Appendix A – Summary of Examiner Recommendations, High Leicestershire Neighbourhood Plan

Amendment Ref no	Policy No.	Policy Title	Original Text	Examiner comments	Suggested Revised Text	Reason
1	Policy HL1	Retention of Services and Facilities	The following facilities will be protected and development which assists their diversification and improved accessibility is supported in accordance with Harborough Local Plan Policy HC2: a) Tilton Village Stores b) Rose and Crown PH, Tilton on the Hill c) Tilton Village Hall d) Tilton Playing Field e) Lowesby Village Hall f) Tilton and Lowesby Cricket Ground g) Tilton village hall public electric vehicle charge points	In Policy HL1 after "HC2" insert "and Policy HC3"	The following facilities will be protected and development which assists their diversification and improved accessibility is supported in accordance with Harborough Local Plan Policy HC2 and Policy HC3: a) Tilton Village Stores b) Rose and Crown PH, Tilton on the Hill c) Tilton Village Hall d) Tilton Playing Field e) Lowesby Village Hall f) Tilton and Lowesby Cricket Ground g) Tilton village hall public electric vehicle charge points	Consistence y and accuracy

2	Policy HL2	Allotments	An allotment containing 10 plots, with water and electricity supply and car parking, should be provided as part of the development of land between Melton Road and Marefield Lane, Tilton on the Hill (Policy HL17).	In Policy HL2 continue the policy with "unless it is demonstrated such provision is not viable"	An allotment containing 10 plots, with water and electricity supply and car parking, should be provided as part of the development of land between Melton Road and Marefield Lane, Tilton on the Hill (Policy HL17) unless it is demonstrated such provision is not viable.	To ensure consistenc y with Framewor k and Guidance
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3	Policy HL5	Design	 Only development that reflects the High Leicestershire Design Code will be supported. Development should also: a) Show appropriate regard for the amenities of neighbouring properties including daylight/sunlight, privacy, air quality, noise and light pollution; and b) Provide a safe and suitable access with appropriate on-site parking provision 	In Policy HL5 replace "appropriate" with "sufficient" and continue the policy with "to ensure additional on- street parking will not cause circulation or highway safety problems"	 Only development that reflects the High Leicestershire Design Code will be supported. Development should also: a) Show sufficient regard for the amenities of neighbouring properties including daylight/sunlight, privacy, air quality, noise and light pollution; and b) Provide a safe and suitable access with appropriate on-site parking provision to ensure additional on- street parking will not cause circulation or highway safety problems 	Clarity
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4	Policy HL6	Climate Change	All development proposals will be expected to mitigate against and adapt to climate change and to comply with national targets on reducing carbon emissions and energy use. Development, including extensions and refurbishment where it requires planning permission, will be expected to take account of the following: a) How it makes effective use of sustainably sourced resources and materials, minimizes waste, and water use;	In Policy HL6 in part a) replace "minimises" with "reduces"	All development proposals will be expected to mitigate against and adapt to climate change and to comply with national targets on reducing carbon emissions and energy use. Development, including extensions and refurbishment where it requires planning permission, will be expected to take account of the following: a) How it makes effective use of sustainably sourced resources and materials, reduces waste, and water use;	To ensure regard for the Framewor k and Guidance
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5	HL7	Countryside	The Countryside (land outside Limits to Development as defined on the Policies Map) will be protected for the sake of its intrinsic character, beauty, the diversity of its landscapes, heritage and wildlife, the wealth of its natural resources and to ensure it may be enjoyed by all. Development in the Countryside will be strictly controlled in accordance with Harborough Local Plan Policies SS1, GD3 and GD4	In Policy HL7 after "Map" insert "and beyond sites that meet the requirements and criteria of Local Plan Policy GD2 adjoining those Limits to Development"	The Countryside (land outside Limits to Development as defined on the Policies Map and beyond sites that meet the requirements and criteria of Local Plan Policy GD2 adjoining those Limits to Development) will be protected for the sake of its intrinsic character, beauty, the diversity of its landscapes, heritage and wildlife, the wealth of its natural resources and to ensure it may be enjoyed by all. Development in the Countryside will be strictly controlled in accordance with Harborough Local Plan Policies SS1, GD3 and GD4	Clarity
