



Mavesyn Ridware **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

CONSULTATION STATEMENT

AUGUST 2024

1. Consultation Process

- 1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 in respect of the Mavesyn Ridware Neighbourhood Plan (MRNP).
- 1.2 The legal basis of this Consultation Statement is provided by Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, which requires that a consultation statement should:
- contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
 - explain how they were consulted;
 - summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
 - describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.
- 1.3 This Consultation Statement summarises all the statutory and non-statutory consultation that has been undertaken with the community and other relevant statutory bodies and stakeholders in developing the Mavesyn Ridware Neighbourhood Development Plan. It describes how concerns have been addressed and what changes have been made to the final Plan as a result of the pre-submission consultation.

Background Information to the Consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan

- 1.4 The Parish was designated as a Neighbourhood Development Plan Area on 16th December 2019.
- 1.5 Mavesyn Ridware Parish Council formed the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in Summer 2022 to progress work on the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.6 The structure put in place was a small Steering Group leading on work across the range of themes that formed the basis of the draft Neighbourhood Plan. This Steering Group met regularly (monthly) and comprised seven representatives from the local parish community, including a parish councillor. The Steering Group terms of reference are included at **Appendix A**.
- 1.7 The minutes of all Steering Group meetings were made available on the Mavesyn Ridware Parish Council website – www.mavesynridwareparishcouncil.gov.uk

Public events and consultation activities

- 1.8 The following surveys and consultation activities were undertaken as shown in Table 1.1.

Household Survey

- 1.9 A household survey was circulated to all households within the parish in Spring 2021, The questionnaire provided an opportunity for residents to express their opinions and ideas to inform the formation of a Neighbourhood Plan. In total, 105 household

responses were received. The analysis of these responses informed the preparation of draft objectives and the vision and is included at **Appendix B**.

Public Meetings

- 1.10 Two public meetings were held in the Village Hall in Spring 2022 to explain the neighbourhood plan process, to provide feedback from the household survey and to garner interest in becoming a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Steering Group terms of reference were signed by 7 local representatives.

Drop In Exhibitions

- 1.11 The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group hosted a number of drop-in exhibitions in the Village Hall to capture views from residents and receive feedback on emerging policies and proposals. Drop in exhibitions were held in late 2022 and sought feedback on the vision, objectives, number of homes we need to support local needs, the open spaces that are most important to our community and other topics such as design and heritage matters. The exhibitions boards are included at **Appendix C**.

- 1.12 Further drop-in exhibitions were held through the regulation 14 consultation on Saturday 13th and Friday 19th April 2024. The exhibition board are included at **Appendix D**.

Stakeholder consultations

- 1.13 Throughout the process, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group worked closely with Lichfield District Council (LDC). Discussions were held with officers from LDC to address matters pertaining to housing needs, HRA, SEA, heritage matters and progress with a review of the adopted Local Plan. There was also an ongoing dialogue to discuss early drafts of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.14 The Steering Group submitted a formal screening request regarding the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the draft MRNP on 31st July 2023. LDC provided its formal response on 26th September 2023, stating that an SEA and HRA were both required. A copy of the MRNP Screening Report is included as part of the supporting evidence base.
- 1.15 The SEA Scoping Report was prepared and submitted to LDC for formal consultation with the statutory bodies (Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England). The 5-week consultation period ran from late January until 8th March 2024.
- 1.16 Other consultees that the Steering Group engaged with included:
- Staffordshire County Council
 - Environment Agency
 - Henry Chadwick Primary School
 - Local landowners (including local green spaces, burial ground land and potential development site options)

1.17 Local landowners were consulted through a 'call for sites' undertaken by the Steering Group to identify potential options for meeting local housing needs.

Engaging with hard-to-reach groups

1.18 There were no specific groups that were felt to be under-represented throughout the process. Attendance at the engagement events was from a wide cross section of the community that broadly represented the demographic mix of Mavesyn Parish.

1.19 Concerns were raised during the early stages of plan preparation regarding a lack of input from the smaller villages and it was decided that leaflets would be delivered to each household in these villages (Mavesyn Ridware, Pipe Ridware and Blithbury) during the Regulation 14 consultation. A copy of the leaflet is included at **Appendix E**.

2. Key Responses from Consultation

- 2.1 The household survey captured a broad range of information which highlighted local issues and opportunities. In total 105 completed household surveys were returned which represented approximately a 20% return rate. The analysis of the household survey is set out in a paper contained at **Appendix B**.
- 2.2 The results of the survey allowed the Steering Group to draft a Vision and a number of Objectives to guide the policies and proposals within the Neighbourhood Plan. A paper providing the rationale behind the vision and objectives is contained at **Appendix F**. This provides an overview of evidence available to inform the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2.3 These vision and objectives were tested through drop in exhibition events at Hill Ridware Village Hall. The exhibition material is provided at **Appendix C**. The feedback received strongly endorsed both the vision and objectives.
- 2.4 The drop in exhibitions also outlined our approach to allocating a housing site or sites to satisfy our local housing need, draft local green spaces and a proposal to increase burial plots within the Parish. To ensure a considered response, the exhibition material was accompanied by additional evidence prepared by the Steering Group, including the Housing Needs Assessment, Local Green Space Assessment and draft Design Codes. Again, the feedback generally endorsed the approach including the identified local green spaces, locally listed buildings and the suggested area for additional burial plots.
- 2.5 In conclusion, the key responses were as follows:
- Support for limited development to meet local needs
 - Development needs to be supported by infrastructure (services and facilities)
 - Endorsement of Local Green Spaces identified
 - Endorsement for additional burial plots close to St Nicholas Church
 - Endorsement of the proposed locally listed buildings
 - Need to ensure high quality of design

3. Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation

3.1 The draft Mavesyn Ridware Neighbourhood Plan was finalised in early 2024. The Regulation 14 Pre-Submission consultation ran for a 6-week period from Friday 12th April until Friday 24th May. Following receipt and publication of the SEA Environmental Report on 13th May, the consultation was extended until Friday 28th June.

3.2 The following methods were utilised to publicise the Regulation 14 consultation:

- The draft Neighbourhood Plan, SEA, HRA, supporting evidence and formal response form were published on the Parish Council website www.mavesynridwareparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Notifications were sent to statutory and non-statutory consultees via email (where possible) or hard copy letter if no email address was available.
- A public notice was put up on the Parish Council noticeboard outside of the Village Hall
- A public notice was placed in the Messenger Magazine
- Leaflets were distributed to households within the Parish at the start of the consultation (including Hill Ridware, Blithbury, Mavesyn Ridware and Pipe Ridware)
- Social Media notices were published via Facebook

3.3 All notification correspondence advised consultees to view the draft Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying documents on the Parish Council website and to respond using the standard response form. Consultees were notified that a hard copy of the documentation was available to view at the Village Hall.

3.4 The full list of statutory consultees that were notified are as follows:

Consultee
Lichfield District Council
Staffordshire County Council
Neighbouring Parish Council's
East Staffordshire Borough Council
Cannock Chase District Council
The Coal Authority
Homes England
Natural England
The Environment Agency
Historic England
Network Rail
National Highways
Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent Integrated Care Board

National Grid
Severn Trent Water
South Staffordshire Water
St Nicholas Church, Mavesyn Ridware
Ward Members
Land Promoters

- 3.5 In total there were 19 representations submitted to the draft Neighbourhood Plan to include statutory consultees, landowners and members of the local community.
- 3.6 A schedule of summarised comments and the respective Steering Group responses are shown at **Appendix G**.
- 3.7 As a result, the Submission Mavesyn Ridware Neighbourhood Plan has been modified accordingly. The modifications are minor in nature.
- 3.8 The Parish Council approved the Submission Mavesyn Ridware Neighbourhood Plan at a Full Council meeting on Thursday 25th July 2024.

APPENDIX A



Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Application Pack

Neighbourhood Planning gives communities the power to develop a shared vision for their area. Neighbourhood Development plans can shape, direct and help to deliver sustainable development by influencing local planning decisions as part of the statutory development plan.

Mavesyn Ridware Parish Council (MRPC) is seeking to assemble a well-matched and skilled team of volunteers for our Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The project will last around 12-18 months and there will be monthly meetings with tasks in between. It is a responsible position, and it will affect all residents, community organisations and businesses within the parish.

The Steering Group will act as the Board of Directors for the plan and will answer to MRPC which is the accountable body. The Steering Group will be responsible for consulting the community and working with officers and professional planners to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan is fit for purpose.

The Steering Group will be composed of elected Mavesyn Ridware Parish Councillors and members of the community. We are looking for a range of skills and experience so that we can put together the most effective team.

Attached in the following pages is an application form, the assessment criteria that will be used to select candidates and draft Terms of Reference.

If you apply for the Steering Group but are not successful, don't worry. There will be plenty of opportunities to become involved once the policy topics have been decided and we will need to gather evidence and support for what we are trying to achieve.

If you feel that you have the skills we need to undertake this major project and are willing to commit your time regularly for the next 12 to 18 months, we would love to hear from you.

APPLICATION FORM

Name:

Contact email:

Contact telephone:

Please provide your reason for wishing to be on the Mavesyn Ridware Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group:

(Please use as much space as necessary)

Please describe how you believe you can fulfil the role:

(Please use as much space as necessary)

Please give a brief description of relevant skills, knowledge and experience that you could bring to the Steering Group:

(Please use as much space as necessary)

Some relevant skills might be (but are not limited to) the following:

<i>Architecture</i>	<i>Housing</i>
<i>Biodiversity/Ecology</i>	<i>Infrastructure Funding</i>
<i>Business and employment</i>	<i>Local Government</i>
<i>Communication and marketing</i>	<i>Project Management</i>
<i>Community Engagement</i>	<i>Retail</i>
<i>Education</i>	<i>Sport and Recreation</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>Tourism</i>
<i>Green Space and play</i>	<i>Town Planning</i>
<i>Healthcare and wellness</i>	<i>Transport</i>
<i>Historic Environment</i>	<i>Working with "hard to reach" groups</i>

It is important that as many people as possible can share their skills as the neighbourhood plan progresses. There will be plenty of work and we will need many hands. There will, however, only be a limited number of places on the Steering Group. Members will be chosen to ensure that the group has the best range of skills possible so it may be the case that very good candidates will not be chosen because there is someone with very similar skills.

Completed application forms should either be submitted to:
Mavesyn Ridware Parish Council, Village Hall, Uttoxeter Road, Hill Ridware,
Staffordshire, WS15 3QX or via email to mavesynparish@outlook.com
Closing Date: 25th April 2022

Mavesyn Ridware Parish Council will contact you within 14 days of the closing date to let you know whether you have been successful or not.

Please visit our website for more information about how we process your data.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

(Score 1-5 where 1 is “low”, 5 is “high”, and 0 is “not known”)

Community representation

- Ability to represent a wide sector of the community
- Proven track record in community leadership
- No obvious vested interest or conflict of interest

Personal qualities

- Likely to remain on the steering group for the full term
- Likely to fully participate in steering group, meeting the scope of the role
- Good communicator (if known)

Skills

- Strong skills in at least one relevant topic
- Complementary skills relative to other members of the steering group
- Local knowledge

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE NDP OF STEERING GROUP

PURPOSE

The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Steering Group (SG) will oversee the process whereby the Mavesyn Ridware NDP is prepared, consulted upon, and taken through to referendum. The SG will aim to ensure that the NDP is representative of the views of the Mavesyn Ridware Parish community, whilst complying with the Regulations of the English Town Planning system and being in conformity with the Local Plan developed by Lichfield District Council. The Steering Group will be sponsored by and report to Mavesyn Ridware Parish Council (MRPC). The Parish Council is the accountable body and will receive regular reports from the Steering Group. MRPC will administer all funding and payments according to agreed diligence practices.

SCOPE

The Steering Group will be supported by professional planning consultants and paid staff from Mavesyn Ridware Parish Council. The SG will:

- Determine the overall scope and objectives of the NDP
- Manage the process of preparing the plan, and prepare and monitor a project plan
- Seek professional support and advice on technical planning matters from Planning Consultants and other technical consultants where appointed
- Consult the Mavesyn Ridware Parish community as fully as possible, when identifying priorities and delivery options
- Prepare and execute a proactive Communications Strategy
- Consider the financial implications of preparing the NDP.
- Regularly update Mavesyn Ridware Parish Council on the progress of the NDP including risk management
- Oversee the overall consultation process
- Engage in constructive dialogue with all stakeholders, including the Local Planning Authority, to seek to negotiate policies and outcomes that are fit for purpose, and represent the views of the community.
- Oversee the production of all stages of the NDP's preparation through to referendum
- Produce minutes, reports, communication materials in accordance with the Communications Strategy, and other material needed to produce the NDP
- Nominate a replacement Steering Group member to Full Council for agreement should a vacancy arise
- Oversee the population and maintenance of the NDP website page.
- Recommend to MRPC the commissioning of appropriate technical studies as part of the NDP process.
- Oversee the work of engaged professional consultants and report any concerns to MRPC

RESPONSIBILITIES

Each Steering Group Member is required to:

- attend all scheduled meetings wherever possible and to give apologies in advance for non-attendance
- read all papers and prepare for meetings
- participate fully and constructively in meetings
- complete agreed tasks between meetings
- maintain the good reputation of the NDP, the SG and MRPC
- fairly and impartially represent all sectors of the Mavesyn Ridware Parish community equally
- treat all members and supporting officers of the SG respectfully
- not communicate with the press or via social media about the NDP in their role as SG Member, without the prior agreement of the Chairman

TRANSPARENCY

All information, evidence and correspondence between the steering group and other stakeholders is subject to Freedom of Information regulations and will be made publicly available on request.

DECISION-MAKING

The Steering Group may give guidance, advice, and make recommendations to MRPC for decision.

LENGTH OF TERM

Ideally, SG members are expected to support the process until the Referendum. However, where it becomes necessary for a SG member to give up the position, every effort will be made to find a suitable replacement.

APPENDIX B



Mavesyn Ridware **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

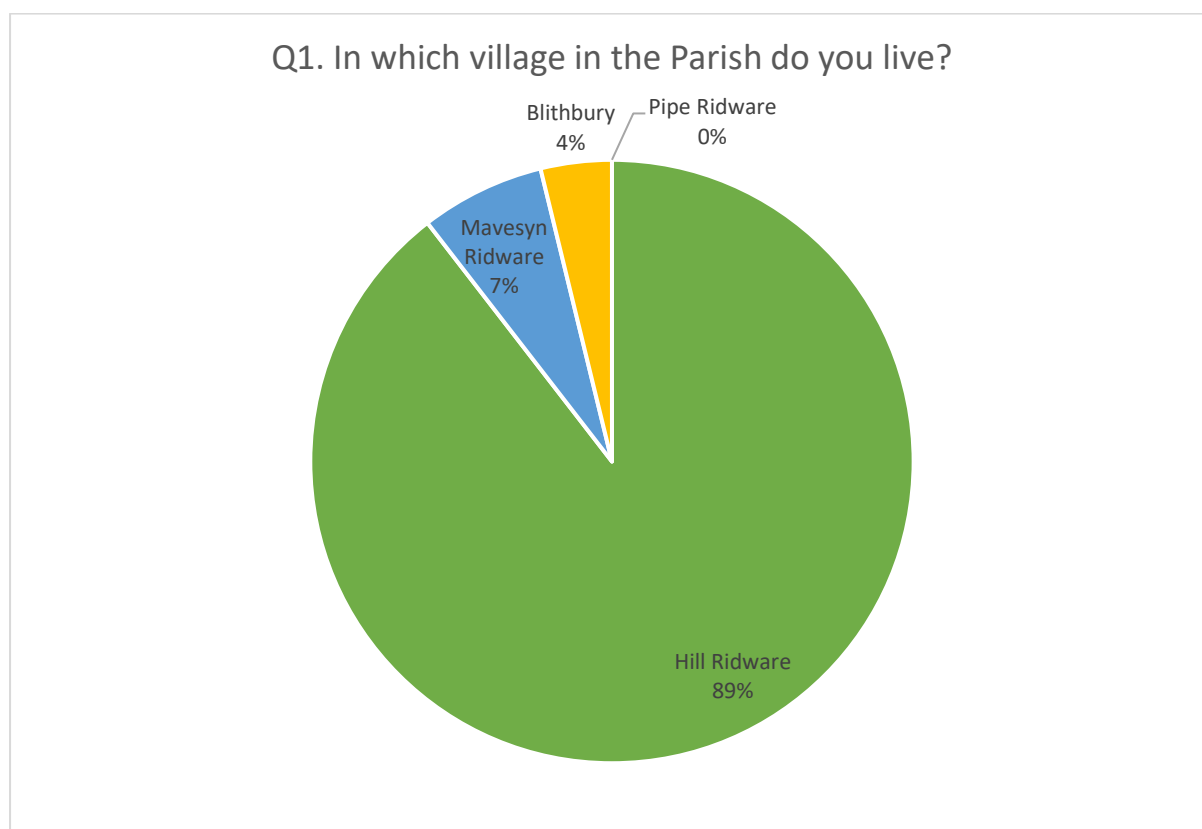
**QUESTIONNAIRE 2021
ANALYSIS**

SEPTEMBER 2021

Respondents

Household Questionnaires were delivered to every household within the Parish in Spring 2021. The questionnaire provided an opportunity for residents to express their opinions and idea to inform the formation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the Mavesyn Ridware Parish.

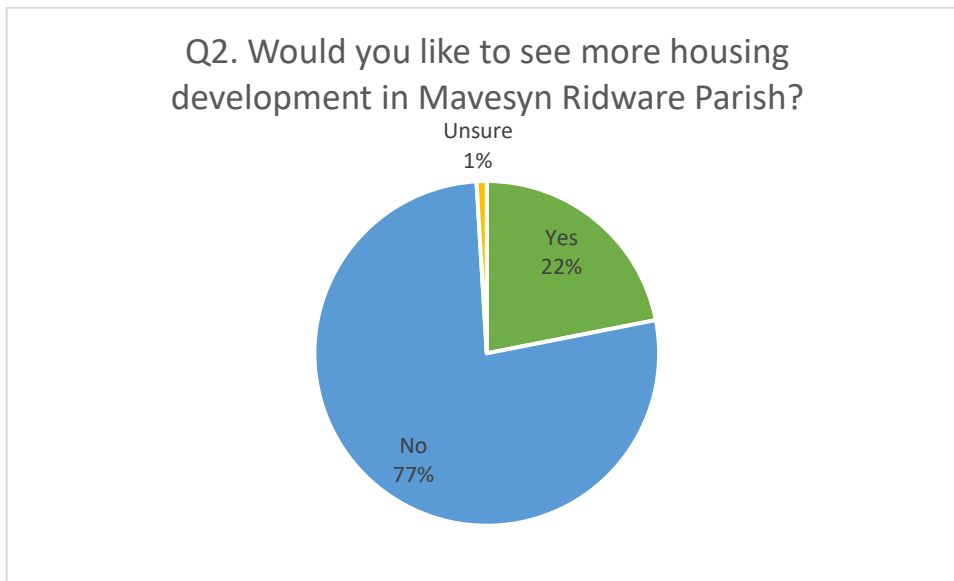
There were 105 household responses. The 2011 Census concluded there were 446 dwellings in the Parish in 2011. Since 2011 a number of dwellings have been built (including 48 dwellings on the Cameron Homes site and 33 dwellings on the Maplevale Homes site). Assuming there are around 530 dwellings within the Parish in 2021 a 20% response rate was achieved. It is considered a robust and representative response has therefore been achieved.



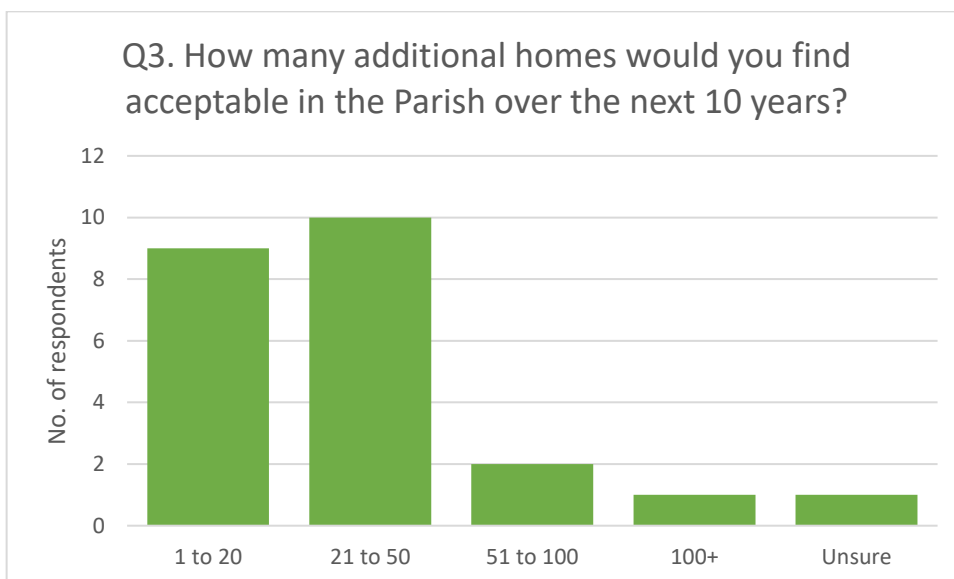
The majority of responses were received from households within Hill Ridware and this is unsurprising as the majority of households are located within this village of the Parish. It should be noted that a proportionate level of responses were received from both Mavesyn Ridware and Blithbury households, however no responses were received from the limited number of households in Pipe Ridware. Further community testing within Pipe Ridware is recommended through future consultations.

This report provides analysis of the responses received. Whilst many of the questions within the questionnaire were 'closed' questions and therefore the responses are self explanatory within this report, further narrative is provided on the responses to the 'open' questions where necessary.

Housing Development

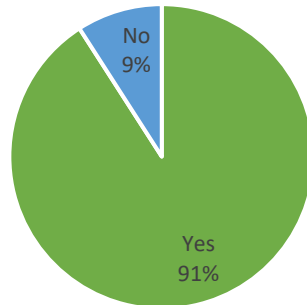


Over three quarters of household responses did not support the delivery of more homes within the Parish, however a level of support for additional homes was received from a minority of households. These households were located within the village of Hill Ridware.



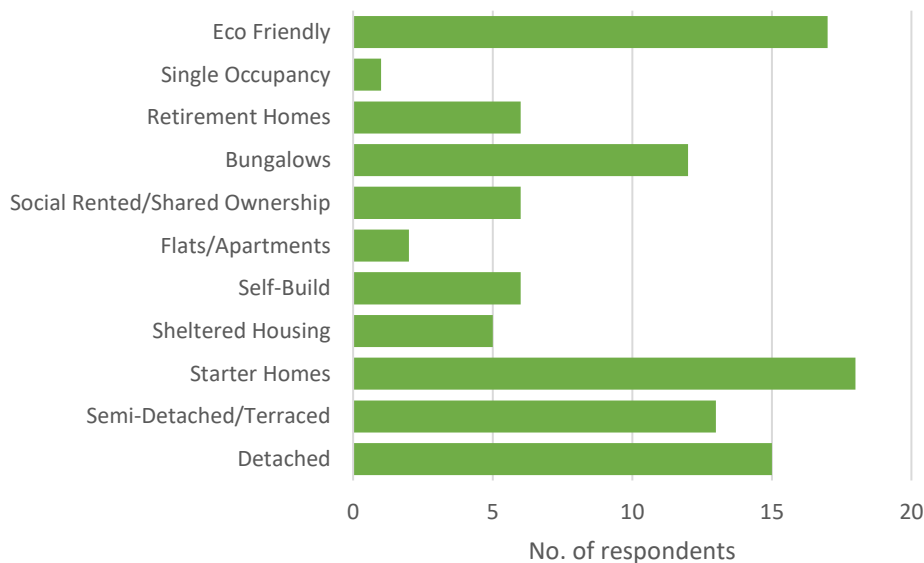
Of those households that would support the delivery of new homes within the Parish, there was no consensus on the number of homes that they would like to see delivered, with a high proportion of those supporting between 1 to 20 and 21 to 51 additional homes. A single response would find over 100 new homes acceptable. In addition, a further response considered that a Local Housing Needs Survey should be undertaken to fully understand the scale of local need within the Parish which should inform the number of additional homes supported in the Parish in the next 10 years.

Q4. For any future housing development would you like to see more architectural character designed into new homes?

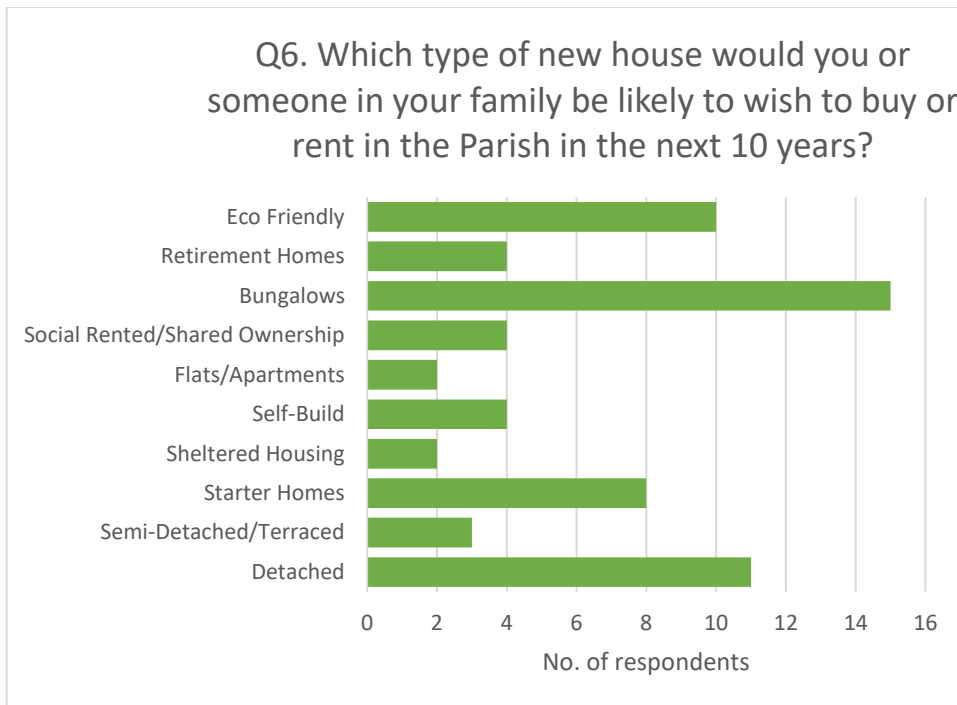


The clear majority of responses would like to see greater architectural character designed into new homes.

