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Development of Horsham District Local Plan set to progress as Inspector sets out next steps

Horsham District Council has confirmed discussions on the development of its Local Plan are set to progress, marking an important step toward providing greater certainty for local communities and future home building across the District.

The Council has received a formal response from the Local Plan Inspector to the Council's letter of November 2025, which set out the significant changes in circumstances affecting the Local Plan examination (particularly around water neutrality and the duty to co-operate) and requested that the Inspector re-open the hearings.

In his reply, the Inspector agrees that circumstances have materially changed and welcomes the Council's willingness to support amendments to the draft plan. To explore the implications of this in more detail, the Inspector has offered an exploratory meeting, expected to take place in February 2026.

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[Vote now in our Christmas Magic Displays competition!](#)

Spread some cheer and support local businesses and charities by voting for your favourite sparkling windows and festive displays, in Horsham District Council's 'Christmas Magic Displays Competition'. Place your vote from Friday 5 December to Sunday 14 December using the online form, for the chance to win one of the following fantastic prizes:

- A wonderful walking tour and wine tasting experience for two at the picturesque Kinsbrook Vineyard in Thakeham.
- A fantastic Family Ticket for the action-packed Robin Hood pantomime featuring dazzling costumes, spectacular sets, catchy songs and plenty of laughs at The Capitol Horsham.
- A relaxing wood-fired sauna experience for two with Kindred Sauna, in the heart of Knepp Estate's rewilded landscape.

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[Have your say to help create our 2026/27 Annual Plan](#)



Horsham District Council

Have your say on our draft Annual Plan 2026/27

Your voice matters “have your say”

The Annual Plan sets out what the Council will focus on and deliver next year.

The consultation ends on **7 December 2025**.



The Council is inviting feedback on the draft of its new Annual Plan for 2026/27 and is encouraging as many residents and businesses as possible to share their views. **The consultation closes on Sunday 7 December 2025.**

Leader of the Council Cllr Martin Boffey commented: "We're excited to open this consultation on our fourth Annual Plan and strongly encourage everyone to take part. Your feedback helps ensure the Plan stays responsive to the evolving needs and challenges we face, for our communities, our environment and our local economy."

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Council supports White Ribbon campaign 2025

The White Ribbon Campaign aims to end violence against women and girls by engaging men to challenge the attitudes and behaviours that lead to men's violence against women.

Councillors and members of staff attended a vigil on the Carfax bandstand in Horsham and took the White Ribbon pledge to 'never commit, condone or stay silent about violence towards women'.

Our thanks to everyone that braved the cold for such an important occasion, with special mention to Gail's Bakery who kindly donated food to warm up those in attendance.

Council launches new Business Training Programme for Small Business Saturday



From Friday 5 December, local businesses from across Horsham District will be able to access an exciting new series of business training workshops, one-to-one sessions and resources, as part of the Council's Business Training Programme.

Delivered by local experts, providing valuable knowledge and skills development, the programme launch has been timed to mark the week of Small Business Saturday, in celebration of Horsham District's micro and small enterprises, which make up 98% of local businesses.

[Find out more](#)

[Christmas events](#)



Thanks to everyone who came along to Horsham's Christmas Launch Party! The festive season is well underway and we've got all this coming up:

- [Christmas choirs](#) will perform on the Carfax Bandstand every Saturday from 29 November to 20 December.
- We're making it easy to Buy Local, Gift Happy with our round-up of [Christmas markets in Horsham District towns and villages](#)
- Our [Christmas Friday Late](#) is not to be missed! Join the brilliant Mariachi band Beato Burrito on 19 December for upbeat festive fun.

What's on this Christmas

New alliance to strengthen voice of rural and market towns in the south of Horsham District



A new alliance of rural and market towns in Horsham District will bring together business and community leaders to represent local economic interests, enhance collaboration and influence wider strategic opportunities for their shared benefit.

The Rural & Market Towns Economic Alliance (RMTEA) will give a powerful voice to local businesses at a time of major local government reorganisation. The new group will comprise of volunteers selected for their passion and experience to represent businesses and deliver impactful projects in collaboration with Horsham District Council.

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[Council visit to Envitia in Horsham](#)



As part of a series of meetings with prominent local businesses, members of Horsham District Council's internal Enterprising Horsham Business Charter Group, along with the Council's Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery Cllr Colette Blackburn recently visited data software and services company Envitia Group Ltd, at their premises in Horsham.

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From community gym to the boxing ring: James's boxing journey

A boxing programme in Billingshurst has become a key tool in tackling boredom and mental health issues and inspiring the town's young people.

More recently it has seen the rise in success for one local participant resulting in them entering the competitive boxing arena. Horsham District Council's Billingshurst Neighbourhood Wardens first had the idea about introducing boxing as a sports activity for the town when they experienced how taking up a new sport benefitted the lives of local young people.

When the Wardens launched their Youth Boxing Programme in 2022, following consultation with young people over local youth provision at the time, the goal was simple: to give every young person a chance to discover the power of sport.

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