

Neighbourhood Plan
Shenstone | Stonnall | Little Aston



Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan, 2024-2040 Consultation Statement

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1 CONSULTATION PROCESS

Introduction

- 1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (as amended) in respect of the Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan Review (SNPR).
- 1.2 The legal basis of this Consultation Statement is provided by Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (as amended), 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 The policies contained in the SNPR are as a result of considerable interaction and consultation with the community and businesses within the ward of Shenstone. Work has involved community groups over approximately two years, as well as surveys, public meetings and events. This has been overseen and coordinated by the SNPR Group which was formed to lead the SNPR. Views and interactions from this process led to the consideration and updating of the Vision and Objectives in Section 3 of the SNPR, and subsequently therefore form the basis for the key policies set out in Sections 4 to 8 of the SNPR.

Organisational structure of the SNPR

- 1.4 The revised SNPR has been prepared after community involvement and engagement. The SNPR Steering Group has reflected the received views of the community of the continuing need for well-designed development principally to address local needs, along with the further provision of community infrastructure.
- 1.5 The structure put in place was a Steering Group leading on work across the range of themes that formed the basis of the draft Neighbourhood Plan revision.
- 1.6 The Steering Group, made up of volunteers and Councillors, met regularly throughout the process.

Public events and consultation activities

- 1.7 The following consultation activities were undertaken as shown in Table 1.1. The most important examples of the various publicity material used by the Steering Group are shown in Appendix A.

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Table 1.1: List of events and engagement activities

Date	Event	Venue	Attendees	Flyers to all households & businesses	Posters	Banners	Parish Council Magazine	Facebook/ website	Details posted online
29/11/2023	Steering Group community engagement preparation & strategy meeting	Virtual Meeting	6	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
13/3/2024	Community Engagement preparation & strategy meeting	The Fox and Hounds Snug Room	7	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
19/03/2024	Community Engagement Event (Feedback on key issues from Working Groups)	Shenstone Community Library	37	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
2/9/24-08/11/2024	Survey to support Regulation 14 public consultation	Whole SNPR area	Responses 47	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Notes

Posters	Displayed on Official Notice Boards throughout the Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan Review (SNPR) area
Flyers	Distributed to all households and businesses within the SNPR area
Parish Council Magazine	Distributed quarterly throughout 2023 to all households and businesses (giving advance notice of the intention to update and revise the Neighbourhood Plan) and continuing throughout 2024. Updates in all Parish Council minutes added immediately to website (https://www.shenstone-staffs.gov.uk/parish-council-minutes/).

Stakeholder consultations

1.8 Consultees that the Steering Group engaged with included:

- Lichfield District Council
- Staffordshire County Council
- Wall Parish Council
- Hints & Canwell Parish Council
- Tamworth Town Council
- Burntwood Town Council
- Sutton Coldfield Town Council
- Walsall Borough Council
- Birmingham City Council
- Historic England
- West Midlands Trains
- South Staffs Water
- Greysbrooke School
- St John the Baptist Church
- Trinity Methodist Church
- National Highways
- Shenstone Business Park
- Lammas Land Management Committee
- Transport for West Midlands

Engaging with hard-to-reach groups

1.9 Whilst no formal monitoring or measurement of the breadth of engagement took place, it was not considered that there were any specific groups that were under-represented throughout the process. Attendance at the engagement event was from a cross section of the community that broadly represented the demographic mix of Shenstone.

Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment

1.10 The SNPR Group submitted a formal screening request regarding the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the draft SNPR (Regulation 15 version) in December 2024. Lichfield District Council provided its formal response in March 2025, stating that an SEA and an HRA were not required. A copy of the full Screening Report is included as part of the supporting evidence base.

2 KEY RESPONSES FROM CONSULTATION

- 2.1 In the late summer of 2023 Shenstone Parish Council assembled a Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering Group to be formed of Shenstone residents and organisations interested in contributing to the review process. The steering group contained at various points seven members who were involved in the original 2013 to 2016 Neighbourhood Plan preparation and 'making' period as well as new members.
- 2.2 The Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering Group reviewed relevant data, national and local planning policy, identified community concerns about the existing plan, and experience of fulfilled and unfulfilled original plan commitments in preparing for the formal review consultation process.
- 2.3 The consultation event held in March 2024 over continuous one afternoon and early evening in Shenstone Community Library confirmed some of the key issues that the Steering Group then sought to address. Primarily the feedback confirmed that all of the issues in the made in the original Neighbourhood Plan were still some of the most important issues to residents of Shenstone. In particular:-
- The importance of limiting inappropriate residential infill or backland development and issues relating to the density, scale and materials used in new developments.
 - The need to address vehicle parking, pedestrian safety and traffic volumes and velocities.
 - Step free access to Shenstone railway station.
 - Enhancement of local Green Spaces and the assets within them.
- 2.4 In addition the following new items were raised:-
- Solar panel renewable energy provision in the Conservation Area
 - A more sustainable, green, wildlife friendly environment.
 - Renewable heat from the aquifer below Shenstone.
 - New development measures to reduce flooding and light pollution.
 - Recreational footpath and bicycle route enhancements.
 - Increased use of community buildings for micro business growth.
- 2.5 Residents noted during the consultation period that 61 net additional dwellings have been completed between 2008 and 2024. These new dwellings in addition to further committed developments of approximately 8 dwellings demonstrate that significant housing supply provision toward the 50-150 figure identified within the adopted Lichfield Local Plan has been or will be provided.
- 2.6 The consultation included Shenstone Business Park landowner and noted and acknowledged that the deliverability of the new build at the Shenstone Business Park site at the current time is uncertain. However, the allocation remains in the Lichfield Site Allocations DPD and due to approved infill and small scale new build developments, Shenstone has met its Local Plan housing requirement

3 REGULATION 14 PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

3.1 The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group finalised the draft SNPR in July 2024. The Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation ran initially for a six-week period from 2nd September 2024 to 18th October 2024. In early October, a decision was made to extend the consultation period until 8th November 2024 to give a greater chance of receiving more responses. A coordinated publicity campaign was undertaken which comprised:

- Publication of the notice on Parish noticeboards, the Parish Council website, local social media channels, in the Parish newsletter and through flyers to each household.
- Notifications were sent to statutory and non-statutory consultees via email.

Distribution to Statutory and Non-Statutory Consultees

3.2 In accordance with requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, relevant statutory consultees were notified by letter. In addition, a range of parties that the Steering Group considered were likely to have an interest in the plan were also written to. All parties were advised to download a copy of the plan, but were advised that hard copies could be issued on request.

