

# Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan

## Consultation Statement

### Introduction

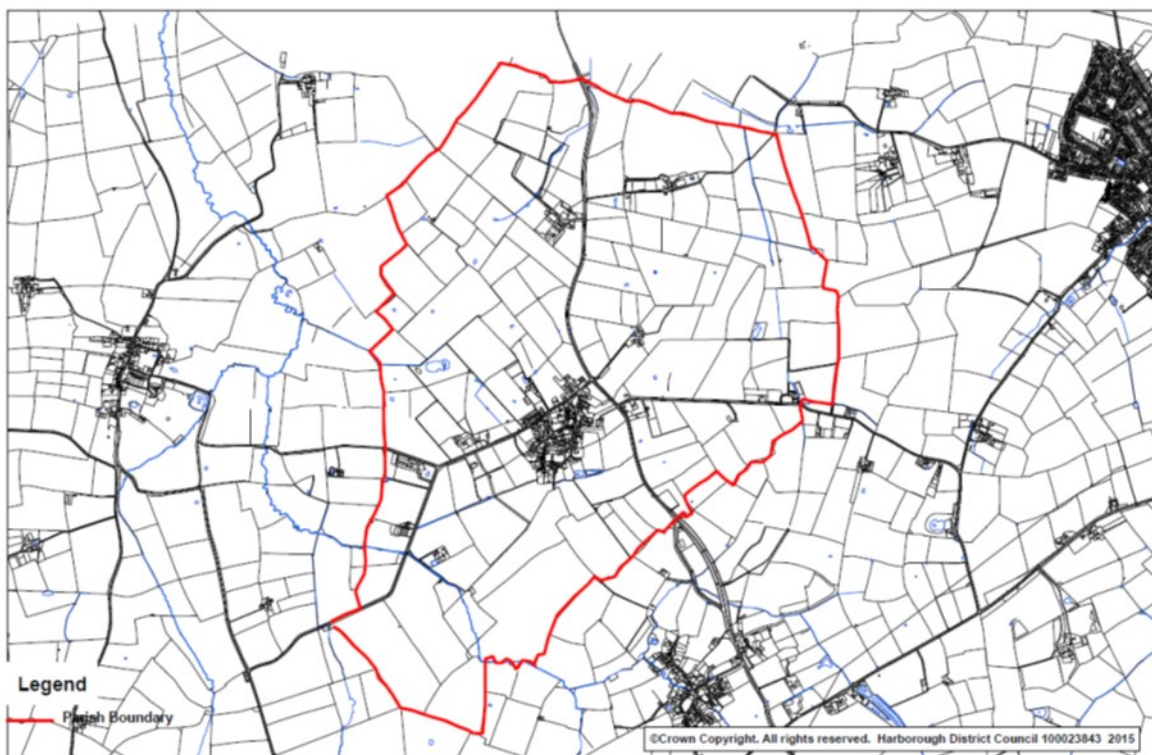
This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the Regulations sets out what a Consultation Statement should contain. According to the Regulations, a Consultation Statement:

- a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- b) explains how they were consulted;
- c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
- d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

This document provides a record of the engagement that took place at the various stages of the plan's evolution.

The main methods used to publicise the consultation and engagement process are documented, along with the main findings from the engagement.

Figure 1 – Neighbourhood Area. Designated on 4 August 2016



## Regulations and government guidance:

### Stage 1: deciding to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council (PC) took the decision to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan at its meeting on 19<sup>TH</sup> January 2016.

The Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan passed Referendum on 28 February 2019 with a 90% 'yes' vote and a turnout of 46.7%. The Plan was Made (became a part of the Local Development Plan for Harborough District), by Harborough District Council on 8 March 2019 and has been used since then to help determine planning applications in the Parish based around the Plan's commitment to ensuring that any new housing meets a local need, that the important environmental areas in the parish are protected and that business development remains appropriate to the community.

The Parish Council took the decision to review the Neighbourhood Plan in summer 2022 to see how the policies were working and whether any needed to be updated or added to.

This Consultation Statement reflects on the process followed in preparing the now Made Neighbourhood Plan, and describes the ways in which the community has been engaged in the Review of the Neighbourhood Plan.

### Stage 2: defining the neighbourhood

The Parish Council applied to the local planning authority in June 2016 to designate the neighbourhood as identified above.

A formal engagement period provided members of the public and other key stakeholders an opportunity to submit comment on the proposed neighbourhood plan area and proposed neighbourhood planning body for Arnesby. The proposed neighbourhood planning body was Arnesby Parish Council and the proposed neighbourhood planning area is shown in Fig 1 above.

Harborough District Council checked that the application was appropriate and undertook the appropriate notification process. The designation was made on 4 August 2016. (Appendix i).

The designated area has remained the same with the Review version.

### Stage 3: preparing the plan

Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan Review was driven forward by the Parish Council, working to produce a draft plan, ensuring that it:

- Has regard for national planning policy (primarily through the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance);

- Is in general conformity with strategic policies in the development plan for the local area (i.e. the Harborough Local Plan, Adopted in April 2019);
- Is compatible with EU obligations and human rights requirements.

The Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan seeks to establish specific and local planning policies for the development and use of land in the Parish, building on the Made Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan establishes a vision for the future taking into account the data gathered through community engagement and consultation alongside demographic and socio-economic data.

## Stage 4: Representaion

1. Following the decision taken by Arnesby Parish Council to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan, on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016, an Advisory Committee was appointed.
2. The Advisory Committee comprised five Parishoners including one Parish Councillor.
3. The Advisory Committee met on nine occasions, commencing in September 2022.
4. The Advisory Committee appointed local planning Consultants 'Your Locale' to provide professional assistance and guidance throughout the Neighbourhood Plan Review process.
5. The Advisory Committee updated the Neighbourhood Plan and its evidence base and utilised technical support through AECOM, commissioned through Locality.

## Communications

- Below are listed the main ways that information about the Neighbourhood Plan has been communicated to local people and stakeholders.
- Village Noticeboard: Minutes from Parish Council meetings; agendas for meetings; notification of consultation events.
- Parish Council website: Neighbourhood Plan, minutes and all consultation results once available. The Regulation 14 consultation was posted on the website;
- Stakeholder letters/email: A letter was sent to all stakeholders in August 2016, and again either by email or letter for the Regulation 14 consultation January – March 2024.
- Fliers advertising the drop-in consultations were posted through every door in the parish.
- Posters: Posters were produced advertising the consultation events which were displayed on the Village, Noticeboards, Website and at Arnesby Village Hall.

## Consultations

Several consultations have taken place, each building on the evidence of the last.

- A community consultation event took place in Arnesby Village Hall in February 2023 (Leaflet Appendix ii; analysis Appendix iii);
- A further community consultation event focusing on the plan policies took place at Arnesby Village Hall in November 2023. (Leaflet Appendix 4a, analysis Appendix 4b);
- Regulation 14 consultation took place from 1 March 2024 for a period of 6 weeks until 12 April 2024. (Appendix 5). Leaflets were circulated to every household in the Parish and copies of the Plan were made available on the Parish Noticeboards and on the Village Website.

## Consultation methodology

### The consultations aimed:

- To inform as many people as possible of the existence of the neighbourhood planning process
- To seek the views of people from the community on the proposals being developed by the Parish Council at the various stages of the process.

### Activities:

As well as meetings of the Parish Council, the following activities were undertaken:

- The intention to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and an invitation to contribute toward the process was widely publicised on the Village Website and through newsletters;
- Leaflet drops and an Open Session at Arnesby Village hall were used to keep the community up-to-date on progress with the NP and offered the chance for people to comment and get involved;
- The Neighbourhood Plan was included as a regular agenda item at Parish Council meetings. Minutes of meetings are publicly available on the Parish website. All Parish Council meeting agendas and minutes were posted on the PC Website and the community invited to attend meetings;
- A good working relationship was established with the District Council including regular dialogue and meetings;
- A staffed open event about the Neighbourhood Plan was held in February 2023. At this event people were asked to give their thoughts and ideas on priority issues for the Plan. The event was extensively publicised.
- A further staffed Open Event took place in November 2023 at which the community was presented with the draft policies. The plans and policies were available to view in large format on presentation boards. Again, the event was extensively publicised;
- Agencies with a statutory or other significant interest in the Plan were invited to submit their comments in writing by email and letter as part of the pre-submission consultation.

## **Statutory and other stakeholders**

The following stakeholders were contacted at Regulation 14 stage, reflecting statutory stakeholders; local groups and landowners, local organisations, adjoining Parish Councils and Parish Meetings, local authorities; District and County Councillors and the MP alongside residents.

British Gas Properties,

British Telecommunications Plc,

The Coal Authority,

East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG,

English Heritage, East Midlands Region,

Homes and Communities Agency,

Highways Agency,

National Grid,

Natural England, Hornbeam House,

Network Rail Infrastructure Limited,

Seven Locks Housing,

Severn Trent Water Ltd

Anglian Water Ltd,

Shearsby Parish Council

Environment Agency,

Fleckney Parish Council,

Peatling Magna Parish Meeting,

Bruntingthorpe Parish Council

Leicestershire County Council,

Harborough District Council

Arnesby Primary School

Neil O'Brien, MP

County Councillor

District Councillor

CPRE

Voluntary Action Leicestershire

Leicestershire Ethnic Minority Partnership

Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups

Interfaith Forum for Leicestershire

Market Harborough Chamber of Commerce.

Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living.

Harborough District Disability Access Group.

Arnesby Baptist Church

St Peter's Church Parochial Church Council, Arnesby

Little India Restaurant

## Conclusion

The draft Neighbourhood Plan is now ready to be submitted to Harborough District Council, who will publicise it for a further six weeks and then forward it, with accompanying documents and all representations made during the publicity period, to an Independent Examiner who will review it and check that it meets the 'Basic Conditions'. If the Plan successfully passes this stage, with any modifications, it will be put forward for referendum.

The referendum question will be a straight "yes" or "no" on the entire Plan, as set out by Neighbourhood Planning Regulations. People will not be able to vote for or against individual policies. If 50% or more of those voting vote for the Plan, it will be brought into force ('Made') and become part of District-wide planning policy.

This Consultation Statement and the supporting Appendices are provided to comply with Section 15(2) of part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

Steve Pointer  
Head of Planning Policy  
Harborough District Council  
Adam & Eve Street  
Market Harborough  
Leicestershire  
LE16 7AG

9 May 2016

Dear Mr Pointer,

**Re: Neighbourhood Plan for Arnesby Parish - application for designation as Neighbourhood Area**

I am writing to inform you that Arnesby Parish Council has taken the decision to develop a Neighbourhood Plan and we are therefore applying for the Parish to be designated as a 'Neighbourhood Area' in accordance with Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

We can confirm that Arnesby Parish Council is a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act which specifically includes Parish Councils.

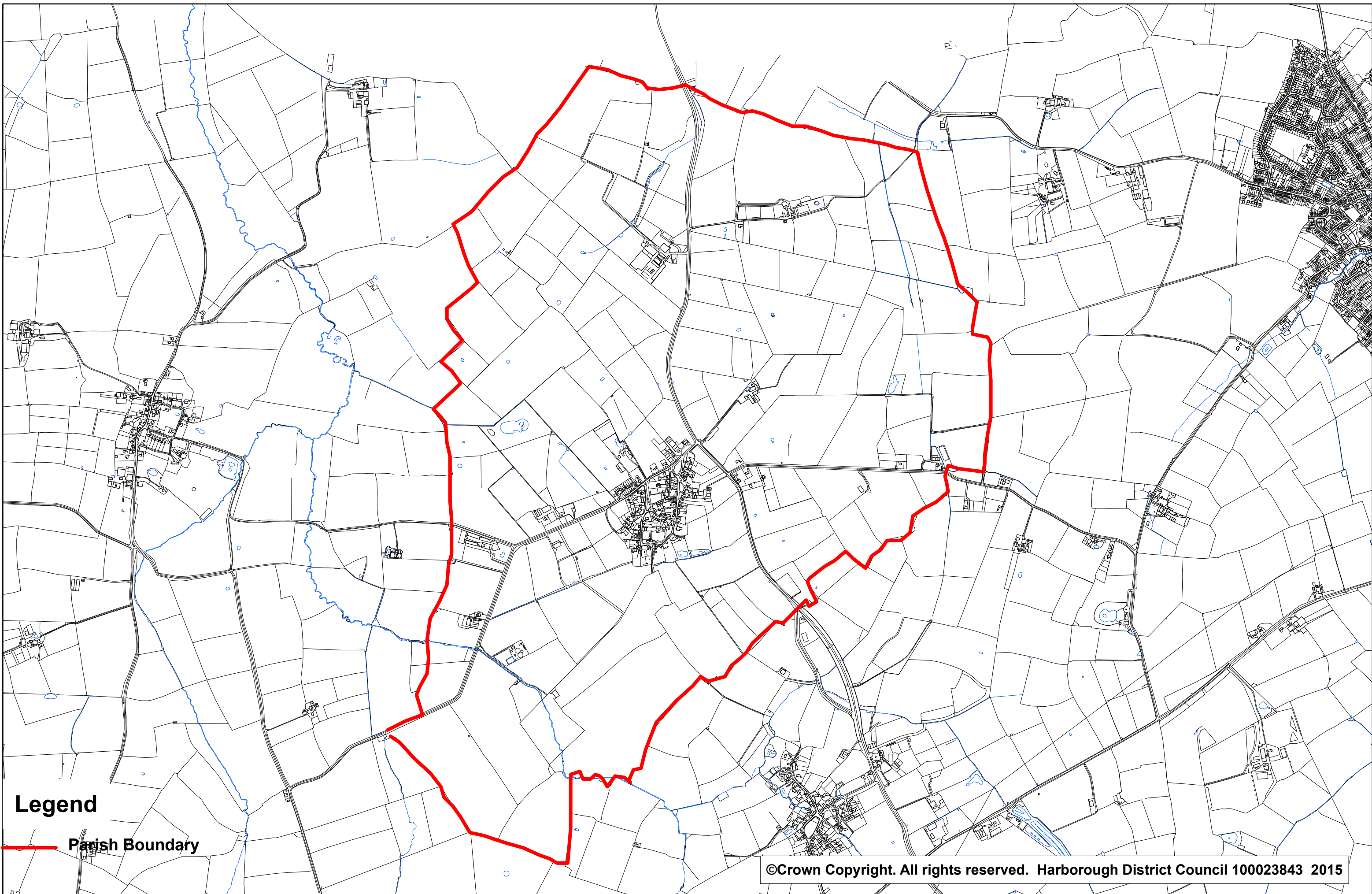
The area to be covered by the Neighbourhood Plan is the whole of the Parish of Arnesby. A map confirming the area to be designated is attached. It is considered that the entire Parish is appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area as it is self-contained, has meaningful boundaries, reflects the existing local sense of community and is generally meaningful and coherent for policy making purposes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information and I look forward to working with the District Council and other partners in its development.

