



# Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Document  
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# Introduction

This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations in respect of the Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

These Regulations require that a Consultation Statement should:-

- Contain details of the people and statutory bodies who were consulted about the Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Explain how they were consulted
- Summarise the main issues and concerns that were raised
- Describe how those issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the Neighbourhood Development Plan

## Aims of the Consultation Process

The Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group recognised that community engagement was essential to involving residents, landowners and local businesses in the development of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

Their aims were:-

- To produce a community-led Neighbourhood Plan
- To provide the opportunity for local residents, land owners and businesses to be involved in local decision making
- To engage with as many sections of the community as possible through a variety of methods to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan was as representative as possible of the views of the whole community

## People and Organisations Consulted

In addition to residents of the Parish, land owners and local businesses were also consulted throughout each stage of the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

As part of the Regulation 14 Consultation a wide variety of statutory bodies were also consulted.

A full list of the statutory bodies consulted can be found at Appendix 1.

## Background and Community Consultation Process

After the Parish Council took the decision to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan a process was set in motion to establish a Steering Group to drive the process forward.

The Steering Committee met regularly throughout the process of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan and helped to steer the process and to pull together the various activities that were being undertaken.

The project plan (as at 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021) can be found at Appendix 2.

# Methods of Communication Used

To achieve the extensive consultation and engagement with the community required, a summary of the methods employed were:-

- Initial open event to explain Neighbourhood Plans in principle and the process involved
- Two drop-in events with an opportunity for questions and give input on what was liked about the Parish, what was disliked about the Parish and what people wanted to see for the future of the Parish (September 2017). The report can be found at Appendix 3.
- Establishment of a dedicated website (also linked from the Barlestone Parish Council website) and a local Facebook group
- Regular posters on local noticeboards and flyers available at key locations such as the Community Centre
- Information display boards at majority of village events, usually manned by a volunteer from the Steering Group to answer questions
- Regular updates included in the Parish Council news section of local free publication, The Graphic, which is distributed monthly to each household
- Inclusion of additional questions in the Housing Needs Survey conducted by Midlands Rural Housing
- A stakeholder event to provide an update on progress and gain further insight into the priorities of the Parish stakeholders and their visions for the future (January 2018). The report can be found at Appendix 4.
- Key issues workshop with Steering Group and others who had expressed an interest in being involved in the process (March 2018). The report can be found at Appendix 5.
- A Primary School stakeholder event to engage the younger members of our community to provide the opportunity for local children to give their opinions on what they would like Barlestone to be like in the future and what they don't want Barlestone to be like in future (June 2018). The report can be found at Appendix 6.
- Formation of Focus Groups to explore the three key areas identified (housing, environment and community sustainability), to build the evidence base and to lay the foundation for the Neighbourhood Plan (November 2018); these were initially formed at a large, well attended and successful public meeting widely advertised locally and with a flyer delivered to every household and business.
- Distribution of reasons for identification of properties and details included in the heritage assets list to all affected owners/occupiers (January/February 2020)
- A further Open Event was planned for 26th March 2020 where it had been hoped to put the emerging policies to the community. This event had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In its place, an Executive Summary of the Neighbourhood Plan including all the policies was distributed to all households and businesses in the Parish to share its content and to advise about the next steps. The executive summary can be found at Appendix 7.
- Regular sharing of updates from the Neighbourhood Plan Facebook group to other local village Facebook groups, Barlestone News, Barlestone New News and Barlestone Swap Shop to increase circulation.
- All Steering Group minutes, updates on the latest news and the latest project plan have been published on the dedicated website.
- The full draft neighbourhood plan and other information regarding the plan, including the latest status which has been updated as the process progressed, can be found at the Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan Website at [www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/np/barlestone1.html](http://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/np/barlestone1.html).

## Regulation 14 Consultation

The Regulation 14 initial consultation took place between 17<sup>th</sup> October and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020; the notification was distributed to every household and business in the village along with the executive summary mentioned above. Due to communications issues with the notification to some statutory bodies discovered in December 2020, this period was extended to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021 with all statutory bodies being given a second notification on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 to ensure that they had received the relevant documentation and had time to respond should they choose to do so.

The notifications can be found at Appendix 8 and Appendix 9.

The consultation was also publicised via Facebook, the dedicated website and the local free publication previously mentioned, The Graphic.

The full draft Neighbourhood Plan and its associated appendices were published on the dedicated website with links from the Barlestone Parish Council website.

Two hard copies were made available in the Community Centre along with details of how to safely access these given the social distancing measures in force.

At all future key stages of the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, similar communications will be made to ensure that all inputs will be considered.

A full list of all comments received and the associated responses can be found at Appendix 10.

## Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment

A screening process was undertaken by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and they determined that neither a Strategic Environmental Assessment nor a Habitat Regulations Assessment were deemed necessary. The determinations notices can be found at Appendix 11 and Appendix 12.

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# Appendix 1 – List of Statutory Bodies Consulted

Member of Parliament - Dr Luke Evans  
Department for Communities and Local Government – Jenny Frew  
Homes & Communities Agency  
The Environment Agency  
Health & Safety Executive  
Highways England  
Homes England

Leicestershire County Council – Nik Green  
Borough and County Councillor – Bill Crooks  
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council – Robin Coghlan

Newbold Verdon Parish Council via Clerk  
Barlestone Parish Council via Clerk  
Bagworth & Thornton Parish Council via Clerk  
Osbaston Parish Council via Clerk  
Nailstone Parish Council

Ancient Monuments Society  
Natural England  
Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership  
CPRE (The Countryside Charity)  
Historic England

The Coal Authority

Network Rail  
Western Power Distribution  
Mobile Operators Association  
BT Openreach  
Three  
EE Corporate and Financial Affairs Department  
Vodafone and O2  
Land Use Planning Department, Vodafone  
National Grid  
British Gas Connections Limited  
British Gas Business  
Severn Trent Water

West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group  
Westfields Doctors Surgery

Barlestone Primary School

Arriva Bus Services (Route 153)  
Roberts Buses (Route 159)

Federation for Small Businesses  
Country Land and Business Association  
National Farmers Union  
Gypsy and Traveller Equality  
Interfaith Forum for Leicestershire  
Federation of Muslim Organisations Leicestershire

Action for Blind People merged with RNIB  
Vista Blind  
Action Deafness  
Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living  
Mosaic  
Age UK Leicestershire & Rutland  
Voluntary Action Leicestershire

Police Local Policing Unit  
Leicestershire Fire & Rescue  
East Midlands Ambulance Service

Sport England  
Leicestershire & Rutland Sport

## Appendix 2 – Project Plan (as at 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021)

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Target/Completed</b>
<b>STEERING GROUP MEETINGS</b>	
<i>Form Steering Group</i>	Mar-17
<i>Terms of Reference Agreed</i>	May-17
Steering Group Meetings	Currently on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions
<b>FUNDING</b>	
<i>Apply for Initial Locality Grant</i>	Jun 17 to Jul 17
<i>Initial Grant Agreed</i>	Jul-17
<i>Apply for second Locality Grant</i>	May 18 to Jun 18
<i>Second Grant Agreed</i>	Jun-18
<i>Apply for third Locality Grant</i>	Jun-19
<i>Third Grant Agreed</i>	Jun-19
<i>Change of Third Grant allocations</i>	Sep-19
<b>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</b>	
<i>Initial Open Meeting</i>	Nov-16
<i>Collate Evidence Base (RCC)</i>	May-18
<i>Compile Lists of Stakeholders</i>	Jun 17 to Oct 17
<b>Initial Drop In Events</b>	
<i>Distribute Drop In Events Invites</i>	Aug-17
<i>Drop In Events</i>	Sep-17
<i>Drop In Event Analysis</i>	Sep 17 to Oct 17
<b>Stakeholder Meeting</b>	
<i>Finalise Stakeholder Identification</i>	Oct-17
<i>Stakeholder Invitations</i>	Dec-17
<i>Stakeholder Event</i>	Jan-18
<b>Primary School Stakeholder Event</b>	
<i>Collate Inputs</i>	Jun-18
<i>Produce Report</i>	Jun-18
<b>Community Events Publicity</b>	
<i>Village Fun Day</i>	Aug-17
<i>St Giles Church Fayre</i>	Sep-17
Centre of Village Stand	
<i>BOCA Indoor Car Boot Sale</i>	Oct-17
<i>Community Centre Opening</i>	Feb-18
<i>Garage Sales</i>	May-18
<i>Primary School Fete</i>	May-18
<i>Village Fun Day</i>	Aug-18
<i>BOCA Indoor Car Boot Sale</i>	Oct-18
<i>Garage Sales</i>	May-19
<i>School Fete</i>	May-19
<i>Village Fun Day</i>	Aug-19
<i>Village Treasure Hunts</i>	Aug-19
<i>BOCA Indoor Car Boot Sale</i>	Oct-19
<i>Fireworks Night</i>	Nov-19
<i>Logo Competition</i>	Oct 17 to Nov 17
Public Awareness Event	CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS



<b>ON LINE PRESENCE</b>	
<i>FaceBook Page Creation</i>	<i>Jun-17</i>
<i>Web Site Creation</i>	<i>Jul-17</i>
<b>CHARACTER ASSESSMENT</b>	
<i>Decide on ownership of areas</i>	<i>Jan-18</i>
<i>Initial Views</i>	<i>Jan 18 to Aug 18</i>
<i>Production</i>	<i>Nov 18 to May 19</i>
<i>Format as NDP Annexe</i>	<i>Mar-20</i>
<b>ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS</b>	
<i>Define initial requirement</i>	<i>May-18</i>
<i>Identify prospective consultants</i>	<i>Jun-18</i>
<i>Interview</i>	<i>Jun-18</i>
<i>Engage consultants</i>	<i>Jul-18</i>
<i>Commence working</i>	<i>Sep-18</i>
<i>Community Presentation</i>	<i>Nov-18</i>
<b>FOCUS GROUPS</b>	
<i>Complete RCC Templates for Key Areas</i>	<i>May 18 to Aug 18</i>
<i>Identify Key Areas</i>	<i>Aug-18</i>
<i>Form Focus Groups</i>	<i>Nov-18</i>
<b>Housing Focus Group</b>	
<i>Initial Meeting</i>	<i>Dec-18</i>
<i>Conclude</i>	<i>Nov-19</i>
<b>Environment &amp; Open Spaces Focus Group</b>	
<i>Initial Meeting</i>	<i>Dec-18</i>
<i>Conclude</i>	<i>Nov-19</i>
<b>Facilities &amp; Services Focus Group</b>	
<i>Initial Meeting</i>	<i>Jan-19</i>
<i>Conclude</i>	<i>Nov-19</i>
<b>HOUSING NEEDS SURVEYS</b>	
Midlands Rural Survey (free of charge)	
<i>Trigger</i>	<i>Sep-18</i>
<i>Conduct</i>	<i>Jan 19 to Feb 19</i>
<i>Results</i>	<i>Apr-19</i>
Consultants Survey	
<i>Trigger</i>	<i>Sep-18</i>
<i>Conduct</i>	<i>Sep-18</i>
<i>Results</i>	<i>Sep-18</i>
<b>PLAN PRODUCTION</b>	
<i>Draft Policies</i>	<i>Feb-20</i>
<i>Draft Community Actions</i>	<i>Feb-20</i>
<i>Draft Plan</i>	<i>Mar-20</i>
<i>Introduction, History, etc</i>	<i>Dec-19</i>
<i>Appendices</i>	<i>Mar-20</i>
<i>Editorial &amp; Proof Reading</i>	<i>Dec-19 to Mar-20</i>
<b>SUBMISSION FOR VALIDATION &amp; REFERENDUM</b>	
<i>Parish Council Presentation</i>	<i>Feb-20</i>
<i>SEA &amp; HRA Screening by H&amp;BBC</i>	<i>Jul-20</i>
<i>Strategic Environmental Assessment (if needed)</i>	<i>Not Required</i>
<i>Pre-Submission Consultation (6 minimum weeks)</i>	<i>mid-Oct - end February 21</i>

Submission for Validation	Mar-21
Submission Consultation by H&BBC (6 weeks)	Unknown
Independent Examination	Unknown
Examiner's Report	Unknown
Director Approval	Unknown
Notice of Referendum	Unknown
Referendum	Unknown
<b>PLAN MADE (TARGET)</b>	<b>Summer 2021</b>
<b>LINKS WITH NEIGHBOURING NDP GROUPS</b>	
<i>Initial Ideas Sharing Meeting</i>	<i>May-17</i>
<i>Second Ideas Sharing Meeting</i>	<i>Aug-17</i>
<i>Third Ideas Sharing Meeting</i>	<i>Nov-17</i>
<i>Fourth Ideas Sharing Meeting</i>	<i>Mar-18</i>
<i>Fifth Ideas Sharing Meeting</i>	<i>Jul-18</i>
<b><i>Newbold Verdon Stakeholder Meeting</i></b>	<i>Jan-17</i>
<b><i>Bagworth &amp; Stanton-under-Bardon Stakeholder Meeting</i></b>	<i>Apr-18</i>
<b><i>Bagworth &amp; Stanton-under-Bardon Steering Group Meeting</i></b>	<i>Jan-19</i>
<b><i>Bagworth &amp; Stanton-under-Bardon Phase 2 Launch</i></b>	<i>Feb-19</i>

# Appendix 3 - Community Drop In Event Report

This report has been re-formatted from its original format to make the content accessible; RCC (Rural Communities Council) logos have been removed but it should be noted that they originally produced the report on behalf of the Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan.

BARLESTONE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DROP-IN EVENTS

Saturday 9th & Thursday 14th September 2017



Consultation Results

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# 1) Background

## Project Brief:

The RCC (Leicestershire & Rutland) was commissioned by Barlestone Parish Council to:

*Support the Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group to inform and consult the community on the Neighbourhood Development Plan via two Community Engagement Drop-in Events.*

## Aim:

The aim of these two events was to inform the community on Neighbourhood Planning and gain some initial feedback from residents on what they liked, disliked or would like to see improved within the parish.

## Publicity:

The event was publicised throughout the parish via:

- Publicity Leaflet distributed to all households (Annex 1)
- Posters on Parish Notice Boards and public spaces (Annex 1)
- Barlestone Parish Council website

## For Reference:

These Drop-in events were held at venues in both the Old School Hall & St Giles Football Club in Barlestone which included a Saturday and a weekday afternoon/evening, to engage as many residents as possible in the designated area.

## 2) Drop-In Event Format

ACTION	DETAILS
Sign In	<p>RCC Officer/Working Group Member asked attendees to complete a short registration form upon entering the event. This enabled the gathering of key demographical data including; post code, age, gender, ethnicity and employment status.</p> <p>RCC Officer/Working Group Member asked attendees to complete a contact details slip if they wanted to be kept updated with the NDP process following the event or help with the project.</p>
Introduction	<p>RCC Officer/Working Group Members provided a brief introduction to the event including; background to the project, format of the event, how to have a say, and how to stay updated following the event.</p>
Background to Project	<p>Information outlining the background of the project was provided via a display board. Key points covered included: <i>What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan, why produce one, what a plan can and cannot do what the plan will look at and the designated NDP Area.</i></p>
Consultation on Key Issues	<p>A series of display boards were erected around the room, each of which focused on a different topic related to planning and development displaying some background information on the parish as listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Open Green Spaces</i></li> <li>• <i>Environment</i></li> <li>• <i>Footpaths &amp; Bridleways</i></li> <li>• <i>History &amp; Heritage</i></li> <li>• <i>Flooding</i></li> <li>• <i>Renewable Energy</i></li> <li>• <i>Facilities &amp; Services</i></li> <li>• <i>Traffic &amp; Transport</i></li> <li>• <i>Housing</i></li> <li>• <i>Employment &amp; Business/Economy</i></li> <li>• <i>Communications</i></li> </ul> <p>Having read each of the displays, attendees were asked to list the things that they liked, disliked, or wanted to see improved in relation to each topic area.</p>
Visual Maps	<p>Opportunity to indicate important Green Open Spaces.</p> <p>Coloured dots were provided for attendees to highlight green spaces that they valued within the parish (<b>Green</b> – 3 sites valued for visual amenity; <b>Blue</b> – 3 sites valued for recreational use).</p>
Additional Comments	<p>Attendees were provided with blank slips to enable them to put forward any additional comments relevant to the project.</p>

# 3) Results

## Demographics

### Total Attendance

73 Attendees (65 Registered) in total  
45 Attendees at the Old School Hall (42 Registered)  
28 Attendees at the Football Club (23 Registered)

### Post Code Areas Represented

CV13 0ER – 4  
CV13 0NJ – 3  
CV13 0DZ – 2  
CV13 0ET – 6  
CV13 0DY – 3  
CV13 0JG – 4  
LE9 8FN – 1  
CV13 0HB – 1  
CV13 0EN – 2  
CV13 0DT – 3  
CV13 0DX – 2  
CV13 0HJ – 1  
CV13 0HN – 2  
CV13 0JL – 1  
CV13 0SA – 2  
CV13 0RA – 2  
CV13 0JC – 1  
CV13 0HW – 1  
CV13 0HY – 3  
CV13 0ED – 1  
CV13 0EP – 4  
CV13 0JQ – 5  
CV13 0EE – 1  
CV13 0JA – 1  
CV13 0JE – 2  
CV13 0EG – 1  
CV13 0HX – 2  
CV13 0UW – 1

### Gender

Female – 33  
Male – 31  
Unspecified – 9

### Age Category

75 or over – 3  
65 to 74 – 19  
55 to 64 – 14  
45 to 54 – 15  
35 to 44 – 9  
25 to 34 – 3

18 to 24 – 2  
Under 18 - 0

### Employment Status

Employed (full time) – 23  
Employed (part time) – 8  
Self Employed – 2  
Full Time Education – 2  
Part Time Education – 0  
Unemployed – 2  
Retired – 26  
Housewife/Househusband – 1

### Ethnicity

White British – 58  
White Other – 1  
White Irish – 0  
Other – 3

## Traffic & Transport

### Question / Instruction

IN RELATION TO TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT; WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED

Total Comments = 57

### WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED

Parking:

- Parked cars on **bend by hairdressers** prevent drivers being able to see around the corner, difficult when an ambulance tried to get through the other day. Maybe double yellows (one person agrees to this)
- Parking on **bends by hairdressers** + main street needs looking into – double yellows please – an accident waiting to happen (7 people agreed to this comment)
- Parking on **bend near hairdressers** causes dangerous blind spots for drivers. Can we have double lines in that area? (Four people agreed to this)
- Parking – need to reinforce double yellows – dangerous on bends (three people agreed to this comment)
- Problems of parking can be solved in the Village Centre by creating a one-way system via Meadow Rd & Newbold Rd (one person agrees to this)
- More double yellow lines and/or one-way system in centre
- The parking through the centre of the village needs to be addressed in a much better manner. Even a one-way system to alleviate the problems for traffic and buses
- Newbold Road parking is dangerous despite double yellow lines. These need extending to cover corner near Moda and enforcing
- Dangerous parking on bends needs to be stopped
- More double yellow lines one way system (three people agreed to this)
- Need better parking around village so people don't have to park on the road
- Spinney Drive is an accident waiting to happen. Too many lazy people who won't use their drives. Police should enforce no parking on pavements
- Stop people parking on the road when they have space on their drive
- Parking in centre of village is dangerous
- Parking is a serious issue, particularly on pavements and near junctions
- Dangerous parking



- Dangerous parking throughout village
- Dangerous street parking should be stopped
- Dangerous parking has no punishment because contractors have to be called from Market Harborough. Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council should find parking officers from in the Borough!
- Parking on pavements
- People should be encouraged to use the car park (Two people agreed to this)
- Visible public parking to get the cars off the roads
- More double yellow on bends. (one person agrees to this) encourage people to use their own property to park on more!! Many don't!

