

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – STATEMENT OF INTENT

Aims and objectives

Horninglow and Eton parish council aims to ensure that through the use of a wide range of approaches to public consultation and community engagement it actively encourages residents to be informed of its decision making process.

Horninglow and Eton parish council is committed to creating and maintaining effective working relationships with all sectors of the community. The council recognises that there are different levels of engagement and will endeavour to involve the community in the following ways:-

- Inform people about its work and the services it provides
- Consult with and seek out the views of the community
- Encourage community participation in local government
- Collaborate with individuals, community groups and organisations where appropriate, to achieve agreed aims for the benefit of the parish
- Build up effective working relationships within the community and encourage a sense of ownership of assets, infrastructure and new projects

The community

Horninglow and Eton parish council seeks to engage with all sections of the community regardless of age, ability, gender, ethnicity, faith or sexual orientation.

Provision of information to the community and opportunities for community involvement
Horninglow and Eton parish council recognises that members of the community may wish to engage with it at different levels and in a variety of ways, from the occasional email or letter with a suggestion on how a service could be improved, to attendance to meetings etc.

Horninglow and Eton parish council will therefore use many ways to actively seek the views of the residents and involve them in its work:-

Website:

The parish council has a website which publishes information about the parish. Parish council agendas, minutes, accounts and other documents will be regularly posted on this website for residents. Residents can also contact the parish clerk via telephone, or email.

Direct access:

The parish council will display a list of parish councillors on all of its notice boards. Elected members are powerful advocates for their community and their leadership role enables them to have a major input into the consultation and engagement process.

Horninglow and eton parish councillors are very accessible. We do however, request that residents are respectful of parish councillors who give up their time for no financial benefit. Should residents wish to discuss something face to face, it is requested that a mutually agreed time, date and venue is agreed.

Residents can also request to see parish councillors prior to our public meetings.

The clerk can also be contacted in a variety of ways: in person, in writing, by telephone.

Specific areas for community involvement:

Horninglow and eton parish will consult the community should it resolve to undertake, initiate or facilitate any major projects or undertakings in the parish.

Involvement In Partnerships

Horninglow and eton parish council is committed to partnership working where it is clear that it will be of benefit to the parish or to fulfil its statutory requirements.