**Graham Middleton**

**Chairman  
Arnesby Parish Council**

# Arnesby Neighbourhood Area Boundary



**Legend**  
 Parish Boundary



# ARNESBY

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**This is your chance to continue to  
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- What policies are working?
- What policies need to change?
- What new policies should be included?
- Do we need more, or different, housing?

**Refreshments Provided**



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# Arnesby

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11 February 2023

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The aim of the event was to help engage the community in the Neighbourhood Plan and to seek comments on the continued suitability of the policies in the Made Neighbourhood Plan, and to consider whether the policies should be amended or added to.

The drop-in event was promoted through posters, leaflets to each household in the community word of mouth.

In total, 41 people attended the event.



## Format of Event

Attendees were welcomed on arrival and asked to complete a contact sheet to record their attendance. The arrangements for the day were explained.

The first displays introduced neighbourhood planning and described the review process that is being followed by the Parish Council. Copies of explanatory booklets were available for reference and copies of the Made Neighbourhood Plan were available for people to read.

## Consultation on key issues

A series of display boards were spread across the room, each of which shared the Neighbourhood Plan policies from the Made Plan and asked for comment:

- ✓ Housing – mix, design, location and heritage
- ✓ Environment – Local Green Spaces and a range of environmental protections
- ✓ Transport
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Community Facilities

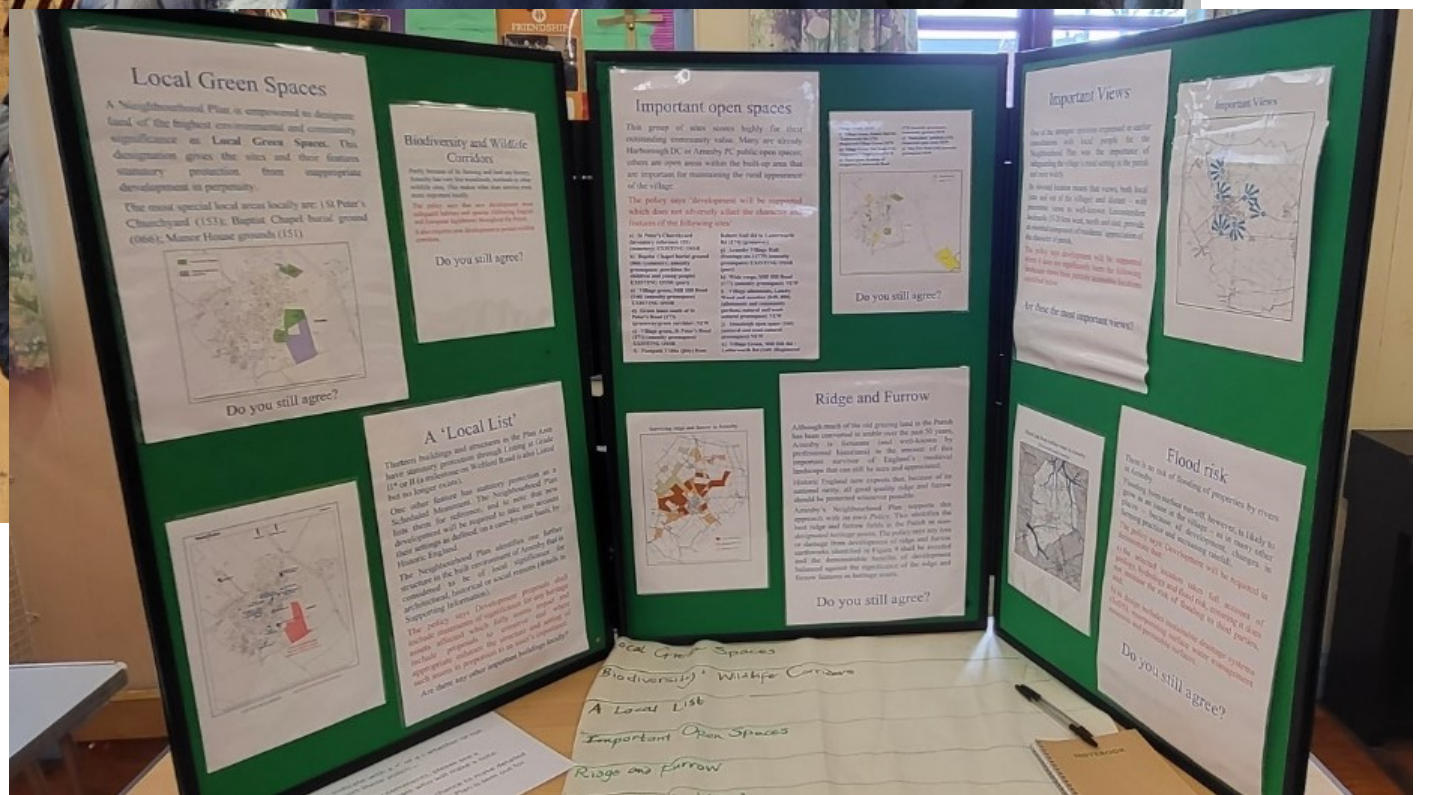
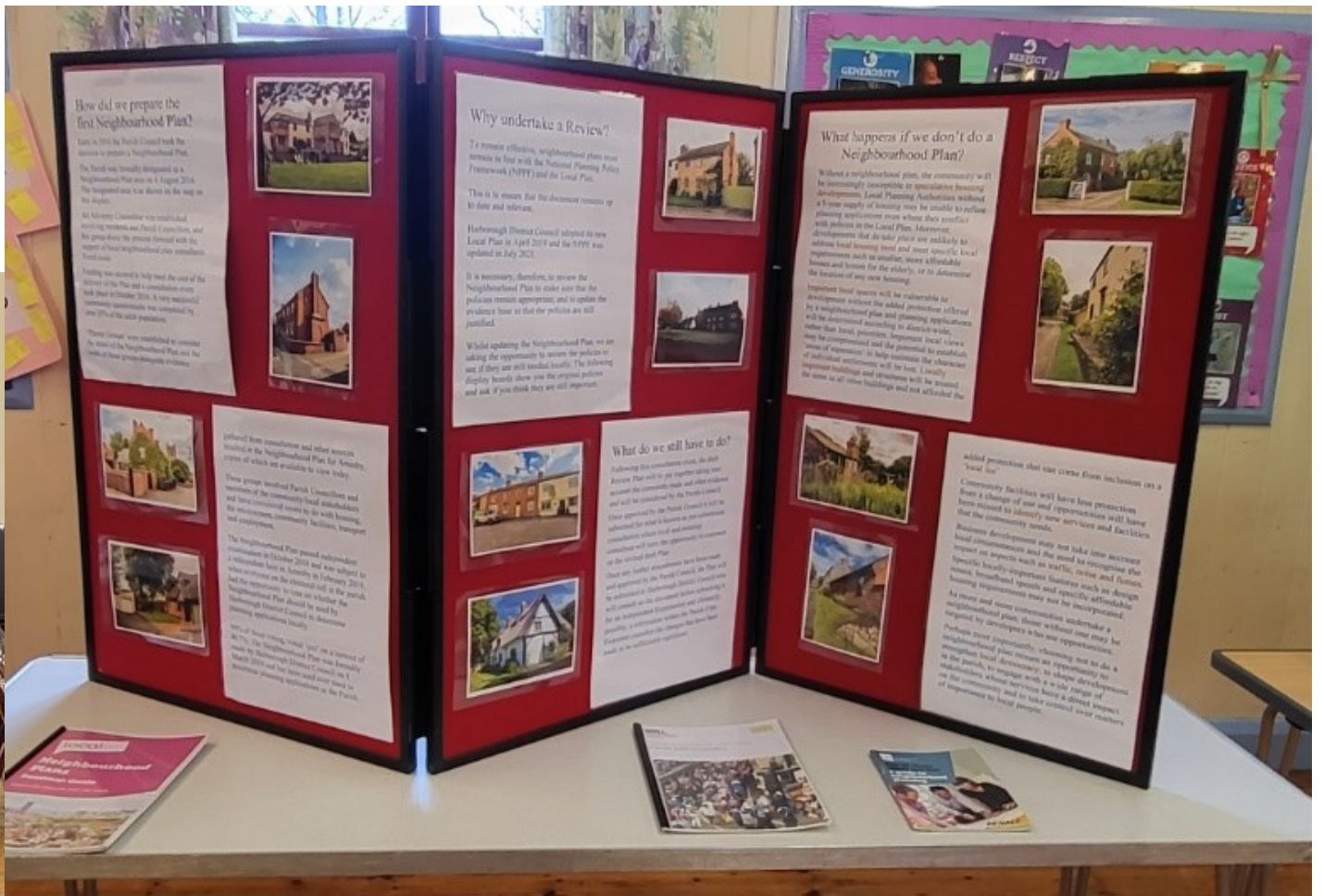
People were invited to read the displays and the information available and to make comment on each relevant section.

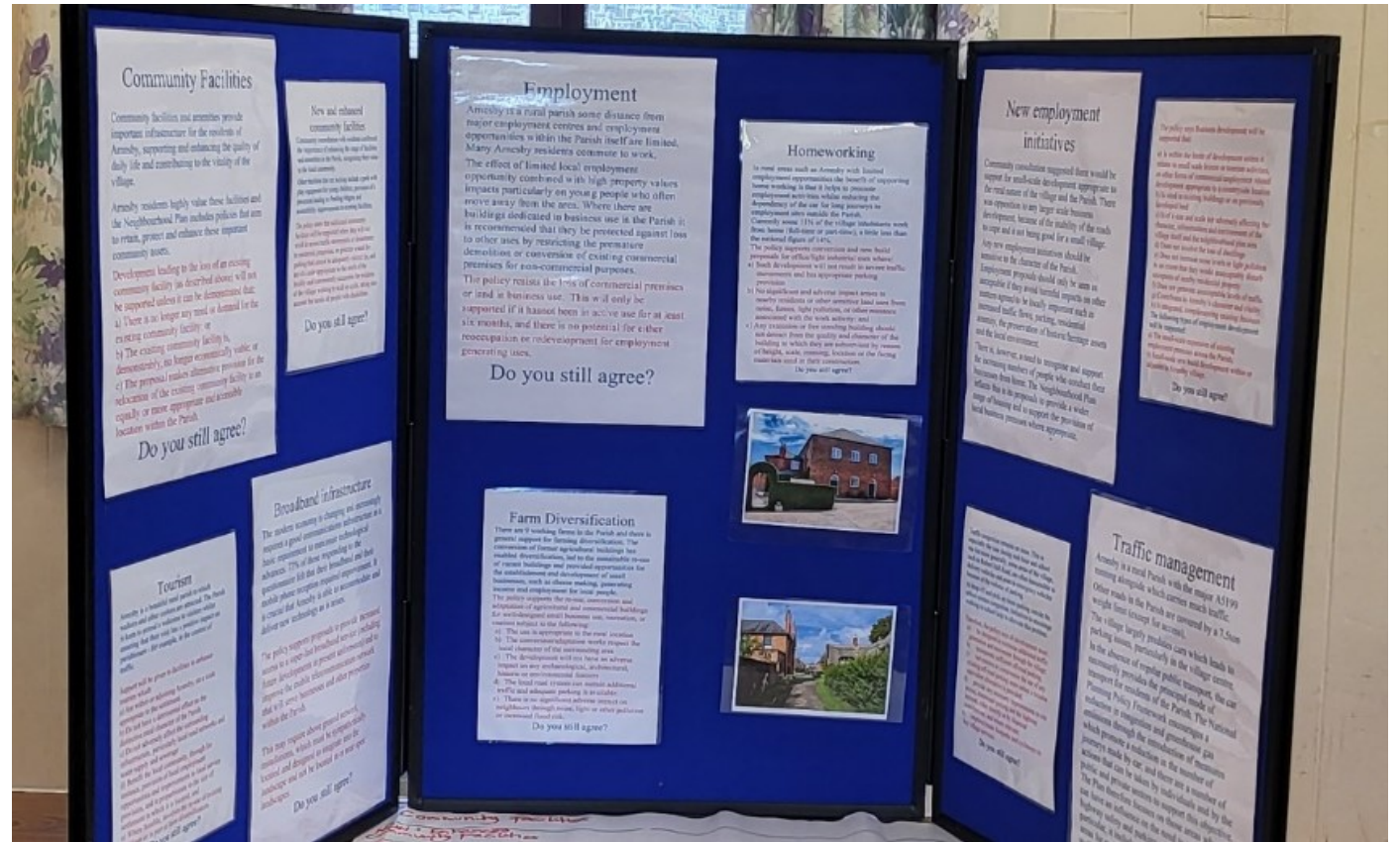
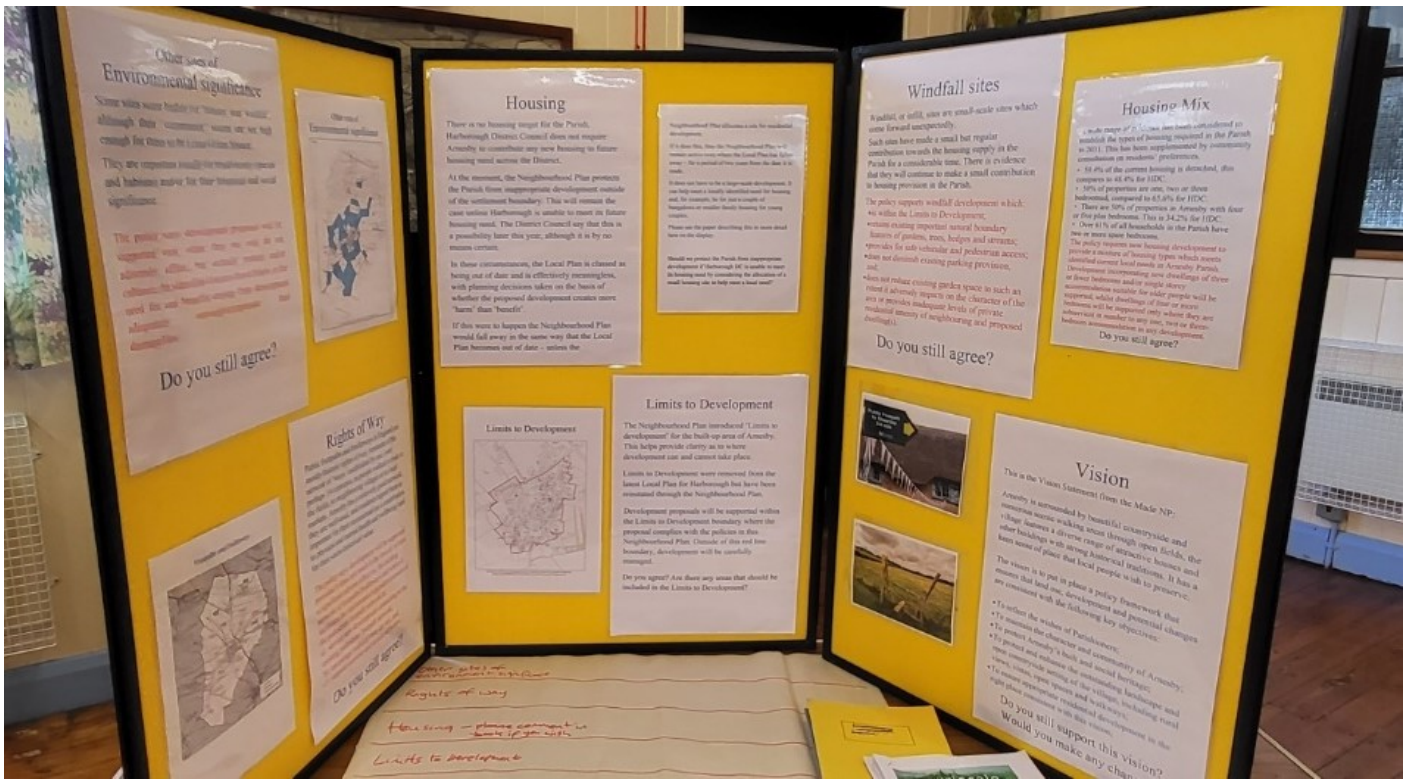
There was a further exercise on potential design features where images of building styles were on display and people invited to comment on whether there were considered appropriate or not for the parish.

