

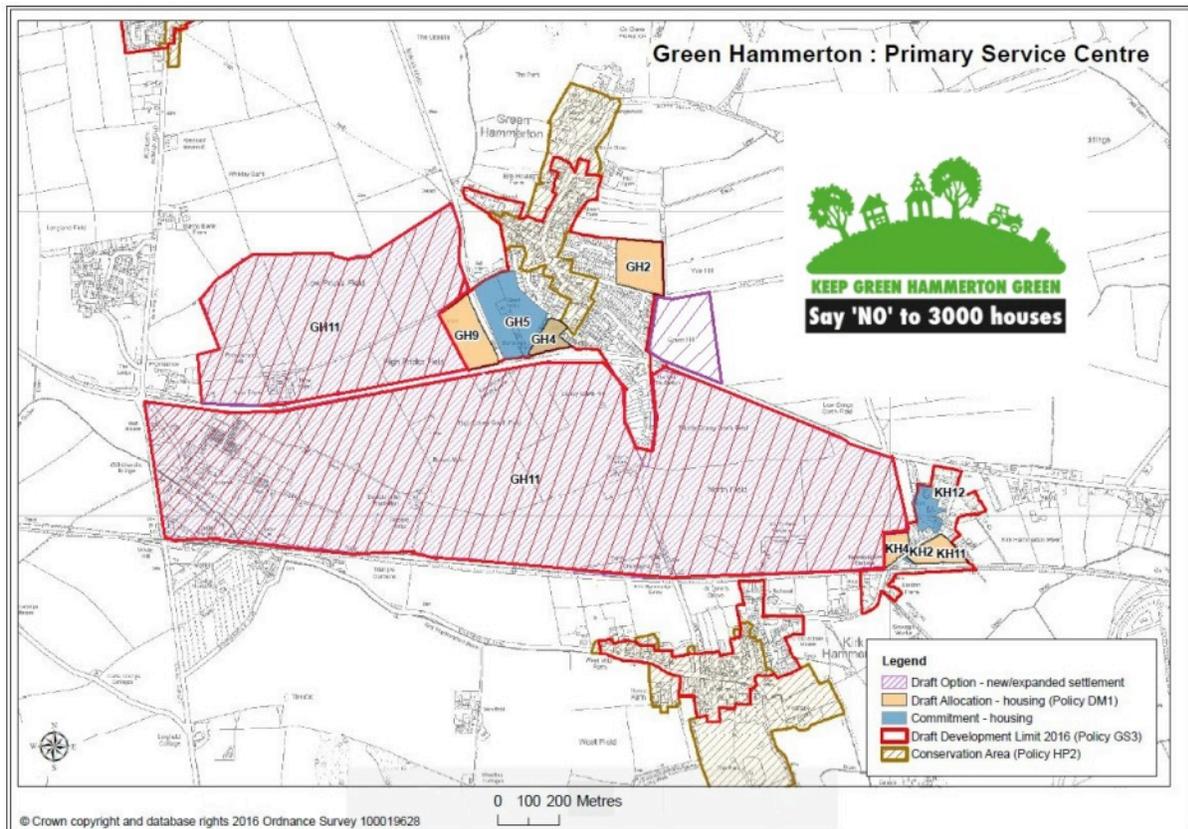


It has become known that the recommendation of Harrogate Borough Council Planners is to site a new settlement of 3000 houses and associated infrastructure at Green Hammerton. This will over a period of 15-20 years create a new small town to be called “GREAT HAMMERTON”.

Green Hammerton was one of three options being considered, the others being so called Maltkiln at Cattal and the Flaxby park site, the latter having a host of valid planning reasons why it should be accepted, and NOT this area.

The site, if this plan comes to fruition, will virtually join Green Hammerton to the villages of Kirk Hammerton and Whixley, but will have massive implications for surrounding communities too.

At this stage it is a planning recommendation only, and has yet to be presented to the full Cabinet at HBC and agreed to be adopted into the Local Plan.



The “Keep Green Hammerton Green” Action Group is a volunteer team preparing to fight this development. We are planning for an active and visible protest campaign that will ensure Harrogate Borough council planners and Commercial Estates Group, the prospective developers, know we will not accept this recommendation lightly.

We have:

- Commissioned a legal review and objection letter from a leading planning lawyer in respect of a current outline application for another 90 houses between New Lane and the A59. This has been funded by voluntary contributions.
- Prepared information material, posters and banners ready for production
- Organised all household visits with information packs, including pro-forma letters, bullet points suggestions for self-written objections and contact details.
- Started a fighting fund to cover costs
- Planned a comprehensive media campaign
- Setup a Facebook page “Keep Green Hammerton Green” and Twitter account @KGHG2017 Keep Hammerton Green (not a spelling mistake)
- Sought to work jointly with the village of Kirk Hammerton and any of our neighbours who feel similarly this is the wrong decision.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Write to:

Mr. Nigel Avison,
Director of Economy & Culture,
Planning Policy and Development,
Harrogate Borough Council,
PO Box 787
Harrogate HG1 9RW

..and raise an objection to this recommendation.

Include some of the following points:

- **Adverse Visual Impact** – Green Hammerton stands on a prominent hill visible over a large distance. It will stand out for miles around,
- **Green Field site** –it comprises the best and most versatile grade 2 agricultural land which should not be lost for food production. Insist they chose a brown field site like Flaxby Park.
- **Negative Impact on Village Character** – The Green Hammerton Conservation Area appraisal urged preservation of this villages’ unique form and character and protection of its landscape setting. This proposal will, if approved destroy those features.

- **Negative Impact on Village Amenity** – Developers vision is that “in the early stages of development Great Hammerton will benefit from the existing facilities within Green Hammerton” and “residents at the site will have the opportunity to use the local facilities to minimise the need to travel” This denies those same amenities to current residents. Yes they will build new infrastructure, such as shops, pubs and grassed areas, but that won’t be in the early stages.
- **Negative Impact on Village Community** : Making Green and Kirk Hammerton part of a new town sacrifices the villages and will have an adverse impact on social structure and cohesion.
- **Impact on Wildlife**: It would destroy the natural habitat of many species of wildlife and obliterate yet more hedgerows
- **Increase in traffic**: People won’t use the trains or buses, the main reason for choosing this site. The new development will require people to have their own vehicles and will have to commute to York, Harrogate or further afield to get to work creating more traffic and pollution.

You could also:

Follow us on Facebook “Keep Green Hammerton Green” and on Twitter @KGGH2017

Consider Displaying a Poster or Banner once sufficient are produced

Consider a Donation to the Keep Green Hammerton Green campaign or form your own village action group to link with us

Be ready to help stage a visible protest outside council offices during key decision meetings

Support your Parish Council to support us

Tell you friends and neighbours and as many people as you know

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