#### Public Transport:

- Need a later bus from Leicester 18:20 is ridiculous. (Three people agreed to this)
- A more frequent bus service into Hinckley Coalville (One person agreed to this)
- We need a car – no buses Sundays or evenings which we had when our children were growing up.
- We need more public transport at evenings and weekends if we are to discourage cars (One other person agreed)
- Better bus service required – especially on Sunday (One person agreed to this).
- Bus to Leicester essential service. Desirable to cover later in evenings too? (One person agreed to this)
- Bus service needs to be put back to original timetables. As people get older they may not have cars. (Two people agree to this)
- Bus services are very poor and likely to be reduced further. We need a Sunday service to Leicester (One person agreed to this)
- Better bus service needed particularly at evenings and weekends
- Better regular bus service
- Bus service needs to be put back to original timetables. As people get older they may not have cars (Two other people agree with this)
- Last bus from Leicester used to be around 10.30pm on a Friday, this has been cut. Further development would surely mean more buses should be needed!

#### Speeding:

- Following a traffic survey, a flashing sign appeared on **Newbold Road** – it has no effect on the speeding whatsoever, further measures need to be taken. (Two people agreed to this comment)
- Speeding traffic issue especially to/from cemetery to centre of village
- Speeding is very dangerous in the centre of the village. Someone will be hurt before long
- Speed along **Manor Road** too fast most of the day. Late 10pm onwards even worse.
- Speeding and the amount of traffic 'cutting' through Barlestone needs addressing (One person agrees to this)
- People fined for speeding have only themselves to blame!
- Speeding through the village and a poor bus service. (One person agrees to this)
- The route through needs to ensure it is limiting speed – speed bumps across the whole road would stop people speeding along **Barton Road** and **Newbold Road** (not just side bumps that buses and motorbikes can avoid)
- Traffic calming **Meadow Road** and **Newbold Road** – speeding is horrendous
- Traffic calming measures **Newbold Road** and **Burton Road**, cars and tractors travel far too fast
- Why do residents think **Newbold Road** is a race track?

#### Cycle routes/Pathways:

- Bicycle routes/ lanes to be marked to encourage short journeys between local villages/ facilities that can be undertaken safely (cut down on traffic) and help residents/ children enjoy the outdoor spaces on bike
- Family cycle track/route incorporating greener areas not roads!
- Cycle paths would be nice in and around the area
- Cycle path suitable for parents and children
- More pathways to walk on

#### HGVs:

- Please aim to stop all Heavy Good Vehicles through village including speeding from vehicles
  - Large lorries using Bosworth Road a particular problem
- One-way system:
- Bosworth there needs to be one way into the village from the A447 stopping it from being the Rat Run it is now and reducing traffic on Meadow Road. (An additional comment mentioning one way = more speed)

#### Other:

- You think Barlestone has traffic problems now? Wait until Garden Farm is developed (Three people agreed to this comment)
- Road Can't cope with traffic now so it would be worse with more cars in the village
- Meadow Road is a 'rat run' and dangerous cars use it to bypass Newbold Road. Calming request.

## Housing

### Question / Instruction

IN RELATION TO HOUSING, *WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED*

Total Comments = 37

#### NOT LIKE

- No more housing:
- No more housing. The village is a village!! Roads – spaces can't cope. Keep identity!
- We do not need more 'estates' in the village or we will lose the village feel. Don't get rid of the fields and build houses
- Bungalows:
- There is NO reference to bungalows. Single storey properties, yet there are several in the village, no more housing required
- Community/ Green Space:
- I moved here because I wanted to live in a country village. I like the sense of community and green spaces. Over development destroys that
- Large Homes:
- Only large homes to be built, no more council/orbit as these bring the wrong people to our pleasant village. No Dolders, only workers
- Traveller Camps:
- Stronger enforcement against illegal traveller camps (One other person agreed)

#### WOULD LIKE TO SEE

##### Affordable/Starter Housing:

- Affordable houses & starter homes (One person agreed to this)
- I'd like to see growth in the village including modest, affordable bungalows – ageing population.
- Need starter homes (but where there is employment) – some apartments?
- When new development is required it should not be created so densely. We need to respect the character of the village. More affordable homes are a must below £120k
- More links to main roads needed with development
- The village needs to entice new home buyers with desirable well planned and designed homes for the future. New families to regenerate and bring new life (One other person agreed)
- Small number of social housing for singles
- More affordable starter housing e.g. 1 bedroom flats
- More affordable housing and old people's bungalows are needed. Bungalows will then allow houses to become vacant for families and hopefully prevent young families leaving the village
- More houses needed. Barlestone is being left behind, Newbold, Ibstock, Desford, Market Bosworth, Thornton. Everyone wants a first-time buyer house and have to leave, as nothing in Barlestone

##### New Housing Design/Character:

- More new homes are needed but they must look new not like something from a theme park.
- New developments should not be plain, generic boxes – they need to be well designed to add to the character of the village
- I would prefer the village to maintain its character and not develop into a housing complex. If development is needed, then small pockets of developments should appear, but services need to be up e.g. cable service at required speed

- Keep the development to a minimum and keep the village as a village
- Small pockets of developments to grow the village more organically rather than big developments that carve the village up & dilute the character

Housing for older people:

- We need more housing suitable for elderly people – apartments with lifts? – ground floor dwellings?
- Need bungalows to free up large houses for the younger generation
- There are a great number of retired people born post war who now need to downsize. This will make available many 3-4 bedroom homes for locals wishing to live in Barlestone. Privately owned Bungalows would accommodate them
- I don't want any bungalows. They have an impact on the village turning it into a giant retirement home! Families breathe new life into a village! (One other person disagreed with this)

Traffic/ Noise:

- More consideration to the increased level of traffic and noise in residential streets need to be given on the sites with planning permission
- New housing must come with appropriate parking!! Look at recent developments such as the ones in Market Bosworth (Pipistrelle), Hinckley and Desford and cars choke up the roads, making it unsightly and junctions dangerous to negotiate. Always consider the growing amount of cars in any development
- Roads need to be improved and walkways to support walkers as there are few footpaths to walk on. It isn't always safe to go cross field
- All new developments MUST have footpaths and parking for at least 2 parking per dwelling. More if more than 2 bedrooms. For developments that are large, make them do extra green space facilities etc EARLY, otherwise they plead no money and bail out

Facilities/Infrastructure:

- If we are to have more housing, then the facilities need to also accommodate this i.e. schools, larger shops etc and consider parking!
- Balanced development with some affordable homes INEL, + 'BARL. 26PP' would affect water table for existing areas which can flood in heavy rain. 7 Trent advise sewage works cannot cope with existing stock
- Rather than selling land for houses – use some of it for public spaces, parking near current public spaces, social housing for the elderly

Parking:

- Think really hard when allowing new homes as they tend to be small cramped in, with not enough parking with a possible 3-4 cars per household roads become very crowded.
- Need more parking & so many people park on the road rather than use their garages, drives, front gardens (versus other who have converted parts of their gardens to driveways)
- Any new developments must have at least 2 parking spaces, more if 2+ bedrooms

Mix Housing:

- I like the mix of houses less keen on the caravans/ temp housing, but it's not too bad at the current level
- The mix of different sized and styles of houses attracts a good social mix of people of different incomes, backgrounds and ages and helps support an interesting and enriched community.

Disability Friendly:

- Smaller bungalows with disability friendly features for our growing and ageing residents.

## Facilities & Services

### Question / Instruction

IN RELATION TO FACILITIES & SERVICES, WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED

Total Comments = 30

LIKE

Recreation facilities:

- Recreation ground off Bosworth Road very good. Can see grandchildren when they are playing
- Love the existing facilities – don't lose anything we currently have

- It is superb having a shop, doctors and sports/ playground facilities – any increase in population must be met by a similar increase in facilities to support people. And to include parking so cars are not filling all roadsides. (two people agreed to this comment)
- Recreational facilities are good and encourage healthy activities

#### WOULD LIKE TO SEE

##### Sports:

- Having increased sport facilities would be good e.g. nets to create tennis courts
- More youth facilities – hopefully better once new sports hall completed
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##### Youth/ Youth clubs:

- Younger adults are needed to revive our once popular youth club. It was a success in the 1970's & 80's but the leaders are now retired. Do not complain about young people, but do something about it. (One person agreed to this)
- Perception of 'youth' – always a problem over generations – not just recently (One person agreed to this)
- Local park has great potential a youth club at the new pavilion could encourage the youth and others to care about and make the most of what's around them
- Elohim Church do a wonderful job with village youth but more is needed
- More facilities are needed for young people e.g. youth club

##### Allotments:

- Allotments could do with composting toilets. Public toilet facilities near park
- Security of allotment – sheds frequently broken into/ damaged. Currently no fence/restriction on Newbold Road.

##### Policing/ CCTV:

- Policing, not seen unless incident – lots of speeding, vandalization of theft take place possible because not police presence as deterrents.
- More CCTV to catch crime in the village

##### Buses:

- First responder & service excellent (Two people agreed to this)

##### Emergency services:

- Please increase fast response team availability. We need 999 at the weekend – it took 40 minutes for paramedic's crew, 20 minutes for fast response

#### GP Practices:

- Local GP should open late one evening or early like Ibstock as not always easy to get there

#### Outdoor space:

- A community outdoor space on the lines of 'whistlewood common' (Melbourne/Ticknell) this space is amazing and used by all. They are applying for grants for a roundhouse on the space. Could we use the Bull Piece?

#### Recycling facilities:

- Recycling facilities – local clothes etc annoying that 'good' hardcore waste is now charged at H&B tips.

#### School:

- The school should always aim for outstanding to provide best start for the village young people (one person commented saying 'we are doing')

#### Village Hall:

- New Village Hall would be great

#### Other:

- Bowling green rather narrow elitist usage.
- Bike park /scooter park on lily grass behind the camps at the sports park
- Something similar well worth visiting Whistlewood to see what can be done!
- We need to hang onto what we've got i.e. doctors surgery and develop more youth facilities
- The village needs to be self-sufficient Doctors, Chemist Health Centre, select shops welcoming

## Employment & Business

### Question / Instruction

IN RELATION TO EMPLOYMENT & BUSINESS, WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED

### Total Comments = 23

#### LIKE

##### Shops:

- Good range of shops for size of village. 2 Indians a bit excessive though – better if one was different type of food.

#### NOT LIKE

- Loss of Green Space:
- Open green spaces should not be used for large industrial warehouses/ distribution or storage and any distribution outlets would add to local traffic with no benefit to the area of residents.
- Green fields should be kept or children in the future will not even know what one is.
- Keep the village as a village. Keep open green spaces. We have shops, food outlets, don't really need more
- Green field sites should be kept, building permission refused

#### WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED

- Business:
- Would like to see more businesses
- Provide local hair & beauty businesses – there is one?
- Provide some small business units for local people to run their own business from – agree, for small businesses though
- Small scale businesses could fit with the scale of the village and ensure the continuation of the community sense and places to congregate/ see people.
- Bigger Co-Op with parking facilities – (one person agreed to this)
- A children's night club
- 'Club' of local businesses working from home to encourage exchange of ideas and maybe trading with one another
- I think small scale industrial units offering employment to local people would be a good idea, not large warehouses (One other person agreed)

- Encouragement for more businesses, I would not like to see the village becoming a 'pretty' dead residential place like so many others
- Small business units would be good but not major warehouses, factories etc (One other person agreed that this would be positive development for the village)
- Pharmacy
- More of the café etc that Elohim do

Pub:

- The Three Tuns should stop serving people who drive away drunk – agreed – big issue!
- A safe pub with an open fire and good food would be lovely

Other:

- As primarily a residential village we do not need to encourage any industry or warehousing
- One million SQ FT coming soon . . . .
- I worry that business units would quickly escalate to a large industrial estate – look at Glenfield, this is a residential village
- We have enough businesses for the size of the village. We do not need any more. We certainly don't need industry or warehouses

## Renewable Energy

### Question / Instruction

IN RELATION TO RENEWABLE ENERGY, WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED

Total Comments = 23

LIKE

- Wind Turbines:
- I like wind turbines (in moderation) – I think they're elegant & a good use of open space. Only a couple though!

NOT LIKE

- Wind Turbines:
- Wind Turbines are ugly and noisy. Major on solar & heat pumps
- Solar Panels:
- Solar Panels are not attractive on houses. It would be better to ensure that all new houses are built to Passive houses standards which are well insulated and energy efficient – and therefore cheap to run for the life of the building
- I do not like solar PV panels across fields
- The CO<sub>2</sub> released in the solar panel production process from burning of coal to extract the minerals needed, plus the shipping of the panels to this, renders them worse than a coal powered power station.

WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED

Solar Panels:

- Solar panels on the new sports hall? & non-visible from road parts of school, old schoolhall etc
- Sympathetic solar panels on all new build
- Solar panels should be encouraged in schools and public places (One other person agreed – Use it as an example of good practise)
- Solar panels should only be allowed on buildings when in context; not on nice old buildings, or buildings of any historical significance
- Solar panels are welcome,
- Solar PV panels should be part of planning permission on new build properties, NOT installed on agricultural land
- Solar panels could be used on more homes (one person agrees to this, and another person disagrees to this and mentions 'ugly')

### Community Energy Scheme:

- Community energy service for Barlestone
- Developers to investigate District Heating System for any new development
- A community scheme idea for purchasing energy could be really good, along with ways to save energy (One other person agreed)
- Localised non-profit energy should be considered – see Robin Hood Energy as an example
- When you do need to buy gas and electric. But it all as a community and negotiate a lower rate

### Wind Turbines:

- Wind turbines in moderation
- Wind turbines, as long as not too many together, are better
- Individual small wind turbines are ok but no large ones – the villagers open space aren't large enough
- Wind turbines, again sympathetically placed (One other person agreed)
- Other:
- Developers should not be allowed to use very small windows / areas of glass to ensure energy savings. It creates unattractive homes which do not make people want to spend good money to live in them
- More advertising on renewable sources & availability

## Environment

### Question / Instruction

IN RELATION TO THE ENVIRONMENT, *WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED*

### Total Comments = 20

#### LIKE

##### Play Areas:

- The playing field and gym equipment are a wonderful facility that should be protected.

##### Pond:

- Pond at May Meadows is great – (One other person agreed to this)

#### WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED

##### Wildlife/Biodiversity:

- Protection of our green spaces is very important – natural species are lovely to see – very true
- See comments on facilities about a community outdoor/ wild area. The Bull Piece could be the place!
- Lots of birds over May Meadows & Moles & frogs, ducks & voles around the brook
- The Round house area could be developed to improve the outlook (Three people agreed to this comment)
- Vital to protect all the public access green spaces – (One person agreed to this)
- May Meadow needs clearing completely, full of dog mess
- May Meadow is an overgrown mess, no management plan in place providing true value to biodiversity
- The area at the end of Ferrer's Drive would make a wonderful wetland/wildlife area

##### Plants/ Flowers:

- More bulbs planted / flowers to make the village even more attractive
- A community garden might be a nice way to bring people together – (one person agreed to this)
- What about introducing a heritage orchard?

