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	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. 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. 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.	Noted	None

				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. For more information on how we use your data, please check our privacy notice. Please be advised that emails may be		
3	N/A	N/A	Natural England	monitored for training and quality assurance purposes We will action your request as follows: For consultations on Development Management, we will respond within 21 days from the receipt of your email. For consultations on Development Plans, we will respond within 6 weeks from the receipt of your email. For consultations from regulators relating to marine fisheries management we will respond within 21 days or within timelines agreed	Noted	None
				with your Natural England primary contact. • For marine licence applications (including self-service marine licence applications) we will respond within 28 days. • If you have specified a different deadline or we agree a revised deadline with you, we will		

respond within the time specified or agreed. If you are applying for the Discretionary Advice Service, we will respond to you within 15 working days. If you are a member of the public, we will respond to your query within 10 working days from receipt of your email. 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. If your e-mail is regarding Agricultural Land Classification you can view both Post 1988 and Provisional ALC data on the
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

Please refer to our general advice in the Annex below. 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. 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:

				https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-planning-authorities-get-environmental-advice https://www.gov.uk/guidance/develop ers-get-environmental-advice-on-your-planning-proposals https://www.gov.uk/guidance/consultin g-on-neighbourhood-plans-and-development-orders		
4	N/A	N/A	Network Rail	This is an automated response to confirm that your e-mail has been received by the Network Rail Town Planning (London North East Route). We aim to respond to all enquiries within the consultation time frame and look forward to being able to assist you. If you have any urgent issues please do not hesitate to contact the Network Rail Town Planning Team: By phone: 01904 389707 By Email: TownPlanning.LNE@networkrail.co.u k By Post: Town Planning Team LNE, Network Rail, Floor 3A, George Stephenson House, Toft Green, York YO1 6JT For any general or non-town planning issues please contact the Network Rail enquiries national helpdesk on 08457 114141	Noted	None

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				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	Noted	None
				to reply within 10 working		
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	storic 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
9	ALL	Various	Arnesby PCC	I agree that the modifications to the Neighbourhood Plan require examination, but not a referendum. My comments	Noted	None

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

				* I am concerned that the data quoted for annual average housing value, for	Noted.	
				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	We will add in a comment to take the figures quoted with caution for the reasons stated.	Change to be made as indicated.
				used with caution. 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 pavernents. 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 rneter 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.	The Parish Council does not have the powers to widen the pavement but will draw this matter to the attention of the Highways authority	None
10	ALL	ALL	Anglian Water	Thank you for consulting Anglian Water on the review of the Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan. 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.	None	None

	National Grid Electricity Transmission has appointed Avison Young to review and respond to		
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	local planning authority Development		
	Plan Document consultations on its		
	behalf. We are		
	instructed by our client to submit the		
	following representation with regard to		
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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 i
infrastructure.
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
NOTT is able to provide advice and
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.
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.
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

				impact of overhead lines whilst promoting a quality environment. The guidelines can be downloaded here: https://www.nationalgridet.com/docum ent/1 30526/download 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 ElectricityTransmission assets', which can be downloaded here: www.nationa lgridet.com/network-and-assets/working-near-our-assets		
12	ALL	N/A	NHS	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.	Noted Noted. The Parish Council looks forward to collaborative working.	None

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 vison of any housing growth in Arnesby. 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

				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		
13	ALL	N/A	Natural England	upon local NHS services. 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	None	None

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, 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		
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				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: consultations@naturalengland.org.u		
14	All	ENV 9/10	Leicsetershire C C	Highways Specific Comments POLICY ENV9 – FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS - The aims and ambitions set out in the above policy are supported.	The support for this policy is noted.	None
				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.	The support for this policy is noted.	None

		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	These general comments are noted but are unnecessary to be made at Regulation 16 stage.	None
		shortfall in developer funding. To be		
		eligible for S106 contributions proposals must fulfil various legal		
		criteria. Measures must also directly		

mitigate the impact of the	
development e.g. they should ensure	
that the development does not make	
the existing highway conditions any	
worse 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	

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	

statutory consultee on major planning
applications in relation to surface
water drainage and have a duty to
review planning applications to
ensure that the onsite drainage
systems are designed in accordance
with current legislation and guidance.
The LLFA also ensures that flood risk
to the site is accounted for when
designing a drainage solution. The
LLFA is not able to: • Prevent
development where development
sites are at low risk of flooding or can
demonstrate appropriate flood risk
mitigation. • Use existing flood risk to
adjacent land to prevent
development. • Require development
to resolve existing flood risk. When
considering flood risk within the
development of a neighbourhood
plan, the LLFA would recommend
consideration of the following points:
Locating development outside of
river (fluvial) flood risk (Flood Map for
Planning (Rivers and Sea)). • Locating
development outside of surface water
(pluvial) flood risk (Risk of Flooding
from Surface Water map). • Locating
development outside of any
groundwater flood risk by considering
any local knowledge of groundwater
flooding. • How potential SuDS
features may be incorporated into the

development to enhance the local	
amenity, water quality and	
biodiversity of the site as well as	
manage surface water runoff. •	
Watercourses and land drainage	
should be protected within new	
developments to prevent an increase	
in flood risk. All development will be	
required to restrict the discharge and	
retain surface water on site in line	
with current government policies. This	
should be undertaken through the use	
of Sustainable Drainage Systems	
(SuDS). Appropriate space allocation	
for SuDS features should be included	
within development sites when	
considering the housing density to	
ensure 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	

