

Knowsley Huyton Village Masterplan SPD 2017: Responses to Consultation Draft

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20 responses received (on order of date received):

- Joanne Rooney (JR); David Forster (DF); L Smith Chakir (LSC); Erica Thompson (ET); Joshua Irvine-Naderali (JIN); Natural England (NE); The Coal Authority (CA); Canal & River Trust (CRT); Geoff Woodbridge (GW); Leigh Loudon (LL); Brian Perry (BP); Patricia Grimes (PG); John Tate (JT); Lisa Burnett (LB); Cushman & Wakefield (CW); Tony Schumacher (TS); Environment Agency (EA); How Planning (HP) and Historic England (HE); Christopher Pollock (CP).

No	Respondent	Comment	Council Response	Action
1-1	JR	<p>The draft consultation document states that public car parking will be reduced. Please can you advise how much this will be reduced?</p> <p>I do feel that the lack of convenient parking sets a barrier to many customers and there is a direct link to the affect of this and local retail trade.</p>	<p>Noted. The Masterplan SPD outlines <u>the opportunity for</u> a rationalisation of the car parking within Huyton Village. Before any reduction of car parking took place within the Village Centre, a detailed car parking assessment would be undertaken to ensure that there remains sufficient car parking to meet the needs of its users. A re-orientation of the current car parking facilities may open development opportunities within the Village Centre.</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>

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2-1	DF	<p>You have correctly identified the weaknesses of the existing structure of Huyton Village and the reasons why I do not often visit it or shop there. It is very cut off from the surrounding routes, and access is difficult. You could easily drive past it on Archway Road and not know it is there. I like the idea of creating access to the village from it.</p> <p>I like the idea of having active frontages along Lathom Road. At the moment it is, as you say, more like the service road for Derby Road, ugly and dreary and a deterrent to anyone from visiting the village.</p> <p>The Venue - this is a lovely Civic Suite and a real asset to the village. I have many happy memories of going to events there and it should be retained as it is, not offered for development.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>The Venue site is outlined as an opportunity site in order to maximise the functionality of the facility and provide flexibility for alternative uses in the future.</p>	<p>No further action required.</p> <p>No further action required.</p> <p>No further action required.</p>
3-1	LSC	Having fought for many years halewood finally got some shops huyton constantly get money thrown at the facilities . Unjust . Dont forget we vote and count too	This is not an issue for the Huyton Village Centre Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document to consider.	No further action required.
4-1	ET	Halewood doesnt even get shown on the map. Its clear now that Knowsley is edging Halewood out, we are no longer wanted. its about time we had our own proper town centre we are just as well	This is not an issue for the Huyton Village Centre Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document to consider.	No further action required.

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		situated as regards buses, trains and motorway links as Huyton, St Helens, Widnes etc. but until we get a proper town centre we are not going to be seen as a viable investment and wont attract businesses, investment, and create jobs, improve education, etc.		
5-1	JIN	General comment of support around section 4.2.4 regarding introduction of cycle routes and examples of good practice provided.	The general support for introduction of cycle routes and examples of good practice is welcomed.	No further action required.
6-1	NE	No specific comments provided, however advised that the following issues are considered: Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity enhancement, Landscape enhancement, Strategic Environmental Assessment /Habitat Regulation Assessment	The Masterplan has considered these issues to date and any subsequent planning applications will also consider the mentioned issues.	No further action required.
7-1	CA	No specific comments to be made.	Noted.	No further action required.
8-1	CRT	No specific comments to be made.	Noted.	No further action required.

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9-1	GW	<p>I agree that the proposal for Huyton village will be great for the area but there seems to be a lot of proud talk about the historical quarters with no action to support, promote and preserve. Recently, I have had diverted traffic run past my house, right through the conservation area with the tremors from buses and wagons. The junction at the end of Bluebell lane looks as though is included in the plans but will this bring more queuing traffic through the area? There is also an arrow pointing away from the village along Bluebell lane. Is this to suggest the route will be promoted as a fast exit from the village? I would urge you to relook at the plans, discuss the issues with the locals in the historic quarters and look at a positive way forward.</p>	<p>Noted. The Council is undertaking a feasibility study (separate to the Masterplan) to explore the junction improvement options within the area and this information will be shared with the general public in due course.</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>

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10-1	LL	<p>4.2.1 - The proposal of increasing access to the village by improving access for vehicles would have negative impact on surrounding residential development in terms of noise, pollution, litter and congestion. The Masterplan SPD does not show any forecast in perceived traffic numbers from new development.</p> <p>HV6 – The development of an evening economy in Huyton Village would impact upon surrounding residents. The removal of the Police station would put residents at risk in need of support. The plan would increase access to alcohol and have a negative effect on Knowsley’s public health.</p>	<p>Noted. Specific forecasting of increases in traffic and impact on surrounding areas will be undertaken at planning application stage. The Masterplan seeks to set the vision for Huyton Village and the potential opportunities for development - the specific details surrounding these developments would be dealt with further on in the development process.</p> <p>The Masterplan seeks to build in the flexibility for the Village Centre to provide opportunities for an evening economy in order to enhance the vitality and viability of the Village Centre and any development for an evening economy would have consideration for the residential areas surrounding the Village Centre.</p>	No further action required.