##### Housing:

- New housing developments shouldn't be near existing beauty spots so the views we all enjoy are protected. NO more houses! – (one person agreed to this)
- More house more traffic less green land. More flooding

##### Play areas:

- It is lovely to have 2 play grounds for children – it supports young families and provides excellent green space. If the population of the village is to increase such facilities should also increase

Other:

- Local children should design a poster to 'Look after our home' not official signs which tend to be ignored!!
- Encourage Primary School to explore and explain our green spaces, thus creating generations of people who will understand how important they are!!
- People are losing touch with nature and countryside; green spaces encourage people to enjoy it and get away from TV and technology
- Lived here 36 years value everything we already have – no more development!!

## Open Green Spaces

### Question / Instruction

IN RELATION TO OPEN GREEN SPACES, *WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED*

### Total Comments = 20

LIKE

Footpaths/Access:

- Lovely to walk from Main Street through May Meadows to the allotments. Treasure Hunt last month had us walking along footpaths we had not used for years – great event
- The close access to fields and footpaths is excellent and gives the village close connection to its rural location which should not be lost – great footpaths – (One person agreed to this)

Parks:

- Bosworth Road Park is an excellent asset for the village. Well maintained and grass is cut to a high standard (One other person agreed to this)
- May Meadow and Bosworth Road Playing Fields are wonderful areas, both for adults and children and should be kept

DO NOT LIKE

Dog/ Dog Fouling:

- Don't like Dog Poo. People should clean it up, especially on the lane to May Meadows past the allotments – (Two people agreed to this)

WOULD LIKE TO SEE

Keep and protect:

- Keep open green spaces!
- Keep green spaces, it's vital for quality of life for people to have access to this
- All green spaces must stay. We are certainly not going to get anymore!
- Must keep green spaces between villages (One other person agreed)
- Don't lose any that's there, I need more if more houses

Dog/ Dog Fouling:

- Need a 'DOG' area which is fenced off from other park users so dogs can be safely let off the lead
- Dogs should always be cleaned up after and kept on a lead – or proper control in areas where children are especially on the playing field/ playground – (one person agreed to this)

Litter:

- Bosworth Rd Park is well maintained & refurbished with equipment regularly, instruct our children to pick up litter & not do damage to equipment & fences
- If you see litter pick it up and put it in the bins provided. If children see you doing it they will hopefully do the same

Footpaths/ Access:

- All public spaces are sports fields in this village. St Giles would be great if public access was granted!

Other:

- Acquire Baxter's Fishery Lake, open up May Meadow to include lake!
- Baxter's lake given to people of Barlestone???



- Aesthetics. View General First Impressions with new eyes. Kerb appeal to encourage new home owners
- The village needs a focal point. Village square, a place where people want to makeroots and live
- BARL Z 6 PP, how can an area be marked as open space! But with planning permission

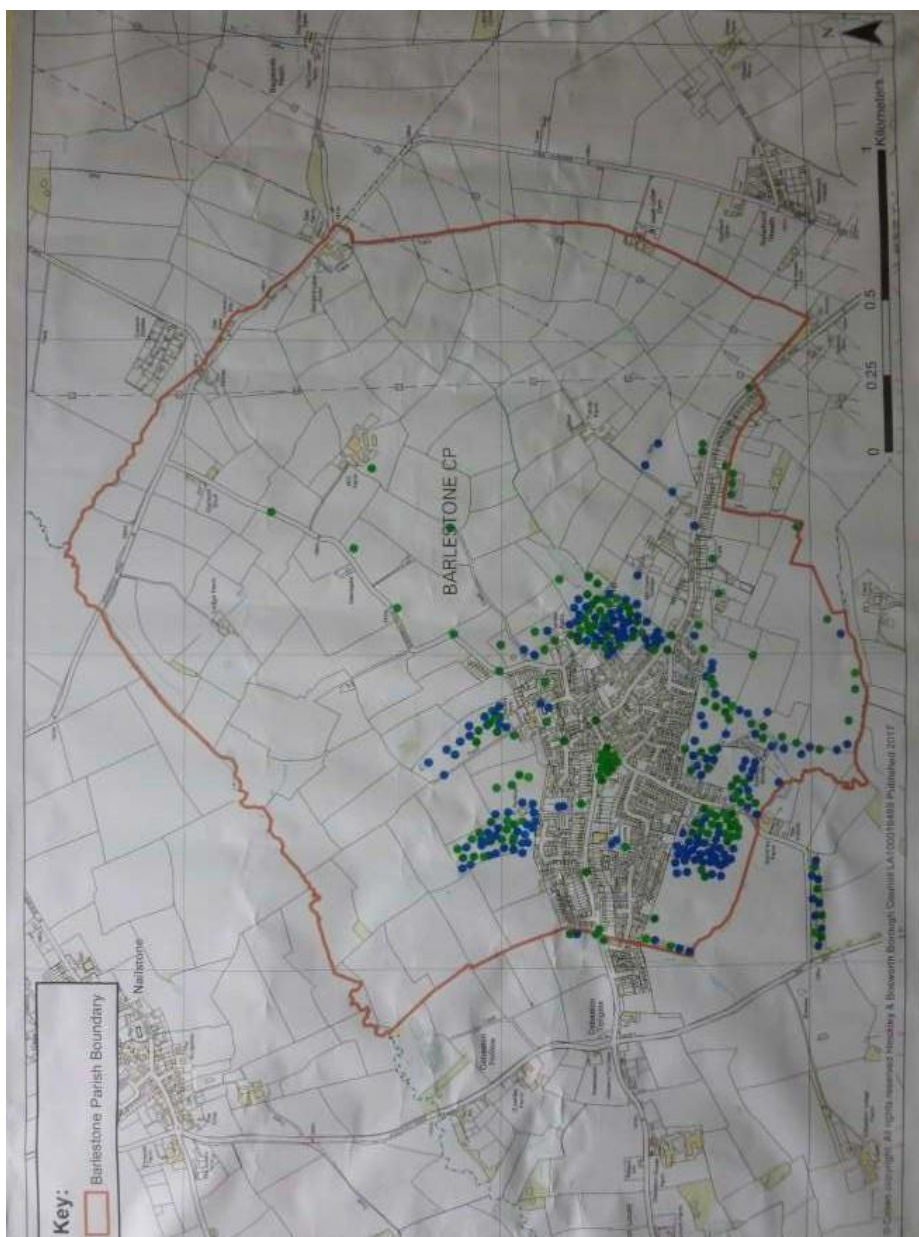
## Important Green Spaces

### Question / Instruction

Please use the sticky dots provided to identify on the map any important green spaces that you value in the Parish  
 Please place a **BLUE** dot on up to 3 green spaces that you value most for Leisure & Recreation (e.g. walking, cycling, relaxing, playing, or sport).

Please place a **GREEN** dot on up to 3 green spaces that you value most for their visual amenity (view of, from or within the village).

A map of the parish was provided for attendees to use, which is shown below



# Footpaths & Bridleways

## Question / Instruction

IN RELATION TO FOOTPATHS & BRIDLEWAYS, *WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED*

Total Comments = 19

LIKE

Gates:

- New gates very good
- New gates very good
- Gates between fields when walking a lot better
- New gates great Thanks to Parish Council

WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED

Footpath Use:

- More self-crossing gates on public footpaths which encourage people of all ages to walk more
- Footpaths generally well-kept and signed
- To provide a footpath on all public areas. Children walking on highways to gain entry into properties (health & safety)
- Can more footpaths be introduced to provide more strategic routes through the village and beyond?
- Maintain all field footpaths and bridleways
- Footpaths overgrown with stinging nettles and brambles, regular upkeep required local walking groups to help??
- Most stiles around Barlestone are not dog friendly i.e. church Farm to Nailstone – (one person agreed to this)
- Several footpaths in area severely overgrown Garden Farm to Newbold Heath Bagworth Road to Church Farm. Others are ploughed every year

Access:

- No access to the park from Lutterworth Close (?) / Barton Road. Why is the school access locked? It should be a public footpath like it used to be (one person agrees to this)

Cycle Route;

- Family friendly cycle route around the village

Dog friendly:

- Need dog friendly stiles/gates on footpaths – I can't lift my 23kg dog!!

May Meadow:

- Can all the walk ways on May Meadows be renewed. Some are so soft it is easy for vandals to destroy them – shoot the vandals then & generic area upgrade

Other

- Farmer to stop ploughing edges of fields where footpaths are positioned
- Keep them! Ones behind Brookside very overgrown though
- May Meadow and the wild area are very valuable resources which need to be protected

# History & Heritage

## Question / Instruction

IN RELATION TO HISTORY & HERITAGE, *WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED*

Total Comments = 19

## WOULD LIKE TO SEE

### Information:

- Develop history 'knowledge' and produce village information e.g. industrial archaeology
- Adds to character of village. Interpretation would be useful as I know nothing!
- Need a village trail with plaque on each site to promote knowledge of what we have
- History needs sharing
- We have a Barlestone heritage book available

### Buildings/Structures:

- Planning consent to knock down Garden Farm & Buildings is astonishing
- The historic building and the space around them should be preserved to ensure the village character is maintained
- Agree protection of the older building in the village is important – more than the local heritage list though. There's a number further up Newbold & Barton Rd worth protecting
- I agree it is important to keep these buildings as part of our local community

### Character:

- I think it is important to preserve the original older part of the village, it gives character to a village
- It is important that when future developments must take place, they do not ruin the character of the village and modern buildings are not built in close proximity to historical buildings
- The character of the village, its heritage needs to be maintained – It should not be allowed to be overrun with modern developments

### Roundhouse:

- Do not like the miss-mash around the Roundhouse area. Would like the whole area to be developed into a Village Centre Amenity with public seating & Flower Planters
- Agree the Roundhouse could be made better use of – seating? Easier access? Thin trees out a bit

### Heritage Trail:

- Could we have boards around the village with facts about the history e.g. The Bull Piece? There could be a heritage trail that could be followed around the village

### Other:

- Surprised to see 12 Newbold Road 13 not included
- To be able to use the areas with trees for village events would be good. It is great to see the centre being used for events such as Christmas Light switch on.
- Need more SAFE car parking around pub shops i.e. ROUND HOUSE in the middle!
- Less development not more!

## Communications

### Question / Instruction

IN RELATION TO COMMUNICATIONS, *WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED*

### Total Comments = 15

### LIKE

#### Broadband:

- Broadband is now excellent! Much better now fibre is available at cabinets

#### Notice Boards:

- Parish notice board appreciate VERY much, Broadband??

#### Social Media:

- The Barlestone news Facebook page is a fantastic resource – would be even better if the admin had enough time/support to remove abusive & aggressive & negative language ASAP though otherwise it's great. – (one person agreed to this)

## WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED

### Broadband:

- High speed internet – without it people cannot work effectively from the village
- Fibre broadband please
- Internet often not working or very slow, needs upgrading over all the village, not just certain places
- When is fibre optic coming? I run a business and rely on mobile phone coverage and internet signal – it's not great

### Notice boards:

- Need village notice boards that villagers can use to display their events on – good idea – (one person agreed to this)
- Need more village noticeboards
- Would residents be prepared to pay for their advertisement if more noticeboards were provided

### Mobile Signal:

- Why is there never any phone signal in the village centre!  
Other
- Are we part of recent upgrade – as Coventry was mentioned. At last an advantage to CV13 postcode!
- A Cyber café – (one person agreed to this)
- Fibre broadband is available
- People won't pay for the upgrade. 80Gb down Meadow Road!

## Flooding

### Question / Instruction

IN RELATION TO FLOODING, *WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT BARLESTONE PARISH; WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED*

### Total Comments = 8

#### NOT LIKE

##### Roads/Drains:

- Road drains overflowing after rain showers today – what happens if we have heavy rain for days?
- Recurring puddles on roads in the same places
- Puddles forms an entrance to Gregory Road when it rains, causing problems when rain is heavy

##### Flood Plain:

- Bagworth Rd + area surrounding sewage works (including footpaths) prone to flooding. Umm flood plane!

#### WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED

##### Brooks:

- Persuade local farmers to keep the brooks clear

##### Other:

- Boggy by allotments
- More housing = more flooding – (one person agreed to this)
- Holistic flooding solutions should always be a mandatory part of any planning proposal / development. New additions should never adversely affect the existing. The aim should always to improve what we have

## Additional Comments

First thing I object to when I came in was a form where the ENGLISH nationality is not in a form. I am not WHITE BRITISH

# Annex 1 to Drop In Event Report

Publicity Flyer distributed prior to Drop In Events

Want to find out more and get involved?

## BARLESTONE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



If YOU would like to have your say on future development, and help the Parish Council to plan the future of the area then please come along to the Drop-in Events.

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<http://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/npl/barlestone.html>

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## BARLESTONE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

This is Your Chance to Help Plan the Future Development of YOUR Parish.



### PUBLIC DROP-IN EVENTS

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017, BETWEEN 10am -4pm  
Old School Hall, Church Road, Barlestone, CV13 0EE.  
*(Refreshments available)*

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017, BETWEEN 3pm -8pm at  
St Giles Football Club, Barton Road, Barlestone, CV13 0EP.  
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This programme of consultation will provide you with an opportunity to help plan the future development and use of land within the Parish.

## BARLESTONE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

This consultation forms part of the process to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Barlestone Parish.

The information and views gathered will be used to build up evidence to inform the contents of the plan and help to ensure that it represents the needs and views of the local community.

### What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood planning is a new process within the reformed Town and Country Planning System agreed by Government through the Localism Act which provides the community with an opportunity to influence the planning and development of their area by producing a statutory planning document which once made will be used to help inform decisions in relation to future planning applications across the parish.

- The Neighbourhood Plan will allow those, who live, work and have a business in the area to have a say on:
- The most appropriate places for new homes, shops, offices, leisure facilities and other developments to be located.
- What type of development is needed and what it should look like.
- Which important green spaces and other important areas should be protected.
- What improvements or additions to local facilities and services will be required alongside any development.

### Why are we considering producing a plan?

The planning system helps decide what gets built, where and when. In theory, planning has always supposed to give local communities a say in decisions that affect them, however, in practice, people have often found it hard to get their voice heard.

The Neighbourhood Planning process will result in the production of a legally recognised document which will be used to ensure that the needs, views and priorities of the local community are fully considered when assessing future planning applications and proposed developments within the area.

A Neighbourhood Plan will provide a great opportunity for you to have more influence on how Barlestone Parish will change over time. Your local knowledge and good sense of what should be protected and what needs to change can now really make a difference.

### Who would produce the plan?

The production of the Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan would be led by Barlestone Parish Council with the support of a small Working Party of local volunteers who live, work or do business in the area.

The success of the plan will rely on ongoing input and support from local residents, businesses, land owners, and other organisations active within the parish.

Opportunities will be provided for ALL members of the community to engage in and inform the production of the plan.

If YOU would like to get involved in the process, have your say on future development, and help the Parish Council to plan the future of OUR area then please contact us:

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# Appendix 4 - Stakeholder Event Report

This report has been re-formatted from its original format to make the content accessible; RCC (Rural Communities Council) logos have been removed but it should be noted that they originally produced the report on behalf of the Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan.

BARLESTONE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION EVENT

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Results



# 1. Introduction

The Neighbourhood Plan process will provide residents, businesses, service providers and local organisations with a unique opportunity to help guide development within the designated area, plan the future delivery of local services and facilities, and ensure that Barlestone remains a vibrant and sustainable place to live, work, and do business.

To support the successful development of the Neighbourhood Plan, the RCC was commissioned by Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to organise and independently facilitate a consultation workshop of key local stakeholders which was held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at St. Giles' Football Club.

# 2. Engagement & Consultation Methodology

The Stakeholder Consultation Workshop was held with the following aims:

- To provide project stakeholders with some background and context to the Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan.
- To ensure local stakeholders understand the process and their role in helping to shape the Neighbourhood Plan.
- To provide stakeholders with an opportunity to feed in the issues and priorities they consider important to include / explore further within the Neighbourhood Planning process.
- To make stakeholders aware of future opportunities to engage in the plan making process.
- To contribute to the core evidence base and inform the ongoing consultation and engagement process required to produce the Neighbourhood Plan.

Consultation and engagement of stakeholders was delivered across 3 core elements:

- I. Presentation - The context and background to the project (Copies of slides in Appendix 2)
  - Background to the Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan – Barlestone Chair, Overview of Neighbourhood Plan project and activity to date/planned.
  - Overview of Neighbourhood Planning - RCC  
The background, the process, and steps to be taken.
  - Outline and Aims of the Stakeholder Consultation Session - RCC  
Introduction to the Issues and Opportunities discussion session.
- II. Table based Issues and Opportunities discussion session.  
Facilitated discussions across 4 table based groups providing stakeholders an opportunity to raise and discuss key issues and opportunities.
- III. Post event feedback.  
Opportunity for stakeholders to submit feedback following the meeting and workshops via a stakeholder comments form.

# 3. Neighbourhood Plan Stakeholder Contacts

Working with the Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, the RCC developed a comprehensive list of stakeholder contacts for consultation and engagement to be used throughout the process of developing the Neighbourhood Plan (including all statutory consultees).



Stakeholders in the Barlestone Plan have been categorised by the RCC as follows:

- Statutory Consultation Bodies (set out in the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations)
- Landowner (within the Neighbourhood Area)
- Developer / Professional Representative of Landowner
- Business (operating within or serving the Parish)
- Community / Faith / Voluntary Organisation (operating within or serving the Parish)
- Public Service Provider (delivering services to / in the Parish).

A full list of stakeholders identified for engagement and consultation is provided at Appendix 3.

## 4. Consultation Workshop Delegate List

Table 1 lists the delegates who confirmed their attendance at the stakeholder consultation meeting and workshop.