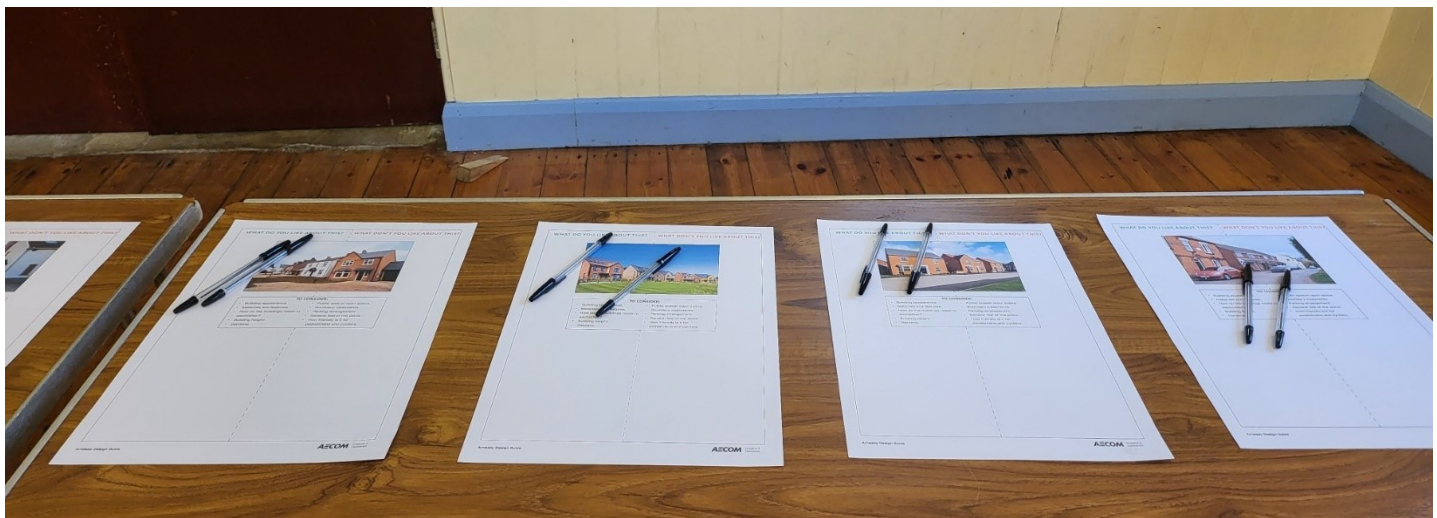
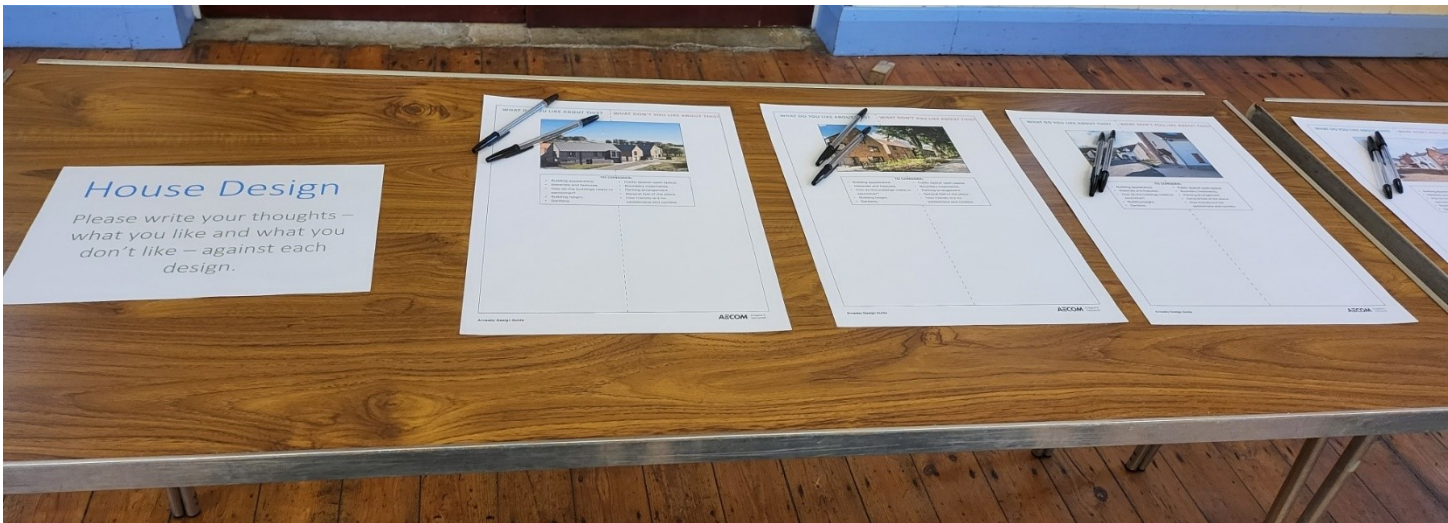
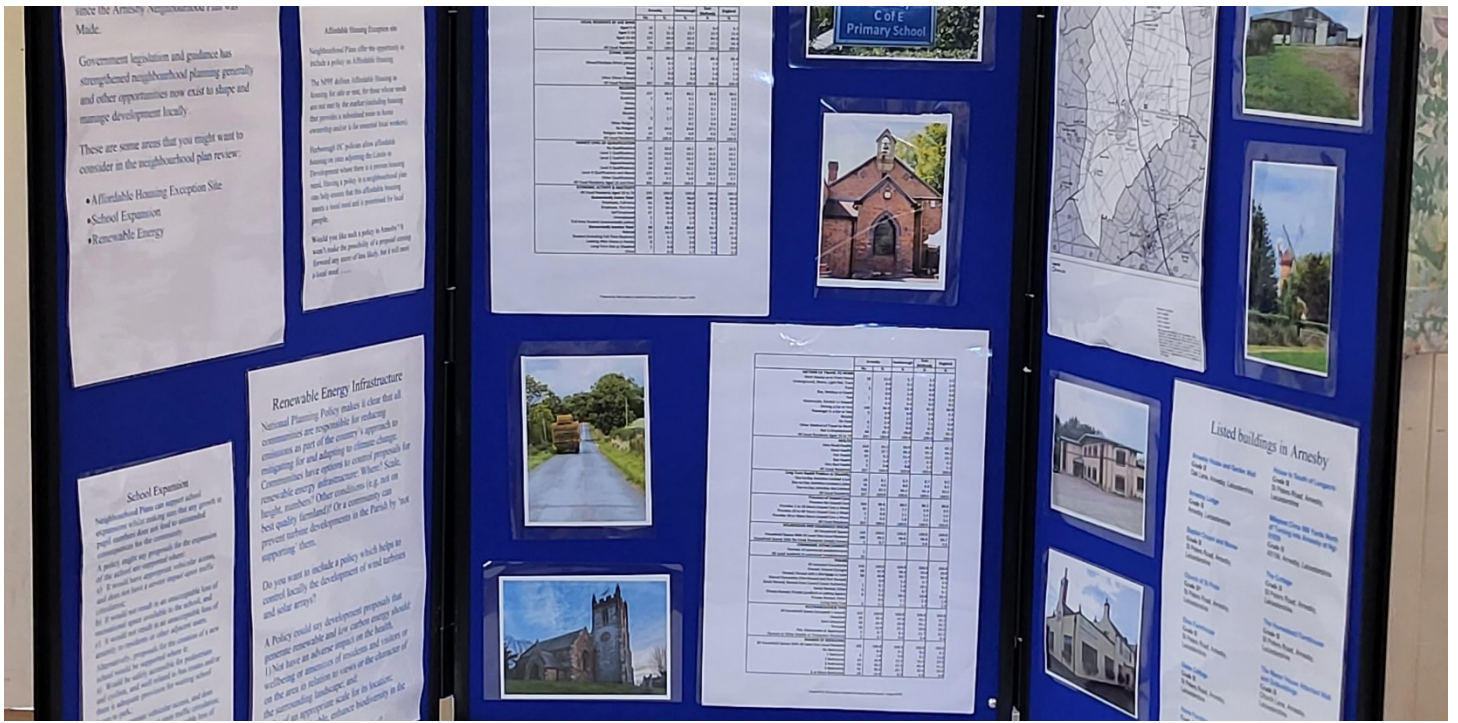


### Display Boards

The following pages give a sample of the boards that were on display at the event. The boards posed questions which people were invited to comment on.







Having read the displays, attendees were asked to record whether or not they supported each policy, and to make comment where appropriate.

These are the levels of support for each policy and the comments that were made:

**VISION:**

8 yes 0 no

**HOUSING ALLOCATION:**

7 yes, 0 no

We should be conscious of the need for affordable and retirement dwellings, but numbers should be very limited – say 2-3 units.

Any development outside the boundary line will set a precedent which could cause future problems.

Makes sense to protect the wishes of the community in this way – within the boundary line.

Yes, we need to protect against inappropriate development.

Protection against inappropriate housing is a must to maintain the village feel and its 'community'.

**HOUSING MIX:**

15 Yes, 0 No, 1 ?

**WINDFALL:**

13 YES, 0 NO 1 ?

**LIMITS TO DEVELOPMENT:**

15 yes, 0 no

**DESIGN:**

Separate display boards were available for people to comment against different house styles.

All of these comments will be taken on board when the work on the design guide commences.

The images on display and the comments received are as follows:



WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THIS?

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT THIS?



TO CONSIDER:

- Building appearance.
- Materials and features.
- How do the buildings relate to each other?
- Building height.
- Gardens.
- Public space/ open space.
- Boundary treatments.
- Parking arrangement.
- General feel of the place.
- How friendly is it for pedestrians and cyclists.

good road layout

Individual design and fits in well with street scene

Ok for modern taste - lots around of this type

Individual design fits in with village  
Fits in well with existing village houses

Too  
In keeping with immediate housing

Some designs are a little urban for the location.  
Houses are too close to each other.

Estate design - so many of this type are available - agreed \*

Nooo - TOO ESTATE!

No softness need more green planting + trees  
~~Too~~ Not individual enough

Not in keeping with our village  
3 storey - Rooms in roof  
Make Buildings Taller

Three storeys not appropriate  
unless a precedent has now been set disappointingly.  
But moving forward - object

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Nicely spaced houses  
not open aspects.

Nothing  
~~Too regimented~~

Solar panels - should  
be as all new builds.

Too conformist in design and more appropriate  
for urban situation.

Too many windows & height of  
buildings - 3 storeys not compatible  
with village setting

Height too much - not in  
keeping.

