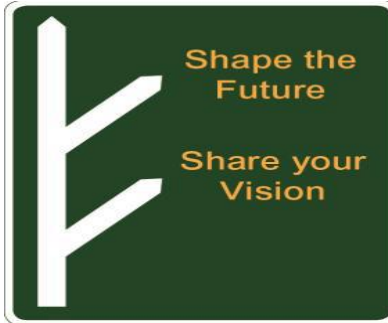


# Basic Conditions Statement



## Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan

***National  
Planning Policy  
Framework.....  
...Sustainability***

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***Lichfield Local  
Plan.....  
.....Site  
Allocations***

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## **Submission version (as required by Regulation 15.1.d of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012)**

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## **1 Introduction**

1.1 This statement has been prepared by the Whittington and Fisherwick Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to accompany submission to the local planning authority (Lichfield District Council) of the Whittington and Fisherwick Neighbourhood Development Plan (“the Neighbourhood Plan”) under regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”)

1.2 The policies described in the Neighbourhood Plan relate only to the development and use of land in the designated Neighbourhood Plan area. The plan period is 2016 - 2029. In accordance with the Regulations, it does not contain policies related to excluded development.

1.3 The way in which the plan meets the Regulations and the Basic Conditions is set out below

1.4 Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) [excluding 2b, c, 3 to 5 as required by 38(C)] sets out that Neighbourhood Development Plans must meet the following Basic Conditions.

- Have regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance
- Contribute to the achievement of sustainable development
- Be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area
- Meet EU obligations and Human Rights legislation

1.5 Section 2 sets out how the Whittington and Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan complies with the legal requirements of sub-paragraphs 1 (b), (d) and (e). Section 3 of this Statement sets out how the Plan meets the Basic Conditions contained in sub-paragraph 1 (a) and sub-paragraph 2.

## **2 Meeting the Legal Requirements**

*The Plan is being submitted by a qualifying body*

2.1 The Whittington and Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan is submitted by Whittington and Fisherwick Parish Council, which is a qualifying body and entitled to submit a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by a Steering Group set up by the Parish Council.

*What is being proposed is a neighbourhood development plan*

2.2 The Whittington and Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan contains policies relating to the development and use of land within the neighbourhood area and has been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements and processes set out in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

*The proposed neighbourhood plan states the period for which it is to have effect*

2.3 The Whittington and Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan states that the period which it relates to is from 2016 until 2029. The period has been chosen to align with that of the adopted Lichfield Local Plan and the emerging Site Allocations Document.

*The policies do not relate to excluded development*

2.4 The Whittington and Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan does not deal with county matters (mineral extraction and waste development), nationally significant infrastructure or any other matters set out in Section 61K of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

*The plan does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area and there are no other neighbourhood development plans in place within the neighbourhood area.*

2.5 The whole parish of Whittington and Fisherwick was formally designated as a Neighbourhood Area by Lichfield district Council on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014. The Neighbourhood Plan relates only to the Parish of Whittington and Fisherwick. It does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area. There are no other neighbourhood development plans in place within the neighbourhood area.

### **3 Having regard to national policies and advice**

3.1 The Neighbourhood Plan is positively prepared, reflecting the presumption in favour of sustainable development, but it also seeks to manage development pressures to ensure that, in addition to economic considerations, environmental and social issues are addressed. The Sustainable Development Principles Policy, DP 1, reflects the underlying principles of the NPPF and through positive criteria provides a positive framework for decision making, as required in the NPPF (Para. 14).

*Building a strong, competitive economy and supporting a prosperous rural economy (NPPF Paragraphs 18 to 22 & 28)*

3.2 The Neighbourhood Plan proactively supports sustainable economic growth through its policies for Business and Employment. Policy LE&B1 provides a positive planning framework for the development of new or expanded small business units and working from home, subject to reasonable criteria. The area based policy, AB1 provides a criteria based, positively worded, context for the Defence Medical Services site. Policy CFOS 1 promotes the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages, such as local shops, community buildings and public houses. Policy T& RE 1 provides a positive context for investment in new telecommunications facilities which can be important to businesses

*Promoting sustainable transport (NPPF Paragraphs 29 to 41)*

3.3 The Neighbourhood Plan policies promote accessibility. Policy T&M1 requires sensitively designed and implemented access improvements as part of new development. Policy T&M2 encourages improved facilities for cyclists and pedestrians. Policies T&M 3 & 4 provide a positive context for investment in rail services. Community Proposals CPT&M 1 & 2 promote a partnership approach to traffic management and improving connectivity. In each case, the emphasis is on improved facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.

*Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes (NPPF Paragraphs 47 to 55)*

3.5 Policy HOU 1 sets out a positive framework for meeting the Local Plan dwelling requirement on sites inside the village settlement boundary. Policy HOU 2 provides for new, small scale housing development on infill sites. Policy HOU 3 encourages a range of house types to be provided in new developments, including 1, 2 and 3 bed properties and single level dwellings to meet the needs of elderly people and people with disabilities. These policies will help to create a wide choice of high quality homes and create a sustainable, inclusive and mixed community. Policy D 3 is directed towards residential extensions to allow property owners to meet changing needs of households over time.

*Requiring good design (NPPF Paragraphs 56 to 68)*

3.6 Good design is integral to a range of Neighbourhood Plan policies. Policy DP1 promotes good design as part of the approach to achieving sustainable development. Policies D 1 & D 2 relate to the designs of new development and the need to reflect local character.

*Promoting healthy communities (NPPF Paragraphs 69 to 78)*

3.7 A range of Neighbourhood Plan policies seek to ensure that Whittington and Fisherwick is a healthy and inclusive community. Policies CFOS 1 & 4 requires consideration of community facilities and open spaces as part of new development. Policy CFOS 2 seeks to protect and enhance existing open space and Policy CFOS 3 proposes the designation of three Local Green

Spaces. Policy T&M 1 and Community Proposal CPT1 promote a wider consideration of traffic generating development proposals and improved facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.

*Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding.... (NPPF Paragraphs 93 to 108)*

3.8 The overall Development Principles Policy DP1 sets out general requirements for sustainable development objectives to be met and Policy DP2 sets out more requirements for flood prevention and management issues to be considered. A renewable energy Policy RE& T 1 provides positive context for the consideration of proposals for renewable energy installations, taking account of other environmental considerations.

*Conserving and enhancing the natural environment (NPPF Paragraphs 109 to 125)*

3.9 The Policy NE 1 requires that development takes account of landscape character. Policy NE2 contributes to and enhance the local natural environment by protecting valued landscapes and seeking to enhance biodiversity through requirements for nature conservation. Policy NE 3 requires consideration of green infrastructure as part of new development.

*Conserving and enhancing the historic environment (NPPF Paragraphs 126 to 141)*

3.10 The Historic Environment Policies HE 1, HE 2, HE 3 and HE 4 contribute to and enhance the historic environment by, protecting the Conservation Area, designated and non-designated local heritage assets, historic farmsteads and archaeological features.

*Plan making - Neighbourhood Plans (NPPF Paragraphs 183 to 185)*

3.11 The preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, the evidence base and the policies all reflect the guidance and advice contained in relevant section of the NPPF.

## 4 Achieving sustainable development

4.1 There is no legal requirement for a neighbourhood plan to have a sustainability appraisal. However, the Whittington and Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan has been drafted to be in conformity with the adopted Lichfield Local Plan, for which a full sustainability appraisal has been carried out to help deliver sustainable development in the Borough. This section of the Statement demonstrates how the Neighbourhood Plan fulfils the basic condition that the plan contributes to achieving sustainable development.

4.2 The NPPF (paragraphs 6 to 10) sets out three dimensions to sustainable development: -

- an economic role – contributing to building a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right type is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth and innovation; and by identifying and coordinating development requirements, including the provision of infrastructure;
- a social role – supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by providing the supply of housing required to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by creating a high quality built environment, with accessible local services that reflect the community’s needs and support its health, social and cultural well-being; and
- an environmental role – contributing to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; and, as part of this, helping to improve biodiversity, use natural resources prudently, minimise waste and pollution, and mitigate and adapt to climate change including moving to a low carbon economy.