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:	
https://flood-warning-	
information.service.gov.uk/long-term-	
flood-risk Flood map for planning	
(rivers and sea): https://flood-map-	
for-planning.service.gov.uk/ 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	

schools, shops, work and facilities.	
Public Rights of Way are recorded on	
the Definitive Map and a version of	
this can be viewed at:	
https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/ro	
ads-and-travel/cycling-and-	
walking/where-to-walk-	
inleicestershire 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".	
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.	
Planning Minerals & 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	

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 (Leicestershire.gov.uk).	
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	

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.	
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	

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	

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	

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		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).	
		https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/	
		the-list/ 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	
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	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)		
	https://www.archaeologyuk.org/asset		
	/6FE3A721-B328-4B75-		
	9DEBBD0028A4AEED/ National Trust		
	Guide to Heritage in Neighbourhood		
	Plans (2019)		
	https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/doc		
	uments/neighbourhood-planning-		
	and-heritageguidance.pdf 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:		
	https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/en		
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vironment-and-planning/net-	
zero/net-zero-leicestershirestrategy-	
action-plan-and-reports Planning is	
one of the key levers for enabling	
these commitments to be met and to	
meeting the legally binding target set	
by the government for the UK to be	
net zero by 2050. Neighbourhood	
Plans should, as far as possible, align	
to Leicestershire County Council's Net	
Zero Strategy and Action Plan by	
contributing to and supporting a	
reduction in greenhouse gas	
emissions and by increasing the	
county's resilience to climate change.	
Landscape The County Council would	
like to see the inclusion of a local	
landscape assessment taking into	
account: Natural England's Landscape	
character areas; Leicester,	
Leicestershire and Rutland Landscape	
and Woodland Strategy; the	
Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland	
Historic Landscape Characterisation	
Project; the Local District/Borough	
Council landscape character	
assessments; the Landscape	
Sensitivity and Green Infrastructure	
Study for Leicester and Leicestershire	
(2017), which examines the sensitivity	
of the landscape, exploring the extent	
to which different areas can	
accommodate development without	

	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	
	(https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/lei	
	sure-andcommunity/history-and-	
	heritage/historic-environment-record)	
	Contact: her@leics.gov.uk or	
	telephone: 0116 3058323 Examples of	
	policy statements for Landscape:	
	POLICY X: LOCAL LANDSCAPE	
	CHARACTER AREAS – 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	

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.	
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.	

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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:	
https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/en	
vironment-and-	
planning/planning/biodiversity-	
strategy	
https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/en	
vironment-and-	
planning/planning/planning-	
andbiodiversity 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	

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	
https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/en	
vironment-and-	
planning/planning/leicestershire-	
andrutland-environmental-records-	
centre-Irerc, For informal advice on	
actions for nature that can be taken	
forward on parish land please contact	
EnvironmentTeam@Leics.gov.uk	
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:	
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/protec	
ted-species-how-to-review-	
planningapplications Examples of	
policy statements that can be added	
to the plan to support biodiversity:	
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		POLICY X: BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION	
		IN NEW DEVELOPMENT –	
		Consideration should be made in the	
		design and construction of new	
		development in the Plan Area to	
		protect and enhance biodiversity,	
		where appropriate, including: • 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). •	
		Hedges (or fences with ground-level	
		gaps) should be used for property	
		boundaries to maintain connectivity	
		of habitat for hedgehogs and other	
		terrestrial animals. • 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. • Avoidance of all unnecessary	
		exterior artificial lighting: there is no	
		legal duty requiring any place to be lit.	
		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	

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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		

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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	

enhancing the natural and historic	
environment. Looking at the existing	
provision of GI networks within a	
community can influence the plan for	
creating & 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	

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		
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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:	
https://www.gov.uk/government/pub	
lications/agricultural-land-assess-	
proposals-fordevelopment/guide-to-	
assessing-development-proposals-on-	
agricultural-land. The British Society	
for Soil Science provide advice on	
what should be expected of	
developers in assessing land for	
development suitability:	
https://soils.org.uk/wp-	
content/uploads/2022/02/Assessing-	
Agricultural-Land-Jan-2022.pdf	
Strategic Environmental Assessments	
(SEAs) Information for	
Neighbourhood Planning groups	
regarding Strategic Environmental	
Assessments (SEAs) can be found on	
the Neighbourhood Planning website	
(https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/t	
oolkits-and-guidance/understand-	
plan-requiresstrategic-environmental-	
assessment-sea/) and should be	
referred to. A Neighbourhood Plan	
must meet certain basic conditions in	