Too regimented, trying too  
hard to be village like

Too large

Not in keeping with village traditional

Too tall / three storey

3 storeys - too high roofs

Don't agree to 3 storeys

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Generally compatible style of housing.

Construction materials

Repetitive brick colour.

Too close to the highway

close to road - parking problems on road - we have too much of this already.

lack of green space

Lack of parking (as with others)

Noo!

Bland, no parking, too close together

Block look

too large + out of keeping with village

Characterless !! ✓ Agree

Not in keeping with our culture



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Individuality of design is commendable, but it must fit in.

Nothing

Don't like this design  
Just no.

Nothing  
would be ok if only one  
like the design and the use of natural materials - blends into the landscape more.

Does not generally conform to the style - character of the existing buildings

Too angular and lacking individuality  
out of village character.

Too modern.  
Not in keeping

Too large  
Unnatural look

Wouldn't want too many  
Not in-keeping with our village.

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Variety of design aspects to villages

Individual in design and materials

Too modern for my taste

Characterless

Trees

Windows in house on left

- Not in character of village.

Too many windows

Not in keeping

Not like anything else in the village

Too close together - parking?

Not in keeping with our village

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Style with inset gables is compatible with village properties.

Good space between buildings.

Pleasant overall appearance

OK - like the porchway & gables

Plenty of space around each house

would be ok as a one off but not a collection of the same.

Good space and parking facilities - very uniform ~~looks~~

More suitable for urban setting

Don't like cream painted exterior.

Too modern for Arnesby.

Just no.

looks like every other new housing estate. (Kibworth / Kibby bridge)

Works in keeping with new scheme

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terrace of houses is reasonably compatible with established period terraced houses.

An interesting mix of houses and designs

Historical buildings  
Christie's car

Small and slots in.

Mixture of houses and not uniformed.

More inkeeping with the village + narrow roads

Its a Village scene.

Blends in with our Village

Limited Carriage space creates little space between front elevation and footpath

on street parking!

Agreed.

lack of parking  
Lack of parking

No individuality

the ~~original~~ ~~base~~

no off street parking

## **LOCAL GREEN SPACES**

18 yes, 0 no.

## **BIODIVERSITY AND WILDLIFE CORRIDORS**

16 yes, 0 no

## **HERITAGE LIST**

17 yes, 0 no

The old Adult School on St Peter's Road is listed. Doesn't seem to be marked as this on your plan. Thanks.

## **IMPORTANT OPEN SPACES**

21 yes, 0 no

## **RIIDGE AND FURROW**

18 yes, 0 no

But the best Ridge and Furrow was destroyed relatively recently in the fields behind the mill.

## **IMPORTANT VIEWS**

21 yes, 0 no

## **FLOOD RISK**

15 yes, 0 no

## **OTHER SITES OF ENVIRONMENTY SIGNIFICANCE**

15 yes, 0 no

## **RIGHTS OF WAY**

17 yes, 0 no

## **EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

11 yes, 0 no



## NEW OR ENHANCED COMMUNITY FACILITIES

15 yes, 0 no

## TOURISM

4 yes, 0 no

## BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

16 yes, 0 no

## EXISTING EMPLOYMENT

10 yes, 0 no

## HOMEWORKING

17 yes, 0 no

## FARM DIVERSIFICATION

7 yes, 1 no

## NEW EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES

4 yes, 0 no, 1 ?

'Supported – (b) small scale new build adjacent to village – opens the door to larger development.

## TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

18 yes, 0 no

Use the redundant bus shelter and equip it with drop-off lockers for delivery vehicles i.e Amazon, DPD etc.  
Reduce excess traffic into the village.

A good idea.

Agree!

Green/renewable energy sources community wide.

## POTENTIAL NEW POLICIES:

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING EXCEPTION SITE

10 yes, 2 no

### RENEWABLE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

14 yes, 0 no

Investigate a green energy scheme for the whole village.

Reference Swaffham Prior Cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Net zero county by 2045 leicestershire.gov.uk

Grants exist now for this type of scheme.

Agree with the above. Would encourage installation of a wind turbine on high ground between Arnesby and Shearsby.

### SCHOOL EXPANSION

9 yes, 5 no

### Summary of findings:

There was overwhelming support for the policies within the Made Neighbourhood Plan, and support also for new policies on Renewable Energy Infrastructure and Affordable Housing. There was support also for policies helping to shape School expansion, although less fulsome than for the other potential new policies.

People were in support of pursuing a housing allocation to help guard against inappropriate development.

This was a very successful event, with a good turnout of local residents and a lot of considered discussion about the policies on display.

Images of the event are shown on the following pages:







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The drop-in event was promoted through leaflets delivered to each household and through word of mouth.

In total, 33 people attended the event.



## Format of Event

Attendees were welcomed on arrival and asked to complete a contact sheet or to tick a box to record their attendance. The arrangements for the day were explained.

The first displays introduced neighbourhood planning and described the process that is being followed by the Parish Council. Copies of explanatory booklets were available for reference and a copy of key appendices, including the Housing Needs Assessment and design guide, were available for people to read as they walked around the displays.

## Consultation on key issues

A series of display boards were spread across the room, describing the process that has been



followed and explaining the new policies, which included the new residential allocation, an updated limits to development, design, affordable housing, important open spaces, sites of natural environment significance, biodiversity, sites of historic environment significance, non-designated heritage assets, ridge and furrow, important views, footpaths and bridleways, flood risk and a new commercial development site.

People were invited to read the displays and the information available and say whether or not they approved of each of the new policies, including the residential allocation. Notebooks were available for people to record their comments, but people were encouraged to comment when the Neighbourhood Plan reached Regulation 14 stage.

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Neighbourhood Plan Review



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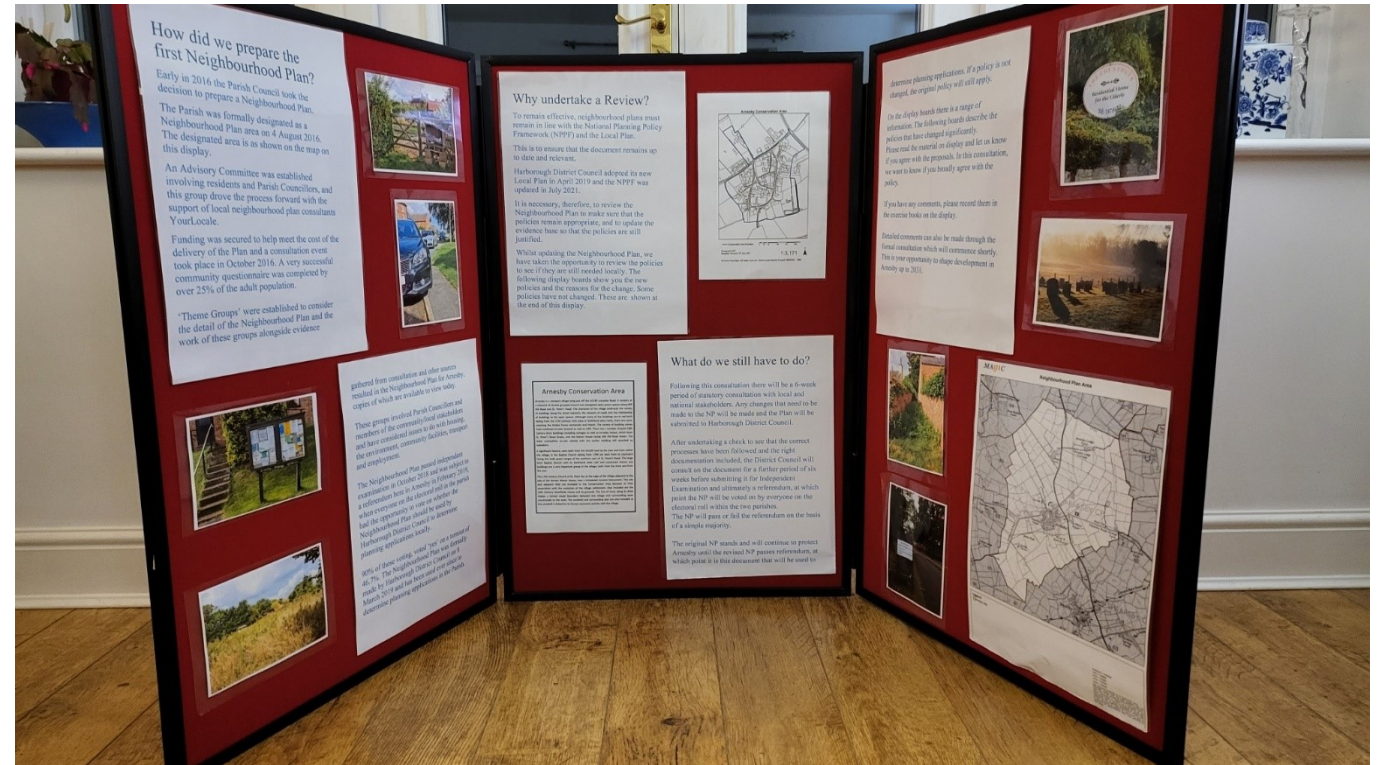
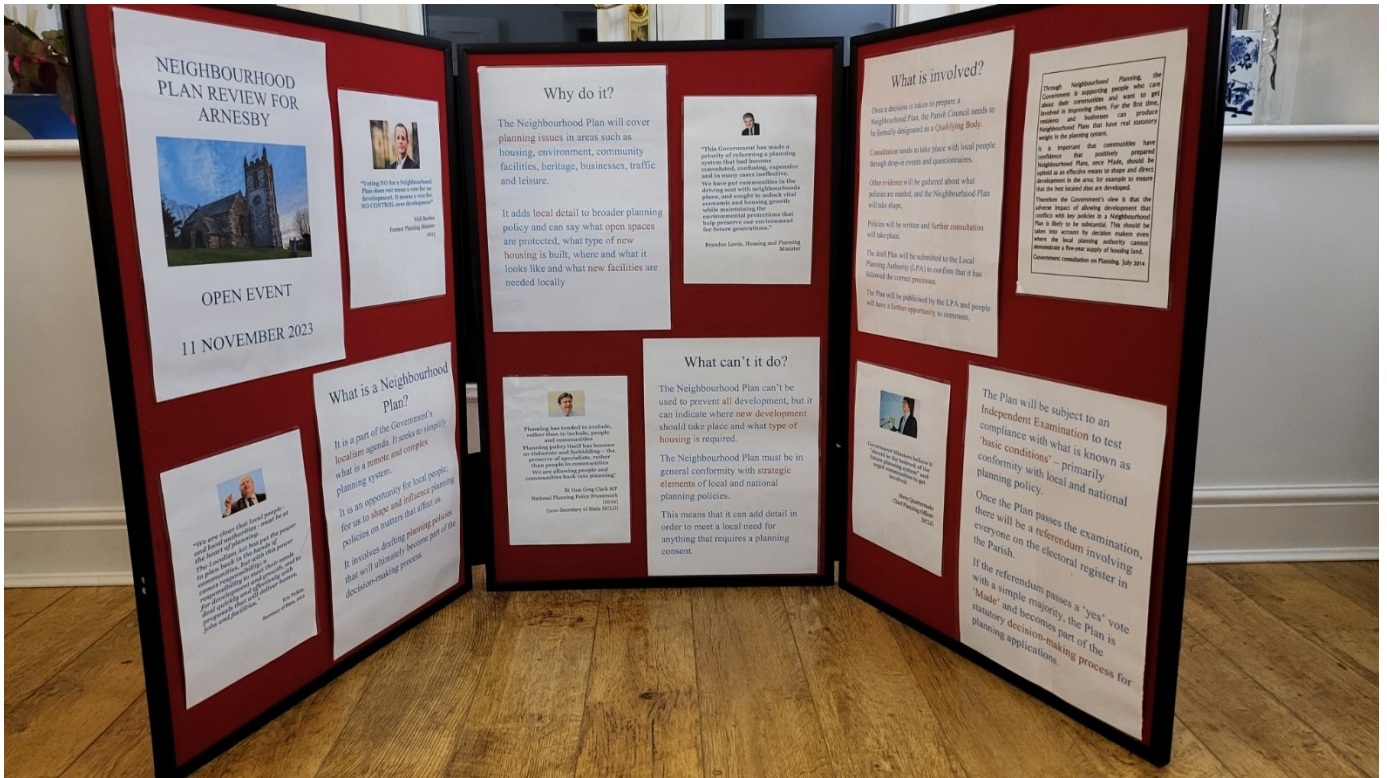
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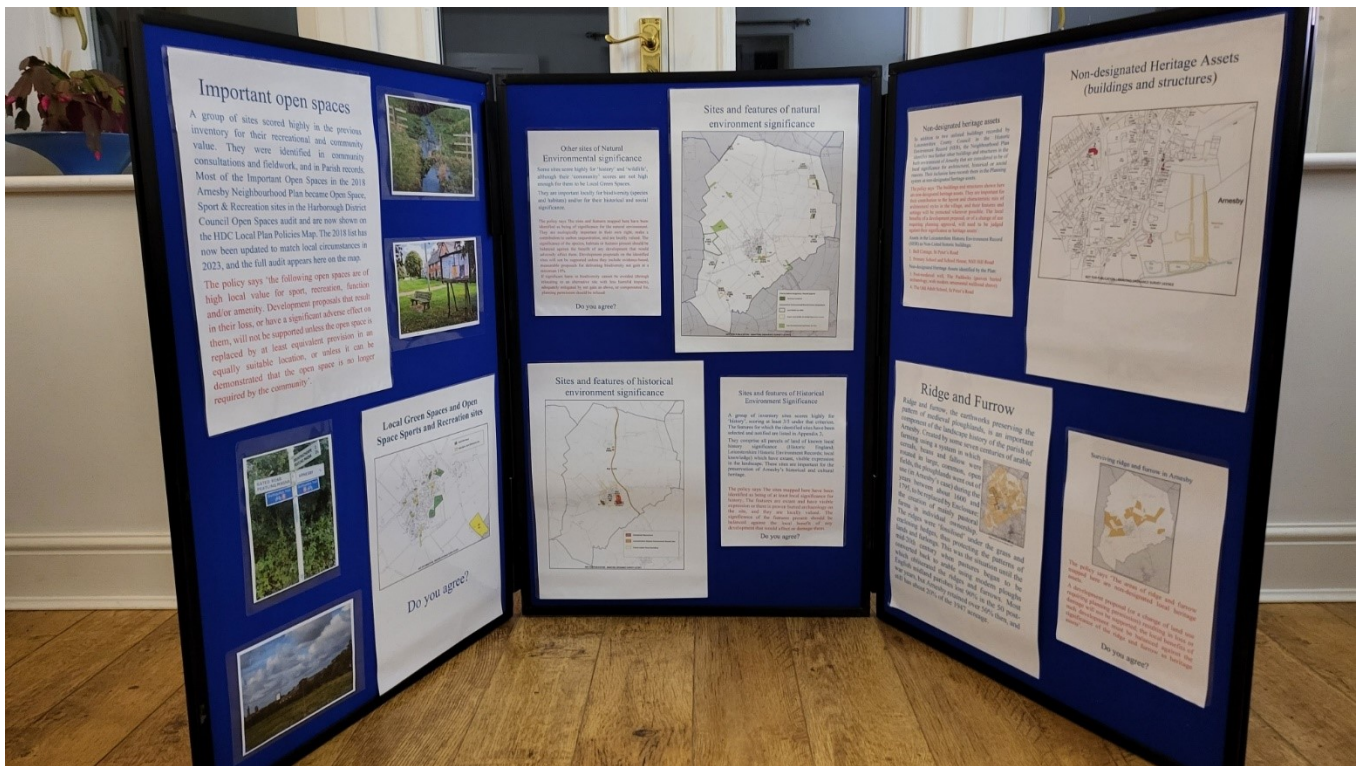
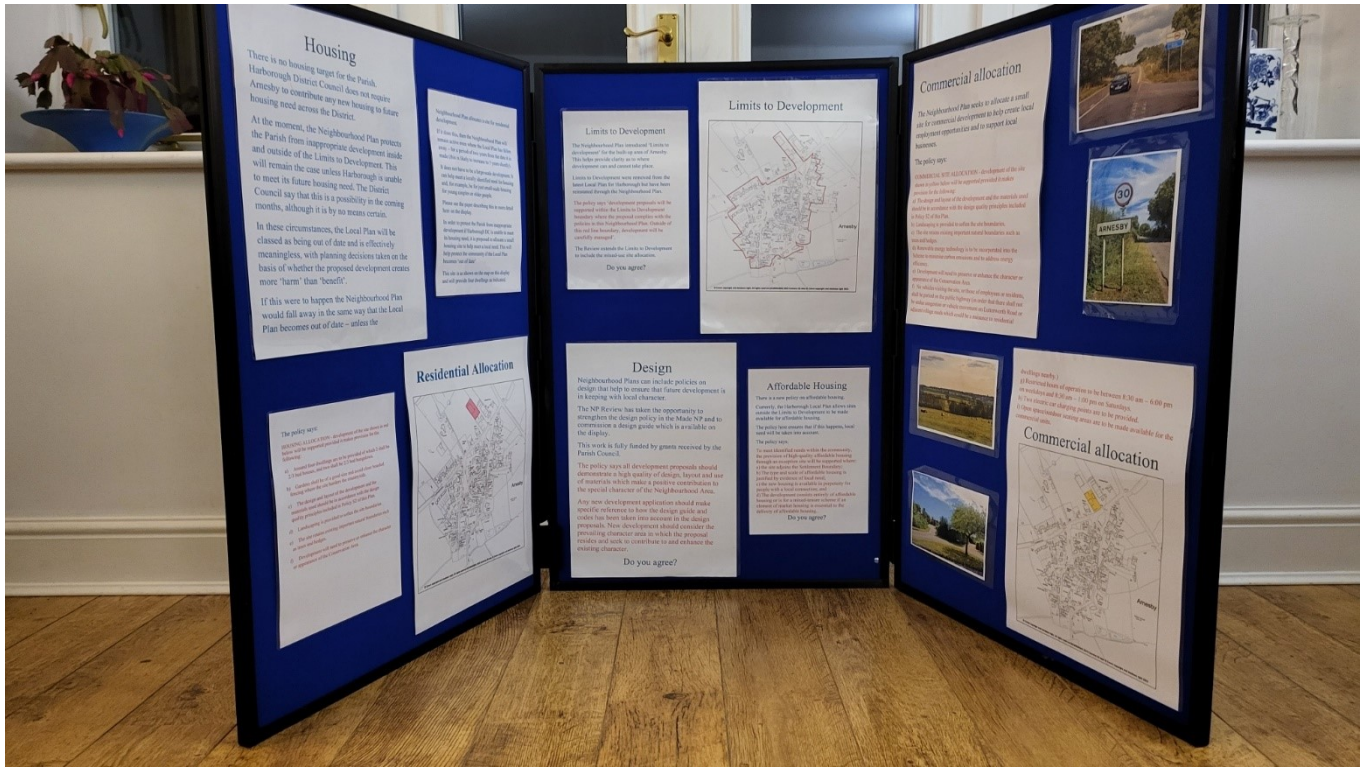
- Housing – where, type and design
- Community facilities – to be safeguarded and enhanced.
- Environment and heritage – assets to be protected.
- Transport – the key issues highlighted.
- Employment – what is appropriate for the Parish?

