

Consultation comments

Hadleigh Park

1. The proposed Rd access to the Acres argument for football/the allotments:

Why I'm opposed:

- risk of losing hedgerows and wildlife diversity
- more traffic going up Parfitt/Hadleigh

What we ought to propose:

- Disability/blue badge access only
- Park and walk (the approx 200m) to the clubhouse and accept that walking is good and healthy for us
- for all users of this facility to accept that walking will add approximately 5 to 10 minutes to the commute
- question why we feel driving and parking to the clubhouse is more important to users over walking and count our lucky stars those who can walk

2. Well maintained

Maintained footpaths

Flat walking area for elderly

Bunds kept short and tidy

Better parking for the disabled and access to the park

3. Leave Hadleigh park as it is but perhaps widen access into it from Main Rd and then access to car park.
4. The hedgerows with rough grassland next to them are lovely and an important addition to an otherwise very short mown amenity area.
5. No through road for Parfitt for safety of park users and wildlife habitat.
6. There are more important things this village needs rather than the road to nowhere on the whim of a few Councillors. Should be consultation with residents before any decisions are made. Cost estimated at the moment is crazy.
7. Pump Track – in the corner opposite the wood/gate to allotment field/overflow water area
8. Pump track for all abilities

9. Can more be made of the water storage area that's bunded? It doesn't seem to ever hold any water. Is it operational (or just a developer requirement) If not could this area evolve either into a proper wetland area or be modified completely such as to an orchard?
10. I am aware of a few incidents of dogs attacking others when not on leads. Could (for example) Hadleigh's field be "on leads" and the acres "off leads". This would be safer for children on the park, dogs (traffic) and those who do not like dogs without stopping dog owners from exercising their dogs nearby.
11. Hadleigh – what we love and value is
- Safe space to meet friends and hang out
 - the references to nature and wildlife
 - the spaces dedicated to wild flowers/diversity/allowing nature to do its thing
 - the tree coppices and picnic tables
 - no mow May

What we'd love more of

- Quietness - please don't carve the field up with an access road
 - no mow April/May/June
 - more tree plantations for shade in the beating heat
 - drinking water fountains
 - more references and information boards describing specific/special wildlife species
12. No road to be built to cut through from Parfitt Drive to Cotton Mill Lane – unnecessary
The Bunds – If to remain to be properly maintained – as it is now unsightly and makes the area look unkempt
13. Leave the acres as it is – no road.
Spend the money on the whole village.
I'm sick of hearing about Parfitt Drive and Cotton Mill Lane and the arguing residents
14. Re-surface Cotton Mill Lane! (cheaper)
One way Quaker Lane.

15. The wildflower areas around the park look brilliant. (Don't let the moaners get you down!) 😊
16. Nature, flowers, Bug hotels/bugs, quiet and peaceful, trees, general safety, lighting, easy walking distance, accessible, seating, picnic spots, walking paths, bike paths/racks, dog off lead areas, fitness equipment, tables, rubbish bins.
17. Hadleigh Park is a great area in Farnsfield for everyone to come together. Love the bunds here and all of the wild flowers. Ideally would like to see more meadow here, it is such a large space and still plenty of room for the children to play. Thoroughly approve of Parish Councils policy of no mow May in this area and year round maintenance. Thank you
18. Well look after, grasses and weeds cut down. Left too long at the moment, looks a mess and does not encourage a mix of flowers just weeds.
19. People seem to want rows of begonias and pansies – instead of the bunds and wild places. Please don't turn the wild spaces into a municipal park!!! (for Parfitt to look at)
20. Maintenance of the bunds. Three years complaining and still no further forward. Still waiting for my complaint from Aug 25 to be heard.
21. No mow-May to continue. Biodiversity in the village is so important! Keep the bunds!
22. Facilities needed for older children and teens.
A purpose built building for Scouts is necessary, with outdoor space.
Parfitt Drive spaces (including field near allotments and skate park) needs to be fully maximised for use.
23. I am very supportive of the biodiversity and greening agenda. I love the wild flower areas of Hadleigh Park and support no mow May and the maintenance plans that support it. The village looks lovely and should provide habitat for wildlife as well as the community.
24. The new road proposed for Parfitt Drive is a colossal waste of money that will detrimentally impact local wildlife and other ecosystems currently present. It will be incredibly detrimental to the safety of children and adults that use the green spaces. The introduction of cars into an open green space that prioritises connection to nature is simply backwards. Creating a more car-centric village will detrimentally impact the lives of all villagers. If you are that invested in the road it should be put to a vote to prove no one wants it.
25. This is disgraceful to propose a road through a woodland area, it should never happen when there is a road already there. The money could be spent in much better use in the village and people should be accountable for their actions so far