3.3 The full list of statutory and non-statutory consultees that were written to is as follows:

Consultee
Lichfield District Council
Environment Agency
Historic England
Natural England
Greysbrooke School
St John the Baptist Church
Trinity Methodist Church
Shenstone Business Park – all businesses
Westgate GP Practice
Shenstone Community Library
Network Rail
Staffordshire County Council
Homes and Communities Agency
Tamworth District Council
Birmingham City Council
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
Cannock Chase District Council
National Highways
Burntwood ward councillors
Tamworth ward councillors
Hints & Canwell Parish councillors
Wall Parish councillors

Responses

3.4 In total there were 47 responses to the Pre-Submission Consultation. This reflected a mixture of residents and stakeholders.

3.5 The schedule of comments and the respective responses made are shown in Appendix B. As a result, the Submission Version (Regulation 15) of the SNPR has been appropriately amended.

Appendix A Examples of publicity material used to promote engagement events

Initial Shenstone Parish Council website notice:

04.01.23 – 04.01.24 – Your Neighbourhood Plans are currently under review. Opportunities to engage with residents on what matters to you will shortly be announced. In the meantime, [here is the link to the existing plan for Shenstone.](#)

Pre consultation event information:

March 2024

Review document sent to all households prior to drop in session on March 19th



24.01.15 - Shenstone
NP Review - draft 1.docx

Consultation event notice, March 2024:

Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan Review, 2024-2040

Shenstone's first Neighbourhood Plan was made in 2016. The Neighbourhood Plan is a land use plan which directs future development in the area. Along with the Lichfield Local Plan, it is used to determine planning applications in Shenstone. The 2016 Plan covered changes to the green belt, housing design and density, walking, cycling and the provision of community facilities.

The current 2016 Neighbourhood Plan covers the period to 2029. This is fast approaching and so it is necessary to review and update the Plan. Work was commenced in 2023 and we are now at the stage of presenting our proposals and asking you, the community, what have we missed?

We are holding a drop-in consultation event where more detail will be provided about the proposed changes to the Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan. We hope you can attend and give us your views.

The consultation event details are as follows:

Date: Monday 19th March 2024

Time: 3pm – 7pm (drop in at any time)

Location: Shenstone Community Library, Main Street, Shenstone.

If you can't make the event but would like to comment, please contact the Shenstone Parish Clerk on 01543 481947.

Email: admin@shenstone-staffs.gov.uk

Post: Shenstone Parish Council, 25C Main Street, Shenstone, WS14 OLZ

Post consultation event information:

24.03.24 – Following the recent, successful feedback, drop in sessions at the library, regarding village issues including traffic and parking etc. The following documents give residents who could not attend, an opportunity to add their views to those collected at the drop in sessions.

For context, to access the village overview map please [click here](#).

To view the current “observed” **parking issues** map please [click here](#).

To access the blank feedback form form to record **Parking Issues** you have observed, please [click here](#) for the **Word** document [or here](#) for a **PDF** version. The Word version of the form can be downloaded to your device; updated directly, and forwarded electronically to: admin@Shenstone-staffs.gov.uk. Or it can be printed off and updated manually and sent to :- Shenstone Parish Council, 25C Main St, Shenstone WS14 0LZ

To view the current “observed” **traffic hazards** map please [click here](#).

To access the blank feedback form form to record **Traffic Hazards** you have observed, please [click here](#) for the **Word** document [or here](#) for a **PDF** version. The Word version of the form can be downloaded to your device; updated directly, and forwarded electronically to:- admin@Shenstone-staffs.gov.uk. Or it can be printed off and updated manually and sent to :- Shenstone Parish Council, 25C Main St, Shenstone WS14 0LZ

To access the blank feedback form form to record any other **Local Issues** you have observed, please [click here](#) for the **Word** document [or here](#) for a **PDF** version. The Word version of the form can be downloaded to your device; updated directly, and forwarded electronically to:- admin@Shenstone-staffs.gov.uk. Or it can be printed off and updated manually and sent to :- Shenstone Parish Council, 25C Main St, Shenstone WS14 0LZ

To access the feedback **Questionnaire** form form to record your views, please [click here](#) for the **Word** document [or here](#) for a **PDF** version. The Word version of the form can be downloaded to your device; updated directly, and forwarded electronically to:- admin@Shenstone-staffs.gov.uk. Or it can be printed off and updated manually and sent to :- Shenstone Parish Council, 25C Main St, Shenstone WS14 0LZ

Pre-Submission (Regulation 14) Consultation notice information:

Welcome to the Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation

1 The Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan will guide future planning, development and amenities in our village. Recent revisions have been made to the plan and Shenstone Parish Council would welcome your feedback. **Please submit your Response Form by 8th November 2024**

2 Please ***contact the parish clerk*** if you are unable to access any of the following documents. Hard copies are also available to view at Shenstone Community Library.

3 Use this link to access the: [Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan Review 2024 – 2040 Final Draft document](#)

4 Use these links to access supporting documentation:-

[Shenstone Neighbourhood Report](#)

5 [Public Survey Results](#)

6 Use this link to access the:-

Response Form

Then download or print off the form to provide your comments, and return it to the Parish Clerk either by post to the parish office or by email to:-

admin@shenstone-staffs.gov.uk

7 Links to other related publications from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA):-

[Air Quality Strategy](#)

[Advice on Open Fires and Wood Burning Stoves](#)

[How to Reduce Pollution from Outdoor Burning](#)



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Newsletters:

Link to all newsletters: [Newsletters |](#)

Spring 2023:

Neighbourhood Plan Reviews for Little Aston, Stonnall and Shenstone

Later this year work will commence on separate reviews of the three existing village Neighbourhood Plans that are all now over six years old. Volunteers are needed to review the Neighbourhood Plans and identify any areas where the original 2016 priorities related to overall village planning, development and growth have now been met or where new priorities need to be identified. Over the spring and summer the Parish Council will tender for relevant planning consultants to engage separately with each village community review. Residents with interests in housing development, recreation, transport, traffic management, open spaces, recreation, community facilities and commerce will all be invited to shape each review. The Parish Council is currently awaiting the approval of the Lichfield District Council Local Plan which sets the context for Neighbourhood Plans. That approval is due in the autumn when residents working groups will commence their work. Anyone who wishes to register their interest in shaping the future village plans please contact the Parish Council Clerk.