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6	HL8	Protecting the Landscape	Development should be located and designed in a way that is sensitive to its landscape setting, retaining and, where possible, enhancing the distinctive qualities of the High Leicestershire Landscape Character Area. Development should: a) Conserve and, where possible, enhance the character and qualities of the local landscape through appropriate design and management; b) Make provision for the retention and, where possible, enhancement of features of landscape importance; c) Safeguard and, where possible,	In Policy HL8 replace part c) with "Be sited and designed to avoid significant adverse impact on, and where possible enhance, important views and vistas including skylines seen from locations that are freely accessible to the general public."	Development should be located and designed in a way that is sensitive to its landscape setting, retaining and, where possible, enhancing the distinctive qualities of the High Leicestershire Landscape Character Area. Development should: a) Conserve and, where possible, enhance the character and qualities of the local landscape through appropriate design and management; b) Make provision for the retention and, where possible, enhancement of features of landscape importance; c) Be sited and designed to avoid significant adverse impact on, and where possible enhance, important views and vistas including skylines seen from locations that are freely accessible to the general public; and d) Provide appropriate landscape mitigation and/or suitable off-site	Clarity
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enhance important views and vistas including sky lines within the development layout; and d) Provide appropriate landscape mitigation and/or suitable off-site enhancements where necessary	enhancements where necessary	
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7	HL10	Area of Separation	The open character of the Area of Separation, as defined on Map 3, shall be maintained, to preserve the visual and physical separation of Tilton on the Hill and Halstead and retain their distinctive character and separate identities. Development within this area will only be supported if it would not: a) Diminish the physical or visual separation between built up areas associated with these settlements; and b) Compromise, either alone or in conjunction with other existing or proposed development, the	In Policy HL10 in the first sentence delete "and physical" in point a) delete "physical or" 	The open character of the Area of Separation, as defined on Map 3, shall be maintained, to preserve the visual separation of Tilton on the Hill and Halstead and retain their distinctive character and separate identities. Development within this area will only be supported if it would not: a) Diminish the visual separation between built up areas associated with these settlements; and b) Compromise, either alone or in conjunction with other existing or proposed development, the effectiveness of the Area of Separation in protecting the identity and distinctiveness of these settlements. Any development proposal within the Area of Separation must be accompanied by an analysis and proposals for mitigation of likely	Clarity
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effectiveness of the Area of Separation in protecting the identity and distinctiveness of these settlements. Any development proposal within the Area of Separation must be accompanied by an analysis and proposals for mitigation of likely impact on settlement setting and the objective of visual separation, giving specific attention to use of location, design and landscaping appropriate to the character of the area.	impact on settlement setting and the objective of visual separation, giving specific attention to use of location, design and landscaping appropriate to the character of the area.