**Table 1: Stakeholder Consultation Workshop - Delegate List:**

Name	Stakeholder Category
Mr. Hugh Allan	Representing Mr. Bostock
Mrs. Pauline Allan	Representing Mr. Bostock
Mr. Steve Bailey	Landowner
Ms. Norman Bailey (Apologies)	Landowner
Ms. Jacqui Bailey (Apologies)	Complimentary Theraples
Mr. Adam Baxter	Garden Farm
Ms. Alison Blackery (Apologies)	First Steps Playgroup
Mr. Glyn Bowen	Old School Hall
Mr. Ian Briggs	Bagworth & Thornton/ Stanton Under Bardon Neighbourhood Plan Group
Mrs. Mary Briggs	Bagworth & Thornton/ Stanton Under Bardon Neighbourhood Plan Group
Mrs. Janet Clare (Apologies)	Magpie Kennels
Ms. Nicky Clooney	Barlestone Stars School Gate Walk2Run
Cllr Bill Crooks	HBBC/ Leics County Council
Ms. Julie Edge	Avon
Mr. Philip Enston	Landowner
Mr. Martyn Enston	Landowner
Mr. Jeff Freeman (Apologies)	Heath Lodge Farm
Mr. Martin Holt (Apologies)	
Ms. Catherine Jennings	C/O Fields Farm
Mr. Tony Jones	Fields Farm
Mr. Derek Lambourne	Financial Advisors

Mr. Michael Moore	M&M Taxis
Cllr Ann Smith	Barlestone Parish Council
Mr. Tony Walker	Barlestone St Giles Running Club
Mrs. Jo Westaby	Barlestone Primary School Headteacher
Mr. Gerry Barwood	BOCA Chairman
Mr. Roger King	Chair Newbold Neighbourhood Plan
Mr. David Crane	
Mrs. Cathie Watkins	Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Mr. John Watkins	Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Ms. Janet Barwood (Apologies)	Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Mr. David Burchell (Apologies)	Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Mr. Paul Burchell	Barlestone Parish Council
Mr. Derek Crane	Barlestone Parish Council
Mrs. Mary Goddard	Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Dr. Viv Goddard	Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Ms. Carmen Rahaman	Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Mr. Stuart Robertson	Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

## 5. Issues and Opportunities Group Discussions – Results

Facilitated discussion took place in 4 groups. Each group looked at the key issues and opportunities for consideration within the Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan area under the following topics; *(History & Heritage); (Open Spaces & Environment & Public Rights of Way); (Facilities & Services); (Traffic & Transport); (Employment & Business/Local Economy); (Housing); (Communications); (Renewable Energy); (Vision for Barlestone Parish) & (Summary from Barlestone Stakeholder Event).*

The following lists detail the key discussion points recorded under each topic area by each of the four groups.

### Issues & Opportunities – Traffic & Transport:

Group 1:

- Parking is a concern in the centre of the village – Safety
- Dangerous corner by Baptist Church
- Zebra crossing by school very difficult when cars are parked either side
- 20 MPH zone outside school

Group 2:

- Bosworth Road bad for parking
- Bagworth Road bad for parking Main Street
- Outside Co-op

- Outside Moda west end Newbold road
- Buses restricted
- No service on Sunday at all
- Parking provision for two vehicles
- Speeding on approach into village
- Tankers from Severn Trent, Every Day
- No chicanes
- No humps i.e. sleeping policeman
- No area for car parking
- One-way system

Group 3:

- Better bus service particularly at peak times both to Leicester & Hinckley
- Speeding within the village particularly Barton Rd & near school
- Footpath by school should be re-instated
- Walking buses to take children to & from schools
- Traffic calming measures outside the school

Group 4:

- Buses – Leicester, Mkt Harborough Hinckley Coalville
- Parking, centre of village
- Speeding – Newbold Rd
- Without traffic calming

## Issues & Opportunities – Open Spaces & Environment & Public Rights of Way:

Group 1:

- Accessibility of footpaths around the village is important

Group 2:

- More access needed
- Don't make changes that will increase flooding
- Keep open spaces that are in the village
- Footpaths to be more accessible
- Dog Poo is a major problem

Group 3:

- Public footpaths to be more accessible & maintained better
- May Meadows boardwalk needs to be improved
- Needs to be wheelchair friendly
- Roadways leading to this need to be improved
- Lighting on field area for use in evenings, possibly by youth clubs

Group 4:

- May Meadows, Bull Piece, allotments, football pitches
- Footpaths
- Green areas

- Cunnery close
- Paddock
- Recreation
- Trees in centre of village, Birds
- Land at Brookside

## Issues & Opportunities – Facilities & Services:

### Group 1:

- Facilities have dropped considerably over last few years. Buses – finish @ 6pm, no Sunday service. Example of someone moving to Desford because of this.

### Group 2:

- Keep the pubs in the village
- Regular bus service
- Daily café
- Youth club

### Group 3:

- More shops
- Better parking particularly in centre of village
- Signage for car park at Doctors surgery needs improving in village centre
- Grassed area near Three Tuns/Westfields could be made into car park

### Group 4:

- Co-op, restaurants
- Churches'
- Pubs
- Pavilion
- School, old school hall
- Doctors
- Hairdressers
- Garage shoe shop
- Play groups
- Taxis
- Undertaker

## Issues & Opportunities – Housing:

### Group 1:

- Quality mix of homes for all groups not just starter homes, including bungalows
- Any new housing needs to have enough parking off road, so parking doesn't get worse
- School needs to keep increasing its numbers in order to survive – school budget
- When new houses are being planned access/ transport/ parking needs to be considered
- Lots of starter homes in the village but not many next step homes. School is losing families due to this who don't want to move – need more houses

### Group 2:

- Need adequate sewage works, for future years

- Those with planning not going ahead
- New affordable housing
- Need bungalows for older generations
- New housing need good access roads
- Housing built in stages over years

Group 3:

- Should be a gradual increase in housing including affordable
- Should be more starter homes for young people who want to stay in village
- Bungalows needed for elderly to release larger houses for families

Group 4:

- Bungalows, rent-private & local authority
- Survey housing needs updating

## Issues & Opportunities – History & Heritage:

Group 1:

- Preserving and valuing the history of the village

Group 2:

- Keep the old school hall on Church Road
- Keep as a village too good to lose
- Preserve the public houses
- Keep centre of village as it is

Group 3:

- Should be protected, old vicarage opposite old village hall & Baptist Church
- Extension to cemetery

Group 4:

- Refer to Keith Hextall – Bus Depot
- Miners heritage
- Keep ponds & lakes
- Bull piece, May Meadow

## Issues & Opportunities – Employment & Business/Local Economy:

Group 1:

- Reliable internet connections to sustain businesses and those working from home
- Barlestone Primary school is not designed as a 'rural primary school' by the Department of Education?

Group 2:

- No major employment. But nowhere to put it
- Better use of the existing football club
- Concerns raised about a commuter village
- Possible farmers market

Group 3:

- Starter units on Newbold Road creates job opportunities
- Possible supermarket

Group 4:

- Small businesses – garage, Co-op, accountant
- No industry, Builders farmers

## Issues & Opportunities – Renewable Energy:

Group 1:

- No comments

Group 2:

- No solar panels
- Village needs to see benefits of any

Group 3:

- Solar panels on new houses
- Solar farm & wind turbines

Group 4:

- No wind turbines or panels, only private turbines – acceptable
- Solar farms – out of sight
- New houses – need energy input

## Issues & Opportunities – Communications:

Group 1:

- Reliable broadband connection

Group 2:

- Need to keep up with change in tech
- Better mobile signal and coverage
- Signage for key facilities

Group 3:

- Better mobile phone signals

Group 4:

- Internet – good
- Community involvement

## Vision for Barlestone Parish:

### Group 1:

- Need to expand quicker rather than slower
- Community spirit needed to improve
- Broadband not that good
- Housing needed – Family housing
- Transport – buses no Sunday service end early evening
- Grow expand to improve everything

### Group 2:

- More starter house for Young People
- Small starter units for businesses
- Better mobile signal needed
- Better community involvement

### Group 3:

- A small and appropriate development
- More of a community not just a commuter village
- Ability to commute without a car for young people and adults

### Group 4:

- Well-equipped for facilities – green spaces, bus service
- Not to lose these
- Parking – speeding
- Community involvement
- Small business & retail
- Housing mixture reasonable good
- Housing survey needed
- No renewable energy yet – but consider
- Keep character – be sustainable

## 6. Post Event Feedback and Comments

In addition to the Stakeholder Consultation Workshop held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, the RCC received the following feedback and comments:

### Environment Agency

Stakeholder Type = **Government Agency**

**Topic** – History & Heritage; no comment.

**Topic** – Open Spaces & Environment.

Thank you for your email dated 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 inviting us to the Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan stakeholder consultation meeting at St Giles Football Club, Barton Road, Barlestone on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

I am the Planning Specialist for Leicestershire and as such am the most appropriate person to contact (see below) for future correspondence on the plan.

I have viewed the area designation for the Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan and have no objection to this designation.

We are the main Agency providing advice on improving resilience and adaptation to the effects of climate change, with particular regard to flood risk, water resources, water quality (including groundwater) and aquatic biodiversity. We strive to make a positive contribution through our Statutory Consultee role and we hope to work with you and the Neighbourhood Plan Group as the plan formalises.

I have viewed the environmental constraints that are within our remit for the plan area and note that these are minimal. For this reason I shall not be in attendance at the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018. I highlight below the key environmental constraints (within our remit) that affect the designated area.

## Flood Risk

There are areas of flood zone 2 and 3 associated with the watercourse which forms the north west boundary of the Plan area. These flood zones lie outside of the limits for development for Barlestone and appear to only affect agricultural fields. For further information please consult the Local Authorities Strategic Flood Assessment and Surface Water Management Plans. Should development be proposed within these areas of flood risk then you need to ensure that a sequential approach is taken to the selection/location of any site to avoid areas at high risk of flooding and that relevant policies comply with the National Policy Framework, paragraphs 100-104.

Two unnamed watercourses flow through the proposed neighbourhood plan area.

These watercourses are within the catchment classification known as "Carlton Brook from the source to River Sence". This is a designated water body within the Humber River Basin Management Plan (ID number GB104028046690). This water body is currently failing to reach good ecological status under the Water Framework Directive (WFD). Its current status is "Bad". Please note that developments within or adjacent to these watercourses should not cause further deterioration and should seek to improve the water quality. There may be opportunities to improve the watercourses in conjunction with other objectives such as enhancing open spaces, parks and recreation. Furthermore, should a Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment of your neighbourhood plan be required, an assessment of the potential impacts on the watercourses under WFD should be included.

Parts of land mainly under the settlement of Barlestone are underlain by minor aquifer. An aquifer is an underground layer of water-bearing permeable rock or drift deposits from which groundwater can be extracted for use. It is essential that aquifers are kept free of pollution, therefore development or redevelopment of sites on aquifer needs to be undertaken in a way that does not have the potential to cause pollution to the aquifer. This is particularly relevant to the redevelopment of sites which may as a consequence of their previous use(s) would have the potential to cause pollution to the aquifer by the re-mobilisation of contaminants.

## Information on technical review of documents

We offer free standard level of service which provides applicants/enquirers with information on environmental constraints which are applicable to their planning proposal.

Where a request is made for us to review technical studies outside of the documents which constitute a statutory consultation this becomes a chargeable element of work. The information below will assist you in deciding whether or not you wish to use this service.

We will provide a single point of contact to manage our advice, agreeing tasks and timetables with you. This is so that we can make specialists available when you need advice from them. We may provide advice on documents and plans you provide, planning and permitting requirements, and other specific task we agree. Furthermore, we may carry out desk based analysis, arrange meetings and make site visits as set out in our agreement with you.

When you tell us you need our charged service, our local Area Office will contact you to prepare an agreement that sets out the services you require, the charges for them and payment terms. We will jointly agree an initial Proposed



Programme that identifies the task you want us to perform, the appropriate timetable and an order of cost. We use a national hourly rate, currently £84 per person per hour, for all planning pre-application agreements. The agreement will give a commencement date and an approximate duration for the work. Variation of an agreement is possible when we agree with you in writing the changes you want to make.

I hope your meeting is a success.

## Leicestershire County Council

Stakeholder Type = **Government Agency**

Thank you for including us in this invitation, unfortunately we will not be able to attend the event but look forward to hearing about your progress.

In the meantime, please find attached some general comments from our service departments. These are aimed at providing the group with suggestions of some areas to potentially consider including within their policies. Leicestershire County Council is committed to the Neighbourhood Planning Process and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best with your emerging plan.

Nik Green; 0116 3057309; [nik.green@leics.gov.uk](mailto:nik.green@leics.gov.uk)

### General Comments of Neighbourhood Plan Group December 2017

Leicestershire County Council is supportive of the Neighbourhood Plan Process and welcome being included in this consultation.

## Highways General Comments

The County Council recognises that residents may have concerns about traffic conditions in their local area, which they feel may be exacerbated by increased traffic due to population, economic and development growth.

Like many local authorities, the County Council's budgets are under severe pressure. It must therefore prioritise where it focuses its reducing resources and increasingly limited funds. In practice, this means that the County Highway Authority (CHA), in general, prioritises its resources on measures that deliver the greatest benefit to Leicestershire's residents, businesses and road users in terms of road safety, network management and maintenance. Given this, it is likely that highway measures associated with any new development would need to be **fully** funded from third party funding, such as section 278 or 106 (S106) developer contributions. I should emphasise that the CHA is generally no longer in a position to accept any financial risk relating to/make good any possible shortfall in developer funding.

To be eligible to S106 contributions proposals must fulfil various legal criteria. Measures must also directly mitigate the impact of the development e.g. they should ensure that the development does not make the existing highway conditions any worse of considered to have a severe residual impact. They cannot unfortunately be sought to address existing problems.

Where potential S106 measures would require future maintenance, which would be paid for from the County Council's funds, the measures would also need to be assessed against the County Council's other priorities and as such may not be maintained by the County Council or will require maintenance funding to be provided as a commuted sum.

With regard to public transport, securing S105 contributions for public transport services will normally focus on larger developments, where there is a more realistic prospect of services being commercially viable once the contributions have stopped i.e. they would be able to operate without being supported by public funding.

The current financial climate means that the CHA has extremely limited funding available to undertake minor

highways improvements. Where there may be the prospect of third party funding to deliver a scheme, the County Council will still normally expect the scheme to comply with prevailing relevant national and local policies and guidance, both in terms of justification and its design, the Council will also expect future maintenance costs to be covered by the third party funding. Where any measures are proposed which would affect speed limits, on-street parking restrictions or other Traffic Regulation Orders (be that to address existing problems or in connection with a development proposal), their implementation would be subject to available resources, the availability of full funding and the satisfactory completion of all necessary Statutory Procedures.

## Flood Risk Management

The County Council are fully aware of flooding that has occurred within Leicestershire and its impact on residential properties resulting in concerns relating to new developments. LCC in our role as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) undertake investigations into flooding, review consent applications to undertake works on ordinary watercourses and carry out enforcement where lack of maintenance or unconsented works has resulted in a flood risk. In April 2015 the LLFA also became a statutory consultee on major planning applications in relation to surface water drainage and have a duty to review planning applications to ensure that the onsite drainage systems are designed in accordance with current legislation and guidance. The LLFA also ensures that flood risk to the site is accounted for when designing a drainage solution.

The LLFA is not able to

- Prevent development where development sites are at a low risk of flooding or can demonstrate appropriate flood risk mitigation.
- Use existing flood risk to adjacent land to prevent development.
- Require development to resolve existing flood risk,

When considering flood risk within the development of a neighbourhood plan, the LLFA would recommend consideration of the following points:

- Locating development outside of river (fluvial) flood risk (Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea)
- Locating development outside of surface water (pluvial) flood risk (Risk of Flooding from Surface Water Map)
- Locating development outside of any groundwater flood risk by considering any local knowledge of groundwater flooding.
- How SuDS features may be incorporated into the development to enhance the local amenity, water quality and biodiversity of the site as well as manage surface water runoff.
- Watercourses and land drainage should be protected within new developments to prevent an increase in flood risk.

All development will be required to restrict the discharge and retain surface water on site in line with current Government policies. This should be undertaken through the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). Appropriate space allocation for SuDS features should be included within development sites when considering the housing density to ensure the potential site will not limit the ability for good SuDS design to be carried out. Consideration should also be given to the blue green corridors and how they could be used to improve the biodiversity and amenity of new developments, including benefits to surrounding areas.

Often ordinary watercourses and land drainage features (including streams, culverts and ditches) form part of development sites. The LLFA recommend that existing watercourses and land drainage (including watercourses that form the site boundary) are retained as open features along their original flow path, and are retained in public open space to ensure that access for maintenance can be achieved. This should also be considered when looking at housing densities within the plan to ensure that these features can be retained.

LCC, in its role of LLFA will not support proposals contrary to LCC policies.

For further information it is suggested reference is made to the National Planning Policy Framework (March 2012), Sustainable Drainage Systems: Written Statement – HCWS161 (December 2014) and the Planning Practice Guidance webpage.

## Planning – Developer Contributions

If there is no specific policy on Section 106 developer contributions/planning obligations within the draft Neighbourhood Plan, it would be prudent to consider the inclusion of developer contributions/planning obligations policy, along similar lines to those shown for example in the Draft North Kilworth NP and the draft Great Glen NP albeit adapted to the circumstances of your community. This would in general be consistent with the relevant District Council's local plan or its policy on planning obligations in order to mitigate the impacts of new development and enable appropriate local infrastructure and service provision in accordance with the relevant legislation and regulations, where applicable.

## Mineral & Waste Planning

The County Council is the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority; this means the council prepares the planning policy for minerals and waste development and also makes the decisions on minerals and waste development.

