

Huntington Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2016 – 2032

Regulation 14 Consultation Draft

Supporting Evidence



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**DRAFT Huntington Parish
Census 2011
Profile**

This Parish Profile presents data from the 2011 Census which took place on 27th March 2011.

It provides comparisons against the borough, region and England averages.



	Huntington		York	Yorkshire and The Humber	England
	No	%	%	%	%
USUAL RESIDENTS BY AGE BAND					
Aged 0-4	429	4.6	5.4	6.2	6.3
Aged 5-15	973	10.4	10.7	12.7	12.6
Aged 16-64	5,676	60.6	67.1	64.6	64.8
Aged 65+	2,293	24.5	16.9	16.6	16.3
TOTAL ALL USUAL RESIDENTS	9,371	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
ETHNIC GROUP					
White	9,133	97.5	94.3	88.8	85.4
Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups	77	0.8	1.2	1.6	2.3
Asian	129	1.4	3.4	7.3	7.8
Black	16	0.2	0.6	1.5	3.5
Other Ethnic Groups	16	0.2	0.5	0.8	1.0
TOTAL ALL USUAL RESIDENTS	9,371	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
RELIGION					
Christian	6,323	67.5	59.5	59.5	59.4
Buddhist	13	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.5
Hindu	22	0.2	0.5	0.5	1.5
Jewish	6	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5
Muslim	57	0.6	1.0	6.2	5.0
Sikh	9	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8
Other Religion	19	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4
No Religion	2,195	23.4	30.1	25.9	24.7
Religion Not Stated	727	7.8	7.8	6.8	7.2
TOTAL ALL USUAL RESIDENTS	9,371	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
HIGHEST LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION					
No Qualifications	1,998	25.1	18.0	25.8	22.5
Level 1 Qualifications	1,025	12.9	10.6	13.6	13.3
Level 2 Qualifications	1,211	15.2	13.9	15.5	15.2
Apprenticeship	587	7.4	4.5	4.2	3.6
Level 3 Qualifications	957	12.0	16.6	12.8	12.4
Level 4 Qualifications and Above	1,872	23.5	32.4	23.3	27.4
Other Qualifications	319	4.0	4.1	4.9	5.7
All Usual Residents Aged 16 and Over	7,969	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
ECONOMIC ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY					
All Usual Residents Aged 16 to 74	6,887				
Economically Active Total	4,833	70.2	70.1	68.4	69.9
Employee, Full-time	2,700	39.2	38.1	37.0	38.6
Employee, Part-time	1,221	17.7	15.0	14.6	13.7
Self Employed	522	7.6	8.2	8.4	9.8
Unemployed	164	2.4	3.1	4.8	4.4
Full-time Student (economically active)	226	3.3	5.7	3.5	3.4
Economically Inactive Total	2,054	29.8	29.9	31.6	30.1
Retired	1,456	21.1	13.8	14.7	13.7
Student (including Full-Time Students)	185	2.7	9.6	5.9	5.8
Looking After Home or Family	154	2.2	2.7	4.3	4.4
Long-Term Sick or Disabled	193	2.8	2.5	4.5	4.0
Other	66	1.0	1.3	2.2	2.2
METHOD OF TRAVEL TO WORK					
Work Mainly at or From Home	171	2.5	3.4	2.9	3.5
Underground, Metro, Light Rail, Tram	1	0.0	0.1	0.3	2.6
Train	49	0.7	1.7	1.5	3.5
Bus, Minibus or Coach	336	4.9	4.8	5.3	4.9
Taxi	22	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Motorcycle, Scooter or Moped	60	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.5
Driving a Car or Van	2,642	38.4	32.0	38.4	36.9
Passenger in a Car or Van	271	3.9	3.0	4.0	3.3
Bicycle	592	8.6	7.5	1.6	1.9
On Foot	489	7.1	12.2	7.4	6.9
Other Method of Travel to Work	13	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Not in Employment	2,241	32.5	34.1	37.3	35.3
All Usual Residents Aged 16 to 74	6,887	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

	Huntington		York	Yorkshire and The Humber	England
	No	%	%	%	%
HEALTH					
Very Good Health	4,080	43.5	49.7	45.6	47.2
Good Health	3,474	37.1	34.2	34.4	34.2
Fair Health	1,389	14.8	12.0	14.0	13.1
Bad Health	328	3.5	3.2	4.7	4.2
Very Bad Health	100	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.2
All Usual Residents	9,371	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Long-Term Health Problem or Disability					
Day-to-Day Activities Limited a Lot	757	8.1	6.6	9.1	8.3
Day-to-Day Activities Limited a Little	1,063	11.3	8.8	9.8	9.3
Day-to-Day Activities Not Limited	7,551	80.6	84.7	81.2	82.4
All Usual Residents	9,371	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Provision of Unpaid Care					
Provides No Unpaid Care	8,264	88.2	90.8	89.6	89.8
Provides 1 to 19 Hours Unpaid Care a Week	747	8.0	6.4	6.5	6.5
Provides 20 to 49 Hours Unpaid Care a Week	132	1.4	1.0	1.4	1.4
Provides 50 or More Hours Unpaid Care a Week	228	2.4	1.8	2.6	2.4
All Usual Residents	9,371	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSEHOLD SPACES					
All Household Spaces	4,247	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Household Spaces With At Least One Usual Resident	4,155	97.8	96.3	95.7	95.7
Household Spaces With No Usual Residents	92	2.2	3.7	4.3	4.3
TENURE					
All occupied Households	4,155	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Owned; Owned Outright	2,023	48.7	33.9	30.6	30.6
Owned; Owned with a Mortgage or Loan	1,409	33.9	32.2	33.5	32.8
Shared Ownership (Part Owned and Part Rented)	47	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.8
Social Rented; Rented from Council (Local Authority)	30	0.7	8.8	12.3	9.4
Social Rented; Other	304	7.3	5.1	5.8	8.3
Private Rented; Private Landlord or Letting Agency	281	6.8	16.4	14.4	15.4
Private Rented; Other	36	0.9	1.5	1.5	1.4
Living Rent Free	25	0.6	1.2	1.5	1.3
ACCOMMODATION TYPE					
All households	4,155	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Detached	1,054	25.4	22.2	20.8	22.4
Semi-Detached	2,541	61.2	36.1	37.2	31.2
Terraced	258	6.2	24.4	27.5	24.5
Flat, Maisonette or Apartment	302	7.3	16.7	14.2	21.2
Caravan or Other Mobile or Temporary Structure	-	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4
Shared dwellings	-	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.4
DEPRIVATION					
All Households	4,155	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Household is Not Deprived in Any Dimension	1,888	45.4	49.6	40.9	42.5
Household is Deprived in 1 Dimension	1,427	34.3	32.2	32.4	32.7
Household is Deprived in 2 Dimensions	750	18.1	15.0	20.6	19.1
Household is Deprived in 3 Dimensions	85	2.0	3.0	5.7	5.1
Household is Deprived in 4 Dimensions	5	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.5
HOUSEHOLD SIZE					
All Household Spaces With At Least One Usual Resident	4,155	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1 Person in Household	1,126	27.1	30.2	30.5	30.2
2 People in Household	1,760	42.4	37.4	35.1	34.2
3 People in Household	642	15.5	14.9	15.3	15.6
4 People in Household	449	10.8	11.9	12.4	13.0
5 People in Household	127	3.1	3.8	4.2	4.7
6 People in Household	40	1.0	1.4	1.7	1.7
7 People in Household	7	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4
8 or More People in Household	4	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3
CAR OR VAN AVAILABILITY					
All Households	4,155	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No Cars or Vans in Household	747	18.0	26.1	27.6	25.8
1 Car or Van in Household	2,136	51.4	46.7	42.9	42.2
2 Cars or Vans in Household	1,024	24.6	22.2	23.5	24.7
3 Cars or Vans in Household	201	4.8	3.8	4.6	5.5
4 or More Cars or Vans in Household	47	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.9
All Cars or Vans in Area	4,999				

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Economic Activity, 2011 (25602FW); Tenure, 2011 (25622FW); Religion, 2011 (25609FW); Accommodation Type - Households, 2011 (25622FW); Provision of Unpaid Care, 2011 (25615FW); Households by Deprivation Dimension, 2011 (25619FW); Age Structure, 2011 (25622FW); Tenure - Households, 2011 (25605FW); Household Size, 2011 (25608FW); Ethnic Group, 2011 (25621FW); Long-Term Health Problem or Disability, 2011 (25609FW); Car or Van Availability, 2011 (25618FW); Method of Travel to Work, 2011 (25621FW); Household Space, 2011 (25622FW); General Health, 2011 (25622FW); Highest Level of Qualification, 2011 (25601FW)

Huntington Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Housing Needs and Characteristics Report

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HUNTINGTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

HOUSING NEEDS AND CHARACTERISTICS

Introduction

This report provides an analysis of housing issues in the Huntington Parish area to support and influence the Huntington Parish Neighbourhood Plan and the policies within it. The report draws on the latest available data from authoritative sources such as the Census, York City Council and Office for National Statistics, small area model-based income estimates and local consultation exercises.

Population Age Profile

According to the 2011 Census, the Huntington Parish had an estimated population of 9,371 residents living in 4,155 households dispersed across 740 hectares. The Parish has a relatively high population density and at 12.7 persons per hectare is the 3rd highest in the York district. This rate compares with 7.3 for York and 4.1 for England.