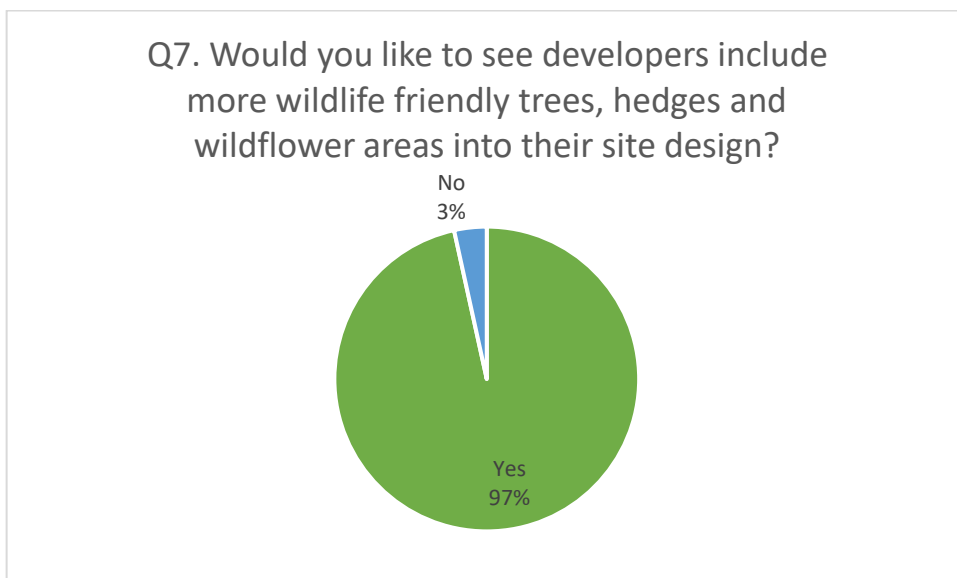
Q5. What type of housing would you like to see within any future development in the Parish?



Again, there was no consensus on the type of housing respondents would like to see as part of future housing development in the village. The responses show support for a range of house sizes, types and tenures and it should be noted that many of the options provided within the questionnaire are not mutually exclusive.

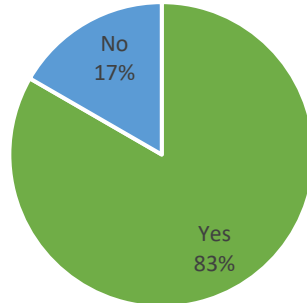


In line with the responses to Q5 above, there was no consensus on the type of new home needed by households in the next 10 years. However, in analysing the response to Q5 and Q6 together there seems to be greater support for ‘detached’ properties, ‘eco friendly properties’, ‘bungalows’ and ‘starter homes’ which would allow for younger residents to be retained within the Parish.



Of those respondents that supported the provision of new homes within the Parish, the vast majority wanted to see developers include wildlife friendly habitats incorporated into development schemes.

Q8. Would you like to see developers encouraged to include Bird and Bat friendly eaves into their plans?



Again, respondents supported the inclusion of bird and bat boxes within development proposals, however the responses demonstrated greater support for bird boxes. In addition, some respondents considered that bird and bat boxes would be more appropriate located elsewhere within the Parish, including within trees and field margins.

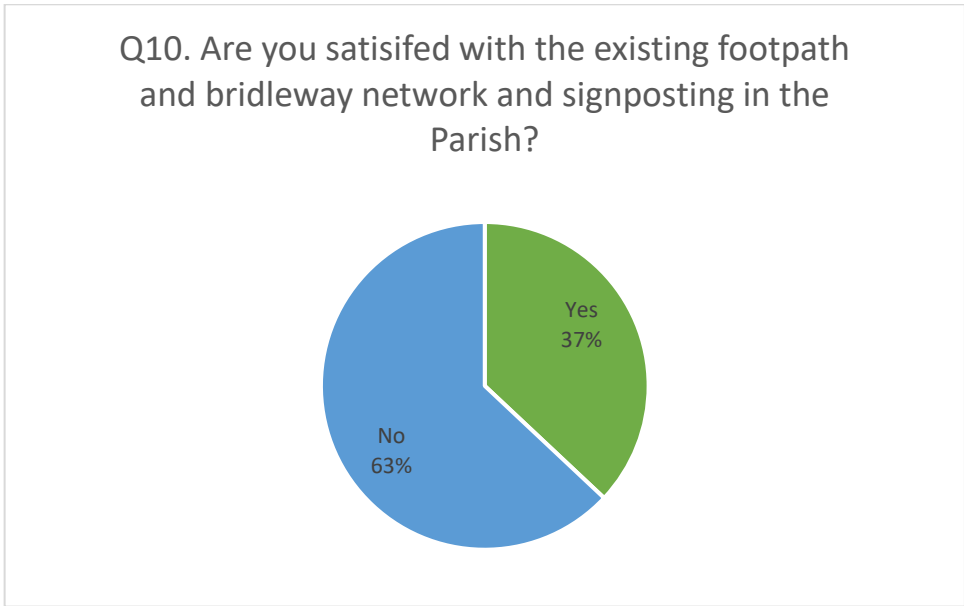
Q9. Which areas of the Parish do you value the most and would like to see protected from development?

Of those that responded, the areas of most importance, to see protected from development, were:

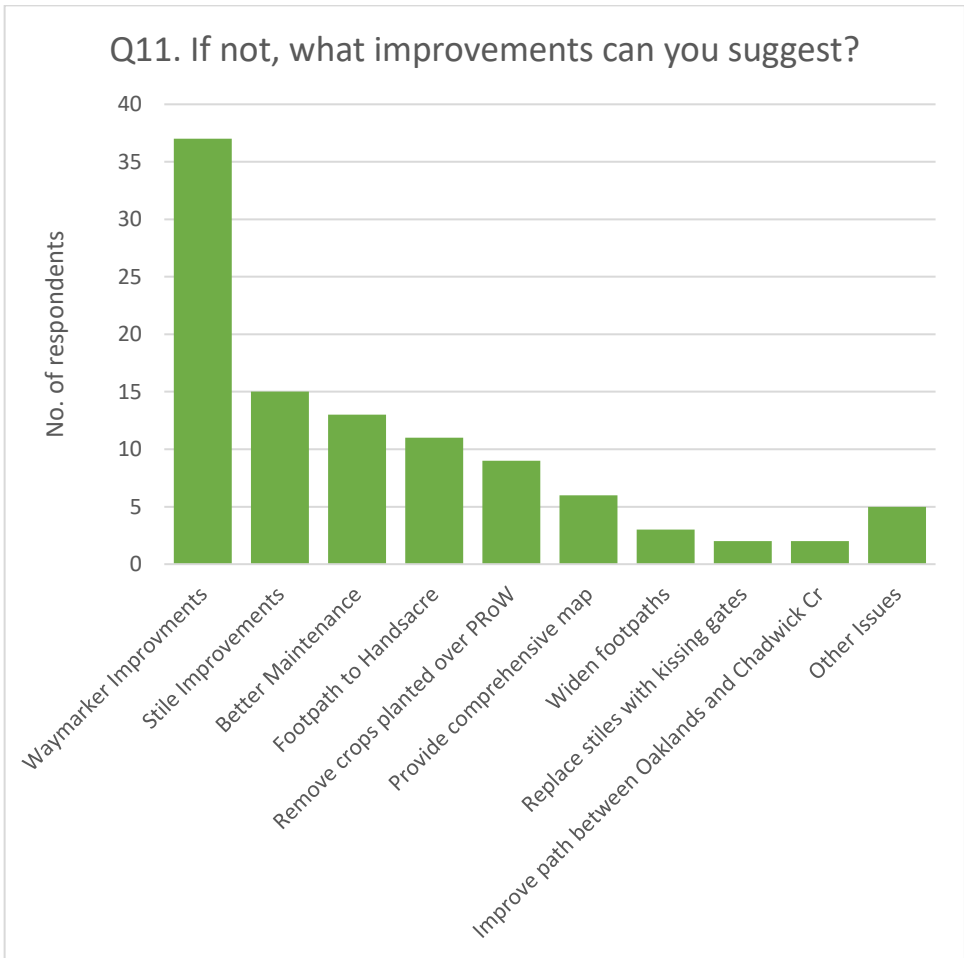
- Playing fields and children’s play area
- Area between Hill Ridware and Mavesyn Ridware, including land around the lake
- Village Hall
- Mavesyn Ridware Conservation Area and buildings of historic importance
- Public Right of Way (PRoW) network

Other areas valued included the Chadwick Arms PH, allotments, flood plain and flood attenuation areas and the best and most versatile agricultural land (BMV).

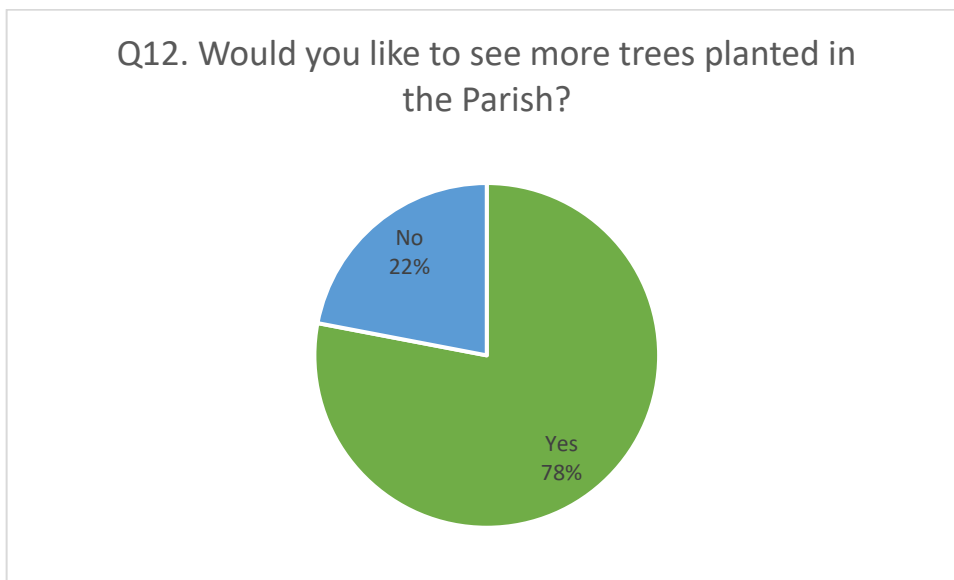
The Environment



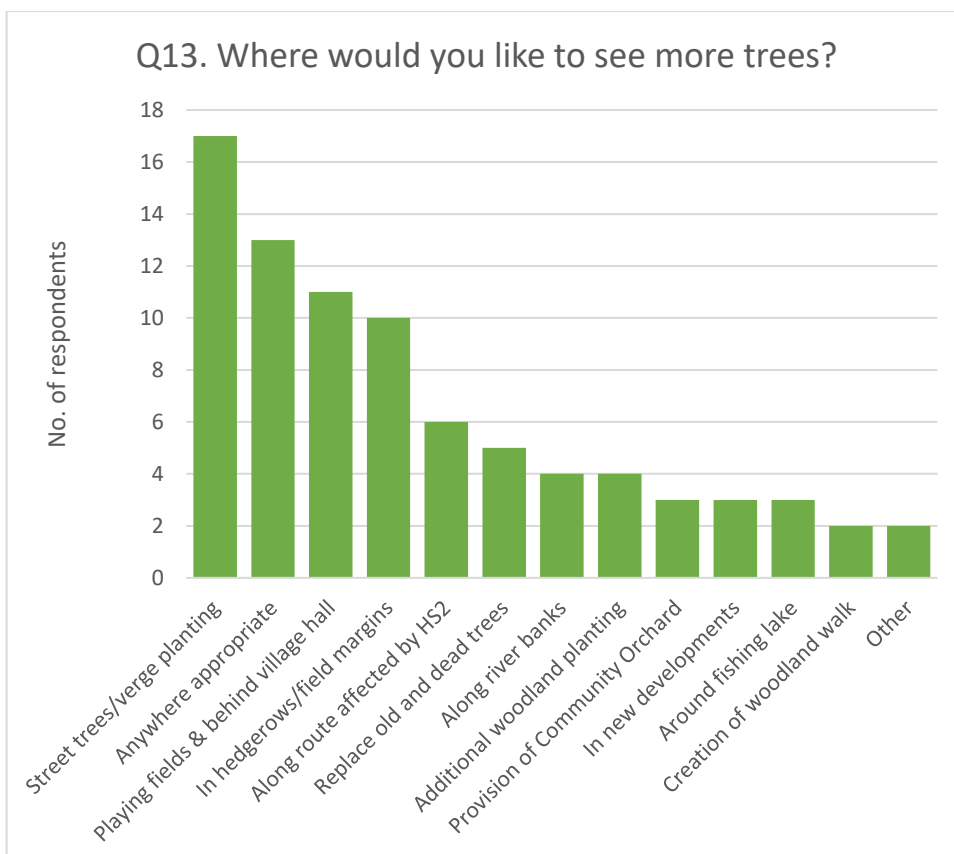
Nearly two thirds of household responses were dissatisfied with the existing footpath and bridleway network within the Parish.



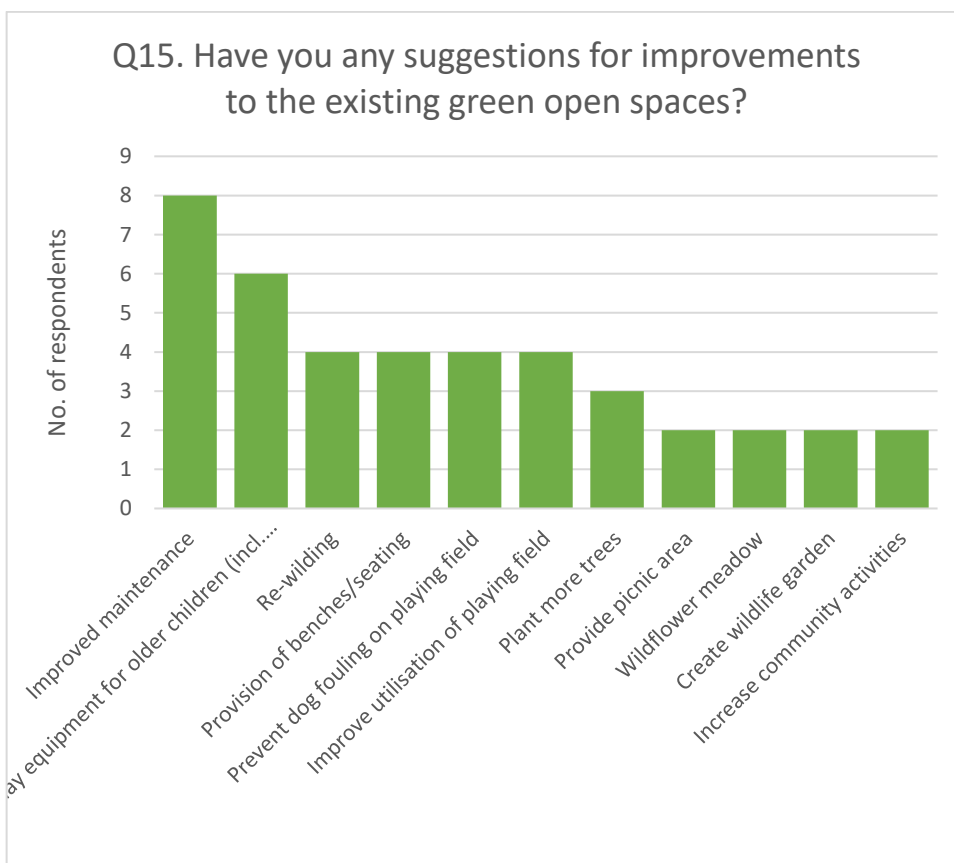
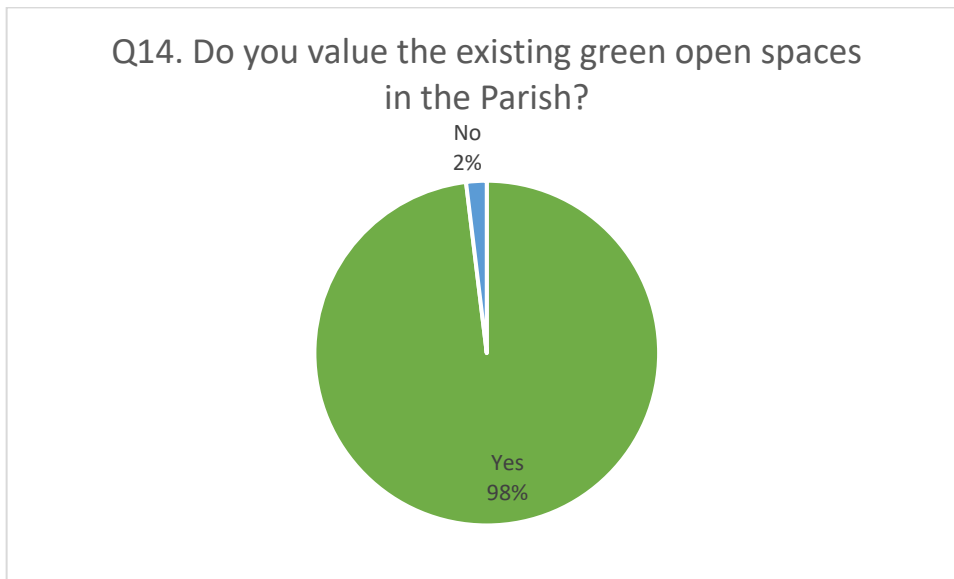
The dissatisfaction extended to footpaths associated with the highway and the separate Public Right of Way (PRoW) network. The biggest issue raised related to wayfinding and the lack of or poor state of signage/way markers associated with the PRoW network. Popular suggested improvements extended to improvement of existing stiles or their replacement with kissing gates, general maintenance (including maintenance of hedges), the provision of a footway between Hill Ridware and Handsacre along the B5014 and to work with farmers to ensure rights of way are clear once crops are planted. Support was also expressed for a comprehensive and centrally located map of footpaths and PRoWs within the Parish.



Over three quarters of respondents supported the planting of additional trees.



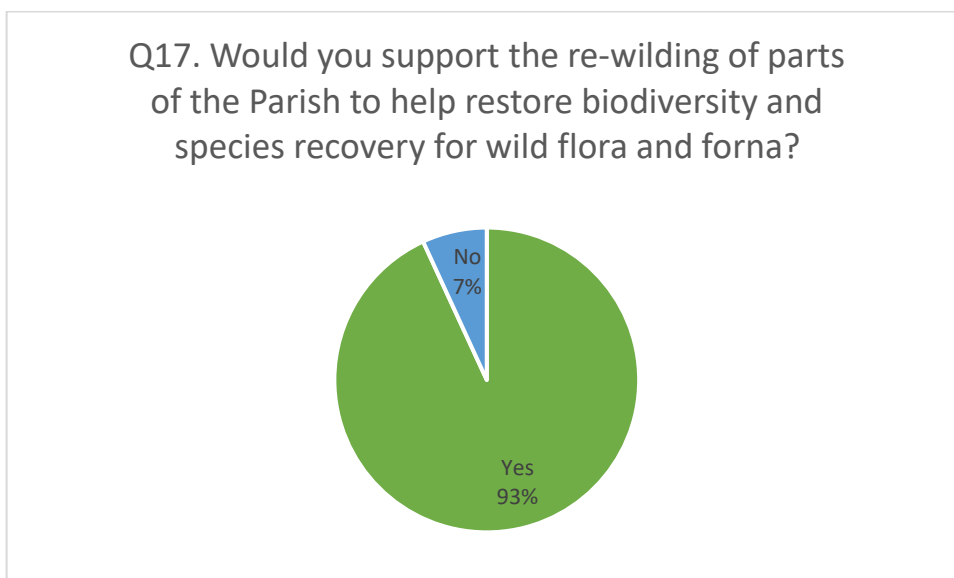
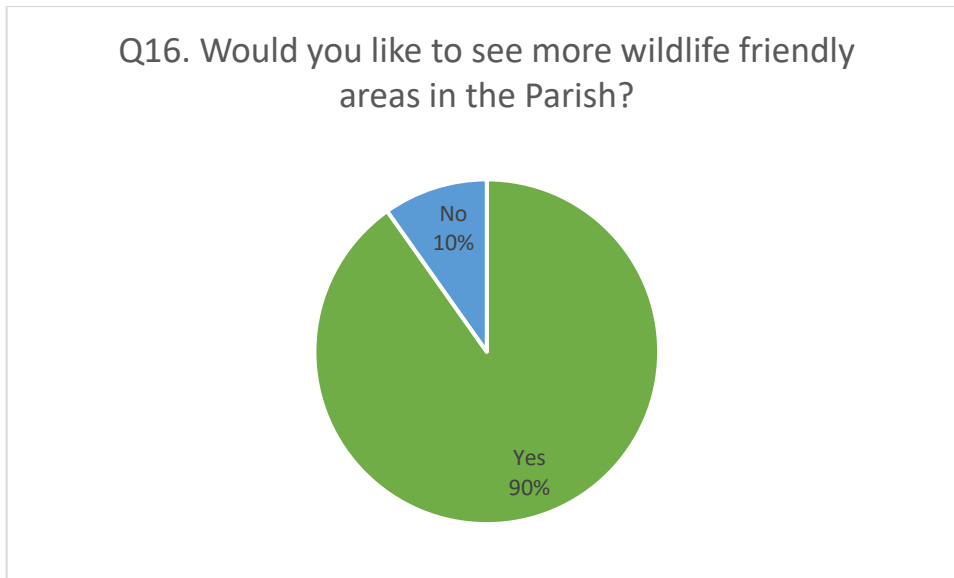
The responses demonstrate that there would be support for additional tree planting in many locations throughout the Parish. Many respondents sought to support tree planting in any location that was deemed to be appropriate.



Other suggestions included provision of information board at High Bridge, provision of rain shelter at allotments, fixed water supply at allotments, improved security at allotments, more efficient re-allocation of allotments, provision of community orchard, provision of a secure dog exercising area, improvements to the area around the attenuation pond on the Cameron Homes development,

provision of a map to show all Public Rights of Way and an extension to the cemetery at Mavesyn Ridware.

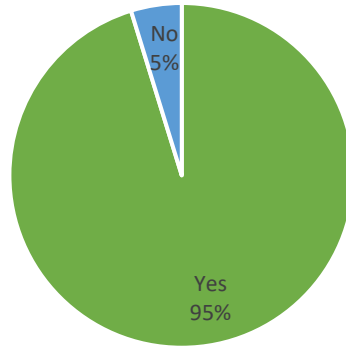
A high number of respondents valued the existing green open spaces as they are now and requested continued protection and maintenance. Others considered that maintenance and the provision of facilities within these spaces could be improved and activities intensified to make best use of them.



There was strong support for the provision of additional wildlife friendly areas to be created within the Parish, although a number of respondents considered that re-wilding should be focused to appropriate locations as wild areas can look untidy and undermine the image of villages.

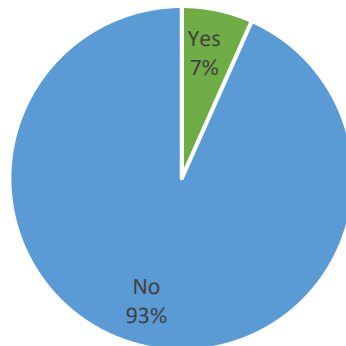
Energy Services

Q18. Do you have gas, electricity and mains water connected to your household?



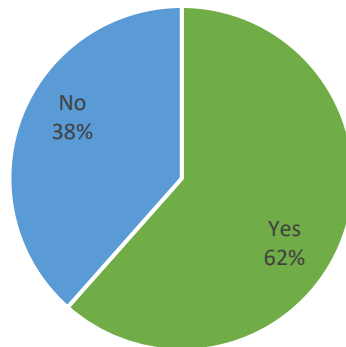
The vast majority of respondents confirmed full utility connection, however it should be noted that homes within Mavesyn Ridware and Blithbury do not have mains sewerage or mains gas connection.

Q19. Do you have solar panels installed at your property?

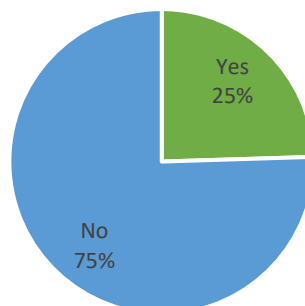


Sustainable Development

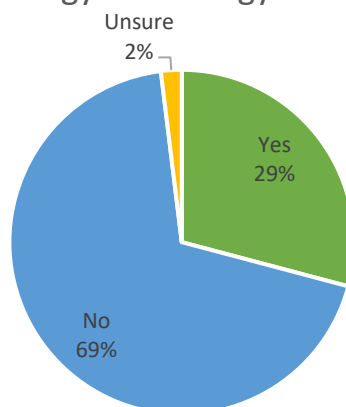
Q20. Have you insulated your house in addition to what was built in?



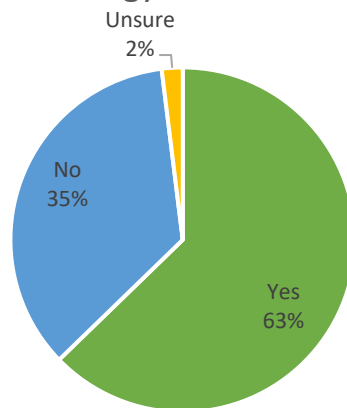
Q21. Would you be interested in receiving advice on insulating your house to lower your energy bills?



Q22. Would you welcome large scale wind turbine energy technology to our Parish?

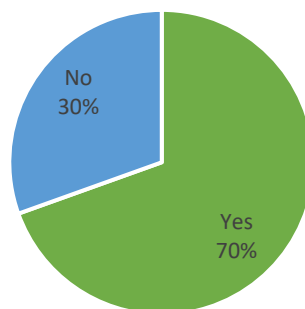


Q23. Would you welcome large scale solar energy technology to our Parish?



There was clearly greater support for large scale solar energy technology in the Parish than large scale wind turbine energy technology, however a number of respondents sought clarification on the term 'large scale.'