Although neighbourhood plans cannot include policies that cover minerals and waste development, it may be the case that your neighbourhood contains an existing or planned minerals or waste site. The County Council can provide information on these operations or any future development planned for your neighbourhood.

You should also be aware of the Minerals Consultation Areas, contained within the adopted Minerals Local Plan and Mineral and Waste Safeguarding proposed in the new Leicestershire Minerals and Waste Plan. These proposed safeguarding areas and existing Mineral Consultation Areas are there to ensure that non-waste and non-minerals development takes place in a way that does not negatively affect mineral resources or waste operations. The County Council can provide guidance on this if your neighbourhood plan is allocating development in these areas or if any proposed neighbourhood plan policies may impact on minerals and waste provision.

## Education

Whereby housing allocations or preferred housing developments form part of a Neighbourhood Plan the Local Authority will look for the availability of school places within a two mile (primary) and three mile (secondary) distance from the development. If there are not sufficient places then a claim for Section 106 funding will be requested to provide those places.

It is recognised that it may not always be possible or appropriate to extend a local school to meet the needs of a development, or the size of the development would yield a new school. However, in the changing educational landscape, the Council retains a statutory duty to ensure that sufficient places are available in good schools within its area, for every child of school age whose parents wish them to have one.

## Property – Strategic Property Services

No comment at this time.

## Adult Social Care

It is suggested that reference is made to recognising a significant growth in the older population and that development seeks to include bungalows etc of differing tenures to accommodate the increase. This would be in line with the draft Adult Social Care Accommodation Strategy for older people which promotes that people should plan ahead for their later life, including considering downsizing, but recognising that people's choices are often limited by the lack of suitable local options.

## Environment

With regard to the environment and in line with the Government's advice, Leicestershire County Council (LCC) would like to see Neighbourhood Plans cover all aspects of the natural environment including climate change, the landscape, biodiversity, ecosystems, green infrastructure as well as soils, brownfield sites and agricultural land.

## Climate Change

The County Council through its Environment Strategy and Carbon Reduction Strategy is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Leicestershire and increasing Leicestershire's resilience to the predicted changes in climate. Neighbourhood Plans should in as far as possible seek to contribute to and support a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and increasing the county's resilience to climate change.

## Landscape

The County Council would like to see the inclusion of a local landscape assessment taking into account Natural England's Landscape character areas, LCC's Landscape and Woodland Strategy and the Local District/Borough Council landscape assessments. We would recommend that Neighbourhood Plans should also consider the street scene and public realm within their communities, further advice can be found in the latest "Streets for All East Midlands" Advisory Document (2006) published by English Heritage.

## Biodiversity

The Natural Environment and Communities Act 2006 places a duty on all public authorities in England and Wales to have regard, in the exercise of their duties, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) clearly outlines the importance of sustainable development alongside the core principle that planning should contribute to conserving and enhancing the natural environment and reducing pollution. Neighbourhood Plans should therefore seek to work in partnership with other agencies to develop and deliver a strategic approach to protecting and improving the natural environment based on local evidence and priorities. Each Neighbourhood Plan should consider the impact of potential development on enhancing biodiversity and habitat connectivity such as hedgerows and greenways.

The Leicestershire and Rutland Environmental Records Centre (LRERC) can provide a summary of wildlife information for your Neighbourhood Plan area. This will include a map showing nationally important sites (e.g Sites of Special Scientific Interest); locally designated Wildlife Sites; location of badger setts, great crested newt breeding ponds and bat roosts; and a list of records of protected and priority Biodiversity Action Plan species. These are all material consideration in the planning process. If there has been a recent Habitat Survey of your plan area, this will also be included. LRERC is unable to carry out habitat surveys on request from a Parish Council, although it may be possible to add it into a future survey programme.

Contact: [planningecology@leics.gov.uk](mailto:planningecology@leics.gov.uk) or phone 0116 305 4108.

## Green Infrastructure

Green Infrastructure (GI) is a network of multi-functional green space, urban and rural, which is capable of delivering a wide range of environmental and quality of life benefits for local communities, (NPPF definition). As a network, GI includes parks, open spaces, playing fields, woodlands, street trees, cemeteries/churchyards, allotments and private gardens as well as streams, rivers, canals and other water bodies and features such as green roofs and living walls.

The NPPF places the duty on local authorities to plan positively for a strategic network of GI which can deliver a range on planning policies including building a strong, competitive economy; creating a sense of place and promote good design; promoting healthier communities by providing greater opportunities for recreation and mental and physical health benefits; meeting the challenges of climate change and flood risk; increasing biodiversity and conserving and enhancing the natural environment. Looking at the existing provision of GI networks within a community can influence the plan for creating & enhancing new networks and this assessment can then be used to inform CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) schedules, enabling communities to potentially benefit from this source of funding.

Neighbourhood Plan groups have the opportunity to plan GI networks at a local scale to maximise benefits for their community and in doing so they should ensure that their Neighbourhood Plan is reflective of the relevant Local

Authority Green Infrastructure strategy. Through the Neighbourhood Plan and discussions with the Local Authority Planning teams and potential Developers communities are well placed to influence the delivery of local scale GI networks.

## Brownfield, Soils and Agricultural Land

The NPPF encourages the effective use of brownfield land for development provided that it is not of high environmental/ecological value. Neighbourhood planning groups should check with DEFRA if their neighbourhood planning area includes brownfield sites. Where information is lacking as to the ecological value of these site then the Neighbourhood Plan could include policies to ensure such survey work should be carried out to assess the ecological value of a brownfield site before development decisions are taken.

Soils are an essential finite resource on which important ecosystem services such as food production, are dependent upon. They therefore should be enhanced in value and protected from adverse effects of unacceptable levels of pollution. Within the Government's "Safeguarding our Soils" strategy, DEFRA have produced a code of practice for the sustainable use of soils on construction sites which could be helpful to neighbourhood planning groups in preparing environmental policies.

High quality agricultural soils should, where possible be protected from development and where a large area of agricultural land is identified for development then planning should consider using the poorly quality areas in preference to the higher quality areas. Neighbourhood planning groups should consider mapping agricultural land classification within their plan to enable informed decisions to be made in the future. Natural England can provide further information and Agricultural Land classification.

## Impact of Development on Civic Amenity Infrastructure

Neighbourhood planning groups should remain mindful of the interaction between new development applications in a district are and the Leicestershire County Council. The County's Waste Management team considers proposed developments on a case by case basis and when it is identified that a proposed development will have a detrimental effect on the local civic amenity infrastructure then appropriate projects to increase the capacity to off-set the impact have to be initiated. Contributions to fund these projects are requested in accordance with Leicestershire's Planning Obligations Policy and the Community Infrastructure Legislation Regulations.

## Communities

Consideration of community facilities is a positive facet of Neighbourhood Plans that reflects the importance of these facilities within communities and can proactively protect and develop facilities to meet the needs of the people in local communities. Neighbourhood Plans provide an opportunity to;

- Carry out and report on a review of community facilities, groups and allotments and their importance within your community.
- Set out policies that seek to;
  - protect and retain these existing facilities,
  - support the independent development of new facilities, and,
  - identify and protect Assets of Community Value and provide support for any existing or future designations.
- Identify and support potential community projects that could be progressed.

## Economic Development

We would recommend including economic development aspirations with your Plan, outlining what the community currently values and whether they are open to new development of small businesses, etc.

## Superfast Broadband

High speed broadband is critical for businesses and for access to services, many of which are now online by default. Having a superfast broadband connection is no longer merely desirable, but is an essential requirement for

ordinary daily life.

All new developments (including community facilities) should have access to superfast broadband (of at least 30Mbps). Developers should take active steps to incorporate superfast broadband at the pre-planning phase and should engage with telecoms providers to ensure superfast broadband is available as soon as build on the development is complete. Developers are only responsible for putting in place broadband infrastructure for developments of 30+ properties. Consideration for developers to make provision in all new houses regardless of the size of the development should be considered.

## Equalities

While we cannot comment in detail on plans, you may wish to ask stakeholders to bear the Council's Equality Strategy 2016-2020 in mind when taking your Neighbourhood Plan forward through the relevant procedures, particularly for engagement and consultation work. A copy of the strategy can be viewed at:

[www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/field/pdf/2017/1/30/equality-strategy2016-2020.pdf](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/field/pdf/2017/1/30/equality-strategy2016-2020.pdf).

## National Grid

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find the attached response on behalf of National Grid.

Kind regards,

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13 December 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Consultation  
SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL GRID

National Grid has appointed Amec Foster Wheeler to review and respond to development plan consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regards to the above Neighbourhood Planning consultation.

## About National Grid

National Grid owns and operates the high voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales and operate the Scottish high voltage transmission system. National Grid also owns and operates the gas transmission system. In the UK, gas leaves the transmission system and enters the distribution networks at high pressure. It is then transported through a number of reducing pressure tiers until it is finally delivered to our customer. National Grid own four of the UK's gas distribution networks and transport gas to 11 million homes, schools and businesses through 81,000 miles of gas pipelines within the North West, East of England, West Midlands and North London.

To help ensure the continued safe operation of existing sites and equipment and to facilitate future infrastructure investment, National Grid wishes to be involved in the preparation, alteration and review of plans and strategies which may affect our assets.

## Specific Comments

An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high pressure gas pipelines and also National Grid Gas Distributions Intermediate/High Pressure apparatus.

National Grid has identified the following high voltage overhead powerlines as falling within the Neighbourhood Plan boundary.

ZL Route – 275kV and 400kV from Coventry substation in West Midlands to ZL10 Route Tower (ZL010) in South Derbyshire.

From the consultation information provided, the above overhead powerline does not interact with any of the proposed development sites.

## Gas Distribution – Low/Medium Pressure

Whilst there is no implications for National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate/High Pressure apparatus, there may be however Low Pressure (LP)/Medium Pressure (MP) Gas Distribution pipes present within the proposed development sites. If further information is required in relation to the Gas Distribution network please contact [plantprotection@nationalgrid.com](mailto:plantprotection@nationalgrid.com).

## Key resources/Contacts

National Grid has provided information in relation to electricity and transmission assets via the following internet link: <http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/>

The first point of contact for all works within the vicinity of gas distribution assets is Plant Protection ([plantprotection@nationalgrid.com](mailto:plantprotection@nationalgrid.com)).

Information regarding the transmission and distribution network can be found at: [www.energynetworks.org.uk](http://www.energynetworks.org.uk).

Please remember to consult National Grid on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or site-specific proposals that could affect our infrastructure. We would be grateful if you could add our details shown below to your consultation database:

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Consultant Town Planner  
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Gallows Hill  
Warwick  
CV34 6DA

I hope the above information is useful. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Consultant Town Planner

## Landowner

Barlestone Stakeholder Consultation; Heath Farm

Telephones to give apologies for the Stakeholder Consultation meeting.

Mr Webster stated that he has a piece of land that he would be willing to allow for recreational use or for renewable energy use. He does not think that housing would be a possibility due to the location.

The land is around 50 acres and is right at the bottom of the designated area map. It borders Barlestone on the right and Osbaston at the bottom. At the back of Mr Enston's. It is an old-fashioned boundary line with an unrestricted right of way near B582.

The land was once going to have solar panels installed before the Government pulled the plug.

## Cawrey Homes

Please see attached Stakeholder Form (inserted below), for consideration by the Parish Council.

We have entered into an Option agreement with the owner of the fields identified on the attached OS extract plan (outline plan was attached - known as fields 2001 and 2002) and are in the process of drawing together reports to lodge a Pre-App enquiry with Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council for residential development of the land. I have tried to enter the details on the form but further details are available if required at this stage.

There is a tendency for many communities to resist new developments but we are an established development Company, still family owned and will be proposing to develop a scheme to provide quality homes at a rate of about 20 plots per year, to meet local need for the Community as a whole with S106 contributions tailored to support local amenities for the benefit of all residents.

We hope that this may be considered by the Parish Council in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan and would be very happy to enter into discussions at this early stage if this would be helpful. Regards.

Stakeholder Type = **Landowner Representative**

**Topic** – History & Heritage; There are no identifiable heritage features on these fields apart from ridge & furrow which may be retained within informal open space at the Southern end of the site. Hedges will be retained & strengthened where possible to maintain biodiversity & provide wildlife corridors throughout the area.

**Topic** – Open Spaces & Environment; There is a potential to include a Community Orchard within the proposal for the new homes off Bosworth Road, as well as informal open space along the brook corridor and improvements to the footpath along the Northern Boundary.

**Topic** – Facilities & Services; A Section 106 Agreement would include contributions to local schools and other facilities within the community. We would be keen to support any local projects that would meet S106 requirements and improve existing amenities.

**Topic** – Traffic & Transport; A new junction to provide access to the site would be created on Bosworth Road. The existing public right of way would be upgraded to improve access to the village centre from the new development.

**Topic** – Employment & Business/Local Economy; These new homes would be intended to meet local need for



market and affordable new homes and build out at a rate of approx. 20 per year, a sustainable rate for the settlement. We are in the process of preparing reports prior to submitting a pre-application enquiry to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council for the site.

**Topic** – Housing; We hold an option on 2 fields east of Bosworth Road within the Neighbourhood Plan area which could provide up to 90 dwellings, as a modest expansion to the village. Up to 40% could be “Affordable Homes” (subject to viability) with a mix of homes to meet local need.

**Topic** – Communications; We would seek to work with internet providers to connect high speed data services to the new homes.

**Topic** – Renewable Energy; The proposed new homes will be built to meet high standards of insulation and energy efficiency with potential for additions of Solar Photovoltaic panels and laid out to take advantage of solar gain where appropriate.

## Natural England

Please find Natural England’s response in relation to the above mentioned consultation attached herewith,

Kind regards,

Natural England

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[www.gov.uk/natural-england](http://www.gov.uk/natural-england)

### **Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Stakeholder Meeting**

Thank you for your invitation to attend the above meetings in connection with your proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan. Unfortunately Natural England will be unable to send a representative as our resources are limited and it is not possible to accept all such invitations.

We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information sources you may wish to use in developing your plan or order, and to highlight some of the potential environmental risks and opportunities that neighbourhood plans or orders may present. We have set this out in the annex to this letter.

## Natural England’s Role

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment of conserved, enhanced and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. Your local planning authority should be able to advise you on if and when we should be consulted further on your neighbourhood plan or order.

## Planning for the Natural Environment

Neighbourhood plans and orders present significant opportunities, but also potential risks, for the natural environment. Your proposals should be in line with the National Planning Policy Framework. The key principles are set out in paragraph 109:

*The planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by:*

- *protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, geological conservation interests and soils;*
- *recognising the wider benefits of ecosystems services;*
- *minimising impacts on biodiversity and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible, contributing to the Government's commitment to halt the overall decline in biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures;*

You should also consider the natural environment policies in your area's Local Plan. Your neighbourhood plan or order should be consistent with these, and you may decide that your plan should provide more detail as to how some of these policies apply or are interpreted locally.

The attached annex sets out sources of environmental information and some natural environment issues you may wish to consider as you develop your neighbourhood plan or order.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely,  
Dawn Kinrade  
Consultations Team

## Annex to Natural England Response

Neighbourhood Planning and the natural environment: Information, issues and opportunities

Natural environment information sources

The Magic (<http://magic.defra.gov.uk/>) website will provide you with much of the nationally held environment data for your plan area. The most relevant layers for you to consider are: **Agricultural Land Classification, Ancient Woodland, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Local Nature Reserves, National Parks (England), National Trails, Priority Habitat Inventory, public rights of way (on Ordnance Survey base map) and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (including their impact risk zones)**. Local environmental record centres may hold a range of additional information on the natural environment. A list of record centres is available at <http://www.nbn-nfbr.org.uk/nfbr.php>.

**Priority Habitats** are those habitats of particular importance for natural conservation, and the list of them can be found at <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx>. Most of these will be mapped either as **Sites of Special Scientific Interest**, on the Magic website or as **Local Wildlife Sites**. Your local planning authority should be able to supply you with the locations of Local Wildlife Sites.

**National Character Areas** (NCAs) divide England into 159 distinct natural areas. Each character area is defined by a unique combination of landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural and economic activity. NCA profiles contain descriptions of the area and statements of environmental opportunity, which may be useful to inform proposals in your plan. NCA information can be found at <http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-character-area-profiles-data-for-local-decision-making>.

There may also be a local **landscape character assessment** covering your area. This is a tool to help understand the character and local distinctiveness of the landscape and identify features that give it a sense of place. It can help to inform, plan and manage change in the area. Your local planning authority should be able to help you access these if you can't find them online.

If your neighbourhood planning area is within or adjacent to a **National Park** or **Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** (AONB), the relevant National Park/AONB Management Plan for the area will set out useful information about the protected landscape. You can access the plans on from the relevant National Park Authority or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty website.

General mapped information on **soil types** and **Agricultural Land Classification** is available (under "landscape") on

the Magic website and also from the LandIS website at <http://landis.org.uk/index.cfm>, which contains more information about obtaining soil data.

## Natural environment issues to consider

The National Planning Policy Framework at <http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2> sets out national planning policy on protecting and enhancing the natural environment. Planning Practical Guidance at <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/natural-environment/> sets out supporting guidance.

Your local planning authority should be able to provide you with further advice on the potential impacts of your plan or order on the natural environment and the need for any environmental assessments.

## Landscape

Your plans or orders may present opportunities to protect and enhance locally valued landscape. You may want to consider identifying distinctive local landscape features or characteristics such as ponds, woodland or dry stone walls and think about how any new development proposals can respect and enhance local landscape character and distinctiveness.

