

	<p><i>affect directly or indirectly non designated heritage assets, a balanced judgement will be required having regard to the scale of any harm or loss and the significance of the heritage asset.”</i></p> <p>4.6 Furthermore, when considering the list of non-designated assets set out in NDP Appendix E, it is felt that a number of the ‘assets’ listed either do not demonstrate any heritage credentials, or are not appropriate for inclusion as ‘non-designated heritage assets’ for other reasons, as set out below.</p> <p>4.7 The glossary of the NPPF defines a heritage asset as: <i>“A building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest. Heritage asset includes designated heritage assets and assets identified by the local planning authority (including local listing).”</i></p> <p>4.8 For example, the inclusion of St Giles Church and Swan Bridge, as non-designated assets is not factually correct, given that they are both statutory Grade II Listed. This is also true for the buildings on the DMS MOD site.</p> <p>4.9 Similarly, Swan Park and Noddington Park are included, with the accompanying descriptions describing them as important open spaces. However, no evidence is presented as to their heritage credentials. It is considered that these important spaces would be better protected through policies protecting open spaces and important community facilities, such as NDP Policies CFOS1,CFOS4.</p> <p>4.10 Richborough Estates would therefore recommend that this Policy and Appendix E are redrafted accordingly.</p> <p>4.11 Policy CFOS2 concerns community facilities and new development. The Policy States: <i>“New development, especially for larger housing sites, will be expected to retain and enhance existing community facilities, unless replacement is acceptable under Community Facilities Policy 1.”</i></p> <p>4.12 It is recommended that ‘larger housing sites’ is defined here, to prevent ambiguity in the implementation of this Policy. The reference to the enhancement of community facilities should also recognise the need to secure any improvements through a planning obligation. It should be noted, and reflected in the NDP, that the tests in Regulation 122 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) requires that <i>‘a planning obligation may only constitute a reason for granting planning permission for the development if the obligation is also necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms; directly related to the development; and fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.’</i></p> <p>CONCLUSIONS 5.1 Overall, Richborough Estates are supportive of the progression of the Whittington and Fisherwick Neighbourhood Development Plan, which has been positively prepared and recognises that sensitive change within the village is necessary to meet development needs. There are however a number of minor alterations which are highlighted within this representation which</p>	<p>Noted, amendment to be made</p> <p>Noted, amendment to be made</p> <p>Noted, definition to be considered alongside comments from LDC, see above.</p> <p>Noted and welcomed</p>
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	<p>should be carefully considered to improve the prospects of the NDP being able to proceed to referendum following independent examination. These suggested alterations are intended to be helpful to the NDP meeting the basic conditions.</p> <p>5.2 The NDP recognition that land needs to be released from the Green Belt in order for the Local Plan Strategy housing requirements to be met is supported. Whilst the NDP does not indicate a preferred location should any land be released, the incorporation of community views on site selection is supported. Richborough Estates considers that land at Huddlesford Lane represents a sustainable growth option for Whittington, due to its positive relationship with the existing built form and lack of environmental/historical constraints and intends to promote this site through the Allocations document.</p> <p>5.3 Richborough Estates welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission document and will endeavour to facilitate an on-going dialogue with the Parish Council and local community in the promotion of land off Huddlesford Lane.</p>	<p>See above</p> <p>Noted, but this is a matter for LDC and the site Allocations Document</p>
<p>18 Swan Park Landowner Sandwell MBC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Martyn Roberts</p> <p>I appreciate your confirmation that the land in questions is not allocated for development and in effect will remain protected as its current use for open space purposes, and on that basis confirm that I do not wish to make any additional comments on the draft NP.</p>	<p>Noted no amendment needed</p>
<p>19 Defence Medical Service Rob Sanderson: (Defence Infrastructure Organisation) (13/3/2017)</p>	<p>I am writing with regards to the Whittington and Fisherwick Draft Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan references the Defence Medical Services (DMS) facility which is located within the Neighbourhood Plan boundary. The Defence Infrastructure Organisation, (DIO), manages the Defence estate on behalf of the Ministry of Defence and has the following comments to make on the Draft NP. DIO values the positive relationship between the DMS site and the local community. We are pleased that both the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and the Lichfield District Local Plan Strategy 2015 acknowledge the social and economic importance of the site to the local area. The Draft Neighbourhood Plan, of which DIO is in general support of the strategic aims and objectives, places emphasis on the importance of parts of the site as a community asset. The Local Plan recognises the site as an important source of economic activity. It is our hope that the site can continue to provide both benefits to the local area. The Draft Neighbourhood Plan contains two policies which we would seek to clarify and/or amend; Policy CFOS 4: Existing Open Spaces and Policy AB1: Defence Medical Services (DMS).</p> <p>Policy CFOS 4: Existing Open Spaces refers to – ‘Recreation land within the Defence Medical Services complex which is used by the public’. DIO would seek clarity as to which parts of the site this policy refers. (It has not been possible to view the Proposal Map referred to in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan). At this stage, we make the following comments; The MoD playing fields are not open to the public and the site ranges are used by the MoD for military purposes. Any public access is therefore dependent on the operational</p>	<p>Noted and welcomed</p> <p>The extent of land/buildings will be clarified and confirmed in the Plan.</p> <p>Noted the status of the land, which is accessed by consent according to operational needs will be reflected.</p>

	<p>requirements of the MoD. Accordingly, the playing fields and site ranges should not be considered an Open Space. The area known as Baxters Field is not owned by the MoD.</p> <p>Policy CFOS 4: Existing Open Spaces...(E- Swan Park, G - Swan Rd. Allotments & H - Recreation land on the Defence Medical Services site are proposed to be designated as Local Green Spaces (LGS) and development will only be permitted in the Local Green Spaces where it is compatible with the aims and objectives of the designation). DIO contends that the naming of parts of DMS to be designated as an LGS is to misinterpret the National Planning Policy Framework, (NPPF). Paragraph 77 of the NPPF states that LGS designation is not appropriate for most open spaces and that to be considered an LGS the area should, among other things, be ‘demonstrably special to a local community’ and hold a particular local significance and that it should be local in character and not an extensive tract of land. In the Draft Neighbourhood Plan there is no justification provided as to how the proposed LGS designations are considered to meet the criteria in the NPPF. DIO therefore objects to Policy CFOS4 of the Draft NP.</p> <p>Policy AB1: Defence Medical Services (DMS) states development ‘will be supported provided that there is no adverse impact on nearby houses and businesses and the wider community arising from: - Increased traffic; - Reduction in security; - Noise and disturbance; - Light pollution (including longer views of the complex)’.</p> <p>DIO is pleased that the potential future need for development of the site is acknowledged. However, DIO believes that the wording of Policy AB1 is unnecessarily restrictive in terms of the future use and growth of the site, particularly given that the site is located within a designated Green Belt area and so is already subject to stringent development controls. The use of the phrase ‘provided that there is no adverse impact’ ignores the possibility that a development that generates some adverse impacts may nonetheless be acceptable in Planning terms, having regard to the overall benefits that it generates. DIO contends that this lack of flexibility means that Policy AB1 is not in alignment with Lichfield District Local Plan Strategy 2015. Core Policy 7: Employment & Economic Development which states that ‘Flexibility will need to be allowed to cater for a potential increase in this number of jobs as a result of changing occupational structure within the District particularly in relation to key growth sectors such as the role played by manufacturing supply chains, the medical technologies sector (especially relating to the development of the Defence Medical Services site at Whittington)...’[My emphasis]. The strategic policy explicitly aims to encourage growth and jobs at DMS and acknowledges the need for flexibility in order for this to be achieved.</p> <p>DIO therefore objects to Policy AB1 of the Draft NP.</p> <p>DIO would seek to reassure the Parish Council that all potential projects undertaken by the MoD are subject to an internal Sustainability Appraisal where social, economic and environmental impacts are considered. The appraisal is in line with National</p>	<p>Noted, the proposed LGS designation can be dropped if there is other recognition of the landscape and community importance of the land. The Green Belt Status is acknowledged.</p> <p>Noted, see above.</p> <p>Noted, subject to discussion with the DIO, the wording will be amended to make it more positive and to align better with the Local Plan Policy CP7. In addition, reference will be made to the value placed on landscape, open space and community access given that the proposed designations in Policy CFOS 4 are to be deleted.</p>
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	<p>Government policy ‘Greening Government Commitments’ and the ‘Sustainable MoD Strategy’, and seeks to mitigate any negative consequences of MoD activities. Notwithstanding the concerns that we have regarding the above policies within the Draft Plan, DIO hopes that the successful local relationship currently enjoyed between the site and the community can continue.</p>	
<p>Severn Trent Water 31/3/17</p>	<p>Generic response, but useful information on resource use and management which is already reflected in the Policy DP1. Thank you for giving Severn Trent Water the opportunity to comment on your consultation. We have no specific comments to make, however we have set out some general information and advice below. Position Statement. As a water company we have an obligation to provide water supplies and sewage treatment capacity for future development. It is important for us to work collaboratively with Local Planning Authorities to provide relevant assessments of the impacts of future developments. For outline proposals we are able to provide general comments. Once detailed developments and site specific locations are confirmed by local councils, we are able to provide more specific comments and modelling of the network if required. For most developments we do not foresee any particular issues. Where we consider there may be an issue we would discuss in further detail with the local planning authority. We will complete any necessary improvements to provide additional capacity once we have sufficient confidence that a development will go ahead. We do this to avoid making investments on speculative developments to minimise customer bills. Sewage Strategy. Once detailed plans are available and we have modelled the additional capacity, in areas where sufficient capacity is not currently available and we have sufficient confidence that developments will be built, we will complete necessary improvements to provide the capacity. We will ensure that our assets have no adverse effect on the environment and that we provide appropriate levels of treatment at each of our sewage treatment works. Surface Water and Sewer Flooding. We expect surface water to be managed in line with the Government’s Water Strategy, Future Water. The strategy sets out a vision for more effective management of surface water to deal with the dual pressures of climate change and housing development. Surface water needs to be managed sustainably. For new developments we would not expect surface water to be conveyed to our foul or combined sewage system and, where practicable, we support the removal of surface water already connected to foul or combined sewer. We believe that greater emphasis needs to be paid to consequences of extreme rainfall. In the past, even outside of the flood plain, some properties have been built in natural drainage paths. We request that developers providing sewers on new developments should safely accommodate floods which exceed the design capacity of the sewers.</p>	<p>Noted but no amendments needed</p>

	<p>Water Quality. Good quality river water and groundwater is vital for provision of good quality drinking water. We work closely with the Environment Agency and local farmers to ensure that water quality of supplies are not impacted by our or others operations. The Environment Agency’s Source Protection Zone (SPZ) and Safe Guarding Zone policy should provide guidance on development. Any proposals should take into account the principles of the Water Framework Directive and River Basin Management Plan for the Severn River basin unit as prepared by the Environment Agency.</p> <p>Water Supply. When specific detail of planned development location and sizes are available a site specific assessment of the capacity of our water supply network could be made. Any assessment will involve carrying out a network analysis exercise to investigate any potential impacts. We would not anticipate capacity problems within the urban areas of our network, any issues can be addressed through reinforcing our network. However, the ability to support significant development in the rural areas is likely to have a greater impact and require greater reinforcement to accommodate greater demands.</p> <p>Water Efficiency. Building Regulation requirements specify that new homes must consume no more than 125 litres of water per person per day. We recommend that you consider taking an approach of installing specifically designed water efficient fittings in all areas of the property rather than focus on the overall consumption of the property. This should help to achieve a lower overall consumption than the maximum volume specified in the Building Regulations. We recommend that in all cases you consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Single flush siphon toilet cistern and those with a volume of 4 litres. •Showers designed to operate efficiently and with a maximum flow rate of 8 litres per minute. •Hand wash basin taps with low flow rates of 4 litres or less. •Water butts for external use in properties with gardens. <p>We hope this provides you with useful information and look forward in receiving your detailed proposals at your earliest convenience.</p>	
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The following organisations and individuals did not comment

1 HAC.		
2 S Staffs. Water		
3 National Grid		
4 Primary School		
5 MP		
6 LDC Councillor		Cc'd by LDC in comments
7 SCC Councillor		
8 Wig./Hopwas PC		
9 Fradley & Streethay PC		
10 Elford PC		

11 Lichfield City		
12 Woodhouse Fm.		
13 Lyalvale		
14 Swan Allotments		
13 BirminghamLEP		

The Steering Group then approved substantive amendments to Policies DP2 and AB1 and agreed that they should be sent to Lichfield District Council and the DIO/DMS for consideration prior to being incorporated in the Submission Version of the Plan. These amendments are set out below, with relevant changes shown in red, along with emails indicating the agreement of the two organisations to them.

Existing Policy DP2 amended for inclusion as a Community Proposal (*DP CP1 Local considerations for proposed locations for new housing development*).

Explanation This Community Proposal informally sets out the priorities which the Parish has provided to support small scale development and could be considered by the District Council in determining applications in accordance with Local Plan Strategy Core Policy 6: Housing Delivery and to sit alongside the Whittington specific policies (Whit. 1 to Whit. 4). It also recognises the primacy of the emerging Local Plan Allocations document in identifying locations to meet the housing requirement. The intention is to identify local considerations, based on the consultation and evidence gathering for this Neighbourhood Plan, to complement strategic level site selection by the District Council. The intention is that small-scale infill sites within the village settlement boundary will be supported to provide new housing. It is accepted that in addition, a modest growth around the village will be needed to meet Local Plan requirements and that sites beyond the village boundary will be needed, including some Green Belt land. The objective is to maintain a self-contained community, with clear physical boundaries, complementing the character of the village.

Community Proposal CPDP1 Local considerations for proposed locations for new housing development

In conjunction with the strategic context provided by the adopted Local Plan Core Policy 6 (Housing Delivery), local considerations for proposed locations for new housing developments have been identified. These are as follows:

- Prioritise the development of sites within the village or appropriate brownfield land where this can meet other policies on design character, residential amenity and highway safety.*

- *Minimise the release of land from the Green Belt*
- *Take account of factors including the economic and other benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land quality, intrusion into open countryside, a reduction in the separation between Whittington and Fisherwick and the loss of important views identified in the Village Plan.*
- *Respect the historic character and setting of Whittington village to preserve and enhance the Conservation Area and its setting, and for density, layout and design to reflect the surroundings.*
- *Proximity and/or walking and cycling routes to shops, community facilities, school & bus stops.*
- *Avoid adding to existing problems of traffic flow, parking and pedestrian safety.*
- *The loss of national and locally designated wildlife habitats and where it is practicable to retain significant hedgerows and trees.*
- *Maintain and where possible improve, existing public rights of way.*
- *Support community infrastructure and where necessary improve it.*

These are not set out as formal planning criteria and their fulfilment does not imply the acceptability of development, especially at a scale beyond that which is set out in the Local Plan housing requirement of 30 to 110 new houses over the plan period

Strategic Aims: The Policy contributes to the delivery of Strategic Aims 1 (Housing) and 2 (Design) Application of Community Proposal CPDP1

It is considered that a hierarchy of decision making should be adopted, with priority afforded to exploiting key sites within the village where development is already planned. Secondary priority should be given to carefully considered infill developments, appropriately scaled brownfield development. It is recognised that other locations, currently in the Green Belt, will be needed but that this is a matter to be addressed by the District Council in the emerging Site Allocations Document.

The criteria on local character (including design, layout and density), reflect the desire for new housing locations to be in keeping with and enhance the rural character of the village. This is in line with the Strategic Priority 12 of LDC's Local Plan which states it will: "protect and enhance the quality and character of the countryside, landscapes and villages by ensuring that development meets identified rural development needs and contributes positively to countryside character through enhancements to the local environment". The 2013 Parish Plan stated that the relationship of development to the surrounding landscape is critical. New development should seek to preserve the rural aspect of approaches to the Parish and consequently, the density of housing in such areas should be lower and in keeping with existing density levels within the parish.

It is important that the infrastructure of the village is not over-loaded. For an existing community to grow in a socially and economically sustainable way, development should be integrated into the village over time, with services, facilities and transport developing to match the growth. The aim

will be to work with the District Council on infrastructure delivery which will need to evolve to accommodate the impact of new housing and population growth. The intention is for future growth to be supported with essential facilities, to ensure the existing quality of life enjoyed by residents is not reduced. Further developments must ensure that there is no overstretching of these facilities. Community infrastructure enhancement should, therefore, be considered an integral part of any development of significant size. The former would include, for example, the doctors' surgery, hospice, primary school and day nursery; voluntary organisations such as community halls and their users; and shops, pubs and locally based professionals and trade specialists. As the impact of each is likely to differ a careful balance will need to be struck in each case when evaluating the potential benefits and/or disadvantages of any planned future development.

The criteria on accessibility and highway safety are intended to ensure that sites are well connected to village facilities services and to avoid adding to existing traffic and highway safety problems. Those on services will ensure that environmental standards can be met.

You told us: *There is little support for large scale developments but there is recognition of the need for more dwellings, notably family or affordable homes. Surveys indicated strong local support for maintaining the village atmosphere and its historical character. Many feel we must preserve the existing Green Belt areas as far as is possible. (Sources: Lichfield/CABE consultation, Parish Plan and Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaires, and the Developers Day May 2015). Some residents expressed concern about the impact of simultaneous HS2 construction activity and housing development.*

Evidence Base/Local Plan Policy: Local Plan 41 6.1 Physical and 41 6.2 Strategic Infrastructure, plus Policies Whit 1 to Whit 4 and the 2013 Parish Plan.

Related amendments to the text of the NP - Assessment of possible locations for new housing

2.17 The Neighbourhood Plan, in accordance with legislation and the regulations, does not seek to make any specific proposals for the alteration of the Green Belt to accommodate new development. In addition, it does not include site specific allocations for new housing. However, to inform the approach for the identification of new housing sites in the emerging Local Plan Allocations document, the Neighbourhood Plan includes a description of the conclusions reached from local consultation, discussions with developers and landowners. Appendix G includes the details of engagement with landowners and developer.

The conclusion of the Neighbourhood Plan based local consultation is that *“Small-scale infill redevelopment within the Whittington village settlement boundary will be supported to provide new housing. However, it is accepted that in addition, a modest growth around the village may be needed to meet Lichfield District Local Plan requirements and that some sites beyond the village boundary may need to be identified, potentially including a small amount of Green Belt. Whilst maintaining a self-contained community, with clear physical boundaries to complement the character of the village..... the highest priority should be afforded to exploiting key sites within the village where development is already planned. Secondary priority should be given to carefully*

considered infill developments, appropriately scaled brownfield development and/or appropriate conversion of redundant buildings outside village boundaries but within the parish. Limited low density, high quality, development in Green Belt land adjacent to existing settlement boundaries should, subject to a proven demand for additional housing stock, be given lower tertiary priority”.

Based on the assessment and the District Council Committee report, the Neighbourhood Plan recognises the following potential locations for new housing. **However**, whilst they are in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), neither that or this Neighbourhood Plan show a preference for or, commitment to, any of the locations.

- Former Youth Centre, Main Street, Whittington, (within the village).
- Land at Chapel Lane & Blacksmith Lane, Whittington, (within the village).
- Land off Back Lane.
- Land off Huddlesford Lane.
- Land off Common Lane, north and west of the Primary School.
- Land off Common Lane, north and east of the Primary School, adjoining the built-up area.

However, 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 30 to 110 dwellings but acknowledging that something near the upper figure needs to be achieved. Taking account of 19 new houses that have been built or have planning permission, the net requirement is for 91 dwellings. The above sites could accommodate up to 160 dwellings and so not all will be needed and the scale of development on some could be reduced. This 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. It is not, however, intended to set out formal planning criteria and so 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.

Suggested amended wording for Policies CFOS4 & AB1

Based on the comments/objections submitted by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation the following changes are suggested to Policies CFOS 4 and AB1.

Policy CFOS 4 Existing Open Spaces and Proposed Local Green Spaces

Explanation: The NPPF has an emphasis on ensuring better quality and accessibility of existing open spaces. It underlines the importance of open spaces and sports and recreation in contributing to the health and well-being of communities. The retention and enhancement of open spaces is supported by Sport England and Natural England. This is reflected in the Local Plan and the open space strategies of District Council. According to the Lichfield Open Space Assessment 2012, Whittington is one of four settlements identified as having a quantitative deficiency and with poor accessibility to open spaces. Therefore, existing open space, which is of good quality and enjoyed

by local people, is to be protected and opportunities are taken for improvements in conjunction with new development.

Subject to MoD operation needs, the local community has access to some of the playing fields available at the Defence Medical Services site. This is much valued but is it recognised that the land cannot reasonably be designated as public open space under this policy. It is, however, hoped that the permissive use can continue and it is cross referenced in Policy AB1.

Two sites are proposed to be designated as Local Green Spaces (LGS). Consultation showed that people place a high value on the relationship between the village, the countryside and on the open spaces that help to define the landscape and character of the area. Designation would be in accordance with the NPPF (Para. 76) whereby local communities can identify green areas of particular importance to them for special protection. The proposed designations are also in accordance with Para. 77 of the NPPF:

- They are in reasonably close proximity to the community
- They are special to the local community and hold significance related to history and/or recreation
- The areas are local in character and are not extensive tracts of land

The linked areas of Swan Park and the allotments off Swan Road are well used and much appreciated by local people, but the land is leased to the Parish Council and although in the Green belt the continuation of the current uses is subject to some doubt. LGS designation will protect the land from alternative use.

Policy CFOS 4: Existing Open Spaces

Existing open spaces and recreation facilities will be protected from development. Proposals which would reduce the quality or quantity of these facilities may only be permitted where the existing facilities are re-provided to a better quality or quantity in a location agreed by the Parish Council. The areas of land covered by this policy (shown on the Proposal Map (Whittington Inset): include:

A - Bit End Field including the bowling green

B - Jubilee Park

C - Whittington Cricket club ground

D - The Croft

E - Swan Park

F - Noddington Park

G - Allotments off Swan Road

H - The Village Green

In addition, the Parish Council will use opportunities provided by development - related funding, from the Community Infrastructure Levy (and other external funding), to improve existing open spaces.

(E- Swan Park and G - Swan Rd. Allotments are proposed to be designated as Local Green Spaces and development will only be permitted in the Local Green Spaces where it is compatible with the aims and objectives of the designation.)

Strategic Aims: The Policy contributes to the delivery of Strategic Aim 5 (Community Facilities).

Application of Policy CFOS 4: These spaces are protected in line with the NPPF and in recognition of the local pressure on open space, of which there is a shortfall. They contribute to the quality of life for local residents and to the physical character of the village. The Parish Council will strive to ensure that open space is provided as part of new development and it will support proposals and funding bids to enhance open space and recreation facilities as and when opportunities emerge. The CIL relates to the 'meaningful proportion' (25% where a made neighbourhood plan is in place).

You told us: *Parks need updating with new equipment. Village services will need enhancing to deal an increased population. Development that increases recreational amenities could be positive move.* (Sources Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire, Wednesday Club & Mothers and Toddlers Surveys).

Evidence Base/Local Plan Policy: Local Plan (6.1) Social & Community, Vision for Whittington and Policy WHIT2: Lichfield Open Space Assessment 2012. Parish Plan P28 Leisure and Facilities).

Policy AB1: Defence Medical Services (DMS)

Explanation: DMS Whittington is home to the Headquarters Surgeon Generals Department and co-located with Joint Medical Command. The primary role of the DMS is to ensure that service personnel are ready and medically fit to go where they are required in the UK and throughout the world. The DMS encompass the entire medical, dental, nursing, allied health professionals, paramedic and support personnel. Large numbers of people (military and civilian) are employed at the complex and it has an inevitable impact on the environment which gives rise to planning issues that it is reasonable to consider through a positively worded Neighbourhood Plan policy, in conjunction with the relevant local plan policy. The policy is also intended to cover, the Museum of the Staffordshire Regiment which is located adjacent to DMS Whittington. It is open all year and attracts numerous visitors annually. There are plans, subject to funding, for an expansion of the museum on the current site.

Policy AB1: Defence Medical Services (DMS)

Proposals for development within the existing Defence Medical Services (DMS) complex and the Museum of the Staffordshire Regiment will be supported provided that all practical measures are taken to avoid or minimise adverse impact on nearby houses and businesses and the wider community arising from:

- **Increased traffic;**
- **Reduction in security;**
- **Noise and disturbance;**
- **Light pollution (including longer views of the complex).**

In addition, measures to maintain existing permissive access to playing fields and the hall on the site (off Chester Road) which are used by the local community, will be supported.

Strategic Aims: The Policy contributes to the delivery of Strategic Aims 3 (Environment & Landscape) and 4 (Traffic & Movement).

Application of Policy AB 1

It is recognised that the adopted Local Plan Core Policy 7: Employment & Economic Development provides flexibility will need to cater for a potential increase in jobs in key growth sectors such as... the medical technologies sector (especially relating to the development of the Defence Medical Services site at Whittington). Locally, the national (cross services) role that is played by Defence Medical Services (DMS) is acknowledged and appreciated by the Parish Council and it is recognised that some development may be necessary within the existing complex in the future to maintain or enhance facilities. The intention of this Neighbourhood Plan policy is to work positively alongside higher level polices and national defence needs to draw attention to local factors that need to be considered in development proposals.

In addition, the recreational and community value of the playing fields and the meeting hall on the site is locally appreciated and if possible, the permissive access to these facilities should be maintained.

You told us: (Not Applicable)

Evidence Base/Local Plan Policy: The NPPF and the adopted Local Plan

Further discussions with and responses from Lichfield District Council and Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DMS) on amendments to DP2 and AB1 (Copies of e-mails)

1 Lichfield District Council

Apologies for the delay in my response I have been on leave and are extremely busy as we have commenced the consultation on the Land Allocations DPD. Thank you for considering our representation. I consider the amended approach to DP2 now brings it more in line with the adopted Local Plan and consider it is likely the proposed change which removes the policy status but retains the information from the community negates the need for SEA, however you may wish to request that the screening process is undertaken again to allow the other statutory consultees to have the chance to consider it. I would also suggest one further minor revision to CP DP1 which is to add at the beginning of the point below 'Consider on site and off site measures to' (as shown below) as this enables the criteria to be considered in a positive manner.

- Consider on-site and off-site measures which avoid adding to existing problems of traffic flow, parking and pedestrian safety.

Please note **it will be necessary** for the Neighbourhood Plan Group to formally request us to undertake a further screening exercise in order to comply with the Regulations for submission and redo the work and consultations etc.

Apologies again for the delay in my response, if I can be of any further assistance please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Heidi Hollins MRTPI **Spatial Policy and Delivery Officer** Lichfield District Council

2 Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DMS)

From: Gareth Hyde [<mailto:gazmalloy@gmail.com>]
Sent: 25 April 2017 19:01
To: clive keble <clive.keble@btinternet.com>
Subject: Re: FW: 20170424-suggested amends

Hi Clive, Think we have an excellent outcome here. Happy with Heidis comments as well regarding SEA. With regard to the Lichfield District Council comments, who do we need to re submit too? Garry and Chris

On Tue, Apr 25, 2017 at 11:10 AM, clive keble <clive.keble@btinternet.com> wrote:

Hello again both. See attached and below, this too seems a good outcome to me – are you happy for me to include his suggested amendments?

From: clive keble [<mailto:clive.keble@btinternet.com>]
Sent: 25 April 2017 11:11
To: DIO SEE-EPS PTCP4 (Sanderson, Rob Mr)
Subject: RE: 20170424-suggested amends

Thank Rob,

I will forward this to the SG , but I do not foresee any problems in making the suggested changes.

From: DIO SEE-EPS PTCP4 (Sanderson, Rob Mr) [<mailto:DIOSEE-EPSTCP4@mod.uk>]
Sent: 24 April 2017 11:55
To: 'clive keble' <clive.keble@btinternet.com>
Subject: 20170424-suggested amends

Clive,

Thank you for consulting us on these suggested amendments and apologies again for the delay in replying. On a 'Without prejudice' basis, I think that the amended policies will be much more acceptable to MOD. I have suggested a couple of amendments, but only the second is significant

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and that was intended to clarify the intention of the policy rather than change it. The willingness of the Parish Council to work positively with MOD is appreciated. Thanks again.

Rob

Annex 1 – Neighbourhood Plan Area designation application letter

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

Annex 2 Questionnaire and Newsletter Late 2014 – Initial engagement.

Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan



Questionnaire

Have your say in the future development of your village



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The Neighbourhood Plan will provide a set of statutory planning policies for the development of W&F. The Neighbourhood Plan must comply with national planning guidance and local policies set by Lichfield District Council. By doing this the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan must be taken

into account when any planning application in the parish is considered.

The Neighbourhood Plan aims to be representative of the views of all the residents. This questionnaire is your opportunity to give us your opinions. It builds on the comments received, and the issues identified at the village Countryside Fair held in September 2014 and the Open Day held on the 18th October in the Village Hall.

The questionnaire addresses 6 issues:

- Overall village character
- Housing
- Traffic & Parking
- Village facilities
- Families and community
- Environment

Please give us your views on these issues by answering the following 10 questions. The questionnaire is also available to download and print on the Neighbourhood Plan website: <http://www.wafnp.co.uk>

The questionnaire is anonymous. The results from the analysis of the questionnaire will be made available on the Neighbourhood Plan website and will help us to formulate a draft Neighbourhood Plan to be published next year.

Completed questionnaires can be returned to The Post Office, Main Street, Whittington.

Completed questionnaires to be returned by 1st December 2014.

If you would like any assistance in completing or returning this questionnaire, please email wandfnpg@email.com, visit our facebook page: Whittington and Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan Group, or call Chris or Garry on 01543 433190, Clive on 01543 433487 or Julia on 01543 432238.

Thank you for your support

**PLEASE NOTE ALL FULLY COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES
WILL BE ENTERED INTO A £100 PRIZE DRAW**

Section 1 – Overall village character

Question 1

What do you like about living in Whittington & Fisherwick? (W&F)

	1 (strongly dislike)	2	3	4	5 (strongly like)
Size of the village					
Rural atmosphere					
Community spirit					
Village activities/community groups					
Services provided by local shops and businesses					
Easy access to the countryside					
Easy access to major road network					
Public Transport Links					

Are there any other characteristics you like?

Question 2

Which of the following statements do you consider to be important to the future of Whittington & Fisherwick?

	1 (Not important)	2	3	4	5 (Very important)
Retain and enhance the rural and historic nature of W&F					
Retain the Green Belt around W&F					
Retain and enhance open/green space in and around the village					
Manage the impact of new housing development(s) on village services/facilities					
Manage primary school capacity					
Retention and enhancement of youth facilities					
Improve traffic management					
Support local shops					
Maintain and improve footpaths					
Provide and improve cycle routes					
Preservation of the canal and towpath					

Are there any other issues you think are important?

Section 2 - Housing

Question 3

At present Lichfield District Council's proposed housing allocation for the village is for between 35 and 110 homes over 15 years. Bearing in mind that the Neighbourhood Plan must accord with this, please Rank the following development options A to E for providing this housing (where A is your most preferred option and E your least preferred):

Infill development(s) (within the built up areas of W&F)	
A mixture of infill development(s) and medium scale development(s) on the outskirts of W&F	
A number of medium scale development(s) on the outskirts of W&F	
Large scale development(s) on the outskirts of W&F	
Large scale development(s) detached from W&F	

Question 4:

Are there any sites in Whittington & Fisherwick in particular that you feel could be used to provide housing?

Question 5

What types of homes do you think new development(s) in Whittington & Fisherwick should include?

	1 (not important)	2	3	4	5 (very important)
Flats					
Bungalows					
2 storey housing					
3 storey housing					
Affordable (housing association) homes					
Starter homes					
Family housing (2/3 beds)					
Luxury housing (4/5 beds)					
Rented accommodation					
Sheltered housing					
Retirement housing					
Care homes					
Eco-friendly housing					

Any other comments?

Section 3 - Traffic & Parking

Question 6

Which are the important issues that we need to address to better manage traffic in Whittington & Fisherwick?

	1 (not important)	2	3	4	5 (very important)
High speed of traffic within W&F					
High speed of traffic on roads into W&F					
Parking outside Whittington Primary School					
Parking outside shops along Main Street					
Congestion on Main Street/Burton Old Road					
Congestion on Church Street					
Congestion on Back Lane					
Road safety on bridges into and out of W&F					
Improving cycling routes/facilities					
Improving footpaths/pedestrian environment					
Encourage sustainable forms of transport e.g. Bus, cycling, walking					

Are there other transport issues that need addressing?



Section 4 - Village facilities

Question 7

How important to you, your family and the village are the following facilities?

	1 (Not important)	2	3	4	5 (Very important)
Local shops (including post office, coffee shop, pharmacy, take-away, Co-op, hairdressers, Community farm)					
Doctor's surgery					
Church Hall/Village Hall					
Primary School					
Public houses					
Cricket pitch(s) & Pavilion(s)					
Football pitches					
Bowling green					
Allotments					
Playing fields/parks					
Children's play areas					
The Community Orchard and Woodlands					
The BMX track					

Are there other facilities not listed above that are important to you?

Question 8

How important would it be for the following facilities to be increased or expanded?

	1 (Not important)	2	3	4	5 (Very important)
Doctor's surgery					
Local Shops					
Youth groups/youth facilities					
Clubs for the elderly					
Primary School					
Children's play areas					
Play areas for under 5's					
Opportunities for small businesses/units					
Broadband speeds					

Are there other facilities you would like to see expanded or any new facilities you would like to see introduced?

Section 5 - Families & community

Question 9

How well do you think the residents are served by the following community groups and organisations?

	1 (Not very well)	2	3	4	5 (Very well)
Parent & baby/toddler groups					
Pre-school play groups					
Nurseries (Child care)					
Breakfast Clubs (Primary school children)					
Primary school					
After school clubs (Primary school age)					
Youth clubs					
Sports clubs (Young people)					
Sports clubs (Adults)					
Holiday clubs (Primary school children)					
Organised groups (Scouts, guides etc)					
Clubs for the elderly					
Good neighbour scheme					
Secondary education					
Other community groups					

Any other comments?



Section 6 - Environment

Question 10

How do you think the environment of the village could be maintained or improved?

	1 (Not at all)	2	3	4	5 (Very well)
Retain historic nature of the Parish					
Develop new areas in W&F for planting trees, shrubs and flowers					
Create more wildlife friendly areas					
Improve cycle routes/facilities					
Better signage for walkers/cyclists					
More benches around W&F					
Support the use of renewable energy in W&F					

Are there other environmental improvements you would like to see in the Parish?

Do you feel the villages have sufficient publications and communications outlets?

Yes	No

Any other comments?



Optional section

Do you have any other comments?

We would very much appreciate it if you could complete the following demographic questions. This information will only be used to demonstrate that we have gained the views of a cross section of the population.

1. What is your post code?

2. To which age group do you belong?

Under 18	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	Over 70

3. What is your gender?

Male	Female

4. How many people are there in your household?

5. How long have you lived in the village?

Thank you for completing our questionnaire

Annex 3 - Developers Day

1 RESPONSES

199 forms returned, numbers shown in raw data file.

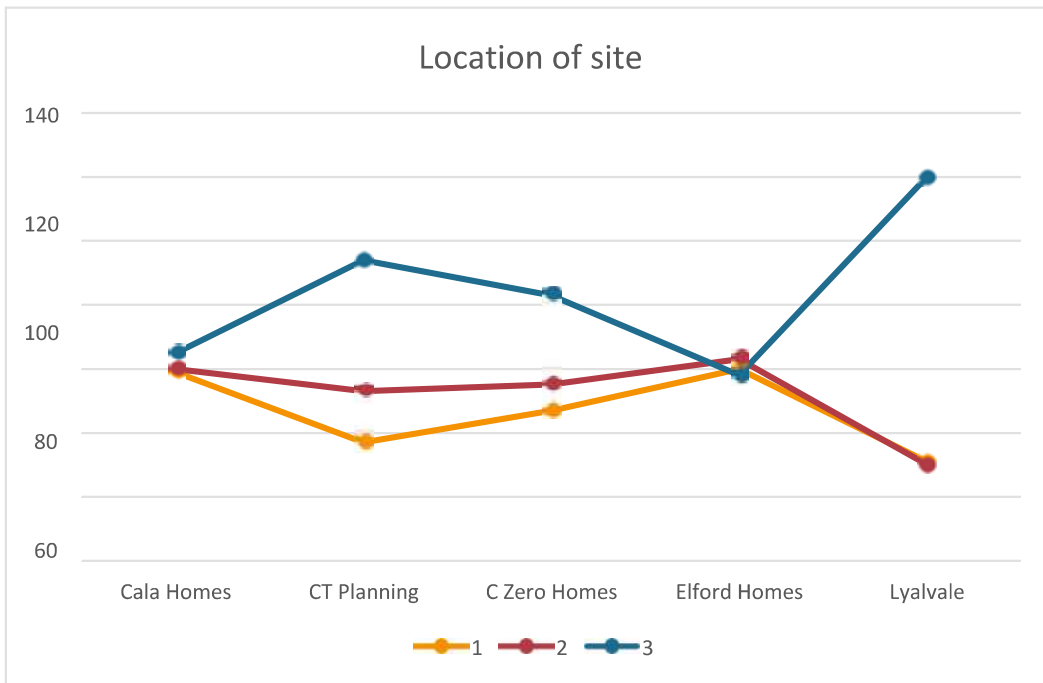
2 LOCATION OF SITE

Two locations rank highest in favour; Cala Homes and Elford Homes.

The least favoured site is Lyalvale which has been ranked as not acceptable.

Location of site

	Cala Homes	CT Planning	C Zero Homes	Elford Homes	Lyalvale
1	59	37	47	60	31
2	60	53	55	63	30
3	65	94	83	58	120
Base	184	184	185	181	181



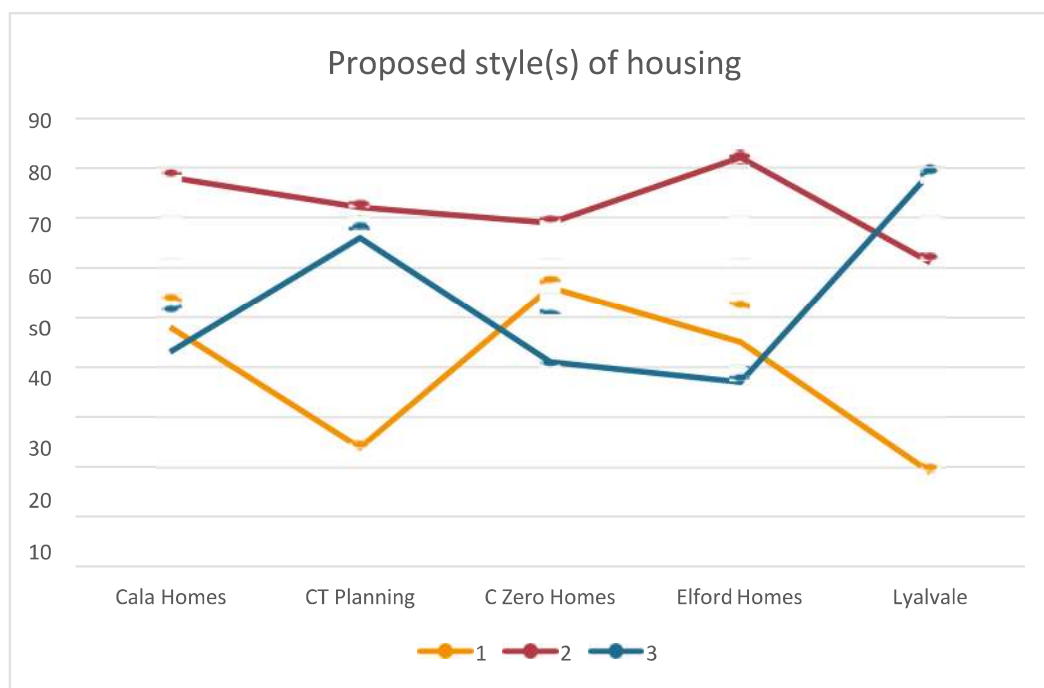
3 PROPOSED STYLE(S) OF HOUSING

C Zero Homes is favoured for the proposed style of housing with Cala Homes and Elford Homes also popular.

Lyalvale are least favoured with the styles of housing ranked as not acceptable

Proposed style(s) of housing

	Cala Homes	CT Planning	C Zero Homes	Elford Homes	Lyalvale
1	48	24	56	45	19
2	78	72	69	82	61
3	43	66	41	37	79
Base	169	162	166	164	159



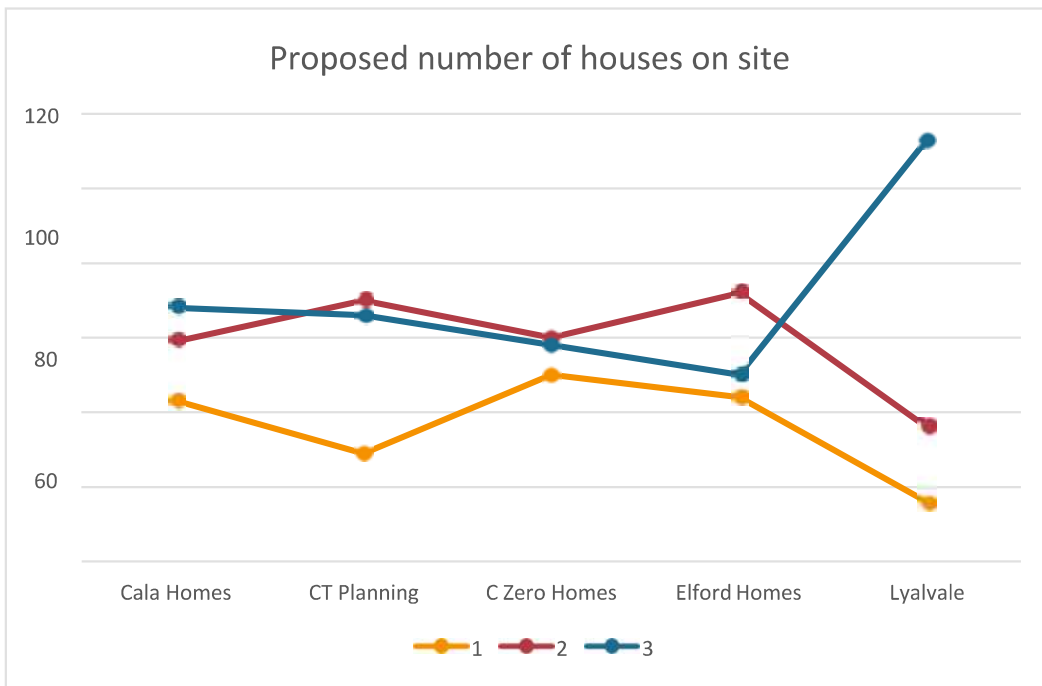
4 PROPOSED NUMBER OF HOUSES ON SITE

There is little difference between four of the proposals although C Zero Homes is slightly more in favour, followed by Elford Homes, then Cala Homes and CT Planning.

Lyalvale is least favoured.

Proposed number of houses on site

	Cala Homes	CT Planning	C Zero Homes	Elford Homes	Lyalvale
1	43	29	50	44	16
2	59	70	60	72	36
3	68	66	58	50	113
Base	170	165	168	166	165

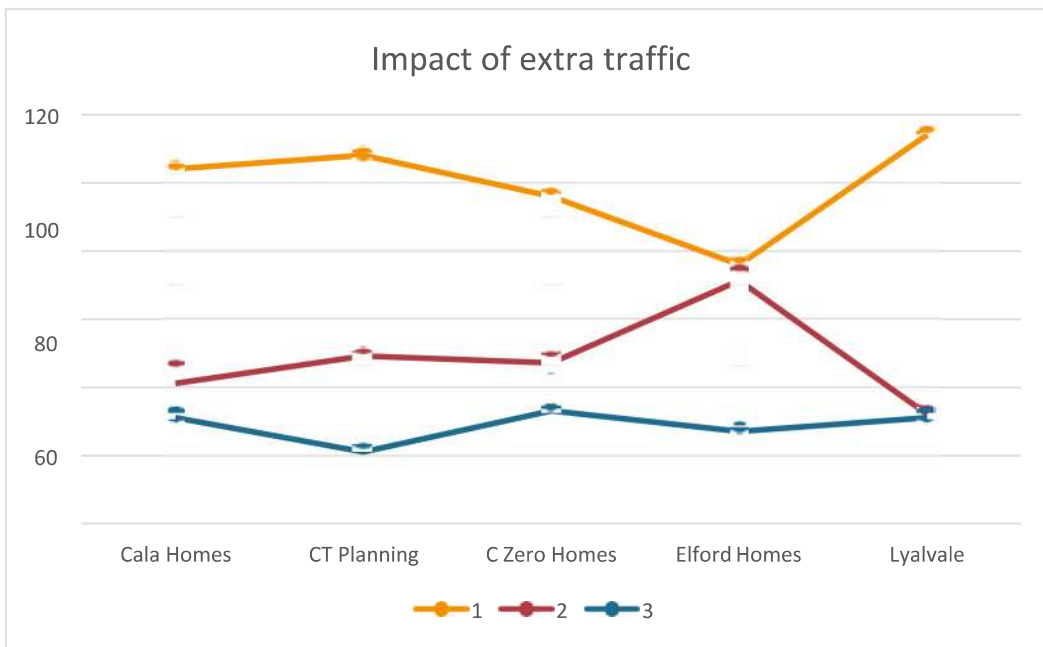


5 IMPACT OF EXTRA TRAFFIC

A lot of respondents marked 1 for all developments citing traffic congestion and concerns with common lane and back lane.

Impact of extra traffic

	Cala Homes	CT Planning	C Zero Homes	Elford Homes	Lyalvale
Base	176	178	176	174	177
1	104	108	96	76	114
2	41	49	47	71	32
3	31	21	33	27	31



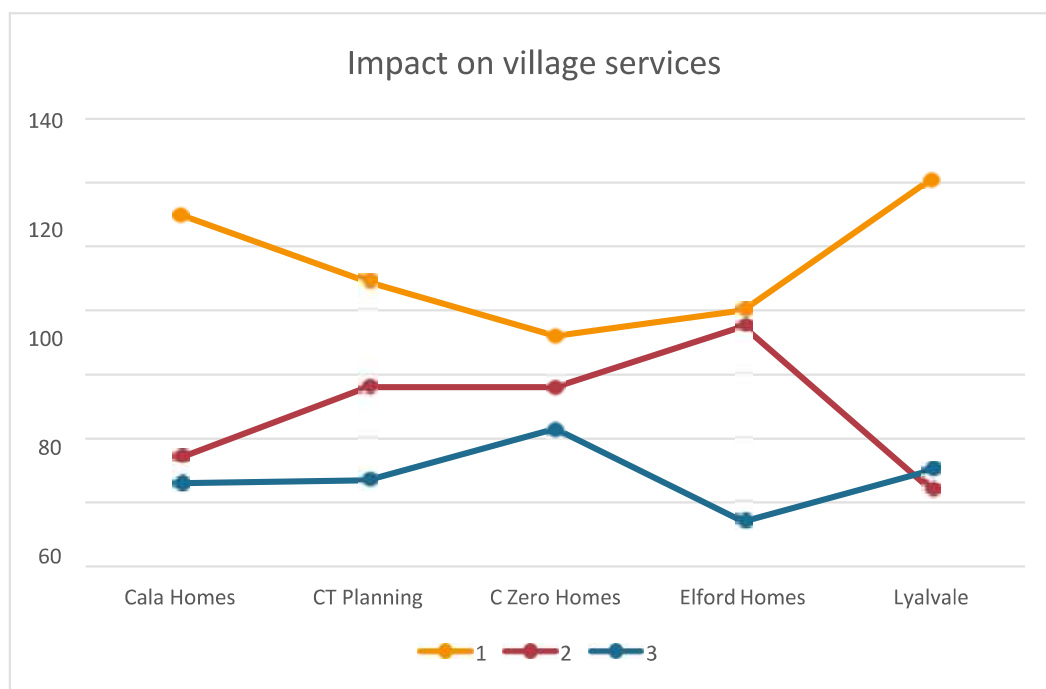
6 IMPACT ON VILLAGE SERVICES

Lyalvale and Cala Homes are ranked as having the most impact on village services.

Elford Homes would have minimal impact.

Impact on village services

	Cala Homes	CT Planning	C Zero Homes	Elford Homes	Lyalvale
1	110	89	72	80	121
2	34	56	56	75	24
3	26	27	43	14	30
Base	170	172	171	169	175



7 RANK SITES BY PREFERENCE

1 is the preferred site and 5 least preferred.

Some site are evenly spread due to different aspects being of importance to different respondents. On the whole Cala Home was ranked highest {2.7} with Elford Homes second at 2.9.

Lyalvale was least preferred at 3.8.

Literal comments highlight reasons for choice.

	Cala Homes	CT Planning	C Zero Homes	Elford Homes	Lyalvale
1	54	18	36	32	32
2	34	35	32	48	6
3	22	35	30	36	25
4	28	46	33	25	16
5	35	39	43	31	97
Base	173	173	174	172	176

Mean Value 2.7 3.3 3.1 2.9 3.8

By Lisa Mason 3rd

June 2015

Annex 4 - Questionnaire and Newsletter on the Consultation Draft Plan April - January 2017

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January 2017

Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan



CONSULTATION DRAFT DOCUMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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The Neighbourhood Plan aims to be representative of the views of all the residents. The Steering Group has consulted on local issues and possible locations for new housing with residents, businesses, organisations, and community groups within the Parish, as well as having dialogue with Lichfield District Council and landowners. We have now completed our evidence gathering and have produced a Draft Plan. It is now really important that we get your views on the Policies in the Draft Plan. The statutory consultation period will run for 6 weeks, from Monday January 30th 2017 to 5pm Monday 13th March 2017.

We have arranged two exhibitions for you to find out more about the Draft Plan

Saturday 11th February 2017 10am to 2pm and

Wednesday 8th March 2017 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Whittington Village Hall

Completing this questionnaire is the best opportunity for you to give us your feedback. The questionnaire summarises the Strategic Aims, Vision and Policies of the Neighbourhood Plan and asks for your opinions on these

The questionnaire will be available to download and print on the Neighbourhood Plan website: <http://www.wafno.co.uk>. The results from the analysis will help us to formulate the final version of The Plan.

Completed questionnaires should be returned by Monday 13th March 2017

To: - The Post Office, Main Street, Whittington: OR

The Questionnaire return box at the Community Facility at The Barracks: OR

By Post or hand deliver to 11 Neal Croft Whittington WS14 9PH: OR

Scan and send by email to Garry Hyde- gazmalloy@gmail.com

We have summarised the major points of the policies in this questionnaire, as some policies are lengthy and complex. *You can see the policies in full in the Draft Plan on the Neighbourhood Plan website or read a full hard copy of the document at Whittington Village Hall, The Barracks, and The Dog Public House as well as at the open forum meetings.*

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Vision and Strategic Aims of the Plan.

Please indicate your opinion in the boxes in ALL sections.

The Vision

'In 20 years' time Whittington and Fisherwick will be a thriving and vibrant community whilst retaining and enhancing its historic and rural context. It will be a safe environment for all, with a broad range of local facilities that help to maintain its strong community spirit. Sensitively located development will have met the needs of local people of all ages and incomes whilst reflecting local character.'

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Strategic Aims:-

Strategic Aim 1: New Housing and the Settlement boundary - To accommodate new housing development which satisfies strategic growth requirements, fulfills local housing needs, enables locally needed infrastructure to be delivered and to ensure that as much as possible of the new development in Whittington is located inside the Settlement Boundary.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Strategic Aim 2: Design - To ensure that new developments are well designed, to complement and enhance the historic rural character of Whittington and Fisherwick and its landscape setting.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Strategic Aim 3: Environment and Landscape - To preserve and enhance wildlife habitats, local landscape character, public open spaces, footpaths, bridleways, and the canal towpath networks.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Strategic Aim 4: Traffic and Movement - To ensure that new development mitigates traffic impact, takes full account of road safety issues and seeks to provide improved pedestrian connectivity.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Strategic Aim 5: Community Facilities and Open Spaces - To protect, and if possible, improve the existing strong and vibrant community networks and facilities, by creating high quality local services that reflect and respond to residents' needs, health and cultural wellbeing. Linked to this is the protection and enhancement of open spaces.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Strategic Aim 6: Flooding and Drainage - To ensure that new development in Whittington and Fisherwick does not exacerbate the risk of flooding.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Strategic Aim 7: Landscape - To preserve and enhance landscape character, wildlife habitats, green infrastructure and the footpath network in Whittington and Fisherwick.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Strategic Aim 8: Local Business IT & Telecommunications - To accommodate small business development in Whittington and Fisherwick and to ensure high speed fibre optic broadband is available for existing and new residents, businesses and home workers.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Housing

POLICY HOU1: Development inside the Whittington and Fisherwick village settlement boundary.

Appropriate new housing development will be permitted on infill or redevelopment sites inside the settlement boundary provided it complies with the other policies in this Plan and local/national planning policies.

The Whittington and Fisherwick village settlement boundary is defined by the Lichfield District Local Plan and shown on the Proposals Map.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy HOU2 Smaller infill sites – general criteria.

In principle, development can be supported on small sites on previously developed land and in large gardens, within the settlement boundary, subject to the following criteria:

- i - There is no adverse impact on the amenity of the occupiers of neighbouring properties through loss of privacy; overshadowing; overbearing by a building or structure, car parking; removal of mature vegetation or landscaping and additional traffic resulting from the development;*
- ii - Tandem development must have direct highway frontage access;*
- iii - Conservation Area and Listed Building requirements are met;*
- iv - The other policy requirements to reflect local character are met;*
- v - The provision of natural landscaping, including native trees, hedgerows, wetland areas and the retention or incorporation of habitats for small mammals, birds and insects.*

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy HOU3: Housing mix and affordability

In new residential developments of 10 dwellings or more, or with gross floor space of over 1000sq mtr, there should be a varied mix of house types and sizes which must include a proportion of smaller dwellings, and affordable homes included in a range of house types and tenures, with one, two and three bedroom dwellings. Subject to the other Neighbourhood Plan policies, proposals will be supported in accordance with the requirement for affordable housing in the adopted Lichfield Local Plan in conjunction with the Parish Housing Needs study.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Design Policies

POLICY D1: The Design of New Development

Proposals for new development including appropriately located housing, will be supported, where they show good quality design.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy D2: Reflecting Local Character and Design in new development

The design, layout and density of new development should reflect the rural nature of Whittington and Fisherwick through an environmentally sustainable and sympathetic approach which reflects the historic character of the village.

Density should normally not exceed the level already existing in the village and should be appropriate to the rural location

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy D3: The design of residential conversions and extensions

In addition to the design principles set out in the Local Plan, residential conversions or extensions should be designed to reflect the character of nearby buildings and their setting and to respect the amenity of adjoining houses.

Sustainable design features (e.g. porous/permeable surfacing for drives and domestic scale renewable energy) are encouraged, provided that they complement the character of the area.

Developments should make provision for bio-diversity, for example including: bat boxes/roosts, bird boxes/roosts/ hedgehog runs, wet areas for amphibians and insects and native trees and shrubs.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Natural Environment & Landscape Policies

Policy NE&L 1 - Landscape Character

Any proposals for development in the rural areas should recognise and seek to protect and enhance the historic landscape and local character of the Parish Field patterns and elements of the landscape heritage of the area, including ridge and furrow, field ponds, mature trees, historic hedgerows, river valley meadows and areas of lowland heath and incorporated into any landscape design schemes and their long term maintenance ensured.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy NE&L 2 - Biodiversity and Habitats

Development proposals will be required to demonstrate how any potential impact on local habitats, species networks or landscape features has been taken into account. Developers will be required to ensure that appropriate measures are put in place to protect wildlife and enhance biodiversity and important habitats.

Projects and developments which increase wildlife habitats and species in accordance with the Staffordshire and Lichfield District Biodiversity Action Plans will be supported.

Opportunities should also be taken by developers and landowners to link sustainable drainage solutions connected with new development to complement nature conservation objectives.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy NE&L 3 – Requirements for new development and approaches to Green Infrastructure

Proposed housing developments of 10 or more dwellings and other larger scale development will be required to include the provision of new landscaping and green infrastructure, in accordance with the standards set out in the Lichfield Local Plan.

Opportunities should be taken to develop, improve and extend the footpath and open space network in Whittington and Fisherwick in order to provide better pedestrian access to the countryside and to wildlife or nature conservation sites, either through planning conditions or through other proposals which enhance or increase the footpath network.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Traffic and Movement Policies

Policy T and M 1 – The impact of new development

Proposed developments that would generate a significant amount of movement or would potentially affect a known and evidenced traffic hazard should be supported by realistic measures to maintain highway safety and avoid vehicular/pedestrian conflict.

Where appropriate, larger scale development (new housing schemes of 10 or more dwellings) may need to consider off site measures where these are necessary to accommodate the traffic impact of the scheme.

Where they are proposed, new roads, junctions, footpaths and traffic management measures should be designed to complement the rural character of the village and reflect local heritage.

Where any retail, commercial and recreational facilities are proposed to be extended or developed, new parking should be provided in accordance with County and District standards or agreed measures, including financial contributions, taken to ensure that effective use can be made of existing car parks. These measures will apply especially in and around the centre of the village.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy T and M 2 - Pedestrian/cycle access and connections

Development proposals that would generate a significant amount of movement or create a traffic hazard should identify opportunities for extending and improving routes to increase pedestrian and cycle connectivity. In general, future development that meets the other policies set out in the Neighbourhood Plan and widens opportunities for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders will be supported.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy T and M 3 – Managing the impact of HS2

The planning, design, construction and operation of HS2 should take account of traffic routes and flows, measures to reduce noise disturbance, landscaping, construction material used and the re-instatement of any affected roads, footpaths, or bridle ways in order to minimise any adverse impact on the environment of Whittington and Fisherwick.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy T and M 4 - The West Coast Mainline

Any development proposals within 10 metres of the operational railway boundary should take account of the following requirements as defined by Network Rail:

(a) The Local Planning Authority, in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 will arrange for appropriate publicity for planning applications within 10 metres of relevant railway land.

(b) Development should not result in any adverse impact on the operation of the railway and should not increase the liabilities of Network Rail.

(c) All development proposals should include a risk assessment and a method statement.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy T and M 5 The Coventry Canal

Development will be supported which enhances the Coventry Canal (and associated buildings and structures) as a cruising waterway, a linear walking/cycling route, a wildlife habitat and corridor and as an important historic feature and location for designated and non-designated heritage assets.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Community Proposals

It is recognised that some concerns of residents, e.g. parking and the need to reduce traffic speeds by traffic calming and the introduction of a 20mph speed limit cannot be addressed by formal planning policies, but these are covered by informal Community Proposals.

Community Proposal- CPT and M1 Traffic management and speed limits.

The Parish council will work with others (including the County Council, the Police and the District Council) to encourage measures that provide a blanket 20 mph speed limit throughout the village with appropriate traffic calming measures.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Community Proposal - CPT and M2 Public Transport.

The Neighbourhood Plan will support a sustainable transport system. It will also support attempts to gain improvements to current public transport facilities.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Local Employment & Business Policies

Policy LE&B1: Supporting Local Employment and Businesses

Proposals for the development of new small businesses and for the expansion or diversification of existing businesses, including farm based operations, will be permitted, providing that;

- a) it can be demonstrated that there will be no adverse impact from increased traffic, noise, smell, lighting, vibration or other emissions or activities arising the proposed development;*
- b) it would have an acceptable impact on the character and scale of the village, its rural hinterland and landscape; and*
- c) where relevant, opportunities are taken to secure the re-use of vacant or redundant historic buildings as part of the development.*

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Telecommunications and renewable energy

Policy Tand RE 1 – Telecommunications

Any improvement to broadband infrastructure and mobile telephone reception will be supported. Any new development should have a super-fast broadband connectivity unless this would not be possible, practical or economically viable. In such circumstances, suitable ducting should be provided to facilitate future installation.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy T and RE 2 - Renewable Energy

Renewable and low carbon energy generation proposals will be supported if the impact is (or can be made) acceptable. The following considerations will be taken into account to assess proposals:

- *Visual impact in the immediate locality and the wider area, including longer views;*
- *Any adverse impact on the residential amenity of nearby houses;*
- *The setting of the Conservation Area;*
- *Highway safety and traffic generation;*
- *Sites of local nature conservation and heritage assets.*

Proposals will need to include specific assessments of the criteria and consider cumulative impact.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Area based Policy 1 (MoD site)

Policy AB1 Defence Medical Services (DMS)

Proposals for development within the existing Defence Medical Services (DMS) buildings complex and the Museum of the Staffordshire Regiment will be permitted provided that there is no adverse impact to nearby houses and businesses and the wider community arising from:-

- *Increased traffic;*
- *Reduction in security;*
- *Noise and disturbance;*
- *Light pollution (including longer views of the complex)*
- *In addition, the existing playing fields and hall on the site (off Chester Rd) which are used by the local community should be retained.*

- Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Final Section

Do you have any other comments?

Other Details

The questionnaire should only be completed by residents of Whittington and Fisherwick, voluntary groups and Community organisations or business property owners in the Parish

Please provide the following information:

Resident? Yes/No

Voluntary Group or Community Organisation? Yes/No

Business Property Owner? Yes/No

Surname

House NumberPost Code

To which age group do you belong? (please circle)

Under 18 18/40 41/60 60+

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would like to thank you for your past support and taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Annex 5 - Statutory Consultee email and consultee list for the Consultation Draft Plan

Clive Keble Consulting is providing planning support to Whittington & Fisherwick Parish Council (W&FPC) and the Steering Group (SG) who are preparing a Neighbourhood Plan covering the whole Parish. Over the past eighteen months, the SG has undertaken initial consultation, evidence gathering, consideration of possible new housing locations and it has now completed a draft Neighborhood Plan

*In accordance with the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (Regulation 14), the Draft Neighbourhood Plan is out to **formal consultation for a period of six-weeks from Monday 30th January to 5pm on Monday 13th March 2017.***

Following revision, to reflect consultation responses, it is hoped that the Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted to Lichfield District Council in the Spring 2017. An examination is likely in the summer and it is anticipated that a local referendum will be held early in the autumn. In the meantime, the SG considers that it is important that as many people and organisations comment on the draft plan during this consultation. In addition to engaging local people, community organisations and businesses in the Parish, the SG wishes to obtain the views of statutory bodies and other interested organisations at each stage of the Plan. Your comments are, therefore, invited.

To assist you in this I attach the Draft Plan questionnaire, which is in effect a summary of the Draft Plan. You can make any specific comments by e-mail (or letter). If you want to see a full version of the Draft Plan and Appendices, please see the Neighbourhood Plan website: <http://www.wafnp.co.uk/>. If you need a hard copy of the Plan, please contact me providing a postal address and I will arrange for one to be sent. Please note, however, that in the interests of the environment it is hoped that as many people as possible will use electronic means to read the plan and submit comments.

I am managing this process on behalf of the SG and the email address to use is: clive.keble@btopenworld.com If you wish to comment by letter, the address is: Clive Keble Consulting Ltd., 61 Bank View Road, Darley Abbey, Derby. DE22 1EJ. You may also contact me on 07815 950482 if you have any questions.

On behalf of the Steering Group, I look forward to hearing from you, if at all possible, by the close of the consultation, but if you need to consult colleagues or take any comments through committees or boards later submissions may be accepted, provided that you notify me of this well in advance.

Clive Keble (MRTPI) for the Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

List of Consultees

Lichfield District Council

Staffordshire County Council

Staffs Wildlife Trust

Local Enterprise Partnerships

Environment Agency

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Sport England

Historic England

Highways England

Housing & Communities Agency

Severn Trent Water

Natural England

National Grid

Canals & Rivers Trust

Network Rail

Whittington Primary School Secretary – Mandy Williams

MoD/DMS -

Mike Harris

HS2

Elected Representatives.

MP

(District Councillor)

(District & County Councillor)

Adjoining Councils

Wigginton & Hopwas PC -

Fradley & Streethay -

Elford -

Lichfield City -

Landowners and developers.

CT

Cala

Czero

Elford Homes. Nick Messelke The Office, Pipehill House, Pipehill WS13 8JU

Lyalvale Express. Express Estate, Fisherwick, WS13 8XA MD

Other businesses/landowners

Woodhouse Farm CIC

Swan Park: Sandwell MBC, Sandwell Council House, Oldbury West Midlands. B69 3DE

Allotment landowner: William Shepherd,

South Staffs. Water

Annex 6 Connect Article Circulated to all households in July 2017 concerning Submission

(Connect Magazine Article July 2017)

Whittington Neighbourhood Plan Update

The formal 6 week consultation on the latest version of the draft Neighbourhood Plan ran from January 30th to March 13th 2017.

A total of 156 questionnaires were completed and returned. Two Open Forum Days were held in Whittington Village Hall and 78 interested parties attended.

All of the Policies and Strategic Aims and the Vision achieved a positive rating of over 80% and the majority over 90%, with the exception of Community Proposal CPTM1 regarding a 20 mile per hour speed limit. This received 75% approval and 13% disagreement.

Disagreement with any of the other proposals was very low ranging between 1% and 10%, with the majority being under 4%. In addition, the majority of the neutral responses were also low with the most being in single figures.

This level of support for the draft plan was very pleasing and taking the comments from residents, Lichfield District Council, Statutory Bodies and interested parties (such as Developers) only minor amendments have been necessary to finalise the plan.

The latest amended draft version of the plan has been forwarded to Lichfield District Council for their observations, any comments or amendments. The latest draft will also be circulated to the necessary statutory bodies for their approval.

The consultation process is now complete, Lichfield District Council have undertaken the final SEA process and we can go to examination and referendum.

The Final Version and attachments will be submitted to Lichfield District Council before the end of July 2017.

We are still on course to have the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum before the end of 2017.

We have worked on the Neighbourhood Plan for almost 3 years and many thanks must go to everyone who has participated, especially members of the Steering Group and our Consultant Clive Keble who has been our excellent guide in producing the plan and jumping over the many hurdles to get it to this stage.

Well done!!

Garry Hyde

July 2017