Autumn 2023

Neighbourhood Plan Renewals for Shenstone Little Aston and Stonnall

Our three Neighbourhood Plans, important in protecting the quality our village's character and amenity, are over eight years old and now need to be updated. Lichfield District Council in May announced a second delay to the renewal of their statutory Local Plan which sets the detailed context for village communities in completing or renewing a Neighbourhood Plan. This delays our ability to complete an updating of our Neighbourhood Plans. The renewal of the three village Neighbourhood Plans will be important to testing public opinion on measures to manage traffic volumes and velocities in the three villages as there is real and continuing concern about negative traffic impacts in each village. The Parish Council has just received data on our village street traffic flows from the County Council and we will be analysing this data, adding to it and making relevant recommendations as part of the Neighbourhood Plan update. Thanks go to all the residents who have indicated to the Parish Clerk their interest in taking part in the three Neighbourhood Plan renewals which we now believe will commence in the spring of 2024. However the Parish Council are to discuss with the District Council the possibility of starting preparation sooner than this. 7

Spring 2024

Neighbourhood Plans Review Shenstone & Stonnall

The Neighbourhood Plans for Shenstone, Stonnall and Little Aston are now eight years old and are being refreshed to keep pace with national and local town planning policy changes. All three Neighbourhood Plans need to be updated to continue to effectively protect the character and amenities found in each village or neighbourhood. In addition, the revised Neighbourhood Plans will promote new ideas to enhance the quality of our community environments. Review working groups have been established in Shenstone, Stonnall and Little Aston to renew the existing Neighbourhood Plans and this preliminary work will be subject to consultation events for Little Aston on the 18th March in Little Aston Village Hall from 3pm to 7pm and for Shenstone on the 19th March from 3pm to 7pm in Shenstone Community Library. In addition, summaries of the revisions will be published on line and delivered to all households requesting views and opinions on the key changes in each revised document. The public consultations on the review proposals for Stonnall will follow a similar approach and will take place later in the Spring months. The three Neighbourhood Plans have been crucial to protecting our neighbourhoods from several undesirable developments at planning application stage. Please put the forthcoming dates in your diary and take time to read and comment on the forthcoming revisions.

Summer 2024

Little Aston and Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan Revisions

The July meeting of Shenstone Parish Council approved for submission to Lichfield District Council two revised Neighbourhood Plans, one for Little Aston and the other for Shenstone. The two

Neighbourhood Plans have been revised following evaluation by separate working groups and community stakeholders and the proposed revisions have been put to a first round of local consultation which added to the proposed revisions and amended others. The District Council will now consider the proposed revisions to ensure they meet all the Neighbourhood Plan legislative requirements and will conduct a further round of consultation. The District Council will then submit the revised Neighbourhood Plans for an independent examination. This may include a referendum on the proposed changes if the independent inspectors concludes that is required. This process will take several months. The proposed revisions to the Little Aston Neighbourhood Plan include:-

- Future provision of footpaths and cycle ways
- Designation of a Quiet Lane
- Strengthening of the Village Hall as a Community Hub
- Conservation Area Solar Panels
- Pedestrian safety measures
- Low energy construction measures
- Light pollution reduction

The proposed revisions to the Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan include

- Future provision of footpaths
- Provision of toddler play provision for the south of the village
- Conservation area solar panels
- Pedestrian safety measures
- Traffic calming
- Wildlife routes protection
- Low energy construction measures
- Light pollution reduction
- Small Business Development in existing community buildings

The draft revised plans are available on www.shenstone-staffs.gov.uk

Winter 2024

SHENSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFRESH - CONSULTATION DATE EXTENDED SHENSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW – 2024 – 2040, PRE SUBMISSION (REGULATION 14) PUBLIC CONSULTATION FINAL DRAFT

The Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan Review 2024 – 2040, Pre-Submission (Regulation 14) Public Consultation Final Draft document which represents the Neighbourhood Plan Review for Shenstone has an extended consultation date of Nov 8th, 2024. It represents one part of the development plan for the neighbourhood area over the period 2024 to 2040, the other part being the 2015 Lichfield District Local Plan. The full document and the opportunity to download the feedback form is online at www.shenstone-staffs.gov.uk Or contact the Clerk via email admin@shenstone-staffs.gov.uk

Parish Council meeting minutes

Link to all Parish Council minutes: [Parish Council Meeting Minutes |](#)

Appendix B Schedule of comments and responses to Pre-Submission Consultation

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SHENSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW: PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION COMMENTS

Ref.	Name of body/ 'Resident'	Representation	Response by Parish Council	Amendment to Plan
1	Resident	<p>Resident agreed with all points in the consultation document except for the following:</p> <p>Additional provision for toddler play closer to the south of the village – 'Not needed – maybe update the space already provided'.</p> <p>Identification of traffic hazards and support for a separate traffic calming plan – 'Agreed. The traffic, particularly large lorries coming through the village is a concern'.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
2	Resident	<p><i>"The hedges on quite a few footpaths are very over-grown. This makes it very difficult, especially for anyone with mobility issues. I would draw your attention to the hedges in Little Aston just before the traffic lights on cross roads of Walsall Rd and Rosemary Hill Rd. The path is rendered useless by the hedges.</i></p> <p><i>2) FYI - the traffic lights in LA opposite Pats are not sensitive to cyclists. This means you have to wait for a car to 'trip' the sensor under the tarmac to instigate the lights to change. Not hugely important but given the positive (thanks!) news that you are improving cycle ways this may be useful"</i></p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted. Matters that relate to Little Aston are outside the direct influence of the Shenstone NP.	N/A
3	Resident	<p>Resident stated the following:</p> <p>It is very important to protect existing walking and cycling routes in the village.</p> <p>A separate traffic calming plan should be put in place to manage risks on the road.</p> <p>Improvements are needed to the play area.</p> <p>Whilst a toddler play area would be welcomed, there should be greater provision for older children (primary age).</p> <p>Negative impacts on wildlife should be reduced.</p> <p>Measures to reduce flood risk is required at many areas in the village.</p> <p>Whilst the introduction of new outdoor low energy lighting technologies are welcomed, there still needs to be a good standard of lighting for people walking around the village.</p> <p>Flexible community buildings and spaces for micro businesses are much needed.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A

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Ref.	Name of body/ 'Resident'	Representation	Response by Parish Council	Amendment to Plan
		<p>The new playing fields committee need to be supported.</p> <p>More bus services are required in the village.</p> <p>The appearance of the village could be improved.</p> <p>There is a need for better safety for those walking around the village.</p>		
4	Resident	<p>Resident stated the following:</p> <p>Walking and cycling need to be encouraged in the Village – could local schools not issue parking permits to encourage children to walk to school?</p> <p>Parking in New Road is getting worse.</p> <p>The area of Malkins Coppice and Lammas Land should be linked up to provide a traffic free area for walking.</p> <p>There should be toilets in the toilets at the Country Club.</p> <p>Queried whether the Parish Council has any powers to encourage developers to use more sustainable design methods – e.g. bat boxes, solar panels etc.</p> <p>Supports the use of solar panels as long as it preserves the character of the village.</p> <p>The Railway Station would make a good space for community use a micro business.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
5	Resident	<p><i>"One of the points states "protection and extension of recreational walking and cycling routes". I cycle most days and I am not aware of any cycle routes in Shenstone. I usually cycle about 25 miles a day but often up to 50 miles. Most of it is on quiet country lanes, designated cycle paths and Sustrans routes. Also, most of the roads around the village are quiet and have very little traffic to worry about. The most scary part of a ride is always through the village from Ashcroft Lane, across the railway bridge and through the bends to the Millbrook estate. Cars, vans and lorries often close pass, or pass when they cannot see over the brow of the hill over the rail way line, or around the bends between the two pubs. Almost every time there is an impatient driver trying get past. For me this stretch of road is a priority for safer cycling. It is certainly not safe for children to cycle along. Unfortunately I cannot see how this can be easily addressed unless there are traffic lights over the bridge."</i></p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A