If you are proposing development within or close to a protected landscape (National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) or other sensitive location, we recommend you carry out a landscape assessment of the proposal. Landscape assessments can help you choose the most appropriate sites for development and help to avoid or minimise impacts of development on the landscape through careful siting, design and landscaping.

## Wildlife Habitats

Some proposals can have adverse impacts on designated wildlife sites or other priority habitats (listed at <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx> such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest or Ancient Woodland (<http://www.gov.uk/guidance/ancient-woodland-and-veteran-trees-protection-surveys-licences>). If there are likely to be any adverse impacts you'll need to think about how such impacts can be avoided, mitigated or, as a last resort, compensated for.

## Priority and protected species

You'll want to consider whether any proposals might affect priority species (listed at <http://www.webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx>) or protected species. To help you do this, Natural England has produced advice (<https://www.gov.uk/protected-species-and-sites-how-to-review-planning-proposals>) to help understand the impact of particular developments on protected species.

## Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land

Soil is a finite resource that fulfils many important functions and services for society. It is a growing medium for food, timber and other crops, a store for carbon and water, a reservoir of biodiversity and a buffer against pollution. If you are proposing development, you should seek to use areas of poorer quality agricultural land in preference to that of higher quality in line with the National Planning Policy Framework para 112. For more information, see our publication Agricultural Land Classification: protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land at <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/35012>.

## Improving your natural environment

Your plan or order can offer exciting opportunities to enhance your local environment. If you are setting out policies on new development or proposing sites for development, you may wish to consider identifying what environmental

features you want to be retained or enhanced or new features you would like to see created as part of any new development. Examples might include:

- Providing a new footpath through the new development to link the existing rights of way.
- Restoring a neglected hedgerow.
- Creating a new pond as an attractive feature on the site.
- Planting trees characteristic to the local area to make a positive contribution to the local landscape.
- Using native plants in landscaping schemes for better nectar and seed sources for bees and birds.
- Incorporating swift boxes or bat boxes into the design of new buildings.
- Think about how lighting can be best managed to encourage wildlife.
- Adding a green roof to new buildings.

You may also want to consider enhancing your local area in other ways, for example by:

- Setting out in your plan how you would like to implement elements of a wider Green infrastructure Strategy (if one exists) in your community.
- Assessing needs for accessible greenspace and setting out proposals to address any deficiencies or enhance provision.
- Identifying green areas of particular importance for special protection through Local Green Space designation (see Planning Practice Guidance on this at <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space/local-green-space-designation/>).
- Managing existing (and new) public spaces to be more wildlife friendly (e.g. by sowing wild flower strips in less used parts of parks, changing hedge cutting timings and frequency).
- Planting additional street trees.
- Identifying any improvements to the existing public rights of way network, e.g. cutting back hedges, improving the surface, clearing litter or installing kissing gates or extending the network to create missing links.
- Restoring neglected environmental features (e.g. coppicing a prominent hedge that is in poor condition or clearing away an eyesore).

## Sport England

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above Neighbourhood Plan.

Government planning policy, within the **National Planning Policy Framework** (NPPF), identifies how the planning system can play an important part in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.

It is essential therefore that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with the national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 73 and 74. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's statutory consultee role in **protecting playing fields** and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England's playing fields policy is set out in our Planning Policy Statement "A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England" <http://www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy/>

Sport England provides guidance on **developing planning policy** for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded.

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/>

Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 74 of the NPPF, this takes the form of **assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities**. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide

useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery.

Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in the area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England's guidance on assessing needs may help such work <http://www.sportengland.org/planning/planningtoolsandguidance>.

If **new or improved sports facilities** are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes <http://sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance>.

Any **new housing** developments will generate an additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place.

In line with the Government's NPPF (including section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how **any new development**, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing or assessing individual proposals.

Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying check list, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active lifestyles and what could be improved.

NPPF Section 8: <http://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities>.

PPG Health & wellbeing section: <http://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing>.

Sport England's Active Design Guidance: <http://www.sportengland.org/activedesign>.

*(Please note: this response relates to Sport England's planning function only. It is not associated with our funding role or any grant application/award that may relate to the site.)*

If you need any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact Sport England using the contact details below.

Yours sincerely,

Planning Admin Team

T: 020 7273 1777

E. [Planning.central@sportengland.org](mailto:Planning.central@sportengland.org).

# Severn Trent

Thank you for inviting Severn Trent Water to comment on Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan. We currently have no specific comments to make however and will not be attending the meeting but have attached some general information and advice for your information. Please keep us informed as your plans develop and when appropriate we will be able to offer a more detailed comments and advice,

Best Wishes,

Sewerage Management Planning (SMP) – Strategic Planning Analyst

Asset Management – Infra Business Planning

Email: [Growth\\_Development@severntrent.co.uk](mailto:Growth_Development@severntrent.co.uk)

05 February 2018

Our Ref: Barlestone 1

## **Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Stakeholder Meeting**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your consultation. We currently have no specific comments to make, but please keep us informed when your plans are further developed when we will be able to offer more detailed comments and advice.

For your information we have set out some general guidelines that may be useful to you.

## Position Statement

As a water company we have an obligation to provide water supplies and sewage treatment capacity for future use. It is important for us to work collaboratively with Local Planning Authorities to provide relevant assessments of the impact of future developments. For outline proposals we are able to offer general comments. Once detailed developments and site specific locations are confirmed by local councils, we are able to offer 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 of speculative developments to minimise customer bills.

## Sewage Strategy

Once detailed plans are available ad 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 any surface water to be conveyed to our foul or combined sewerage system and, where practicable, we support the removal of 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.

To encourage developers to consider sustainable drainage, Severn Trent currently offer a 100% discount on the sewerage infrastructure charge if there is no surface water connection and a 75% discount if there is a surface

water connection via a sustainable drainage system. More details can be found on our website <https://www.stwater.co.uk/building-and-developing/regulations-and-forms/application-forms-and-guidance/infrastructure-charges/>.

## Water Quality

Good quality river water and groundwater is vital for the 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 there 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.

## 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 greater impact and require greater reinforcement to accommodate greater demands.

## Water Efficiency

Part G of Building Regulations 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 efficiency 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 rather than the maximum volume specified in the Building Regulations.

We recommend that in all cases you consider:

- Single flush siphon toilet cistern and those with a flush 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.

To further encourage developers to act sustainably Severn Trent currently offer a 100% discount on the clean water infrastructure charge if properties are built so consumption per person is 110 litres per person per day. More details can be found on our website <https://www.stwater.co.uk/building-and-developing/regulations-and-forms/application-forms-and-guidance/infrastructure-charges/>.

We would encourage you to impose the expectation on developers that properties are built to the optional requirement in Building Regulations of 110 litres of water per person per day.

We hope this information has been useful to you and we look forward in hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca McLean  
Lead Catchment Planner  
[growth.development@severntrent.co.uk](mailto:growth.development@severntrent.co.uk)

# The Coal Authority

Please find attached a completed response form as requested, regards, The Coal Authority.

W: [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority)

Stakeholder Type = **Government Agency**

**Topic** – History & Heritage; No specific comments to make.

**Topic** – Open Spaces & Environment; No specific comments to make.

**Topic** – Facilities & Services; No specific comments to make.

**Topic** – Traffic & Transport; No specific comments to make.

**Topic** – Employment & Business/Local Economy; No specific comments to make.

**Topic** – Housing; No specific comments to make.

**Topic** – Communications; No specific comments to make.

**Topic** – Renewable Energy; No specific comments to make.



# Annex 1 – Stakeholder Flyer

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Your Chance to Help Plan the Future Development of the Parish.

Map of the designated area



## BARLESTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETING

### STAKEHOLDER MEETING

6PM—8PM (5.45pm Sign-in)

TUESDAY 16th JANUARY 2018

St Giles Football Club, Barton Road,  
Barlestone, CV13 0EP

By invitation of  
Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan  
Steering Group  
Supported by Barlestone Parish Council

Further information can be found on the Parish Council website or by contacting our Chair, Cathie Watkins, via email at [barlestoneparishndp@gmail.com](mailto:barlestoneparishndp@gmail.com) or telephone 01455 292957

<http://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/hp/barlestone1.html>

## BARLESTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETING

### What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood planning is a new process within the reformed Town and Country Planning System. It has been agreed by Government through the Localism Act, which provides the community with an opportunity to influence the planning and development of their area by producing a statutory planning document. Once made it will be used to help inform decisions in relation to future planning applications across the parish. The Neighbourhood Plan will allow those, who live, work and have a business in the area to have a say on:

- The most appropriate places for new homes, shops, offices, leisure facilities and other developments to be located.
- What type of development is needed and what it should look like.
- Which important green spaces and other important areas should be protected.
- What improvements or additions to local facilities and services will be required alongside any development.

### Why Do We Need a plan?

The planning system helps decide what gets built, where and when. In theory, planning has always supposed to give local communities a say in decisions that affect them. However, in practice, people have often found it hard to get their voice heard.

The Neighbourhood Planning process will result in the production of a legally recognised document which will be used to ensure that the needs, views and priorities of the local community are fully considered when assessing future planning applications and proposed developments within the area.

A Neighbourhood Plan will provide a great opportunity for you to have more influence on how Barlestone will change over time. Your local knowledge and good sense of what should be protected and what needs to change, can now really make a difference.

### Who is producing the plan?

The production of the Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan is being led by a Steering Group of local volunteers who live, work or do business in the area. They are developing the plan with the full support of the Barlestone Parish Council.

The success of the plan will rely on ongoing input and support from local residents, businesses, land owners, and other organisations active within the parish.

Opportunities will be provided for ALL members of the community to engage in and inform the production of the plan. If you would like to get involved in the process, have your say on future development and help to plan for the future of the village, come along to this event and give us your views.

# Annex 2 – Workshop Presentations

**BARLESTONE PARISH  
NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Steering Group meetings are held:-  
**First Thursday each month; 8pm start**  
In the "Pavilion" Basenorth Road Sports Ground  
(next to the new Community Centre building site)

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

[www.barlestoneparish.org.uk/governance.html](http://www.barlestoneparish.org.uk/governance.html)

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**BARLESTONE PARISH  
NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
PROGRESS TO DATE**

March 2017 – Steering Group formed  
May 2017 – "designated" area agreed by HMRC  
June – August 2017 – communications to villagers via events, posters, etc.  
September 2017 – community "drop in" events  
**TODAY – stakeholder meeting (land owners, businesses & local groups)**  
Ongoing – parish character assessment (for future use)  
Consulting Questionnaire planned for Spring/Summer 2018

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**This Evening's Agenda**

- 1. Welcome & Introductions**  
Chair: Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group
- 2. Overview of Neighbourhood Planning**  
Rural Community Council (RCC)
- 3. Issues & opportunities workshops introduction**  
Rural Community Council (RCC)
- 4. Workshop Groups**  
Led by Table Facilitators
- 5. Plenary Feedback**

## Aims for the Evening

Provide some background and context to the Belvedere Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Ensure you as local stakeholders understand the process and your role in helping to shape the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Provide you with an opportunity to feed in the issues and opportunities you consider important to include or explore further within the Neighbourhood Planning process.

Make you aware of future opportunities to engage in the plan making process.

## Background to Neighbourhood Planning

### Background to Neighbourhood Planning

- Development is essential to ensure our communities remain vibrant and sustainable.
- The planning system exists to ensure sustainable development, support economic growth, improve people's quality of life, and protect the natural environment.



Traditionally communities have found it hard to get their voices heard, and have generally engaged the planning system in a reactive rather than proactive way.



### Neighbourhood Planning – New Opportunity

Through the Localism Act, Neighbourhood Planning empowers local communities to proactively plan the future development of their area by determining:

- The most appropriate location(s) for new development.
- What type of development is needed and what it should look like.
- Important areas / buildings that should be preserved.
- Changes required to help sustain, improve and/or expand facilities, services and infrastructure.

### A Neighbourhood Plan...

- ... holds statutory weight within the Planning System.
- ... sets policies related to the development & use of land.
- ... is made by the Parish Council.
- ... involves, but is not led by the Planning Authority.
- ... proactively represents the needs & priorities of those that live, work, or do business within the community.
- ... must be backed up by a robust evidence base
- ... requires statutory consultation, an independent examination, and a local referendum.

### A Neighbourhood Plan...

CAN	SHOULD NOT
Shape & direct future development	Look to prevent any development from ever taking place in an area.
Identify the most suitable local sites for development	Aim to simply block a specific or series of proposed developments.
Complement and/or extend local and existing planning policies	Conflict with relevant local, national or EU policies.
Encourage more development than proposed in an area	Reduce the amount of development already allocated to an area.
Identify key assets for preservation	Be prepared without input and support from the local community.
Set out improvements or additions to facilities, services and infrastructure	Be prepared without the support of the Parish and Local Planning Authority.

Neighbourhood Planning provides a mechanism for communities to engage the planning system and influence the future of their area in a proactive way.



### Steps to Create a Neighbourhood Plan



### The Statutory Role of the Borough Council

- Ensuring consultation and publicity of plan stages
- Ensure Statutory Consultees are informed of the Pre-examination Plan
- Ensure compliance with EU Regulations
- Validation Check
- Appointment of Examiner
- Conducting the Referendum
- 'Making' the Plan

## Issues & Opportunities Workshop

3 ways to feed in your views:



Round Table Discussions



Post-it Notes



E-mail  
By 31st  
January

### Workshop

To consider the key  
Issues & Opportunities  
the Neighbourhood Plan  
will need to explore as a:

- Landowner
- Business
- Organisation
- Council
- Service Provider

## Further Comments

[neighbourhoodplanning@ruralcc.org.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodplanning@ruralcc.org.uk)

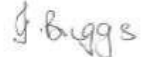
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# Annex 3 – Stakeholder Sign In Sheets

## Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan - Stakeholder Meeting

Scribe Chair	Group	Name	Organisation / Role	Sign in	E-mail
	1	Mr. Hugh Allan	Representing Mr. Bostock		
	1	Mrs. Pauline Allan	Representing Mr. Bostock		
	2	Mr. Steve Bailey	Landowner		
	2	Ms. Norma Bailey	Landowner	X APOLOGIES	
	1	Ms. Jacqui Bailey	Complimentary Therapies	X APOLOGIES	
	4	Mr. Adam Baxter	Garden Farm		
	1	Ms. Janet Barwood	Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	APOLOGIES	
	4	Mr. David Burchell	Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	APOLOGIES	
	3	Mr. Paul Burchell	Barlestone St Giles FC & Sports & Social Club		
	1	Ms. Alison Blackery	First Steps Playgroup	APOLOGIES	
	1	Mr. Glyn Bowen	Old School		

	4	Mr. Ian Briggs	Bagworth & Thornton/Stanton under Bardon Neighbourhood Plan		
	4	Mrs. Mary Briggs	Bagworth & Thornton/Stanton under Bardon Neighbourhood Plan	M. Briggs	
	2	Mrs. Janet Clare	Magpie Kennels		
	2	Ms. Nicky Clooney	Barlestone Stars School Gate Walk2Run		N CLOONEY
	4	Mr. Derek Crane	Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group		
	4	Clr Bill Crooks	HBBC / Leics County Council		
	4	Ms. Julie Edge	Avon		
	3	Mr. Philip Enston	Landowner		
	3	Mr. Martyn Enston	Landowner	M.B. En	
	2	Mr. Jeff Freeman	Heath Lodge Farm		
	1	Mrs. Mary Goddard	Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group		
	1	Mr. Viv Goddard	Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group		
	4	Mr. Martin Holt			



## Annex 4 – Stakeholder Consultee List

Statutory Consultation Bodies
DCLG
HBBC
Newbold Verdon Parish Council
Leicestershire County Council
Barlestone Parish Council
Nailstone Parish Council
Osbaston Parish Council
Bagworth & Thornton Parish Council
Bagworth & Thornton & Stanton Under Bardon NP
Cllr. Bill Crooks
Homes and Communities Agency
Ancient Monuments Society
Natural England
LLEP
The Environment Agency
CPRE Leicestershire
Historic England
The Coal Authority
Network Rail
Health & Safety Executive
Highways England
Western Power Distribution
Mobile Operators Association
BT Openreach
Three
E Corporate and Financial Affairs Dept
Vodafone and O2
Land use planning dept, Vodafone
West Leicestershire CCG
Westfields Doctors Surgery
Barlestone Primary School
Midlands Rural Housing
National Grid
British Gas Connections Ltd
British Gas Business
Severn Trent Water
Arriva Bus Service 153
Roberts Coaches Service 159
St Philips Centre
Federation of Small Businesses
Country Land & Business Association
National Farmers Union
GATE (Gypsy & Traveller Equality)
Interfaith Forum for Leicestershire
Federation of Muslim Organisations Leics



Action for Blind People
Vista Blind
Action Deafness
Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living
Mosaic
Mencap
Age UK Leicestershire & Rutland
Interfaith Forum for Leicestershire
Voluntary Action Leicestershire
Police Local Policing Unit
Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust
Sports England
Leicester-Shire & Rutland Sport
Leicestershire Police
Leicestershire Fire & Rescue
East Midlands Ambulance Service
Leicestershire Fire & Rescue
Leicestershire Police

#### Local Community Organisations/Local Clubs

BOCA	Yoga
Old School Hall	Weight Watchers
Slimming World	St Giles Football Club
Baptist Church	Elohim Christian Church
St Giles C of E Church	Brownies/ Guides/ Rainbows
Judo	Bowls Club
First Steps Playgroup	Sunshine Club
Barlestone Primary School	Barlestone Stars After School Club
Barlestone St Giles Running Club	School Gate Walk2Run Group
Table Tennis Club	Mel T Fitness
Community First Responders	

