



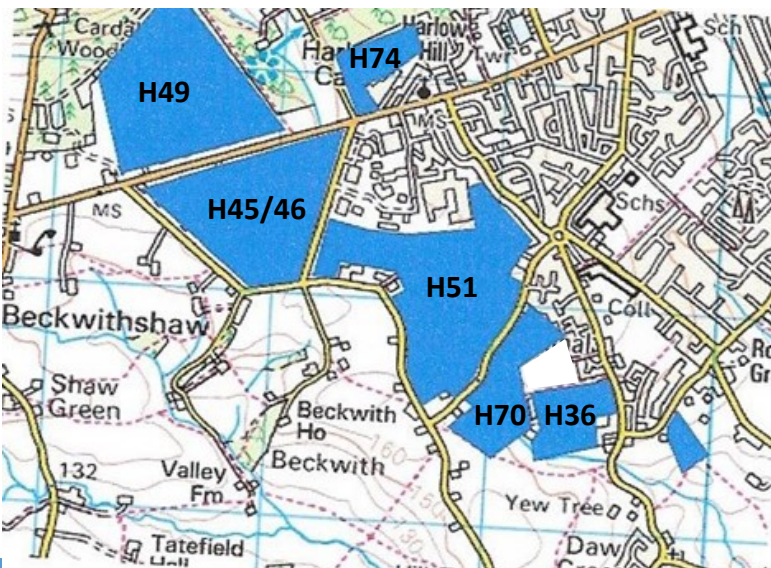
# NEWSLETTER

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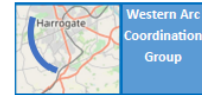
Above: Lady Lane. We suggest that this route should be upgraded to safe two-way traffic standards as a key route between new developments and the south.

Below: Sites within the 'Western Arc'



These sites, together with Harlow Nurseries (not shown), and the Council's provision for windfall housing, could total 3300 dwellings. Penny Pot Lane will add a further 600 dwellings when complete.

In addition, new employment land adjacent to Cardale Park and a new care home for 100 residents will add to traffic levels.



## Transport for the West

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Our previous paper 'Campaign for Sustainable Development' sets out the concerns of the Western Arc Coordination Group regarding the development of housing and employment sites in the Local Plan. That paper dealt with three main topics: housing numbers, traffic and green/low carbon issues. We appreciate the opportunities we have had to discuss the paper with members and senior officers of HBC and NYCC as well as our two MPs. However it has become clear that some clarification is needed on the type of solutions and ideas that might prove to be beneficial in provoking further discussion on the necessary infrastructure requirements to support this significant expansion of housing and employment.

### The Group

These ideas have been put together by the Western Arc Coordination Group, but we should point out that we will await proposals from the councils before seeking the formal views of member organisations.

This document attempts to set out some ideas to address the substantial trip generation that will result from the Western Arc housing and employment developments, recognising that the existing transport infrastructure is seriously inadequate, with congestion already a problem today.

### Basic principles

In accordance with the Local Plan policies, these ideas are based on:

- The need to relieve, as far as possible, existing communities of increased traffic flows on unsuitable roads (Local Plan Vision and Objectives: objective 4).
- The expectation that the demand for travel will be minimized (by resisting developers demands for excess housing) (Sustainable Transport policy T1).
- Maximising the potential of sustainable travel (bus and cycle) to reduce car dependency.
- Taking full advantage from (a) proposals for an Otley Road cycleway and (b) park and ride on the Service 36 route.
- Minimizing the extent of road construction.

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## Our second campaign document

Following an invitation from NYCC to put forward suggestions relating to infrastructure improvements, the Western Arc Coordination Group has responded with a document called 'Transport for the West' covering the western arc of Harrogate. This has recently been sent to both HBC and NYCC.

A series of ideas and initiatives have been included for consideration and assessment. We now await a response from the Councils and their proposals after which we will seek the formal views of members.

Go to [www.hapara.org](http://www.hapara.org) to view the document.

## The Parameters Plan

It is a requirement of the Local Plan that planning applications for sites H49 and H51 conform to a 'parameters plan' which is still being formulated by Harrogate Borough Council. A second round of engagement with HAPARA and others on the shape of this plan looks likely to be delayed until March.

We also await the outcome of North Yorkshire CC deliberations on transport infrastructure which run concurrently with the parameters plan discussions.

The parameters plan is required to provide 'effective coordination' with the other sites in the Western Arc: H36, H45, H46 and H70.

None of the planning applications currently in the system can be determined until the parameters plan has been agreed.

## Harlow Nurseries

Harrogate Borough Council has informed us that it has appointed consultants to carry out 'masterplanning and delivery options' for council-owned sites in the Local Plan. One such site is Harlow Nurseries (site reference H65). The yield on this site is 40 dwellings. Their final report is expected in September 2021.

There will be opportunities for groups and residents to be engaged as the work progresses, but please contact us if there is anything that concerns you and we will pass it on to the relevant officer.

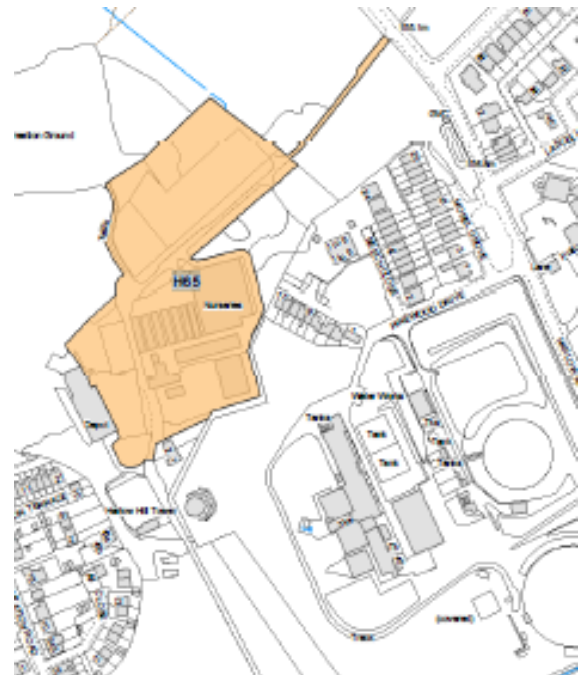


## Whinney Lane

A copious number of issues have arisen since the Mulgrave and Stonebridge sites came on stream, but thankfully our understanding is that all external works associated with the Mulgrave site have now been completed.

We remain to see a restoration of the damaged access to Ash View that has deteriorated badly as a result of contractors' vehicles turning.

Whinney Lane is scheduled to be fully open to traffic at the end of April. So far we have not heard if progress is still on schedule.



*Extract from the Harrogate District Local Plan showing the extent of site reference H65*

## More utilities work by Yorkshire Water

Considerable disruption is likely over the next three months as further utility work is carried out to support new housing developments in our area.

Yorkshire Water has only just given notice to residents of water supply works which have already commenced and will be underway for the next three months. YW say that the work is necessary to 'support new housing in the Harrogate Area'.

Specifically this involves laying new pipework between the Harlow Hill Water Treatment Works and the new developments on Whinney Lane. It is assumed (though not stated) that the works will be needed to support the Stonebridge development

currently under way and the as yet undeveloped sites west of Whinney Lane (H51) and the remainder of site H70 near the Squinting Cat.

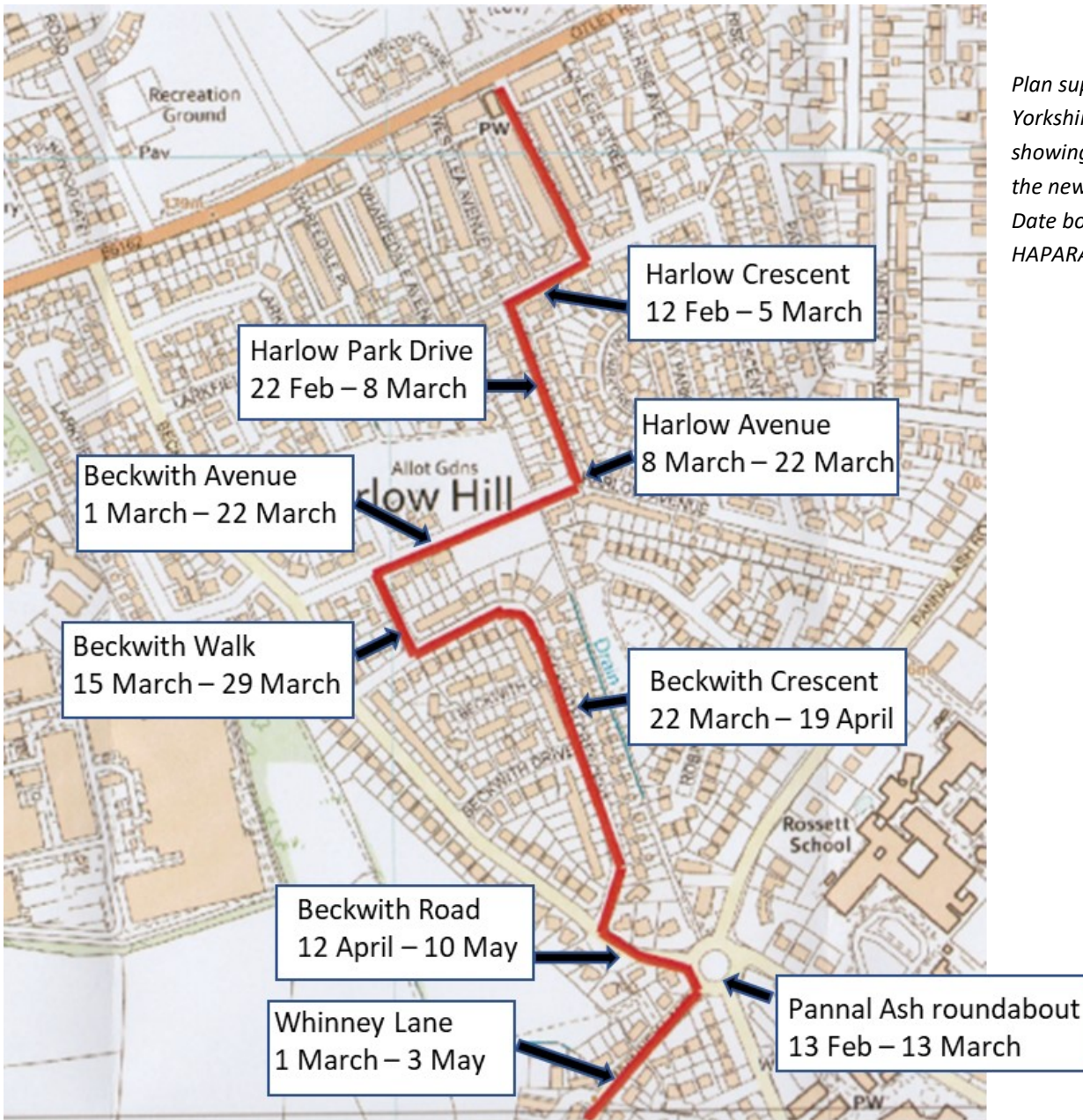
A copy of the plan supplied by Yorkshire Water is shown below, annotated with the projected dates when the various sections of utility work is programmed. As we know, these dates could change and delays are always possible.

Yorkshire Water has given a contact number for their 'customer experience team' which is:

**0344 848 1099**

The reference code for the work is

**Capital YW 200403**



Plan supplied by Yorkshire Water showing the route of the new water pipe. Date boxes added by HAPARA.

## Rossett Green Lane

At a meeting of the planning committee on 26 January, approval was given by a narrow margin to a reserved matters application by Berkeley De Veer concerning a development of 13 dwellings, including 5 affordable on Rossett Green Lane.

The development comprises seven 6 bed houses, one 5 bed house, one 3 bed and four 2 bed houses.

Councillors expressed concern that the affordable houses were all in one group near the entrance.

Considerable disturbance during construction is feared by neighbouring residents.



One of the application drawings. The access point is opposite no 28.

## Harrogate Spring Water and Rotary Wood Update



Residents may be aware that the recent planning application for a larger extension of Harrogate Spring Water into Rotary wood was rejected by the council's planning committee. This story made national press and has caused some interesting debate as to the districts green ambitions. Of course the original smaller extension could still happen with full plans needing to be submitted by May this year. At the full council meeting on 10th February the council refused to commit to keeping Rotary Wood in public ownership. You can read the [response here](#).

The Pinewoods Conservation Group will be giving more of an update on their plans regarding this and other matters at their Annual General Meeting on Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> March. This will be an online meeting with more details [available here](#).

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