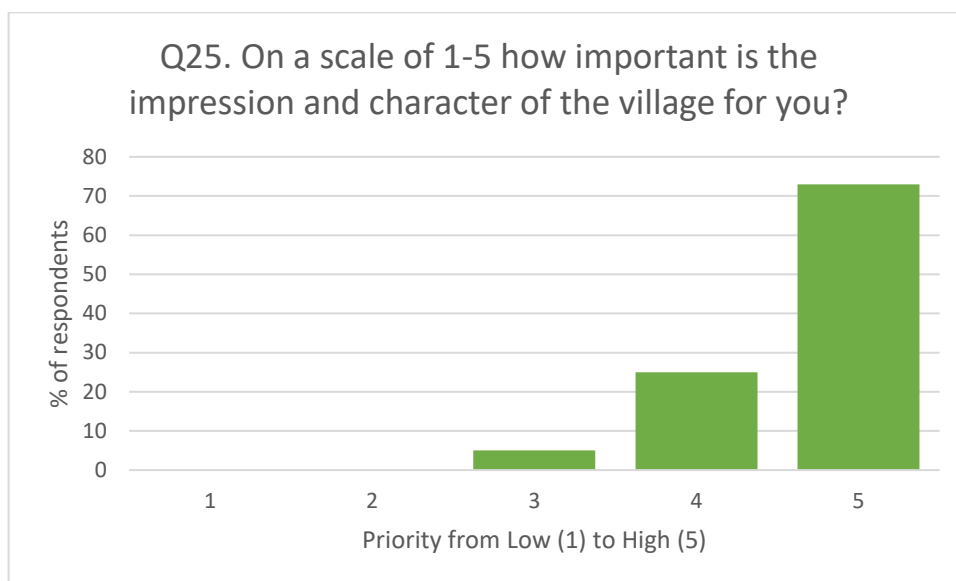
Q24. Would you support partial street lighting switch off during quiet periods at night to reduce energy consumption and evening light pollution?



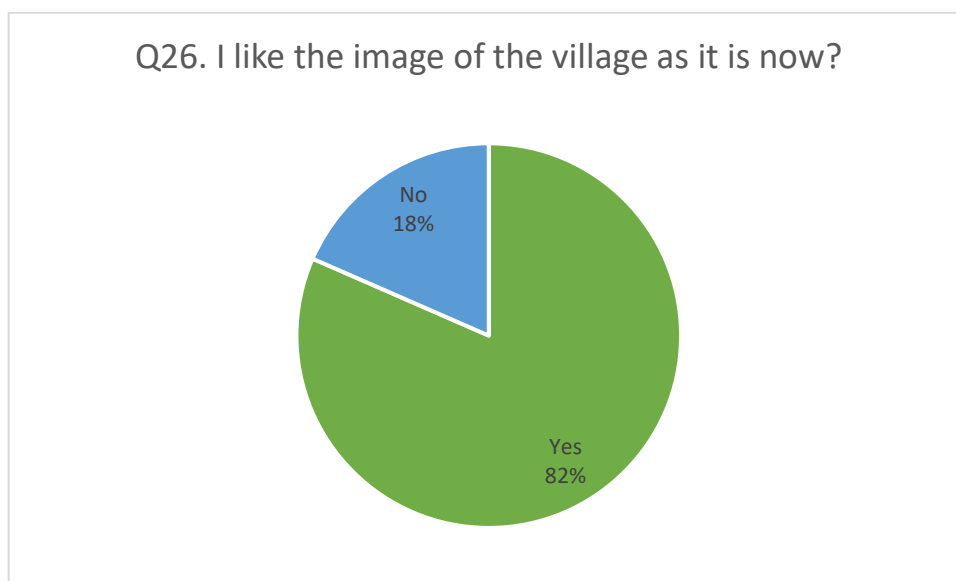
Whilst the majority of respondents supported a partial street lighting switch off during quiet periods a number of respondents felt it would be unsafe to do so. Suggestions were put forward of replacing the existing street lighting with energy efficient alternatives or reducing the power to the street lights during quiet periods.

Impression & Character of the Village

The impression and character of each village is clearly important to all residents within the Parish. This view was shared by residents in each of the villages where responses were received.



The overwhelming majority of respondents liked the image of the village in which they reside.

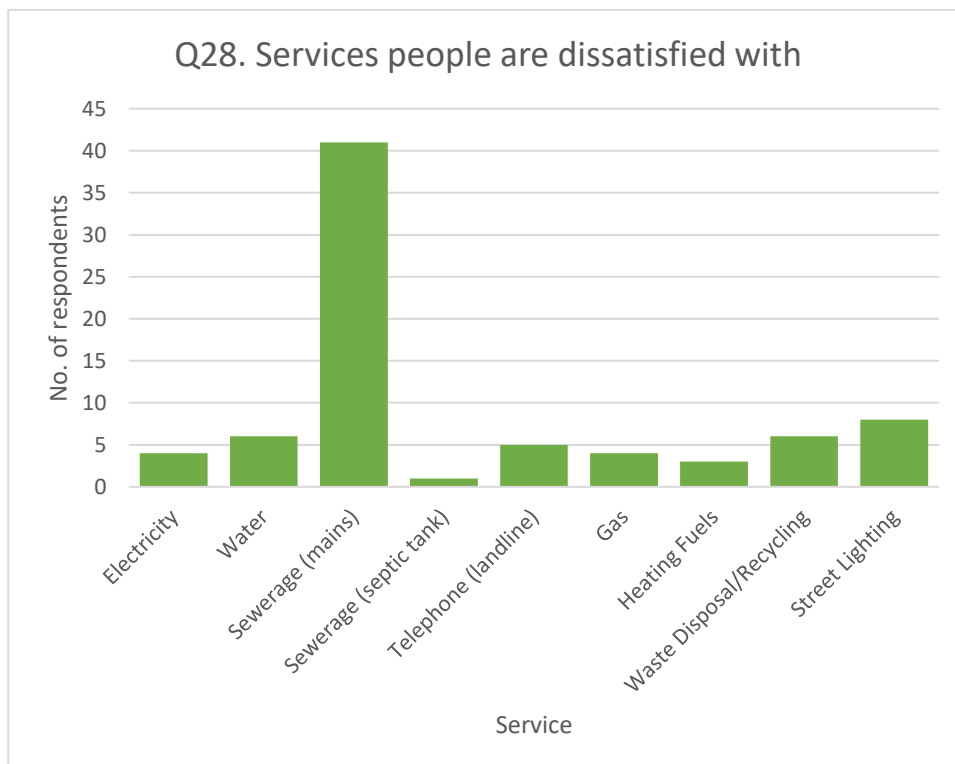


Where respondents felt the image of Hill Ridware could be improved, the following suggestions were identified:

- Reconsideration of the traffic calming scheme, including removal of speed humps, removal of mini-roundabout and replacement of speed humps with other measures including chicanes.
- Reduction in numbers of HGVs and speed of vehicles passing through village
- Improvements to the village entrances including the provision of village signs, provision of additional planters and planting of spring bulbs
- Planting of more trees and wildlife areas

- Provision of hanging baskets through the village, encouragement for garden upkeep and scaling up Best Kept Village efforts
- Increased facilities including a village shop
- Improvements to sports and play facilities
- Improvements to street lighting
- Greater emphasis on heritage assets
- Less-high density development
- Greater community involvement from school
- Join 'twinning' programme
- Creation of a hub to the village centred around village hall
- Sharing of resources with neighbouring villages
- Protection and improvements of village pub

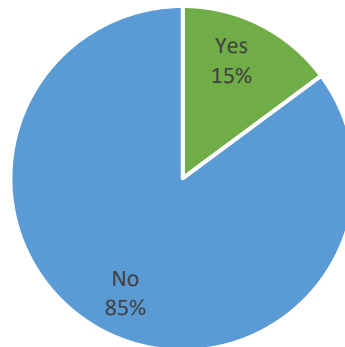
Outside of Hill Ridware very few improvements were identified other than provision of church car parking, weight restrictions on lanes at Mavesyn Ridware and improvements to village signs, reduction in speed limit and provision of a Christmas tree at Blithbury.



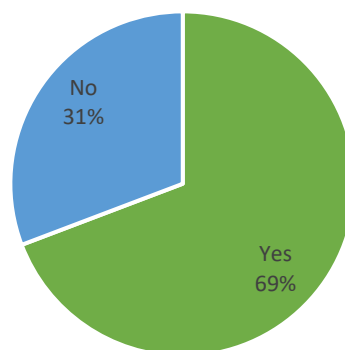
Nearly half of all respondents were dissatisfied with mains sewerage within the village. Issues were also common in respect of street lighting, mains water and waste disposal/recycling.

Roads & Transport

Q29. Are you happy with the current state of the Parish roads?

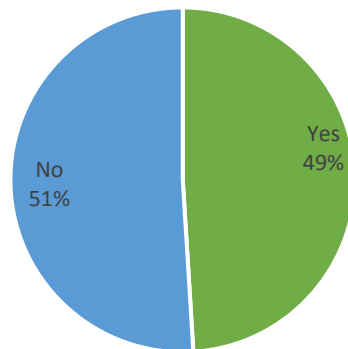


Q30. Are you happy with the current state of road signage within the Parish?

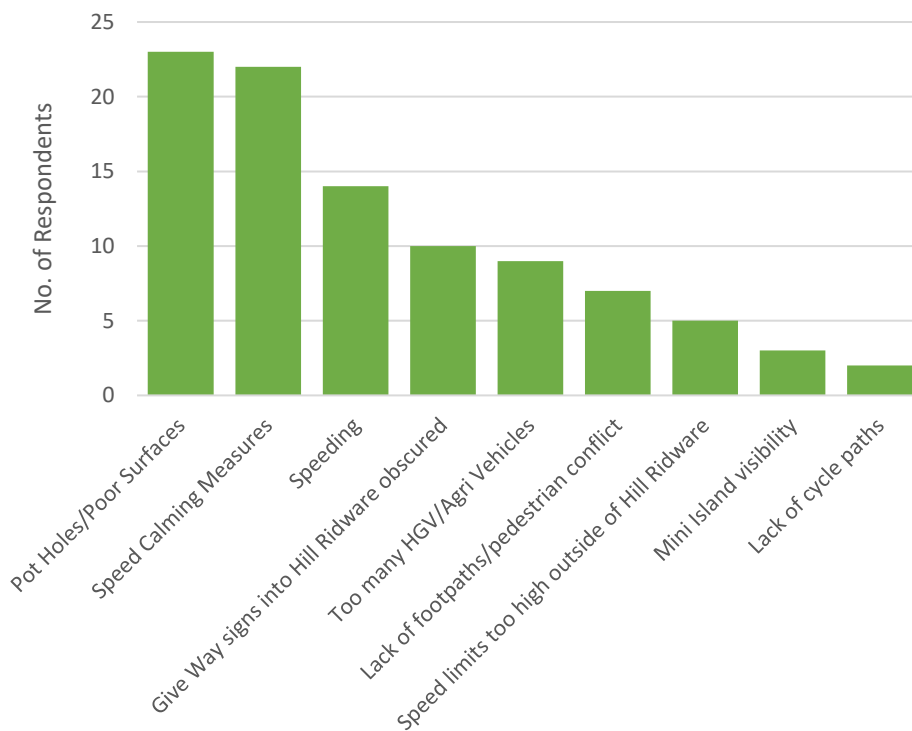


Of those that were unhappy suggestions put forward included the provision of new village entrance signs and removing street clutter by removing old signposts and unnecessary signage to improve the streetscene.

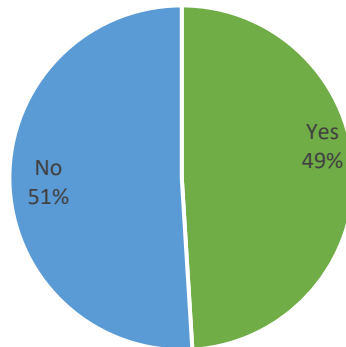
Q31. Do you feel safe driving/cycling on Parish roads?



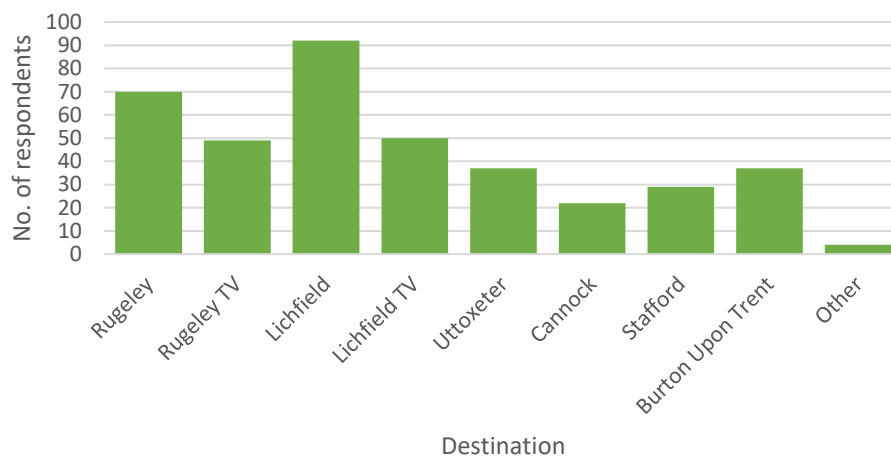
Q32. If you don't feel safe, why don't you feel safe?



Q33. Would you support the return of a bus service through the village?

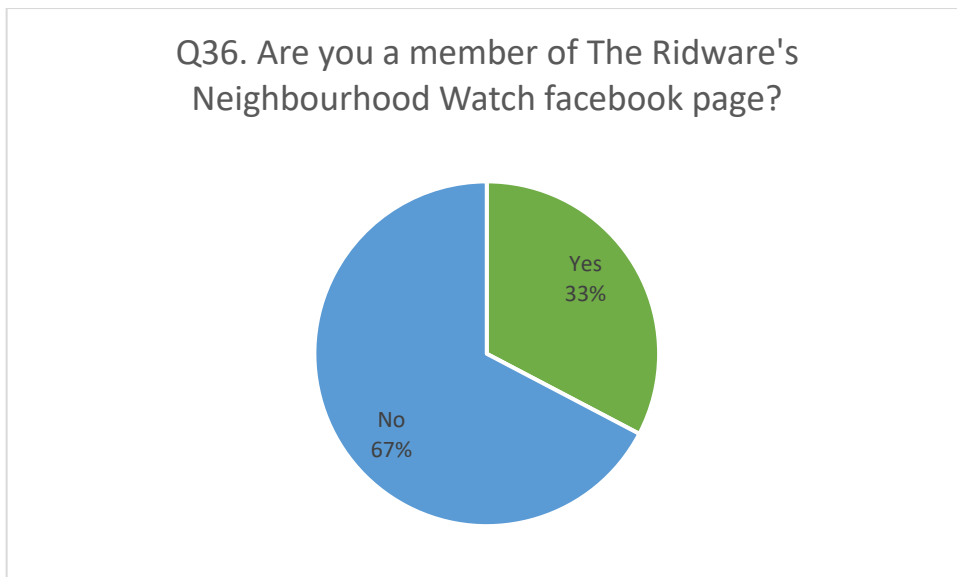
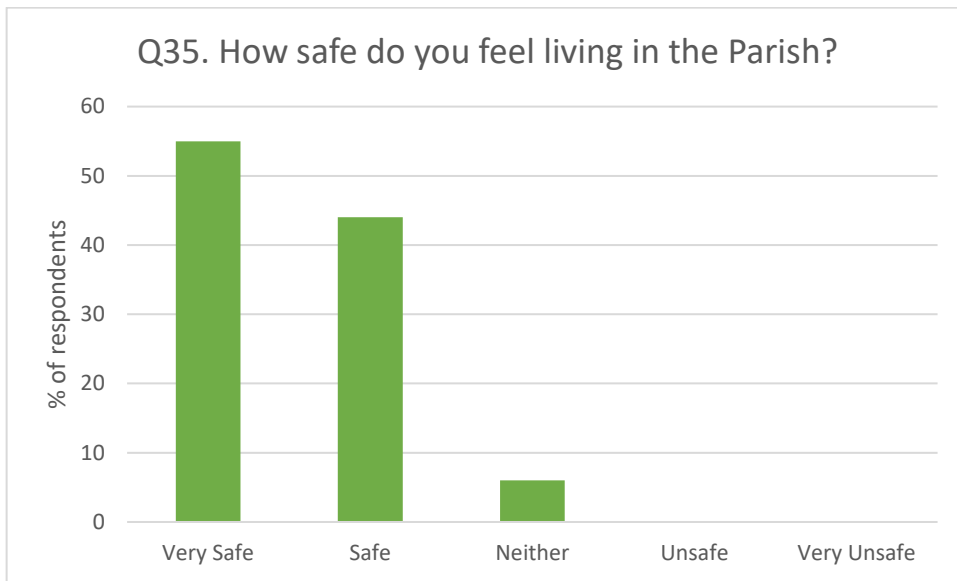


Q34. Where would you like to travel to by bus if there was a service?

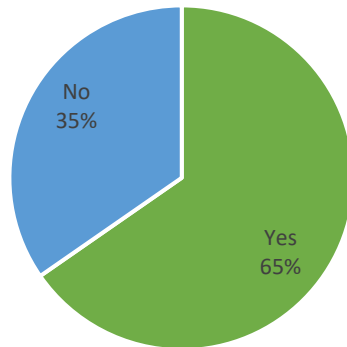


In respect of other destinations highlighted, this included Handsacre to provide access to existing bus services to Armitage, Kings Bromley and Yoxall to access shops, doctors and other services. It should be noted that a number of respondents who supported the return of the bus service, stated that they were unlikely to utilise it or use it on a regular basis.

Safety & Security

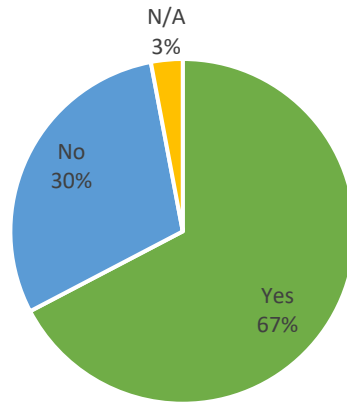


Q37. Would you like to see more Police presence in the Parish?



Communication

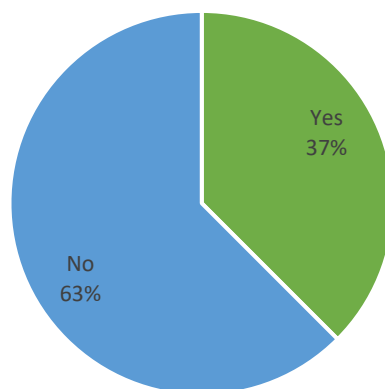
Q38. If you have broadband/internet access are you happy with the service you currently receive?



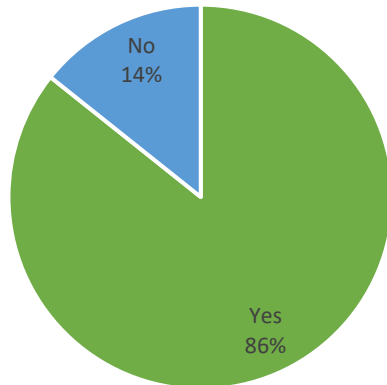
Q39. If you can please advise the average broadband speed (mb/s) you are currently receiving?

An average of 58.5mb/s was recorded from 48 responses with the lowest equating to 5mb/s and the highest 270mb/s. The highest download speeds were reported on the new housing developments where properties have been fitted with Fibre to the Premises (FTTP).

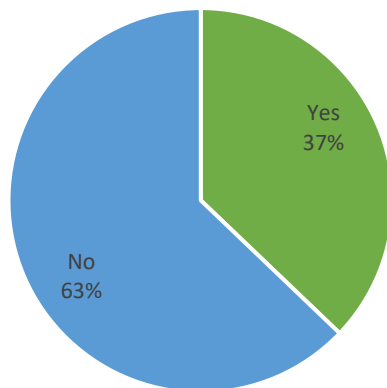
Q40. Do you work from home using a PC/Laptop?



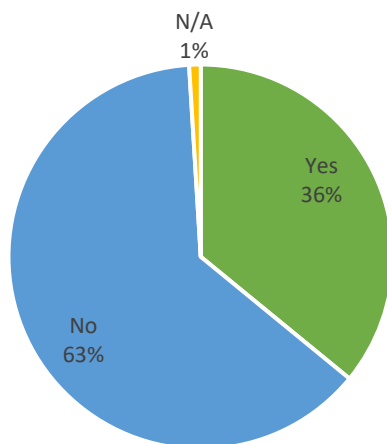
Q41. Do you shop online?



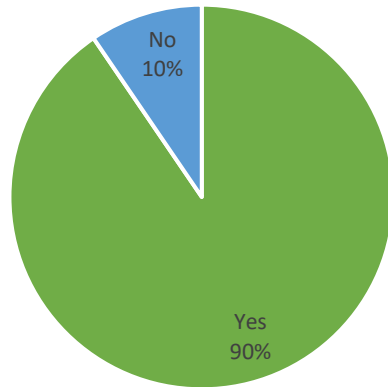
Q42. Do you shop for groceries online?



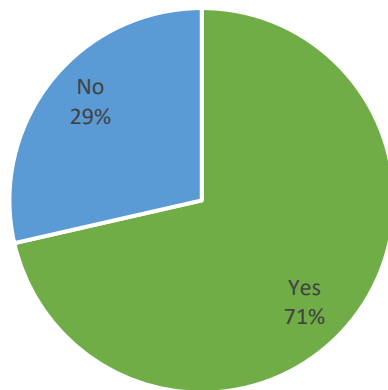
Q43. Are you happy with your mobile signal?



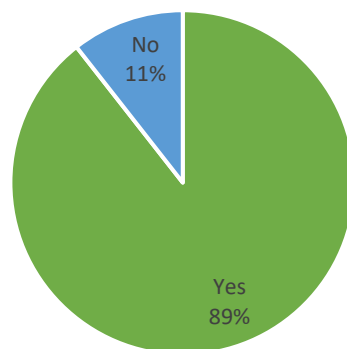
Q44. Do you use email?



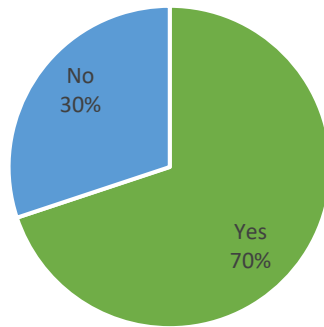
Q45. Do you use social media?



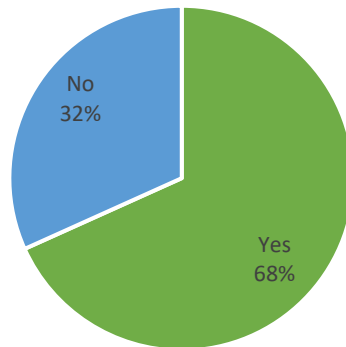
Q46. Are you aware of the Hill Ridware Facebook site?



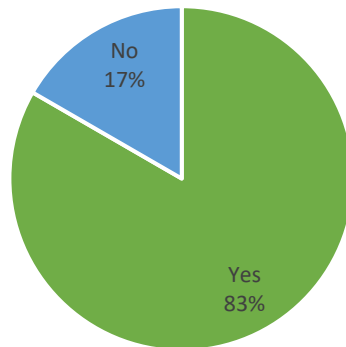
Q47. Are you aware of the Hill Ridware Village Hall Facebook page?



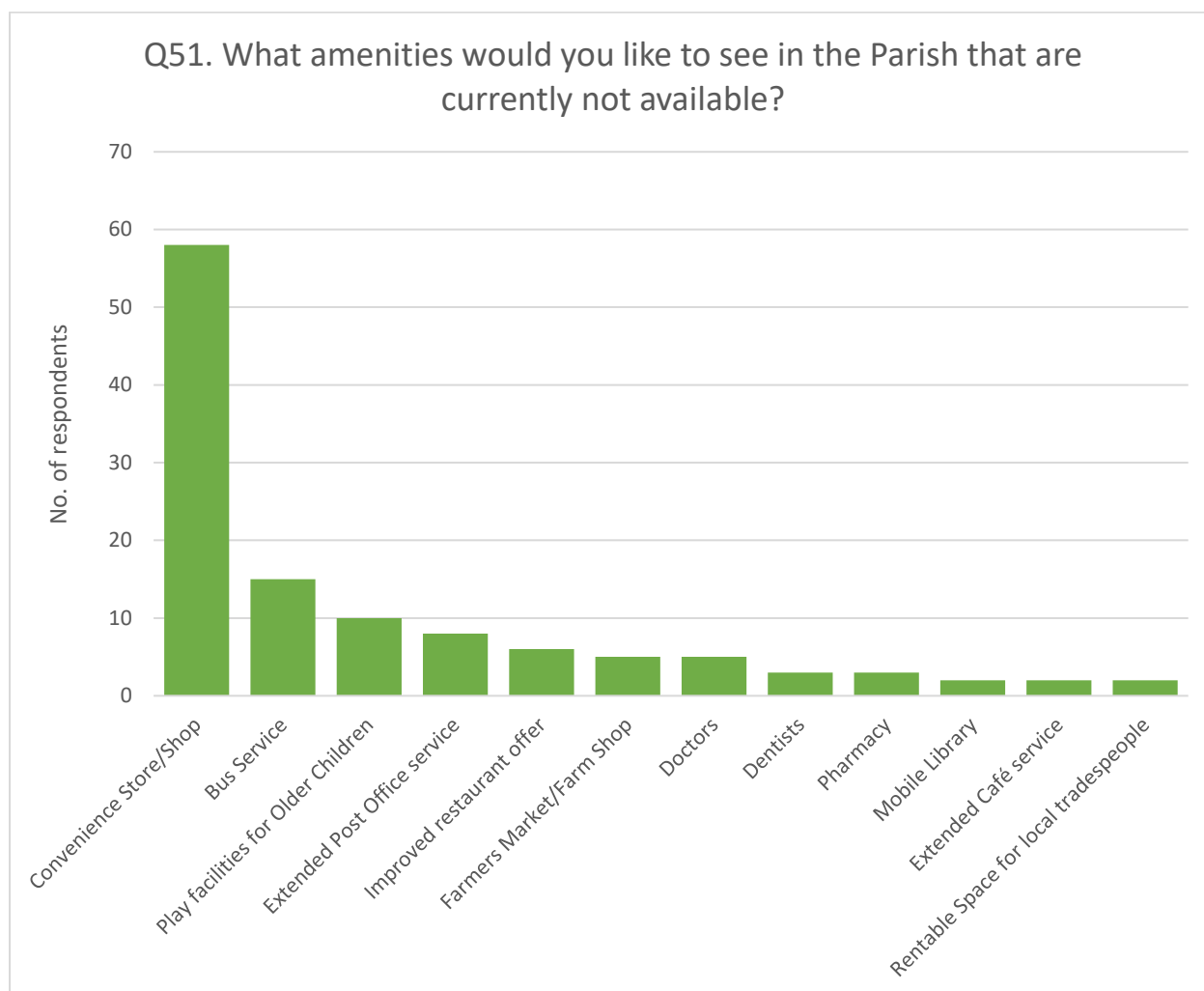
Q48. Are you aware that the Parish Council has a Facebook page?