#### Landowners

Derek Crane & Sons	M Hambleton
Alec Statham	Tony Jones
Jeff Freeman	Adam Baxter
Christine Gibson	Martyn Enston
Allen Bostock	R Webster
M Greenhough	J Otterwell
The Gypsies	St Giles Football Club
E Norris	G Smith
Stephen Bailey	Ms Catherine Jennings
John Cawrey	

#### Businesses

Arriva Buses (153 route)	Roberts Buses (159 route)
Co-operative Stores	MODA
SC Total Body Workout	Barlestone Fisheries
Oriental Chinese Take Away	Red Lion
Daawat	Working week accountancy
DRG Builders	Warren Gibson
M&M Taxis	Mark Boonham
Phil Enston	D&B Electrical

Barlestone Garage	Mosaic Shoes
Sams Flowers	Gillivers Undertakers
Steve Dyson	Barlestone Honey
The Jockey Door	The Chocolate Barn
The massage base	Little Mill Mutts
Mike Ison Joinery	Avon
Avon	Pheonix Distributor
Mobile Hairdressers	Kleeneze Distribution
R&S Groundworks	AB Security & Electrical
Richard Stevens Photography & Web Site Design	Paul Clewlow & Co Accountants
e-Fox Web Solutions	Village Homecare Ltd
The Three Tuns	Welford Writes
Cart Couture	Central Metals & Alloys Ltd
A Wright Plastering	M P Farm Services
Mark Dagley Tilers	Bid4myride.com minibus hire
Studio Tinsmiths	Smarte Feet Footcare
CRM Web design	David Wilmot TV & Video
Toren Storer Decorating	DPV Kitchen Installation
Deri Morgan Landscape Gardening Services Ltd	Jacqui's Complimentary Therapies
Adrian's Cycles	Motec Mobile Auto Services
Arnie's Private Hire	Think Strategically
Derek Lambourne Financial Advisors	Custom Fire Consultancy
Desire Bridalwear	P G Richardson Decorators
Forever Living Healthcare	Catley Engineering Agricultural Machinery
Tenwick Paving	Pet Sitters
H Evans Road Contractors Ltd	LJ Taylor & Sons Ltd
M&T Builders	Dave Ison
Darryl Irons Builder	Wayne Lovell
Impress Ironing	LM Jones
Steve Harriman	Sheryl Dagley
Karen Downs	Meg Robertson
Val Disley	A&D Marriott
Ensor Window Cleaning	Davret Kennels
The Fyre Faerie	Magpie Kennels
Tollgate Dental Practice	Dhiveya Stores
The Gate Inn	Ingham's Farm Shop

## Annex 5 – Stakeholder Consultee List

Apologies / Acknowledgments Received	
R Webster	Slimming World
Sams Flowers	Forever Living Healthcare
Darryl Irons Builder	Leicestershire County Council
The Environment Agency	The Coal Authority
National Grid	Severn Trent Water
Sport England	

# Appendix 5 – Key Issues Workshop Report

This report has been re-formatted from its original format to make the content accessible; RCC (Rural Communities Council) originally produced the report on behalf of the Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan.

## Barlestone NP Consultation – Key Issues Workshop Notes

What are the key issues for Barlestone from the Community and Stakeholder Engagement so far?

- Traffic & Transport
- Housing
- Environment / Open Spaces
- Facilities & Services

Does the feedback reflect the views of the whole of Barlestone Local Community and if not, what else needs to be done?

- Young people's questionnaire
- Children via local school
- Target under25's (e.g. 1st Steps Playgroup)
- Older people at home
- Particular stakeholders e.g. Practice Manager of Surgery and the Co-op

## Vision

- Explore further in the questionnaire by seeing what people think to a draft vision statement.

## Next Steps

### Key issues Grid:

NP Group to complete the Key Issues Grid which will identify potential policy areas and community actions as well as creating a focus for further evidence gathering including the questionnaire.

### Publicity:

To continue to publicise and update residents on the Barlestone NP

### Evidence Base:

RCC to compile current known evidence on key subject areas and upload to Dropbox for NP group to use and develop.

Engage Consultants:

NP group to identify potential NP consultants, interview and appoint. RCC to provide guidance document.

Locality Funding:

NP Group to look at making a further funding application once consultant and planned activity costings over a 6-month period are known.

**March 2018**

# Appendix 6 – NDP School Mini-Stakeholder Report

## Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Barlestone Church of England Primary School Mini- Stakeholder Event

held 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018





## Introduction

To support the successful development of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, members of the Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group supported by Jhanvi Shukla of the Rural Community Council visited Barlestone Church of England Primary School to facilitate a consultation workshop of year 6 students to gain an insight into the current thoughts of a section of the younger population of the Parish. This workshop was held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

## Process

Students were given a brief overview of the Neighbourhood Development Plan process tailored to their age group followed by them having the opportunity to comment on what they like, what they dislike and what they would like to see in the following subject areas (in no particular order):-

- Footpaths, etc (footpaths, cycle routes, bridle paths, gates, stiles, etc)
- History & Heritage (old buildings, old things, memories, etc)
- Environment (lakes, ponds, nature, wildlife, trees, flowers, streams, etc)
- Traffic & Transport (cars, buses, taxis, speeding, parking, etc)
- Housing (houses, flats, bungalows, building sites, etc)
- Renewable Energy (wind farms, solar panels, green fuel, etc)
- Open spaces (parks, fields, green areas, etc)
- Facilities & Services (playgrounds, shops, restaurants, schools, doctors, etc)
- Communications (telephone, mobiles, broadband, notice boards, etc)
- Employment (jobs, local businesses, etc)

They were also asked, after making their input against the above subjects to give their opinions on Barlestone in 2036 being asked to identify what they would like Barlestone to be in 2036 and what they don't want Barlestone to be in 2036.

## Output

### Footpaths

Like

- Paths

#### Don't Like

- Footpaths overgrown
- The gates are falling apart as you come to the field across the park

#### Would like to see...

- More bridle paths (on further questioning this was explained to be because there were always horses on the roads)
- Lights of the ground (park ?)
- More cycle routes
- More fresh footpaths
- Litter free
- Quiet
- More gates

## History & Heritage

#### Like

- I want to keep the memories
- Old things
- Old buildings

#### Don't Like

- No Input

#### Would like to see...

- More old fashioned buildings
- More war memorials

## Environment

#### Like

- More parks
- Trees x 3
- More wildlife
- More fields

#### Don't Like

- Litter x 2
- Dog poo not being picked up x 2
- Overgrown grass & bushes
- No cameras that anyone is watching 24 hours a day, every day

#### Would like to see...

- More Lakes & Ponds x 2
- Trees
- A special park for teenagers
- More woods
- Rivers with fish
- More bins
- More wildlife
- More bins

- A zoo

## Traffic & Transport

### Like

- Cars
- Horses
- Bikes
- Dog

### Don't Like

- Speeding x 2
- Tractors & Buses going too fast through the village
- Roundabouts
- Narrow roads
- Parking on the side of the road (this was further explained to be especially on corners)

### Would like to see...

- Safer roads
- Driving more safely
- Cars
- Parking
- Speed Cameras
- Slower on the hill (this was further explained to mean Newbold Road and that 30mph limit should be obeyed)
- More car parking spaces
- New bus stops

## Housing

### Like

- Houses x 2
- Bungalows x 2
- Flats

### Don't Like

- Flats because they always make loads of noise

### Would like to see...

- More houses
- Cheaper houses
- More sizes of houses
- Affordable houses

## Renewable Energy

### Like

- Solar panels on roofs (because only you can use the energy absorbed by the panels)
- Green fuel

### Don't Like

- No input



Would like to see...

- More solar farms

## Open Spaces

Like

- Parks
- Farms

Don't Like

- More farms because it takes up all the room

Would like to see...

- A farm with no bores (does this mean boars ?)
- More green and untouched
- An expansion of the park
- Bigger parks
- More sheep
- More farms

## Facilities & Services

Like

- Doctors

Don't Like

- Schools x 3
- Park (further explained to be because of troublesome teenagers)
- Vandalism to shops, parks, etc

Would like to see...

- More equipment for older children
- More things to play on
- A police station
- Doctors open all hours. 24/7 every day
- New garage
- Some more shops
- Restaurants

## Communications

Like

- Notice boards

Don't Like

- The poor signal (mobile reception)

Would like to see...

- Telephone boxes
- A 'Phone Shop
- More broadband

- More notice boards

## Employment

Like

- They have very nice staff that are happy to help (at the Co-op)

Don't Like

- They (the Co-op) don't have many people working

Would like to see...

- More shops
- A bigger Co-operative
- More businesses

## Barlestone in 2036

In answer to the question, in the year 2036, I would like Barlestone to be...

- Bigger
- More spread out
- More corner shops
- More community focus
- Lots of parks
- Have a Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet
- Have a McDonalds outlet
- Have a Pizza Hut outlet
- Safe and fun
- Have a nicer dentist
- To expand houses onto the fields because there a lot of them

In answer to the question, in the year 2036, I don't want Barlestone to be...

- Dangerous and no parks
- Have a McDonalds outlet
- Have a Pizza Hut outlet
- No dentist
- No school

## Summary

The students had one marked difference from the input we have received from the Community Drop-In Event and the Stakeholder Meeting in that they would like to see the village expanded to have more houses. There were some surprising requests such as the need for more telephone boxes as well as requests reflecting their age group such as wanting a zoo and, a sign of the times, several fast food outlets and a dislike for school and the dentist!

Other areas are very similar, particularly traffic and transport issues around poor parking and speeding traffic. They appear to appreciate the outdoors, valuing parks, trees, wildlife and open spaces although they do highlight some known anti-social issues with a small number of teenagers at the park causing vandalism. Reduction of litter is also a priority.

Some shorter term issues were also raised which need to be investigated by the Parish Council or other relevant body such as gates in dis-repair and overgrown footpaths.

## Thank you

Many thanks to the year 6 students who enthusiastically gave their input on the day.

# Appendix 7 - Executive Summary (distributed to each household and business)

## Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Executive Summary

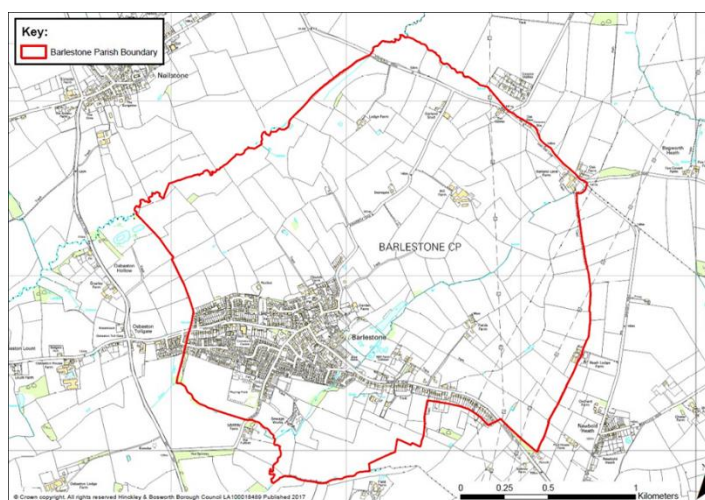
Produced in October 2020 – some details will have changed since this date due to the Regulation 14 consultation.

### Background

The opportunity to prepare a neighbourhood plan (NP) was established through the 2011 Localism Act. Once the NP has been formally 'Made' by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC), it will sit alongside the Borough's Local Plan and all planning decisions taken by HBBC will need to take the NP's policies into account. The NP has to be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the Borough's Local Plan and have regard for the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). It cannot promote policies that do not accord with these documents. NPs therefore represent the opportunity for local people to shape planning policy in their area and help to make sure that planning decisions taken by HBBC reflect local issues and not just Borough-wide concerns. Therefore, they add local detail to Borough-wide strategic planning policies.

### Introduction

Barlestone Parish Council took the decision to prepare a neighbourhood plan and established a Steering Committee involving Parish Councillors and residents which met for the first time in November 2016. The whole of the parish was formally designated by HBBC for neighbourhood planning purposes in May 2017 and the Steering Committee has met regularly throughout the process. The area covered by the NP includes the whole Parish.



We held two initial open events for the community in September 2017 attracting 73 residents. A stakeholder event took place in January 2018 and we consulted children at the Barlestone Primary School in June 2018. Information has been made available at several local village events and information flyers have been available as well as via our dedicated website.

Three Focus Groups were established in November 2018 to identify the policies needed to deliver an effective NP for the Parish, looking at areas such as housing; the environment; community facilities, employment and transport. Members of the Steering Committee were joined by other residents to progress this work. These groups continued to meet until early 2020. Further open events were planned for March 2020 but had to be put on hold because of the Coronavirus pandemic. It is hoped that this Executive Summary helps to fill the gap

left by the necessary but unfortunate cancellation of this event and reaches everyone in the Parish to reinforce in plain English why we are preparing a NP, how we are doing it and what it contains. There are still opportunities to shape the final document as there are more formal consultation stages still to be undertaken.

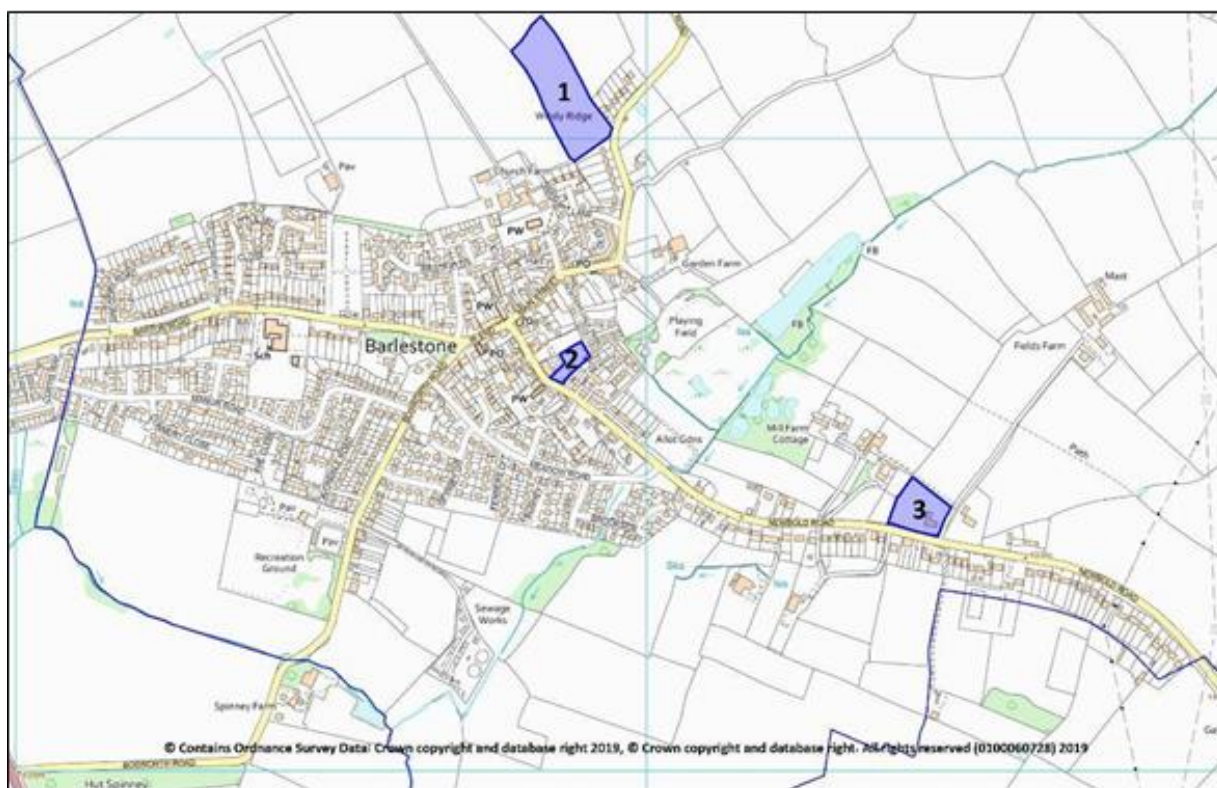
Our vision for Barlestone Parish is that by 2036 (the timeframe for the NP) it will remain an attractive and sustainable place for people to live and work, while keeping its character as a rural village. In order to achieve this:

- The special open spaces and heritage assets of our parish will be protected,
- Housing developments will be sympathetic to the character of the village, will have minimal environmental impact and will cater for the full range of local housing needs,
- Community amenities will be both preserved and enhanced, and
- Recreational activities promoted to enhance the well-being of Barlestone residents.

## Housing and the built environment

The policies in this section seek to shape residential development in line with locally important issues. HBBC require a minimum of 59 new dwellings to be built in the Parish over the Plan period. 11 dwellings have subsequently received a planning approval leaving a minimum of 48 new dwellings to be approved up to 2036. Allocating sites for residential development will help to ensure that the required development takes place in the least sensitive and most sustainable locations. The housing provision is confirmed in policy H1.