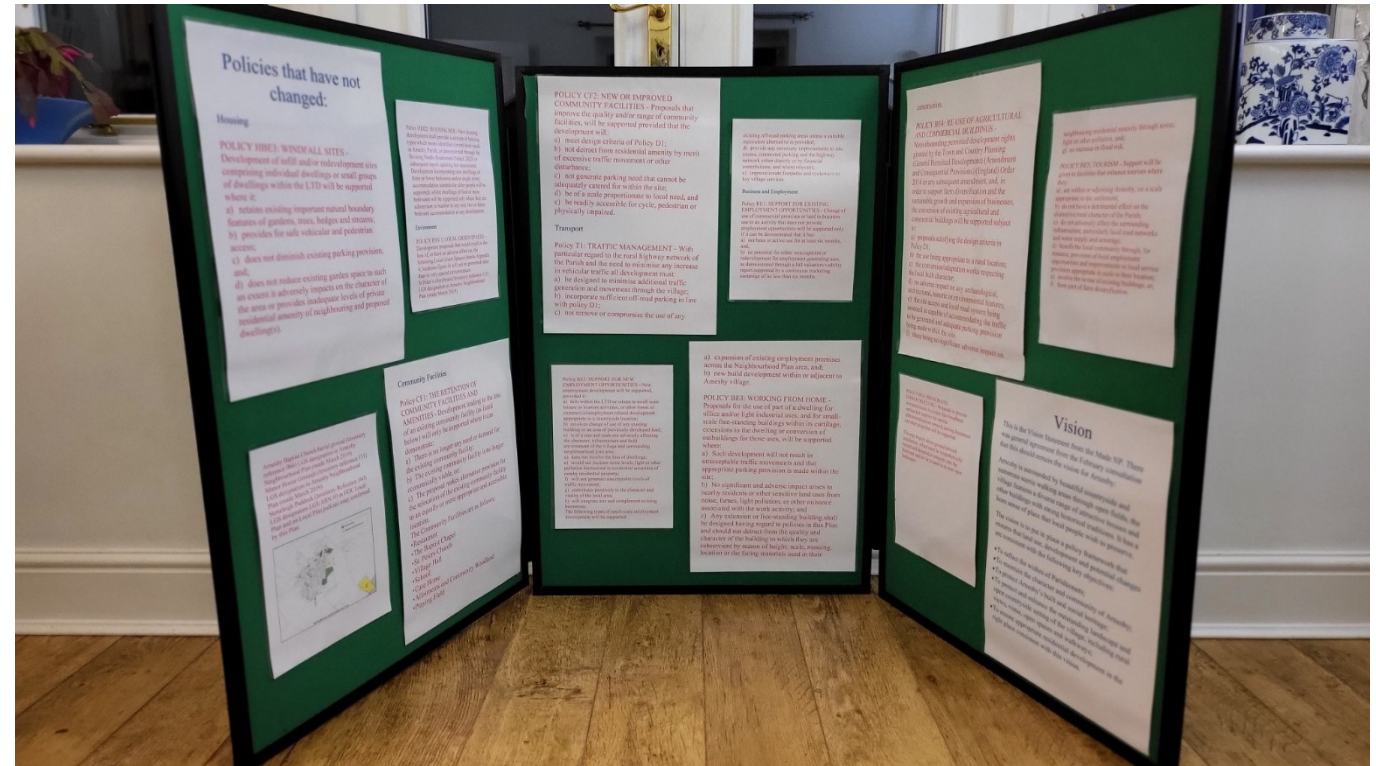
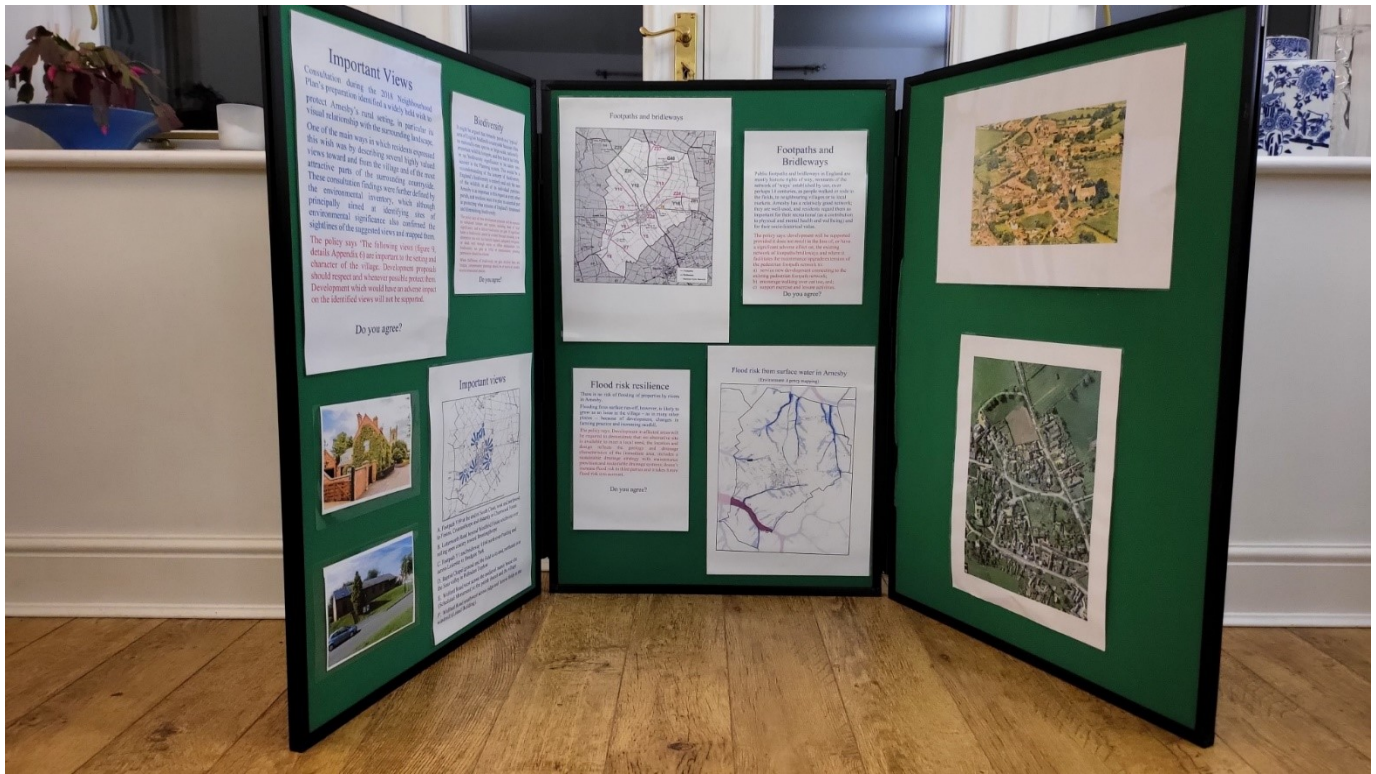
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### Display Boards

The following pages give a sample of the boards that were on display at the event. The boards posed questions which people were invited to comment on.







Having read the displays, attendees were asked to say whether or not they agreed with each of the new policies. These are the responses:

Housing allocation – 11 yes, 4 no  
Limits to Development – 19 yes, 0 no  
Affordable housing – 16 yes, 2 no  
Design – 14 yes, 0 no  
Commercial development – 2 yes, 10 no  
Important open spaces – 21 yes, 0 no  
Natural environment significance – 21 yes, 0 no  
Historic Environment Significance – 19 yes, 0 no  
Non designated heritage assets – 19 yes, 0 no.  
Ridge and furrow – 18 yes, 0 no  
Biodiversity – 19 yes, 0 no  
Important views – 19 yes, 0 no  
Footpaths and Bridleways – 19 yes, 0 no  
Flood Risk – 20 yes, 0 no.

Comments:

- Commercial development favoured – three people said small workshops/offices
- Lutterworth Road needs traffic calming measures to slow speeding cars – chicanes would be suitable such as in Newton Harcourt.

**Post-consultation note:**

Thank you for sending the Neighbourhood plan details.

I am happy, given the constraints imposed, to agree with the two developments on the Briggs farmyard site.

