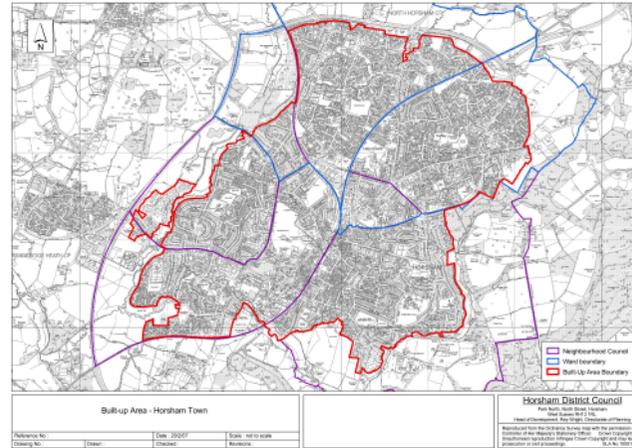


## What is a Design Statement ?

A design statement is a document which provides a detailed guide to the character of a town or village, and explains what makes the buildings and landscape distinctive.

It suggests how the planning and design of future changes, large or small, can respect and enhance what we value about our buildings, street scenes and open spaces.

Once adopted by Horsham District Council it becomes part of the planning policy when applications are assessed.



## Why does Horsham need one?

The Horsham we cherish today is the product of centuries of change. We cannot stop it. The town has to continue to evolve to meet the changing needs of society if it is to flourish.

But change can be managed through the planning system. Councillors, officials, developers and residents need to know what is expected, how new development can respect the best of what we have now, and where opportunities exist for improving our built environment.

That is why a Design Statement is needed.

## Who are we ?

We are a community group including

Denne Neighbourhood Council  
Forest Neighbourhood Council  
Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council  
North Horsham Parish Council  
The Horsham Society  
(and perhaps yourselves)

With support from Horsham District Council.

## What are we doing?

In 2005 each of the Neighbourhood Councils consulted with residents and others and published Character Assessments of their area.

We are building on this work, expanding the area to include Roffey and Holbrook .

This exhibition is the first stage in a wider consultation. We want everybody to get involved. Whether you live or work in Horsham, or are a visitor we want to hear your views.

## How you can help today

**Tell us what you value most in the buildings, street scenes and open spaces in your Neighbourhood, and across the town as a whole.**

**Answer the key questions and complete a short questionnaire.**

**This is a serious issue but it can be fun too. Have a go at identifying the locations of the photos.**