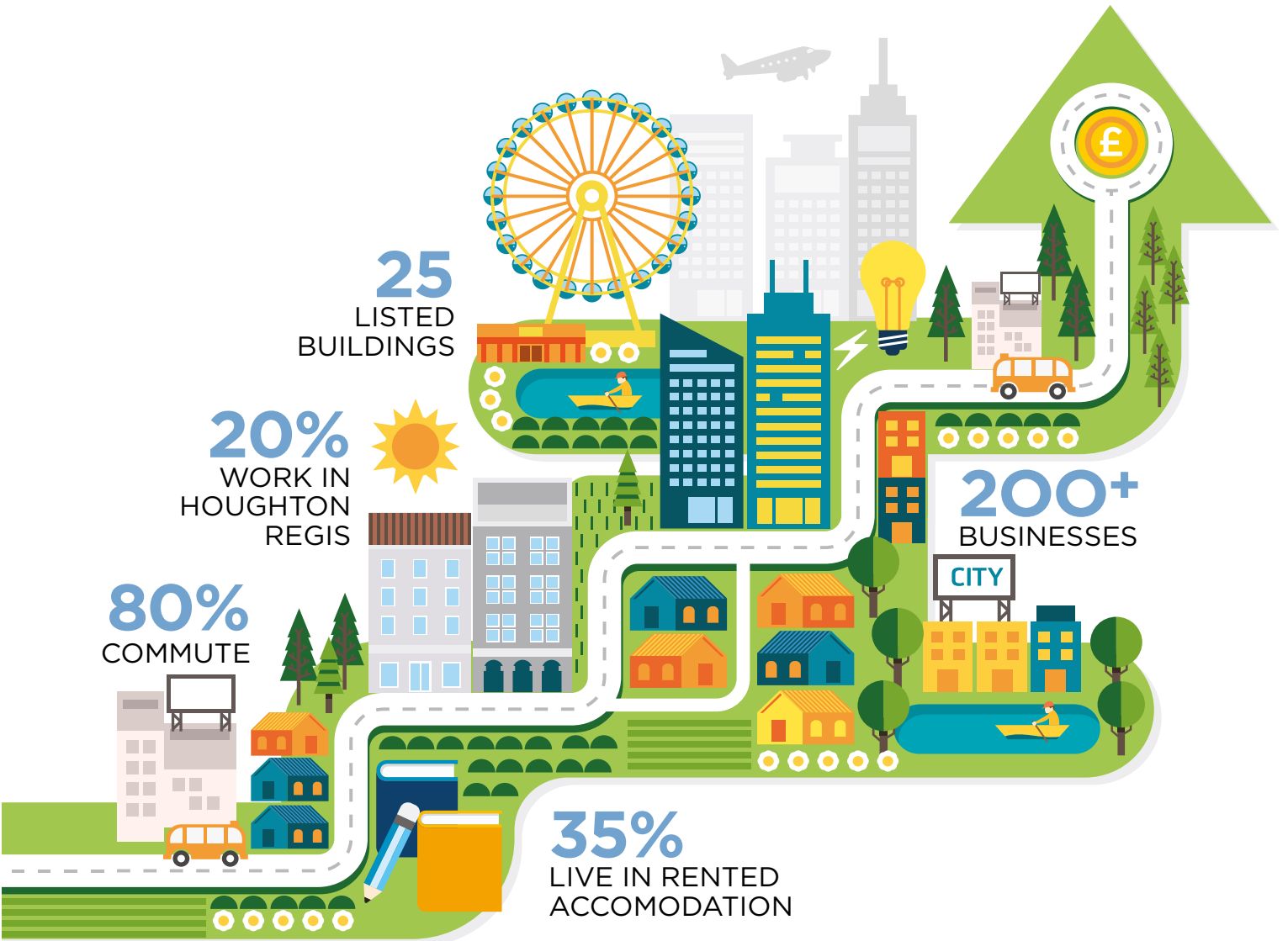




HOUGHTON REGIS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: ISSUES CONSULTATION

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RETURN TO
HOUGHTON REGIS
TOWN COUNCIL by
16th JANUARY
2017

12 Questions

to help shape the future of your town

Please take a couple of minutes to let us know your views about the future of Houghton Regis. Your views and those of everyone else, will help shape the Neighbourhood Plan for the area.

Where you need to choose a number of answers, mark the top choice/most important with 1, second choice with 2, etc. If you would like more information about the Neighbourhood Plan, please give your name, postcode and email address at the end.