Q50. Are you aware that the Parish Council has a webpage?



Parish Amenities

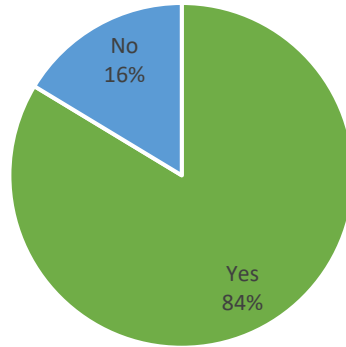


There is significant support for provision of a shop within the Parish. Suggestions were made that this could be collocated by the Chadwick Arms or utilise one of the outbuildings. Other suggested amenities included:

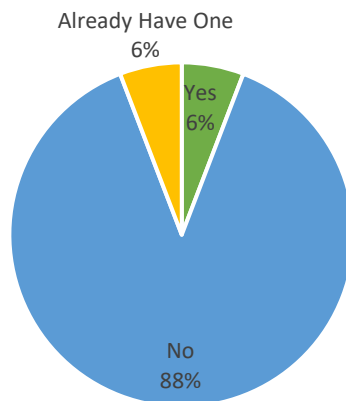
- Additional green spaces for walking
- Cycle path provision
- Community delivery service for elderly
- Petrol station
- Milkman
- Local information provided for visually impaired
- Food vans on pub car park
- Community Orchard
- Solar panels and EV charging stations at village hall
- Additional sports facilities to encourage establishment of local teams
- Swimming pool
- Bakery
- ATM
- More seasonal events

Allotments

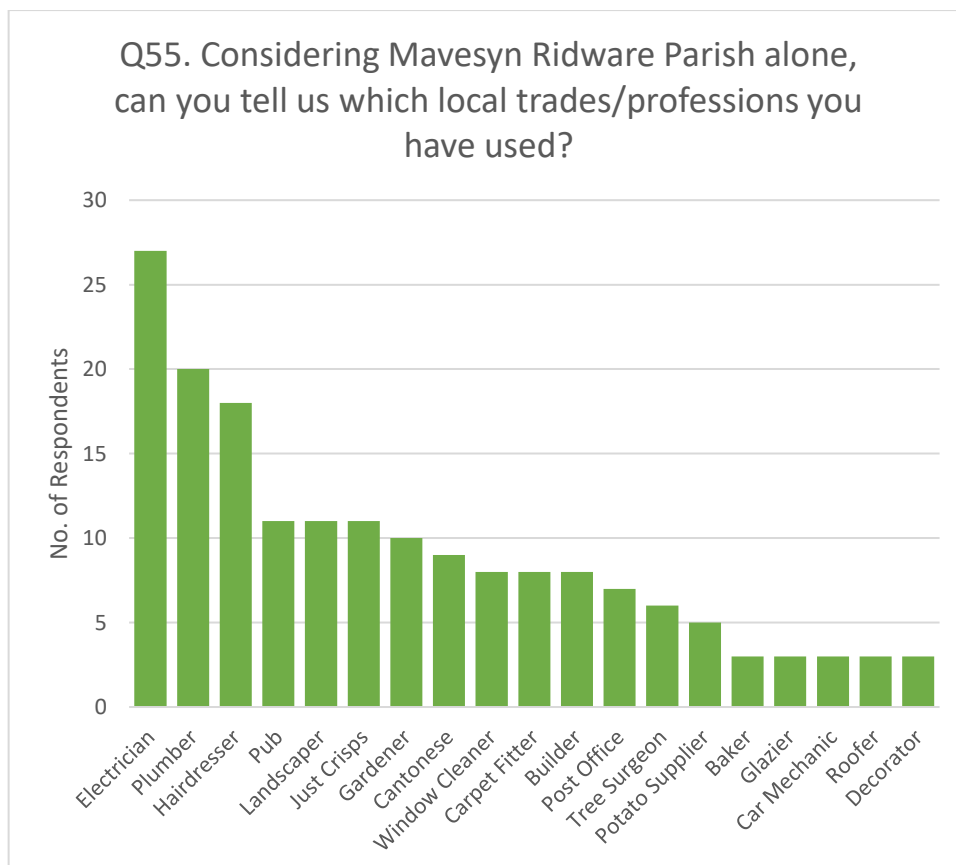
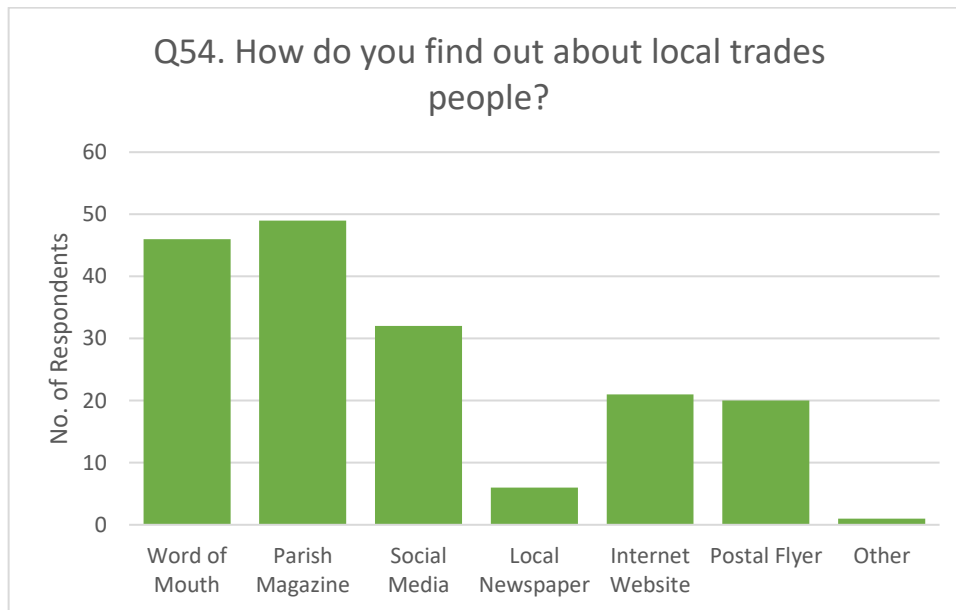
Q52. Are you aware of the Hill Ridware village allotments site?



Q53. Would you like an allotment if one were available?



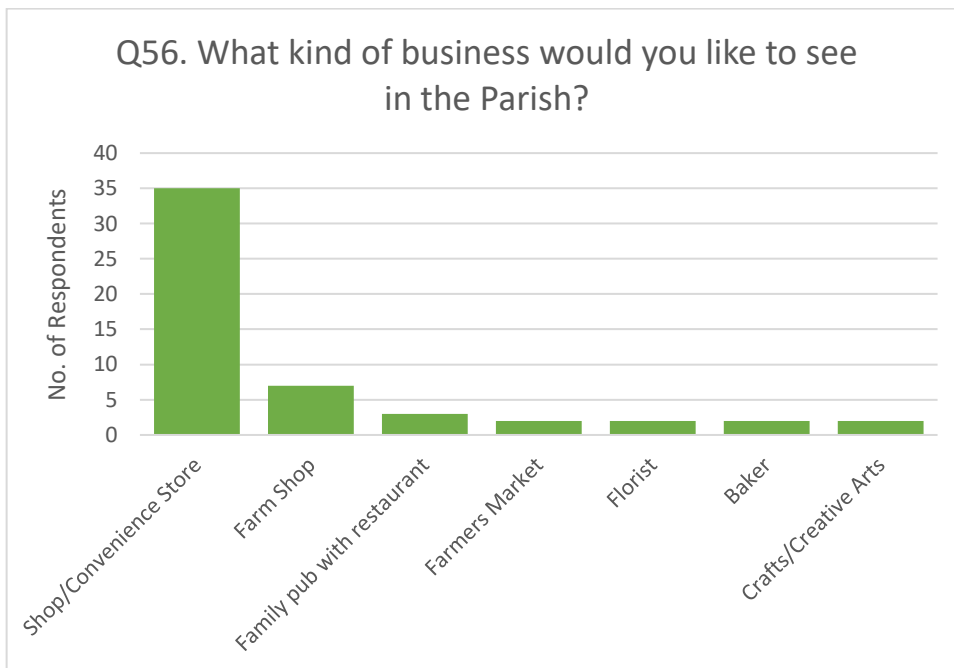
Local Employment & Businesses



Other trades/professions utilised included:

- Plasterer
- Village hall
- Pest Control

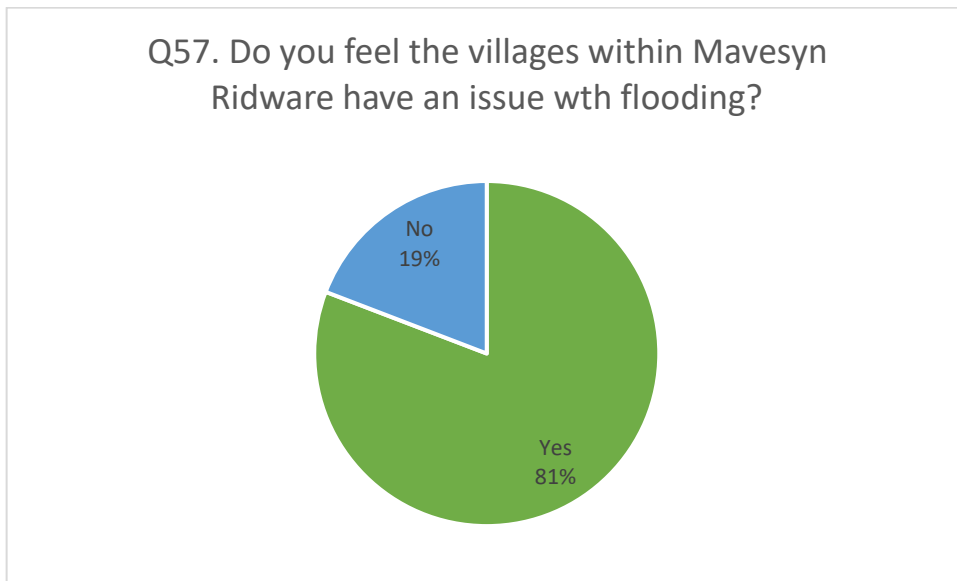
- Handyman
- Chiropodist
- Honey supplier
- Carpenter/Joiner
- Furniture restorer
- Waste removal
- Air conditioning
- Architect
- Pond cleaning
- Tiler
- Cleaner
- Fish supplier
- Milkman
- Gas engineer
- Beautician
- Financial planner
- Oven cleaning
- Jeweller
- Mushrooms



There was overwhelming support for a shop but other suggestions (from single responses) included:

- Restaurant
- Tea Room
- Stand alone Post Office
- Builder
- Electrician
- Plumber
- Tiler
- Holistic Services

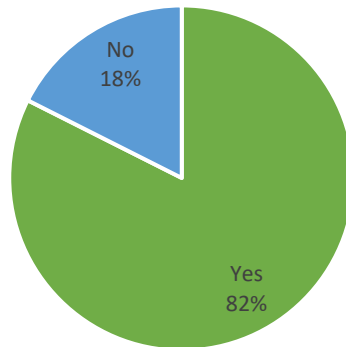
Flood Defences



Flooding issues identified include:

- General surface water flooding in all villages
- Drains and drainage ditches not maintained
- Mavesyn Ridware (in general)
- Outside church at Mavesyn Ridware
- Sandford Close
- Church Lane and around the lake
- 31-27 Uttoxeter Road
- Pipe Ridware by church
- School Lane by playing fields
- Wade Close
- Rake End
- Pipe Lane
- Drainage valves in Mavesyn need to be maintained
- Blithbury Road before Hadley Gate
- Junction of Newlands Road and Uttoxeter Road
- Blithbury Road between Blithbury and Colton

Q58. Do you feel the Villages within Mavesyn Ridware have an issue with sewage?



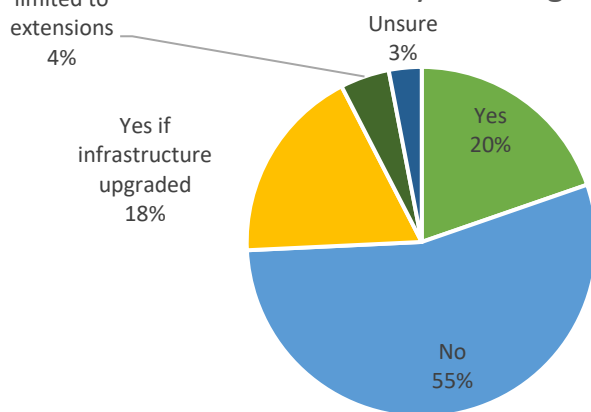
Sewage issues identified included:

- Combined sewerage system not able to cope in periods of heavy rainfall
- Mavesyn Ridware and Blithbury properties do not have mains sewerage system
- General smells from drains
- Too many homes built for existing network to cope

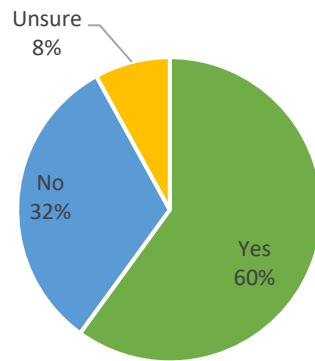
Areas identified as being affected:

- Sandford Close area
- Footpath between School Lane and Uttoxeter Road
- Uttoxeter Road
- School Lane
- Chadwick Crescent
- Oaklands Close
- Lower lying areas

Q59. Do you feel the Villages within Mavesyn Ridware have room for expanding without being affected by flooding?



Q60. Do you feel the Villages within Mavesyn
Ridware require new or improved flood
defences?



APPENDIX C

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- A community led plan to help guide development, regeneration and conservation in an area.
- The Local Plan prepared by Lichfield District Council provides the strategic policies and strategic allocations for development. The Neighbourhood Plan will provide details below this, in the format of additional allocations, designations and more detailed policies that are locally relevant to our Parish.

WHAT CAN A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DO?

IT CAN

- Identify areas of protection from inappropriate development.
- Identify locally distinct policies for shaping the form of development.
- Identify development proposals in addition to those contained within Lichfield District Council's Local Plan.
- Identify infrastructure improvements needed to support development.

WHAT CAN A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN NOT DO?

IT CAN'T

- Improve general improvements to existing services such as telephones, highways maintenance and sewerage. These are covered by other bodies.
- The Neighbourhood Plan cannot be used to resist planned development that Lichfield District Council identifies for Mavesyn Ridware Parish in their Local Plan.

WHY DEVELOP A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

- Can create policies to address local issues that are not covered in the Lichfield District Local Plan.
- Parish Council's with a Neighbourhood Plan will receive 25% of any Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) arising from development within the Parish (£55 per square metre of development for new homes).
- All planning decisions are considered against a Development Plan. Lichfield District does not yet have an up-to-date Local Plan in place. This means we are more susceptible to unplanned development within the Parish.
- It provides a further level of protection against unplanned development if Lichfield District Council fails to demonstrate a 5 year supply of deliverable housing sites. We are particularly vulnerable in this Parish as we have no Green Belt protection unlike the majority of land elsewhere within Lichfield District.
- The Neighbourhood Plan will form part of this Development Plan and provide a range of policies and proposals to direct future change within the Parish. All planning applications will be considered against the Neighbourhood Plan.

HOW WILL THE PREPARATION OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BE FUNDED?

- The Parish Council has secured a Government Grant. Therefore, the cost of preparing the Plan should not use any Parish Council funds.
- The preparation of the Plan will be supported by a company called Urban Vision. They will help draft the plan and help us through the process.
- The Neighbourhood Plan will need to be underpinned by evidence to justify our policies and proposals and further technical assistance has been secured from AECOM.





WHAT WILL THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COVER?

The Neighbourhood Plan will cover a period of time from 2023 to 2040 and will contain the following outline structure:

- Description of the Neighbourhood Area, i.e. the Parish History
- Identification of the Local Issues
- Vision and Objectives – how we see the Parish in 2040
- Overall Planning Strategy for the Parish
- Policies covering the following topic areas:
 - Residential Development (including overall local need and design)
 - Employment and Local Facilities
 - Climate Change and Energy Generation
 - Landscape and Nature
 - Design Quality
 - Heritage
 - Movement and Active Travel
 - Burial Ground
 - Infrastructure Priorities

The Neighbourhood Plan is a land use planning tool. Any issues that fall outside of the remit of 'land use planning' will inform an action plan, to be provided to the Parish Council. Some of the issues identified will need signposting to other bodies such as Staffordshire County Council or utilities providers where necessary.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED TO DATE AND WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

- The Parish was designated as a Neighbourhood Development Plan Area on 16th December 2019. This designation allows for a Neighbourhood Plan to be prepared.
- A Household Survey was sent to every household in the Parish in 2021 to identify a range of issues to be considered through a Neighbourhood Plan.
- A Steering Group to formulate the plan for the Parish Council was established in Summer 2022.
- Grant support for preparing the Neighbourhood Plan was secured in September 2022 and consultants have been appointed.
- The local housing needs and character assessment evidence is due to be completed by the end of 2022.
- It is the intention to have a draft Neighbourhood Plan prepared in Spring 2023 which will be subject to local consultation. This draft will be informed by your views and evidence produced.
- Once we are happy with the Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council will submit it to Lichfield District Council who will undertake a 6 week formal consultation.
- Following this six week consultation an independent examiner will be appointed by Lichfield District Council to consider the plan.
- A referendum will be undertaken in the Parish to either approve or reject the plan.
- Adoption by Lichfield District Council provided the referendum accepts the plan.



OUR VISION

WHAT IS OUR VISION FOR MAVESYN RIDWARE PARISH TO 2040?

The following draft Vision and supporting Objectives have been prepared based upon the feedback from the household survey. We would welcome your feedback.

OBJECTIVES

- 1 PROTECT AND ENHANCE COMMUNITY FACILITIES**
 - a. School
 - b. Village Hall
 - c. Pub
 - d. Bowls Club
 - e. Football Pitch
 - f. Allotments
 - g. Green Space
- 2 IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY**
 - a. Public Rights of Way
- 3 MEET LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS**
 - a. Development must meet needs
- 4 ACHIEVE A STRONG COMMUNITY SPIRIT**
- 5 PROTECT HERITAGE**
- 6 IMPROVE AND INCREASE BIODIVERSITY / HABITAT**
- 7 MAINTAIN THE RURAL CHARACTER**
- 8 DEVELOP A SUSTAINABLE AND PROSPEROUS PARISH**
 - a. Separate Identity for the Parish as a Whole
 - b. Inclusion of All Four Villages
- 9 IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE**

(Order is not a ranking)

DRAFT VISION

THE RESIDENTS OF MAVESYN RIDWARE PARISH WANT TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THEIR SEPARATE VILLAGES AND SUPPORT THEM TO BECOME STRONGER, SAFER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES.

IN ACHIEVING THIS, MAVESYN RIDWARE PARISH WILL BECOME BETTER CONNECTED, WITH HILL RIDWARE REPRESENTING A HUB THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A WIDER RANGE OF SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

DEVELOPMENT WILL BE SUPPORTED WHERE IT MEETS IDENTIFIED LOCAL NEEDS, CAN BE SUPPORTED BY EXISTING OR IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE AND IS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE VIABILITY OF OUR DISTINCT COMMUNITIES.

THIS WILL BE ACHIEVED WHILE PROTECTING MAVESYN RIDWARE PARISH'S UNIQUE CHARACTER AND DISTINCT QUALITIES WHICH WILL INCLUDE PRESERVING AND ENHANCING THE CHARACTER OF BUILDINGS, OPEN SPACES AND OTHER VALUED COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN EACH VILLAGE AND PROTECTING THE PARISH-WIDE HABITAT FEATURES AND LANDSCAPE QUALITY.



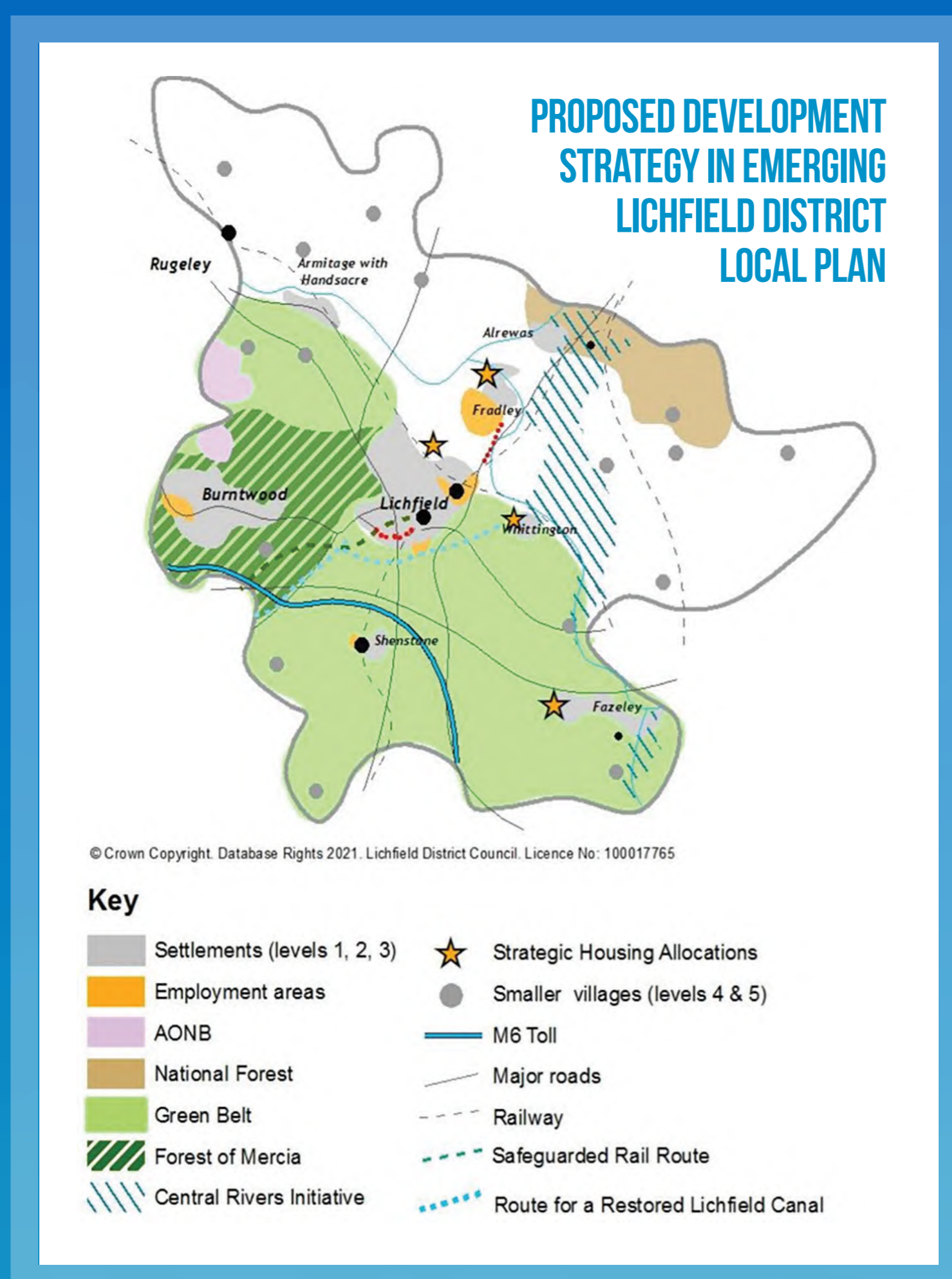
HOUSING

WHAT IS OUR HOUSING REQUIREMENT?

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) mid-2020 population estimate for Mavesyn Ridware Parish considers there are 1,229 individuals living in the District, showing an increase of 101 individuals (8.9%) since the 2011 Census.

In 2011 there were 446 homes within the Parish (2011 Census). There has been some housing development in the Parish since 2011, including the development of 89 new homes.

Lichfield District Council is preparing a new Local Plan for the district to 2040. This proposes the delivery of a minimum of 9,727 new homes across the district between 2018 and 2040 (average of 442 per year). The majority of these homes are directed to Lichfield City, the edges of Rugeley and Tamworth and the larger villages of Fradley, Fazeley and Whittington. Mavesyn Ridware Parish is classed as 'rural.' Within the rural areas Lichfield District Council expects 5% of the 9,727 homes to be delivered.



Proportionately this would result in Mavesyn Ridware Parish needing to deliver 33 homes between 2023 and 2040 (0.3% of Local Plan target).

An alternative calculation has been undertaken by our consultants to determine a housing requirement for the Parish based solely on population projections. This results in a lower requirement of 19 dwellings for the Parish to be delivered between 2023 and 2040. The evidence recommends this is the most appropriate housing requirement we should plan for within the Neighbourhood Plan.

WHAT TYPE OF HOMES DO WE NEED?

Detached, large homes are prominent within the Parish due to our rural character with many homes under-occupied (83.2% of homes have at least one spare bedroom). By 2040 we are likely to have an older population and a decrease in household size. In addition, house prices in the Parish are higher than those in the wider District and affordability is a key issue.

The evidence concludes that there is a need for 1 to 3 bedroom homes to attract newly forming households (couples and young families) and older people looking to downsize. This would also help balance the stock of existing homes within the Parish.

The emerging Local Plan requires between 25% and 40% of new homes, on sites of 10 or more homes, to be delivered as affordable (which includes social rented, shared ownership and the Government's new First Home's tenures). It would be difficult for the Neighbourhood Plan to change this requirement.

The evidence also highlights a need for specialist homes for older people within the Parish but recognises that the Mavesyn Ridware Parish may not represent the most suitable and sustainable location for these specialist homes.

WHERE SHOULD NEW HOMES BE LOCATED WITHIN THE PARISH?

The Neighbourhood Plan can allocate a housing site or sites to ensure our housing requirement can be met. Allocating a site or sites gives us further protection from unplanned housing development. If we were to consider allocating housing sites, we need to understand what land options are available and all sites identified would need to be assessed for their suitability. Only areas that are within or adjacent to existing village boundaries would be considered. A number of sites have already been put forward to Lichfield District Council however there will be an opportunity for local landowners to put forward additional suggestions.

IF WE WERE TO IDENTIFY A SITE OR SITES TO DELIVER 19 HOMES OVER THE NEXT 17 YEARS, WHERE SHOULD THESE BE LOCATED?