There were 92 vacant dwellings representing a 2.2% vacancy rate. Between 2001 and 2011, the number of residents living in the Parish is estimated to have increased by around 1% (94 people). The number of dwellings (occupied and vacant) also increased, rising by 264 (7%).

At the time of the 2011 Census, around 15% of residents were aged under 16 which is below the York (16%), Yorkshire & Humber region (19%) and national (19%) rates. Around 61% of residents were aged between 16 and 64 which is lower than York (64%), region (67%) and for England (65%). At 24% the Parish has a higher propensity of older residents (aged 65+) when compared with the York (17%), region (17%) and England (16%) rates. The median age of people living in the Parish was 47 which is older than that of the York (38), region (39) and England (39) respectively.

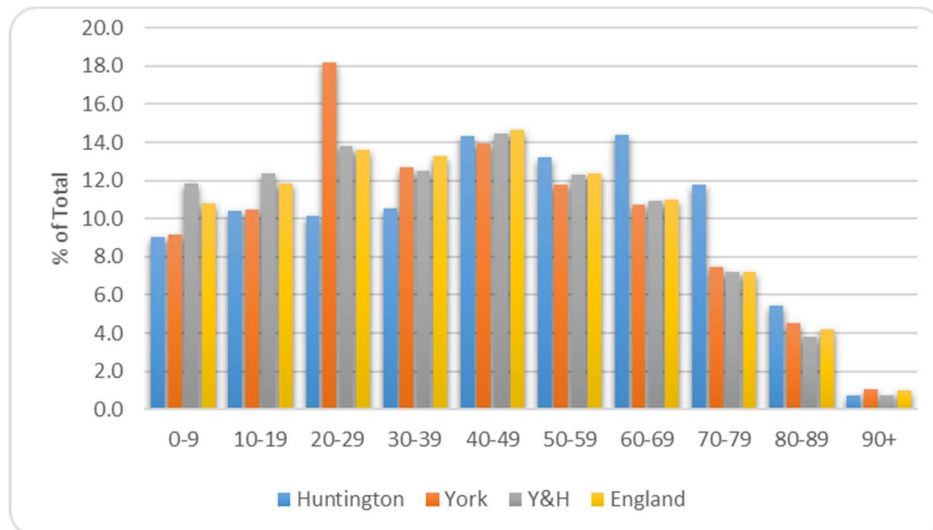
Table 1: Usual Residents by Age Band, 2011

	Huntington		York	Yorkshire & Humber	England
	No	%	%	%	%
Aged 0-4	429	4.6	5.4	6.2	6.3
Aged 5-15	973	10.4	10.7	12.7	12.6
Aged 16-64	5,676	60.6	67.1	64.6	64.8
Aged 65+	2,293	24.5	16.9	16.6	16.3
All Usual Residents	9,371	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Median age	47		38	39	39

Source: Census 2011, KS102

A more detailed breakdown of age bands reveals that at the time of the 2011 Census, Huntington had a higher proportion of residents aged 50+, particularly those aged between 60 and 79. There is a lower than average share of 20 to 29 year olds.

Figure 1 Population by 10 year age bands, 2011



Source: Census 2011, QS103

There is also evidence of an ageing population with the proportion of residents aged 65 and over increasing from 21% in 2001 to 24% in 2011. The Census suggests the number of residents aged 65+ rose by 18% (343 people) during this period.

Research shows the number of older people will grow significantly in the future and relative growth will be highest in older cohorts. Latest available population projections¹ suggest that York's 65 plus age group is forecast to grow by around 41% between 2014 and 2034.

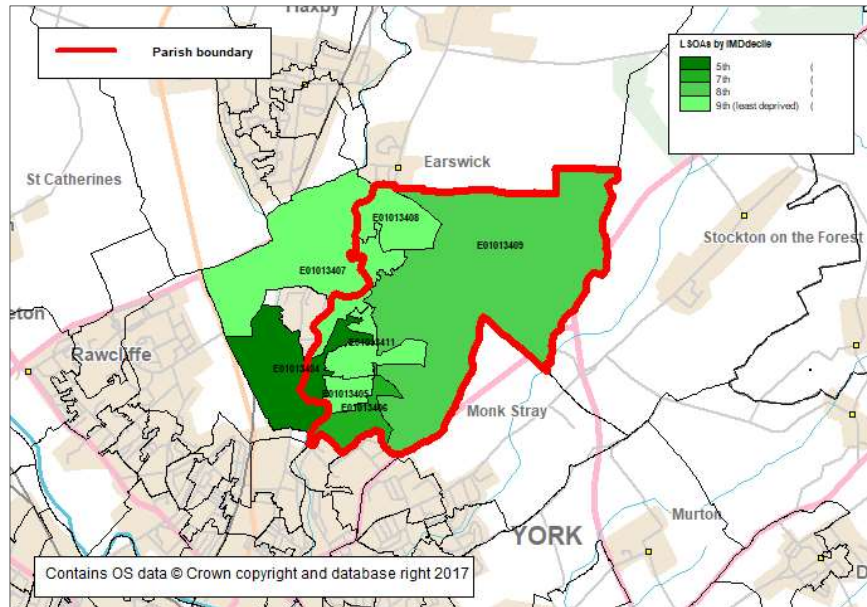
Deprivation

The English Indices of Deprivation measure relative levels of deprivation in 32,844 small areas or neighbourhoods, called Lower-layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in England. The Huntington covers several LSOAs some of which overlap the Parish boundary and take in households situated outside the Parish. For this report, the following LSOAs are considered to be the nearest best fit: E01013404, E01013405, E01013406, E01013407, E01013408, E01013409 and E01013411. The overall Index of Multiple Deprivation deciles (where 1 is most deprived 10% of LSOAs) (IMD) shows the Parish on the whole displays relatively low levels of deprivation with four LSOAs ranked within the 9th decile, one in the 8th, 7th and 5th decile on the overall 2015 Index.

¹ Subnational Population Projections for Local Authorities in England: 2014 based

The following map illustrates overall Index of Multiple Deprivation deciles within the Huntington parish boundary. Please note E01013404 and E01013407 overlap the parish boundary.

Figure 2 Index of Multiple Deprivation Deciles, 2015



Economic Activity

The following table illustrates the working status of usual residents aged 16 to 74. At 70% the economic activity rate is in line with the national average, below the York (73%) but higher than the region (68%) rates. When compared to the national average, the Parish has a relatively high share of retired and part-time employed residents. The unemployment rate was relatively low.

Table 2: Economic Activity and Inactivity, 2011

	Huntington		York	Yorkshire & Humber	England
	No	%	%	%	%
All Usual Residents Aged 16 to 74	6,887	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Economically Active Total	4,833	70.2	73.5	68.4	69.9
Employee, Part-time	1,221	17.7	13.9	14.6	13.7
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Other	66	1.0	1.5	2.2	2.2

Source: Census 2011, QS601E

Household Size

At the time of the 2011 Census, the average household size in the Huntington Parish was 2.2 people, which is slightly below the national (2.4), York and region (2.3) averages. The average number of rooms per household stood at 5.5 which is above the York, regional and national average rate of 5.4.

The average number of bedrooms per household stood at 2.8 which is in line with the York and slightly above the 2.7 regional and England rates.

Housing Characteristics

Tenure

Home ownership levels are relatively high with around 83% of households owning their homes outright or with a mortgage or loan which is above the York (66%), regional (64%) and national (63%) rates. Almost half of households own their homes outright. Around 7% of households live in private rented accommodation which is below the York (18%), region (16%) and national (17%) rates. Just 8% of households live in social rented accommodation which is low when compared to the York (14%), regional (18%) and national (18%) rates.

Table 3: Tenure, 2011

	Huntington		York	Yorkshire & Humber	England
				%	%
All occupied Households	4,155	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Owned; Owned Outright	2,023	48.7	33.9	30.6	30.6
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Private Rented; Other	36	0.9	1.5	1.5	1.4
Living Rent Free	25	0.6	1.2	1.5	1.3

Source: Census 2011, KS402EW

Accommodation Type

Data from the 2011 Census shows the majority (60%) of residential dwellings are semi-detached which is well above the York (36%), regional (36%) and national (31%) shares. Detached housing represents 25% of housing stock which is also above York (22%), regional (21%) and national (22%) rates. There is a relatively low proportion of terraced housing (6%) and flats and apartments (8%) and is somewhat lower when compared to the York, region and national shares.