1 HOUSING

The new developments permitted in the parish will increase the number of dwellings from 7,000 to nearly 14,000 by 2030. What type of new housing is the most important to build over the next few years?

Choose two boxes and number 1 and 2

- flats for single people
- flats/houses for couples
- flats/houses for families
- bungalows for elderly people
- supported or care home accommodation?

2 FACILITIES AND LEISURE

As well as the current facilities, for instance the Library at Bedford Square and the Leisure Centre, what other facilities are needed in Houghton Regis - e.g. more training and education, health and exercise, sports facilities, spiritual/religious centres?

3 Which age group is a priority for facilities?

Tick one box only

- young children
- teenagers
- adults
- elderly

4 TOWN CENTRE

As the numbers of people living in Houghton Regis grows over the next few years, we think the town centre should grow to meet their needs aswell. With the town centre stretching from The Green to Townsend Farm Road, do you think there should be more/ improved?

Choose five boxes and number 1 - 5

- food shopping
- convenience stores
- household goods/furniture/electrics
- health facilities
- small shops- e.g. bakers,
- banks/building societies
- services - hairdressers, nail bars
- pubs/clubs
- cafes/restaurants
- takeaways
- entertainment/leisure - e.g. cinema
- hotels
- assembly rooms
- residential uses

5 SAFETY & SECURITY

What do you think would make Houghton Regis safer to live in?

Choose three boxes and number 1 - 3

- better lighting
- more cctv
- local police presence
- more speed ramps
- secure cycle parking/storage
- secure young people's accommodation
- women's refuge accommodation
- alternative activities for young people e.g. motorcycle maintenance facility

6 EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

The town centre, Woodside Estate/Porz Avenue, Houghton Hall Business Park, the businesses on Townsend Farm Road/Portland Close/Westbury Close/Blackburn Rd, as well as the pubs, schools, care and social facilities all provide work and business opportunities in the parish and more employment land is zoned in the HR North plans. What sort of work is needed in the area in future?

Choose three boxes and number 1 - 3

- manufacturing
- warehousing
- construction
- office
- light industry
- technology
- music and media
- other

7 TRANSPORT

Busway links Houghton Regis with Dunstable and Luton town centres, and Luton railway station and airport. A new road will link the A5 and M1. What are the transport priorities for the future?

Choose three boxes and number 1 - 3

- cycle routes to link Houghton, Dunstable and Luton
- improved walking and footpaths
- better local roads
- low carbon cars and buses
- links between the new areas and existing parts of Houghton Regis
- measures to reduce commuting
- areas which need more parking
- others

8 OPEN SPACE

Areas such as The Green, All Saints churchyard and local parks and play areas will be protected and maintained. But other open spaces could change, what would be your suggestions

- for the future of The Quarry
- best location for new Multi Use Games Areas
- best locations for toddlers play areas
- improvements to Dog Kennel Down

Write suggestions in spaces provided

9 HERITAGE

How important is it to protect the heritage in the parish - Maiden Bower, Thorn Spring, Houghton Hall, and listed buildings like The Crown.

Tick one box only

- very important
- important
- neutral
- not important
- no importance at all

10 SUSTAINABILITY

Nationally, for the first time, in 2016 more electricity has been generated from solar panels and wind turbines than coal-fired power stations. How important is it to encourage the following in the parish

Tick one box for each

solar panels

- very important
- important
- neutral
- not important
- no importance at all

bio fuels

- very important
- important
- neutral
- not important
- no importance at all

wind turbines

- very important
- important
- neutral
- not important
- no importance at all

other power sources such as waste processing

- very important
- important
- neutral
- not important
- no importance at all

electric car charging points

- very important
- important
- neutral
- not important
- no importance at all

car sharing / bike hire schemes

- very important
- important
- neutral
- not important
- no importance at all

11 DEVELOPMENT IN ADJOINING AREAS

It's likely that land north of Luton will come under the spotlight for future development. How important is it to protect the green spaces around the edge of Houghton Regis and beyond HRN 1 and 2?

Tick one box

- very important
- important
- neutral
- not important
- no importance at all

12 Are there any other issues which you feel are important in the future of Houghton Regis?

Thank you for taking time to complete this survey. **Please make sure your response is returned to Houghton Regis Town Council by 16th January 2017.**

The results from this survey will be posted on the Houghton Regis Town Council website at www.houghtonregis.org.uk

It would help if you provided your:

name _____

postcode _____

email address _____

YOUR RESPONSES WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND YOUR DETAILS WILL NOT BE PASSED TO ANY THIRD PARTY.

PLEASE TICK IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN