



Photo: HAPARA, May 2021

The Police Training College Site on Yew Tree Lane

Harrogate Borough Council originally considered this site for 130 dwellings. However, after years of negotiation with the then developers, the Council gave planning permission for 161 dwellings on this site. HAPARA raised no objections to the principle of development, as this is a 'brownfield' site, but was involved in many discussions about layout, numbers and affordable houses provision.

In June last year, Homes England, having taken over the development, submitted a planning application for 180 dwellings on this site.

In October the application was revised to provide for 200 dwellings - a 24% increase on the earlier approval, and a 54% increase on the original intention.

HAPARA has submitted detailed objections to the scale of development being proposed with two principle concerns:

- i. The scale of the increase in housing numbers above the adopted Local Plan figure
- ii. The need for the West of Harrogate Parameters Plan to be in place before this application can be determined

Relating to (ii), HBC had scheduled this application to come before the committee on 11 May, but HAPARA and others successfully had the item withdrawn. It has since been re-scheduled for 3 June, but we have again objected.

The Parameters Plan is unlikely to be finalised until July this year, at the earliest.

Too many houses?

Although the Local Plan says that the Harrogate District needs 13377 new houses by 2035, it makes provision for 16077. This is to provide 'flexibility' in case some sites do not yield as many houses as originally envisaged or do not come forward at all.

However, around the Western Arc, proposals are being considered for an increase of just under 20% above the Local Plan numbers, nearly 600 dwellings. We think this is too much and will have consequences for infrastructure, the environment and climate issues. We are not aware of any sites with a lower yield than the Local Plan figures.

Housing Developments – Update Mulgrave – Whinney Fields

Information supplied by the developer suggests that:-

- The site will be completed by the end of October
- The ramp and Kassel kerbing to the entrance area will be completed later in the programme to prevent damage in the short term by articulated HGVs
- The PROW (public right of way) is closed until 20th October and closure of the snicket allowing access through to Beckwith Road will be retained for a similar duration to help minimise conflict between construction traffic and pedestrians

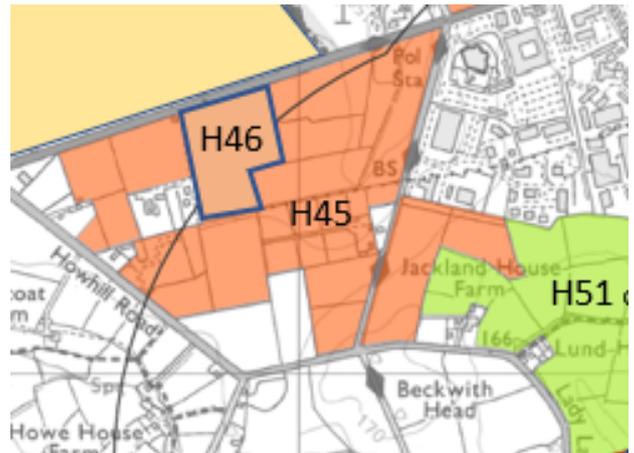


Photo: S Robinson

Bluecote Park

After heated debate in the planning committee, Bluecoat Park was finally given Planning permission for 450 dwellings in February 2015. It was confirmed in the current Local Plan at that number.

After years of inaction, Homes England (remember them?) took over the site and have now submitted a 'scoping application' for 560 dwellings, just under 25% increase. Get the pattern?



Bluecoat Park is site H45

Damage to Verges



In the past few months the Association, along with a number of individual members, has referred the issue of damage to road side verges caused by construction traffic to NYCC. This is Howhill Road a few weeks ago!

Photo: M David

Otley Road cycleway project

We have been regularly contacting NYCC for updates on the cycleway project. This is their latest information (28 April):

Phase 1 covers the Harlow Moor Road junction improvement scheme and the construction of the cycle route from Harlow Moor Road ending at Arthurs Avenue
Northern Power Grid was to have been on site at the Harlow Moor Road junction to relocate their facilities until 17th May.
Thereafter three other utility providers: BT, Virgin and Northern Gas would be undertaking work. Until NYCC have a programme of works from these providers they are unable to programme their own works to construct the cycle path.

Phase 2 covers a cycle route from Arthurs Avenue to Beech Grove.
There will be a number of utility diversions required before this phase can begin.

Phase 3 is from Cardale Park to Harlow Moor Road
This, we understand, is to be developer funded. To date we are unaware of any move to involve the local community and businesses.

A safety audit is being undertaken following the introduction of the new guidelines LTN 1/20 *. This will look at issues such as segregation and other matters raised by residents and members of the public. Any necessary traffic orders would follow.

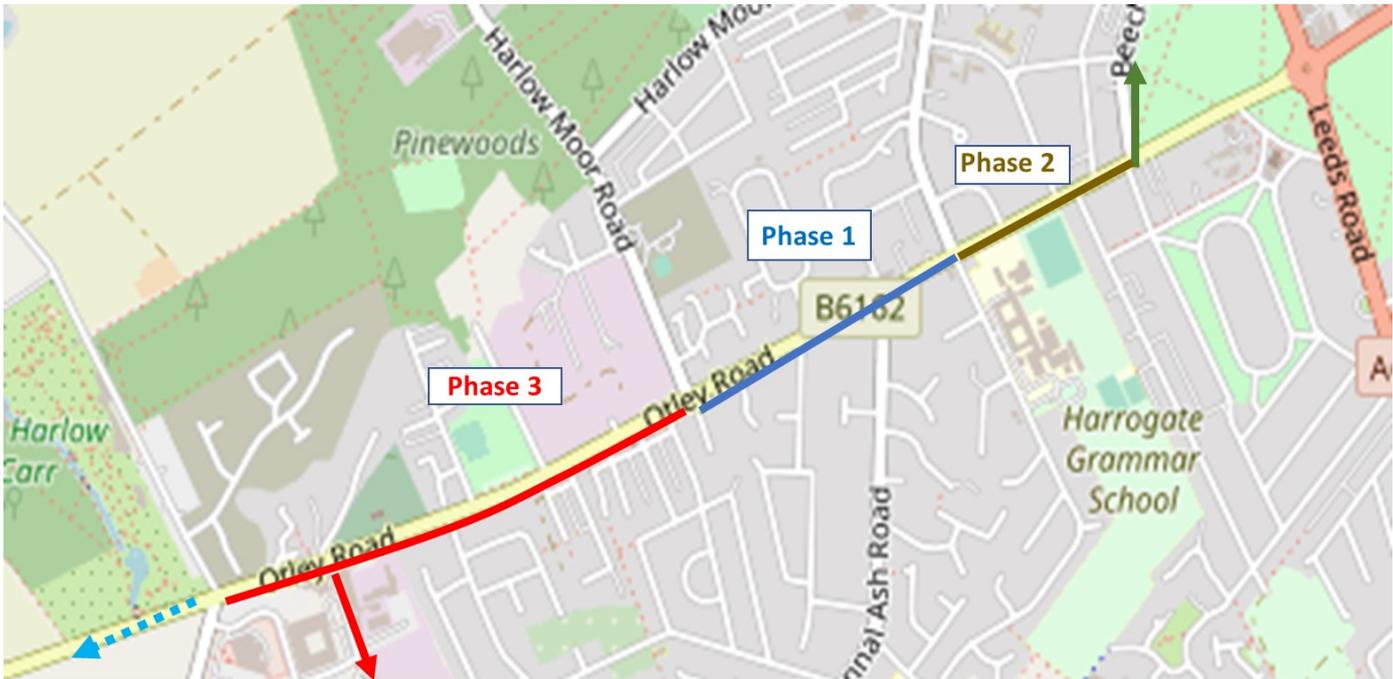
Our concerns remain as follows:

- NYCC have not been able to provide specific timescales in respect of phases 1 and 2
- The degree of segregation between pedestrians and cyclists achievable to meet the latest guidelines

* Local Transport Note 1/20 - issued by Dept for Transport



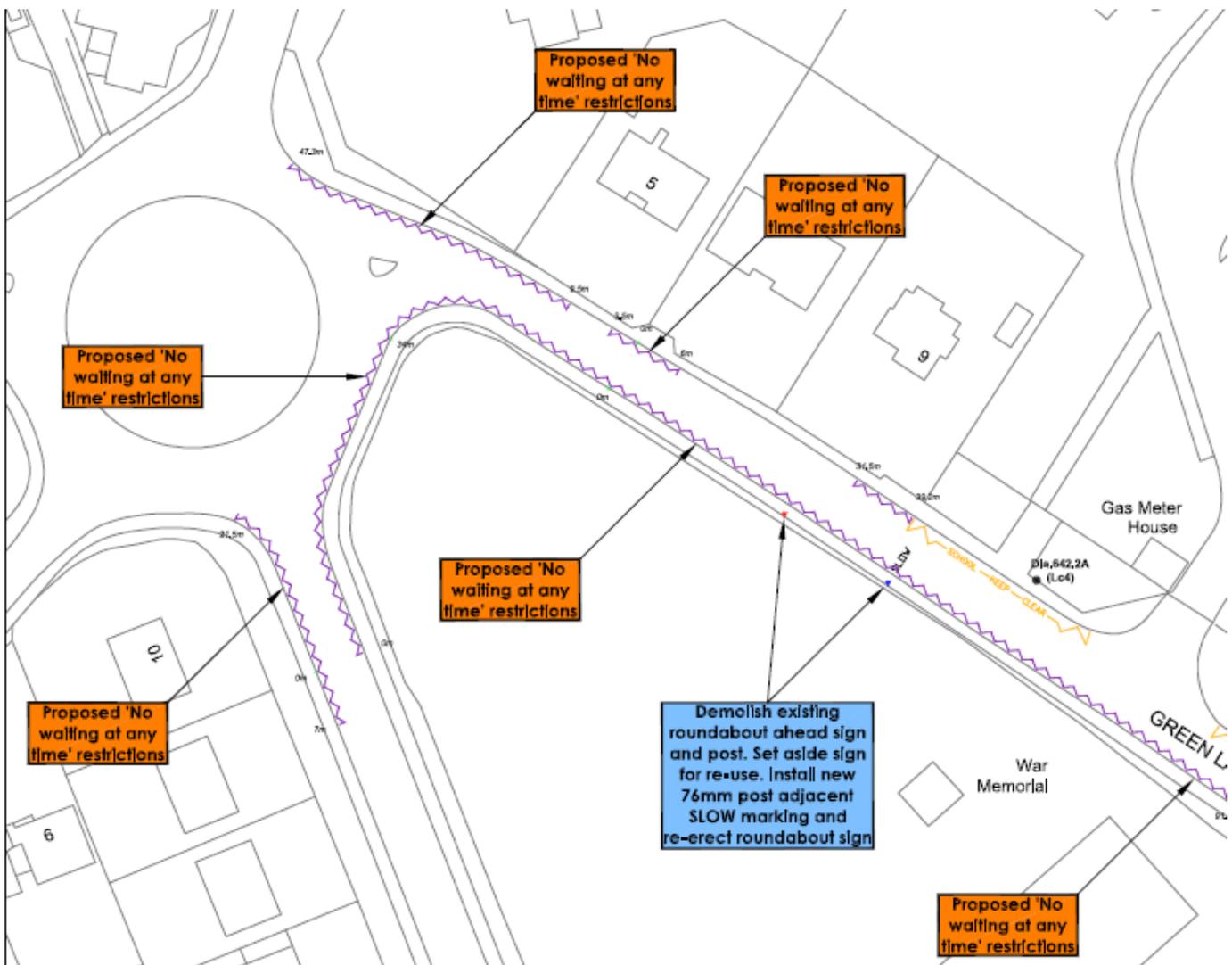
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Map base: OpenStreetMap Detail: HAPARA

Green Lane Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

Source: North Yorkshire County Council: Feb 2021



Details of the proposed scheme to restrict parking at the northern end of Green Lane were included in the Traffic Notices section of the Harrogate Advertiser at the end of April.

We have received confirmation that no changes were made to the proposals that we shared with members last year. So long as there are no objections (closing date: end of May) our understanding is that NYCC can instruct works orders relatively quickly.

All three drawings supplied by NYCC can be viewed by visiting the downloads section of our website at www.hapara.org



We have received information from Harrogate District Climate Change Coalition highlighting CLIMATE ACTION FESTIVAL (CAFÉ) activities being

planned for October of this year ahead of the COP26 global UN climate summit the following month.

While HAPARA is not directly involved in this initiative we are happy to share contact details if anyone wishes to take part - as follows:

www.hdccc.info or EMAIL@HDCCC.INFO

Association Finances

Individual items relating to the Association’s finances would normally have been explained at the relevant Green Hut meeting. However, as it was not possible to arrange the usual Spring meet up, the balance as at 31 March 2021 is shown below.

Please note the following:-

- Printing and Postage items relate chiefly to costs incurred to produce and distribute the ‘Campaign for Sustainability of Development’

document that was sent by post to individual MP’s, County Councillors and Borough Councillors

- ‘Virtual Meeting’ covers the cost of Zoom subscriptions to allow virtual meetings to take place between committee members and others
- New Website/ Hosting and Maintenance items relate to costs associated with the procurement of the new website and annual maintenance fees.

Balance as at September 2020 - £4,408.65

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions	£79.00	Printing	£138.00
Donation	£200.00	Postage	£25.30
		Virtual Meeting	£43.17
		Subscription	
		New Website	£660.00
		Hosting/	
		Maintenance	£240.00
TOTAL INCOME		TOTAL EXPENDITURE	
£279.00		£1,106.47	

Excess of Expenditure over income - £827.47

Balance as at March 2021 -£3,581.18

New members

We need our current members and subscribers to spread the word so if you are aware of friends or neighbours who aren’t currently involved then please introduce the Association to them and suggest they view our website at www.hapara.org or make contact with us to answer any questions at info@hapara.org

Annual Subscriptions

If you subscribe on an annual basis but haven’t done so for this year i.e. 2020/2021 you can pay your £4 (per household) either by bank transfer or cheque.

Name of Account – HAPARA

Sort Code – 53 50 21

Account No – 02586436

Reference – Your surname (plus initials if space allows) and post code

OR

Pay by cheque made payable to HAPARA and post or deliver to David Parry, 2 Yew Tree Walk, HG2 9JT

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