26. Hadleigh Park a real credit to Farnsfield, perfect for everyone to enjoy of all ages. Full of nature and beautiful scenery. It feels really special and safe. Its perfect as it is. Currently the only green space left to exercise dogs off lead
27. Alternative route to the Acres - there is nothing wrong whatsoever with the existing access. I live on Quaker Lane I don't believe people do speed because it is so narrow people perceive the traffic is faster than they think. If this is an issue then how about sleeping policeman (speed bumps). The alternative, a new road down Hadleigh is an exorbitant unnecessary cost. NO NO!
All the parks in my opinion are absolutely fine.
28. Hadleigh Park. Obstacle course. Music area. Keep it safe! A pet cow in the field. Baby things. More picnic benches. Trampolines. Train
29. Regular user of Hadleigh Park – walking and using the playpark with Grandchildren. Love the mixture of wild planting, copses and mowed areas serving a range of activities and supporting nature.
30. Hadleigh park – I do not agree with the proposed road. I think it is a big expense for little gain. Could Quaker Lane/Tippings Lane be made one way.
31. Access to the Acres. I don't agree with any proposed new road. Existing is sufficient enough.
32. What would be the advantage of a road from Parfitt Drive? If there is fast traffic this area when sports matches are being played, wouldn't traffic calming methods be cheaper and more beneficial?
33. No to link road. We have bats in the area. New bat boxes needed/installed in the trees. Protected species.
People need to be encouraged to keep walking not riding in cars. Money can be much better spent elsewhere. Green spaces need protecting.
These areas are enjoyed by walkers, children who can run/roam freely not dodging cars etc.
More money to be spent on sensory and disabled play equipment.
34. Hadleigh Park – open grassy space for all age groups. Good maintenance. Birdige. Trees. Picnic spots. Walking path. Tables. Seats. Rubbish bins. Native flowers.
£200 000 because of one person complaining!!
Proposal for a road through the park is very dangerous.
Many young children, dogs and elderly use the park. Can't have rogue cars and bikes driving over the grass. Will also cost far too much. Money which could be better used elsewhere!!
35. Hadleigh park an area to be proud of. Is a beautiful open flat area for all ages to enjoy. It is used by many groups of people over the years families, dog walkers, children, elderly people, fitness classes. Do not destroy it by putting a road

through it which will be a danger to children playing and dogs playing as well as having an effect on the nature and wildlife.

36. Hadleigh Park - Option one is the only viable one and the rationale for change is not being clearly articulated. No data is being shared on traffic volumes. Decision made historically for allotments and skate park would and should have factored traffic volumes. Traffic calming on Quaker Lane or making it one way would reduce the issue. The only conclusion is that there is a someone shouting loudly on Cotton Mill Lane. There is no logic to any of the proposals. 2a/2b or option 3 (this was discounted when the car park was extended). The money should be used for better resources for children in the village.

Footpaths need to be improved in the village.

37. The proposed road extension is not necessary and would provide a further escape route for youths in lighter nights on the park (skate park)
38. Promote 20 is plenty throughout the village near the parks.
39. Putting a road here is a waste of money!!! Spend it on the kids instead.
40. Hadleigh Park - The only remaining open safe area in Farnsfield. Great for children playing and exercising dogs. Good for people to relax away from traffic.
41. If the residents of Cotton Mill Lane are not happy with cars using it they should pursue their solicitors for not highlighting it in searches!
42. I really can't see a valid reason for investing into a road to access form Parfitt Drive to prevent traffic on Cotton Mill Lane. The access road currently is not a busy road. If worried about danger or condition of road in existence it should be better surfaced. There is also an amount of hypocrisy regarding environment too. We don't cut grass around the village for bugs and wildlife yet plan to cut through grassland/hedges and destroy habitats.
43. New access road is a total waste of money. Will not solve issues it is intended to solve eg volume of traffic on match days.
44. Hadleigh Park proposal - Damaging to existing park. Very expensive for small return. Ongoing maintenance cost. No proper planning.
Build scout hut by existing car park.
It would be good if you answered questions via email or at the PC meetings
45. Road Access plans – surely the green option is the only suitable option to protect our green spaces!
46. Application to Notts Highways to convert Cotton Mill Lane form a bridal way to bye way. Leave as an unmade road to stop traffic speeding. No cost to FPC. All other alternatives will mean a proper road will become a rat run and dangerous with immense costs of developing.
47. Access to the Acres/Hadleigh Option 3 would cause a safety issue for children and dogs off leads and would cause separation of the site from the adjacent green areas (pastureland).