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8	HL12	Ecology and Biodiversity	Development should conserve, restore and enhance the network of local ecological features and habitats which include (as shown on Map 5) Local Wildlife Sites (including historical sites) and Wildlife Corridors. New development will be expected to secure measurable net gains for biodiversity through the following opportunities: a) The integration of features such as bat boxes, bird boxes and hedgehog highways; b) Woodland, hedgerow and tree planting; c) Enhancement of ponds and watercourses; and	In Policy HL12 • after "features and habitats" insert "within the Neighbourhood Area," • replace "through the following opportunities:" with ". Development proposals should demonstrate consideration of the following measures:"	Development should conserve, restore and enhance the network of local ecological features and habitats within the Neighbourhood Area which include (as shown on Map 5) Local Wildlife Sites (including historical sites) and Wildlife Corridors. New development will be expected to secure measurable net gains for biodiversity. Development proposals should demonstrate consideration of the following measures: a) The integration of features such as bat boxes, bird boxes and hedgehog highways; b) Woodland, hedgerow and tree planting; c) Enhancement of ponds and watercourses; and d) Creation of meadow and grassland habitats	Clarity
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9	HL13 Trees and Hedgerows	d) Creation of meadow and grassland habitats Existing trees and hedgerows should be retained where possible and integrated into new developments. Development that damages or results in the loss or deterioration of ancient trees, hedgerows or trees of good arboricultural and amenity value will not be supported. Proposals should be designed to retain ancient trees, hedgerows or trees of arboricultural and amenity value.	In Policy HL13 replace the second and third sentences with "Development that unnecessarily damages or results in the loss of trees or hedgerows of good arboricultural value will not be supported. Proposals resulting in the loss of ancient woodland or ancient trees will only be supported in wholly exceptional circumstances."	Existing trees and hedgerows should be retained where possible and integrated into new developments. Development that unnecessarily damages or results in the loss of trees or hedgerows of good arboricultural value will not be supported. Proposals resulting in the loss of ancient woodland or ancient trees will only be supported in wholly exceptional circumstances.	clarity
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10	HL15	Non- Designated Heritage Assets		Replace Map 7 that is referenced in Policy HL15 with a map or maps that identify the locations of each of the buildings and structures referred to in the policy.	Map to be replaced	clarity
11	HL16	Local Green Space	The following parcels of land are designated as Local Green Spaces: 1. All Saints Churchyard, Lowesby 2. The Green, Lowesby 3. Lowesby Cricket Ground 4. St Peter's Churchyard Tilton on the Hill 5. Tilton Playing Field Development proposals within the designated local green spaces will only be supported in very special circumstances	In Policy HL16 replace "only be supported in very special circumstances" with "be managed in accordance with national Green Belt policy"	The following parcels of land are designated as Local Green Spaces: 1. All Saints Churchyard, Lowesby 2. The Green, Lowesby 3. Lowesby Cricket Ground 4. St Peter's Churchyard Tilton on the Hill 5. Tilton Playing Field Development proposals within the designated local green spaces will be managed in accordance with national Green Belt policy	clarity

12	HL17	Land Between Melton Road and Marefield Lane, Tilton on the Hill	Approximately 0.9 hectares of land between Melton Road and Marefield Lane, Tilton on the Hill, as shown on Map 11, is allocated for housing development. Development will be supported subject to the following criteria: A. The development shall provide approximately 25 dwellings; B. Vehicular access should be off Melton Road, with no vehicular access onto Marefield Lane. The extension of the 30mph speed limit northwards is required along with speed reduction measures on the B6047; C. The design and layout of the	In Policy HL17 • commence part B with "Unless alternative vehicular access arrangements are recommended by the Highway Authority at detailed design stage" • delete the final sentence of part B • continue part C with "and should not negatively affect the setting of the Tilton on the Hill Conservation Area" • continue part E with "unless this is demonstrated to be beyond the scope of the relevant regulations, or is unnecessary or not	Approximately 0.9 hectares of land between Melton Road and Marefield Lane, Tilton on the Hill, as shown on Map 11, is allocated for housing development. Development will be supported subject to the following criteria: A. The development shall provide approximately 25 dwellings; B. Unless alternative vehicular access arrangements are recommended by the Highway Authority at detailed design stage vehicular access should be off Melton Road, with no vehicular access onto Marefield Lane. C. The design and layout of the development should minimise the impact of the development on the wider landscape and should not negatively affect the setting of the Tilton on the Hill Conservation Area; D. Provision shall be made for a safe, inclusive, convenient and attractive footway and cycle link to Marefield Lane so that new	To ensure regard for the Framewor k and Guidance and precision