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11-1	BP	No indication of public toilets being provided in the village centre.	<p>Whilst the Council did operate some public toilets in Centre Way in the past, they were closed in 2004 due to increasing operating costs and in order to facilitate the new Cavendish Walk development. Following this closure, the Council supported the construction of publicly-accessible toilets inside InShops in Lansdowne Way. These were operated for a number of years by the owners of that business until it closed. The Council did not operate them.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to the scale of Government funding cuts, the Council has no plans to introduce any stand-alone public toilet facilities in Huyton. Publicly-accessible toilet facilities remain available inside the Huyton One Stop Shop in the Municipal Building, which is itself located in the Village Centre, as well as within a number of retailers (such as Asda and McDonalds who offer toilet facilities for customers).</p>	No further action required.
12-1	PG	Inclusion of night time economy would be positive for the village centre.	Noted. The Masterplan policy HV6 encourages applications for restaurants and cafes to support an evening economy within the Village Centre.	No further action required.

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13-1	JT	The village centre needs to control the amount of betting shops as they are having a detrimental impact on the centre.	Noted. The Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document makes reference to the adopted Town Centres Supplementary Planning Document which sets out parameters to control the over-proliferation and clustering of betting shops, hot food takeaways and pay day loan shops.	No further action required.
14-1	LB	Potential for pedestrian lights to be based at some point along bluebell lane to increase safety.	Noted. The Council is undertaking a feasibility study (separate to the Masterplan) to explore the junction improvement options within the area and this information will be shared with the general public in due course.	No further action required.
15-1	CW	Removal of references to Post Office Depot as land owners intentions are for the site to remain in operational use for the plan period.	Noted. The Council has recognised that the land owner's intentions for the site to remain operational mean that the site is not viable for the alternative uses outlined within the consultation version of the Masterplan.	The Council has removed references to the Post Office depot in accordance with the land owner's instructions.
16-1	TS	Removal of parking charges would provide the village centre with a boost and increase amount of visitors.	The Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document cannot make decisions on car parking charges. This would require a separate Council decision.	No further action required.
17-1	EA	No specific comments to make.	Noted.	No further action required.

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18-1	HP	Masterplan supported, inclusion of deliverability timescales of opportunity sites to provide clarity to prospective developers.	The Council recognises that the inclusion of indicative deliverability timescales would be helpful within the Masterplan to provide clarity to prospective developers.	Deliverability timescales added to the Masterplan for opportunity sites.
19-1	HE	<p>HE suggest considering adding a further plan to show building that 'do not positively contribute to the village centre'</p> <p>HE suggest re-appraising the St Michael's Church Conservation Area Appraisal as it has not been updated since 2005</p> <p>HE suggest further explanation of what we mean by high quality design, materials and streetscapes and suggest adding links to guidance</p> <p>HE suggest adding a reference to removal of street clutter</p>	<p>This is a positive document about the Village Centre - highlighting negatively performing buildings in townscape terms would be unduly negative.</p> <p>The Council recognises the need to re-appraise the St Michael's Church Conservation Area Appraisal and reflect this in the Masterplan.</p> <p>The Council recognises the need for a further explanation on these matters.</p> <p>The Council recognises the need for further references within the Document in relation to street clutter.</p>	<p>No Change</p> <p>New text added under 5.1.4: The Council plans to re-appraise the St Michael's Church Conservation Area Appraisal and establish management policies and actions to better support the SPD objectives.</p> <p>New text added under 5.1(5) (please see appendix 1 for a list of guidance) New list of guidance added on p63</p> <p>New reference to the removal of street clutter added under 5.1(13), 4.4.4 and HV4.1</p>

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20-1	CP	General support for the Masterplan, issue regarding safety for visually impaired to be considered in any accessibility improvements in the town centre.	The Council recognises the need to consider the safety of the visually impaired when making any changes to the accessibility of the Village Centre. This will be considered outside of the Masterplan process by the Council's Highways service.	No Change.