authority (WCC). | Medium Years 1-5 | HPC, WCC | Implementation costs | Some improvement |
| Complaints about parking in residential streets and outside Ferncumbe School. | Identify areas with inconsiderate parking. | Publicise problems and explore appropriate solutions. Discuss problem with school governors and head. | Medium Years 1-5 | HPC, School, Land owners, LAs, | Volunteers and other unknown costs | On going Some |
| Danger from flooding and pot-holes. | Better maintenance on worst roads. | Liaise with Highways Authority. | On-going | HPC, WCC | Limited funds | Some—on going |
| Public Transport | | | | | | |
| | | Monitor rail timetable changes and seek to maintain service. | On-going | HPC | Minimal | Service improved |
| Request for better co-ordination of bus and rail services. | Difficult to achieve, as co-ordination at one station means lack of it at another. | Explore the possibility of community transport to connect with certain trains. | On-going | HPC, WCC, Rail operator | Cost of Community Transport | None |
| Few people use the bus but those that do would appreciate a better service. | Funding may be reduced, but this is a vicious spiral, as fewer buses mean less use. For some the bus is an essential lifeline. | Continue to work with the bus operator and WCC to maintain/ improve service. | Urgent Year 1 onwards | HPC, WCC, Bus operator | Not Known | Some — unsuccessful |
| Increase the value of Travel Tokens for eligible residents. | Due to reduction in bus services, Hatton Green is now included in the £50 band. | No further action required. | | WDC | | Tokens withdrawn by WDC |
| Pedestrians and Cyclists | | | | | | |
| Danger crossing A4177 and B4439. | Seek possible improvements. | Raise issue with Highways Authority. | On-going | HPC, WCC | Not Known | None |
| Poorly defined cycle lanes & conflict between pedestrians and cyclists. | Cyclists should warn of their approach. Lane markings need to be maintained. | Publicise conflicts and raise lane markings with Highways Authority. | On-going | HPC, WCC, HPRA | Minimal | None |
| Noise | | | | | | |
| Noise and other nuisance from motor-cycle gatherings. | Seek to reduce nuisance from motor-cycle gatherings at Hatton Country World. | Maintain pressure on police to cover the motor-cycle gatherings. Discuss possible solutions with Hatton Country World and motor-cyclists. | High Year 1 | HPC, HCW, Motorcyclists | Unknown (probably minimal) | Achieved |
| | Noise from M40. | Liaise with Highways Agency re eventual resurfacing of M40 with low-noise surface. | High | HPC | Unknown | Some improvement |
| | Aircraft noise. | Monitor proposed developments at Birmingham & Coventry Airports. | High | HPC, WDC, Airport Authorities | Unknown | None |

Housing

Conclusions and Suggestions

- There is significant opposition to further housing.
- There is strong support for retaining the Green Belt and resisting any development within it.
- The Parish has a wide range of housing types, except perhaps accommodation for the elderly.
- Most houses are owner-occupied.
- The ratio of house prices to incomes puts many properties beyond the means of potential buyers.
- If acceptable sites could be identified, starter homes, self build or accommodation for the elderly should be considered.
- Objections have been made to the Local Plan Preferred Options, which proposes 30-80 new dwellings in the parish during 2011-2029.
- Any future development should be in accordance with Green Belt policy and contribute to, rather than exacerbate, sustainability.

The Parish Plan survey showed strong opposition to further housing and strong support for retaining the Green Belt.

The Rural Community Council undertook a Housing Needs survey for the parish in June 2014. This concluded there was a need for 13 new homes for local people—which broadly confirmed the findings of the Parish Plan survey, namely that the need for extra housing to meet the needs of local people is small.

Nevertheless, housing provision is inextricably linked with planning policy. Nationally, there is an acknowledged housing shortage, which the Government is committed to reducing. The mechanism for doing so is through Local Plans prepared by district councils and there is an obligation on councils to agree housing figures with neighbouring authorities. Following exhaustive public consultation and a Public Examination, the District Council finally received approval for the Warwick Local Plan, which was formally adopted in September 2017.

To meet its housing obligations, the District Council had to find sites for some 16,000 extra homes by 2029. As the Green Belt covered 80% of the District, some incursions into it were inevitable, so the Council decided to spread the load by proposing homes in ten growth villages, including a further 150 at Hatton Park. The Parish Council opposed this on the grounds that 'exceptional grounds' had not been shown for an incursion into the Green Belt; and that the development would not be sustainable.