Table 4: Accommodation Type, 2011

	Huntington		York	Yorkshire & Humber	England
	No	%	%	%	%
All household spaces (occupied + vacant)	4,247	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Detached	1,081	25.5	21.9	20.5	22.3
Semi-Detached	2,565	60.4	35.6	36.5	30.7
Terraced	265	6.2	24.5	27.7	24.5
Flat, Maisonette or Apartment	336	7.9	18.0	15.0	22.1
Caravan or Other Mobile or Temporary Structure	-	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4

Source: Census 2011, KS405EW

Number of Bedrooms and Occupancy Rates

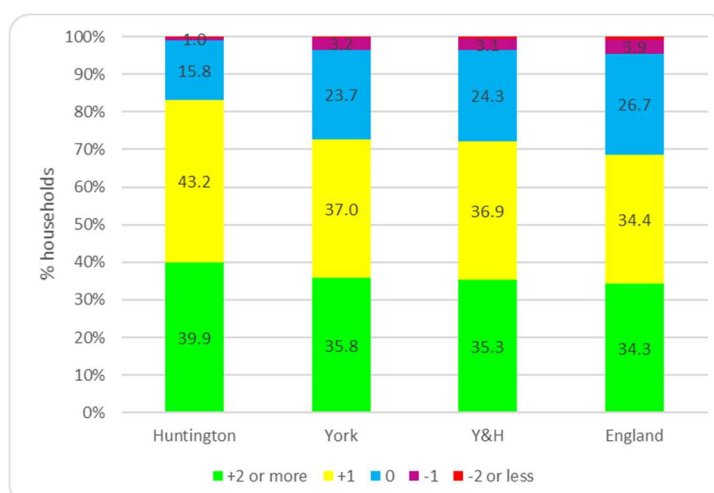
The proportion of homes with four or more bedrooms stood at 17% which is lower than the York (21%), regional (18%) and national (19%) rates. There is an under-representation of housing for single people with just 3% of dwellings having one bedroom against 10% for the York and region and 12% for England.

Table 5 Households by number of bedrooms, 2011

Bedrooms	Huntington Parish		York	Yorkshire & Humber	England
All occupied Household Spaces	4,155	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No Bedrooms	7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
1 Bedroom	133	3.2	10.5	10.0	11.8
2 Bedrooms	1,381	33.2	31.3	28.3	27.9
3 Bedrooms	1,913	46.0	36.8	43.7	41.2
4 Bedrooms	583	14.0	16.1	13.6	14.4
5 or More Bedrooms	138	3.3	5.0	4.1	4.6

Source: Census 2011, LC4405EW

There is evidence of under occupancy in the Parish (having more bedrooms than the notional number recommended by the bedroom standard). Analysis of the 2011 Census shows that 40% of all occupied households in the Huntington Parish have two or more spare bedrooms and around 43% have one spare bedroom. Under occupancy is higher than regional and national rates.

Figure 3: Bedroom Occupancy Rates, All Households, 2011

Source: Census 2011, QS412EW

Under occupancy in the Parish is particularly evident in larger properties with a quarter (25%) of households with 4 or more bedrooms occupied by just one or two people. This compares with 33% for York, 35% for the region and 40% for England.

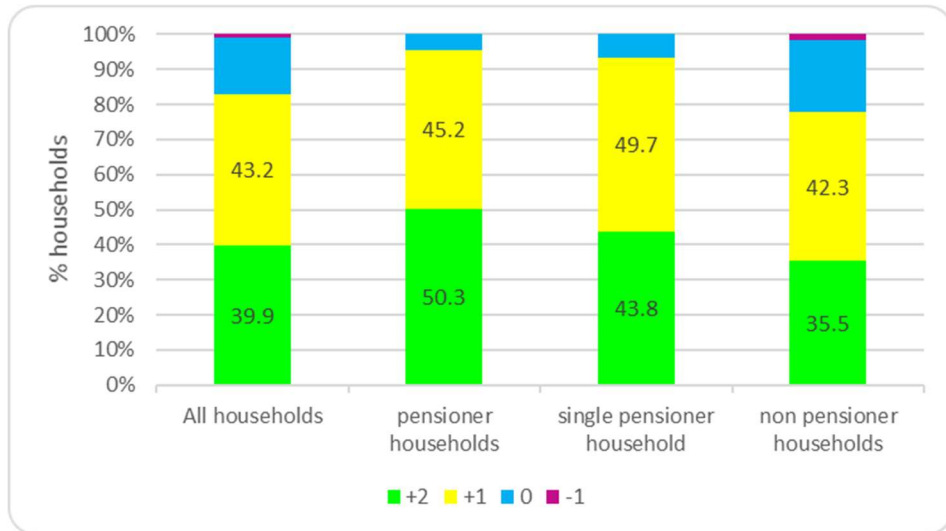
Table 6 Household with 4 or more bedrooms by household size, 2011

	Huntington		York	Yorkshire & Humber	England
HHs with 4 or more bedrooms	721	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1 person in household	73	10.1	10.0	10.2	10.6
2 people in household	221	30.7	31.1	29.5	30.3
3 people in household	156	21.6	18.1	18.8	18.3
4 or more people in household	271	37.6	40.8	41.5	40.8

Source: Census 2011, LC4405EW

Census data also suggests that older person households are more likely to under-occupy their dwellings. Data from the 2011 Census allows us to investigate this using the bedroom standard. In total, around 50% of pensioner households have at least two more bedrooms than is technically required by the household) and is somewhat higher than the 35% non-pensioner household rate.

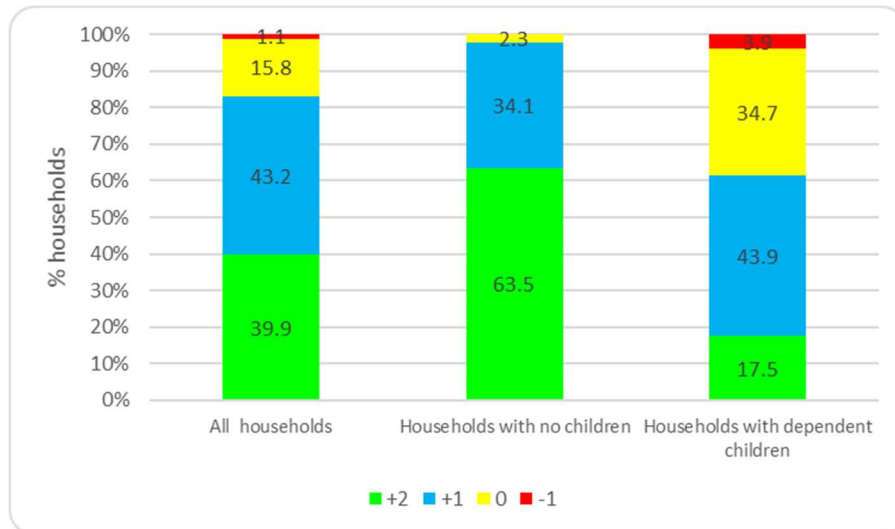
Figure 4: Bedroom Occupancy rating of Older Person Households, Huntington Parish, 2011



Source: Census 2011, LC4105EW

Overcrowding is not a significant issue in the Parish; however, households with dependent children are more likely to be overcrowded.

Figure 5: Bedroom Occupancy rating of Family Households Huntington Parish, 2011



Source: Census 2011, LC4105EW

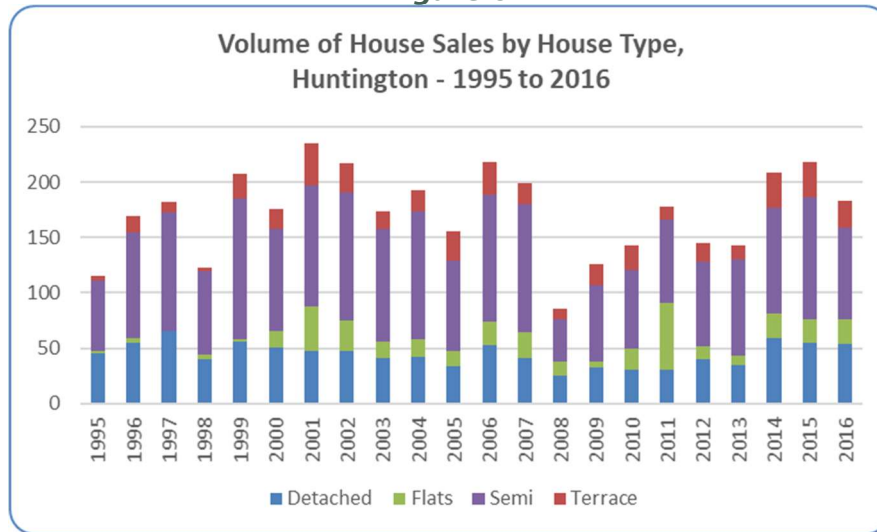
Housing Market

Residential Sales

Land Registry price paid data shows around 3,793 residential property sales were recorded in the Huntington Parish between 1995 and 2016. Semi-detached housing accounted for most of the sales, representing 53% of recorded sales, followed by detached housing (26%), terraced (11%) and flats or maisonettes (10%). It should be noted that not all sales are captured by the Land Registry, for

example, properties that were not full market value, right to buy and compulsory purchase orders will be excluded.

