



# HM Prison & Probation Service

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## **CONSULTATION ON THE EXPANSION OF HMP GARTREE**

To Foxton Parish Council,

We are writing further to a letter you will have received on 13 September from Robin Seaton, in relation to the outline planning application submission for the new build prison proposed next to the existing HMP Gartree.

We also wish to provide an update to you on the plans for the expansion of HMP Gartree. We are intending to commence a public consultation later this month and wished to first communicate these plans to key stakeholders. We would welcome any feedback that you have at this stage.

### **Details of our proposals**

At HMP Gartree we are intending to launch a public consultation on plans to construct a new houseblock for up to 247 additional prisoners, which we plan to complete in 2024. To ensure that the prison has sufficient activity places, we are also proposing to build a new workshop and expand the education department, the kitchens and the sports hall. This will be within the grounds of the existing prison and is separate to the new prison recently consulted upon. A copy of the consultation document will be uploaded for anyone to access, following the launch of the consultation, at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-prison-expansion-in-market-harborough-public-consultation>. To ensure that this does not cause any element of confusion with the neighbour consultation carried out as part of the Local Planning Authority's consideration of the separate application for the new prison site, we will also make clear on our consultation page and consultation acknowledgement email that the New Prison application is available separately to view and comment on at <https://pa2.harborough.gov.uk/online-applications/> (reference 21/01600/OUT).

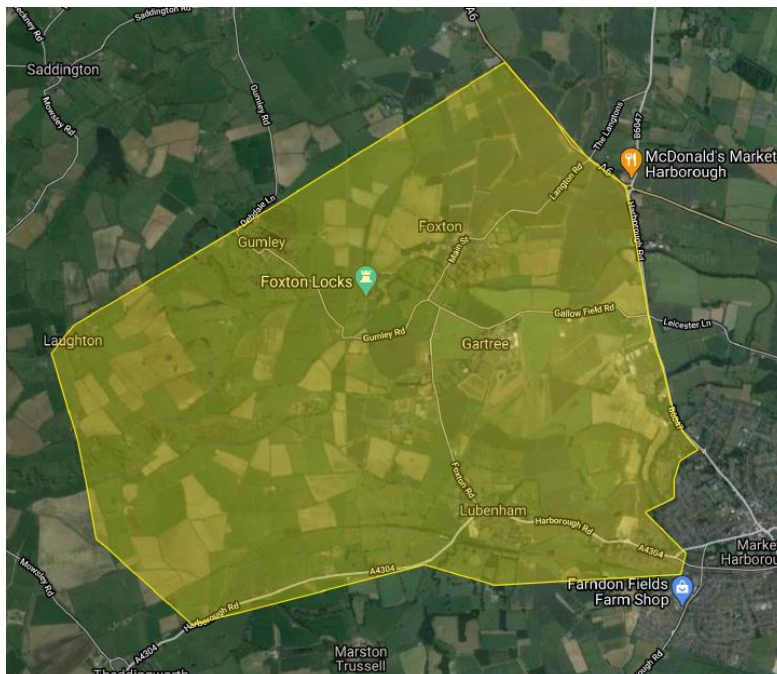
### **How we will gather feedback**

Local residents will be able to view our proposals and give feedback via the link to our website above. Additionally, for residents living closest to the site in Gartree village, we would like to invite them to a virtual residents' meeting, scheduled for 6pm on Wednesday 3 November, to discuss the plans in more detail. This meeting would be attended by representatives from the development team and have a specific focus on the topics of most interest to local residents.

Throughout the consultation period, residents will be able to provide feedback on MoJ proposals via e-mail to a dedicated mailbox ([gartreeconsultation@justice.gov.uk](mailto:gartreeconsultation@justice.gov.uk)). We are also inviting feedback by post to us at the above address. We are intending to run the consultation for a period of four weeks.

## **Proposed area for letters advising of the consultation**

For consistency with the New Prisons Programme and their recent consultation in advance of their application, we will be writing to all households and business premises within Gartree, Foxtan, Lubenham, Gumley, Laughton and the western streets of Market Harborough. The total number of residential and business addresses within this area is approximately 1,500.



## **Next steps**

This community consultation is an opportunity for the Ministry of Justice to hear views and receive feedback from local residents, business and service providers before any formal decisions are taken. We would operate a period of reflection for us to consider all responses and to address feedback received prior to the submission of any application.