Nevertheless, following consultation on three sites, the Council finally opted for its preferred option, which is for 150 homes on the land to the south-east of Hatton Park, between Birmingham Road and Smith's Covert. At the same time it redrew the Green Belt boundary to exclude Hatton Park. It is worth noting though that the District Council ranked Hatton Park as the least sustainable of its

ten growth villages.

The Local Plan also had to consider provision for travellers—something which emerged as a concern for the Parish after the Parish Plan was prepared. Although the site where they settled in Brownley Green Lane was outside the Parish, their impact was felt within it, so there was considerable concern when the District Council considered land to the south of the A4177 as one of its options for a traveller site. This proposal has not been carried through into the adopted Local Plan. However, the Local Plan contains no specific allocation for travellers, but merely lists criteria for their provision. Meanwhile, it has been considered prudent to erect posts around the green at Hatton Park to prevent encroachment by travellers.

The pros and cons of a Neighbourhood Plan have been set out in the Forward to this review, so further comment would be superfluous.

Objective 4: To keep Hatton an attractive place in which to live and work.

| Community Views | Responses and Ideas | Actions Required | Priority/ Timescale | Leader & Partners | Resource Implica- tions | Progress |
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| New Housing | | | | | | |
| There is significant opposition to any more housing. | The Local Plan Preferred Options is proposing 30-80 extra houses in Hatton during 2011-2029. | The Steering Group and the Parish Council have objected to the Local Plan Preferred Options, putting forward the community's views. Monitor progress of Local Plan. | On-going | PPSG, HPC, HPRA, WDC | None | Representations made - unsuccessful Achieved |
| Some might accept a few starter homes or shared/ rented accommodation, but not large houses. | Further assessment of local housing needs may be required. | Lobby to ensure any further housing is on a small scale, strictly meets local needs and is sustainable. | Urgent | PPSG, HPC, HPRA WRCC | Volunteers Cost of housing survey | Some—on going |
| Any new houses should be within the existing villages, not the open countryside | Search for any suitable small sites. | Seek amendment to Local Plan Preferred Options so that employment land can be used for housing where the local community supports this. | Urgent | PPSG, HPC, HPRA, WDC | None | Representations made - unsuccessful |
| New Commercial Development | | | | | | |
| There is also strong opposition to further commercial development, but if there is any it should be self-sustaining and not adversely affect existing businesses. | Existing business centres currently have several vacant units, so there is no immediate need for further business premises. The Local Plan Preferred Options proposes to enable the growth and diversification of rural businesses. | Resist further development unless it is sustainable, accords with Green Belt policy and brings real benefit to the community. | Urgent | PPSG, HPC, HPRA, WDC | None | Some —on going |
| There is some support for more shops, but nearly equal opposition. | More shops are unlikely to be viable. | Periodically review the situation. | On-going | HPC | Minimal | None |
| Green Belt | | | | | | |
| There is very strong support for retaining the Green Belt, keeping the boundaries as they are and strongly resisting development outside the villages. | The Local Plan Preferred Options identifies Hatton Parish as one of the villages for growth and proposes to redefine the Green Belt boundaries to exclude such villages and the sites identified for development. | Argue for preservation of the Green Belt. Objections have been made to the changes proposed in the Local Plan Preferred Options. Urge the Parish Council to continue to put forward the community's views. | Urgent | PPSG, HPC, HPRA, WDC | None | Representations made - unsuccessful Achieved |

Business and Employment

Conclusions and Suggestions

- There is a good range of local employment opportunities.
- The range of employment opportunities is broadened by the proximity of Warwick and Leamington.
- Commuting to Coventry, Solihull, Birmingham and beyond is relatively easy.
- Most people are engaged in professional or service businesses.
- Unemployment is relatively low.
- Whilst it is unreasonable to expect a small parish to be self-sufficient in employment terms, the journey-to-work is clearly unsustainable, with Hatton Park a dormitory settlement.
- There is a desire for more shops, but strong opposition to most other new businesses.
- Opposition would be strongest to further commercial development in either of the two villages, but less strong to development in the countryside.
- Surveys suggest there are sufficient empty business units at present and more are not needed.
- Any future development should be in accordance with Green Belt policy and contribute to, rather than exacerbate, sustainability.
- Any new business should be self-sustaining and not adversely affect existing businesses.

Little change is evident in the range of local employment opportunities, though business turnover is inevitable. Evidence of this can be seen in the retail changes at Hatton Country World and the current conversion of Haseley Manor from offices to 22 residential units. Whilst the Manor lies just outside the Parish, it is accessed from within it at the junction of the A4177 and B4439. As already mentioned, this is a dangerous junction and it remains to be seen what affect the changes in traffic movements will have.