There are three observations I would like to make:

1. I think we need to watch carefully for any developments outside the village envelope using the 'affordable housing' exception. I am in favour of some additional affordable development within the envelope - but our lack of amenities should make any large scale building beyond the envelope, unsustainable. I am glad that you have reinstated the 'limits to development' boundary and I agree with your policy on affordable housing outside the boundary.(which hopefully will prevent any large scale affordable housing development)
2. The Old Adult School is mentioned as an important building which is not listed. It is listed, but the official list identifies it as 'The house south of Longacre'.
3. Have you noticed that the boundary fence to the area 151, designated as a 'local green space', has recently been removed. This site also has an area designated as a 'scheduled monument'. I do not

know if the enlarged single field makes a difference to the designation; it will certainly make it difficult to precisely identify the area.

I agree with your policies on open space and areas of environmental significance, biodiversity and ridge and furrow.

Well done to the Parish Council for making sure that the changes to the Harborough Local Plan are effectively dealt with, in the review our Neighbourhood plan, in the best interests for Arnesby.

### **Summary of findings:**

There was overwhelming support for all of the Review policies with the exception of the commercial allocation.

However, the commercial allocation is a prerequisite for the residential allocation and the Parish Council has taken the view that the importance of the residential allocation, in protecting the Parish against unwanted future development in the event that Harborough DC is unable to meet its future housing need, is such that the commercial development, with the safeguards brought by the conditions contained in the policy, is necessary.

Some images from the event are on the pages which follow:













# ARNESBY

## Neighbourhood Plan Review



# OPEN DROP-IN EVENT

Saturday 11 November 2023

Arnesby Village Hall 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**This is your chance to comment on the draft review policies prior to formal consultation and submission to Harborough District Council.**

- Housing – where, type and design
- Community facilities – to be safeguarded and enhanced.
- Environment and heritage – assets to be protected.
- Transport – the key issues highlighted.
- Employment – what is appropriate for the Parish?

## Refreshments provided

## Anstey Neighbourhood Plan

### Pre submission consultation responses

No.	Chapter/ Section	Policy Number	Respondent	Comment	Response	Amendment
1	N/A	N/A	Homes England	Thank you for contacting the Homes England Enquiries team. We aim to reply to online enquiries within 10 working days. If your enquiry is complex, it may take longer to answer and we will let you know when to expect a reply.	Noted	None
2	N/A	N/A	National Highways	<p>We aim to respond to all enquiries and complaints within 10 working days. Please remember to check your junk/spam folder if you haven't received our reply within that time.</p> <p>A map of the roads we are responsible for operating can be found here. If the road you're enquiring about isn't highlighted on this map it may fall under the responsibility of the local authority, whose contact details can be found here. As we are unable to forward your enquiry on to the local authority, you may wish to contact them directly.</p> <p>If you've made a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, your request will be dealt with in line with government guidelines and we'll respond to you within a maximum of 20 working days. Further information is available here.</p>	Noted	None

				<p>You may be sent a short survey by email or text message shortly after we've responded to your enquiry. We'd love to hear your views on our service so we can continue to improve.</p> <p>For more information on how we use your data, please check our privacy notice.</p> <p>Please be advised that emails may be monitored for training and quality assurance purposes</p>		
3	N/A	N/A	Natural England	<p>We will action your request as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For consultations on Development Management, we will respond within 21 days from the receipt of your email.</li> <li>• For consultations on Development Plans, we will respond within 6 weeks from the receipt of your email.</li> <li>• For consultations from regulators relating to marine fisheries management we will respond within 21 days or within timelines agreed with your Natural England primary contact.</li> <li>• For marine licence applications (including self-service marine licence applications) we will respond within 28 days.</li> <li>• If you have specified a different deadline or we agree a revised deadline with you, we will</li> </ul>	Noted	None

			<p>respond within the time specified or agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you are applying for the Discretionary Advice Service, we will respond to you within 15 working days.</li> <li>• If you are a member of the public, we will respond to your query within 10 working days from receipt of your email.</li> <li>• If your consultation relates to a Tree Preservation Order, Advertisement Consent, Hedgerow Removal Notice or Listed Building Consent, there is no requirement to consult us and you will not receive a further response.</li> <li>• If your e-mail is regarding Agricultural Land Classification you can view both Post 1988 and Provisional ALC data on the <a href="http://www.magic.gov.uk/">www.magic.gov.uk/</a> website. Provisional data can also be viewed <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul> <p>If this is a Development Management consultation that is not a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), EIA development, Minerals and Waste development, development affecting over 20ha of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land or does not trigger an Impact Risk Zone (IRZ), there is no requirement to consult us and you will not receive a further response</p>		
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				<p>Please refer to our general advice in the Annex below.</p> <p>The lack of comment from Natural England does not imply that there are no impacts on the natural environment, but only that the proposals are not likely to result in significant impacts on statutory designated nature conservation sites or landscapes. It is for the local planning authority to determine whether or not the proposals are consistent with national and local policies on the natural environment. Other bodies and individuals may be able to provide information and advice on the environmental value of sites and the impacts of development proposals to assist the decision making process. We advise local planning authorities to obtain specialist ecological or other environmental advice when determining the environmental impacts of development.</p> <p>We recommend that local planning authorities use Natural England's Site of Special Scientific Interest Impact Risk Zones (available on Magic and as a downloadable dataset) prior to consultation with Natural England. Further guidance on when to consult Natural England on planning and development proposals is available on gov.uk at:</p>		
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4	N/A	N/A	Network Rail	<p>This is an automated response to confirm that your e-mail has been received by the Network Rail Town Planning (London North East Route).</p> <p>We aim to respond to all enquiries within the consultation time frame and look forward to being able to assist you.</p> <p>If you have any urgent issues please do not hesitate to contact the Network Rail Town Planning Team:</p> <p>By phone: 01904 389707  By Email:  TownPlanning.LNE@networkrail.co.uk  By Post: Town Planning Team LNE,  Network Rail, Floor 3A, George Stephenson House,  Toft Green, York YO1 6JT</p> <p>For any general or non-town planning issues please contact the Network Rail enquiries national helpdesk on 08457 114141</p>	Noted	None

				With respect to your enquiry, please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further information.		
5	N/A	N/A	Historic England	Thank you for emailing Historic England Midlands Region. Your query will be forwarded to the relevant team and a colleague will reply soon.  We receive a lot of enquiries and aim to reply within 10 working	Noted	None
6	N/A	N/A	Harborough District Council	The Council notes the view of the Qualifying Body that the changes to the Plan are material modifications that do not change the nature of the Plan and will therefore require examination but not a referendum. The District Council is obliged to make its statement concerning this matter on submission of the Plan from Examination. I anticipate that the view of the Council will be the same as the QB	Noted	None
7	N/A	N/A	Severn Trent	Acknowledgement	Noted	None
8	ALL	ALL	Historic England	Thank you for the above consultation and the invitation to comment on proposed revisions to the Plan.  I can confirm that Historic England has no additional comments to make on the changes proposed.  I hope this is helpful.	None	None
9	ALL	Various	Arnesby PCC	I agree that the modifications to the Neighbourhood Plan require examination, but not a referendum. My comments	Noted	None

				on the new policies, on behalf of the PCC of St Peter's Church, are as follows:		
		S1		<p>Policy S1 - LIMITS TO DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>I am happy with the extension of the limits to development as identified on figure 2. It makes sense to identify an additional area, within the village envelope that is suitable for further development - particularly when the need for affordable housing has been identified.</p>	The support for this policy is noted.	None
		S2		<p>Policy S2 - DESIGN</p> <p>I approve of the design guide and hope that this applies to any industrial units which may be approved.</p>	The support for this policy is noted.	None
		HBE1		<p>Policy HBE1 - RESIDENTIAL ALLOCATION</p> <p>The access for the new residential allocation is through an area designated for industrial units. One hopes that the design Guide for any commercial development of this site will apply and that suitable provision will be made for parking, unloading and turning.</p>	Noted. The policy requires parking to be contained to the site.	None
		HBE2		<p>Policy HBE2 - HOUSING MIX</p> <p>I believe that the suggested housing mix, for the proposed new residential development, is appropriate for the future housing needs of the village</p>	The support for this policy is noted.	None
		HBE3		<p>Policy HBE3 - WINDFALL SITES</p> <p>I agree with all of the suggested caveats for windfall sites within the village envelope.</p>	The support for this policy is noted.	None
		General		GENERAL COMMENTS:		

				<p>* I am concerned that the data quoted for annual average housing value, for such a small village, is virtually meaningless- given that it is based on such a tiny example of perhaps one or two house sales per year. Any decisions using this data should be used with caution.</p> <p>. All villages have to deal with parking problems. Adequate provision, for parking and the need for safe access for large vehicles, inevitably means that cars are parked partially on pavements. Where the pavement is narrow, particularly on St Peter's Road adjacent to the main green, pedestrians are forced to walk on the road or on the frequently wet and muddy green. I believe the Parish Council should consider widening the pavement at this location, by a meter or so, to allow for both cars and pedestrians to use the pavement. This would be a minimal incursion onto the green but would improve the safety of that location considerably.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>We will add in a comment to take the figures quoted with caution for the reasons stated.</p> <p>The Parish Council does not have the powers to widen the pavement but will draw this matter to the attention of the Highways authority</p>	<p>Change to be made as indicated.</p> <p>None</p>
10	ALL	ALL	Anglian Water	<p>Thank you for consulting Anglian Water on the review of the Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>On checking our records, I can confirm that the Parish of Arnesby is located within Severn Trent Water's area rather than Anglian Water's. Therefore, we have no comments to make.</p>	None	None

11	ALL	ALL	National Grid	<p>National Grid Electricity Transmission has appointed Avison Young to review and respond to local planning authority Development Plan Document consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regard to the current consultation on the above document.</p> <p>About National Grid Electricity Transmission</p> <p>National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) owns and maintains the electricity transmission system in England and Wales. The energy is then distributed to the electricity distribution network operators, so it can reach homes and businesses.</p> <p>National Grid no longer owns or operates the high-pressure gas transmission system across the UK. This is the responsibility of National Gas Transmission, which is a separate entity and must be consulted independently.</p> <p>National Grid Ventures (NGV) develop, operate and invest in energy projects, technologies, and partnerships to help accelerate the development of a clean energy future for consumers across the UK, Europe and the United States. NGV is separate from National Grid's core regulated businesses. Please also consult with NGV separately from NGET.</p>	Noted	None
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				<p>Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET's assets which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity infrastructure.</p> <p>NGET has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area. NGET provides information in relation to its assets at the website</p> <p>NGET is able to provide advice and guidance to the Council concerning their networks and encourages high quality and well-planned development in the vicinity of its assets.</p> <p>Developers of sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets should be aware that it is NGET policy to retain existing overhead lines in-situ, though it recognises that there may be exceptional circumstances that would justify the request where, for example, the proposal is of regional or national importance.</p> <p>NGET's 'Guidelines for Development near pylons and high voltage overhead power lines' promote the successful development of sites crossed by existing overhead lines and the creation of well-designed places. The guidelines demonstrate that a creative design approach can minimise the</p>		
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				<p>impact of overhead lines whilst promoting a quality environment. The guidelines can be downloaded here:  <a href="https://www.nationalgridet.com/document/130526/download">https://www.nationalgridet.com/document/130526/download</a>  The statutory safety clearances between overhead lines, the ground, and built structures must not be infringed. Where changes are proposed to ground levels beneath an existing line then it is important that changes in ground levels do not result in safety clearances being infringed^  National Grid can, on request, provide to developers detailed line profile drawings that detail the height of conductors, above ordnance datum, at a specific site.  NGET's statutory safety clearances are detailed in their 'Guidelines when working near National Grid Electricity Transmission assets', which can be downloaded here:  <a href="http://www.nationalgridet.com/network-and-assets/working-near-our-assets">www.nationalgridet.com/network-and-assets/working-near-our-assets</a></p>		
12	ALL	N/A	NHS	<p>We are writing in response to Arnesby Park Council's Draft Neighbourhood Plan  The LLR integrated Care Board (ICB) are supportive of the vision set out in your draft plan and would want to work collectively with you to understand in more detail how the local NHS can contribute to its delivery.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. The Parish Council looks forward to collaborative working.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>

				<p>Many of the themes identified in the plan will impact upon the wider determinants of health and as a result population health outcomes. We would therefore welcome working together to maximise the opportunity for health and wellbeing within the vision of any housing growth in Arnesby.</p> <p>In general, we would welcome:  Actions to support the goal of sustainable development and community identity;  maximising opportunities for residents to come together to create community cohesion and support each other, and protection of community facilities.  Ensuring continued ease of access to the surrounding countryside and green spaces, and protection of natural habitats, which will improve the physical and mental health of Residents  Actions to create and sustain local jobs and opportunities for new ways of working are welcome, as this is a large contributor to people's health and wellbeing.  Future development being designed in such a way to enhance physical and mental health and wellbeing.  Plans to ensure that there are a range of options for travel within the area that enable residents to get to and from work and leisure easily</p>		
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				<p>Designs that support the reduction in carbon emissions, as this has a direct impact on some resident's health It is also important to note that any increase in the number of new residents in any area will have a direct impact upon local NHS services whether that is primary, hospital or community care and therefore any new demand from housing developments will require developer contributions to mitigate this. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this stage of the development of the Arnesby Local Plan and I look forward to working together to make the most of the opportunity and mitigate any impacts from increases in population upon local NHS services.</p>		
13	ALL	N/A	Natural England	<p>Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 16 February 2024. Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be</p>	None	None