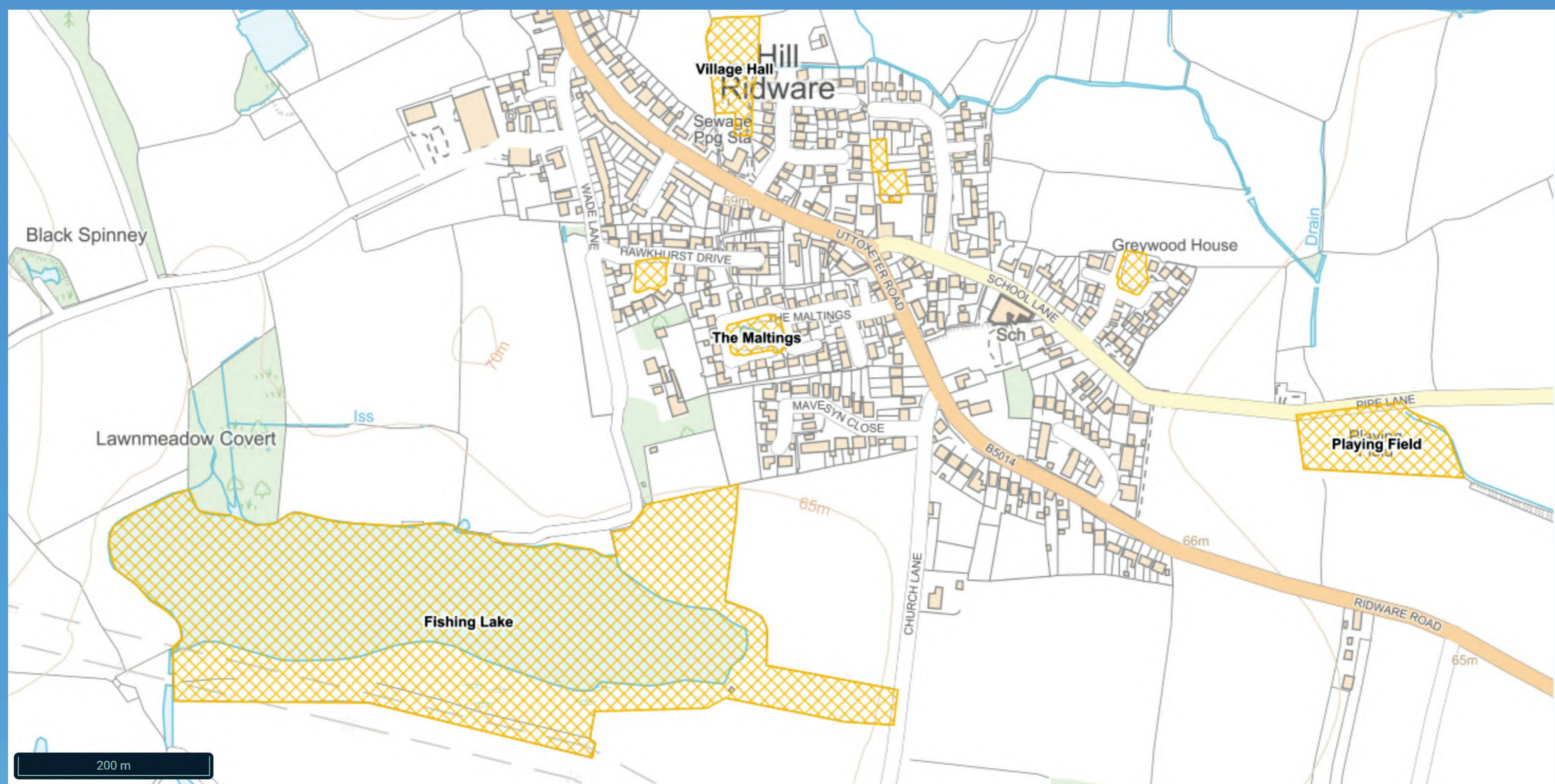
GREEN SPACES

WHAT GREEN SPACES SHOULD WE LOOK TO PROTECT?

National guidance allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. These local green spaces need to be:

- Reasonably close to the community it serves;
- Demonstrably special to a local community and holds particular significance; and
- Local in character and not an extensive tract of land.

The following sites have been identified as potential local green spaces important to local communities within the Parish:



DO YOU AGREE THE SITES IDENTIFIED SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AS LOCAL GREEN SPACES?

ARE THERE ANY OTHER SITES YOU THINK SHOULD BE INCLUDED?

OTHER TOPICS

DESIGN

Consultants have been commissioned to prepare a design code for the Parish. The purpose of the Design Code is to provide an appreciation of the existing character of villages within Mavesyn Ridware Parish and to create a set of design policies that would apply to any future development within the Parish.

This document will provide an assessment of local character through:

- Providing an overview of the historic growth of our villages.
- Identifying our listed buildings and conservation areas.
- Considering landscape character and biodiversity.
- Identifying key constraints such as areas at risk of flooding.
- Establishing key movement corridors and connectivity with local facilities.
- Setting out the common features that can be identified within the Parish.

The document will establish a number of aims and design principles to guide development proposals. Design principles will include building materials, sustainable design, biodiversity net gain and resilience to climate change.

WHAT DEFINES THE CHARACTER OF OUR PARISH AND VILLAGES?

HOW SHOULD DEVELOPMENT RESPOND TO EXISTING CHARACTER?



HERITAGE

The Parish of Mavesyn Ridware includes the Mavesyn Ridware Conservation Area and a number of Listed Buildings of national importance. The Neighbourhood Plan has an opportunity to identify additional 'locally listed buildings' that should be afforded some level of protection for historic or architectural interest, good design quality or make a significant contribution to the character of our Parish.

ARE THERE ANY BUILDINGS THAT YOU THINK ARE WORTHY OF LOCAL LISTING?

OTHER TOPICS

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is currently collecting evidence on a range of other topics to inform policies to be included within the draft Neighbourhood Plan. There will be further opportunity for comment in 2023.

WHAT OTHER DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE TOPICS SHOULD WE CONSIDER?

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HOW HAS THE PREPARATION OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BE FUNDED?

- The Parish Council secured a Government Grant which enabled us to instruct an independent consultant Urban Vision to assist in drafting the Neighbourhood Plan. Therefore, the cost of preparing the Plan did not use any Parish Council funds.
- The Neighbourhood Plan is underpinned by a range of evidence to justify our policies and proposals. Much of this evidence has been prepared by AECOM and paid for through Government technical assistance packages.





WHAT DOES THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COVER?

The Neighbourhood Plan covers a period of time from 2023 to 2040 and provides a suite of policies and proposals to protect important parts of our parish and identify where change will be directed.

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To preserve existing services within the Parish and to support the provision of new facilities within Hill Ridware in order to improve the quality of life enjoyed by existing and future residents and to reduce the need to travel.

3 MEETING LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS

To ensure that the Parish population is sustainable, by providing the right housing in terms of size, type and tenure to meet current and future needs of existing residents.

4 ACHIEVING HIGH QUALITY DESIGN

To ensure that any new development achieves a high standard of design, respecting the established character in each of our villages, the rural location and identified heritage assets.

5 PROTECTING OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

To protect the local landscape setting of our villages, to manage and, where possible, reduce flood risk, and to support agriculture in the surrounding countryside where this does not conflict with the quality of life enjoyed by existing and future residents.

6 PROTECTING OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

To ensure that the quality of life enjoyed by the residents of Mavesyn Ridware Parish and the character of the villages and surrounding countryside are protected from inappropriate new development, including in terms of residential amenity and traffic impact.

(Order is not a ranking)

VISION TO 2040

THE RESIDENTS OF MAVESYN RIDWARE PARISH WANT TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THEIR SEPARATE VILLAGES AND SUPPORT THEM TO BECOME STRONGER, SAFER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES.

IN ACHIEVING THIS, MAVESYN RIDWARE PARISH WILL BECOME BETTER CONNECTED, WITH HILL RIDWARE REPRESENTING A HUB THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A WIDER RANGE OF SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

DEVELOPMENT WILL BE SUPPORTED WHERE IT MEETS IDENTIFIED LOCAL NEEDS, CAN BE SUPPORTED BY EXISTING OR IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE AND IS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE VIABILITY OF OUR DISTINCT COMMUNITIES.

THIS WILL BE ACHIEVED WHILE PROTECTING MAVESYN RIDWARE PARISH'S UNIQUE CHARACTER AND DISTINCT QUALITIES WHICH WILL INCLUDE PRESERVING AND ENHANCING THE CHARACTER OF BUILDINGS, OPEN SPACES AND OTHER VALUED COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN EACH VILLAGE AND PROTECTING THE PARISH-WIDE HABITAT FEATURES AND LANDSCAPE QUALITY.



HOUSING

WHAT IS OUR HOUSING REQUIREMENT?

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) mid-2020 population estimate for Mavesyn Ridware Parish considers there are 1,229 individuals living in the District, showing an increase of 101 individuals (8.9%) since the 2011 Census.

In 2011 there were 446 homes within the Parish (2011 Census). There has been some housing development in the Parish since 2011, including the development of 89 new homes (The Maltings and Greywood Rise).

The Housing Need Survey, prepared by AECOM, has evidenced a local housing need of between 19 and 33 new homes between 2023 and 2040. This represents a reduction in the increase of homes experienced in the last 10 years within the Parish. Lichfield District Council has confirmed our local housing need in line with the AECOM report.

Our Neighbourhood Plan does not need to allocate a site (or sites) to meet this local housing need, however there are a number of important benefits to us as a local community if we do. Firstly, we are best placed to determine the best option for meeting this need. Secondly, we can be specific about what benefits any development site should provide. In addition, Neighbourhood Plans that allocates sites to meet an identified need are provided with extra protection from unplanned development for a period of five years from adoption. This is therefore important to allow us to remain in control locally of the level of homes built to 2040.

WHAT TYPE OF HOMES DO WE NEED?

Detached, large homes are prominent within the Parish due to our rural character with many homes under-occupied (83.2% of homes have at least one spare bedroom). By 2040 we are likely to have an older population and a decrease in household size. In addition, house prices in the Parish are higher than those in the wider District and affordability is a key issue.

The evidence concludes that there is a need for 1 to 3 bedroom homes to attract newly forming households (couples and young families) and allow older people looking to downsize. This would also help balance the stock of existing homes within the Parish.

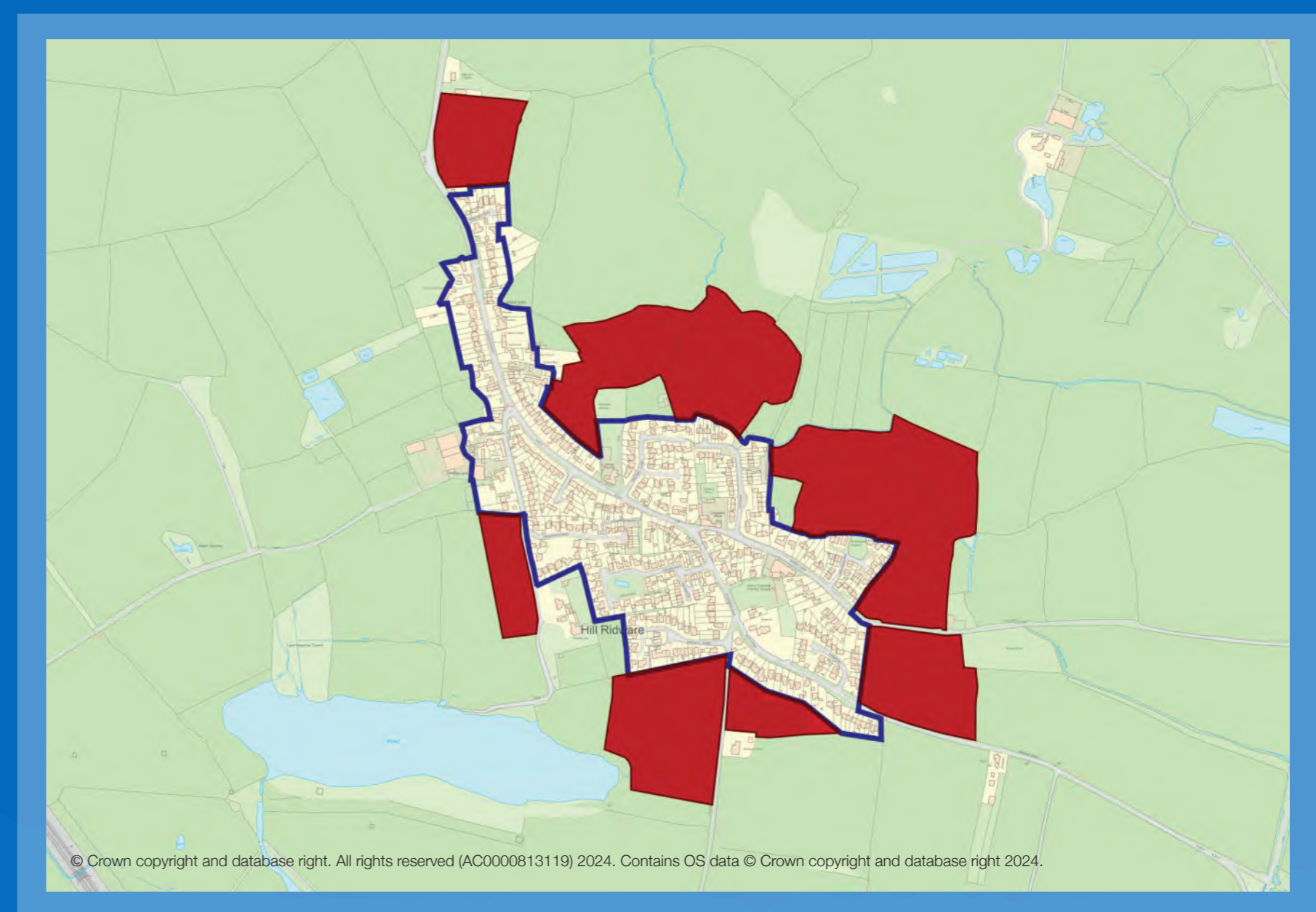
The adopted Local Plan requires up to 40% of new homes, on sites of 10 or more homes, to be delivered as affordable (which includes social rented, shared ownership and the Government's new First Home's tenures). It would be difficult for the Neighbourhood Plan to change this requirement.

The evidence also highlights a need for specialist homes for older people within the Parish but recognises that the Mavesyn Ridware Parish may not represent the most suitable and sustainable location for these specialist homes.

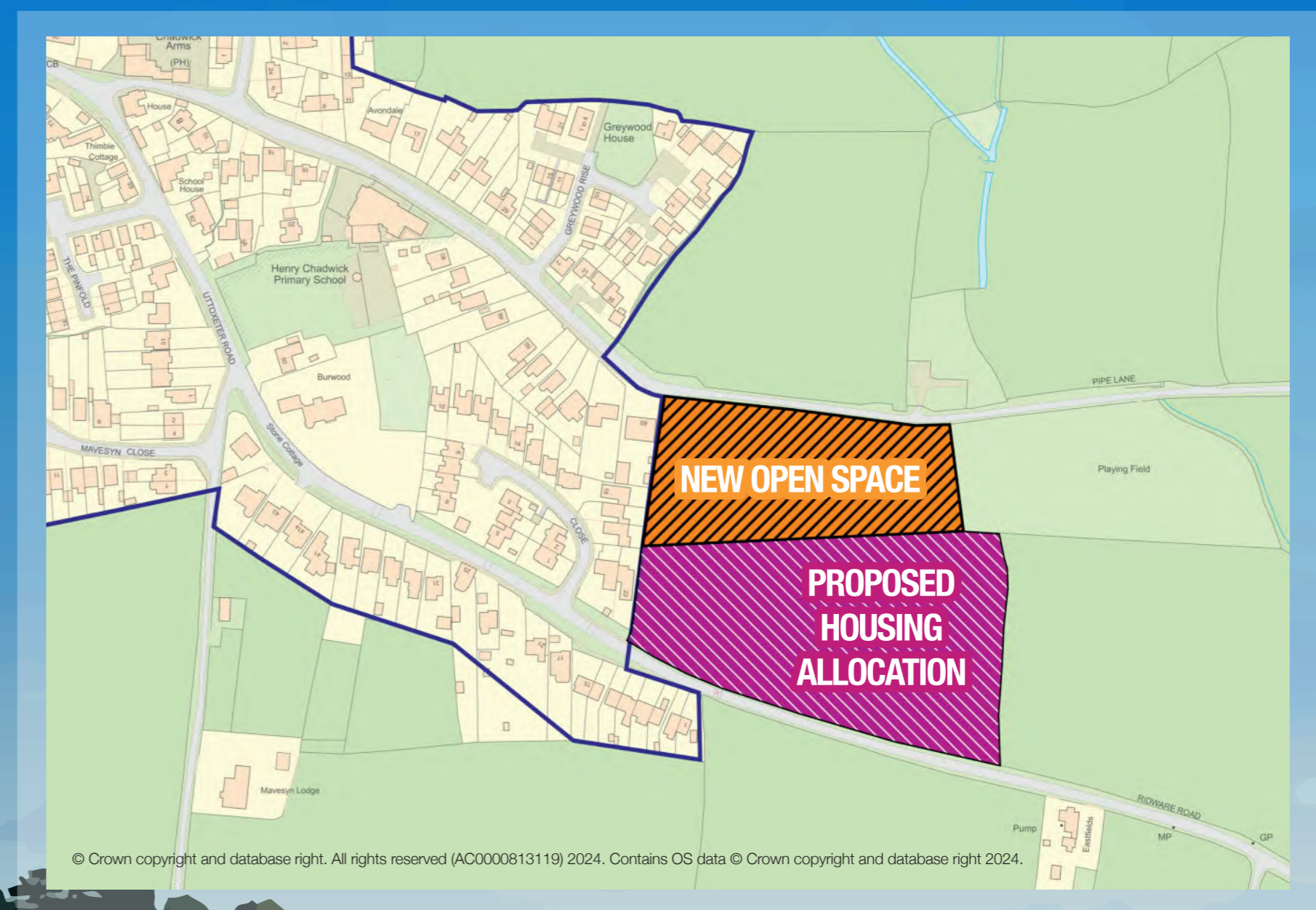
WHERE DO WE SUGGEST THESE NEW HOMES SHOULD BE LOCATED WITHIN THE PARISH?

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group undertook a 'call for sites' exercise to allow local landowners to put forward potential sites for consideration for residential development. The exercise was clear that only sites within or adjacent to the existing Hill Ridware village boundary would be considered.

The plan below sets out the range of sites that have been considered and assessed:



The sites were subject to detailed assessment having regard to matters such as flood risk, heritage impact, biodiversity, landscape impact, connectivity, ground conditions and other local considerations. The majority of the sites were relatively constraint free, however the site considered to perform the best was land to the east of Hill Ridware and north of Uttoxeter Road and south of School Lane. The detailed site assessment is available on the Parish Council website.



HOUSING

WHY ARE WE PROPOSING TO ALLOCATE THE SITE AT RIDWARE ROAD?

This site scored well through our site assessment. It lies outside of the functional flood plain, is well connected to existing footpaths and contains no biodiversity or heritage designations. The site also provides the opportunity to deliver the following local benefits:

- New footpath between Hill Ridware and the existing playing field on School Lane
- Delivery of substantial new multi-functional green space along School Lane
- Enhancement of existing Public Right of Way between Uttoxeter Road and School Lane
- Frontage on B5014 provides best opportunity to deliver a small convenience store to serve the parish
- Exploration of additional foul water storage to reduce current issues experienced along the footpath and existing properties to the east of the village.

POLICY MR-02: LAND EAST OF HILL RIDWARE

1. Land at Ridware Road (see Map) is allocated for residential development and retail development (Use Class E).
2. Retail development should:
 - a) be located to front onto Uttoxeter Road;
 - b) should provide a maximum of 500 square metres of convenience retail floorspace.
3. Development of the site should meet the following design and landscape requirements, in addition to the requirements in Policies MR05 and MR07:
 - a) the scheme should present an active frontage to Ridware Road to create an attractive approach to the village;
 - b) the layout, landscape design and boundary treatments should create a soft transition between the built development and surrounding landscape setting, including the retention of the hedgerow to the east boundary;
 - c) providing good pedestrian and cycle permeability and connectivity with the village to the west and playing field to the northeast;
 - d) green infrastructure provision should include garden and street trees and hedges to create a high-quality public realm;
 - e) Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) should be incorporated into landscape design and green infrastructure.
4. Vehicular access should be made from Uttoxeter Road.
5. Development should include the retention and enhancement of the Public Right of Way (CP15) to the west boundary of the site, meeting the requirements of Policy MR11.
6. The green open space requirement should be met by the flood plain land to the north of the site, with good connectivity to the built development and a new link to the playing fields to the east of the site.



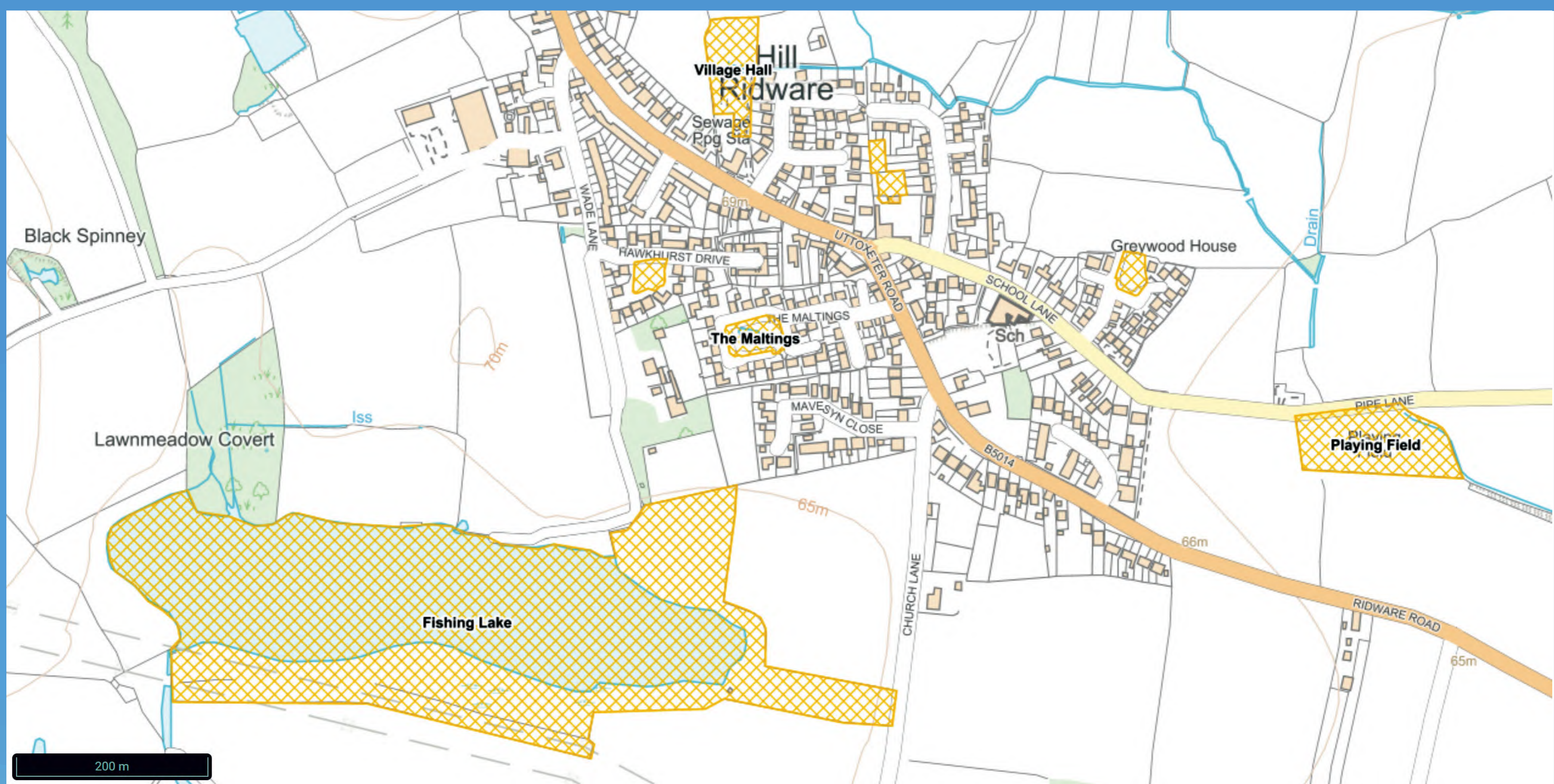
GREEN SPACES

WHAT GREEN SPACES ARE WE LOOKING TO PROTECT?

National guidance allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. These local green spaces need to be:

- Reasonably close to the community it serves;
- Demonstrably special to a local community and holds particular significance; and
- Local in character and not an extensive tract of land.

The following sites have been identified as potential local green spaces important to local communities within the Parish:



BURIAL SPACES

The number of burial plots available at the Church of St. Nicholas is severely limited. The Neighbourhood Plan proposes to allocate a new burial ground that wraps around the existing graveyard to provide further burial plots to 2040.

The Parish Council is currently working with landowners to determine how this new facility will be delivered and managed.



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This document provides an assessment of local character through:

- Providing an overview of the historic growth of our villages
- Identifying our listed buildings and conservation areas
- Considering landscape character and biodiversity
- Identifying key constraints such as areas at risk of flooding
- Establishing key movement corridors and connectivity with local facilities
- Setting out the common features that can be identified within the Parish.

The document establishes aims and design principles to guide development proposals. Design principles include building materials, sustainable design, biodiversity net gain and resilience to climate change.