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development should minimise the impact of the development on the wider landscape; D. Provision shall be made for a safe, inclusive, convenient and attractive footway and cycle link to Marefield Lane so that new residents can easily access the village centre; E. Developer funding of the Tilton Electric Car Club to encourage new residents to use more sustainable travel choices in the absence of pubic transport services. This will be based on two, annual frequent user membership packages per	 viable" commence part F with "Subject to viability" in part G delete "Important" and after "retained" insert ", except where removal is necessary to achieve safe vehicle, pedestrian and cycle accesses to the site," replace part H with "The siting, design (including height of buildings), and landscaping of the development shall protect the residential amenities of adjacent properties including 9 and 11 Marefield Lane" continue 	residents can easily access the village centre; E. Developer funding of the Tilton Electric Car Club to encourage new residents to use more sustainable travel choices in the absence of pubic transport services. This will be based on two, annual frequent user membership unless this is demonstrated to be beyond the scope of the relevant regulations, or is unnecessary or not viable packages per household; F. The development shall make provision for allotments in accordance with Policy HL2; G. Perimeter hedgerows and trees shall be retained except where removal is necessary to achieve safe vehicle, pedestrian and cycle accesses to the site, and reinforced with additional planting. Substantial planting is required along the northern boundary of the site;
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household; F. The development shall make provision for allotments in accordance with Policy HL2; G. Important perimeter hedgerows and trees shall be retained and reinforced with additional planting. Substantial planting is required along the northern boundary of the site; H. The residential amenities of 9 and 11 Marefield Lane shall be protected; I. A sustainable	part I with "Development proposals must demonstrate that there is capacity in the foul drainage network and at the Tilton on the Hill Sewage Treatment Works to accommodate the proposed growth."	H. The siting, design (including height of buildings), and landscaping of the development shall protect the residential amenities of adjacent properties including 9 and 11 Marefield Lane; I. A sustainable drainage system with suitable surface water and foul water drainage strategies devised in consultation with the relevant infrastructure bodies. Development proposals must demonstrate that there is capacity in the foul drainage network and at the Tilton on the Hill Sewage Treatment Works to accommodate the proposed growth
drainage system with suitable surface water and foul water drainage strategies devised in consultation with the relevant infrastructure bodies.	After paragraph 1.21 of the Neighbourhood Plan insert a commitment of the Parish Council to conduct a formal review of the	

13	Policy HL18	Infill	Housing development within the Tilton on the Hill Limits to Development, as defined on Map 14, will be supported subject to the other policies of the Neighbourhood Plan. Outside the Tilton on the Hill Limits to Development, including at Cold Newton, Halstead, Lowesby and Marefield, housing development	Neighbourhood Plan following adoption of the new Harborough Local Plan. In Policy HL18 • after "Map 14" insert "and on sites that meet the requirements and criteria of Local Plan Policy GD2 adjacent to those Limits to Development" • delete "subject to the other policies of the Neighbourhood Plan"	Housing development within the Tilton on the Hill Limits to Development, as defined on Map 14 meet the requirements and criteria of Local Plan Policy GD2 adjacent to those Limits to Development, will be supported. Outside the Tilton on the Hill Limits to Development, including at Cold Newton, Halstead, Lowesby and Marefield, housing development will be determined in accordance	To ensure regard for the Framewor k and Guidance
			will be determined in accordance with Harborough Local Plan Policy GD4.		with Harborough Local Plan Policy GD4.	

14	Policy HL19	Housing Mix	New housing development shall provide for a mix of housing types that will be informed by the most up to date Strategic Housing Market Assessment and local evidence of housing need. Applicants will need to demonstrate how their proposals will meet the housing needs of older households (e.g. bungalows) and the need for smaller, low-cost homes.	In Policy HL19 in the first sentence replace the text after "date" with "evidence of local housing need" continue the policy with "unless the latest evidence of local housing need demonstrates such provision is unnecessary" 	New housing development shall provide for a mix of housing types that will be informed by the most up to date evidence of local housing need. Applicants will need to demonstrate how their proposals will meet the housing needs of older households (e.g. bungalows) and the need for smaller, low-cost homes unless the latest evidence of local housing need demonstrates such provision is unnecessary.	To ensure regard for national policy
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15	General text	Modify policy explanationsections, general text, figures, and images, and supporting documents to achieve consistency with the modified policies; to achieve updates and correct identified errors; to achieve necessary clarifications; and to ensure sufficient regard for national policy.	Correctio n of errors and consisten cy