



Decision Statement Regarding Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan Proceeding to Referendum

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following an Independent Examination, Lichfield District Council has recommended that the Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan proceeds to referendum subject to the modifications set out in Tables 1 and 2 below. The decision statement was reported to Cabinet on 10/01/2018 where it was confirmed that the Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan, as revised according to the modifications set out below, complies with the legal requirements and basic conditions set out in the Localism Act 2011, and with the provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The Plan can therefore proceed to referendum.

2. Background

- 2.1 On 7th February 2014 Whittington & Fisherwick Parish Council requested that the Lichfield City Neighbourhood Area be designated for the purposes of producing a neighbourhood development plan for the area. Following a six week consultation Lichfield District Council designated the Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Area on 8th April 2014.
- 2.2 In January 2017 Whittington & Fisherwick Council published the draft Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan for a six week consultation, in line with regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 2.3 The Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan was submitted by the Parish Council to Lichfield District Council on 18rd July 2017 for assessment by an independent examiner. The Plan (and associated documents) was publicised for consultation by Lichfield District Council for six weeks between 28th July and 8th September 2017 (the Local Authority publicity consultation). Mr Nigel McGurk BSc (Hons) MCD MBA MRTPI was appointed as the Independent Examiner and all comments received at the Local Authority publicity consultation were passed on for his consideration.
- 2.4 He has concluded that, subject to modifications, the Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan will meet the necessary basic conditions (as set out in Schedule

4b (8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and subject to these modifications being made may proceed to referendum.

- 2.5 Schedule 4B (12) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Localism Act 2011, requires that a local authority must consider each of the recommendations made in the Examiner's report and decide what action to take in response to each recommendation. If the authority is satisfied that, subject to the modifications being made, the draft Neighbourhood Plan meets the legal requirements and basic conditions as set out in legislation, then the plan can proceed to referendum.

3. Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan Examiner’s recommended modifications and Local Authority’s response

- 3.1 The District Council considered the Examiner’s report and the recommendations/modification contained within. Table 1 (below) sets out the Examiner’s recommendations (in the order they appear in the Examiner’s report) and Lichfield District Council’s consideration of these recommendations.
- 3.2 Table 2 sets out additional modifications recommended by Lichfield District Council with the reasons for these recommendations.
- 3.3 The reasons set out below have in some cases been paraphrased from the examiner’s report to provide a more concise report. This document should be read in conjunction with the Examiner’s Final report. Which is available via: www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/whittingtonfisherwicknp

NB – Where modified text is recommended this will be shown in red with text to be deleted struck through (~~text to be deleted~~), and text to be added in bold type (**text to be added**).

TABLE 1

| Section in Examined Plan | Examiner’s Recommendation | Examiner’s Reason | Local Authority’s decision and reason |
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| Front cover | Delete Submission Version – July 2017 and replace with 2016-2029 . Delete “ (2016–2019) ” at the bottom of the front cover. | A neighbourhood plan must specify the period during which it is to have effect. The front cover of the Neighbourhood Plan places more emphasis on the Submission Version publication date than on the plan period. | Yes – to provide clarity on the plan period. |
| Foreword , Page 2 | Page 2, third Paragraph, delete ...introducing a statutory frame the contents of which will become material considerations that have to be taken account of by Lichfield District Council (The Local Planning Authority or the LPA) when determining planning applications. The compliance of the Neighbourhood Plan with national and local policy is explained in the separate Basic Conditions Statement and replace with ...by providing policies that form part of the statutory development plan. These must be taken into consideration by Lichfield District Council when determining planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area. The Basic Conditions Statement submitted alongside the Neighbourhood Plan sets out how the policies have | Part of the Foreword appears confusing in respect of how the made Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the development plan and apply within the Neighbourhood Area. | Yes – to provide clarity on how the Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the development plan. |

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| | regard to national planning policy and advice and are in general conformity with the Lichfield Local Plan Strategy (2015). | | |
| Page 3 | Correct spelling error on page 3, first paragraph. Delete Councillors and replace with Councillors . | Correction of spelling error. | Yes – to correct typographic error. |
| Page 4 | Page 4, under “Introduction” delete The purpose and scope of the Neighbourhood Plan and how it is being produced. The six week consultation and the next steps. Page 4, under the part which begins “4, Community...” delete to date . | The explanation underneath the “Introduction” on page 4 has been overtaken by events, as has the later reference to “Consultation”. | Yes – for clarity. |
| Page 5 | Paragraph 1.3 sub-title, delete ... and Progress to Date . | The sub-title has been overtaken by events. | Yes – for clarity. |
| Page 5 | Paragraph 1.04, delete the last two sentences as follows: In addition, the Neighbourhood Plan can (amongst other things) make recommendations as to the view of the Parish Council (representing the local community) on where potential development may be allocated through the Local Plan, but should not be used to dictate how such processes are carried out. This will help to ensure that housing meets local needs and complements rather than conflicts with the character of our village | It is not clear how a recommendation “as to the view of the Parish Council” will “help to ensure” an outcome. The Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate land and as set out, Paragraph 1.04 on page 5 is unclear. | Yes – to provide clarity on the purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan. |
| Para 1.07 | Paragraph 1.07, delete the following: Neighbourhood Plan must be in line with and not contradict higher level planning policy. Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requires that Neighbourhood Development Plans must meet the “Basic Conditions”, which are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Have regard to national policies and advice in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). ii. Contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. iii. Be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the local plan for the area/ iv. Be compatible with EU obligations, including human rights requirements | The basic conditions are set out earlier within the report. | Yes – to provide clarity, there is no need to repeat the Basic Conditions in this section of the plan. |

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| | And replace with the following: ...each Neighbourhood Plan must have regard to national policy and be in general conformity with adopted strategic policies of the development plan ". | | |
| Page 6 | <p>Paragraph 1.09, delete the following: ...has had to formulate its policies within these parameters. This Neighbourhood Plan does not determine where any development will be located, but it can influence the decisions of LDC in their land allocation process and replace with the following: ...has formulated its policies within these parameters. This Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate land for development.</p> <p>Paragraph 1.10, delete all other statutory plans and replace with other statutory land use plans, namely...</p> <p>Paragraph 1.10, delete be included in and replace with comprise land use planning policies in...</p> | For clarity. | Yes – to provide clarity. |
| Para 1.12 | Delete paragraph 1.12 (and its sub-title) and replace with new sub-title ' How was the Neighbourhood Plan Produced? ' and the following text: The process outlining the preparation of this Neighbourhood Plan is set out overleaf. | Paragraph 1.12 has been overtaken by events. | Yes – to provide more up to date position in terms of the plans progress. |
| Paras 1.14, 1.15, 1.16 | Delete Paragraphs 1.14, 1.15, 1.16 (and sub-titles). | Paragraph 1.14 repeats part of the content of pages 8 and 16. Paragraphs 1.15 and 1.16 (incorrectly shown as "1.18") have been taken over by events. | Yes – to provide more up to date position in terms of the plans progress. |
| Para 2.03 | At paragraph 2.03 add missing bracket to reference. | There is a missing bracket at the end of Para 2.03 | Yes – to correct typographic error. |
| Para 2.11 | At paragraph 2.11 delete the following: Reference will be made to the Staffordshire Ecological Record for existing information on sites, habitats and species, Recognising that many locally designated wildlife sites are in need of re-survey, and that not all habitats of high value | Part of Para 2.11 reads as though it comprises a land use planning policy, which it does not. | Yes – to provide clarity and to correct |

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| | <p>have been identified new surveys will be encouraged, especially in relation to proposed development proposed development</p> <p>Amend paragraph numbering and change second paragraph 2.14 to paragraph “2.15” In paragraph 2.16 change chimney” to chimneys and change element to pane.</p> | <p>Correct typographic error.</p> <p>Correct typographic error</p> | <p>typographic errors.</p> |
| Para 2.20 and 2.21 | Delete paragraphs 2.20 and 2.21. | <p>Paragraphs 2.20 and 2.21 are confusing and unnecessary. The Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate any land for development. Paragraph 2.20 refers to various sites but goes on to state that the Neighbourhood Plan has no preference for, or commitment to, any of the sites mentioned.</p> <p>Paragraph 2.21 repeats information provided elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan relating to housing requirement and the allocations process and includes information that has been overtaken by events.</p> | Yes – for clarity and remove repetition. |
| Para 3.15 | Paragraph 3.15 delete the following: It is recognised that some of the issues cannot be addressed direct by planning policies; these can be addressed separately by the Parish Council and replace with It is recognised that there are matters that cannot be addressed by policies in this Neighbourhood Plan. However, it may be possible for such issues to be addressed separately by the Parish Council. | Paragraph 3.15 refers to “the issues” without stating what these are. | Yes – for clarity |
| Page 16 | Page 16, use bold print for heading at top of page and correct printing errors in respect of the colour of the text. | Heading is not in bold text. | Yes – for consistency. |
| Section 6 | Delete “You told us,” “Evidence Base/ Local Plan Policy” and “Strategic Aims” sections after each Policy. | The inclusion of the “You Told Us” and “Evidence Base” section takes attention away | Yes – to meet the basic conditions and |

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| | Delete Para 6.02 | from and detracts from the clarity of the Policies themselves. Cross referencing each policy with “strategic aims” detracts from the clarity of the Policy. | ensure the plan is usable by decision makers. |
| Whole plan - Application of Policy section | Delete the “Application of Policy” section after each Policy. (NB – in some instances specific recommendations are made to retain some of this text within a policy’s explanation, where this is the case this will be set out as a specific modification. | Application of policy sections results in considerable confusion. The Parish Council does not control the “application” of each planning policy but rather the application of adopted planning policies fall within the responsibilities of the Local Planning Authority. Much of the content of the “Application of Policy” sections read as though it comprises land use planning policy, which it does not. This detracts from the precision and clarity of the Neighbourhood Plan. | Yes – for clarity. |
| Whole plan - Community Proposals | Remove blue shading from “Community Proposals” throughout the plan. Delete all numbering from Community Proposals and retain the title. Delete the sections “You told us,” “Evidence Base/ Local Plan Strategy” and “Strategic Aims” under Community Proposals. Paragraph 6.03 delete the following: ... in italics and boxed in shaded blue and ...are local aspirations and do not constitute or suggest agreement with and replace with the following: emphasised that these community proposals do not comprise land use planning policies. Furthermore, they do not suggest agreement on behalf of... | The inclusion of “Community Proposals” in shaded blue boxes and numbering leads to there being some confusion with the Neighbourhood Plan Policies. | Yes – for clarity and to make clear the role of ‘community proposals’ within the plan. |

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| Para 6.04 and 6.05 | Delete paragraphs 6.04 and 6.05. | The text at the end of Page 20 makes little sense as there are not three over-arching policies on the stated six principles. The inclusion of this text detracts from the clarity of the Neighbourhood Plan. | Yes – for clarity. |
| Policy DP1 | <p>Within Policy DP1, delete bullet points 2, 3, 4 and 5.</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>The second bullet point of the Policy requires development to meet various “contemporary” technical standards, it does not indicate what these may be and it doesn’t have regard to Ministerial Guidance and appears imprecise.</p> <p>A number of the requirements of the policy appear to be too onerous. The third bullet point sets out an imprecise and ambiguous requirement. Parts of the policy do not have regard to the NPPF.</p> | Yes – to meet the basic conditions |
| Policy DP2 | <p>Delete (objective 1) at the end of the title of Policy DP2.</p> <p>Delete all wording of Policy DP2 after first sentence.</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>Whilst the opening sentence of Policy DP2 has regard to national planning policy, as established in Chapter 10 of the Framework, much of Policy DP2 repeats existing planning policy, but in a less comprehensive manner. The second part of the Policy seeks to impose a requirement for the imposition of total sustainable drainage systems, without any evidence to demonstrate that such an imposition would be viable and deliverable in all circumstances. This part of the Policy fails to have regard to Para 173 of the Framework.</p> | Yes – to meet the basic conditions |
| Community Proposal CPDP1 | <p>In the explanatory text delete everything after “...small scale development”.</p> <p>Delete the following: In conjunction with the strategic context provided by the adopted Local Plan Core Policy 6 (Housing Delivery),</p> | <p>This Community Proposal simply sets out local aspirations and has no land use planning policy status.</p> | Yes – to make it clear that the community proposal has no land use |

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| | <p>local considerations for proposed locations for new housing developments have been identified. These are as follows and replace with the following: The Parish Council will seek to promote the following considerations:</p> <p>(As above delete Proposal numbering, Strategic Aims, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | | planning policy status |
| Policy HOU1 | <p>Delete the following from Policy: Appropriate new housing development will be permitted on infill or redevelopment sites inside the village settlement boundary where it complies with other policies in this plan and local/national planning policies. The village settlement boundary, as defined by the Lichfield District Local Plan Policies Maps, and replace with the following: New housing development on infill or redevelopment sites inside the village settlement boundary, as defined by the Lichfield District Local Plan Polices Maps, will be supported.</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>The Policy does not define “Appropriate” and consequently does not provide a decision maker with a clear indication of how to react to a development proposal, having regard to the NPPF.</p> <p>The final sentence does not make grammatical sense and would be clearer if the first part of the Policy referred to where the settlement boundary is defined.</p> <p>Use of the phrase “will be permitted” runs the risk of pre-determining a planning application without taking relevant matters into account and providing for balanced consideration of a proposal.</p> | Yes – to meet the basic conditions |
| Policy HOU2 | <p>Modify the text of the policy as follows:</p> <p>Policy HOU2, change title to “Infill Sites – general criteria”</p> <p>In principle, development can be supported on small sits on previously developed land and in large gardens, within the settlement boundary, subject to the following criteria Development of infill sites within the settlement boundary will be supported, subject to the following criteria:</p> | <p>Policy HOU2 supports development on infill sites within the settlement boundary, given this, it is not entirely clear why the first part of Policy HOU2 refers only to brownfield sites and large gardens, as opposed to infill sites as a whole.</p> <p>No clarity is provided as to what “smaller infill sites” comprise and the supporting text is imprecise in that it suggests that these might “usually” be on sites of less than 10 dwellings.</p> | Yes – to meet the basic conditions |

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| | <p>i. There is no significant adverse impact on the amenity of the occupiers of neighbouring properties through the 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.</p> <p>ii. Tandem development must have direct highway frontage access.</p> <p>iii. Conservation Area and Listed Building requirements are met.</p> <p>iv. The other policy requirements to reflect local character are met.</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>Policy HOU2 requires “no adverse impact” to amenity. This fails to provide for the balanced consideration of a planning proposal whereby some small degree of harm might be outweighed by significant material planning benefits. As worded the Policy may not contribute to the development of sustainable development. The “removal of mature vegetation” may not require planning permission.</p> <p>There is no indication of what “Conservation Area and Listed Building requirements” might be is provided and consequently this part of the Policy is imprecise. In a similarly ambiguous way, part iv of the Policy simply refers to “other policy requirements” without any explanation or definition.</p> <p>It is not clear how, or whether, each residential development might provide, amongst other things, wetland areas or hedgerows and there is nothing to demonstrate that this final Policy requirement would be viable or deliverable in all cases, or in any case. Consequently, this part of the proposal does not have regard to Paragraph 173 of the Framework.</p> | |
| <p>Policy HOU3</p> | <p>Delete Policy HOU3.</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>Planning Practise Guidelines establishes that planning obligations, including the provision of affordable housing, should not be sought on developments of 10 or less. Policy HOU3 fails to have regard to national advice in this regard</p> | <p>Yes – to meet the basic conditions</p> |

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| | | <p>and does not provide substantive evidence to support a departure from national advice by requiring developments of 10 dwellings to include affordable housing.</p> <p>Much of Policy HOU3 repeats and relies upon the existing adopted Local Plan Strategy Policy H1 (A Balanced Housing Market), but provides less detail.</p> | |
| Policy D2 | <p>Policy D2 delete the last sentence of the first paragraph: In terms of materials and design, most development should consider the use of the materials and design features listed below in “Application of Policy”.</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>Part of Policy D”, at the end of the first paragraph relies on general information which does not form part of the Policy. This part of the Policy is confusing and fails to provide a decision maker with a clear indication of how to react to a development proposal, having regard to Paragraph 153 of the Framework.</p> | Yes – to meet the basic conditions |
| Policy D3 | <p>Delete Policy D3 and Explanatory text.</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>It is unclear why or how an extension should reflect the character of “nearby buildings and their settings” as opposed to the host dwelling and its setting. No substantive evidence is provided to demonstrate what aspects of all nearby buildings and their settings will be relevant in this regard and consequently, this Policy fails to provide a decision maker with a clear indication of how to react to a development proposal, having regard to Paragraph 154 of the Framework. Policy D3 is imprecise and does not meet the basic conditions.</p> | Yes – to meet the basic conditions. |
| Policy HE1 | <p>Modify the text of the policy as follows:</p> | <p>The first part of Policy HE1 runs the risk of supporting inappropriate development. As set out, the Policy supports any development</p> | Yes – to meet the basic |

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| | <p>Development proposals will be supported where they seek to retain buildings which make a significant contribution to the character and distinctiveness of the Parish. Development in and around the village should protect, complement or enhance the historic rural character of the settlement and hinterland, as identified in the Character Study and Conservation Area Documents. Development in Whittington village and its setting should conserve or enhance heritage assets, including the settings of Listed Buildings and the Conservation Area, in a manner appropriate to their significance.</p> <p>Applicants must explain, in a Design and Access Statement or Heritage Statement (where required by national and local validation guidance), how the proposed development will protect, complement or enhance the historic rural character of the Parish, including the Conservation Area and Listed Buildings, with special regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The scale and form of development; b) The density of the development; c) The materials used in the development; and d) Views to and from the village and its landscaping as identified in the 2013 Village plan and shown in the Maps section. <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>anywhere, so long as it includes the retention of buildings that contribute to local character. This could result in the failure to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.</p> <p>The opening sentence also fails to have regard to the national policy requirement for development to conserve and/or enhance heritage assets and their settings in a manner appropriate to their significance, as set out in Paragraph 126 of the Framework.</p> <p>The remainder of the Policy is confusing. No information is provided in respect of precisely when prospective applicants should or should not explain in a Design and Access statement or Heritage statement how a proposal will protect, complement or enhance rural character or heritage assets. It is neither a national nor local planning policy requirement for all development to protect, complement or enhance historic rural character and no justification is provided for the approach set out in this respect.</p> | <p>conditions and provide clarity.</p> |
| <p>Policy HE2</p> | <p>Add the following as a second paragraph within the explanatory text (moved from application of policy section):</p> <p>The buildings/structures covered by the policy, based on current surveys, are set out in Appendix D and are on the list of local heritage assets maintained by Staffordshire Historic Environment Record'. The centre of Whittington village is a designated Conservation Area but there are a number of other buildings of interest from a variety of periods outside the Conservation Area</p> | <p>The first part of Policy HE2 fails to have regard to national planning policy, as set out in Chapter 12 of the Framework specifically Paragraph 136. The first seven lines of Policy HE2 adopt an entirely different approach, without substantive evidence to support a departure from national policy and conflict with the Explanation above it.</p> | <p>Yes – to meet the basic conditions</p> |

which help to create the character of Whittington and Fisherwick and are worthy of local listing. Heritage England identifies that local lists play an essential role in building and reinforcing a sense of local character and distinctiveness in the historic environment. They provide a unique opportunity for communities, in partnership with local authorities, to identify heritage assets that they wish to protect at the local level. The value of locally listed buildings is recognised in Policy 14 of the Local Plan Strategy. In addition, this protection is in accordance with the guidance in paragraphs 128-141 of the NPPF.

Modify the text of Policy HE2 as follows:

~~Any non-designated heritage assets, such as locally listed buildings, should be protected, conserved and enhanced and their loss or substantial harm to an asset will be resisted, unless a full justification, based on condition and variability is provided. Proposals will only be supported where they do not involve:~~

~~— The demolition or part demolition of buildings or structures on the local list;~~

~~— The inappropriate alteration or extension to buildings or structures on the local list;~~

~~— A detrimental impact on the setting or context of buildings or structures on the local list.~~

Proposals for the change of use of a non-designated heritage asset will be required to demonstrate how this would contribute to its conservation whilst preserving or enhancing its architectural or historic interest. Designs should take account of local styles, materials and detail.

~~Applications proposing demolition will be required to demonstrate that the viability of continued beneficial use, restoration or conversion has been fully investigated and that there are no reasonable alternatives. Where demolition is unavoidable, it must be ensured~~

The final paragraph of the Policy fails to reflect Paragraph 136 by introducing a requirement related to “continued beneficial use”. No evidence is provided to demonstrate that such an approach, which may result in unforeseen support for demolition or heritage assets meets the basic conditions.

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| | <p>that provision is made for an appropriate level of archaeological recording to take place prior to demolition.</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, remainder of Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | | |
| Policy HE3 | <p>Add the following to the end of the explanatory text, “The Staffordshire Farmstead Assessment Framework provides useful background information in respect of historic farmsteads”.</p> <p>Modify text of Policy HE3 as follows: Redevelopment, alteration or extension of historic farmsteads and agricultural buildings within the Parish should be sensitive to their distinctive character, materials and form. Due reference and consideration should be made to the Staffordshire Farmstead Assessment Framework.</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>It is not clear what making “due reference” to a document that does not form part of the Neighbourhood Plan comprises, or why this is a relevant land use planning policy requirement. No substantive detail is provided in this regard.</p> | <p>Yes – to meet the basic conditions</p> |
| Policy HE4 | <p>Modify the text of Policy HE4 as follows: Development proposals that affect archaeological heritage assets should demonstrate that they have...”</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>As set out Policy HE4 applies to all development proposals, regardless of relevance. In this regard the Neighbourhood Plan does not provide any substantive evidence to demonstrate that it would be relevant, necessary and material, for example, for all household applications to meet Policy HE4’s requirements. In the absence of such evidence, Policy HE4 fails to have regard to Paragraph 193 of the Framework.</p> | <p>Yes – to meet the basic conditions.</p> |

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| <p>Policy NE&L1</p> | <p>Delete the following from the explanatory text (final sentence): ...in a systematic way.</p> <p>Add the following as a second paragraph within the explanatory text (moved from application of policy section):</p> <p>The evidence base highlights the value of the countryside in the Parish in terms of landscape and biodiversity. In addition, consultation demonstrated the value that local people place on landscape and environment. The Staffordshire County Council Character Study and the Heritage Environment Assessment also demonstrate the intrinsic value and importance of the high quality rural landscape where the characteristic features listed in the policy are well represented and in good condition. This would support an approach that seeks an emphasis on development being unobtrusive and not leading to loss of characteristic features. It is acknowledged that much of the change that occurs in the landscape lies outside planning control, but where planning permission is required this policy sets reasonable parameters for the consideration of landscape features.</p> <p>Modify the text of Policy NE&L1 as follows:</p> <p>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 should be protected and incorporated into any landscape design schemes and their long term maintenance ensured.</p> <p>Proposals for wind turbines and other extensive renewable energy generation, major commercial and residential developments and large scale agricultural buildings take into account the following: field patterns, landscape heritage including ridge and furrow, field ponds,</p> | <p>In the absence of any evidence to demonstrate that it would be deliverable and viable for all development in the (undefined) “rural areas” to enhance the historic landscape and local character, the first sentence of Policy NE&L1 could prevent sustainable development from coming forward and does not meet the basic conditions.</p> <p>Policy NE&L1’s requirement for development to protect all of the wide ranging things mentioned in first paragraph of the Policy is not supported by any evidence in respect of deliverability and viability, having regard to Paragraph 173 of the Framework. Also, there is nothing to demonstrate that it would be appropriate, for example, to “incorporate” important historic elements of the landscape, or important areas of biodiversity into “any landscape design schemes.” This could result in support for inappropriate forms of development and fail to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.</p> <p>No indication is provided of how the “long term maintenance” of all of the things mentioned in this part of the Policy can be “ensured”, again leading the Policy to demonstrate viability and deliverability, having regard to Paragraph 173 of the Framework .</p> <p>It is also noted that the Policy is not within the Heritage chapter and consequently, the Policy’s</p> | <p>Yes – to meet the basic conditions</p> |
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| | <p>mature trees, historic hedgerows, river valley meadows and areas of lowland heath. should include consideration of the above factors through an appropriate landscape analysis. Proposals impacting upon non-designated heritage assets will require an assessment to be included in a Heritage Statement</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, remainder of Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>reference to a Heritage Statement appears incongruous and confusing.</p> | |
| <p>Policy NE&L2</p> | <p>Delete the following: The Canals and River Trust has states that the canal forms an important wildlife habitat which supports a wide range of ecology and as such be included in this policy. from the explanatory text and replace with the following: It is noted that the Coventry Canal is an important wildlife habitat which supports a wide range of ecology.</p> <p>Modify the text of Policy NE&L2 as follows: Development proposals impacting on biodiversity will be required to demonstrate how any potential impact on local wildlife sites, habitats, and 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, including the Coventry Canal. This will require appropriate measures being put into place to protect wildlife and habitats, and enhance biodiversity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Woodlands, trees, hedges, ponds and watercourses, unimproved/semi-improved grassland, heathland and other habitats should be retained wherever possible. This includes national and local designated sites. If development is permitted, any consequent loss of biodiversity must be | <p>The first sentence of Policy NE&L2 would require every development proposal to demonstrate impacts on a wide range of things. These include things that, without clear evidence and information, appear ambiguous, such as “species networks” and “landscape features” (which themselves don’t necessarily comprise biodiversity or habitats). The approach set out at the start of the Policy fails to have regard to Paragraph 193 of the Framework, which states that: “Local planning authorities should only request supporting information that is relevant, necessary and material to the application in question.”</p> <p>It is not clear why all developers must protect the Coventry Canal, it may not be relevant for developers to do so. The phrase “creation or enhancement of new habitats” is confusing. Whilst creation relates to new habitats, enhancement can only relate to something that</p> | <p>Yes – to meet the basic conditions</p> |

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| | <p>minimised and fully mitigated by the creation or enhancement of new habitats or the enhancement of existing habitats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Projects and developments which increase wildlife habitats and species in accordance with the Staffordshire and Lichfield District Biodiversity Action Plans will be supported. - Developments will also be supported that incorporate measures which will expand the local River of Flowers scheme which aims to provide a network of wildlife corridors across the parish. The expansion of the local River of Flowers scheme, aimed at providing a network of wildlife corridors across the Parish 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. <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>already exists. Also, no indication is provided of the difference between “mitigated” and “fully mitigated,” resulting in a lack of Policy clarity.</p> <p>The part of Policy NE&L2 that supports any form of development anywhere so long as it expands the “River of Flowers” scheme could result in support for inappropriate forms of development.</p> <p>It is not clear when, where or why developers and landowners should link sustainable drainage solutions. Consequently, this final part of the Policy is ambiguous and fails to provide a decision maker with a clear indication of how to react to a development proposal.</p> | |
| <p>Policy NE&L3</p> | <p>Change title of Policy NE&L3 to “Public Rights of Way”</p> <p>Delete all text under Explanation and replace with the following: This Policy seeks to extend the public rights of way network in an appropriate manner, in line with national policy.</p> <p>Delete all text within Policy NE&L3 and replace with the following: The development, improvement and extension of 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, will be supported.</p> | <p>The first part of the Policy is reliant upon standards not within the control of the Neighbourhood Plan. Part of Policy NE&L3 has some regard to Paragraph 75 of the Framework (“Planning policies should protect and enhance public rights of way and access.”), although it is not clear how this might be achieved via planning conditions, as no substantive evidence is provided to demonstrate that it would, in all cases, be necessary, directly related to development and fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development for “opportunities to be taken” to enhance rights of way, having regard to Paragraph 204 of the</p> | <p>Yes – to meet the basic conditions.</p> |

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| | <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>Framework. Further, the term “other proposals” is imprecise. Similarly, a requirement for opportunities to be taken to provide “appropriate new uses...in ways that benefit the community” is ambiguous and again, fails to have regard to Paragraph 204 of the Framework in respect of planning obligations.</p> | |
| <p>Policy CFOS1</p> | <p>Delete the following from the explanatory text: And developer must demonstrate not only that these services will be protected but also how they can be enhanced.</p> <p>Modify the text of Policy CFOS1 as follows: Policy CFOS 1: Existing Community Facilities Existing community facilities in Whittington and Fisherwick will be protected and development will only be supported where the loss of such facilities is involved when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The proposal includes alternative provision, on a nearby site, of equivalent or enhanced facilities. Any such sites should be accessible by walking and cycling and have adequate car parking; or b) It can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority that there is no longer a need for the facility; or c) It can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority that the premises are unsuitable or are not viable for the continued provision of the service. <p>This policy covers the following facilities, marked on the Proposals Map (Whittington Inset):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 The Bell Inn and 2 The Dog Inn • 3 The Thomas Spencer Hall, and 4 Whittington Village Hall (including Doctors Surgery9), 5 St Giles Church • 6 The Parish Pavilion • 7 The Cricket Club Pavilion 8 - St Giles Hospice | <p>As worded, the Policy refers to “the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.” However, no measures of how “satisfaction” will be measured and on what basis are provided and this part of the Policy is unclear.</p> <p>In representation to the Neighbourhood Plan, Lichfield District Council has drawn attention to the fact that no “Proposals Map” exists. The Policies of the Neighbourhood Plan should not refer to something that does not exist.</p> | <p>Yes – to meet the basic conditions</p> |

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| | (As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy) | | |
| Policy CFOS2 | <p>Delete Policy CFOS2 and accompanying explanatory text.</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>The first part of Policy CFOS2 requires all new development to enhance existing community facilities and provide additional facilities. Paragraph 204 of the Framework states that planning obligations should only be sought where they meet specific tests. There is no evidence that the Policy has regard to national policy in this respect.</p> <p>Policy CFOS2 refers to the retention of community facilities and the Policy Explanation refers to the protection of community facilities. These are matters that are already covered by another Policy in the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> | <p>Yes – to meet the basic conditions and remove repetition.</p> |
| Policy CFOS3 | <p>Modify text of Policy CFOS3 as follows:</p> <p>Existing open spaces and recreation facilities will be protected from development unless it can be clearly demonstrated that alternative provision of an equivalent or better standard in terms of quality are being provided in a location which is equivalent or better, improves access and results in no loss of amenity or environmental quality and agreed by the Parish Council.</p> <p>The areas of land covered by this policy (shown on the Proposal Map (Whittington Inset): include: A – Bit End Field including the bowling green</p> <p>B – Jubilee Park</p> <p>C – Whittington Cricket club ground D – The Croft</p> <p>E – Swan Park</p> <p>F – Noddington Park</p> | <p>The first part of Policy CFOS3 relates to the protection of open spaces. Whilst many of the spaces referred to comprise formal sports and recreational areas, it is not entirely clear, in the absence of an appropriate plan, what each of the spaces comprise. In this respect, the Policy is imprecise and fails to have regard to national planning advice, as referenced in Paragraph 80 of this Report.</p> | <p>Yes – to meet the basic conditions. Plan provided to provide clarity.</p> |

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| | <p>G – Allotments off Swan Road H – The Village Green</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The 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.) Swan Park and Swan Allotments, as shown on the plan below, are designated as Local Green Space where development is ruled out other than in very special circumstances.</p> <p>Provide a new plan, on an Ordnance Survey base, clearly showing the boundaries of each of the two areas of Local Green Space (See Appendix A of this decision statement)</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | | |
| <p>Policy CFOS4</p> | <p>Modify the text of Policy CFOS4 as follows:</p> <p>Open space should be provided within new development to meet the space standards set by Lichfield District Council in the Local Plan and the following criteria should be met New development should, where viable and deliverable, demonstrate consideration of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All new developments, in particular housing schemes of 10 or more dwellings, should incorporate suitable green spaces The provision of suitable green spaces to meet the recreation needs and for the benefit of wildlife. Suitable arrangements must be incorporated for the costs of future maintenance of these “green lungs”. | <p>The first part of Policy CFOS4 is reliant upon another policy not controlled by the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> | <p>Yes – to ensure the policy doesn’t rely upon other policy not controlled by the neighbourhood plan.</p> |

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| | <p>2. Effort should be made to develop both current and future pedestrian routes between the village and the surrounding countryside into mini green corridors, to help bring the countryside into the built environment. The provision of mini green corridors to help bring the countryside into the built environment.</p> <p>3. Developments should incorporate The provision of tree and shrub planting to enhance the appearance. Due regard must also be paid to enhancing planting throughout the Conservation Area where possible.</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | | |
| Community Proposal: CP CFOS1 | <p>Within the explanatory text delete the following: The Parish must retain and replace with the following: The Parish Council is keen to see the Parish retaining its role...</p> <p>Delete the following: The current level of healthcare provision in the Parish should be maintained and improved to take into account any projected population increase arising from proposed developments and the ongoing demographic changes within the Parish and replace with: The Parish Council will seek to work with third parties with the aim of maintaining the current level of healthcare in the Parish.</p> <p>(As above delete Proposal numbering, Strategic Aims, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | Recommends changes to the community proposal as set out. | Yes – to be consistent with the examiner’s report. |
| Policy T&M1 | <p>Modify the text of the explanatory text as follows: The road system has been adapted only within the last 100 years for motorised traffic, although not successfully in many places. The heart of Whittington, in the Conservation Area, comprises Common Lane, Church Street, Main Street, Burton Road, Back Lane and Fisherwick Road, and lanes off them. It has reached its capacity for traffic and thus there are bottlenecks and road safety issues. Whittington has a</p> | No indication is provided of when a Transport Statement, containing the information in Policy T&M1, would be required. This part of the Policy is imprecise. It is also unclear, and there is no substantive information in respect of, how, or why all of the various requirements for a | Yes – to meet the basic conditions |

large primary school located 200 yards south of The Dog crossroads on Common Lane. The Defence Medical Services complex has about 100 full time residential staff with their families, 350 commuting staff and up to 850 transient trainees. Transport is the responsibility Staffordshire County Council and policies are mainly provided in the Local Plan and the Local Transport Plan. ~~This locally based policy, which is supported by Highways England and the County Council, is complementary so that the impact of traffic generated by development at pressure points is systematically assessed. Measures can then be taken to reduce hazards, improve pedestrian connectivity, safety and avoid adding to problems.~~

Modify text of Policy T&M1 as follows:

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.

~~Transport Statements or Assessment these should include the following matters:~~

- ~~— Road Safety and Parking, including the avoidance of congestion;~~
- ~~— Safe Pedestrian and cyclist access to shops, community facilities, workplaces and the school;~~
- ~~— If practicable, the relief of existing congestion at Whittington Primary School;~~
- ~~— Developers should identify the realistic level of traffic their development will generate;~~
- ~~— Development should not add to existing traffic congestion;~~

Transport Statement set out in Policy T&M1, have regard to national policy, taking Paragraph 32 of the Framework into account.

No substantive evidence is provided to demonstrate that necessary highway works can, in all circumstances, be designed to complement rural character and reflect local heritage. Further, there is no evidence to suggest that this is a national or local policy requirement.

Existing car parking standards are precisely that. Development should be in accordance with them. The Neighbourhood Plan does not seek to establish its own car parking standards and it is not necessary for it to include a Policy referring to standards controlled by other bodies.

There is no substantive evidence to support the contention that the local road system “has reached its capacity for traffic.”

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| | <p>— In new housing schemes, full off road parking should be provided for all residents and visitors. 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | | |
| <p>Policy T&M2</p> | <p>Modify the text of the explanatory text as follows: Consideration of the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and other non-vehicular forms of transport should be considered as part of any development. Pavements and footpaths are important to pedestrians of all ages particularly those without access to a car. It is desirable to enable and promote safe walking, cycling and riding by improving pavements, footpaths, bridleways & towpaths.</p> <p>In addition, working with The District and County Councils and developers, the Parish Council will investigate opportunities for extending and improving routes to increase pedestrian and cycle connectivity in and around Whittington village to key facilities, including shops, community facilities, the school, workplaces and the surrounding countryside.</p> <p>Delete all text of policy T&M2 and replace with the following:</p> | <p>The policy is imprecise as drafted. Much of the policy compromises of a statement setting out what the Parish Council may do at some stage in the future, this is not a land use planning policy matter.</p> <p>The first part of the explanatory text suggests all development proposals should consider the matters regardless of the relevance to a particular development.</p> | <p>Yes – to meet the basic conditions.</p> |

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| | <p>The extension and/or improvement of routes for pedestrians and/or horse riders will be supported.</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | | |
| Policy T&M3 | <p>Delete Policy T&M3 and Explanation.</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>Policy T&M3 relates to the scope and impact of HS2. This is a national infrastructure matter that is beyond the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> | <p>Yes – to remove a policy which is beyond the scope of neighbourhood plans.</p> |
| Policy T&M4 | <p>Delete Policy T&M4 and Explanation</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>It is not the role or purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan to duplicate legislation. The Neighbourhood Plan is not responsible for matters that are the responsibility of Network Rail.</p> | <p>Yes – to remove a policy which is beyond the scope of neighbourhood plans.</p> |
| Policy T&M5 | <p>Modify the text of policy T&M5 as follows:</p> <p>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. In order to protect the environmental quality of the Canal, development on or adjoining the waterway should demonstrate that it fulfils the following criteria: The enhancement of the Coventry Canal will be supported. Development proposals that impact on the Canal should demonstrate that full account has been taken of matters relating to heritage, nature conservation, rights of way, residential amenity and the local River of Flowers scheme.</p> <p>(a) The protection and enhancement of historic character and interest of the canal, including the listed buildings, structures and local heritage assets associated with it;</p> | <p>As worded, Policy T&M5 runs the risk of supporting any form of development anywhere , so long as it enhances the Coventry Canal. This could give rise to support for inappropriate development.</p> <p>The criteria set out in the second part of the Policy in respect of heritage and residential amenity are more onerous than national or local planning requirements and there is an absence of substantive evidence to justify the approach set out.</p> | <p>Yes – to meet the basic conditions</p> |

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| | <p>(b) The protection of the existing nature conservation interest of the canal and the wildlife supported by it and, if possible enhancement of this interest;</p> <p>(c) The maintenance of existing rights of way and their enhancement, if possible, including improved access to the canal towpath or improvements to it, if appropriate and feasible;</p> <p>(d) There is no adverse impact on the residential amenity of adjoining properties.</p> <p>(e) Where it is practical, development should support the parish's River of Flowers scheme which aims to provide a network of wildlife corridors across the parish.</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | | |
| Community Proposal: Public Transport | <p>Delete the following from the community proposal "The Neighbourhood Plan will support a sustainable transport system. It will also support attempts to gain improvements to current public transport facilities." and replace with "The Parish Council supports a sustainable transport system and will support attempts to gain improvements to current public transport facilities."</p> <p>(As above delete Proposal numbering, Strategic Aims, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | Recommends change to the community proposal as set out. | Yes – to be consistent with examiners recommendations. |
| Policy LE&B1 | <p>Delete all text of policy LE&B1 and replace with "The development of small new businesses and the expansion of diversification of existing businesses, including farm based operations, will be supported subject to no significant harm arising in respect of highway safety, noise and disturbance, or odours; and the proposal demonstrating respect for local character. Development proposals for new employment development should seek to achieve a fibre optic connection to the nearest connection chamber in the public highway."</p> | <p>As drafted the policy has the potential to undermine the planning process and fail to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.</p> <p>The criteria within the policy are considerably more onerous than the requirements of local or national planning policy. The final sentence of the Policy requires something to be "considered" but no indication is provided of why this comprises a land use planning matter.</p> | Yes – to meet the basic conditions and ensure the policy is clear for decision making. |

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| | (As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy) | This part of the Policy fails to provide a decision maker with a clear indication of how to react to a development proposal. | |
| Policy T&RE1 | <p>Delete all text of policy T&RE1 and replace with “The improvement of broadband and telecommunications infrastructure will be supported, subject to it respecting local character. The provision of super-fast broadband connectivity together with suitable ducting to facilitate future installation will be supported.”</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, Application of Policy, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>However, as worded, the Policy would support “any improvement.” Such an approach would fail to have regard to the national policy requirement for the provision of radio and telecommunications masts and the sites for such installations to a minimum consistent with the efficient operation of the network; or for the requirement for telecommunications equipment to be sympathetically designed and camouflaged where appropriate (Paragraph 43, the Framework).</p> <p>The Policy goes on to require all forms of development to “have a superfast broadband connectivity.” However, such a requirement may not be relevant to many forms of development and fails to have regard to Paragraph 204 of the Framework in respect of planning obligations.</p> | Yes – to meet the basic conditions |
| Policy T&RE2 | <p>Add the following (from application of policy section) to the explanatory text:</p> <p>This policy takes account of the high quality of the countryside and landscape of the Parish. Particular value is placed on the local and longer views identified in the Village plan and shown on the Proposals map. It is considered that there is a need to prevent the urbanisation of the area which could result from larger scale solar farms and wind farms. The policy also covers standby generation using diesel fuel in relation to, noise, and traffic and air pollution.</p> | In supporting such proposals, Policy T&RE2 has regard to the NPPF, although as set out the Policy is imprecise. It requires the impact of the proposals to be “acceptable”. However, no indication is provided of what would be acceptable, or of who would judge this and on what basis. Consequently, the Policy fails to provide a decision maker with a clear indication of how to react to a development proposal, | Yes – to meet the basic conditions. |

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| | <p>This policy also recognizes the importance of renewable energy in contributing to national carbon reduction targets. Whittington and Fisherwick Parish is committed to a low carbon future and already produces a significant proportion of its electricity from solar farms and a wind turbine. In addition, community buildings and private homes have installed solar panels on the roofs. Encouragement should be given by developers to other renewable heat projects in the form of anaerobic digesters or combined heat and power installations.</p> <p>Delete text of policy T&RE2 and replace with the following: “Proposals for renewable and low carbon energy should take into account any impacts on local character including views, the amenity of neighbours, heritage assets, highway safety and nature conservation. Proposals should demonstrate how any such impacts, including any cumulative impacts, would be addressed.”</p> <p>(As above delete Strategic Aims, You told us and Evidence Base/Local Plan policy sections after the policy)</p> | <p>having regard to Paragraph 154 of the Framework.</p> <p>The final part of the Policy requires all proposals to provide specific assessments of each of the criteria set out. However, not all of the criteria will necessarily apply to all proposals and consequently the Policy fails to have regard to Paragraph 193 of the Framework, referred to earlier in this Report.</p> | |
| Pages 65 and 66 | Delete pages 65 and 66. | Whilst the Policy Summary on pages 65 and 66 might have been a useful reference point for plan-makers as the document emerged, its inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan is unnecessary and detracts from the prominence of the Policies. | Yes – for clarity and to ensure policies remain prominent. |
| Para 7.2 | Delete the following from paragraph 7.2: “implementation. | Once made, the Neighbourhood Plan will be used by the Local Planning Authority, Lichfield District Council, to inform planning decisions in the Neighbourhood Area. | Yes – to reflect that policies will be used to inform planning decisions. |
| Para 7.9 | Delete the following from paragraph 7.9: “, supported by the District Council,” | It is not the role of the Neighbourhood Plan to impose a monitoring requirement upon the Local Planning Authority. | Yes – the neighbourhood plan cannot be |

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| | | | used to impose a requirement upon the LPA. |
| Para 7.11 | Delete the following from paragraph 7.11: It is expected that the District and County Council's will support the monitoring of the Neighbourhood Plan by providing dedicated data for the plan area. | It is not the role of the Neighbourhood Plan to impose a monitoring requirement upon the Local Planning Authority. | Yes – the neighbourhood plan cannot be used to impose a requirement upon the LPA. |
| Whole Plan | Update the Contents, Policy and page numbering, taking account of all of the recommendations contained within the Inspectors Report. | | |

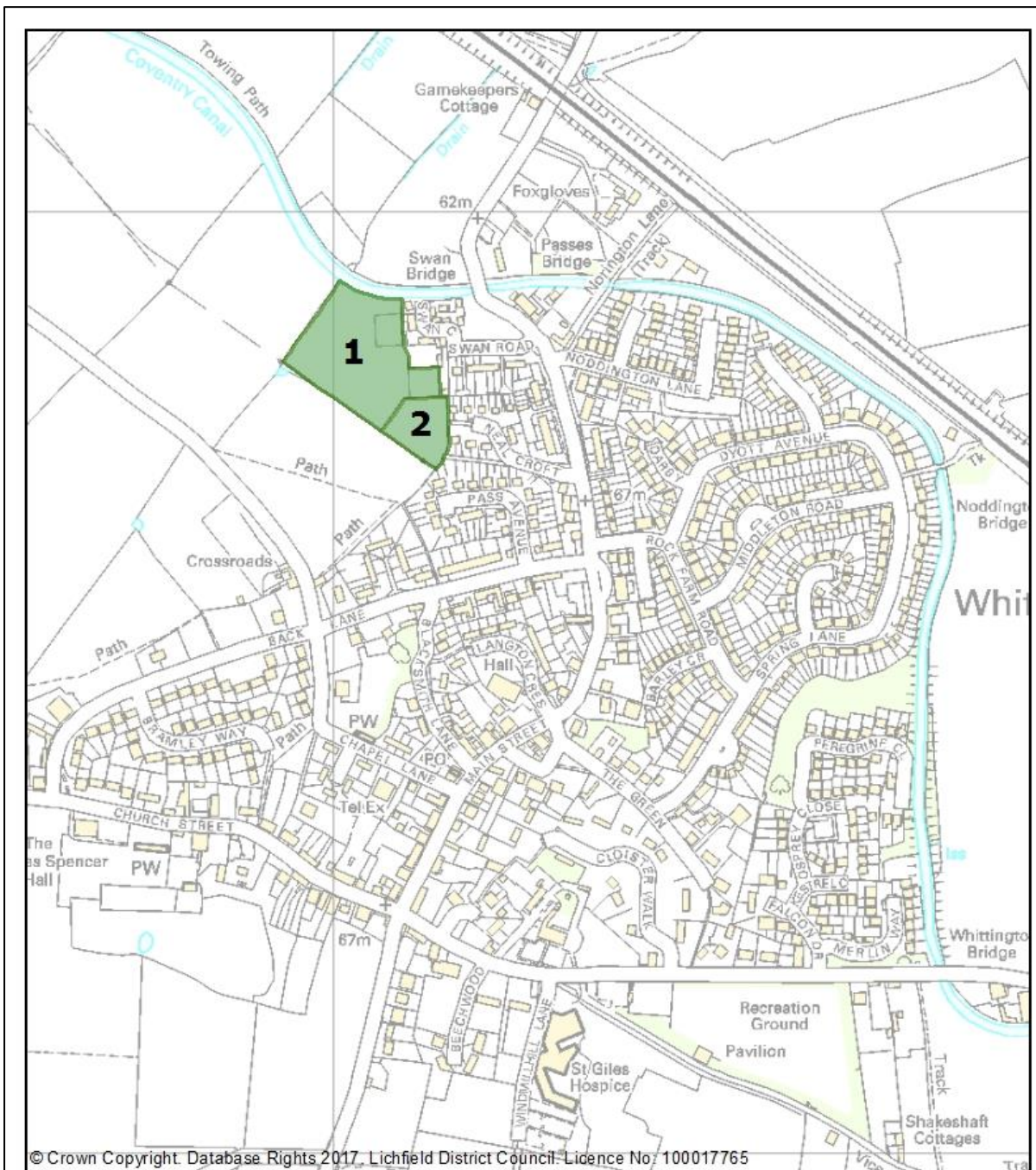
TABLE 2

| Section in Examined Document | Lichfield District Council Recommendation | Lichfield District Council decision and reason |
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| Whole document | Update paragraph numbering throughout the document to reflect modifications noted in Table 1 (above). Addition of paragraph numbering to section 6 of the neighbourhood plan. | To ensure consistent paragraph numbering and also to add paragraph numbering to sections of the plan which currently don't have numbering to ensure the plan is easy to use. |
| Whole document | Make 'Explanation' a sub heading before all policies with consistent styling. | For clarity and consistent styling throughout document. |
| Contents Page | Addition of ' 8. Glossary (51-56) ' to contents page | For clarity. |
| Para 5.02 | Delete paragraph numbering from Sub-heading. | For consistency with sub-heading style. |
| Policy DP1 | Remove 'A' from in front of the first sentence of the policy (as modified) and replace '1' in front of the second paragraph with a bullet point. | For consistency of criteria etc. across all policies. |
| Community Proposal: Local considerations... | Make bold the title of the first community proposal: Community Proposal: Local considerations for proposed locations for new housing development Remove '-and replace with bullet points. | For consistency of style with other policies and community proposals |

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| Policy HOU2 | Remove 'l' from the in front of the second paragraph and replace with a bullet point. | For consistency of criteria etc. across all policies. |
| Policy D1 | Remove numbering from criteria within the policy and replace with bullet points. | For consistency of criteria etc. across all policies. |
| Policy NE&L2 | Remove ' ' from in front of the second, third and fourth paragraphs. | For consistency of criteria etc. across all policies. |
| Policy CFOS1 | Remove a), b) and c) from the criteria and replace with bullet points. | For consistency of criteria etc. across all policies. |
| Policy CFOS3 | Re-number as policy CFOS2. | So policy numbering is consecutive following examiner modifications to delete specific policies. |
| Policy CFOS4 | Re-number as policy CFOS3. | So policy numbering is consecutive following examiner modifications to delete specific policies. |
| Policy CFOS4 | Remove numbering from the criteria and replace with bullet points. | For consistency of criteria etc. across all policies. |
| Policy T&M5 | Re-number as policy T&M3. | So policy numbering is consecutive following examiner modifications to delete specific policies. |

Appendix A



1 Swan Park - Local Green Space

2 Swan Road Allotments - Local Green Space