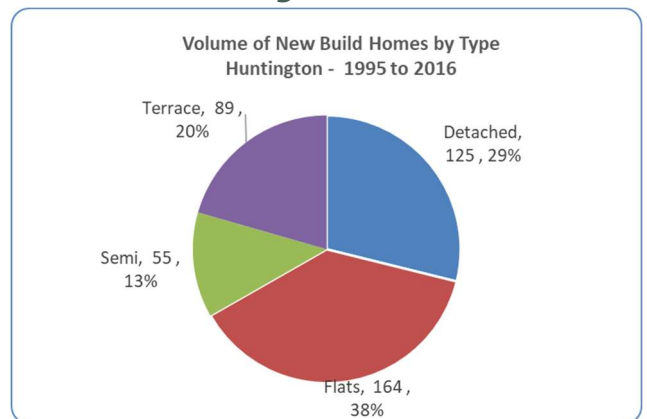
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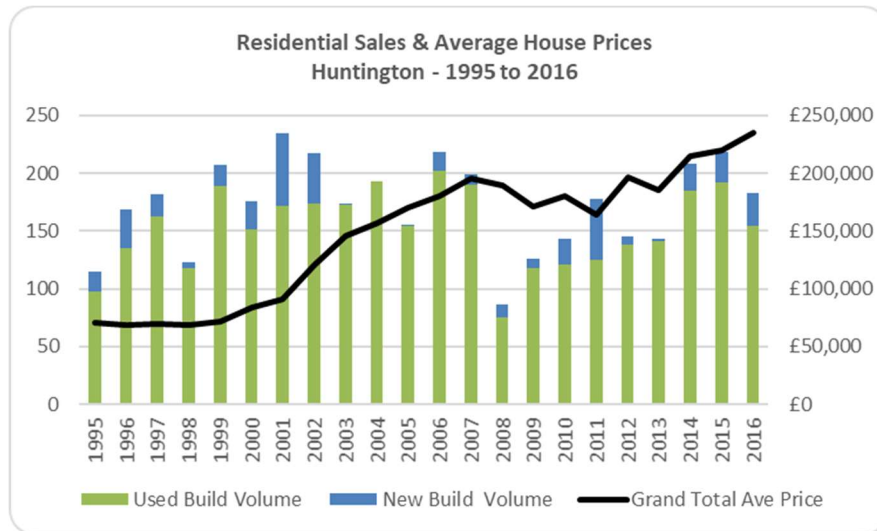
There is evidence of new build housing in the local area with 433 new build residential sales recorded between 1995 and 2016, representing 11% of total recorded sales. New homes built for sale in the parish during this period were more likely to be flats, representing 38% of total sales during the 1995 to 2016 period.

Figure 7



It should be noted that not all new builds will be captured in Land Registry price paid data, e.g. some conversions and social housing units will be excluded. Figure 7 shows the volume of sales together with the overall annual average house price.

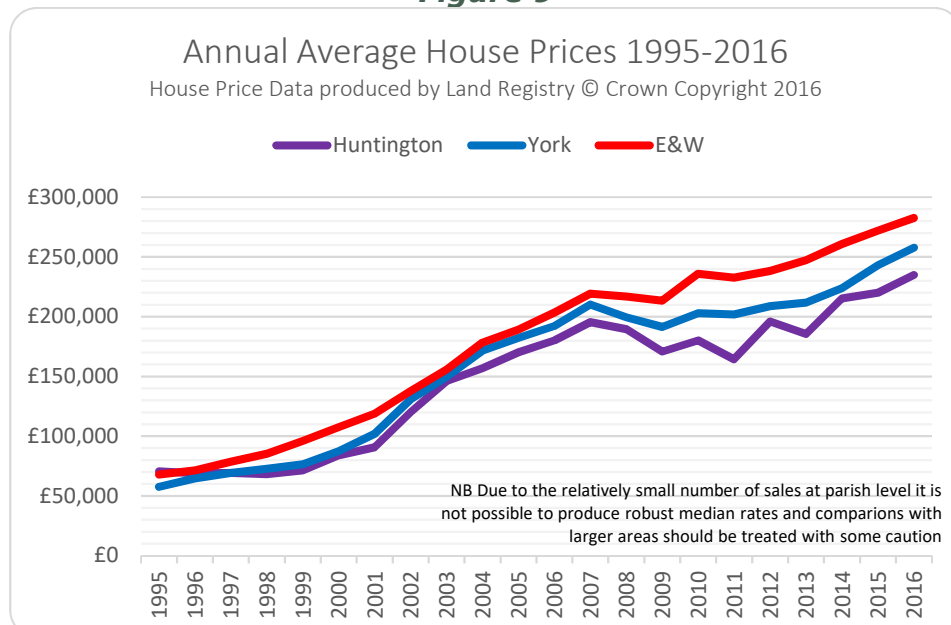
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Figure 9 below illustrates average house prices for York and the national average compared against the estimated average for Huntington. It shows that on the whole the average house price in Huntington is below the national average and slightly below the York district. The average house price in Huntington declined during 2008-2009, 2011, 2013 but increased in 2014, 2015 and 2016. It should be noted that due to the relatively small number of sales at parish level, it is not possible to produce robust median rates and comparisons with larger areas must be treated with caution.

Figure 9



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Housing Affordability

At £234,886 in 2016, the average house price in Huntington while below the National average (£282,672) and above the City of York (257,738) norm was well beyond the means of many residents.

The publication of ONS House Price Statistics for Small Areas presents an opportunity for more detailed housing affordability analysis.

The data reveals the cost of an entry-level² property on average across England and Wales has increased by almost 20% in the last decade, to £140,000 (year ending June 2016). For new properties, the price was nearly £180,000. The data³ also shows that home-ownership prospects vary across the country.

In the Huntington Parish area⁴ a low to mid-priced property costs on average £170,000 which is above the national average. Assuming a 15% deposit⁵, those entering the property market in the area would require a household income of £32,111 (£26,444 E&W average) and savings of £28,400 which is a challenge for many households.

With the average cost⁶ of an entry-level home in the area being £170,000 prospective buyers would require an estimated £2,000 for legal and moving costs, £900 for stamp duty and £25,500 for a 15% deposit, coming to £28,400 in total.

City of York Council Strategic Policies

The City of York Local Plan will set out the strategic planning policies and priorities for the whole City. While it does not go into the detail about the housing needs and characteristics of Huntington, it does contain information on the housing market in York that is relevant to an understanding of housing needs and characteristics in the Parish.

Of importance was the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA),⁷ which was undertaken for the local authorities of York, Hambleton and Ryedale and the North York Moors National Park Authority area in 2016. Its purpose was to develop a

² The term 'entry level' or 'low to mid-priced property' refers to the lower quartile price paid for residential properties. If all properties sold in a year were ranked from highest to lowest, this would be the value half way between the bottom and the middle.

³ Property price data are for year ending June 2016 and are from House Price Statistics for Small Areas. Income data are for financial year ending 2014 and are from [small area model-based income estimates](#).

⁴ The Huntington Parish area is based on best fit to MSOA E02005381.

⁵ [Data from the Council of Mortgage Lenders](#) suggest that the average deposit paid by first-time buyers in the UK was around 18% in December 2016.

⁶ The price of an entry level property in a given neighbourhood was used to calculate the annual household income that could be needed to secure a mortgage in that area. By comparing this figure with the estimated household income for the same neighbourhood, we can see how affordable the area could be for those looking to buy an entry-level property. Calculations were based on a typical deposit of 15% and an assumption that mortgage lenders will offer 4.5 times an applicant's income.

⁷ https://www.york.gov.uk/info/20095/housing_plans_and_strategies/1118/strategic_housing_market_assessments

robust understanding of housing market dynamics, to provide an assessment of future needs for both market and affordable housing and the housing needs of different groups within the City. Its findings are used to inform housing and planning policy, including the emerging City of York Local Plan

Its main conclusion was that there is strong overall demand for different types of housing in York, both market and affordable. Also, that 15% (one bedroomed); 35% (two bedroomed), 35%; 35% (three bedroomed) and 15% bedroomed was an appropriate indicative mix for all dwellings (affordable and market) at a City-wide level.

The SHMA also provides some ward data, but does not that due to the small numbers involved this needs to be treated with a degree of caution. For Huntington and New Earswick Ward, which covers the Parish and the neighbouring community of New Earswick it highlights that there is a 'Total Net Annual Need' for 31 dwellings to meet local need⁸.

Community Consultation

In 2015 a survey of households in the Parish was undertaken in support of the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. 131 responses were received. One of the topics it explored was housing needs.

When asked about mix and type of dwellings which should be constructed to provide housing in the future.

A higher proportion of people felt there should be more provision for older people's housing. This was closely followed by a mixture of housing to meet a more varied demography and housing need. It was also thought there should be future provision for small homes and apartments, perhaps reflecting the need for affordable housing in the local area. Fewer people felt there was additional demand for family housing.

⁸ https://www.york.gov.uk/downloads/file/2895/nyshma2011_appendix_12_ward_data_table

Figure 10

Q4: Considering the additional housing proposed in the City of York Local Plan - Do you agree or disagree that Huntington requires more of the following types of housing?

Answer Options	Agree	Disagree	Dont know	Response Count
Older peoples housing	56	39	20	115
A mixture of housing for older people, smaller homes and family housing	51	44	25	120
Small homes and apartments	46	49	16	111
Family housing	35	55	18	108
	<i>answered question</i>			130
	<i>skipped question</i>			1

Source: 2015 Huntington Parish Residents Survey

The survey also asked residents about affordable housing. When asked whether it need or not improving, 52% (67) of respondent stating significant or some improvements are required. It ranked fifth highest of the 13 facilities enquired about.

Figure 11

Q2 In your opinion, do any of the following facilities need or not need improving?