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6	Resident	<p><i>"We are in support of the revised plan and highlight our areas of most concern. The Neighbourhood Plan needs to be fully supported and backed by the LPA and planning committee.</i></p> <p><i>The plan can only be effective if it is supported and used correctly by the LPA when approving or objecting applications. Further training is required for both the LPA and the Planning Committee on the history and the design of longstanding development, for example, the Millbrook Estate, that is to be safeguarded under the plan. We suspect, from our personal experience the LPA and Committees belief of resident snobbery, viewing hard working long-standing residents who make objections as upper class, we have first-hand experience of this. We also have first-hand, recent experience of the current Neighbourhood Plan being totally ignored by the LPA and planning committee at four planning committee meetings, despite giving clear evidence to object both from residents and the Parish Council for infill, development on back land and over development under our current plan. This resulting in an over developed plot / cul de sac that once enjoyed green open spacious views, now looking like a cramped ugly brick plot.</i></p> <p><i>We fully support the plan in protecting shenstone from infill, development on back land and over developing plots.</i></p> <p><i>Light pollution is increasing in Shenstone, for example, the new over developed site within our cul de sac referred to above on Foden Close is lit up like a Christmas tree, each night with uplighters and spot lights on the house, in the house roof eve's, garage, all around the garden fencing. Not only does this cause a nuisance to neighbours and wild life, it looks ridiculous, changes the feel of the closes soft street lighting and impacts on the wild life changing their nesting and feeding behaviours.</i></p> <p><i>New walking and cycling routes would be beneficial as the roads are busy."</i></p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
7	Resident	<p><i>"I was disappointed there was no mention of accessibility for people with mobility issues in the plans for footpaths in and around Shenstone"</i></p>	Noted and agreed.	Policy MO2 amended to make reference to people with mobility issues
8	Resident	<p>The resident stated the following:</p> <p>Supports the principle of protecting and extending recreational walking and cycling routes, but with the need to ensure safety of both cyclists and pedestrians sharing the same space including Lammas Land.</p> <p>Illegal parking at the lower end of Churchill Road presents an ongoing risk. This should be controlled/ managed in some way.</p> <p>There should be greater provision for older people in the playing fields.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A

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		<p>Provision for toddler play should be subject to a survey of potential users, not merely on standard template of walking distances.</p> <p>States that the Plan should allow for provision for downsizers and first time homeowners.</p>		
9	Resident	<p>Routes around the village should be improved, including those out of the village along Hayhill Lane and Lynn Lane.</p> <p>Traffic hazards should be introduced onto Lynn Lane.</p> <p>The children's play equipment on the playfield fields Needs to be upgraded.</p> <p>There should be a range of children's equipment for all ages.</p> <p>Community buildings should be used be used for community benefit not commercial gain.</p> <p>The integrity of the Shenstone Conservation Area Should be maintained.</p> <p>The Shenstone Country Club should be returned to use by the village.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.</p>	N/A
10	Resident	<p><i>"I would therefore like to register my thoughts on the parking situation in Main Street. I was absolutely aghast when I read in Policy MO4: Commercial Parking 8.16 that "the Shenstone Parking Survey identified that there were sufficient parking spaces, both off-street outside the shops and on-street to accommodate the needs of residents, workers and visitors to the shops " you can ask anyone who lives in Main Street and other parts of the village, and people from outside Shenstone that this is just not true.</i></p> <p><i>It is a nightmare to park, there are not enough spaces, and more and more often I am unable to get out of my front door because selfish people park right across the pavement in front of my door at least two or three times a day, literally blocking me in so I cannot step on to the pavement, or so close their car doors touch my outside walls and windows, all the beautiful kerb stones along Main Street are uprooted by the tyres as proof (great big transit vans, lorries, delivery people, cars). People's car ports and driveways are blocked, the disabled access by the telephone kiosk is blocked, cars are often double parked on both sides of the streets, so the roads into Main Street are blocked, pedestrians and pushchairs have to go on to the road because the pavements are blocked.</i></p> <p><i>I would love the people who made this comment to come and live in the residents shoes for a week and see for themselves what a problem the parking really is. For years we have tried to get something done to alleviate the parking issues, only to be knocked back time and time</i></p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been noted and the Parish Council very much recognises the issue. Policy MO3 (Commercial Parking) seeks to ensure that the current situation is not exacerbated. The Plan however cannot address the current situation with parking.</p>	N/A

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		<p><i>again. I have just received my Disabled Blue Badge because walking is a problem for me without having to endure all these other parking issues and not being able to park.</i></p> <p><i>I would like to ask when the Parking Survey was carried out? What time of the day? Which days?</i></p> <p><i>On another point I would like to ask if the off street parking outside the shops are exclusively for the shops and the residents above in the flats?</i></p> <p><i>Sorry for the rant but it is just so frustrating for all the residents."</i></p>		
11	Resident	<p>The building line should be maintained, and a stronger adherence is required.</p> <p>Too many cars park on the pavements which forces pedestrians to walk on the road. Most roads in Shenstone are not wide enough to have a physical barrier to separate cyclists and walkers from traffic.</p> <p>Does not believe that facilities for other age groups are required.</p> <p>Support additional provision for toddler play closer to the south of the village.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
12	Resident	<p>The village needs a high quality cycling route</p> <p>The village needs additional walking routes across surrounding farmland.</p> <p>The village needs additional parking and measures to encourage people to walk to access local facilities. There is also a need to traffic calming/ speed restriction</p> <p>Local play area needs to be gated to ensure the safety of children.</p> <p>There needs to be better play provision for older children.</p> <p>Low energy lighting technologies required at the back of the Tesco in the village.</p> <p>The flexible use of community buildings and spaces by micro businesses is supported as long as they enhance the area and village's reputation.</p> <p>The train station needs a disable/ pushchair ramp.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A