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: •	
A statement of reasons as to why SEA	
was not required • An environmental	
report (a key output of the SEA	
process). As a rule of thumb, SEA is	
more likely to be necessary if both of	
the following two elements apply: • a	
Neighbourhood Plan allocates sites	
for development (for housing,	
employment etc.); and • 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	

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	

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.	
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	

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: • personal	
characteristics at the core of the	
model and this includes sex, age,	
ethnic group, and hereditary factors •	
The layer around the core contains	
individual 'lifestyle' factor behaviours	
such as smoking, alcohol use, and	
physical activity • The next layer	
contains social and community	
networks including family and wider	
social circles • The next layer covers	
living and working conditions include	
access and opportunities in relation to	
jobs, housing, education and welfare	
services • The final outer layer is	
general socioeconomic, cultural and	
environmental conditions and	
includes factors such as disposable	
income, taxation, and availability of	
work Research by the Robert Wood	
Johnson Foundation, looked into the	
major contributors to health and	
wellbeing and found that: Health	

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	

about access to care through	
transport and infrastructure. To aid	
you in undertaking a HIA please visit:	
https://www.healthyplacemaking.co.	
uk/healthimpact-assessment/ 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:	
https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/h	
ealth-profiles 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:	
https://www.england.nhs.uk/about/e	
quality/equality-hub/resources/	
[Accessed February 2021].	
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; 1.	
Carry out and report on a review of	
community facilities, groups and	
allotments and their importance with	

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
www.leicestershirecommunities.org.u
k/np/useful-information. 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

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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	

	tly providing support	
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throug	shout the county with our	
Gigabi	t and Gigahub programmes.	
How d	oes this role relate to	
neight	oourhood plans? The UK	
goverr	nment has bought into force	
new la	ws that require new homes in	
Englar	nd to be built with gigabit	
broad	pand connections and enables	
teleco	ms firms to be able to get faster	
broad	pand to nine million people	
living i	n blocks of flats across the UK.	
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Regula	ations 2010 to ensure that new	
homes	s constructed in England will be	
	with infrastructure and	
conne	ctions capable of delivering	
gigabi [.]	t broadband - the fastest	
intern	et speeds on the market. The	
update	ed regulations mean that more	
people	e moving into new homes will	
have a	gigabitcapable broadband	
conne	ction ready when construction	
	pleted, avoiding the need for	
costly	and disruptive installation work	
after t	he home is built and enabling	
reside	nts to arrange the best possible	
	et service at the point they	
	in. In a further boost to people's	
	to better broadband, another	
	w has made it easier to install	
	internet connections in blocks	
of flat	s when landlords repeatedly	

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'	

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 https://www.thinkbroadband.com/ and also BDUK (Building Digital UK) Further Information https://digital-leicestershire.org.uk/ Email: broadband@leics.gov.uk Building
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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:
https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sit

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	

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:	
https://www.leicestershirecommuniti	
es.org.uk/uploads/policy-writing-	
guide17.pdf?v=1667547963 NIK	
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				For further information visit:		
				www.leics.gov.uk/index/environment		
				/planning/neighbourhoodplanning.ht		
15	ALL	N/A	Environment Agency	Thank you for giving the Environment Agency the opportunity to comment on the draft Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan.	Noted	None
				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.		
				I wish you all the best with your ongoing Neighbourhood plan making process.		
16	All	N/A	Harborough District Council	Thank you for the opportunity to make comments on the Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan review at Regulation 14 stage.	Noted	None
				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.	Thank you for this supportive comment.	None
				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	Noted	None

the need to consider the impact of development on the Arnesby Conservation Area. 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.	Noted. On reflection, we will remove the link as it is liable to change over time.	Change to be made as indicated.
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.	Noted, however as there is no policy relating to the designated heritage assets	None
It may be possible to use the same approach in linking the non-designated heritage assets to their individual HER entry.		
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.	It is not considered necessary to do this as the sites identified are already listed in the Leicestershire Historic Records.	None
It is good to see the non-designated heritage assets shown mapped in Fig 6 on p. 45.	Thank you for pointing this out.	Change to be made as indicted.

		P. 46 in the list of 4 assets on the Leicestershire HER is the Old Adult School St Peter's Road, however Historic England list entry 1061542 'House to South of Longacre (Old Adult School)' is Listed at Grade II. If the designated assets were detailed, as suggested above, it would be possible to see any overlap.	Item 4 to be removed from the list and figure 7. For clarity we will add the MLE reference numbers to the list accompanying policy ENV 7 and to the map, figure 7	
		Appendix 2 Design Guides and Codes: VA.03 Fenestration states: 'Where fenestration is street facing in new developments, timber fittings will be preferable, especially as replacements to existing windows. Plastic windows in traditional style will also be acceptable' New windows in a Conservation Area can be subject to different controls and it is suggested this final sentence is changed to 'may also be acceptable, subject to heritage constraints'	Agreed. We will contact AECOM and seek to amend the report.	Change to be made as indicated.