				<p>affected by the proposals made. Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan. However, we refer you to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and to the following information. Natural England does not hold information on the location of significant populations of protected species, so is unable to advise whether this plan is likely to affect protected species to such an extent as to require a Strategic Environmental Assessment. Further information on protected species and development is included in Natural England's Standing Advice on protected species . Furthermore, Natural England does not routinely maintain locally specific data on all environmental assets. The plan may have environmental impacts on priority species and/or habitats, local wildlife sites, soils and best and most versatile agricultural land, or on local landscape character that may be sufficient to warrant a Strategic Environmental Assessment. Information on ancient woodland, ancient and veteran trees is set out in Natural England/Forestry Commission standing advice. We therefore recommend that advice is sought from your ecological, landscape and soils advisers, local record centre, recording society or wildlife body on</p>		
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				<p>the local soils, best and most versatile agricultural land, landscape, geodiversity and biodiversity receptors that may be affected by the plan before determining whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment is necessary. Natural England reserves the right to provide further advice on the environmental assessment of the plan. This includes any third party appeal against any screening decision you may make. If an Strategic Environmental Assessment is required, Natural England must be consulted at the scoping and environmental report stages. For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: <a href="mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk">consultations@naturalengland.org.uk</a></p>		
14	All	ENV 9/10	Leicsetershire C C	<p>Highways Specific Comments</p> <p>POLICY ENV9 – FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS - The aims and ambitions set out in the above policy are supported.</p> <p>POLICY ENV10 – FLOOD RISK RESILIENCE - All the below is fine and we're supportive of SuDS for minor developments. Just a reminder that the LLFA are only statutory consultee on major applications, so the Districts and Boroughs would need to comment on these matters for anything on minor developments.</p>	<p>The support for this policy is noted.</p> <p>The support for this policy is noted.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>