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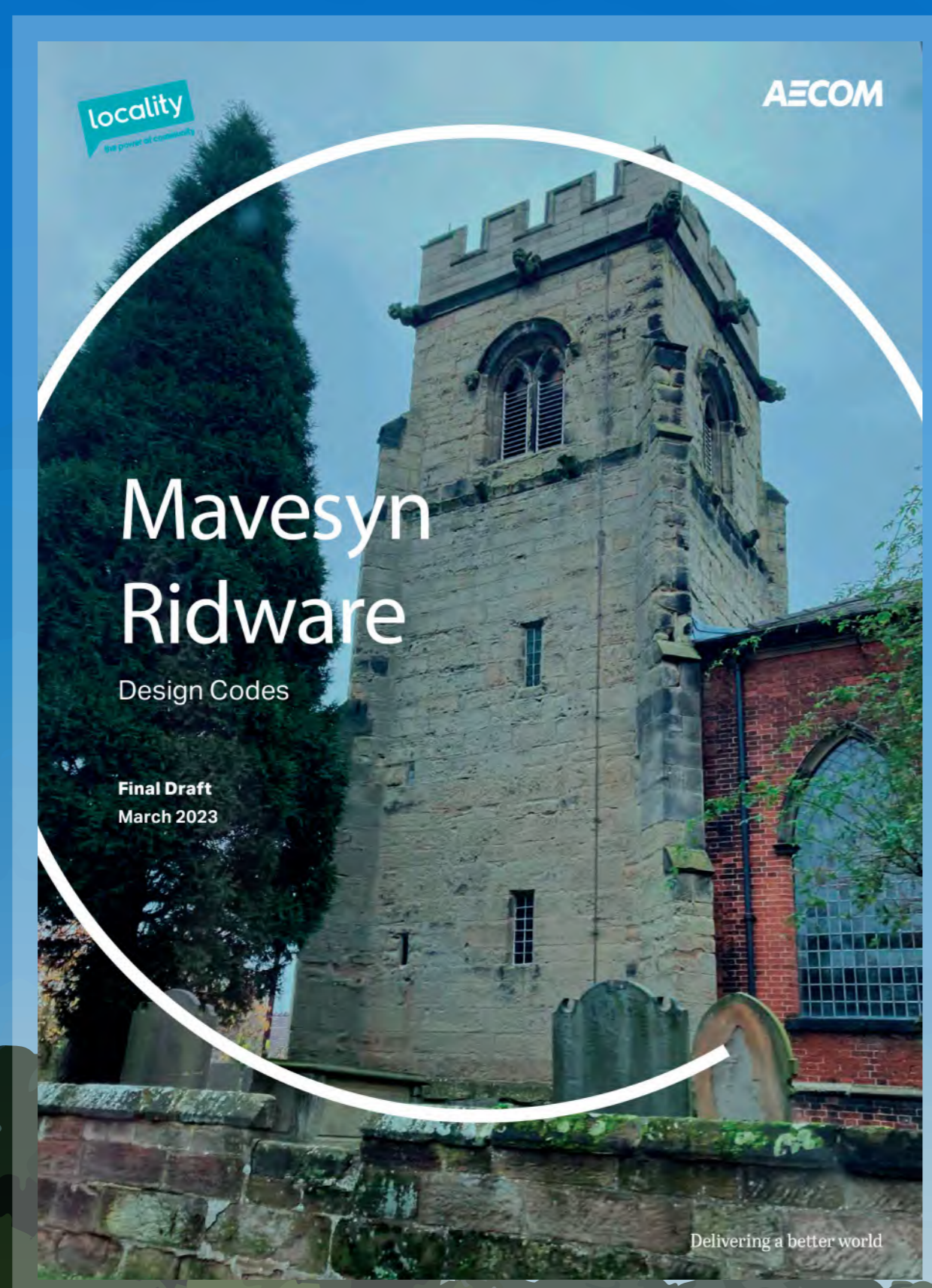
WHAT BUILDINGS ARE WE PROPOSING TO LOCALLY LIST?

The Mavesyn Ridware Conservation Area Appraisal identifies the following locally listed buildings:

- Outbuildings 4m North of Church Cottage, Church Lane
- Mavesyn Ridware (Former) Residential Home, Church Lane
- Bothy, Church Lane
- Manor Farm Cottage, Manor Lane
- Stable Cottage, Manor Lane

The Neighbourhood Plan is proposing to add the following properties to the local list:

- Monks Cottage, Uttoxeter Road, Hill Ridware
- Pipe Ridware Church and churchyard, Pipe Ridware
- Thatch Cottage, Uttoxeter Road, Hill Ridware



APPENDIX E

WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

WHY DEVELOP A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

- The plan provides planning policies to address local issues that are not covered in the Lichfield District Local Plan.
- The Parish will receive 25% of any Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) arising from development within the Parish (£55 per square metre of development for new homes).
- All planning decisions are considered against a Development Plan. Lichfield District does not yet have an up-to-date Local Plan in place. This means we are more susceptible to unplanned development within the Parish.
- The plan provides a further level of protection and more detailed policies that are locally relevant to our Parish.
- The Local Plan prepared by Lichfield District Council provides the strategic policies and strategic allocations for development. The Neighbourhood Plan provides details below this, in the format of additional allocations, designations and more detailed policies that are locally relevant to our Parish.

WHAT CAN A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DO?

- Identify areas of protection from inappropriate development.
- Identify locally distinct policies for shaping the form of development.
- Identify development proposals in addition to those contained within Lichfield District Council's Local Plan.
- Identify infrastructure improvements needed to support development.

IT CAN'T

- Provide general improvements to existing services such as telephones, highways maintenance and sewerage. These are covered by other statutory bodies.
- Be used to resist planned development that Lichfield District Council identifies for the parish in their Local Plan.

HOW HAS THE PREPARATION OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BE FUNDED?

- The Parish Council secured a Government Grant which enabled us to instruct an independent consultant Urban Vision to assist in drafting the Neighbourhood Plan. Therefore, the cost of preparing the Plan did not use any Parish Council funds.
- The Neighbourhood Plan is underpinned by a range of evidence to justify our policies and proposals. Much of this evidence has been prepared by AECOM and paid for through Government technical assistance packages.

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COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY...

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SATURDAY 13TH APRIL, 11AM-3PM
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To preserve existing services within the Parish and to support the provision of new facilities within Hill Ridware in order to improve the quality of life enjoyed by existing and future residents and to reduce the need to travel.

3 MEETING LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS

To ensure that the Parish population is sustainable, by providing the right housing in terms of size, type and tenure to meet current and future needs of existing residents.

4 ACHIEVING HIGH QUALITY DESIGN

To ensure that any new development achieves a high standard of design, respecting the established character in each of our villages, the rural location and identified heritage assets.

5 PROTECTING OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

To protect the local landscape setting of our villages, to manage and, where possible, reduce flood risk, and to support agriculture

in the surrounding countryside where this does not conflict with the quality of life enjoyed by existing and future residents.

6 PROTECTING OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

To ensure that the quality of life enjoyed by the residents of Mavesyn Ridware Parish and the character of the villages and surrounding countryside are protected from inappropriate new development, including in terms of residential amenity and traffic impact.

(Order is not a ranking)

VISION TO 2040...

THE RESIDENTS OF MAVESYN RIDWARE PARISH WANT TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THEIR SEPARATE VILLAGES AND SUPPORT THEM TO BECOME STRONGER, SAFER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES.

IN ACHIEVING THIS, MAVESYN RIDWARE PARISH WILL BECOME BETTER CONNECTED, WITH HILL RIDWARE REPRESENTING A HUB THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A WIDER RANGE OF SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

DEVELOPMENT WILL BE SUPPORTED WHERE IT MEETS IDENTIFIED LOCAL NEEDS, CAN BE SUPPORTED BY EXISTING OR IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE AND IS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE VIABILITY OF OUR DISTINCT COMMUNITIES.

THIS WILL BE ACHIEVED WHILE PROTECTING MAVESYN RIDWARE PARISH'S UNIQUE CHARACTER AND DISTINCT QUALITIES WHICH WILL INCLUDE PRESERVING AND ENHANCING THE CHARACTER OF BUILDINGS, OPEN SPACES AND OTHER VALUED COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN EACH VILLAGE AND PROTECTING THE PARISH-WIDE HABITAT FEATURES AND LANDSCAPE QUALITY.

GREEN SPACES

WHAT GREEN SPACES ARE WE LOOKING TO PROTECT?

National guidance allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. These local green spaces need to be:

- Reasonably close to the community it serves;
- Demonstrably special to a local community and holds particular significance; and
- Local in character and not an extensive tract of land.

The following sites have been identified as potential local green spaces important to local communities within the Parish:



BURIAL SPACES

The number of burial plots available at the Church of St. Nicholas is severely limited. The Neighbourhood Plan proposes to allocate a new burial ground that wraps around the existing graveyard to provide further burial plots to 2040.

The Parish Council is currently working with landowners to determine how this new facility will be delivered and managed.



HOUSING

WHAT IS OUR HOUSING REQUIREMENT?

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) mid-2020 population estimate for Mavesyn Ridware Parish considers there are 1,229 individuals living in the District, showing an increase of 101 individuals (8.9%) since the 2011 Census.

In 2011 there were 446 homes within the Parish (2011 Census). There has been some housing development in the Parish since 2011, including the development of 89 new homes (The Maltings and Greywood Rise).

The Housing Need Survey, prepared by AECOM, has evidenced a local housing need of between 19 and 33 new homes between 2023 and 2040. This represents a reduction in the increase of homes experienced in the last 10 years within the Parish. Lichfield District Council has confirmed our local housing need in line with the AECOM report.

Our Neighbourhood Plan does not need to allocate a site (or sites) to meet this local housing need, however there are a number of important benefits to us as a local community if we do. Firstly, we are best placed to determine the best option for meeting this need. Secondly, we can be specific about what benefits any development site should provide. In addition, Neighbourhood Plans that allocate sites to meet an identified need are provided with extra protection from unplanned development for a period of five years from adoption. This is therefore important to allow us to remain in control locally of the level of homes built to 2040.

WHAT TYPE OF HOMES DO WE NEED?

Detached, large homes are prominent within the Parish due to our rural character with many homes under-occupied (83.2% of homes have at least one spare bedroom). By 2040 we are likely to have an older population and a decrease in household size. In addition, house prices in the Parish are higher than those in the wider District and affordability is a key issue.

The evidence concludes that there is a need for 1 to 3 bedroom homes to attract newly forming households (couples and young families) and allow older people looking to downsize.

This would also help balance the stock of existing homes within the Parish.

The adopted Local Plan requires up to 40% of new homes, on sites of 10 or more homes, to be delivered as affordable (which includes social rented, shared ownership and the Government's new First Home's tenures). It would be difficult for the Neighbourhood Plan to change this requirement.

The evidence also highlights a need for specialist homes for older people within the Parish but recognises that the Mavesyn Ridware Parish may not represent the most suitable and sustainable location for these specialist homes.

WHERE DO WE SUGGEST THESE NEW HOMES SHOULD BE LOCATED WITHIN THE PARISH?

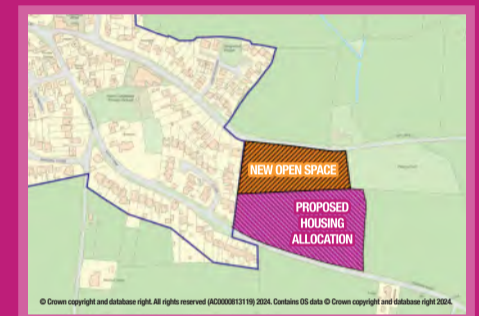
The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group undertook a 'call for sites' exercise to allow

local landowners to put forward potential sites for consideration for residential development. The exercise was clear that only sites within or adjacent to the existing Hill Ridware village boundary would be considered.

The plan below sets out the range of sites that have been considered and assessed:



The sites were subject to detailed assessment having regard to matters such as flood risk, heritage impact, biodiversity, landscape impact, connectivity, ground conditions and other local considerations. The majority of the sites were relatively constraint free, however the site considered to perform the best was land to the east of Hill Ridware and the north of Uttoxeter Road and south of School Lane. The detailed site assessment is available on the Parish Council website.



WHY ARE WE PROPOSING TO ALLOCATE THE SITE AT RIDWARE ROAD?

This site scored well through our site assessment. It lies outside of the functional flood plain, is well connected to existing footpaths and contains no biodiversity or heritage designations. The site also provides the opportunity to deliver the following local benefits:

- New footpath between Hill Ridware and the existing playing field on School Lane
- Delivery of substantial new multi-functional green space along School Lane
- Enhancement of existing Public Right of Way between Uttoxeter Road and School Lane
- Frontage on B5014 provides best opportunity to deliver a small convenience store to serve the parish
- Exploration of additional foul water storage to reduce current issues experienced along the footpath and existing properties to the east of the village.

POLICY MR-02: LAND EAST OF HILL RIDWARE

1. Land at Ridware Road (see Map) is allocated for residential development and retail development (Use Class E).
 - a) be located to front onto Uttoxeter Road;
 - b) should provide a maximum of 500 square metres of convenience retail floorspace.
3. Development of the site should meet the following design and landscape requirements, in addition to the requirements in Policies MR05 and MR07:
 - a) the scheme should present an active frontage to Ridware Road to create an attractive approach to the village;
 - b) the layout, landscape design and boundary treatments should create a soft transition between the built development and surrounding landscape setting, including the retention of the hedgerow to the east boundary;

- c) providing good pedestrian and cycle permeability and connectivity with the village to the west and playing field to the northeast;
 - d) green infrastructure provision should include garden and street trees and hedges to create a high-quality public realm;
 - e) Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) should be incorporated into landscape design and green infrastructure.
4. Vehicular access should be made from Uttoxeter Road.
 5. Development should include the retention and enhancement of the Public Right of Way (CP15) to the west boundary of the site, meeting the requirements of Policy MR11.
 6. The green open space requirement should be met by the flood plain land to the north of the site, with good connectivity to the built development and a new link to the playing fields to the east of the site.

APPENDIX F



Mavesyn Ridware **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

QUESTIONNAIRE 2021
VISION, OBJECTIVES & POLICY OPTIONS

SEPTEMBER 2021

Key Issues & Challenges:

These are the key issues and concerns raised through the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire.

Environment

- Improving the Public Right of Way network
- Increasing tree planting and habitat creation to support biodiversity

Sustainable Development

- Considering the delivery of large scale solar energy schemes and any impact solar farms could have
- Improving street lighting and reducing energy consumption

Impression & Character of Village

- Resolving sewerage issues within Hill Ridware
- Managing traffic within Hill Ridware
- Environmental improvements to approve appearance of villages within Parish

Roads & Transport

- Improving the state on roads within the Parish
- Providing gateway signs for villages within the Parish
- Improving safe pedestrian and cycle connectivity between settlements
- Delivering a bus service through the village

Parish Amenities

- Delivery of a shop/convenience store to serve the Parish
- Extension of existing services within the Parish including Post Office and village hall activities

Flood Defences

- Improving drainage to reduce surface water flooding
- Resolving sewage system issues within Hill Ridware

Housing

- Determining the local housing need and whether the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has an active role in delivering homes to meet this need.
- Ensuring new development is of high quality design and reflects distinct character of villages

Draft Objectives:

Objective 1 – Creating Sustainable Communities

To achieve a sustainable future for Hill Ridware, Mavesyn Ridware, Blithbury and Pipe Ridware, with a strong, stable and safe community supported by the right services and facilities, living in suitable homes, and enjoying a pleasant and attractive local environment.

Objective 2 – Protecting & Enhancing Local Services

To preserve existing services within the Parish and to support the provision of new facilities within Hill Ridware in order to improve the quality of life enjoyed by existing and future residents and to reduce the need to travel.

Objective 3 – Housing Needs

To ensure that the Parish population is sustainable, by providing the right housing in terms of size, type and tenure to meet current and future needs of existing residents.

Objective 4 – High Quality Design

To ensure that any new development achieves a high standard of design, respecting the established character in each of our villages, the rural location and identified heritage assets.

Objective 5 – Natural Environment

To protect the local landscape setting of our villages, to manage and, where possible, reduce flood risk, and to support agriculture in the surrounding countryside where this does not conflict with the quality of life enjoyed by existing and future residents.

Objective 6 – Managing Change

To ensure that the quality of life enjoyed by the residents of Mavesyn Ridware Parish and the character of the villages and surrounding countryside are protected from inappropriate new development, including in terms of residential amenity and traffic impact.

Draft Vision:

“The residents of Mavesyn Ridware Parish want to protect the identity of their separate villages and support them to become stronger, safer and more sustainable communities. In achieving this, Mavesyn Ridware Parish will become better connected, with Hill Ridware representing a hub through the provision of a wider range of services for residents and visitors. Development will be supported where it meets identified local needs, can be supported by existing or improved infrastructure and is necessary to support the viability of our distinct communities. This will be achieved while protecting Mavesyn Ridwares’ unique character and distinct qualities which will include preserving and enhancing the character of buildings, open spaces and other valued community facilities in each village and protecting the Parish-wide habitat features and landscape quality.”

Policy Options:

Listed below are some initial thoughts in respect of potential policy options. This is not intended to be comprehensive but instead provides an overview of existing evidence and general parameters for policies that could be included within an NDP. To aid discussion, these initial thoughts are set out under broad topic areas. As set out later in this report, the development of policies and proposals would need to be determined by a wider group of community representatives through further community engagement.

Housing

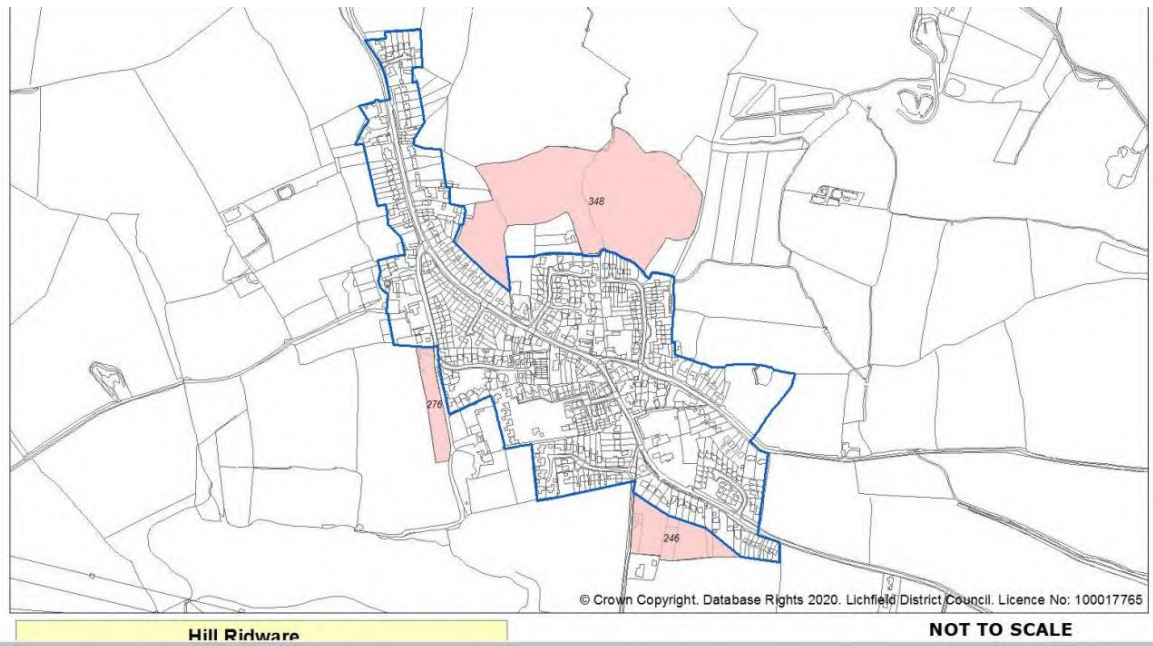
This has the potential to be the most controversial and divisive element of any NDP dependent on whether or not housing growth is to be supported and whether the NDP seeks to allocate a site to facilitate housing growth. The majority of questionnaire responses did not support further housing growth, however over 20% of responses recognised the need for more homes. Support for more homes was only present from residents of Hill Ridware and not from those residents in the other villages within the Parish.

The current and emerging development plans, prepared by Lichfield District Council, does not focus any specific housing growth to the Parish. Instead, growth is directed to Lichfield, Burntwood and the key villages of Armitage with Handsacre, Shenstone, Whittington, Alrewas, Fradley, Fazeley and Little Aston. To provide some context, the District Council is planning to deliver 9,727 additional dwellings across the District between 2018 and 2040 (442 dwellings per annum). Within Hill Ridware the development plan only allows for 'rural exception schemes' to come forward – these are sites that meet identified housing needs and are predominantly of affordable tenure. The Maplevale Homes scheme is a 'rural exceptions site.'

However, if the Council fails to maintain a sufficient supply of 'deliverable housing sites' national planning policies provide greater opportunities for speculative development outside of the Green Belt. Mavesyn Ridware is a Parish that lies outside the Green Belt and therefore is more vulnerable to speculative development. For example, the Cameron Homes scheme was one such speculative development that was allowed because the Council couldn't demonstrate a sufficient supply of housing land.

If the NDP allocated a housing site, national guidance provides greater protection from speculative development (in the short term).

If the NDP were to propose an allocation it would need to be a site that is capable of being delivered i.e. available for development and achievable. The District Council produces a SHLAA which identifies land put forward for housing development which would need to be considered in whole or part. An extract from this document is set out below:



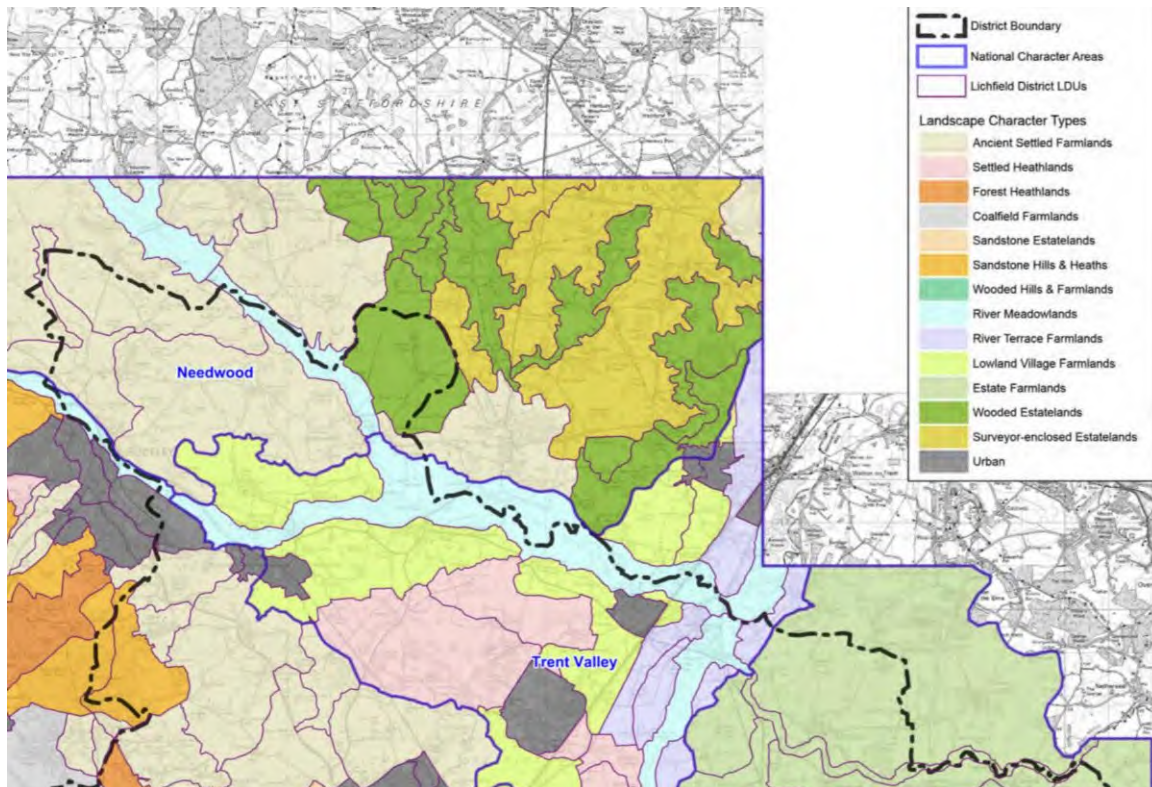
As part of the Neighbourhood Plan process other sites may be put forward for consideration.

It is strongly advised that a Local Housing Needs Survey is undertaken if housing growth is pursued. This will provide the necessary evidence to determine the scale of local needs and the type and tenure of homes required. This would involve a detailed survey being sent to all households within the Parish.

Other potential housing policies could relate to support for infill sites within the existing settlement boundaries (note: Hill Ridware is the only village within the Parish with a village boundary – all others are too small), replacement dwellings, conversions of rural buildings and a general policy to guide housing mix i.e. the types of homes that would be supported in terms of size and tenure.

Landscape

Lichfield District Council has published a Landscape Character Assessment. This shows that the Parish lies in three distinct landscape character areas (River Meadowlands – Mavesyn Ridware, Lowland Village Farmlands – Hill Ridware and Pipe Ridware and Ancient Settled Farmlands – Blithbury):



The Landscape Character Assessment provides a vision for each of these areas that could guide policy wording of a general landscape protection policy.

Landscape Vision for Mavesyn Ridware character area:

Conserve and restore the visual unity and distinctive pastoral character of river corridor landscapes. This can be achieved by conserving all remaining areas of pasture on river floodplains and seeking opportunities to convert arable areas back to pastoral use. Given the national scarcity of wetland habitats, restoration/re-creation schemes should be adopted in areas where property would not be at risk from flooding. This could be done as part of the current move by Water Authorities to control flooding in urban areas by slowing down water run off and letting it back onto river floodplains in rural areas.

Landscape Vision for Hill Ridware, Pipe Ridware and Blithbury character areas:

Conserve and enhance the structure and overall integrity of this historic, rural landscape. In particular, encourage the conservation of field boundaries and look for opportunities to restore primary hedgelines and enhance hedgerow tree cover. Opportunities should also be sought to strengthen biodiversity throughout this landscape.

In addition, a number of NDPs identify key views to be protected from development. Consideration should be given to whether such views existing within the Parish, including views both in and out of the Mavesyn Ridware Conservation Area.

Landscape impact is likely to be a key consideration for any development proposals including solar farm applications – there is significant growth in this industry at present and it is noted that applications for such proposals have recently been submitted in the Parish.

Ecology

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has produced a Nature Recovery report for Lichfield District. This document sets out the District's nature network and identifies key locations where habitats may be created or enhanced to contribute to nature's recovery.

A number of habitats and opportunities have been identified within the Parish.