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13	Environment Agency	<p>The eastern side of the Shenstone Business Park appears to be within Flood Zone 1, an area at low risk of fluvial flooding with the western side of the site within flood zones 2 & 3, the medium and high-risk zones respectively. They advise that a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) would be required as part of a planning application for on the site which will need to be supported by updated flood modelling specific to any proposals.</p> <p>Parts of the Parish and Business Park lie within SPZ1 and SPZ2. The EA states that Groundwater Protection Position Statements should be referred to in any future development.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
14	Resident	<p>Greater signage needed for cyclists</p> <p>Playfield fields need upgrading</p> <p>Solar panels should be put on public buildings e.g. library</p> <p>Greater flood prevention is required</p> <p>Developing green spaces should be the priority</p> <p>Lack of internet connection has a negative impact on the village</p> <p>Heights of trees need to be reduced</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
15	Resident	<p>Walking routes should be enhanced</p> <p>The village green should be protected from football. There should be an a designated area for elderly residents to go.</p> <p>There has been an increase in residents paving over their front gardens which increases flood risk. This should be discouraged.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
16	Hammerwich Parish Council	<i>"The Councillors from the Hammerwich Parish Council have reviewed the documents and complimented it an excellent plan. The Council has no comment and will use this plan as a reference when preparing the NP for Hammerwich. Thank you."</i>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
17	Resident	Need for increased presence speed cameras in the village to deter speeding.	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A

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		<p>Requests an amendment to remove Policy GSC2: PROVISION OF COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES as the resident does not believe it reflects the views of the village.</p> <p>"POLICY GSC2: PROVISION OF COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES The provision of improved or additional recreational and community facilities at Shenstone Playing Fields will be strongly supported, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further play equipment - Building of a wall for climbing and ball games - Extension of the skateboard park (with the involvement of local young people on its design) - An appropriate all-weather surface on the training area" <p>Does not agree with the provision of solar panels and wind turbines in the village.</p> <p>Provision of LED lights would reduce light pollution in the village.</p> 	<p>Whilst it is acknowledged that there are changes in the make-up of the Playing Fields Management Committee, the policy has been carefully worded to provide flexibility. It supports additional facilities (with some examples given, although these do not represent an exhaustive list) where they provide for all sectors of the community.</p>	N/A
18	Resident	Expressed disappointment with the prospect of additional play facilities for children.	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
19	Resident	<p>Expressed concern with increased provision of toddler facilities in the village.</p> <p>Expressed concern with current lighting levels in the village</p> <p>Bus routes should be developed through the village</p> <p>There should be greater provision of smaller units for elderly/ first time buyers.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
20	Resident	<p>The following section of the Neighbourhood Plan should be removed as it no longer represents the views of the village:</p> <p><i>"The need for more activities on the Playing Fields particularly for young people including team sports coaching and skate park improvements.</i></p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted. See response ref. 17 above.	N/A

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		<p><i>POLICY GSC2: PROVISION OF COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES</i></p> <p><i>A. The provision of improved or additional recreational and community facilities at Shenstone Playing Fields will be strongly supported, including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Further play equipment</i> • <i>Building of a wall for climbing and ball games</i> • <i>Extension of the skateboard park (with the involvement of local young people on its design)</i> • <i>An appropriate all-weather surface on the training area "</i> 		
21	Resident	<p>New development needs to align with the guidelines on housing extension s or alterations.</p> <p>Recreational walking and cycling routes need to maintained to a greater degree.</p> <p>Traffic calming measures are required to reduce the likelihood of an accident in the village.</p> <p>Facilities for children need to be sensitively upgraded.</p> <p>Seeks further clarification on the location and funding arrangements for new facilities for toddlers.</p> <p>Residents need to be aware of the extent of different solar options available.</p> <p>Any new lighting needs a full consultation.</p> <p>There are many buildings that could be used as community/ micro businesses in the village. Discussion with the community is required.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
22	Resident	<p>Little Hay has not been included.</p> <p>Concerns that it has become a 'rat run' to Tamworth and other areas.</p> <p>The main road has become damaged from the road sweeper vehicle.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted. However, matters concerning congestion on particular roads is not a planning matter that can be addressed through the Neighbourhood Plan Review.	N/A

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23	Resident	<p>"Concerns that it has become a 'rat run' to Tamworth and other areas. In section 2.32 there is reference to trains being turned round at Blake Street and a new timetable. This timetable came into effect about 8 years ago, and as a result trains stopping at Shenstone have a longer turnround time, about 20 minutes. With the new timetable instances of trains being terminated at Blake Street have now greatly reduced and I think are largely confined to delays caused by major instances. I am a member of the Lichfield Rail Promotion Group, where I represent the interests of the village, particularly on any changes in their timetable.</p> <p>Also there is a reference to parking at the station overflowing. As a result of charging being introduced for parking, many passengers park in the surrounding roads of start their journeys from a different station.."</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted and agreed.	Amend para 2.32
23	Natural England	<p>Natural England welcomes the policies included in the plan that focus on the natural environment including but not limited to; Policy GSC3 Minimising the environmental impact of development; policy GSC4 Wildlife friendly development and policy GSC8 light pollution.</p> <p>Natural England also notes that policy SAC1 recognises that "before development is permitted it must be demonstrated that alone or in combination with other development it will not have an adverse effect whether direct or indirect upon the integrity of the Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation (SAC) having regard to avoidance or mitigation measures"</p> <p>It is Natural England's advice, on the basis of the material supplied with the consultation, that significant effects on statutorily designated nature conservation sites or landscapes are unlikely.</p> <p>If the plan changes, in further stages of the process, it may be necessary to re-screen the plan and Natural England should be consulted at that stage.</p> <p>Natural England recommend that advice is sought from the respective ecological, landscape and soils advisers, local record centre, recording society or wildlife body on the local soils, best and most versatile agricultural land, landscape, geodiversity and biodiversity receptors that may be affected by the plan before determining whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment is necessary.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/a
24	Resident	<p>Identifying traffic hazards remains a priority for the village, particularly Pinfield Hill and Lynn Lane.</p> <p>Supports the provision of toddler and young children's play as long it properly consulted on.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A

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		Home working may mean that demand for community spaces is low.		
25	Resident	The questions are too vague for the respondent to answer properly.	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
26	Resident	Lammas Land has deteriorated in recent years which makes it difficult for pushchairs/ wheelchairs to pass. Number of traffic hazards in the village which need to be seen to urgently. Himalayan Balsam is growing out of control and requires urgent attention. There isn't enough available land for toddler and young children's play in the village. There were some difficulties understanding the concept of biodiversity net gain. There is increased flooding in the village. Drain clearance is required.	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
27	Resident	Richard Cooper Road should be included in traffic calming measures as it is used a rat run through the village.	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
28	Resident	Highlighted the traffic hazards associated with Richard Cooper Road.	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
29	Resident	Hedgehog highways and bat/bird boxes should compulsory in all new development.	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
	Resident	The recreational and cycle routes to Dobbies and David Lloyd to Lichfield should be protected and extended. Improved pedestrian access along Ashcroft Lane Reduced speed limits on Lynn Lane and cycle routes on Birmingham Road The pavement west of South Staffs Freight Terminal is very unsafe. There should be better vehicular identification of the public footpath by AutoSmart on Lynn Lane Foottherley Brook should be recognised as a local green space	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
30	Resident	Quality of recreational routes should be improved and should be easily identifiable at all times. Lynn Lane is very dangerous for pedestrians as there is no footpath and vehicles travel at high speeds. The speed limit should be reduced to 30mph. Surface water flooding is a significant issue in the village and is likely to become worse. Suggestions include lobbying Severn Trent Water to improve highway drainage systems.	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A

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31	Resident	<p>Pedestrian access between Pinfold Hill and Lammas Land is difficult. Suggestions include improved road signage, installation of a zebra crossing and a reduction in the speed limit to 20mph.</p> <p>Metal railings or a gate should be installed on the pedestrian track from Lynn Lane running beside Shenstone Self Storage to the bridge over Fotherley Brook for pedestrian safety.</p> <p>There should be greater provision in community buildings for teenagers.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
32	Staffordshire County Council	<p>POLICY H2: RESIDENTIAL INFILL AND BACKLAND DEVELOPMENT; Good design, in keeping with the local setting which includes respecting the building line, is supported</p> <p>Whilst the County Council is supportive of including such routes for mental health and well-being, they are not required to support development proposals in the Neighbourhood Plan area. Therefore, it is unlikely that they would be included as schemes within the forthcoming revised Local Transport Plan currently being written by the County Council</p> <p>Proposals to divert, extinguish, alter the status of, or build over a public right of way, will require an appropriate legal order under relevant legislation before any development is complete. Developers should therefore ensure that any public right of way affected by development is fully integrated into the wider network. It is also important to recognise that unrecorded routes can cause undue delay to the development if they are not taken into consideration at an early stage.</p> <p>The Plan contains limited information about the existing provision of public rights of way within and around Shenstone but it does make it clear there are aspirations to improve overall accessibility and ensure new developments recognise the importance of such routes.</p> <p>The Plan identifies a potential circular walking route of the village which could benefit residents. However, there is no detail regarding the actions required to make this happen e.g. permission from local landowners. It is also not clear whether any routes that do not follow existing definitive lines would be permissive or whether there is an aspiration to make them into definitive routes.</p> <p>The Plan does not recognise the need to improve accessibility on existing public rights of way e.g. by encouraging developers and landowners to remove barriers such as stiles There is no detail regarding equestrians within the plan although the central Shenstone area is limited in horse riding provision and without the creation of new bridleways such improvements would be very difficult</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. This would depend on engagement with landowners</p> <p>This is noted but was not an issue raised by the community</p> <p>Noted</p>	

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		<p>if the community have existing concerns over road safety, they should use the appropriate measures/processes currently in place to report these.</p> <p>POLICY GSC1: LOCAL GREEN SPACES; Maintaining the Lammas Land as a lightly managed natural area and protecting Malkin's Coppice, a Site of Biological Interest, from development is supported</p> <p>POLICY GSC3: MINIMISING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT; The plan correctly identifies that the main landscape character type is Sandstone Estatelands in Cannock Chase and Cankwood, as given in the Staffordshire County Council 2001 Landscape Assessment 'Planning for Landscape Change'. The landscape policy objective, Landscape Enhancement, indicates a high to medium quality landscape. Development here would be expected to blend unobtrusively into the landscape and to deliver environmental and biodiversity enhancements. Minimising the impact of development by retaining and enhancing landscape structure is supported.</p> <p>POLICY GSC4: WILDLIFE-FRIENDLY DEVELOPMENT; This policy aims to protect existing hedgerows and trees, and developments required to deliver measurable biodiversity net gain (a minimum of 10%). These measures will contribute towards the landscape policy objective. This policy is therefore supported.</p> <p>POLICY GSC5: LOW ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENT DESIGN and POLICY GSC6: RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES AFFECTING HERITAGE; A sensitive approach to design of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures is supported.</p> <p>However, they have concerns regarding wording within the relevant policy justification (particularly sections 9.36 and 9.37) and Policy GSC6 itself. The proposed policy wording regarding solar panels and double glazing in listed buildings and Conservation Areas, which well-intended, could be misconstrued by developers/landowners into believing that these are acceptable without the need for appropriate planning/listed building applications and heritage statements (in line with the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990 and the NPPF). With the above in mind, we strongly recommend that the Parish Council liaise with Lichfield District Council's Heritage and Urban Design Team to agree mutually agreeable wording to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan is compliant with local and national policy and legislation.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted and agreed</p>	<p>An additional paragraph 9.38 has been added, stipulating 'However, any proposals for solar panels in the Conservation Area, or on listed buildings, must be accompanied by appropriate planning or listed building applications and heritage statements to ensure compliance with local and national policy and legislation.'</p>

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		<p>Policy GSC7: Preventing Surface Water Flooding: A: to read "All development should mitigate any risk of flooding.... B... to read wildlife, biodiversity and <i>amenity</i> benefits as well as surface water management. C: No additional comments To add- "D: Through the planning process, for all Major development, and all other development that may have the potential to exacerbate flood risk or be at risk of flooding, Staffordshire County Council (as Lead Local Flood Authority), shall be consulted as a Statutory Technical Consultee</p> <p>POLICY GSC8: LIGHT POLLUTION; Sensitive lighting design which reduces light pollution is supported</p> <p>Should the site 'Land at Lynn Lane, Shenstone' (the Shenstone Business Park site) come forward the provision of step-free access to the northbound platform would be welcomed as the station would be fully accessible by then.</p> <p>The opening up the Fotherley Brook as a green corridor for wildlife and potentially for public access is supported</p>	<p>A. Agreed B. Agreed C. Noted D. This is a statutory requirement therefore it is not necessary to repeat in a planning policy.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	Amend Policy GSC7
33	Resident	<p>Noted a number of issues with the parking around Tesco end of Churchill Road</p> <p>Stressed the need for the introduction of a safer pedestrian crossing to Little Holms entrance to Lammas Land.</p> <p>Pedestrian access should be introduced at Mill Lane and Holyhill Lane. In terms of local issues, the respondent noted the follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amenity issues with the Chinese Takeaway next to the Tesco - The removal of trees next to Shenstone Road - Amenity issues following the installation of a security light at Tesco. - Amenity issues from local fires/ barbeques. - Amenity issues from fertiliser used nearby. 	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
34	Resident	Disagreed with the proposed location of the additional provision for toddler and young children's play. It should be located nearer the play fields.	Thank you for your comment, it	N/A