Putting roads through the corner of Hadleigh and into Reynolds will result in isolation of the sites for users and loss of character of the area. Upgrading the existing bridleway would be least damaging to site users (children, dog walkers) and biodiversity and would not result in an increase in traffic.

48. Re the proposed road development to the acres.

I oppose this and would have signed the petition had I known about it.

The costs predicted are unclear

The impact on parking along Parfitt and Hadleigh car park is not considered

Talking to a Councillor suggests that there has been very little data collected to use to promote the plan, relating to the amount of traffic, environmental issues, the water drainage area, the weight of public opinion for and against; the balance of spending in relation to other projects for the village.

I am concerned that past projects have not fully considered access/parking issues to the Acres. Shouldn't there have been a strategic plan for use of funds and developing community facilities.

Please consider points above.

49. The Acres/Parfitt/Millennium Wood

Stunning park with space for parking and all activities. I walk my dog through the park – never tire of the lovely view. Always enough parking for those who need it. Great to see the football pitch being used.

I am shocked that anyone would think a road through the park is necessary.

Ridiculous use of public money and would only benefit a few home owners on Cotton Mill Lane on the very few match days. If these cars are such a problem, the players could walk from the existing car park! I am incredulous about the misuse of public time and money on this issue.

Comments not specific to Hadleigh Park.

1. Farnsfield won best-kept village for a reason – it looks so wonderful these days! No mow May is a key part of this – a key time of year when all the pollinators ensure that we have wonderful wild flowers the rest of the time. Thank you for the wonderful work you do for the village Farnsfield Parish Council.

2. Please keep no-mow May. Rewild Millennium Woods.

3. No-mow May is a credit to the village. It should be continued with pride.

4. Things that I love – all areas: Skate park, hedgehog areas, no-mow May areas – loved the new areas at Parfitt Drive parks, woodland areas, tree planting, play grounds, wild meadows. Existing.

5. If the no-mow May policy is to be pursued please ensure this is not to the detriment of road safety: weeds/wildflowers/grass left to take seed and flourish where the road surface meets the kerb and blocking drains; growth that presents road safety risks if dogs/children can not be seen stepping out into the road until it is too late.

6. Top of Broomfield at the friendship bench a small bird table for the community would be fab! I would defo put food on it and maybe the children walking to school may have a bit of fun putting bread/seed and watching the birds.

7. To perhaps make dog poo bins bigger. There are a lot of responsible dog owners who despair when the bins are overflowing. Perhaps they are not being emptied often enough!

8. Dog poo bins. Has frequency of collection reduced, if so please can the bin size on the trail and Hadleigh Park be increased as constantly now overflowing, which was not the case 6 months ago.

9. Less wilderness, dangerous, unsightly and in the centre of the countryside. No need, minority interest!!!

10. No mow-May – a worthwhile endeavour. Better communication with residents about what/when/where to expect it would sooth worries. Some inside small village verges (eg Friendship Bench; bottom of the Ridgeway) should be neatly trimmed and maintained so the other spaces can be wild. Everyone will feel heard.

11. Please continue no-mow may – so important.

12. The overall state of the village looks untidy, when you drive through the village the kerb sides have overgrown vegetation that needs to be cleared.

13. I would like to comment on general issues. No mow-May – this is not a positive thing. The grass gets too long in public areas and in warmer weather it makes it hard to see where you are walking – avoiding mess, by the way dogs and humans can be bitten by ticks! Also those bunds – plant some wildflowers in them please. Weeds are wild I know but not a good look. Plus when left to get tall people cant see when driving out of the car park on Parfitt Drive.

14. Please can we have a scout hut.

15. No real engagement with the public by any of the Parish Council at the event. Came with children and made to feel unwelcome as the children are the future of the village. Some more engagement would have been nice. Need a facility for older children and teens to help with anti-social behaviour. A purpose built scout hut is much needed.