Despite an increase in traffic since the Parish Plan was prepared, commuting by car remains relatively easy. Changes to public transport, however, mean it is now harder for those without personal transport to access jobs.

Safety and Crime Prevention

Conclusions and Suggestions

- Fear of crime is high, though the incidence is relatively low, especially for serious crime.
- Residents want effective Neighbourhood Watch schemes and more visible policing.
- Further support and publicity for Neighbourhood Watch, through which residents may receive advice on local patterns of crime, vigilance and the precautions they can take; being more actively involved in crime prevention may help to reduce the fear of crime.
- Encourage greater involvement with the Community Forum, where decisions about local policing are made and the parts played by the local Councils in crime prevention are discussed.
- Encourage residents to be vigilant in protecting their property.

Crime remains at a low (and probably irreducible) level.

Fear of crime probably remains disproportionate to its prevalence.

An effective Neighbourhood Watch is in operation at both Hatton Green and Hatton Park, alerting residents to crimes and scams that are taking place in the area so that they can be on their guard.

Despite poor support, the Community Forum continues to meet and set policing priorities, which continue to focus on traffic, notably speeding and school parking.

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- Everyone in the Parish is notified of the Annual Parish Forum, but despite the criticisms about the Council very few people actually attend to express their views.
- Encourage people to attend the District Council's Rural West Community Forum, which is advertised on the Council's website.
- Seek to re-establish the Parish Council's website and consider other means of communication, such as a parish newsletter, newspapers and e-mails.
- Consult further on establishing a separate Parish Council for Hatton Park.

Objective 5: To create a pleasant community and one in which people feel safe.

| Community Views | Responses and Ideas | Actions Required | Priority/ Timescale | Leader & Partners | Resource Implications | Progress |
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| Neighbourhood Watch | | | | | | |
| Fear of burglary and car crime is high and most people want an effective Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. | Schemes are now operational at both Hatton Park and Hatton Green. | Continue to promote and support Neighbourhood Watch Schemes through coordinators, websites etc. | On-going | NW, HPC | Volunteers Other unknown costs | Some—on-going |
| Community Forum | | | | | | |
| Residents would like more visible policing. | Policing priorities are set and reviewed at the Rural West Community Forum. | Publicise meetings (open to public) and encourage participation. | On-going | HPC, LAs, Police, NW | Unknown | Some—on going |
| Unsocial Behaviour | | | | | | |
| Residents are concerned about vandalism and graffiti and want more activities to occupy young people. | Look for ways to combat these problems. Seek ways to encourage adults to become involved with activities for young people. | Report incidents to PCSO and raise more general issues at Community Forum. Promote more activities for young people. Seek swift removal of graffiti. | On-going | HPC, NW, HPRA, WDC | Unknown | Some—on going None Some—on going |
| Dog fouling (particular concern of school children) and litter are seen as big problems. | Use posters, newsletters and websites to draw attention to the problem. Some places lack litter bins, e.g. King Edward VII area. | Report problems to WDC's Dog Warden. Provide more dog bins, litter bins and ensure regular emptying. | On-going | HPC, HPRA, WDC | Cost of bins and emptying. Other unknown costs | Some—on going ? |
| Troublespots | | | | | | |
| Some support for improved street lighting, but mixed views about use of CCTV. | Identify trouble spots. | Consider CCTV or additional lighting at places of recurrent crime or unsocial behaviour. | On-going Years 1-5 | HPC, WDC, Police, NW, HPRA | Cost of equipment, installation and maintenance | None |

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| Parish Status | | | | | | |
| Views on a separate parish council for Hatton Park are equally divided between those in favour, those against and those undecided. | Three options: leave alone, sub-divide parish into wards, or create two separate parishes. Any changes would need further consultation with residents. | Review in conjunction with cycle of elections to Parish Council. | Low On-going | HPC, HPRA | Unknown | Completed — on going |
| Communication and Engagement | | | | | | |
| Poor communications were the theme of many comments about the Parish, District and County Councils. | Seek ways to raise awareness of all meetings open to the public (including those on specific issues) and to communicate decisions taken. | Develop Parish Council website (in hand). Move towards a single website for all local organisations. Consider producing a Parish newsletter, in paper form or email. | High On-going | PPSG, HPC, HPRA, NW, WDC Rural West Forum, WCC | Costs of establishing and maintaining websites. Administration and printing costs. | Achieved None Achieved |