4.3 The ways in which the Whittington and Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan contributes to achieving the economic, social and environmental aspects of sustainable development are set out below: -

- contributes to a strong and competitive economy by enabling local employment development, recognising the importance of the Defence Medical Services complex and supporting the viability and vitality of small business and the village centre.
- plans positively for housing growth, in accordance with the requirement in the adopted Local Plan and the emerging Site Allocations Document, to meet the needs of present and future generations and ensure that any development in Whittington and Fisherwick respects local character.
- supports the provision of a mix of housing types and sizes, with a focus on small units, that can meet the needs of a wide range of people, especially older households and promote a healthy and inclusive community.
- supports new development where it relates well to the local area and incorporates pedestrian and cycle links which provide good connectivity with the rest of the village and encourage the use of sustainable transport.
- promotes policies to protect and enhance open space and biodiversity, which contribute to the sense of community and quality of life in the area.
- promotes policies which encourage the use of sustainable transport, especially walking and cycling (for journeys to work, shop and school and for recreation) to contribute to the health and well-being of the community.

4.4 Policy DP 1 establishes general principles for sustainable development. The other policies of the plan are expressed in such a way as to reflect the presumption in favour of sustainable development and the core planning principles (paragraphs 11 to 16 and 17 of the NPPF)

4.5 The Steering Group considered that, in order for it to be genuinely sustainable, the Neighbourhood Plan needed to be prepared in consultation with the local community. Details of the extensive programme of community engagement and consultation are given a separate Consultation Report. There were five elements to the consultation, as summarised below.

- Community Events and Questionnaire (September 2014 to March 2015)
- Landowner and Developer Engagement (March to May 2015)
- Local Housing Needs (January/February 2016)
- Open Forum (June 2016)
- Public and Statutory consultation, on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan (January to March 2017)



## **5 General conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area**

5.1 The Steering Group has worked closely with Lichfield District Council in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan and care has been taken to ensure that it is in general conformity with the adopted Local Plan and the merging Site Allocations Document.

### **The Lichfield Local Plan**

#### **Lichfield District Local Plan: Strategy (2008-2029)**

5.2 The Local Plan Strategy, adopted in February 2015, forms the first part of the new Lichfield District Local Plan. It sets the spatial strategy and strategic planning policy for the District.

5.3 The Local Plan Strategy (2015) includes a spatial portrait and vision for the District and suite of 15 strategic priorities to help deliver this vision. The spatial strategy sets out the overall approach towards providing for new homes, jobs, infrastructure and community facilities to 2029 and outlines the broad approach that will be followed towards managing change in the District. In addition to the overall policies for the District, which comprise the strategic policy context for the Neighbourhood Plan, the document has a specific section on Whittington and Fisherwick. It sets out a Vision and four detailed policies which have helped to shape the Neighbourhood Plan.

#### **The emerging (Local Plan) Site Allocations Document**

5.4 The Local Plan Strategy made it clear that a second document (Local Plan Allocations) would be progressed to consider a range of issues and add further detail to the strategic policy in the adopted plan. The Council is now preparing the Local Plan Allocations document which is to:

- Identify allocations of sites needed for growth of the district;
- Review the town centre retail and office requirements and identify sites to meet these; and
- Review any remaining Local Plan (1998) saved policies, (Appendix J of Local Plan Strategy).

5.5 The Local Plan Allocations document is the second part of the Local Plan for Lichfield District. The Draft Local Plan Allocations was subject to formal consultation (under Regulation 19) from 20 March to 12 May 2017. It is a clear principle of the Neighbourhood Plan that the amount of new housing is based on the adopted Local plan - that is within a range of 35 to 110 dwellings but acknowledging that something near the upper figure needs to be achieved. The plan includes an informal Community Proposal (CDDP1) which sets out local considerations for the choices that are to be made. At the same time as satisfying numerical needs it is hoped that these choices will meet local needs and preferences, reflect local character, support community infrastructure and avoid adding to existing traffic and highway safety problems. The Neighbourhood Plan does not, however, set out formal planning criteria and the fulfilment of the local considerations does not imply the acceptability of development, especially at a scale beyond that set out in the Local Plan.

5.6 The links between Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan Policies (and the relevant sections of the NPPF) are summarised in the Policy Summary Table, overleaf, which is an easy reference grid linking Neighbourhood Plan Policies with Strategic Objectives, the 2015 Lichfield Local Plan, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF also see paragraphs 183 to 185 for general guidance on Neighbourhood Planning) and partners.