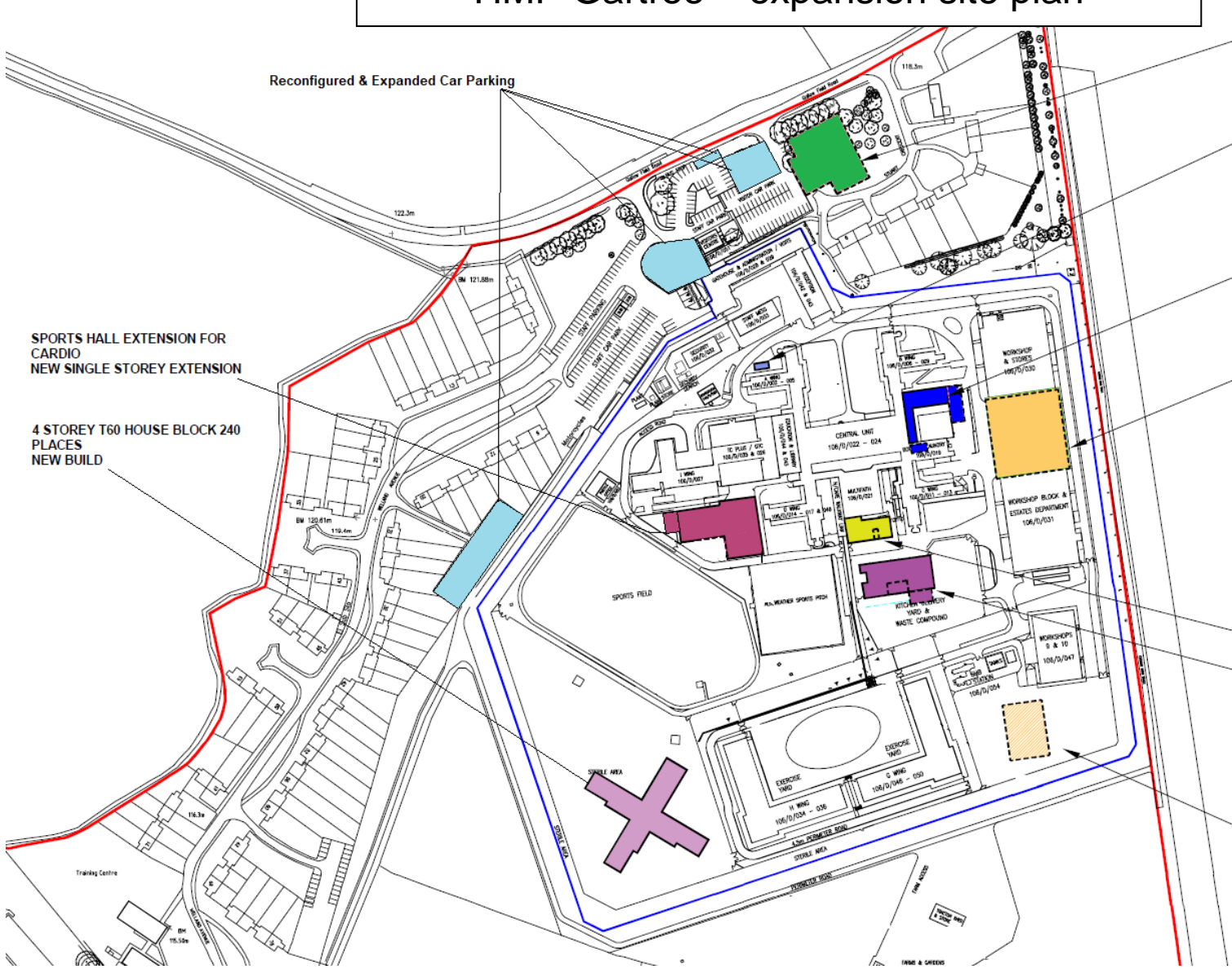
We are committed to ensuring that all builds are decent, safe and secure places to live and work. We have conducted extensive evidence-based work to develop the new accommodation design already being used at other prison sites. Building on this previous design work will ensure the additional prison places at HMP Gartree provide safe, decent and secure accommodation locally, ensuring that men can remain in the local area and maintain the close family ties required to promote successful rehabilitation. Any increase in the population of the prison will also help create additional employment locally, during construction and once the accommodation is built.

We would welcome an opportunity to discuss both the proposals for the new prison and prison expansion with you further.

Yours sincerely,

**Scott Fielding, Deputy Director  
Accelerated Houseblock Delivery Programme  
Prison Supply Directorate**

# HMP Gartree – expansion site plan



GREEN SPACE PRESERVED BASED ON LOCAL FEEDBACK

RECEPTION PROPERTY STORE  
USE 1 x CONDITIONED STORAGE CONTAINER WITH 100% ROLLER RACKING

EXTEND EXISTING SEG UNIT INTO ADJACENT BUILDING TO GIVE 3 ADDITIONAL CELLS AND SUPPORT ACCOMMODATION. REFURB EXISTING 14 SPACE SEG.

ACTIVITES NEW BUILD  
WORKSHOP FOR 140 AND EDUCATION 40

HEALTHCARE - RECONFIGURE STORAGE SYSTEMS ALLOW FOR 20m<sup>2</sup> OF ALTERATIONS/CABINETS

KITCHEN  
CONSTRUCT NEW EXTENSION ON SIDE OF BUILDING TO REPLACE EQUIPMENT STORE AND WASH UP AREAS

ACTIVITES (ENABLING WORKS)  
CONSTRUCT A NEW FACTORY UNIT TO REPLACE EXISTING FACILITIES

SPORTS HALL EXTENSION FOR CARDIO  
NEW SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION

4 STOREY T60 HOUSE BLOCK 240 PLACES  
NEW BUILD

Reconfigured & Expanded Car Parking

SPORTS FIELD

ALL WEATHER SPORTS PITCH

KITCHEN EXTENSION  
WASH UP & WASTE COMPOUND

WORKSHOPS 8 & 10  
108/7/247

WORKSHOP BLOCK & ESTATES DEPARTMENT  
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WORKSHOP & STORES  
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CENTRAL UNIT  
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