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		<p>There should be greater focus on discouraging property owners (residential and commercial) from excessive lighting where there is little or limited need.</p> <p>Parking issues need to be prioritised – particularly issues with pavement parking. Amount of traffic passing through the village needs to be reduced.</p> <p>Supports the pedestrian safety improvements to Lynn Lane.</p> <p>Pedestrian and vehicular safety could be improved on Mill Lane if it was redeveloped as a one way street.</p>	<p>has been noted. Provision of a toddler play area in the proposed location would not preclude provision at the playing fields.</p>	
35	Resident	<p>Highlighted that speeding traffic through the village is a serious issue.</p> <p>Existing spaces and recreational areas require upgrading but this should only be done with a robust consultation process.</p> <p>Existing children's facilities should be improved before adding new equipment. It should focus on improving provision for all ages.</p> <p>Regular flooding is a key issue for the village.</p> <p>Any change in the composition of community buildings and spaces by micro businesses should not cause a negative impact on local initiatives.</p> <p>The railway should have step free access.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.</p>	N/A
36	Resident	<p>The village should restrict wood burning to prevent the release of toxic fumes locally.</p> <p>New Road is poorly lit which makes it difficult for pedestrians to use at night.</p> <p>The use of electrically powered tools should be restricted to certain times.</p> <p>Create a zebra crossing from the pavement rear of the station at Lammas Land.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.</p>	N/A
37	Resident	<p>A smoke controlled area would benefit resident's health.</p> <p>The use of electrically powered tools should be restricted to certain times.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.</p>	N/A
38	Resident	<p>The use of moss killer should be discouraged.</p> <p>Traffic calming measures and speed restrictions should be introduced on Mill Lane.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.</p>	N/A

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		Improvements are required on the A5127 from wall island to St Johns Hill. The village should retain its rural characteristics.		
39	Resident	There are numerous safety concerns on the pelican crossing next to Tesco on Birmingham Road. Cars often pull out of Churchill Road and turn left straight into the pelican crossing which poses a threat to pedestrians.	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
40	Resident	Local pedestrian routes in the village should be extended. A traffic calming plan and identification of hazards is necessary, though reducing amount of overall traffic is more important. The children's equipment and footpaths require upgrading. A woodland area or nature trail would be beneficial for young children. There should be greater emphasis on protecting existing trees and existing areas of biodiversity. The use of solar panels must be considered carefully due to the age of most of the properties in the area. There should be an emphasis on light reduction measures around the village. Thee village should develop a 'green shield' around the village to mitigate some of the harmful impacts from the nearby main road.	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
41	Resident	A speed camera should be installed on Lynn Lane if possible to ensure that traffic slows down as it nears the industrial estate, the railway bridge and the village itself. There are many concerns about speeding – particularly at Lynn Lane railway bridge, Richard Cooper Road, Pinfold Hill. Traffic calming measures are therefore recommended. There are also concerns with existing parking arrangements – particularly at Holm View Close, Ashcroft Lane, outside Trinity Methodist Church and Main Street.	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
42	Resident	Existing pedestrian routes need to be upgraded as many of them are in very poor condition. Supports the introduction of traffic calming measures	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A

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		<p>The playfield fields and playground need to be improved through maintenance and replacement of faulty play equipment.</p> <p>A 'forest school' should be introduced for toddlers/ young children.</p> <p>New development should actively strive to improve the local environment.</p> <p>Stresses that 10% biodiversity net gain is not enough, the number should be higher.</p> <p>Concerns raised over use of solar panels e.g. lithium batteries and fire risk.</p> <p>Concerns over pressures on the drains and sewers from new development.</p> <p>Conflict between low energy lighting and light pollution; often low energy lighting causes more light pollution.</p> <p>Concerns over a proposed development for 14,000 homes and the impact this will have on Shenstone.</p>		
43	Resident	<p>Supports the improvement of walking and cycling paths in the village.</p> <p>The main road through the village and by the station requires a traffic calming plan.</p> <p>The existing playground is not fit for purpose and requires upgrading.</p> <p>The water pump in the village requires significant improvement.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
43	Resident	<p>There are few ways to safely enter/ leave the city unless by car or public transport. Pedestrianisation should be enhanced.</p> <p>A traffic calming plan is welcomed.</p> <p>Wildlife enhancements should be introduced at Lammas Land.</p> <p>A forest school would benefit local children in the village.</p> <p>New developments should provide more than 10% biodiversity net gain.</p> <p>Concerns about introduction of solar panels on street facing elevations.</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A

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		Supports the reintroduction of monthly gully wagon visits to clear drains. There are not enough spaces for micro businesses.		
44	Lichfield District Council	<p>Suggest changing references to the '2015 Local Plan' to 'adopted Local Plan' throughout the document. This makes easier reference to the adopted plan which consists of two documents, one adopted in 2015 and one in 2019.</p> <p>Paragraph 1.1 – suggest changing the end of the paragraph to "...the other part being the adopted Lichfield District Local Plan which consists of the Local Plan Strategy and Local Plan Allocations documents."</p> <p>Paragraph 1.7 – suggest adding text to also refer to footnote 16 of the NPPF which is within paragraph 29.</p> <p>Paragraph 1.8 – suggest changing the first sentence to "The local plan with which this neighbourhood plan must be in general conformity is the Local Plan Strategy and Local Plan Allocations documents."</p> <p>Paragraph 1.14 – Add comer after Lichfield District Council.</p> <p>Paragraph 2.38 – Add reference to Policy S1: Shenstone housing land allocations from the Local Plan Allocations document to the list of policies identified.</p> <p>Paragraph 2.39 – Consider rewording this sentence where it refers to 'fulfilling' the requirements of Policy Shen4. As worded, this could be read as if to say the 59 dwellings delivered meet the overall requirement, whereas the neighbourhood plan also includes a proposed allocation which will provide further homes to meet the 50-150 figure set out in Shen4. Suggest the following wording: "Since the 'making' of the Shenstone neighbourhood plan, 61 net additional dwellings have been completed between 2008 and 2024. These in addition to further committed developments of approximately 8 dwellings and the allocation identified within this plan demonstrate that significant housing provision toward the 50-150 figure identified within the adopted local plan has been or will be provided."</p> <p>Paragraph 3.6 – Suggest adding the following: "Ensure that development, including heritage buildings, where appropriate, possible and with appropriate consents, maximise its energy efficiency..."</p>	<p>Noted and agreed.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p>	<p>See amendments throughout.</p> <p>See paragraph 1.1.</p> <p>See paragraph 1.7. Text amended to NPPF December 2024.</p> <p>See paragraph 1.8.</p> <p>See paragraph 1.14.</p> <p>See additional text in paragraph 2.38.</p> <p>See revised paragraph 2.39.</p> <p>See paragraph 3.6.</p>