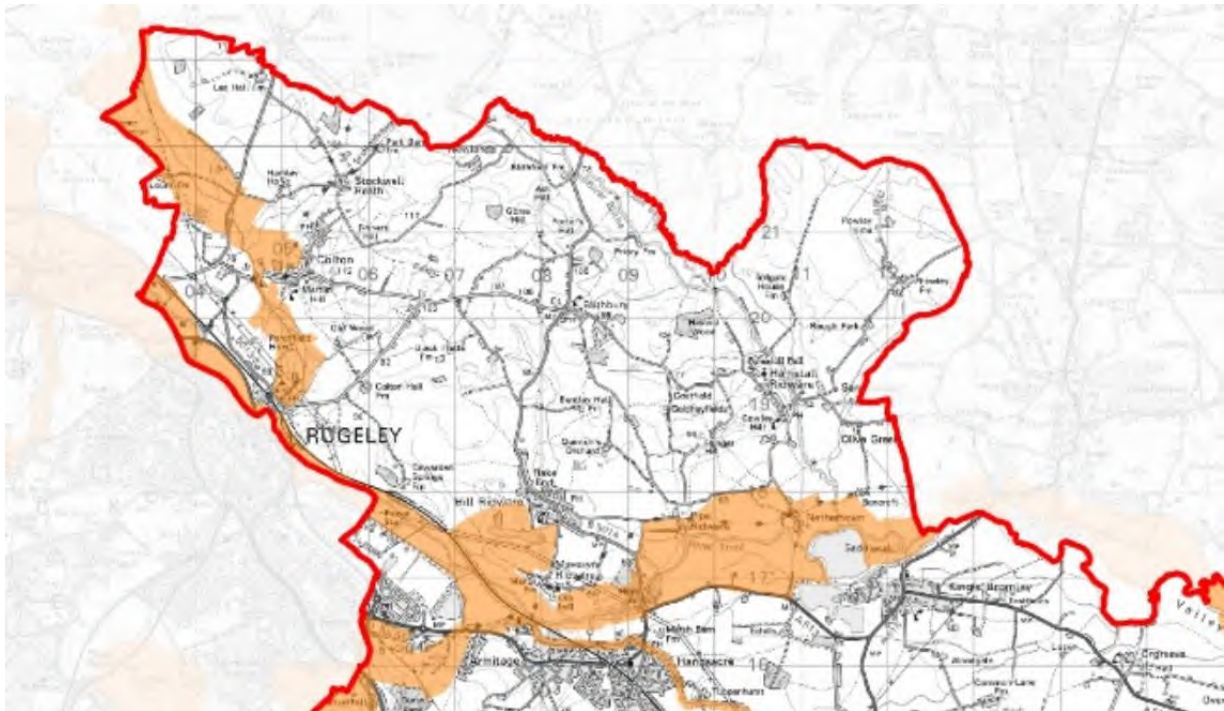
Woodland opportunity areas exist to the west of Hill Ridware and to the north of Blithbury.



Within these areas opportunities specific opportunities within the Parish include:

- Ensuring that species rich hedgerows in the north of the district are protected and suitably managed so that they are able to continue providing habitat connectivity into the future.
- Encouraging the creation and re-instatement of hedgerows, particularly in the large arable expanses to the north and east of the district for the benefit of habitat connectivity.
- Planting of further future woodlands on sites which do not already support a priority habitat to improve connections of existing areas of high quality woodland and increase the area of woodlands which are ecologically functional for the species that they support.

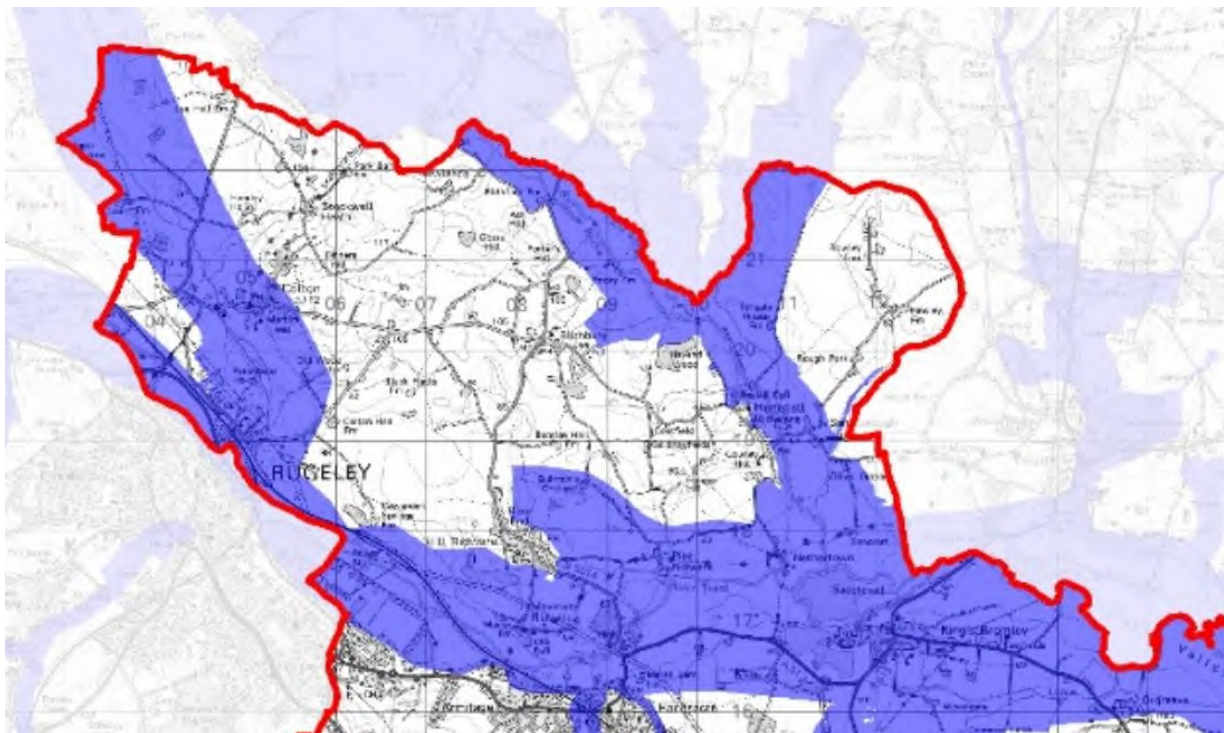
Grassland opportunity areas exist within the south of the Parish around Mavesyn Ridware.



Specific opportunities that relate to the Parish include:

- Protecting, and improving connectivity of species rich grassland alongside the River Trent between Rugeley, Armitage, Handsacre and Hill Ridware to Kings Bromley.
- Enhancement of any existing grassland sites or restoration of degraded sites so that they may achieve Local Wildlife Site Status.

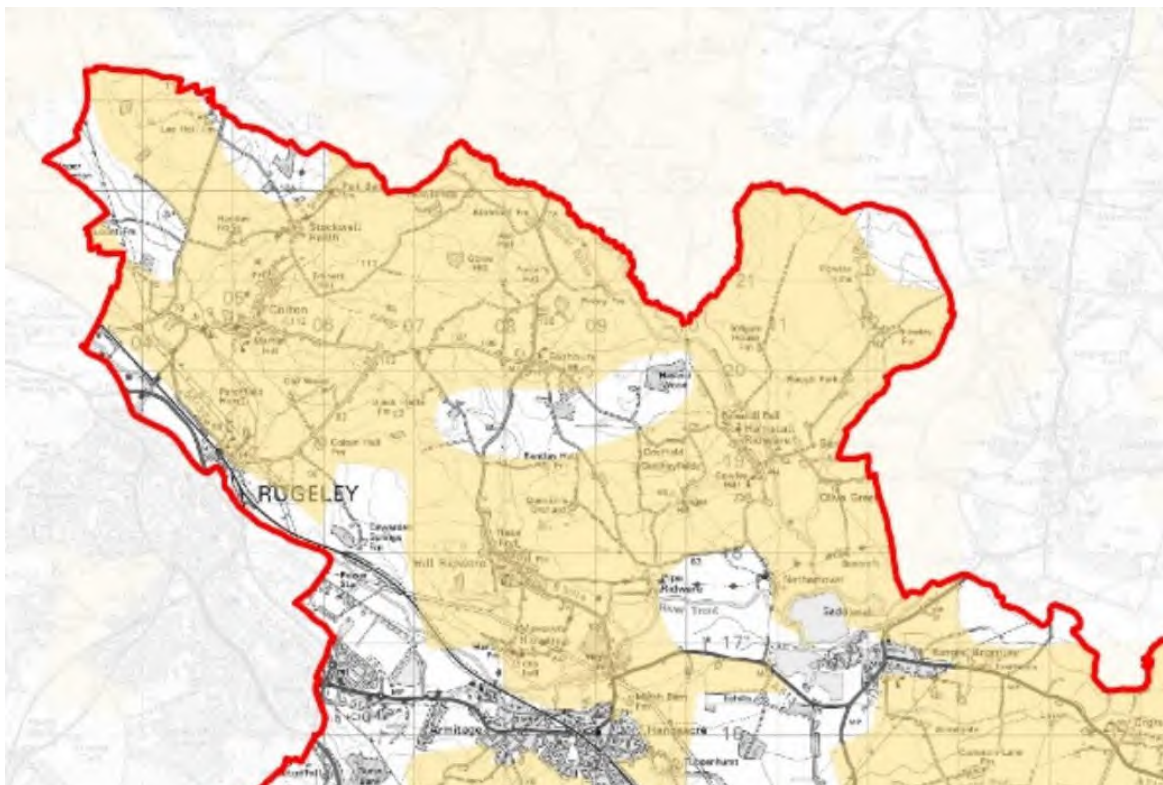
Wetland Opportunity areas exist along river corridors and flood plains within the Parish.



Specific opportunities identified within the Parish include:

- Support habitat conservation and enhancement projects defined through the TTTV project along the Trent and Tame, engage with landowners in these areas to discuss potential project ideas and find methods of funding and delivering those proposals.
- Identification of the most suitable locations for the targeting and prioritisation of further wetland creation and enhancements.
- Seek opportunities to deliver Natural Flood Management delivery to address flood risk as well as provide additional areas for habitat provision.
- Look for opportunities to carry out river reprofiling/naturalisation, improve flood storage and provide additional habitats suitable for a range of species particularly breeding waders and wintering wildfowl.

Pasture and Arable Opportunity Areas are present across the majority of the Parish.



Specific opportunities identified relevant to the Parish include:

- There are a wide range of opportunities for more intensively farmed agricultural land ranging from very small interventions such as leaving one corner of an arable field as set aside to provide feeding opportunity for farmland seed eating birds to large whole farm scale interventions for example reversion of large areas of arable land into diverse grassland. Obviously the scale of the intervention is down to what is practical and ultimately what is desirable, cost effective and sustainable in the eyes of landowners and land managers.
- Link up existing semi-natural habitats through the creation of habitat corridors and networks using hedgerows, arable field margins and watercourses where possible.
- Reversion of arable to other habitats with a higher biodiversity value for example species rich grassland.
- Where developments are likely to impact on large areas of intensive farmland, ensure that as a result some of the developed area is dedicated to the provision of high quality

seminatural habitats which may greatly improve habitat availability and connectivity within the landscape.

The above evidence relates to potential strategic biodiversity opportunities and the NDP has opportunity to identify specific biodiversity projects if they exist.

A NDP may also want to include a policy setting out specific requirements for development i.e. requiring net biodiversity gain as a result of built development, incorporation of specific measures to promote ecology in new development (incl. hedgehog highways as an example) and/or protection of important habitat features within a development site including trees and hedgerows.

Open Space & Recreation

The District Council has produced an open space assessment. This identifies three areas of public open space in the Parish, although this may not be accurate:

- Land at Oaklands – this is the area behind the village hall to include allotments
- Land at Hawkshurst
- Land at Chadwick Crescent (not the pub allotments)?

The equipped play area scored well for accessibility, quality and maintenance in the Council's assessment. However, play areas in other villages scored higher with greater opportunities for older children. It may be possible through the NDP to identify areas of POS where improvements will be directed.

A NDP provides an opportunity to designate Local Green Spaces as a way of providing special protection against development for green areas of particular importance to the local community. To be classed as a Local Green Space, sites must meet the following criteria:

- (a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- (b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- (c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

Such sites could include public open spaces, the playing field off School Lane and other sites such as the lake field or land at High Bridge. As the development plan does not designate open space, an NDP could provide a greater level of protection.

Heritage

The Parish includes a single Conservation Area in Mavesyn Ridware. Lichfield District Council has produced a Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan. This places an Article 4 Direction on a number of properties in the village (removing permitted development rights on Bothy, Church Lane and Manor Farm Cottage and Stable Cottage, Manor Lane).

There are a number of Listed Buildings in Mavesyn Ridware:

- Gatehouse at Old Hall – Grade I
- The Church of St Nicholas – Grade I
- Old Hall – Grade II*
- Memorial 10 yards east of Chancel of Church – Grade II

- Church Cottage – Grade II
- The Old Rectory – Grade II
- The Tithe Barn – Grade II
- Manor Farmhouse – Grade II

The Conservation Area Appraisal ‘locally lists’:

- Outbuildings approx. 4m NW of Church Cottage, Church Lane
- Mavesyn Ridware Residential Home, Church Lane
- Bothy, Church Lane
- Manor Farm Cottage, Manor Lane
- Stable Cottage, Manor Lane

Outside of Mavesyn Ridware Listed Buildings in the Parish are limited to:

- High Bridge – Grade II*
- The Old Rectory & attached walls and gate piers, Hill Ridware – Grade II*
- Wheelwright Cottage and Workshop, Pipe Ridware – Grade II
- Pipe Ridware Hall – Grade II
- Garden Walls & Gate Piers at Pipe Ridware Hall – Grade II
- Dovecote remains at Pipe Ridware Hall and attached wall – Grade II
- Fragment of garden wall at Pipe Ridware Hall – Grade II
- The Thatch, Hill Ridware – Grade II
- Rake End House, Hill Ridware – Grade II
- The School House, Hill Ridware – Grade II
- Juxta House, Hill Ridware – Grade II
- Ridware Hall, attached coach house and stables – Grade II
- Bentley Hall Cottage – Grade II
- Bentley Hall Farmhouse – Grade II
- Woodhouse Farmhouse – Grade II
- The Fishing House immediately north of Priory Farmhouse – Grade II

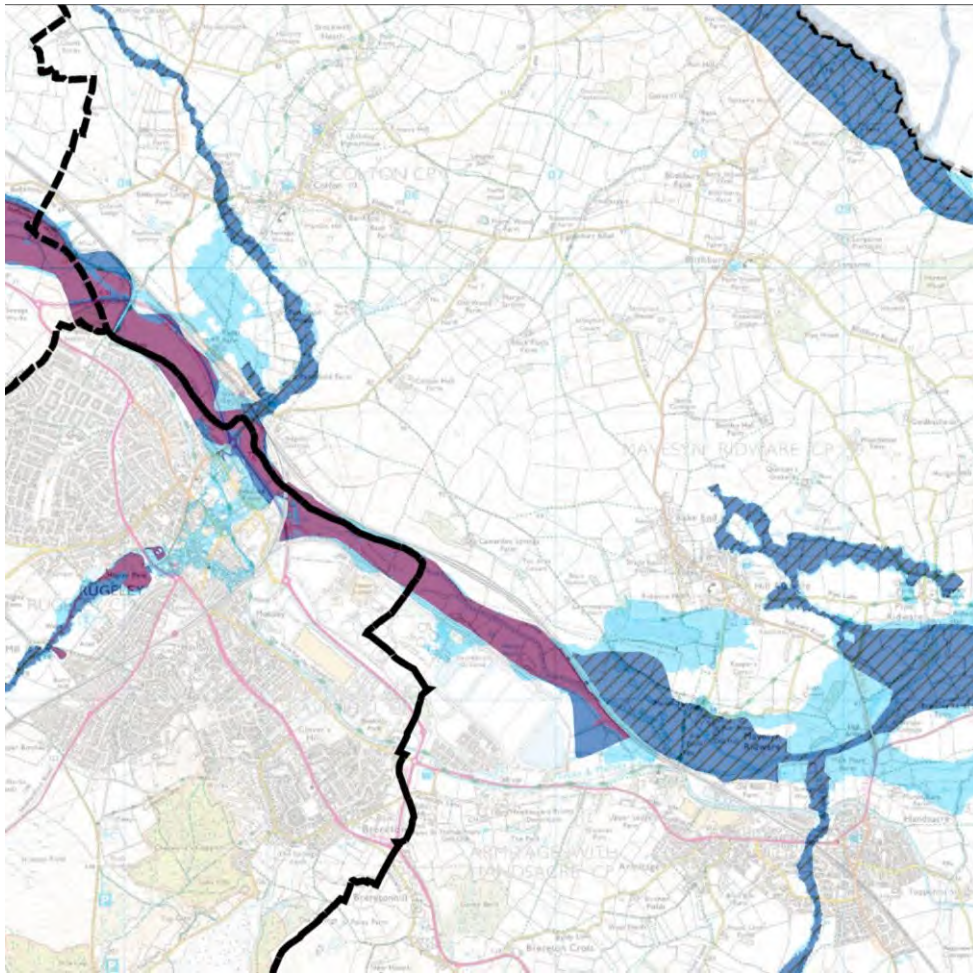
Consideration should be given to whether there are further properties/structures that should be ‘locally listed’ within the NDP.

Heritage assets are protected by national planning policy and policies contained within the existing development plan. Consideration should be given to whether the NDP requires a Parish specific policy to assist in protecting heritage assets from inappropriate development proposals. This would be beneficial if a ‘local list’ is produced.

Flood Risk & Drainage

The District Council has produced a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. This provides a more detailed consideration of risk from all types of flooding across the District i.e. fluvial and surface water.

Flood Zones (fluvial)



Purple: Flood Zone 3b – functional flood plain

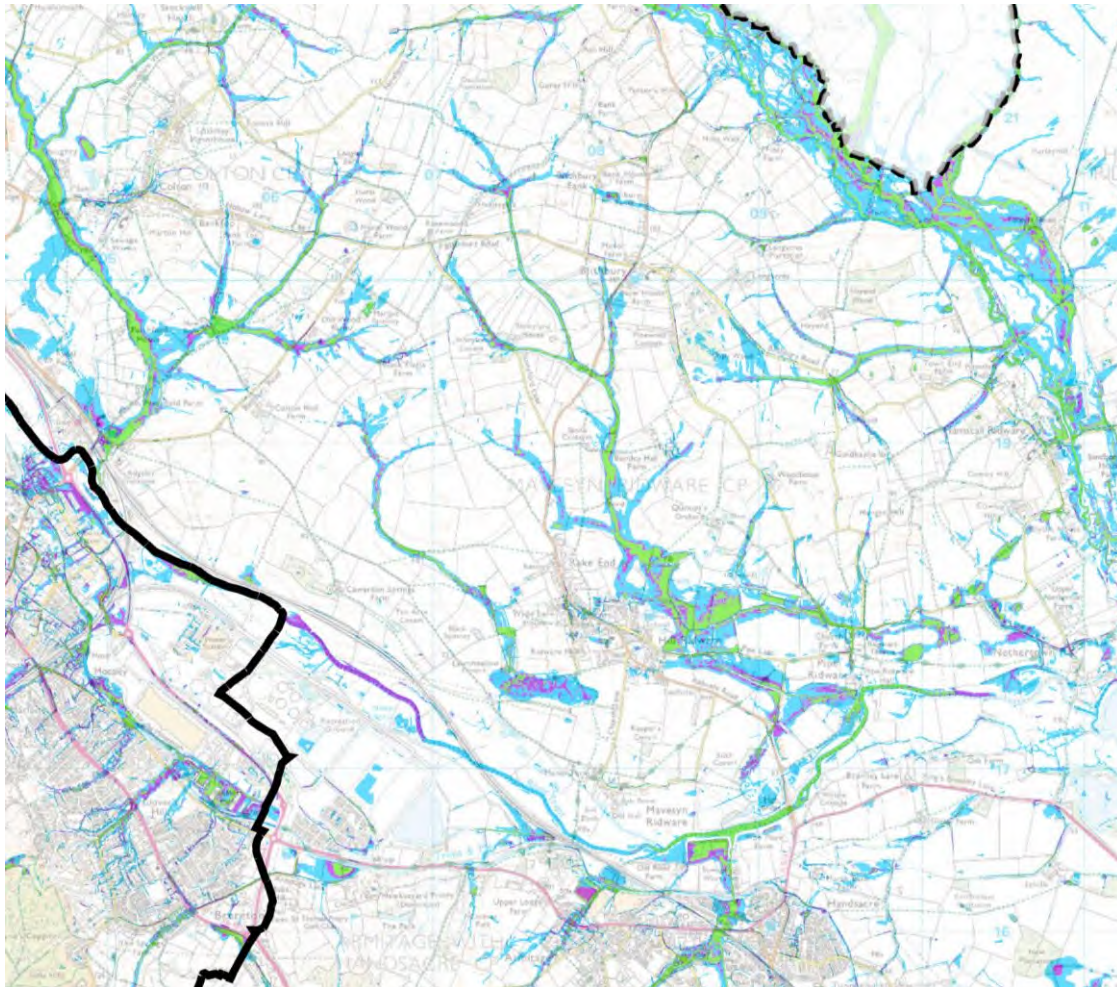
Dark Blue: Flood Zone 3a (up to 1 in 100 annual probability of river flooding)

Light Blue: Flood Zone 2 (between 1 in 100 and 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river flooding)

The flood plains within the Parish relate to the Rivers Trent and Blithe. The SFRA identifies the flood defences that have been put in place to around Pipe Ridware in respect of the River Trent. These have been rated at being in fair/good condition. There are no proposals for further flood defence schemes in the Parish, however there is a potential SCC surface water scheme identified for neighbouring Hamstall Ridware.

National planning policy already restricts development on land at highest risk of flooding. Therefore, it is unlikely there is a role for a NDP to provide further guidance

Surface Water Flooding



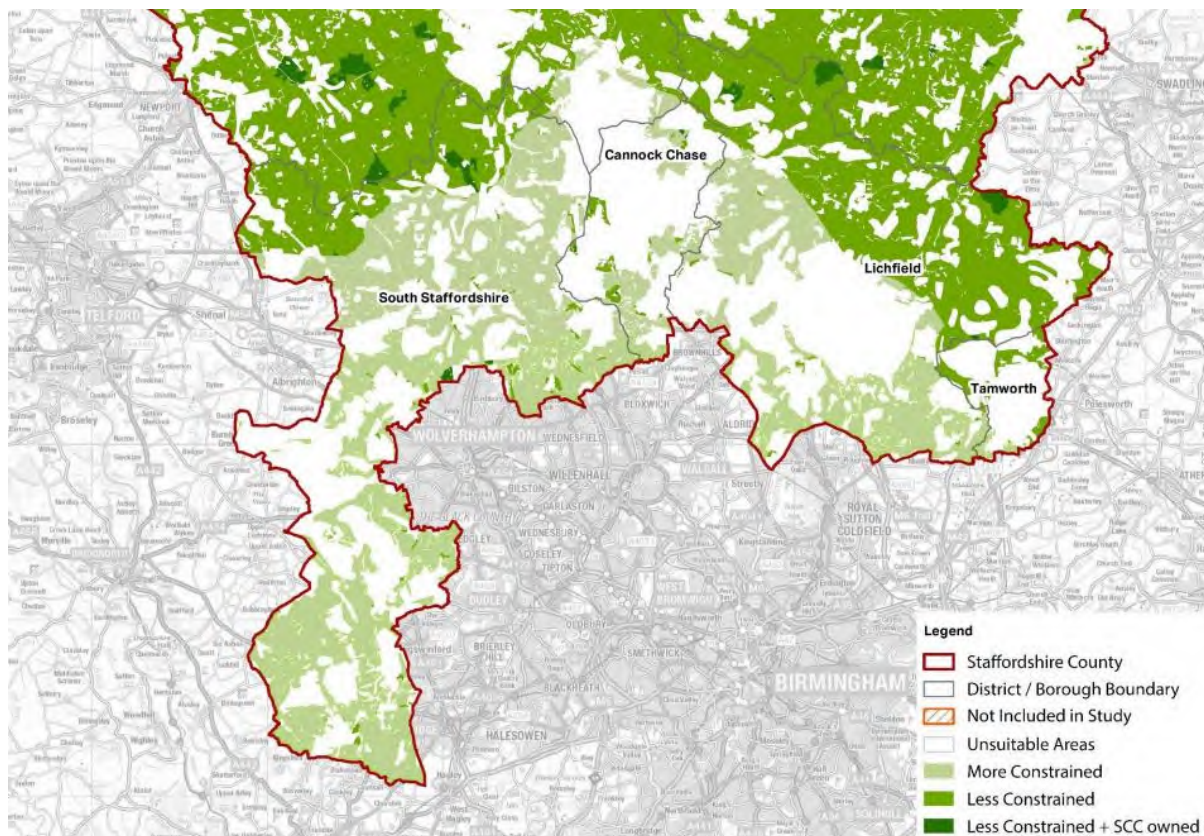
The above shows the areas at greatest risk of surface water flooding (pluvial). The SFRA also identifies issues of culvert blockages causing surface water flooding in Mavesyn Ridware. The District Council requires developers to provide flood risk assessments to demonstrate how flood risk will be mitigated and drainage strategies to demonstrate how surface water will be managed e.g. the attenuation pond on the Cameron Homes estate which collects and slowly releases surface water back into the network.

Again, there is unlikely to be a role for the NDP in providing further guidance in respect of surface water flooding.

Surface water flooding on highways falls to Staffordshire County Council and issues combined sewers that cause flooding falls to Severn Trent Water. Interestingly the SFRA does not highlight any risk of flooding from sewers in Hill Ridware (only the WS15 4 postcode which relates to Handsacre). The Water Cycle Strategy prepared in 2020 does however show capacity issues in respect of Waste Water Treatment Works flow capacity in Hill Ridware that relates to the Armitage WwTW.

Renewable & Low Carbon Energy

Staffordshire County Council has produced a Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy. This includes an opportunity map for Low and Zero Carbon technologies.



It can be seen that many areas within the Parish are identified as less constrained for delivering such technologies. This is due to the northern and eastern parts of Lichfield District lying beyond the West Midlands Green Belt where development is more likely to be considered inappropriate.

The greatest opportunity for Low and Zero Carbon technologies within the Parish is likely to be solar rather than wind. A previous report prepared by Lichfield District Council only identified wind power potential in limited locations (Riley Hill, Thorpe Constantine, Hademore, Weeford, Elford and within neighbouring Hamstall Ridware Parish).

In light of the two recent solar farm applications within the Parish, consideration should be given to whether a policy would be appropriate within the NDP to direct future proposals or set out criteria that should be met.

There is also a policy opportunity to set out domestic scale renewables that should be incorporated into new developments. This would need to take account of the Government’s changes to building regulations in the next few years, including any ban on the fitting of gas boilers.

Another policy opportunity could relate to the provision of EV charging i.e. to be fitted as part of any residential property/commercial development.

Design

The District Council has produced a Sustainable Design Supplementary Planning Document to promote good design in development within the District. This provides guidance on layout and density, technology and construction and provides a range of standards relating to amenity and parking. The guidance is fairly high level.