Answer Options	Needs significant improvement	Needs some improvement	Does not need improving	Dont know	Response Count
Street maintenance	44	70	12	1	127
Transport links	40	54	25	3	122
Neighbourhood Policing/Community Safety	37	56	22	10	125
Health services (doctors, dentists, etc)	27	46	49	4	126
Parks and open spaces	18	55	32	15	120
Affordable decent housing	26	41	24	31	122
Opportunities for young people (11-18 years)	18	35	13	52	118
Opportunities for young children (up to 11 years)	14	34	21	51	120
Sports and leisure facilities	8	39	42	27	116
The range of community activities	7	40	40	30	117
Community facilities (library, Post Office, Halls)	9	37	67	9	122
Schools	6	32	36	47	121
Shopping facilities	6	19	91	4	120
	<i>answered question</i>				130
	<i>skipped question</i>				1

Source: 2015 Huntington Parish Residents Survey

Summary of Future Housing Need and Characteristics

At the time of the 2011 Census, Huntington was home to around 9,371 residents living in 4,155 households. Analysis of the Census suggests that between 2001 and 2011 the Parish population increased by around 1% (94 people). During this period, the number of dwellings rose by 7% (264). The Parish has a relatively high population density and at 12.7 persons per hectare is the 3rd highest in the York district. This rate compares with 7.3 for York and 4.1 for England.

At 24% the Parish has a higher propensity of older residents (aged 65+) and evidence of an ageing population with the share of residents aged 65 and over increasing from 21% in 2001 to 24% in 2011. In line with national trends, the local population is likely to get older as average life expectancy continues to rise.

Home ownership levels are very high with around 83% of households owning their homes outright or with a mortgage or loan.

Average house prices are relatively high, and at 8% the proportion of social rented housing which is low when compared with the York, regional and national shares.

There is some evidence of under occupancy of dwellings, as evidenced by the number of spare bedrooms, which is higher than in the City of York, the Yorkshire and Humber and England.

The provides some evidence that the proportion of smaller dwellings, especially 1 bedroom, is substantially lower than in York, Yorkshire and Humber or England.

Taking account of demographic trends, market evidence and the findings from the community consultation, this suggests that there is a demand for a mix of housing types, including market and affordable. In particular, it provides clear evidence in support of policies to encourage more:

- Affordable housing
- Smaller dwellings especially that suitable for residents needing to downsize, small families and those entering the housing market. Providing suitable accommodation for elderly residents will enable them to remain in the local community and release under-occupied larger properties onto the market which would be suitable for growing families.

Huntington Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Local Green Space Report

Prepared by *YourLocale*

1.0 Introduction

This supporting paper explains the background to the designation of Local Green Spaces in the draft Huntington Parish Neighbourhood Plan. It sets out the background to Local Green Spaces and explains the methodology used.

2.0 Policy Context

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)⁹ introduced the concept of Local Green Space (LGS) designation. LGS designation is a way to provide special protection against development for green areas of importance to local communities.

Section 76 of the NPPF provides the following information on Local Green Space designations: *“Local communities through local and neighbourhood plans should be able to identify for special protection green areas of particular importance to them. By designating land as Local Green Space local communities will be able to rule out new development other than in very special circumstances. Identifying land as Local Green Space should therefore be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services”.*

Adding *“Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space”.*

Additional guidance is provided in the National Planning Practice Guidance section on “open space, sports and recreation facilities, public rights of way and local green space”.

3.0 Process for Designation

Whilst the NPPF establishes the concept of LGS designation and provides some guiding principles, it gives local communities preparing a Neighbourhood Plan some discretion to determine how to implement this at the local level.

A four-stage approach was adopted by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Step 1: Identification of potential sites.

The potential sites were derived from local knowledge including the outcomes from the community consultation events.

Step 2: Assessment against the NPPF criteria

The sites were then assessed to consider their suitability for LGS designation. To allow comparative assessment of the sites, a form was created based on the criteria in the NPPF. These are that the sites are:

- in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves
- demonstrably special to a local community
- holds a particular local significance, for example, because of its

⁹ https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6077/2116950.pdf

- beauty
- historic significance
- recreational value (including as a playing field),
- tranquility or
- richness of its wildlife
- local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

These criteria were used to create an LGS evaluation form. This enabled a consistent and transparent methodology for identifying LGSs in the Parish. Each potential site was assessed.

The Group, like most groups undertaking LGS analysis, faced challenges. In particular, the sheer number of potential local green spaces in the Parish of some significance. National planning policy enables a local plan to protect those of local significance. In addition, the absence of a statutory or commonly used definition of these terms, particularly what constitutes, 'special' or comprises an 'extensive tract of land'. A common-sense approach was taken, while at the same time having regard to good practice and the experiences of LGS designations in approved neighbourhood plans.

The Group were also mindful of the fact that several sites are already protected through the draft Green Belt and emerging designations in the York Local Plan. National Planning Practice Guidance on Local Green Space designation suggests that where land is already protected by another designation consideration should be given as to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space.

Through this process a small number of sites were identified which were considered to locally significant, valued by the community and met the tests set out in the NPPF to meet the test to be designated as a Local Green Space.

Step 3: Further review

All the proposed sites were then reviewed for their appropriateness for designation as LGS by the independent consultant helping prepare the Plan, acting in a 'critical friend' role.

These criteria were used to create an LGS evaluation table. This enabled a consistent and transparent methodology for identifying LGSs in the Parish.

Step 4: Consultation

Satisfied that the sites met in principle, the criteria for LGS designation and should be formally proposed for designation in the Neighbourhood Plan, they were then "tested" through the Plan process. A key milestone was when the proposed sites were set out for comment at the drop-in events held in early, and the formal consultation on the draft Plan undertaken over the summer of 2017.

4.0 Local Green Space Site Assessment Forms

Code	1
Site	Land adjacent to the River Foss.
Address/location	Land off Church Lane and behind Drakes Close/ Linden Close, Huntington.
Description	Linear strip off land adjacent to River Foss
Compliance with the NPPF	
Public Access	Yes, includes public footpath alongside river.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes, at the rear of local housing and can also be accessed from the local church.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes, provides a valuable amenity space allowing the public access to riverside walks and put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	Yes.
Does it have historic significance?	Yes, situated along the historic River Foss which was used to transport coal and other materials.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, both formal (includes a playground and Eco Park.) and informal walking, sitting etc.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes. A tranquil area offering views of the surrounding countryside.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes, a variety of vegetation and animals (particularly birds) inhabit the area, some of national and local importance.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.
Code	2



Site	Recreation Ground off North Lane
Address/location	Huntington Sports and Social Club, North Lane, Huntington.
Description	Sports Club with adjacent sports field in the middle of a residential area. Open grassed playing field surrounded by hedgerows and back gardens on East and South sides. Sports club lies within grounds.
Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework	
Public Access	Yes, can be accessed from several points on the periphery.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes – main sports area for local teams and put forward by the community. It is important to the identity of the Parish.
Is it beautiful?	The open space provides some visual amenity to local residents.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular – long standing recreation area.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, both formal (e.g. football pitches etc.) and informal (e.g. walking and seating). Very well used.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	To some extent.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Limited – some trees and hedges on the perimeter of the site.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	3
Site	Playground on Garth Road
Address/location	Garth Road, Huntington.
Description	Rectangular piece of land that contains a children's playground. Includes swings, slides and a small obstacle course.
Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. Surrounded by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes, used regularly by the community (particularly with it being so close to the primary school). Put forward by community.
Is it beautiful?	Limited, provides some aesthetic value in the middle of a tightly built residential area, which has relatively little open space.
Does it have historic significance? I	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes – both formal and informal (sitting and walking).
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Not in particular.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Limited – some trees and hedgerows.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	4
Site	Huntington Primary School Playing Field
Address/location	Huntington Primary School, Huntington.
Description	Grass playing field that forms part of the local Primary School.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework.	
Public Access	Some limited accessed after school hours,
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes, in the centre of a residential area.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. Used extensively by pupils from the primary school and put forward by the community. Important for the visual amenity of the surrounding area, which has limited green space and relatively tightly developed.
Is it beautiful?	Of some visual amenity as surrounded by urban housing.
Does it have historic significance? I	No.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, both formal and informal
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes, outside of school hours.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Limited, partially surrounded by hedgerows and a variety of trees inhabit the area.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	5
Site	Land next to Manor House
Address/location	At the junction of Huntington Lane and New Road, Huntington.
Description	Large roughly triangular semi formal area of open space surrounded by urban housing.
Compliance with the NPPF.	
Public Access	No.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Located in the heart of the village and surrounded by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. It is a pleasant and long-standing area of open space that is an essential feature of the setting for the surrounding adjacent properties and the wider area. It contributes to a sense of place in an area that is characterised by limited open spaces. Its prominent location at the junction of two main roads adds to its value and function.
Is it beautiful?	Yes, of some beauty. Its partial screening by fencing and limited tree coverage helps to create a sense of separateness and place.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	No.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Limited – various mature trees.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	6
Site	Allotments off Huntington Road/Pollard Close
Address/location	Off Huntington Road/Pollard Close Huntington
Description	Allotment Site
Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework	
Public Access	Yes, but limited.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes (adjacent to main road through village).
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. Provides a valuable amenity space and put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	Of limited beauty.
Does it have historic significance? I	No.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes. Well used and popular allotment site (has a waiting list).
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes, some wildlife and wildflowers, plus the crops grown on the site
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes, relatively small and compact in size.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	7
Site	Sports Ground and Playing Fields off Huntington Road
Address/location	480, Huntington Road, Huntington.
Description	Astroturf, all weather playing field plus traditional playing field, both used for a variety of sports.
Public Access	Yes. The all-weather pitch is floodlit to enable its use in the evening.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. In a residential area.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. Well used by the community including the local secondary school and local sports groups. Put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	Not in particular.
Does it have historic significance?	No in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, primarily formal. The all-weather playing field and playing field are used for multiple sports.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Not in particular.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Limited – some trees and hedges on the perimeter of the site.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes. Relatively compact.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	8
Site	Huntington Secondary School Playing Fields
Address/location	Huntington School, Huntington Road, Huntington.
Description	Grass playing fields used for various sports and during lunch hours by school children.
Compliance with the NPPF.	
Public Access	Some limited public access outside of school hours.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes, used extensively by pupils from the secondary school and put forward by the community.
Is it beautiful?	Limited, large open area to rear of urban housing.
Does it have historic significance? I	No
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, both formal and informal.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Limited (after school hours).
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Not particularly.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.