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		<p>Policy GB1 – whilst it is recognised this policy is within the adopted neighbourhood plan, it is not considered necessary to include the policy as this broadly reiterates national green belt policy.</p> <p>Paragraph 6.2 – suggest adding the following to the final bullet point: “providing well-designed dwellings that are sympathetic to the character of the village and where relevant, to the special character and appearance of the Conservation Area.”</p> <p>Paragraph 6.3 – this refers to the wording of previous versions of the NPPF and should be updated. In addition, the council has prepared updated evidence since the Strategic Housing Market Assessment in 2012 including the Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA) published in 2020. Suggest this paragraph be updated to reflect the latest version of the NPPF and refer to the latest evidence on housing need published by the district council.</p> <p>Paragraph 6.4 and 6.5– As above, the latest evidence on housing need is contained within the HEDNA published in 2020, this includes specific evidence on the housing mix, including the need for smaller dwellings (2-3 bedrooms) within the district. The neighbourhood plan should refer to this more up to date evidence where appropriate. As such suggest updating these paragraphs and table 6.1 to refer to the most up to date evidence available.</p> <p>Policy H1: As above suggest reviewing the mix proposed within the policy against the latest evidence available.</p> <p>Policy H3: Support reference to the Lichfield District Design Code in paragraph 6.28. Suggest adding reference to the design code within the policy as follows: “...must demonstrate how the design of the dwelling(s), guided by the Lichfield District Design Code, is in keeping with the...”</p> <p>Paragraph 6.32 refers to the council preparing a Sustainable Design SPD – this was adopted in 2016. Recommend updating this paragraph to reflect the status of the Sustainable Design SPD and the Design Code SPD which it is anticipated will be adopted by the end of the year. Suggest the following: “...space is provided. Lichfield District Council adopted the Sustainable Design Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) in 2016 which contains guidance on garden/amenity space required with dwellings. Additionally, the council is preparing the Lichfield District Design Code SPD. All developments should therefore ensure that they provide adequate amenity space in line with the councils relevant adopted SPDs.”</p>	<p>Noted and agreed.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p>	<p>Policy GB1 deleted.</p> <p>See paragraph 6.2.</p> <p>Section amended to reflect HEDNA 2020.</p> <p>Section amended to reflect HEDNA 2020.</p> <p>Policy H1 amended</p> <p>See policy H3.</p> <p>See paragraph 6.32.</p>

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		<p>Section 7: Land at Shenstone Business Park – recommend adding additional paragraph to this section which details that Policy S1: Shenstone housing land allocations from the Local Plan Allocations also allocated the proposed site for development, noting its allocation which was first made within the Shenstone neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Broadly supportive of the continued allocation of the site within the neighbourhood plan (and adopted local plan). However, given the recent planning history for the site there is a concern over the deliverability of the site in the short to medium term. It may be beneficial within the neighbourhood plan document to provide some commentary/explanatory text which to help demonstrate the deliverability of the allocation.</p> <p>Paragraph 8.5 – The council has an adopted CIL charging schedule in place, as such suggest the following change: "...funding of such improvements could be delivered through a combination of developer contributions, including CIL and grant funding."</p> <p>Paragraph 9.3 – this refers to a previous version of the NPPF in respect of Local Green Spaces – national policy on this is now set out at paragraphs 105 to 107. The draft neighbourhood plans should be corrected to reflect this.</p> <p>Paragraph 9.2 and footnote 6 – link to the latest Open Space Assessment published in 2024 – this still demonstrates the same deficiency but is more up to date.</p>	<p>Noted. However, site to be removed from plan (see below)</p> <p>Noted and acknowledged that the deliverability of the site at the current time is uncertain. However, the allocation remains in the Lichfield Site Allocations DPD and, due to windfall development, Shenstone has more than met its Local Plan housing requirement.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>See paragraph 7.6.</p> <p>Remove site allocation HA1 from the plan</p> <p>See paragraph 8.5.</p> <p>See paragraph 9.3 for updated text with the revised NPPF.</p> <p>Footnote 7 updated.</p>

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		<p>Paragraph 9.18 – as above, reference the latest Open Space Assessment published in 2024. The findings of the assessment are consistent with those of the 2020 and provides additional support for the proposed LAP.</p> <p>Paragraph 9.20 – The district council adopted its CIL charging schedule in 2016, as such suggest this paragraph is amended to reflect the position which is that CIL is in place.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Amended. Lichfield District Council has a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charge in place which means that 25% of all contributions from development from within the neighbourhood area go directly to Shenstone Parish Council to spend on such improvements. Decisions on the spending of these funds therefore rest with the Parish Council.</p>	<p>Footnote updated.</p> <p>See additional text in paragraph 9.20.</p>
		<p>Policy GSC2: Provision of community recreational facilities – Point C – Unsure the policy can specify that planning permission will be granted – as this is clearly a matter for the decision-making process and would be undertaken in accordance with all local plan and neighbourhood plan policies as such suggest rewording the final paragraph to: "Delivery of a new local area for play (LAP) facility on and adjacent to St Johns Church Hall (as shown in Figure 9.3 and on the Policies Map)."</p>	<p>Noted. The suggested wording change is missing 'will be supported' at the end of the sentence. This has been added.</p>	<p>Amendment made policy GSC2.</p>

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		<p>Policy GSC3 onwards – the format of the policy changes here, previous policies each paragraph has been 'numbered' with a letter (A, B, C etc). Suggest all policies be consistent in their formatting like this.</p> <p>Paragraph 9.27 - suggest the final sentence is amended as follows: "Planting should not simply consist of trees but a range of shrubs and grasses too and should seek to include a mix of native and climate-change resilient species."</p> <p>Policy GSC4: The first paragraph of the policy which requires all development proposals to delivery biodiversity net gain on site does not allow for the use of off-site approaches such as purchasing of biodiversity units from habitat banks, statutory credits from natural England or use off site provision where it a net gain cannot feasibly delivered on site. Suggest the following wording be added to the end of the paragraph: "...expected to deliver biodiversity net gain on site or the use of off-site approaches where appropriate."</p> <p>Policy GSC7: As drafted the policy appears to read as if paragraphs B and C relate to all development, for example including householder development. It is suggested that "Where appropriate" be added to the start of each paragraph as with paragraph A in the policy.</p>	<p>Noted and agreed.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p>	<p>Policy wording amended.</p> <p>Paragraph amended.</p> <p>Policy amended.</p> <p>Policy amended.</p>