<b>Neighbourhood Plan Policy</b>	<b>Strategic Aim</b>	<b>Local Plan (W1-W4 all refer)</b>	<b>NPPF Paragraph</b>	<b>Partner</b>
<b>Development Principles</b>				
<b>Policy DP 1 Sustainable Development Principles</b>	All	CP1 - 3	6 - 17 & 79 - 92	LDC, SCC & others
<b>Policy DP2 Flood prevention &amp; management</b>	SA6	CP4	94 & 100	SCC, EA, LDC & STW
<i>Community Proposal DP CP1 Local considerations for new housing</i>	SA1	CP6 W1 to W4	47 – 55 56 - 66	LDC, SCC & others
<b>Housing</b>				
<b>Policy HOU1: Development inside the village settlement boundary</b>	SA1	CP1 & W4	47 – 55 56 - 66	LDC & Developers
<b>Policy HOU2 Smaller infill sites – general criteria.</b>	SA1 & SA2	W1 & W4	47 – 55 56 - 66	LDC Developers
<b>Policy HOU3: Housing mix and affordability</b>	SA1	CP6, H1, H2 & W4	50	LDC & Developers
<b>Design</b>				
<b>Policy D1: The Design of New Development</b>	SA2	CP14 & W1	56 - 66	LDC & Developers
<b>Policy D2: Local Character and Design in new development</b>	SA2	CP14 & W1	56 - 59	LDC & Developers
<b>Policy D3: Design of residential conversions and extensions</b>	SA2	CP14 & W1	56 - 59	LDC, Agents & Householder
<b>Historic Environment</b>				
<b>Policy HE 1: Designated heritage assets</b>	SA2	CP14 & W1	58 – 59 126 - 141	LDC & Owner of Property
<b>Policy HE 2: Non-Designated Heritage Assets</b>	SA2	CP14 & W1	135 & 139	LDC & Owner of Property
<b>Policy HE 3: Historic Farmsteads</b>	SA2	CP14 & W1	58 & 59	LDC & Owner of Property
<b>Policy HE 4: Archaeology</b>	SA2 & SA3	CP14 & W1	126 - 141	LDC & Owner of Property
<b>Natural Environment and Landscape</b>				
<b>Policy NE&amp;L 1: Landscape Character</b>	SA3 & SA7	CP13, NR3-5 & W1	58 - 66	LDC, SCC & NE
<b>Policy NE&amp;L 2: Biodiversity and Habitats</b>	SA3 & SA7	CP13, NR3-5 & W1	109 - 125	LDC, SCC, HE & SWT
<b>Policy NE&amp;L 3: New development and Green Infrastructure</b>	SA3 & SA7	CP13, NR3-5 & W1	109 - 125	LDC, PC & Developers
<b>Community Facilities and Open Spaces</b>				
<b>Policy CFOS 1: Existing Community Facilities</b>	SA5	CP10–12, HSC 1–2 & W2	69 & 70	LDC & PC
<b>Policy CFOS 2: New Development &amp; Community Facilities</b>	SA1 & SA5	CP10–12, HSC 1–2 & W2	69 & 70	LDC, PC & Developers
<b>Policy CFOS 3: Existing Open Spaces &amp; Local Green Spaces</b>	SA5	CP10–12, HSC 1–2 & W2	73 – 78, 109 & 117	LDC & PC

<b>Policy CFOS 4 Open space provision &amp; new development</b>	SA1 & SA5	CP10–12, HSC 1–2 & W2	69 & 70	LDC, PC & Developers
<i>Community Proposal CP CFOS 1 Healthcare Facilities</i>	SA1 & SA5	CP10–12, HSC 1–2 & W2	69 – 70 & 171	LDC, NHS & Developers
<b>Traffic and Movement</b>				
<b>Policy T&amp;M 1: The impact of new development</b>	SA4	CP5, ST1&2 & W1	29 - 41	SCC, LDC & Developers
<b>Policy T&amp;M 2: Pedestrian/cycle access and connections</b>	SA4	CP5, ST1&2 & W1	29 -41	SCC, LDC & Developers
<b>Policy T&amp;M 3: Managing the impact of HS2</b>	SA4	CP5 & W1	29 – 31 & 58 - 66	HS2, NIC, LDC, SCC, PC
<b>Policy T&amp;M 4: The West Coast Mainline</b>	SA3 & SA4	CP5 & W1	29 – 31 & 58 - 66	NR, LDC, SCC & PC
<b>Policy T&amp;M 5: The Coventry Canal</b>	SA3 & SA4	CP5, CP9, CP14 & W1	58, 59, 64 & 69 -70	C&RT, LDC, PC
<i>Community Proposal T&amp; M CP 1: Traffic management/speed limits.</i>	SA4	CP5, ST1&2 & W1	29 - 41	SCC & PC
<i>Community Proposal CPT&amp;M 2 Public Transport.</i>	SA4	CP5, ST1&2 & W1	29 - 41	SCC & PC
<b>Local Employment</b>				
<b>Policy LE&amp;B1: Supporting Local Employment and Businesses</b>	SA8	CP7 & W1	18 – 22 & 28	LDC, SCC & LEP
<b>Telecomms &amp; Renewable Energy</b>				
<b>Policy T&amp;RE1: Telecommunications</b>	SA8	IP1 & W1	42 - 46	Operators, LDC & PC
<b>Policy T&amp;RE 2: Renewable Energy</b>	SA8	IP1 & W1	96 - 98	Utilities, SCC, LDC & PC
<b>Area Based Policy (MOD)</b>				
<b>Policy AB1: Defence Medical Services (DMS)</b>	SA3, SA5 & SA8	CP7, NR5 & W1	164	MoD, DMS LDC & PC

### Abbreviations

<b>EA</b> Environment Agency <b>C&amp;RT</b> Canal and River Trust <b>DMS</b> Defence Medical Services <b>HE</b> Historic England <b>HS2</b> High Speed 2 Ltd <b>LDC</b> Lichfield District Council <b>LEP</b> Local Enterprise Partnership <b>MoD</b> Ministry of Defence <b>NE</b> Natural England	<b>NIC</b> National Infrastructure Commission <b>NG</b> National Grid <b>NR</b> Network Rail <b>SCC</b> Staffordshire County Council <b>SE</b> Sport England <b>STW</b> Severn Trent Water <b>SWT</b> Staffordshire Wildlife Trust
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## 6 EU obligations

### Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

6.1 In some, limited, circumstances where a neighbourhood plan could have significant environmental effects, it may require a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) under the relevant EU Directive. Government (CLG) planning guidance suggests that, whether a neighbourhood plan requires a strategic environmental assessment and (if so) the level of detail needed, will depend on what is proposed in the plan. An SEA may be required, where:

- a neighbourhood plan allocates sites for development
- the neighbourhood area contains sensitive natural or heritage assets that may be affected by the proposals in the plan
- the neighbourhood plan may have significant environmental effects that have not already been considered in a sustainability appraisal of the Local Plan.

6.2 In the case of the Whittington and Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan:

- it does not allocate specific sites for development, relying instead on the emerging Site Allocations Document (Local Plan) for this task,
- it does not contain sensitive natural or heritage assets that may be affected by the proposals in the plan,
- it does not have significant environmental effects as defined by the criteria set out in Schedule 1 to the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.
- it does not contain significant proposals beyond those which have already been the subject of a SEA within the Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal.

6.3 However, in accordance with recommended good practice, a screening of the Neighbourhood Plan was undertaken by Lichfield District Council to determine whether a SEA is required. The Environment Agency, Natural England and Heritage England were consulted on the Draft Plan and on the SEA screening. In the first instance, the District Council concluded that the Consultation Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan required an SEA does commenting that it does not propose more development than is set out in the Local Plan Strategy and does not allocate sites for development, a Parish preference for sites is stated which the District Council should consider in the preparation of its Allocations document. Lichfield considered that the criteria based policy DP2 seeks to impose greater restrictions on development than the NPPF and the adopted Local Plan Strategy and this could potentially result in pressure for development elsewhere within the District. The Council concluded that should policy DP2 be retained, an SEA would be required because of the potential for it to impact upon the ability of the Neighbourhood Plan area to deliver the level of housing provision required through the adopted Local Plan Strategy and the potential that such an approach could result in a need for that development to be located elsewhere. The Council noted, however, that it may be possible to supply further information or modify the draft plan to remove the need for SEA.