A NDP can include policies that propose guidelines for the design of any new development that takes place in the Parish, having regard to local character. It should be noted that good design is however often subjective.

Alternatively, Village Design Statements could be prepared for each settlement. This would sit outside of the context of a NDP but could still be a material consideration taking into account when determining planning applications. Village Design Statements would need to analyse the character of each settlement in the Parish to establish distinctive features which would inform a range of design guidelines.

Parish Amenities

A NDP can allocate sites for new facilities but any allocation must be 'deliverable' i.e. demonstrate that there is a reasonable prospect of the development coming forward.

There is clear support for the delivery of a small convenience store and/or farm shop. Further consideration would need to be given as to whether a commercial operator would support such a facility and whether it would be commercially viable. In part this is likely to be dependent upon catchment size and passing trade. Other delivery mechanisms could be considered including the delivery of a community store, run by volunteers.

Other identified facility requests would also need to be considered from a viability perspective, with land use implications considered through the formulation of the NDP.

Next Steps:

Determine whether a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is the best tool for addressing identified community issues. Further advice could be sought from Lichfield District Council who have a resource to assist in the production of NDPs.

There are clearly a number of advantages to preparing a NDP:

- **Community-led** - It gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development of their local area. Parish councils write the plan. Parish councils have the opportunity to engage with their wider community from the start of the plan making process to ensure it genuinely represents the needs in their local village(s).
- **More influence** – The plan has statutory status once it is made (adopted) by the Local Planning Authority, carrying equal weight to the Local Plan and will become part of the statutory development plan for the district.
- **Site allocation** - It allows the community to allocate sites to meet the local need for different uses in the village like housing, shops, workplaces, leisure and community uses.
- **More relevance** - A neighbourhood plan focuses on the needs of the local community within the neighbourhood area. It could obtain policies on what you expect from developments such as urban design, the range and type of housing needed to meet the local market, identifying preferred sites for housing and other development; and priorities for new development such as improving pedestrian links, upgrading paths and open space.
- **Opening up a dialogue** - In preparing a neighbourhood plan the local community will need to speak to a range of local stakeholders and organisations.
- **Identifying issues in the local area** - In carrying out consultations with the local community on the neighbourhood plan, non-planning issues may be identified. These issues could be included in an appendix to the neighbourhood plan, or in a Community Led / Parish Plan prepared at the same time as your neighbourhood plan.
- **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** - Any village with an adopted neighbourhood plan will be entitled to an extra 10% of CIL from schemes within the neighbourhood area to spend on projects within their area.

However, a number of these advantages are reliant on opportunities for further development being identified within a NDP. For example, the Community Infrastructure Levy entitlement (currently set at £55 per sqm for market homes in Mavesyn Parish) will only be applicable to new development floorspace delivered within the Parish. No development = no CIL monies.

It should also be recognised that a NDP is a planning policy document and therefore cannot resolve matters that fall outside of the remit of the land use planning system e.g. emergency service provision, utility company provision or improvements, road signage. Many of the questions within the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire and issues identified in the responses clearly fall outside the remit of the planning system. In addition, many of the key issues identified through the questionnaire cannot be resolved through a NDP. Nevertheless, the identification of these issues still provides useful information to inform other Parish Council projects and strategies.

If a Neighbourhood Development Plan is pursued the following milestones are recommended:

- Establish a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (the formulation of the plan should be led by the community and not solely the Parish Council). It is recommended that membership

includes representatives from a number of Parish Groups that provide community services or influence the built and natural environment in their activities. The Steering Group would need to be provided with a level of understanding of the Neighbourhood Plan process.

- Collate evidence and information to establish:
 - Demographic profile of Parish/Historical context
 - National & Local Planning Policy Context
 - Land being promoted for development in the Parish (Strategic Housing & Employment Land Availability Assessments)
 - Social, economic and environmental evidence including information relating to landscape, heritage, ecology, flood risk and drainage, highways, infrastructure (inc. utilities, open space and other social services and facilities)
- Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group should refine a vision and objectives and prepare a number of policy options based on community feedback to date and evidenced as set out above.
- Consider further community engagement in respect of vision, objectives and policy options.
- Consider whether further evidence needs to be collated i.e. Housing Needs Survey
- Utilise feedback to prepare a draft Neighbourhood Plan and share this informally with officers at Lichfield District Council (LDC). LDC will provide confirmation on whether the NDP will need to be supported by Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and/or Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).
- Undertake consultation on draft NDP (including with landowners and developers) prior to submitting to Lichfield District Council for a formal six week consultation.
- Once LDC has undertaken formal consultation an independent examiner will be appointed to examine the NDP against a number of ‘basic conditions.’ The ‘basic conditions’ relevant to a NDP are:
 - a. having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State it is appropriate to make the order (or neighbourhood plan).
 - d. the making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.
 - e. the making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area).
 - f. the making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.
 - g. prescribed conditions are met in relation to the Order (or plan) and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the order (or neighbourhood plan).
- The independent examiner will issue a final report to conclude on whether the submitted Plan meets the basic conditions. The examiner can recommend a number of changes to the Plan if it doesn’t.
- The NDP (including any modification) will need to be subject to referendum. If the referendum is positive (more than 50% Yes vote) the NDP will be ‘made’ and will form a statutory part of the development plan for the Parish. The policies and proposals will carry equal weight to the District Council’s Local Plan in any planning decisions in the Parish.

APPENDIX G

Mavesyn Ridware Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation Responses

Statutory Consultees

Consultees	Document	Comment	Response
Lichfield District Council	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 14-15 Vision and Objectives	Supportive of the vision and objectives within the draft plan which provide a clear view as to how the Neighbourhood Area will develop across the plan period and how matters important to the community will be addressed. The vision and objectives presented are clear well linked to the subsequent suite of policies.	Noted
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P.22-23 Fig 3.1 and Policy MR-01	The Council is supportive of the approach taken to extend the village settlement boundary to include the proposed housing allocation (See comments RE Policy MR-02 below). The Council requests that a shapefile of the proposed extension to the village settlement boundary be provided to the Council. Should the plan reach adoption then the District Council will update its policies maps to utilise any amended village boundary.	Noted. Shapefile of proposed extension to settlement boundary will be provided if this can be extracted from Parish Online.
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 23 Policy MR-01	The Council is supportive of the amendment to the policy (paragraph 1c) which now makes clear that infilling of small gaps is supported within the village of Hill Ridware and not across the wider neighbourhood area.	Noted.

		Change title to Policy MR01 to be consistent with other policy numbering within plan.	Policy title changed from MR-01 to MR01
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 25-26 Policy MR-02	<p>The Council is supportive of the approach taken to allocate Land East of Hill Ridware for a residential led (including retail development) allocation. This is a positive and proactive decision which seeks to meet the development needs identified within the plan's accompanying evidence.</p> <p>The adopted Local Plan does not identify a specific housing requirement for the parish, nor any of the settlements within the neighbourhood area. The Housing Needs Assessment which has been prepared to support the plan is an appropriate evidence base which identifies local needs.</p> <p>Paragraph 2 within the policy notes that the retail element of the allocation should provide a maximum of 500m2 of convenience floorspace. It is suggested within the interpretation of the policy reference is made to the thresholds for retail assessment set out within Policy E1 within the adopted Local Plan and the potential requirement for Sequential Test as set out within the NPPF.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>A sentence regarding the consideration of the threshold for retail assessment set out within Policy E1 within the adopted Local Plan and the potential requirement for Sequential Test as set out within the NPPF has been added into the policy interpretation.</p>
		Change title to Policy MR02 to be consistent with other policy numbering within plan.	Policy title changed from MR-02 to MR02.
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 27	Paragraph one – suggest amending to say “Development to provide employment (Use	Policy amended in line with suggestion.

	Policy MR03	Class E) will be supported within the Hill Ridware village settlement boundary , subject to...”	
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 29 Policy MR04	It is noted that planning permission for redevelopment of the site to provide a residential care home for young persons was approved in July 2023 (reference 23/00221/FULM) which would appear to be broadly in accordance with the proposed draft allocation/policy.	Agreed.
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P.47-48 Policy MR08	Supportive of the identification and designation of Local Green Space’s within the neighbourhood plan. The supporting evidence provides appropriate justification for the identification of these spaces.	Noted.
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 51 Policy MR09	Paragraph one – suggest amending to say “Development to provide community facilities will be supported within the Hill Ridware village settlement boundary , subject to...” Paragraph two – suggest amending to say “Community facilities requiring the use of open land will be supported outside of the Hill Ridware village settlement boundary ...”	Policy amended in line with suggestion.
Historic England	Draft Neighbourhood Plan	Historic England is supportive of both the content of the document and the vision and objectives set out in it and consider that an admirably comprehensive approach is taken to the environment including the historic environment.	Noted.
	Design Guide (AECOM 2023)	The design parameters set out in the	Noted.

		<p>Mavesyn Ridware Design Guide (AECOM 2023) will no doubt prove invaluable as a context and guide for future development. This approach and those plan policies designed to conserve and enhance both the distinctive character of the settlements of the neighborhood area and the surrounding countryside is highly commendable.</p>	
The Coal Authority	Draft Neighbourhood Plan	<p>The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. As a statutory consultee, the Coal Authority has a duty to respond to planning applications and development plans in order to protect the public and the environment in mining areas.</p> <p>Our records do not indicate the presence of any coal mining features at surface or shallow depth, which may pose a risk to surface stability and public safety, within the Mavesyn Ridware Neighbourhood Plan area. On this basis the Planning team at the Coal Authority have no specific comments to make on this document.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted</p>
Environment Agency	Draft Neighbourhood Plan and Strategic Environmental Assessment	<p>Site Allocations:</p> <p>We note the allocation of sites within the Draft Neighbourhood Plan to support residential development, residential institutions/education, a cemetery extension and employment development.</p>	Noted

		<p>Residential Allocation: Policy MR-01 supports residential development within the Hill Ridware Settlement Boundary and at the preferred site East of Hill Ridware. Policy MR-02 defines the scope of the development in this location.</p> <p>Based upon the Flood Map for Planning the Hill Ridware settlement and the southern section of the allocated site would appear to be within Flood Zone 1, an area at low risk of fluvial flooding with the northern section of the site within flood zones 2 & 3, the medium and high-risk zones respectively. We welcome the proposed use of the north part of the allocated site for green infrastructure. We advise that a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) would be required as part of a planning application for such a development but are satisfied that no further information is required at this stage.</p> <p>Residential Institutions/Education: The preferred site is the Blithbury Redevelopment. Policy MR04 defines the scope of the development in this location.</p> <p>Based upon the Flood Map for Planning the site would appear to be within Flood Zone 1.</p> <p>Cemetery Extension Allocation:</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
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		<p>The site sits adjacent to the existing cemetery. Policy MR-12 defines the scope of the site for such development.</p> <p>The site is located upon the Tarporley siltstone/ mudstone formation of the Mercia Mudstone Group (MMG).</p> <p>We note that this would be an extension to an existing cemetery. Allocations for cemeteries brought forwards within Neighbourhood Plans must consider their location in relation to Flood Zones, Source Protection Zones (Any Borehole, including private boreholes, for potable supply should be considered) and Type of Aquifer. We would offer comments primarily in relation to the protection of controlled waters (i.e. groundwater and surface water). Matters relating to human health should be directed to the Local Authority. If steps are not taken to reduce the risks, burials can present a risk to the water environment. The proposed burial ground will need to meet our minimum groundwater protection requirements as set out in the following document: Protecting groundwater from human burials - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).</p> <p>Human burials should not be carried out within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A groundwater Source Protection Zone 1 • 10m of the nearest land drain 	<p>Noted.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30m of the nearest watercourse or any other surface water • 50m of any well, spring or borehole, irrespective of those waters current use • 250m of any well, spring or borehole where the water is intended for human consumption or used in food production. <p>We are not aware of any licenced abstractions nor Source Protection Zones (SPZs) in the general area to increase risks. There may other private abstractions within this area which we have no record of.</p> <p>As a statutory consultee we would expect to be consulted on all cemetery applications in relation to relevant material environmental issues including groundwater risk, water quality/pollution prevention and flood risk matters.</p> <p>Employment Land: We note the favoured location for additional employment land is within the Hill Ridware settlement. Policy MR03 defines the scope for such provision.</p> <p>Based upon the Flood Map for Planning the settlement would appear to be within Flood Zone 1, with areas outside of the settlement within flood zones 2 & 3.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
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		<p>Given that the preferred location for employment development is within the settlement outside of areas at high risk of fluvial flooding we would not offer bespoke comment on flood risk at this time. It should be noted however that the Flood Map provides an indication of 'fluvial' flood risk only. You are advised to discuss matters relating to surface water (pluvial) flooding with Staffordshire County Councils drainage team as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA).</p> <p>In addition to the comments offered above we would advise you ensure conformity with the local plan and refer to guidance within our proforma guidance (latest copy attached).</p>	
Natural England	Draft Neighbourhood Plan	<p>AA concludes 'No Adverse Effect On Integrity' and Natural England concurs with this conclusion</p> <p>Natural England notes that your authority, as competent authority, has undertaken an appropriate assessment of the plan in accordance with regulation 63 of the Conservation of (Species and Habitats Regulations 2017 (as amended). Natural England is a statutory consultee on the appropriate assessment stage of the Habitats Regulations Assessment process.</p>	Noted.

		<p>Your appropriate assessment concludes that your authority is able to ascertain that the proposal will not result in adverse effects on the integrity of any of the sites in question. Having considered the assessment, and the measures proposed to mitigate for all identified adverse effects that could potentially occur as a result of the proposal, Natural England advises that we concur with the assessment conclusions, providing that all mitigation measures are appropriately secured.</p> <p>Natural England does not have any specific comments on this neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>However, we refer you to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and to the following information.</p> <p>Natural England does not hold information on the location of significant populations of protected species, so is unable to advise whether this plan is likely to affect protected species. Further information on protected species and development is included in Natural England's Standing Advice on protected species.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
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		<p>Furthermore, Natural England does not routinely maintain locally specific data on all environmental assets. The plan may have environmental impacts on priority species and/or habitats, local wildlife sites, soils and best and most versatile agricultural land, or on local landscape character. Information on ancient woodland, ancient and veteran trees is set out in Natural England/Forestry Commission standing advice.</p>	
Staffordshire County Council	Draft Neighbourhood Plan	<p>We acknowledge the Vision for the Plan in setting out what the Plan strives to deliver over its duration. The Objectives are clear and provide a good summary of the thematic components of the Plan that will help achieve the overarching Vision.</p> <p>The Policies contained within the Plan are well written and easy to understand, with the supporting text providing the justification for and interpretation of the individual Policies themselves.</p> <p>We support the provision for meeting the needs of an ageing population within the policies. We also support the aim to meet Building for Life standards; compliance with latest Future Homes standard; 'Building for a Healthy Life' and the nationally described space standard 2015 and optional M4(2) and M4(3) building regulations. This will help ensure new homes meet the needs of a</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

		<p>wide range of groups within the community and allow people to age in their own home with it being adaptable as their needs alter.</p> <p>We note specific policy provision for cycle storage in the Plan, which is supported. However, whilst it may be implicit in the design requirements, there is no specific reference to parking requirements for motorised vehicles in the Plan. Incorporation of adequate parking within new development will be essential to ensuring design aspirations are met as without it indiscriminate parking can negatively impact upon the street scene and place making.</p> <p>We support the various provision in the Plan to creating and/or improving connections and permeability for walking and cycling as this will help encourage active travel and healthier lifestyle choices.</p> <p>In relation to Policy MR09: Local Facilities point 4, provision for broadband is now also covered in buildings regulations. However, additional Policy coverage is supported though terminology in this area has now moved on therefore reference to 'high speed broadband' should be replaced with 'gigabit capable broadband' to reflect government initiatives.</p>	<p>Parking Standards are contained within LDCs Sustainable Design SPD. It is considered that there is no evidence to justify deviation from the District-wide standards. No change proposed.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Policy amended in respect of gigabit capable broadband as suggested.</p>
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National Highways	Draft Neighbourhood Plan	<p>National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as a strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such we work to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.</p> <p>The nearest section of the SRN to the Mavesyn Ridware Parish area is the A38 near Lichfield, approximately 6 miles from the Parish.</p> <p>The Mavesyn Ridware Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan is a comprehensive document that covers the needs of the parish from 2023 until 2040, this includes Housing, Infrastructure green spaces etc.</p> <p>It is concluded that the implications of the objectives contained within the Mavesyn Ridware Neighbourhood Development Plan are anticipated to have minimal or no direct impact on the SRN. Therefore, National Highways have no specific comments to make at this stage beyond wishing to be</p>	Noted.
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		informed of future development of the Neighbourhood Plan.	
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Landowner

Agent	Document	Comment	Response
Hawksmoor (Brian Egerton) (on behalf of landowner of 'the site' categorised as Policy MR-02)	Draft Neighbourhood Plan	Supports the allocation and is accompanied by a site location plan, concept plan and agricultural land classification report.	Noted.

Member of public

Member of Public	Document	Comment	Response
R Lowries	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 23 MR-01	I am in full support of the identification of land East of Hill Ridware for residential development in conjunction with the development of the local open space linking the football field to the village.	Noted.
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P.25 MR-02	Fully support this section	Noted.
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 42 MR-07	Sec. 7 Protection of the open landscape around the village should be a priority in particular the aspect South of the village towards Cannock chase. The remains of the medieval open field, between the village and Mavesyn Ridware should be protected and the area surrounding the fishing lake. Aerial Mapping shows	Noted.

		significant Prehistory including bronze age round barrows/pits and pre and post medieval farming remains.	
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 51 MR-09	High speed broadband should be a priority infrastructure requirement for all the communities within the Parish, not just for new developments.	Amended reference to 'gigabit capable broadband' made to Policy MR09.
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 52 MR-11	Connectivity between the villages in the parish and Lichfield / Rugeley is poor to non existent. Infrastructure, in the form of footpaths and cycle ways should be a priority.	Noted. Delivery of new footpaths and cycleways to neighbouring villages would be outside the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan.
M Edwards	Draft Neighbourhood Plan MR-02	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. House valuation impact on property. Was it established what percentage decrease in property values this proposed build will have? How will this be mitigated? Or what recompense will be given? 2. No planned development should ever overlook existing gardens/ properties i.e. windows pointing at/ overlooking 3. Existing pathways to be widened significantly/. Fencing/ planting to ensure privacy with extra potential footfall 4. The plan should widen pathway, green space, drive/garden and then house to minimise the loss of the existing countryside view. 5. Social housing/ retail outlet to be sited away from existing properties to reduce noise. Noise from vehicles and light pollution as the majority of the 	<p>Devaluation of property is not a material planning consideration.</p> <p>The LDC Local Plan sets out amenity protection policies and any development would be expected to meet the Council's Space about Dwellings planning guidance through detailed design</p> <p>Any housing should be designed to be tenure blind and affordable homes pepper-potting throughout the development. Any proposal for retail</p>

		<p>bungalows along the impacted area all have elderly residents</p> <p>6. Sewage/ rainwater/ electrical supply are not adequate for the existing amount of houses with sewage on pathways (public) and home drives and gardens. This is a REAL and CONSTANT issue! Electrical supply- we have regular power cuts which will only be exacerbated with the extra requirements</p> <p>7. The existing entrance to the village- road bumps need to be considered and re-modelled as the noise levels can be at peak times deafening!</p> <p>8. There are other fields more suitable for development- i.e. at Rake End!! Better road layout</p> <p>In my view you call this progress- what a shame you are spoiling a perfectly good village and turning into a town.</p>	<p>development would need to adhere to LDC amenity policies (noise, light etc.) Utilities providers have a statutory requirement to provide the necessary services in respect of planned development. Surface water infrastructure will need to be provided in line with Core Policy 3 and Policy NR9</p> <p>Any future planning application would need to be accompanied by a transport assessment to demonstrate a suitable access arrangement and to provide any off-site highway mitigation necessary. The assessment of site options undertaken concluded this was the best site to meet our local housing need.</p>
S Burford	Draft Neighbourhood Plan MR-02	<p>1. The existing infrastructure is not capable of coping with the existing houses in the village so with more housing this needs to be the first improvement/ complete re-working of both the sewage and rainwater/ pipework and pumping station before any new build can be thought of.</p> <p>2. With increased traffic of 30 houses and retail outlet the entrance to the</p>	<p>Utilities providers have a statutory requirement to provide the necessary services in respect of planned development. Surface water infrastructure, to incorporate Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) will need to be provided in line with Core Policy 3 and Policy NR9.</p>

		<p>village will require a major update. The speed bumps are noisy with engines slowing down and reviving.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Due to the amount of power cuts in the village this infrastructure will also need looking into as well. 4. Social housing should NOT be placed near to the existing housing/ properties due to the potential of noise. Social housing also brings other difficulties 5. Retail outlet should also not be built next to existing housing/ properties due to noise and light pollution 6. The existing footpath needs to be widened to stop visibility into existing properties i.e. with extra planting/ fencing because of the extra footfall 7. As the field is on an existing flood plain adequate measures need to not only the 'planned pond' but increase capacity at the pumping station 8. What about the environmental impact on the local wildlife- this needs to be taken into consideration as we have plentiful birdlife, badgers, foxes, moles etc. in the field 9. The impact on the existing services in the area i.e. schools/ doctors/ dentists! 10. Consideration for positioning bungalows next to footpath- keeping inline with existing properties 	<p>Any future planning application would need to be accompanied by a transport assessment to demonstrate a suitable access arrangement and to provide any off-site highway mitigation necessary.</p> <p>Any housing should be designed to be tenure blind and affordable homes pepper-potting throughout the development.</p> <p>Any proposal for retail development would need to adhere to LDC amenity policies (noise, light etc.) The LDC Local Plan sets out amenity protection policies and any development would be expected to meet the Council's Space about Dwellings planning guidance through detailed design The proposed allocation lies outside of the flood plain Any application would need to be supported by Ecology Surveys and provide a minimum 10% biodiversity net gain.</p> <p>Noted. Financial contributions would be sought by LDC to mitigate any impacts arising from the development Noted.</p>
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		11. At the other end of the village there is a more suitable field that could be developed with a better road structure for a slip road! Why this end of the village which is more complicated!	The assessment of site options concluded this was the best site to meet out local housing need.
S Poole	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P.15 Objective 3	Why is Hill Ridware having yet more housing estates built? None of the other Ridwares have had any built.	The housing proposed is to meet locally derived need within the parish. A single site has been identified in Hill Ridware which represents the most sustainable settlement within the Parish. Pipe, Mavesyn and Blithbury are considered unsuitable locations for this planned level of housing development.
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 25 MR-02	There is NO Ridware Road. This has been picked up by several other Hill Ridware residents. So I suggest you get the correct road names	There is. It is also referred to as the B5014.
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 27 MR-03	What will this entail? A vast Amazon/ Tesco store for example or are you on about existing opportunities within the village?	Policy MR02 limits the retail development to 500m2. Therefore, it represents a neighbourhood convenience store to serve the local community.
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 55 MR-12	The more you (LDC) built in Hill Ridware there will be more need for land for burials.	The neighbourhood plan identifies additional burial space.
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 51 MR-09	Where are all the school children going to go? What about GP surgeries? They are fit to bursting already	Noted. Financial contributions would be sought by LDC to mitigate any impacts arising from the development including education and health
T Roberts	Draft Neighbourhood Plan	We own property on Chadwick Cresnet that has 1 Acre of farmland as part of our land this has a covenant that prevents running a business from the property and	Noted.

		<p>prevents building a permanent brick building on the acre of paddock.</p> <p>We moved from a town to live in a village for the green land for walking and peace of quiet and not hustle bustle and traffic of a town. We moved to a beautiful village for its qualities.</p>	
G Roberts	Draft Neighbourhood Plan	<p>We moved from Birmingham to Hill Ridware because it seemed like a nice village to live in. I am hoping the new plans don't mean it turns into another characterless housing estate.</p> <p>I also have concerns on what the extra vehicles will do to the roads, the roads are already in desperate need for repair.</p> <p>There have also been drainage issues down School Lane. I worry about the flooding which will get worse with more houses.</p>	<p>Noted. Design codes have been prepared alongside the Neighbourhood Plan that considers character and guides future development, so any development is in keeping with the local vernacular.</p> <p>The maintenance of the public highway is not a material planning consideration and is the responsibility of SCC as the Local Highway Authority.</p> <p>Any application would need to be accompanied by a Flood Risk Assessment. Foul drainage is the responsibility of Severn Trent. This issue is currently being monitored.</p>
S Martingale	Draft Neighbourhood Plan	<p>A nursery (preferably as close to the school) would be an excellent idea.</p> <p>Access from proposed new development onto Uttoxeter Road- is it really wide enough?</p> <p>Proposed plot for redevelopment is an excellent idea/ site.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Any application would need to be accompanied by a transport assessment to demonstrate suitable access arrangements.</p> <p>Noted</p>

		How many houses, hopefully sensible size and no mansions!	It is envisaged that the site could accommodate up to 33 dwellings.
A Donegan	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 25 MR-02	I would not object to the land allocated being used for development and retail. It seems the best option currently although I do note that no development plans for Mavesyn or Pipe?	Noted. The assessment of site options concluded this was the best site. Options outside Hill Ridware were considered unsustainable.
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 29 MR-04	Full support of the re-development of the former school. As a school only.	Noted.
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 48 MR-08	All current green space must be preserved.	Noted.
R Parsons	Draft Neighbourhood Plan	The whole document appears reasonably thorough. I do think householders in the immediate area of any proposed building should have further consultation regarding any implications.	Noted.
V Ryan	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 25 MR-02	Great plan should certainly have my support. Excellent and will be of great benefit to the community.	Noted.
D Birchall	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 23 MR-01	<p>I believe further extension of the existing development at Greywood Rise is more appropriate. This existing development has existing facilities, drainage utilities and access.</p> <p>A shop could be placed either in existing buildings where the hairdresser used to be.</p> <p>As far as the existing site that has been identified, an access off the Uttoxeter Road cannot be designed to be in keeping with the character of the village.</p>	<p>The site selection assessment that has been undertaken has demonstrated the proposed site allocation is the most appropriate option.</p> <p>Existing buildings are not available or viable for convenience retailing.</p> <p>Transport assessment would need to be provided to demonstrate a suitable access could be achieved that is appropriate to the village entrance.</p>

		The village entrance will become sprawling and out of keeping.	Hill Ridware by its nature is a linear settlement and no coalescence would be created with neighbouring villages to ensure Hill Ridware remains a freestanding settlement.
	Draft Neighbourhood Plan P. 54 MR-04	Immediate focus to be placed on the school.	Noted.