				<p>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 very 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 via 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 for S106 contributions proposals must fulfil various legal criteria. Measures must also directly</p>	<p>These general comments are noted but are unnecessary to be made at Regulation 16 stage.</p>	<p>None</p>
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				<p>mitigate the impact of the development e.g. they should ensure that the development does not make the existing highway conditions any worse if 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. In regard to public transport, securing S106 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 ie they would be able to operate without being supported from public funding. The current financial climate means that the CHA has extremely limited funding available to undertake minor highway improvements. Where there may be the prospect of third-party funding to deliver a scheme, the County Council will still normally</p>		
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				<p>expect the scheme to comply with prevailing relevant national and local policies and guidance, both in terms of its 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 that 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</p>		
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				<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent development where development sites are at low risk of flooding or can demonstrate appropriate flood risk mitigation.</li> <li>• Use existing flood risk to adjacent land to prevent development.</li> <li>• Require development to resolve existing flood risk.</li> </ul> <p>When considering flood risk within the development of a neighbourhood plan, the LLFA would recommend consideration of the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locating development outside of river (fluvial) flood risk (Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea)).</li> <li>• Locating development outside of surface water (pluvial) flood risk (Risk of Flooding from Surface Water map).</li> <li>• Locating development outside of any groundwater flood risk by considering any local knowledge of groundwater flooding.</li> <li>• How potential SuDS features may be incorporated into the</li> </ul>		
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				<p>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 that the potential site will not limit the ability for good SuDS design to be carried out. Consideration should also be given to blue green corridors and how they could be used to improve the bio-diversity 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</p>		
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				<p>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 as 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. Flood risk mapping is readily available for public use at the links below. The LLFA also holds information relating to historic flooding within Leicestershire that can be used to inform development proposals. Risk of flooding from surface water map: <a href="https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flood-risk">https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flood-risk</a> Flood map for planning (rivers and sea): <a href="https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/">https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/</a> Public Rights of Way Leicestershire has an extensive network of Public Rights of Way which are key to allow people to explore the local countryside, link communities and give access to</p>		
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				<p>schools, shops, work and facilities. Public Rights of Way are recorded on the Definitive Map and a version of this can be viewed at: <a href="https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/cycling-and-walking/where-to-walk-inleicestershire">https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/cycling-and-walking/where-to-walk-inleicestershire</a> Public Rights of Way are a material consideration in the determination of Planning applications. National Planning Policy Framework states that “Planning policies and decisions should protect and enhance Public Rights of Way and access, including taking opportunities to provide better facilities for users, for example by adding links to existing rights of way networks...”.</p> <p>Leicestershire County Council will expect that where Public Rights of Way are impacted by development consideration is given not just to replacement or reinstatement but enhancement of the provision.</p> <p>Planning Minerals &amp; 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 decisions on mineral and waste development. Although neighbourhood plans cannot include</p>		
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				<p>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 Minerals and Waste Safeguarding Areas, contained within the adopted Minerals and Waste Local Plan (<a href="http://Leicestershire.gov.uk">Leicestershire.gov.uk</a>). These safeguarding areas are there to ensure that non-waste and non-minerals development takes place in a way that does not negatively affect minerals 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. Property Education Whereby housing allocations or preferred housing developments form part of a Neighbourhood Plan the Local Authority will look to 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</p>		
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				<p>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 a 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. Strategic Property Services No comment at this time.</p> <p>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 Specific Comments Suggest strengthening the links to supporting climate action through planning in order to support</p>		
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				<p>the Government's commitment for net zero emissions by 2050. Suggest the plan references support for wind and solar farms where development allows. General Comments With regard to the environment and in line with Government advice, Leicestershire County Council (LCC) would like to see Neighbourhood Plans cover all aspects of archaeology and the historic and natural environment including heritage assets, archaeological sites, listed and unlisted historic buildings, historic landscapes, climate change, the landscape, biodiversity, ecosystems, green infrastructure as well as soils, brownfield sites and agricultural land. Archaeology and the Historic Environment The planning process provides one of the most effective tools to manage the impact of land use change upon the historic environment. This is achieved both through the shaping of development plans (Local and Neighbourhood Plans) and the delivery of development management advice on individual planning applications. In that context, the inclusion of heritage in your Neighbourhood Plan, and the provision of relevant and effective policies, will significantly strengthen</p>		
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				<p>the management of these issues, and will be an effective way of the community identifying its own concerns and priorities. Ideally, Neighbourhood Plans should seek to work in partnership with other agencies to develop and deliver this strategic objective, based on robust local evidence and priorities. We recommend that each Neighbourhood Plan should consider the impact of potential development or management decisions on the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment. The historic environment is defined as comprising all aspects of the environment resulting from the interaction between people and places through time, including all surviving evidence of past human activity, whether upstanding, buried or submerged, as well landscapes and their historic components. The Leicestershire and Rutland Historic Environment Record (LRHER) can provide a summary of archaeological and historic environment information for your Neighbourhood Plan area. This will include gazetteers and maps describing the locally identified non-designated heritage assets, typically archaeological sites (both earthworks</p>		
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				<p>and buried archaeological remains), unlisted historic buildings and historic landscapes (parks and gardens). We will also provide information on medieval ridge and furrow earthworks to help you evaluate the surviving earthworks in your area. Information on Designated assets (Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Registered Parks and Gardens, Battlefields) is available from the National Heritage List for England (NHLE).</p> <p><a href="https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/">https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/</a> Consideration of the historic environment, and its constituent designated and non-designated heritage assets, is a material consideration in the planning process. While the data held by the LRHER is constantly maintained and updated, it is unlikely that the record represents an exhaustive list of all assets with the plan area. We suggest that information provided by the LRHER should be taken into account when preparing the Neighbourhood Plan and contribute to any list of locally identified heritage assets. Based upon a structured assessment process, this will be the basis of any non-designated heritage assets identified within the plan and given force</p>	
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				<p>through the preparation of appropriate heritage policy. Contact: her@leics.gov.uk, or phone 0116 305 8323 For help with including heritage in your Neighbourhood Plan please see the following guidance: CBA Toolkit No. 10, Neighbourhood Planning (2017)  <a href="https://www.archaeologyuk.org/asset/6FE3A721-B328-4B75-9DEBBD0028A4AEED/">https://www.archaeologyuk.org/asset/6FE3A721-B328-4B75-9DEBBD0028A4AEED/</a> National Trust Guide to Heritage in Neighbourhood Plans (2019)  <a href="https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/documents/neighbourhood-planning-and-heritageguidance.pdf">https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/documents/neighbourhood-planning-and-heritageguidance.pdf</a> Climate Change The County Council, through its Environment Strategy and Net Zero Strategy and Action Plan, is committed to achieving net zero for its own operations by 2035 and to working with Leicestershire people and organisations to become a net zero county by 2050 or before. Along with most other UK local authorities, the council has declared a climate emergency and wants to do its bit to help meet the Paris Agreement and keep global temperature rise to well below 2 oC Leicestershire’s Net Zero Strategy and Action Plan is available at:  <a href="https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/en">https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/en</a></p>		
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				<p>impacting on their key landscape qualities. 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' document (2018) published by Historic England. LCC would encourage the development of local listings as per the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and LCC have some data on the social, cultural, archaeological and historic value of local features and buildings (<a href="https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-andcommunity/history-and-heritage/historic-environment-record">https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-andcommunity/history-and-heritage/historic-environment-record</a>) Contact: <a href="mailto:her@leics.gov.uk">her@leics.gov.uk</a> or telephone: 0116 3058323 Examples of policy statements for Landscape:</p> <p><b>POLICY X: LOCAL LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS</b> – Development proposals falling within or affecting the Local Landscape Character Areas (LLCAs), where possible, enhance the LLCA's particular characteristics, important views and local distinctiveness. Proposals having a harmful effect on a Local Landscape Character Area's character will not be supported. Biodiversity The Natural Environment and Communities Act</p>		
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				<p>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, providing net gain for biodiversity, and reducing pollution.</p> <p>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 or management of open spaces on enhancing biodiversity and habitat connectivity, such as hedgerows and greenways. Habitat permeability for species which addresses encouragement of movement from one location to another such as the design of street lighting, roads, noise, obstructions in water, exposure of species to predation and arrangement of land-uses should be considered.</p>		
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				<p>The Neighbourhood Plan can be used to plan actions for the parish council on its' own land (community actions) and guide the actions of others (policy actions). For specific advice on species and habitats of importance in the County and actions that can make a difference to their conservation and ways to increase the quality and quantity of these, please refer to the Leicestershire and Rutland Biodiversity Action Plan:  <a href="https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/biodiversity-strategy">https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/biodiversity-strategy</a>  <a href="https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-andbiodiversity">https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-andbiodiversity</a> 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; locations of badger setts, great crested newt breeding ponds and ponds with high potential to support great crested newts' and bat roosts; and a list of records of protected and priority Biodiversity</p>		
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				<p>Action Plan species. These are all a 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: LRERC@leics.gov.uk., or phone 0116 305 1087 <a href="https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/leicestershire-and-rutland-environmental-records-centre-lrerc">https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/leicestershire-and-rutland-environmental-records-centre-lrerc</a>, For informal advice on actions for nature that can be taken forward on parish land please contact EnvironmentTeam@Leics.gov.uk</p> <p>Many species of plants and animals in England and often their supporting features and habitats are protected. What you can and cannot do by law varies from species to species and may require a preliminary ecological appraisal. For information on protected species and the law please visit: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/protected-species-how-to-review-planning-applications">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/protected-species-how-to-review-planning-applications</a> Examples of policy statements that can be added to the plan to support biodiversity:</p>		
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				<p><b>POLICY X: BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION IN NEW DEVELOPMENT –</b></p> <p>Consideration should be made in the design and construction of new development in the Plan Area to protect and enhance biodiversity, where appropriate, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roof and wall construction should incorporate integral bee bricks, bird nest boxes and bat breeding and roosting boxes. Target species and locations to be based on advice sought from the Local Authority’s Biodiversity Officer (or equivalent).</li> <li>• Hedges (or fences with ground-level gaps) should be used for property boundaries to maintain connectivity of habitat for hedgehogs and other terrestrial animals.</li> <li>• Work with landowners to ensure good maintenance of existing hedgerows, gap up and plant new hedgerows where appropriate and introduce a programme of replenishing hedgerow trees.</li> <li>• Avoidance of all unnecessary exterior artificial lighting: there is no legal duty requiring any place to be lit.</li> <li>• Security lighting, if essential, should be operated by intruder sensors and illuminated for no longer than 1 minute. Sports and commercial facility lighting should be switched off during agreed ‘curfew’ hours between March</li> </ul>		
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				<p>and October, following best practice guidelines in Bats and Lighting Leicestershire Environmental Records Centre, 2014. • Lighting design, location, type, lux levels and times of use should follow current bestpractice, e.g. by applying the guidelines in Guidance note 08/18 Bats and artificial lighting in the UK: Bat Conservation Trust / Institution of Lighting Professionals, 2018. • Natural/semi natural grassland margins adjacent to hedges of up to 5m buffer. • Retain natural features wherever possible. • In creating habitats, consider the underlying geology and allow natural colonisation near local high-quality habitats. • Avoid use of topsoil to promote plant diversity, especially in areas of limestone or areas near to heathland - consider exposing sandy soils to encourage acid grassland and heath. • Allow for structural diversity of habitats – for example long and tall grass, to maintain a suitable grassland habitat for wildlife. A management plan should accompany all planning applications. • Avoid development and hard landscaping next to watercourses. • Restore naturalness to existing watercourses for example by retaining some steeper earth banks</p>		
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				<p>suitable for Kingfisher and Water Vole breeding. • Retain areas of deadwood within the site to maintain biodiversity. • Plant 30% of trees with a selection of larger native species and create lines of trees. 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). 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 of planning policies including: building a strong, competitive economy; creating a sense of place and promoting 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</p>		
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				<p>enhancing the natural and historic environment. Looking at the existing provision of GI networks within a community can influence the plan for creating &amp; enhancing new networks. 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. Sites that are designated as Local Green Spaces can form an important strategic part of local Green Infrastructure and can be conserved and enhanced to make an important contribution to the district green infrastructure. Delivery of the conservation and enhancement can be dealt with in Policy and Community Actions. 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/heritage</p>		
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				<p>value. Neighbourhood planning groups should check with Defra if their neighbourhood planning area includes brownfield sites. Where information is lacking as to the ecological or heritage value of these sites then the Neighbourhood Plan could include policies that ensure such survey work should be carried out to assess the ecological and heritage 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 on. They should be enhanced in value and protected from adverse effects of unacceptable levels of pollution. Within the governments “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 poorer quality areas in preference to the higher</p>		
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				<p>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 and have produced the following guide: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/agricultural-land-assessment-proposals-for-development/guide-to-assessing-development-proposals-on-agricultural-land">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/agricultural-land-assessment-proposals-for-development/guide-to-assessing-development-proposals-on-agricultural-land</a>. The British Society for Soil Science provide advice on what should be expected of developers in assessing land for development suitability: <a href="https://soils.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Assessing-Agricultural-Land-Jan-2022.pdf">https://soils.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Assessing-Agricultural-Land-Jan-2022.pdf</a></p> <p>Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) Information for Neighbourhood Planning groups regarding Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) can be found on the Neighbourhood Planning website (<a href="https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/toolkits-and-guidance/understand-plan-requiresstrategic-environmental-assessment-sea/">https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/toolkits-and-guidance/understand-plan-requiresstrategic-environmental-assessment-sea/</a>) and should be referred to. A Neighbourhood Plan must meet certain basic conditions in</p>		
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				<p>order to be 'made'. It must not breach and be otherwise compatible with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations SI 2004/1633 (available online). These regulations deal with the assessment of environmental plans and programmes and implement Retained Reference Directive 2001/42 'on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment'. Not every Neighbourhood Plan needs a SEA; however, it is compulsory to provide when submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A statement of reasons as to why SEA was not required</li> <li>• An environmental report (a key output of the SEA process).</li> </ul> <p>As a rule of thumb, SEA is more likely to be necessary if both of the following two elements apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a Neighbourhood Plan allocates sites for development (for housing, employment etc.); and</li> <li>• the neighbourhood area contains sensitive environmental assets (e.g. a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) or an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)) that may be affected by the policies and proposals in the Neighbourhood Plan. In light of these two considerations, it is very unlikely</li> </ul>		
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				<p>that a Neighbourhood Plan would require SEA if the plan is not allocating land for development. This is because allocating land for development is more likely to generate physical changes which lead to significant effects. As the UK has now left the EU, Neighbourhood Planning groups should remain mindful of any future changes which may occur to the above guidance. Changes are also likely to be forthcoming as a result of the Government's Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (LURB). This proposes 'Environmental Outcome Reports' to replace the current system of Strategic Environmental Assessment (including Sustainability Appraisals) and Environmental Impact Assessment and introduce a clearer and simpler process where relevant plans and projects (including Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects) are assessed against tangible environmental outcomes. Impact of Development on Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) Neighbourhood planning groups should remain mindful of the interaction between new development applications in a district and borough area and the existing</p>		
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				<p>HWRC services delivered by 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 HWRC infrastructure then appropriate projects to increase the capacity of the HWRC most likely impacted have to be initiated. Contributions to fund these projects are requested in accordance with the Leicestershire's Planning Obligations Policy and the relevant Legislation Regulations.</p> <p>Public Health Health is shaped by many different factors throughout our lives. Health is affected by the settings in which we live, work, learn and play. These influences start to determine health and opportunities for better health from birth and throughout the whole life course, for example the environment, community, transport, education and income. This complex range of interacting social, economic and environmental factors are known as the wider determinants of health or the social determinants of health. When there is a difference in these conditions it contributes to health inequalities- "Health inequalities are</p>		
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				<p>the preventable, unfair and unjust differences in health status between groups, populations or individuals that arise from the unequal distribution of social, environmental and economic conditions within societies” (NHS England) The diagram below illustrates types of wider factors that influence an individual’s mental and physical health. The diagram shows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• personal characteristics at the core of the model and this includes sex, age, ethnic group, and hereditary factors</li><li>• The layer around the core contains individual ‘lifestyle’ factor behaviours such as smoking, alcohol use, and physical activity</li><li>• The next layer contains social and community networks including family and wider social circles</li><li>• The next layer covers living and working conditions include access and opportunities in relation to jobs, housing, education and welfare services</li><li>• The final outer layer is general socioeconomic, cultural and environmental conditions and includes factors such as disposable income, taxation, and availability of work</li></ul> <p>Research by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, looked into the major contributors to health and wellbeing and found that: Health</p>		
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				<p>Behaviours contribute to 30% of health outcomes made up of: • Smoking 10% • Diet/Exercise 10% • Alcohol use 5% • Poor sexual health 5% Socioeconomic Factors contribute to 40% of health outcomes: • Education 10% • Employment 10% • Income 10% • Family/Social Support 5% • Community Safety 5% Clinical Care contributes to 20% of health outcomes: • Access to care 10% • Quality of care 10% Built Environment contributes to 10% of health outcomes: • Environmental Quality 5% • Built Environment 5% Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, Used in US to rank Counties by health Status Therefore, due to the complex way in which the built environment and communities we live in impact on our health any opportunity to mitigate negative impacts and enhance positive outcomes should be taken. Completing a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is a good practice to ensure neighbourhood concerns and recommendations are considered. Undertaking a HIA as part of your neighbourhood plans has the potential to influence all these areas, alongside influencing decisions made</p>	
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				<p>about access to care through transport and infrastructure. To aid you in undertaking a HIA please visit: <a href="https://www.healthyplacemaking.co.uk/healthimpact-assessment/">https://www.healthyplacemaking.co.uk/healthimpact-assessment/</a> At the bottom of this page there are also links to a number of local data sheets at a district level. You can also familiarise yourself with the health profile for your area by visiting: <a href="https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/health-profiles">https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/health-profiles</a> Dahlgren G, Whitehead M. (1991). Policies and Strategies to Promote Social Equity in Health. Stockholm, Sweden: Institute for Futures Studies. NHS England, "Reducing health inequalities resources," [Online]. Available: <a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/about/equality/equality-hub/resources/">https://www.england.nhs.uk/about/equality/equality-hub/resources/</a> [Accessed February 2021].</p> <p>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 people in local communities. Neighbourhood Plans provide an opportunity to;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Carry out and report on a review of community facilities, groups and allotments and their importance with</li> </ol>		
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				<p>your community. 2. 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. 3. Identify and support potential community projects that could be progressed. You are encouraged to consider and respond to all aspects of community resources as part of the Neighbourhood Planning process. Further information, guidance and examples of policies and supporting information is available at <a href="http://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/np/useful-information">www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/np/useful-information</a>. Economic Development We would recommend including economic development aspirations with your Plan, outline what the community currently values and whether they are open to new development of small businesses etc. Fibre Broadband Our ambition is for a Digital Leicestershire. This includes the ambition for everyone to have access to fast, accessible, inclusive, reliable digital infrastructure and we are working to support government targets to achieve gigabit capable, lightning-fast broadband connections</p>		
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				<p>to 85% of Leicestershire by December 2025, increasing to 100% by 2030. A fast and reliable digital infrastructure will open new opportunities for residents, communities and businesses. It will underpin innovation, improve community and social networks and support learning and development for all. It will help to deliver a range of societal benefits including the more effective provision of public services, information and connect people to the support at the point of need. The Digital Leicestershire team manages programmes aimed at improving digital infrastructure in the county. This includes superfast, ultrafast and full fibre broadband. Work combines three approaches; engaging with commercial operators to encourage private investment in Leicestershire, working with all tiers of government to reduce barriers to commercial investment and operating intervention schemes with public funds to support deployment of digital infrastructure in hard-to-reach areas that are not included in broadband suppliers' plans, reaching parts of the county that might otherwise miss out on getting the digital connectivity they need. We are</p>		
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				<p>currently providing support throughout the county with our Gigabit and Gigahub programmes. How does this role relate to neighbourhood plans? The UK government has brought into force new laws that require new homes in England to be built with gigabit broadband connections and enables telecoms firms to be able to get faster broadband to nine million people living in blocks of flats across the UK. Ministers have amended the Building Regulations 2010 to ensure that new homes constructed in England will be fitted with infrastructure and connections capable of delivering gigabit broadband - the fastest internet speeds on the market. The updated regulations mean that more people moving into new homes will have a gigabitcapable broadband connection ready when construction is completed, avoiding the need for costly and disruptive installation work after the home is built and enabling residents to arrange the best possible internet service at the point they move in. In a further boost to people's access to better broadband, another new law has made it easier to install faster internet connections in blocks of flats when landlords repeatedly</p>		
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				<p>ignore requests for access from broadband firms. Both of these new laws came into effect on 26 December 2022. The updated building rules mean home developers will be legally required to future-proof new homes in England for next-generation gigabit broadband as standard practice during construction. Connection costs will be capped at £2,000 per home for developers and they will work together with network operators to connect developments to the gigabit network. It is estimated over 98 per cent of premises fall within this cap, meaning moving into a new build property without lightning-fast internet speeds will become a thing of the past for the vast majority of people across England. Where a developer is unable to secure a gigabit-capable connection within the cost cap, developers must install the next fastest connection available. And even where a gigabitcapable connection is not available within the cost cap, gigabit-ready infrastructure, such as ducts, chambers and termination points, still needs to be installed. This will ensure that homes are fit for the digital age but may not be connected straight away. The Council supports a 'dig once'</p>		
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				<p>approach for the deployment of communications infrastructure and a build which is sympathetic to the character and appearance of the surrounding area. The Council encourages telecommunications build which does not significantly impact on the appearance of any building or space on which equipment is located and which minimises street clutter. Groups working on emerging neighbourhood plans are encouraged to visit the Digital Leicestershire website to learn more about current and forthcoming full fibre broadband provision for their local area <a href="https://www.thinkbroadband.com/">https://www.thinkbroadband.com/</a> and also BDUK (Building Digital UK) Further Information <a href="https://digital-leicestershire.org.uk/">https://digital-leicestershire.org.uk/</a> Email: <a href="mailto:broadband@leics.gov.uk">broadband@leics.gov.uk</a> Building Regulations: Infrastructure for Electronic Communications (R) Equalities While we cannot comment in detail on plans, you may wish to ask stakeholders to bear the Council's Equality Strategy 2020-2024 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 view at: <a href="https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sit">https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sit</a></p>		
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				<p>es/default/files/field/pdf/2020/7/10/Equality-strategy2020-2024.pdf The Neighbourhood plan should comply with the main requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty. This requires public bodies to have due regard of the need to: Eliminate discrimination Advance equality of opportunity Foster good relations between different people Accessible Documents In today's working environment more and more information is being produced digitally. When producing information which is aimed at or to be viewed by the public, it is important to make that information as accessible as possible. At least 1 in 5 people in the UK have a long-term illness, impairment or disability. Many more have a temporary disability. Accessibility means more than putting things online. It means making your content and design clear and simple enough so that most people can use it without needing to adapt it, while supporting those who do need to adapt things. For example, someone with impaired vision might use a screen reader (software that lets a user navigate a website and 'read out' the content), braille display or screen magnifier. Or someone with motor</p>		
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				<p>difficulties might use a special mouse, speech recognition software or on-screen keyboard emulator. Public sector organisations have a legal requirement to make sure that all information which appears on their websites is accessible. As Neighbourhood Plans have to be published on Local Planning Authority websites, they too have to comply with government regulations for accessibility. Guidance for creating accessible Word and PDF documents can be found on the Leicestershire Communities website: Creating Accessible Word Documents Creating Accessible PDFs To enable Development Officers to implement your policies, it is important to make sure that they are clear, concise and worded in such a way that they are not open to interpretation. This Policy Writing Guide has been designed to provide you with a few key points to look out for:</p> <p><a href="https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/uploads/policy-writing-guide17.pdf?v=1667547963">https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/uploads/policy-writing-guide17.pdf?v=1667547963</a> NIK GREEN (MRS) Policy Officer   E: <a href="mailto:neighbourhoodplanning@leics.gov.uk">neighbourhoodplanning@leics.gov.uk</a> Policy, Economy &amp; Community, Chief Executive's Department, Leicestershire County Council, County</p>		
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15	ALL	N/A	Environment Agency	<p>Thank you for giving the Environment Agency the opportunity to comment on the draft Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>We have reviewed the Plan Area with respect to those environmental constraints falling within our remit (for example flood risk, Main Rivers) and due to the absence of these we have no comments to make on the Plan as submitted.</p> <p>I wish you all the best with your on-going Neighbourhood plan making process.</p>	Noted	None
16	All	N/A	Harborough District Council	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to make comments on the Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan review at Regulation 14 stage.</p> <p>Overall, this was a good document that aspires to meet the needs of the community and the PC should be congratulated for the hard work in the preparation of the document.</p> <p>Colleagues had comments to make for only minor amendments to the Plan which are set out below. The Plan has recognised existing designated and non-designated assets. It is good to see that the commercial site allocation recognises</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Thank you for this supportive comment.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>

			<p>the need to consider the impact of development on the Arnesby Conservation Area.</p> <p>Designated Heritage Assets: P. 46 the link provided to Listed Buildings just links to the general Historic England 'Search the List' page not a list specifically for Arnesby.</p> <p>It would be preferable to have each of the designated heritage assets in a list with each linking to the individual HE listing entry and shown on a map– ie the format used on p. 41 and 42 of the January 2019 version which also showed these assets on the Fig 7 map.</p> <p>It may be possible to use the same approach in linking the non-designated heritage assets to their individual HER entry.</p> <p>Non-Designated Heritage Assets: These would benefit from a photo and a description of the reason for selection in line with Historic England guidance: Local Heritage Listing: Identifying and Conserving Local Heritage   Historic England – as happened for the post medieval well in the January 2019 version.</p> <p>It is good to see the non-designated heritage assets shown mapped in Fig 6 on p. 45.</p>	<p>Noted. On reflection, we will remove the link as it is liable to change over time.</p> <p>Noted, however as there is no policy relating to the designated heritage assets it is not thought necessary to do this.</p> <p>It is not considered necessary to do this as the sites identified are already listed in the Leicestershire Historic Records.</p> <p>Thank you for pointing this out.</p>	<p>Change to be made as indicated.</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Change to be made as indicated.</p>
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