Code	9
Site	Land between the Entrance to the Portakabin Site and the Meadows New Lane
Address/location	In between the Portakabin Site and the newly built residential site 'The Meadows'.
Description	Roughly rectangular shaped area of public amenity space. Overgrown it contains a few trees with hedgerows surrounding the perimeter.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework.	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes, Located on the edge of a residential area.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes – put forward by the steering group. Important for the visual amenity of the surrounding area.
Is it beautiful?	Of limited beauty.
Does it have historic significance?	Yes, it is an excellent small ridge and furrow field aligned east west and is part of a remnant but still well established and almost intact enclosure landscape
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	It is a visual amenity rather than useable public space.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Of limited.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes, it is of significant biodiversity interest. Supports some important habitats and species. It is a designated Site of Importance for Nature Conservation.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	10
Site	Allotments Adjacent to Sleeper Path, Huntington Rd
Address/location	472 Huntington Road, Huntington
Description	Rectangular piece of land used as an allotment site
Compliance with the NPPF.	
Public Access	Yes, but limited during the evening and night time.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. On the edge of the village.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes – highly popular with residents and provides a valuable amenity and recreation space. Also, put forward by the steering group.
Is it beautiful?	Of limited beauty.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes – well used and extremely popular (has a waiting list)
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes. A nice place to reflect. Pleasant views.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes, large variety of crops grown own site. Also, home to small wildlife and contains varies trees and hedgerows.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	11
Site	Land off Stratford Way.
Address/location	Land off Stratford Way.
Description	This is a roughly irregular area of landscaped amenity grassland containing some mature trees within a residential area.
Compliance with the NPPF.	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. It is bounded on all sides by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	This roughly rectangular area of grass and trees provides a pleasant amenity area within a residential area. It an area that is rather denser developed than most of the village.
Is it beautiful?	It is pleasant.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, mainly informal – walking and sitting. Includes a footpath. Popular with dog walkers.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Of some value. A secluded spot.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Of some value, some trees and shrubs.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	12
Site	Land Adjacent to St Andrews Church
Address/location	402, Huntington Road, Huntington
Description	Small wooded area adjacent to the Church
Compliance with the NPPF	
Public Access	Yes. It can be accessed from several points,
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes, on the edge of the Village.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes, put forward by steering group.
Is it beautiful?	Yes, an attractive woodland comprising a mix of mature and non-mature trees.
Does it have historic significance?	Yes.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, well used for used for informal recreation such as walking etc. including local youth groups.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes. Has a feel of a secret hideaway away from the urban area.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes – a large variety of vegetation and small wildlife inhabits the area. Action has been taken to improve its bio-diversity value.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	13
Site	Land adjacent to Foss River
Address/location	East side of the Foss River from rear of Meadowsfield Drive to rear of Pollard Close Allotments, Huntington.
Description	Large stretch of land alongside the east of the Foss River. Includes river banking and public footpath.
Compliance with the NPPF.	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes, close to residential areas.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes, valuable amenity space alongside attractive and scenic river bank - put forward by the steering group.
Is it beautiful?	Yes.
Does it have historic significance?	Yes, situated along the historic River Foss which was used to transport coal and other materials.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, used for (scenic) walks, dog walking etc.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes. A tranquil area offering views of the surrounding countryside.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Of some value, various vegetation and wildlife inhabit the area. Supports some important species.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	14
Site	Orchard Park
Address/location	Playing Field off Kestrel Wood/Badger Paddock, Huntington.
Description	Playing fields located to the side of Orchard Park Community Centre. Mainly grassed but some trees, hedges and shrubs. It has a number of recreational facilities including a children's play area
Compliance with the NPPF.	
Public Access	Yes. Located in the centre of the Parish and adjacent to Orchard Park Community Centre.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. Surrounded by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. Well used by residents and contains a community centre, also put forward by community.
Is it beautiful?	Limited. Large open area in the middle of urban housing.
Does it have historic significance?	No.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, both formal (including playing fields and children's play area) and informal (walking and seating).
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes. Important green spaces within a tight residential development.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Limited, some trees around the perimeter.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	15
Site	Land off Jockey Lane
Address/location	Threes areas of land off Jockey Lane.
Description	Three area of landscaped amenity space off Jockey Lane. Includes a small children's play area and seating area.
Compliance with the NPPF.	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes.
Does the site have local significance?	These comprise three prominent areas of maintained grass in front of a group of a residential development. They are very pleasant and an essential feature of the setting for this housing development. It includes a seating area and small, equipped children's play area.
Is it beautiful?	Of some attractiveness.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Mainly for visual amenity rather recreational value. Includes some seating. Understood to be used for some sports e.g. football on an informal basis.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes. A quiet place to reflect.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Of limited value. Some trees and shrubs on site.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	16
Site	Land on the corner of Yearsley Grove
Address/location	Corner of Yearsley Grove and Huntington Road
Description	Small amenity green space at the end of a housing development. Mainly grassed but also some planting.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework.	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes, in a residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes. It provides green space within an area of residential development that is rather denser than most of the village while at the same time contributing to local connectivity. Includes village notice board.
Is it beautiful?	Well maintained.
Does it have historic significance?	No.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Mainly informal and visual. It provides a pleasant green and pedestrian link between Huntington Road and a housing area.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Not in particular.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Limited – a handful of trees and potential for nesting birds.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	17
Site	Land on the corner of Birch Park
Address/location	Corner of Birch Park and Huntington Road
Description	Small amenity green space left at the end of a housing development. Roughly square in shape and is mainly grassed.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework.	
Public Access	Yes
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes
Does the site have local significance?	Yes – contains footpath which is well used by residents, put forward by the steering group.
Is it beautiful?	No
Does it have historic significance?	No
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	It is a visual amenity space rather than useable public space.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	No
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Limited – a handful of trees and potential for nesting birds.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No
Other	



Code	18
Site	Play Ground and nature park off Birch Park
Address/location	Birch Park, Huntington.
Description	Enclosed, landscaped area of land that contains a children's playground. Includes swings, slides and a seating. Includes small enclosed nature area.
Compliance with National Planning Policy Framework	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. Surrounded by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes, regularly used regularly by the community, Put forward by community.
Is it beautiful?	Limited, of some aesthetic value in the middle of a tightly built residential area, which has relatively little open space.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes – both formal (includes equipped children's play area) and informal (sitting).
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Of some value.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Yes, includes small enclosed dedicated pocket nature area.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	19
Site	Land off Nightingale Close
Address/location	Land at the junction of Nightingale Close between Birch Park and Victoria Way.
Description	This is an area of landscaped amenity grassland containing some mature trees within a residential area.
Compliance with the NPPF.	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. It is bounded on all sides by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	This irregular area of grass and trees provides a pleasant green pedestrian link between residential areas. It provides green space within an area of residential development that is rather denser than most of the village while at the same time contributing to local connectivity.
Is it beautiful?	It is pleasant.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, mainly informal – walking and sitting. Popular with dog walkers.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Of some value. A secluded area surrounded by residential development.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Some trees.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	20
Site	Yearsley Grove Primary School Playing Field
Address/location	Yearsley Grove Primary School, Yearsley Grove, Huntington.
Description	Grass recreation field that form part of the Primary School.
Compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework.	
Public Access	Cannot be accessed outside of school hours.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes, surrounded by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	Yes – put forward by steering group. Important for the visual amenity of the surrounding area, which has limited green space and relatively tightly developed.
Is it beautiful?	Limited - large open area to rear of urban housing.
Does it have historic significance?	No.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes – both formal and informal
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Limited – outside of school hours.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Not in particular – some trees and hedgerows.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	21
Site	Land off Geldoff Road/Andrew Drive
Address/location	Land off Geldoff Road/Andrew Drive
Description	This is a small area of landscaped amenity grassland containing some mature trees within a residential area.
Compliance with the NPPF.	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. It is bounded on all sides by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	This roughly triangular area of grass and trees provides a pleasant green pedestrian link between residential areas. It provides green space within an area of residential development that is rather denser than most of the village while at the same time contributing to local connectivity.
Is it beautiful?	Of some beauty. Well maintained.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, mainly informal – walking and sitting.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Of some value. A secluded area surrounded by residential development.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Some trees.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	22
Site	Land off Disraeli Close.
Address/location	Land off Disraeli Close and Victoria Way.
Description	This is a roughly circular area of landscaped amenity grassland containing some mature trees within a residential area.
Compliance with the NPPF.	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. It is bounded on all sides by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	This irregular area of grass and trees provides a pleasant amenity area within a residential area. It an area that is rather denser developed than most of the village.
Is it beautiful?	It is pleasant.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, mainly informal – walking and sitting. Includes a footpath. Popular with dog walkers. Includes a dog bin.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Of some value.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Of some value.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	23
Site	Land off Darwin Close
Address/location	Area of landscaped amenity space off Darwin Close.
Description	Stretch of amenity land to the front of Darwin Close.
Compliance with the NPPF.	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes, surrounded by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	This area of grass in front of a group of flats. It is a very pleasant and quiet place that is clearly an essential feature of the setting for these flats. In an area with limited green space.
Is it beautiful?	Yes.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Mainly for visual and informal amenity rather recreational value. Includes a seating area.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Yes. A quiet place to reflect.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Of limited value. Some trees and shrubs on site.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