6.4 Following the amendments to the Consultation Draft, made primarily in response to the comments from the District Council, especially the change in status of Policy DP 2 from a formal planning policy to an informal Community Proposal (DP CP 1), a second SEA screening was undertaken. Based on the second screening the District Council confirmed, in a letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (see Appendix 2), that the Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan **does not require a SEA to be undertaken** and that it is not in breach of the relevant EU Directive. The SEA Screening Report is one of the background documents to the Neighbourhood Plan.

## **Habitats Directive**

6.5 The Lichfield Local Plan was required under European Directive 92/43/EEC to be subject to a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). A HRA screening of the Local Plan did not identify any significant effects arising within or adjoining the area of the Whittington and Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council therefore considers that the Neighbourhood Plan is not in breach of the EU Habitats Directive.

6.6 The making of the neighbourhood development plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010(2)) or a European offshore marine site (as defined in the Offshore Marine Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 2007(3) (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects).

6.7 Natural England has been consulted during the drafting of the Neighbourhood Plan and confirmed that there are no internationally or nationally designated nature conservation sites within the Whittington and Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan Area.

## **Human Rights**

6.8 The Neighbourhood Plan has regard to and is compatible with the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights. The main issues for planning are the right to family life and in preventing discrimination. The Plan makes positive contributions, such as through seeking to provide housing for older people. The inclusive nature of the preparation of the Plan is a further benefit. In addition, specific attempts have been made to engage young people in the Neighbourhood Plan process.

6.9 The population profile has revealed that there are not significant numbers of people who do not have English as a first language and it has not been necessary to produce consultation material in other languages.

## **Consultation**

6.10 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared with extensive input from the community and stakeholders as set out in the accompanying Consultation Statement. There was extensive consultation and engagement early in the process and later, formal consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, as required by Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Responses have been recorded and changes made as per the schedule set out in the Consultation Statement. That statement was prepared by the Steering Group and meets the requirements set out in Paragraph 15 (2) of the Regulations.

## Appendix 1 – Approval and Designation Letter

Lichfield District Council has received an application from Whittington & Fisherwick Parish Council to designate Whittington & Fisherwick as a Neighbourhood Area. The Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Area has been designated having been approved 8 April 2014 (The Relevant Body making the application is Whittington & Fisherwick Parish Council).

Post in 7/2/14



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Dear Clare

At a Parish Council meeting held on 3 February 2014 it was resolved that Whittington and Fisherwick Parish Council should develop a Neighbourhood Plan and accordingly as a Parish Council and relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act request that Lichfield District Council designates Whittington and Fisherwick as a Neighbourhood Area. A map indentifying the area we believe is appropriate to be designated is enclosed.

Whittington is a long established village with clearly defined boundaries directly linked to the smaller settlement of Fisherwick, being surrounded by green belt with a rural hinterland which is largely given over to agriculture. There is a strong sense of community clearly illustrated by its involvement in the 2011, DCLG supported, Rural Masterplanning exercise in conjunction with CABE and Lichfield District Council and the subsequent development of the Parish Plan which was adopted towards the end of 2013. Whittington Barracks (currently undergoing major re-development as the national HQ of Defence Medical Services and with whom the village enjoys a close relationship) is sited on the western edge of the Parish.

Please let me know if you need any additional information in order to progress our application

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

Janine Arm  
Clerk to the Council

## Appendix 2 - Letter from Lichfield District Council on SEA Screening outcome

Your ref Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan  
Our ref WFNP-SEA/HRA  
Ask for Lauren Lymer  
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27<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan SEA & HRA Screening Report

Please find the enclosed copy of the Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan SEA & HRA Screening Report. The complete report includes the screening assessments for both Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA). The report concludes that as currently drafted the Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan will not require SEA or HRA.

As stated above the Screening Report has been undertaken on the draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan, any significant modifications to this plan may require further screening to reassess the requirement for SEA and HRA.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding the attached report.

Yours sincerely

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