

## Balance

There are 185 houses in Hovingham according to the Hovingham Community Survey report 2019 of which 55% owner occupied

45% Estate rental/Housing Association rental/Shared Ownership

A sustainable balance - a good mixture is important to a rural village where community is everything.

## A thriving community

Hovingham had the benefit of good services - Bakery, village Shop, doctor, hotel, pub (not currently open), school (at risk), hairdresser, cafe, church, chapel, Village Hall, playground, tennis, cricket, Bowles. The Community Plan 2009 was the origin of the introduction of the village market.

Hovingham is a living, working community with lots of local services. There are now many working from home in a wide variety of jobs and sectors. This encourages younger people into the village.

Farming remains at its heart with 3 active farms operating in the village.

The diverse structure creates a sustainable community.

## Quote from Sir William Worsley

“ ‘My family has a long association with Hovingham and, as with my predecessors, I maintain a desire to positively encourage and manage the success of Hovingham and surrounding area as a wonderful place to both live and work.

To this end, a thriving and living village is key to the success of our rural communities as we strive for social, environmental and economic sustainability. A diverse range of rural housing is key to meeting this objective.’ ”

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Working together to deliver rural housing to meet local needs  
and sustainable communities



HOVINGHAM

## Working with Estates

### Case Study...

the development of a sustainable community  
Hovingham, York

### History

Hovingham Estate has been in the ownership of the Worsley family since 1563. At its centre is Hovingham Hall, a Grade 1 Listed Palladian style building. The Estate land completely encircles the village which is located on the edge of the Howardian Hills, north of York.

The oldest house in the village is Manor Farmhouse 16th century whilst the Hall was built in the mid-18th century. There was considerable building in the late 19th century, early 20th century but nearly half of the houses in the village are post-War.

### Rural Housing Challenges

Rural villages need a living community to thrive. This means encouraging diversity, in terms of age structure and occupation and also a maintaining a good infrastructure. Rental properties are important to encourage younger families together with a range of services. The Rural Commission found that new housing development could be spread into some suitable rural villages to release pressure on the market towns.

### Hovingham vernacular

The properties are almost entirely constructed of limestone under pantile roofs - the Hovingham vernacular. Where houses have been sold away from the Estate, there has always been a strict restrictive covenants policy, carefully enforced, to ensure the integrity of the village is maintained for future generations.

## Estate strategy on housing

Since the Second World War, the Estate has built new houses on a regular basis. A policy of little and often so as not to flood the village with new houses. When new houses are built the Estate designs the house and they are sold as plans which the Estate then enforces to ensure compliance with the local vernacular.

## New houses - through the decades

1950s Mowbray Crescent Council house development - 10 units



1960s Mossburn Drive - 9 units



1960s Coronation Green - retirement housing - 7 units



1970s Old Quarry - 5 units

1970s Church Street - affordable flats - 4 units



1980s Mossburn Drive - 3 units

1990s Hall Farm Cottages and Pasture Lane phase 1 - 14 units (5 shared ownership, 3 let, 6 owner occupied)



2000s Pasture Lane phase 2 25 units, (4 affordable flats, 4 affordable houses, 16 open market houses, 1 barn conversion)



2020s Pasture Lane phase 3 3 units