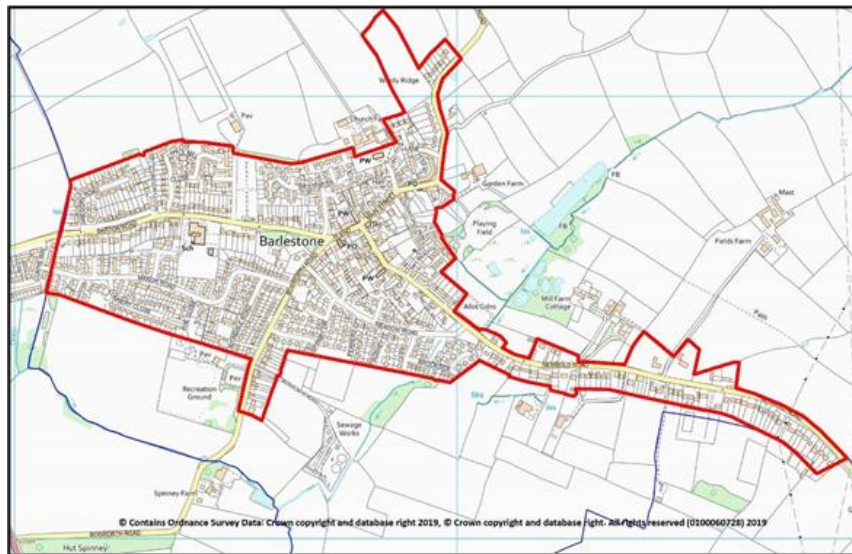
During the process of preparing the NP, a detailed, independently lead, Site Sustainability Assessment exercise was undertaken to determine the most suitable site amongst all those put forward by landowners for development. This resulted in the identification of three sites to be allocated through the NP.



Policy H2 describes the sites chosen for allocation in the NP.

- The first site is north of Bagworth Road for about 40 dwellings, subject to improved access to local facilities and amenities.
- The second site is land behind 11-19 Newbold Road for around six dwellings.
- The third site is on Newbold Road for around 11 dwellings.

Policy H3 identifies a settlement boundary for the village of Barlestone, to distinguish between where development is acceptable (subject to conformity with other Plan policies) and where development will be carefully controlled. In statutory planning terms, land outside a defined settlement boundary, including any individual or small groups of buildings and/or small settlements, is classed as open countryside where development will be carefully controlled.



The policy says that development proposals will be supported on sites within the settlement boundary where the proposal complies with the policies in this NP. Housing development outside the settlement boundaries, in the countryside, is restricted to those categories of development identified in the NPPF, Local Plan and this NP.

The Neighbourhood Plan can shape the type, size and location of new housing in the Parish – executive houses, family houses or starter homes. It can specify expensive or affordable homes, specialist housing for older people or people with support needs. It can also influence housing design and protect locally important buildings from inappropriate development. It is recognised in the NP that more smaller houses (2-3 bedrooled and retirement housing) would help balance the housing stock.

Further development in the Parish throughout the Plan period will be restricted to windfall development. Windfall sites are those not specifically identified through the Plan process and which therefore come forward unexpectedly.

Policy H4 sets a range of conditions against which support for windfall development will be judged. These include supporting the identified housing need for Barlestone; respecting the character of Barlestone; being well-integrated within the existing village; does not result in the over development of the land; provides safe access; retains existing natural boundaries and does not impact on the amenity of neighbours and provides for much needed smaller dwellings.

Policy H5 supports the development of Affordable Housing which is integrated within the development and made available to local people.

Residential development in Barlestone reflects a wide range of architectural styles and approaches, with property of time-different tenure types. The community is concerned that further development should not adversely affect the environmentally important areas within the village that play an important part in the overall character and physical form of the village. The 'linear pattern' of the existing built form should be respected.

The Parish has developed over a fairly short period of time with certain periods showing an increase in construction activity, for example during the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. The aim of the design standards policy is to keep what is special whilst encouraging contemporary building and design. New development in Barlestone should be designed to incorporate the current (at time of determination) best practice standards and methods



for biodiversity protection and enhancement.

Policy H6 on design seeks to reflect the design principles which the community believes will help to achieve this aim. The overall aim is to retain the character of the Parish. This can be achieved by the use of the planning system to respond sensitively to the needs of the Parish.

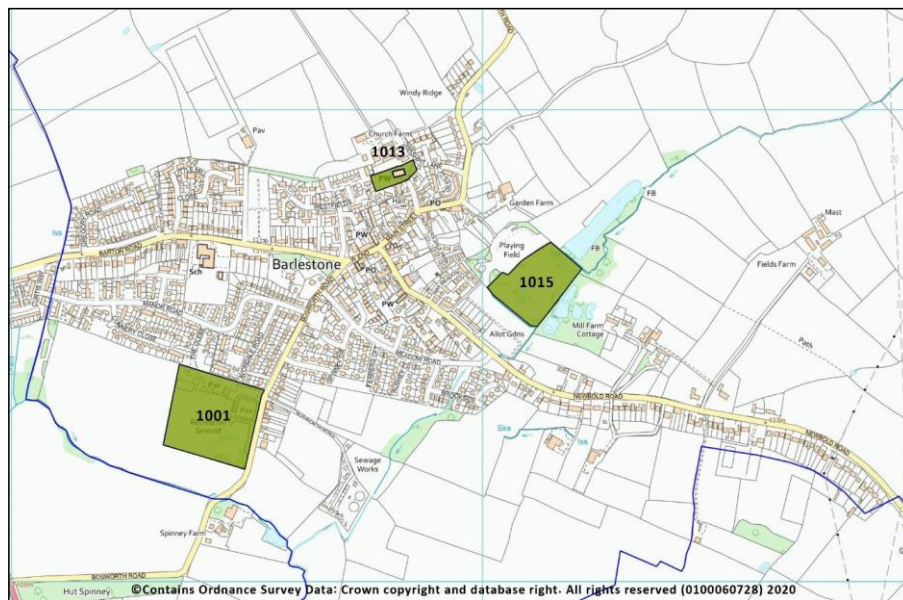
The policy says development proposals should respond positively to the character and historic context of existing developments within the Parish. However, it says that contemporary and innovative materials and design will be supported where positive improvement can be robustly demonstrated without detracting from the historic context. Adequate off-road parking is required; appropriate landscaping and environmental features incorporated to promote biodiversity.

## The natural and historic environment

The policies in this section identify and protect the most important environmental aspects of Barlestone Parish from inappropriate development. They have been informed by the completion of an 'environmental inventory' of fields in the parish, compiled by local people who have measured each field against national criteria, resulting in a detailed catalogue of environmental features.

Policy Env1 designates the most important local environmental sites as 'Local Green Spaces'. These areas will be protected from inappropriate development in perpetuity and will be given the same level of protection in planning terms as the Green Belt.

The fields selected for this designation are as shown on the figure below and comprise St Giles churchyard; the Boardwalk and Bosworth Fields playing field.



Policies Env2 and Env3 identify other significant features that are present elsewhere in the Parish. The features are detailed in the Environmental Inventory and represent features of environmental or historical significance. Any development proposal will need to take these features into account and will not be supported unless it can be demonstrated that the benefit of the development outweighs the harm caused.

Other sites scored highly for their community value. A total of 14 sites were identified. Policy ENV4 resists development on these sites unless the open space is replaced by an equivalent space or the space itself is no longer needed by the community.

Policy Env 5 highlights local buildings and structures which have heritage value in the Parish but which have no statutory protection. 31 structures are identified as 'non-designated heritage assets' and are afforded, through the policy, a degree of protection in the planning system against inappropriate development either to

the structure itself or to its setting.

Ridge and Furrow fields are a rapidly diminishing resource. Policy Env6 identifies the remaining areas of Ridge and Furrow in the Parish and designates them as non-designated heritage assets. Any development requiring a planning consent will have to demonstrate that the benefit of development outweighs the harm.

The importance of trees and woodland to the Parish is recognised in policy Env7 which seeks to protect them from felling or damage unless they present a safety risk.

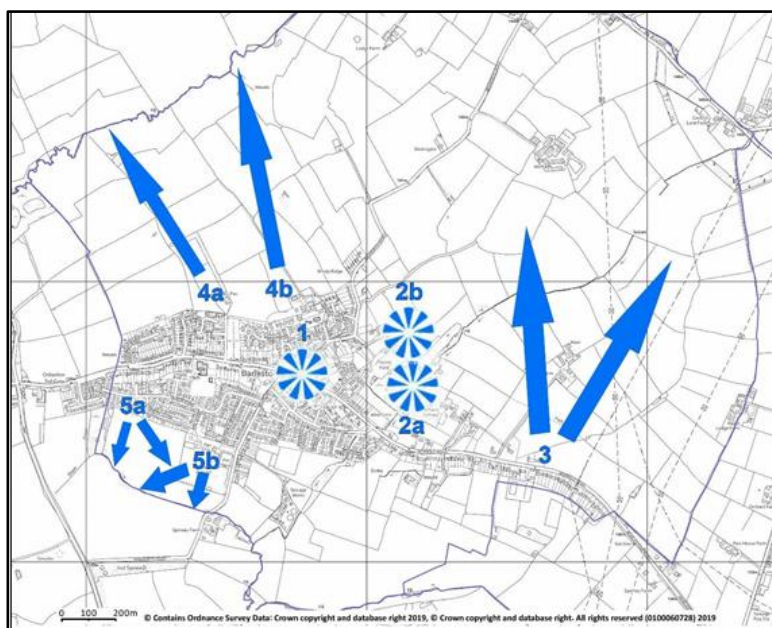
Policy Env8 addresses biodiversity and habitat connectivity. It identifies wildlife corridors through the Parish. Development will be required to safeguard these important habitats and species.

Bats are important locally and this is reflected in Policy Env9 which seeks to reinforce legislation and best practice in bat conservation by safeguarding habitats and ensuring that proposals mitigate the impact of development on bats.

Policy Env10 resists development that results in the loss of footpaths and promotes new footpaths and cycleways that connect to village services. This is also covered in the transport section under policy TR3.

Policy Env11 seeks to mitigate against flood risk in the Parish by setting conditions that will need to apply before development will be acceptable.

5 views are identified across the Parish of being of local importance and policy Env12 requires development to assess and address its impact on these views. Development that significantly harms these views, shown in the figure alongside, will not be supported.



## Community Sustainability

This chapter looks at aspects of village life including: - community facilities and assets; transport and traffic and Business & employment.

The NP describes the wide range of community facilities in the parish and their importance to the community. Policy CFA1 resists the loss of these important facilities unless there is no longer any need or demand for them, it is no longer economically viable or appropriate alternative provision is made available. Policy CFA2 supports the development of additional or enhanced facilities as long as it does not generate unacceptable traffic movements or parking that cannot be catered for on site, is of a suitable scale and takes into account the needs of people with disabilities.



Policies CFA3 and CFA4 recognise the importance locally of the Doctor's Surgery and Primary School. Expansions of these facilities are supported to meet a local need, but only if transport impacts are mitigated; open space is not significantly lost and there is safe accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists.

The NP consultation exercises provided clear evidence of residents' strong concerns regarding traffic safety, speeding and parking in the Parish.

Policy TR1 says all development must: be designed to minimise additional traffic generation and movement; incorporate sufficient off-road parking; retain existing off-road parking provision; provide any necessary improvements to site access and the highway network either directly or by financial contributions; consider, where appropriate, the improvement and where possible the creation of footpaths and cycleways and encourage traffic safety measures.

The growth of electric vehicles is recognised in Policy TR2 which requires new development to provide charging points and supports communal vehicular charging points in the Parish where this does not diminish existing parking provision.

Good employment opportunities in the Parish and the strength of the community go hand in hand. Supporting the growth of employment opportunities in the Parish is therefore recognised as an important theme of the NP.

Policy BE1 supports the retention of existing businesses unless it can be demonstrated that the premises in question is not viable and reasonable steps have been taken to let or sell the site for business purposes for at least 12 months.

Policy BE2 welcomes new businesses which are appropriate for a community the size of Barlestone Parish, complements existing businesses, does not involve the loss of dwellings, do not create unacceptable levels of traffic movement or increase noise or pollution levels that impact on nearby residential properties.

The growing importance of home working is recognised in Policy BE3 which supports home extensions for business use where there are no resultant unacceptable traffic movements; provide adequate parking and do not impact detrimentally on nearby residents.

Farm diversification is supported through policy BE4 where development which extends the range and diversification of businesses is supported insofar as its use is appropriate for a rural location; it respects local character; it does not generate traffic that cannot be accommodated by the road system, provides adequate off-road parking and has not significant adverse impact on neighbours or historic features.

In support of improved broadband and telecommunications in the parish, policy BE5 requires new development to have access to superfast broadband. Any above-ground installations must be sympathetically located and away from open landscapes.

## Community Actions

During the development of the Plan, a number of Community Actions were identified that would help to improve our community and help satisfy wider community aspirations. They reflect future work activities that it is proposed be undertaken within the Parish which will involve third parties alongside the Parish Council to help improve the Parish in line with the outcome of community consultation.

Community Actions are not planning policies and are not subject to Examination. They include seeking to extend the cemetery and developing an action plan to address traffic and parking issues identified by residents.

## Review

The NP will be subject to formal review to ensure it remains a helpful tool in determining planning

applications. This is likely to occur when the HBBC Local Plan is updated, when housing need changes or following amendments to national planning policy.

## What Happens Now?

The NP is now in the process of formal Pre-Submission consultation. Residents and a range of local and national stakeholders will be able to comment on the draft Plan during the six-week consultation period. Once all comments have been considered, the NP will be amended accordingly and formally submitted to HBBC who will undertake their own six-week consultation and send the NP and all comments received to an Independent Examiner, who will consider the NP against local and national strategic planning policies and make recommendations for any changes felt to be necessary.

Once the Examiner's report has been accepted and the changes made, the final NP will be put before the community of Barlestone Parish in a Referendum, and the NP will pass or fail on the basis of a simple majority.

Once the NP is 'Made', it will be used by HBBC to determine planning applications in the Parish.

# Appendix 8 - Regulation 14 Consultation Notice #1



## Notification of Formal Consultation on Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan

### (Regulation 14 Town and Country Planning, England, Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012)

The 'Pre-submission Consultation' on the Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan is now being conducted. Please find attached an executive summary of the Plan including the key points and proposed policies. Unfortunately as it is not possible to hold the open event we had planned for March this year due to ongoing Coronavirus restrictions, this executive summary aims to fill the gap by the cancellation of this event.

If you would like to take part in the consultation, please see the information below:

**The consultation period runs for 6 weeks from 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

The Pre-Submission draft Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents can be found via the Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan web site at:

<https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/np/barlestone1.html>

The comments form can be viewed or downloaded from the same website. Comments must be made using this form and submitted either by email to [barlestoneparishndp@gmail.com](mailto:barlestoneparishndp@gmail.com) or printed and delivered/sent to Barlestone Parish NDP, c/o 34 Chapel Street, Barlestone, CV13 0EB

If you do not have access to the internet or wish to have access to a printed copy, there are two copies available in the Community Centre. Copies of the comments form will also be available from the Community Centre. If you require access to these copies to review and/or would like to make comments, please contact Marilyn Symonds, the Parish Clerk: [clerk@barlestoneparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@barlestoneparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 01455 293045 to arrange a mutually convenient time to gain access. Printed copies should not be removed from the Community Centre but you will be able to make copies of any relevant sections.

Following this public consultation process the Plan will be reviewed and submitted to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council together with all the supporting documentation, including a Basic Conditions Statement and Consultation Statement setting out who has been consulted, how the consultation has been undertaken and how the representations have informed the Plan. Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council will then invite representations, before the plan is subjected to Examination by an Independent Examiner. Once any further amendments have been made the Plan will be subject to a local Referendum, if the Referendum is successful the Plan will be "Made" by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council.

Cathie Watkins, Chair of Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee

# Appendix 8 - Regulation 14 Consultation Notice #2



## Notification of Formal Consultation on Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14 Town and Country Planning, England, Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012)

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**The consultation period closes on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

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Cathie Watkins, Chair of Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee

# Appendix 10 - Regulation 14 Consultation Comments and Responses

Please see separate document titled “Barlestone NDP Regulation 14 Comments and Responses – Appendix 10 to the Barlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Document”

# Appendix 11 - Strategic Environmental Assessment Determination



Hinckley & Bosworth  
Borough Council

## Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 Screening Determination notice under Regulation 9(1)

Regulation 9 of the above Regulations requires Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, on behalf of Barlestone Parish Council (the “responsible authority”), to determine whether the Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan is likely to have significant environmental effects.

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, following consultation with the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England, has determined that the Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. It is therefore considered that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is not required.

This notice fulfils the publicity requirements in accordance with Regulations 11(1) and 11(2). A copy of this screening opinion and the associated screening report will be available on the Council’s website or can be viewed at:

*Hinckley Hub Rugby Road Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 0FR*

Please note, at the time of issuing this Determination (July 2020), the Hinckley Hub is only open to visitors with pre-appointments and emergencies only due to the coronavirus pandemic. Please check the Borough Council’s [Website](#) or call (01455 238141) for the latest information regarding visiting the Hinckley Hub before you make your journey.

For further information, please email [planningpolicy@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk)

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

# Appendix 12 - Habitat Regulations Assessment Determination



Hinckley & Bosworth  
Borough Council

## Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Habitat Regulations Assessment Determination

Schedule 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 makes provision in relation to the Habitats Directive. The Directive requires that any plan or project, likely to have a significant effect on a European site, must be subject to an appropriate assessment. To achieve this, paragraph 1 prescribes a basic condition that the making of a neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site.

Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening is a requirement of Regulation 102 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. HRA considers the potential adverse impacts of plans and projects on designated Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), classified Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and listed Ramsar sites – collectively known as the Natura 2000 network.

It is the opinion of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council that a full Habitats Regulations Appropriate Assessment of the current Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan is not required, as it is unlikely to have a significant effect on any designated sites. The justification for this is contained within the Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Statement.

A copy of this screening opinion and the associated screening report will be available on the Council's website (Neighbourhood Planning webpage) or can be viewed at:  
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