Code	24
Site	Land off Victoria Way.
Address/location	Land off Victoria Way.
Description	This is irregular shaped area of landscaped amenity grassland containing some mature trees within a residential area.
Compliance with the NPPF.	
Public Access	Yes.
Is it in close proximity to the community it would serve? I.e. within 400m	Yes. It is bounded on all sides by residential development.
Does the site have local significance?	This roughly rectangular area of grass and trees provides a pleasant amenity area within a residential area. It an area that is rather denser developed than most of the village.
Is it beautiful?	It is pleasant.
Does it have historic significance?	Not in particular.
Does it have recreation value? including playing fields, in/formal	Yes, mainly informal – walking and sitting. Includes a footpath. Popular with dog walkers.
Is it tranquil? Is it a peaceful place away from noise and bustle	Of some value. A secluded spot.
Does the site have wildlife value? Biodiversity?	Of some value, some trees and shrubs.
Is the site local in character? (i.e. serves local community and not extensive)	Yes.
Does site contribute to LP strategic requirements for provision of homes, employment or services?	No.
Other	No.



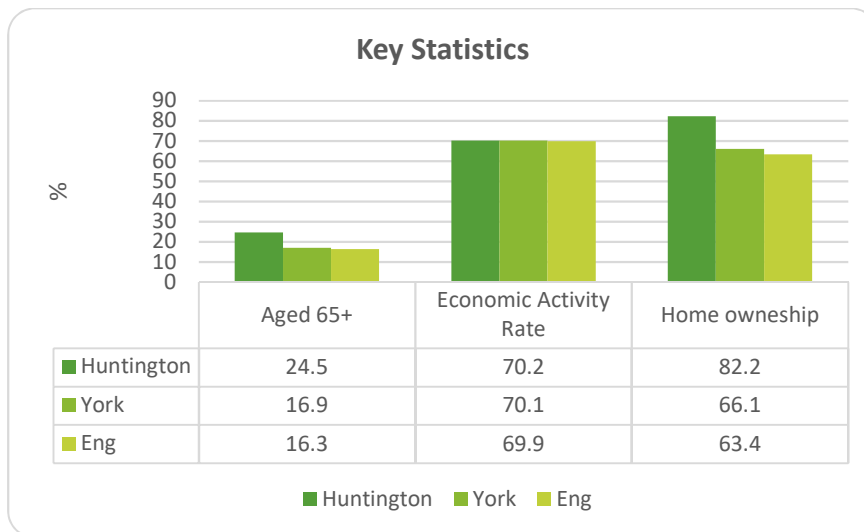
**Huntington
Parish
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Plan**

**Community
Survey Report
2015**

Prepared by *YourLocale*

Introduction to Huntington

Huntington is a rural parish situated in the York unitary authority area with a population of 9,371 at the time of the 2011 Census. The parish has a higher than average proportion of older residents with around 25% aged over 65 compared with 17% for York as a whole and the 16.3% national average. Economic activity rates are close to the national average, and 81% of residents reported to be in good or very good health which is also in line with England as a whole. Home ownership levels are particularly high with around 82% of households being owned outright or with a mortgage or loan against 66% for York and the 63% national average. Private rented households represent just 7.6% of households compared with 17.9% for York and 16.8% for England as a whole.



Census 2011

The Survey

The Huntington Parish Council carried out a household survey of parishioners to assist in the preparation of its Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council is keen to engage with the whole community, and the survey was conducted during June and July 2015.

A questionnaire was produced by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, which was circulated and publicised widely throughout the Parish, including through the Village newsletter which was distributed to every household in the Parish. The questionnaire could be completed in paper form and returned to the Parish Council or agreed convenient locations such as ASDA, Memorial Hall, Orchard Park, Huntington Community Centre or Brockfield Park Drive butcher, D W Wilson and the Huntington Service Station. The survey could also be completed electronically via SurveyMonkey.

A total of 131 completed questionnaires were returned; 92 of these were paper and 39 were received online. The printed survey responses were input to the online system (survey monkey) to allow data analysis.

The following section provides a summary of the key findings.

Q1: How important are the following to you in making Huntington a good place to live?

Answer Options	Important	No Opinion	Unimportant	Response Count
Health services (doctors, dentists, etc)	126	1	1	128
Low crime levels	126	0	0	126
Good transport links	121	5	2	128
Well maintained streets	120	5	1	126
Community facilities (library, Post Office, Halls)	112	13	0	125
Parks and open spaces	108	12	3	123
Good schools	106	13	7	126
Shopping facilities	83	31	5	119
Affordable decent housing	73	34	15	122
Opportunities for young people (11-18 years)	73	33	11	117
Opportunities for young children (up to 11 years)	73	36	10	119
Sports and leisure facilities	67	37	16	120
Wide range of community activities	59	38	21	118
	<i>answered question</i>			130
	<i>skipped question</i>			1

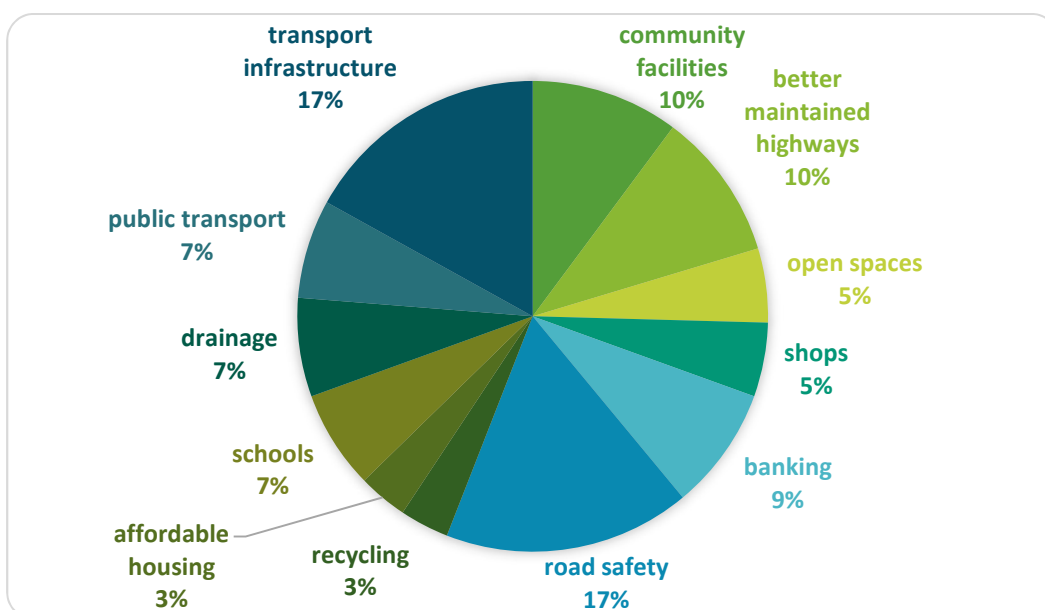
- Residents placed the greatest importance on low crime levels and health services in making Huntington a good place to live.
- Good transport links, well-maintained streets and community facilities were also recognised as important factors to those responding to the survey.
- Although all answer options were considered important to many residents community activities, sports and leisure facilities were ranked with lower importance by some respondents.

Q2 In your opinion, do any of the following facilities need or not need improving?

Answer Options	Needs significant improvement	Needs some improvement	Does not need improving	Dont know	Response Count
Street maintenance	44	70	12	1	127
Transport links	40	54	25	3	122
Neighbourhood Policing/Community Safety	37	56	22	10	125
Health services (doctors, dentists, etc)	27	46	49	4	126
Parks and open spaces	18	55	32	15	120
Affordable decent housing	26	41	24	31	122
Opportunities for young people (11-18 years)	18	35	13	52	118
Opportunities for young children (up to 11 years)	14	34	21	51	120
Sports and leisure facilities	8	39	42	27	116
The range of community activities	7	40	40	30	117
Community facilities (library, Post Office, Halls)	9	37	67	9	122
Schools	6	32	36	47	121
Shopping facilities	6	19	91	4	120
	<i>answered question</i>				130
	<i>skipped question</i>				1

- Street maintenance was identified as a particular cause for concern, attracting the highest response rate with 90% (114) of respondents saying improvements are required. A third (44) of respondents claimed significant improvements were concerned.
- A large number of people would like to see improvements to transport links (72% of respondents) suggesting some local issues with public transport and/or highways. Over 31% (40) said significant improvements are needed.
- Community safety is an issue for many respondents with neighbourhood policing and community safety attracting the 3rd highest number of responses and the 3rd highest number of responses indicating significant improvements are needed. Around 72% (93) of respondents stated improvements were required.
- Health services attracted the 2nd highest number of responses with 56% saying improvements to facilities are required. However, there were mixed views about the extent of improvements with 21% (27) of respondents stating significant improvements were required and a further 36% (46) indicating some improvements are needed. Conversely, 38% (49) seemed to be satisfied with health provision opting to say no improvements were necessary.
- Over 60% (73) of respondents would like to see improvements in parks and open spaces.
- Affordable housing is an issue for some residents with around 52% (67) of respondent stating significant or some improvements are required.
- The findings suggest that residents are largely satisfied with their shopping facilities with 70% (91) of respondents indicating improvements are not needed.
- Only 5% (6) of respondents said significant improvements in schools were required. However, a relatively high proportion (36%) were unsure which may reflect the older age demographics in the area with some residents having little contact with education providers. This uncertainty is also reflected in opinions regarding opportunities for young people.

