

Horsmonden Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Horsmonden Neighbourhood Plan (HNP) Steering Group had its inception meeting at the end of January with Feria Urbanism, the independent planning consultants appointed to support the project. The Steering Group hosted Feria on a comprehensive tour of the village together with a high-level overview of Horsmonden's unique character, its community and businesses and set out the timetable for the first phase of developing the Neighbourhood Plan.

As an outcome of this meeting, the Steering Group is working closely with Feria and will identify and bring together a core group of pro-active representatives from all aspects of parish life. This group will set the framework for a Design Forum, which is currently planned for May.

The Design Forum will be an important event for the parish. Individuals of all age groups, along with societies, interest groups and businesses will be encouraged to actively participate in developing the Neighbourhood Plan. This will be our opportunity to guide the future development, regeneration

and conservation of our parish. All ideas will be considered and tested, and the Neighbourhood Plan themes and priorities will be developed. The first two days of the event will be run as intensive workshops and each evening will be an 'open-studio' at which the public will be able to inspect and comment on the emerging ideas. The final day, to be held several weeks later, will conclude with a public meeting at which Feria will present the emerging plan.

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