Q3. Are there any improvements to other services and facilities in the Parish that you would like to see?



This was an open ended question which asked for people's ideas as to improvements needed for other services and facilities in the Huntington Parish. The responses were categorised, and the overall results show road safety, transport infrastructure, community facilities and better maintained highways were ranked with the highest number of frequencies. The following points were raised:

Road Safety: Concerns about increased traffic. New Lane mentioned several times. Traffic calming measures required. Street lighting at Meadowfields Drive. Cycle paths to Monks Cross needed.

Transport infrastructure: Improved infrastructure to cater for Monks Cross and proposed stadium development – the current system is inadequate. Ring road improvements.

Community facilities: More outdoor seating required. Few facilities for older people. Improved playground facilities.

Better maintained highways and pavements: White lines need repainting. Pavements and roads require resurfacing. Riverside Crescent not resurfaced in 40 years. Hedges on New Lane require attention.

Banking: No banking in Huntington – not everyone banks online. Local banking provision required.

Schools: Better school facilities required due to increase in house building. Breakfast and after school facilities needed.

Drainage: Lack of adequate drainage.

Public transport: Bus service to Monks Cross/Vanguard.

Open spaces: More open spaces. Greenbelt should not be sold off. The village should be a green place fit for all users. Greenbelt protection.

Shops: More shopping facilities around the old village/North Moor Road area.

Recycling: Extra bins for waste food. Litter bins need emptying more frequently. Improved recycling.

Affordable housing: More affordable housing for the elderly. More housing required to reduce the overall price of housing and help the local economy.

Q4: Considering the additional housing proposed in the City of York Local Plan - Do you agree or disagree that Huntington requires more of the following types of housing?

Answer Options	Agree	Disagree	Dont know	Response Count
Older peoples housing	56	39	20	115
A mixture of housing for older people, smaller homes and family housing	51	44	25	120
Small homes and apartments	46	49	16	111
Family housing	35	55	18	108
	<i>answered question</i>			130
	<i>skipped question</i>			1

This question asked for people's ideas as to the mix and type of dwellings which should be constructed to provide housing in the future.

A higher proportion of people felt there should be more provision for older people's housing. This was closely followed by a mixture of housing to meet a more varied demography and housing need. It was also thought there should be future provision for small homes and apartments, perhaps reflecting the need for affordable housing in the local area. Fewer people felt there was additional demand for family housing.

Q5: How important do you think each of the following are to the development of new housing?

Answer Options	Important	No Opinion	Unimportant	Response Count
Drainage measures (rainwater harvesting, storage ponds, etc)	115	10	3	128
Green space and play areas within developments	112	8	3	123
Designated and protected green belt	109	10	8	127
Segregated pedestrian and cycle routes	94	17	13	124
Energy saving measures (solar panels, insulation, etc)	71	38	13	122
Traffic calming measures	67	20	37	124
	<i>answered question</i>			130
	<i>skipped question</i>			1

- Drainage measures were considered to be the most important factor when developing new housing with 89% (115) of respondents indicating it important against 8% (10) with no opinion and 2.3% (3) who thought it unimportant.
- Green space and play areas were also considered an important development factor and a similar number were keen to protect the designated green belt.
- Segregated pedestrian and cycle routes were recognised as being important, and this was also reflected in Q3 above.
- Although many people valued the importance of energy saving measures such as solar panels and insulation, this question attracted the highest number of no opinion responses.
- Traffic calming measures were considered to be the least important concern when developing new housing with 29% (37) of respondents indicating this as unimportant.

Q6: Do you think there should be additional provision in Huntington for the following amenities and services?

Answer Options	Yes	No	Dont know	Response Count
Land drainage	108	4	13	125
Improvements to existing roads	107	7	13	127
Local shops & services (eg banks)	93	27	6	126
Public transport links	91	22	13	126
Footpath links & cycle routes	84	27	12	123
Medical centre	75	29	19	123
School places	55	20	46	121
Designated commercial & employment areas	43	47	29	119
	<i>answered question</i>			130
	<i>skipped question</i>			0

- Provision for land drainage and improvements to existing roads were considered to be the most popular additional requirement for Huntington residents.
- Although responses to earlier questions in this survey suggest residents were satisfied with their existing shopping provision, many indicated they would like additional local services such as shops and banks. However, it is noted that lack of local banking is an issue for many residents, which may reflect the high response rate for this particular category.

- As already highlighted connectivity is an issue for many local people and a high number of responses indicating a desire for better public transport, cycle and footpath links.
- Although some respondents declared there should be provision for extra school places a high number were undecided.
- Designated commercial and employment areas were considered least important in terms of additional provision.

**Huntington
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**Consultation
Findings
(February and
March 2017)**

Prepared by *YourLocale*

1. Background

Huntington Parish Council has embarked on the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. On Friday 24th February and Saturday 4th March 2017 it held two consultation events in support of its development. The first at the Huntington Community Centre, Strensall Road, Huntington and the second, Orchard Park Community Centre, Badger Paddock, Huntington. Both took place between 3.00 pm and 8.00 pm.

The location and timings of these events were purposefully chosen to help maximise attendance by members of the community and stakeholders, spanning as they did daytimes and evenings, as well as a weekday and weekend.

The aims of the event were to help inform the community about the background to the Neighbourhood Plan, its progress and to gain views on the emerging priorities and supporting policies contained in the emerging Plan.

The event was extensively publicised throughout the community through flyers, word of mouth, the Parish Council notice boards and via the Parish Council website.

2. Format of Event

Introduction	<p>Several display boards were made available to view.</p> <p>The format of the event was explained to people by the members of the Steering Group and representatives from neighbourhood planning consultants <i>YourLocale</i> who attended and manned the displays.</p>
Background	<p>The displays introduced neighbourhood planning and described the process that is being followed by Huntington Parish Council.</p> <p>It was estimated that over 40 people attended.</p>
Consultation on key issues	<p>The displays also focused on different topics related to planning and development, as set out in the draft neighbourhood plan including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Housing development and meeting housing needs ▪ Built Environment ▪ Businesses and Employment ▪ Community Facilities ▪ Shops and Shopping ▪ Natural Environment ▪ Transport and Getting Around <p>Maps were also displayed showing the Parish and some of the key proposed designations and allocation. Copies of the draft Neighbourhood Plan were also made available</p>

	Having read the displays, attendees were asked to comment on the topics using the post-it notes supplied or be speaking to one of the people manning the displays.
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3. Results

The following comments were recorded;

- Additional doctor's facilities should any future housing be proposed.
- Additional school places, probably a new school.
- Upgrading of the road infrastructure around new housing.
- Upgrading of the surface and foul water facilities.
- Increase the area of protected green space for the River Foss to include the total length of the Foss in Huntington, to give protection to wild life.
- Provide additional cycle lanes on all major roads, both sides, if possible.
- Provide pedestrian routes through the green areas to link to Monk Cross, from Water Meadows and Garth Road.
- Provide safe pedestrian and cycle routes across Monks Cross.
- Provide adequate parking to any new development.
- Very good display boards, most of the important facts covered.
- Always concerned about flooding.
- Please promote safe cycle routes in the Parish. The current cycle lane on Huntington Road/Strensall Road are very narrow.
- Hot food takeaways only keep poor people poor and ill-nourished. They create a feast for vermin.
- The River Foss is a habitat for otters, water voles, king fishers and many other species of wild birds along its banks. I would like to suggest that it should be designated as a wildlife site within the Parish boundaries.
- Housing – flooding will increase as more houses are built.
- High quality housing land should not be used for building.

4. Summary of findings

A wide and diverse range of comments was received.

Housing development and meeting housing need – There was general acceptance (but not necessarily support) that more homes would be built in the Parish. Any housing development that takes place should be controlled especially to minimise its impact on the environment (including any risk of flooding) and transport infrastructure as well as that it should help meet local housing needs.

Built Environment – Very few comments were received on this topic – one person supported actions aimed at conserving the heritage of the Parish.

Businesses and Employment – No specific comments were received on this issue.

Community Facilities – There was a general view that there should be more community facilities and services, especially in response to any future major housing development that may take place. Several potential ideas were made about the type of facilities that could be provided, including enhanced medical facilities and primary school provision

Shops and Shopping – The general view was that the provision of shops is adequate. One respondent supported the actions aimed at controlling the spread of hot food takeaways in the Parish.

Natural Environment – The main theme was the need to protect open spaces in the Parish, including the River Foss. Actions to minimise the risk of flooding were supported.

Transport – This covered issues concerning better traffic management and the need for adequate parking. Enhanced pedestrian and cycling provision was a major theme here.

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