

Harlestone Neighbourhood Development Plan

Basic Conditions Statement

Harlestone Parish Council

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Basic Conditions Statement has been prepared by Harlestone Parish Council to accompany its submission to the local planning authority (West Northamptonshire Council (Daventry area)) of the Harlestone Neighbourhood Development Plan under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.
- 1.2 The document sets out the reasons for producing the Neighbourhood Plan and explains how the plan has been prepared in accordance with Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The Basic Conditions Statement also addresses how the basic conditions of neighbourhood planning has been met as prescribed by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) paragraph 8 (2) of Schedule 4B.
- 1.3 This document will be used by the independent examiner to help to decide whether or not the plan meets the basic conditions.

2 Legal Requirements

The Submission Plan is being submitted by a qualifying body

2.1 This Submission Plan is being submitted by a qualifying body, namely Harlestone Parish Council.

What is being proposed is a neighbourhood development plan

2.2 The plan contains policies relating to the development and use of land within the neighbourhood area and proposals relating to planning matters (the use and development of land) and has been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements and processes set out in the Town and Country Planning Act (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

The proposed Neighbourhood Plan states the period for which it is to have effect

2.3 The proposed Neighbourhood Plan states the period for which it is to have effect. That period is from the date that the Plan is made until 2029 (the same period as the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan (Part 1) and the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2)).

The policies do not relate to excluded development

2.4 The Neighbourhood Plan does not deal with excluded development namely:-

- development that consists of a county matter within paragraph 1 (1) (a) to (h) of Schedule 1 (mineral extraction);
- development that consists of the carrying out of any operation, or class of operation, prescribed under paragraph 1 (j) of that Schedule (waste development) but that does not consist of development of a prescribed description;

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- development that falls within Annex 1 to Council Directive 85/337/EEC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment;
- development that consists (whether wholly or partly) of a nationally significant infrastructure project (within the meaning of the Planning Act 2008);
- prescribed development or development of a prescribed description; and
- development in a prescribed area or an area of a prescribed description.

Other Neighbourhood Areas

- 2.5 The proposed Neighbourhood Plan does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area and there are no other neighbourhood development plans in place within the neighbourhood area.

3 Basic Conditions

3.1 This statement is required to set out how the Harlestone Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the prescribed basic conditions.

3.2 The basic conditions are:

- a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood development plan.
- b) the making of the neighbourhood plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.
- c) the making of the neighbourhood plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area).
- d) the making of the neighbourhood plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with UK retained EU obligations.
- e) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the neighbourhood plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the neighbourhood plan.

3.3 The Neighbourhood Plan has been informed by the evidence base of both the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan (Part 1) and the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2).

i) Having regard to national policies and advice

3.4 The Neighbourhood Plan has been developed having regard to the NPPF, in broad terms the plan has:-

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- empowered the local community to develop the plan for their neighbourhood and has undertaken a wide-ranging exercise in identifying ways to enhance and improve the area.
- policies which have been derived from evidence and provide a practical framework within which decisions on planning applications can be made.
- considers the local character of the area and seeks high quality design and a good standard of amenity.
- seeks to actively manage patterns of growth in the most sustainable locations and protect the character and beauty of the countryside.
- supports local strategies to deliver sufficient community facilities and services to meet local needs.
- contributes to conserving and enhancing the historic environment.
- contributes to conserving and enhancing the natural environment through the protection of Local Green Spaces and Important Public Views.
- supports economic development through homeworking, conversion of existing buildings and farm diversification.

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Table 1 - Neighbourhood Plan Policies regard to the NPPF

| Neighbourhood Plan Policy | NPPF Reference | Assessment |
|---|-------------------------|--|
| Policy H1 – Design Principles | Paragraphs 29, 126 &127 | This policy outlines several design principles and supports the NPPF principle of requiring good design, identifying the special qualities of the Parish and explaining how this should be reflected in development. |
| Policy H2 – Harlestone Conservation Area | Paragraph 190 | The policy supports the protection of heritage assets and sets out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment as outlined within the NPPF. |
| Policy H3 – Non- Designated Heritage Assets | Paragraphs 190 and 203 | This policy seeks to protect buildings/structures and features which whilst do not meet the criteria for statutory designation, contribute positively to the special historic character of the Parish. This policy supports a positive strategy of conservation and the enjoyment of the historic environment which is also valued by the local community. |

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| Neighbourhood Plan Policy | NPPF Reference | Assessment |
|--|---------------------------|---|
| Policy H4 – Protection of Important Public Views | Paragraphs 29 and 127 | The NPPF acknowledges that neighbourhood plans can play an important role in identifying the special qualities of each area. |
| Policy H5 – Local Green Spaces | Paragraphs 101 & 102 | Protection of Local Green Spaces identified as being special to a local community is advocated through the NPPF. The proposed designations within the neighbourhood plan meet with the criteria set out in paragraph 102 of the NPPF. |
| Policy H6 – Windfall Sites | Paragraphs 60, 71, 78, 79 | This policy seeks to address housing needs (outside of the Conservation Area) to assist to maintain the vitality of this rural community. |
| Policy H7 – Housing for Older People | Paragraphs 60 & 78 | In order to support the Government's objective of significantly boosting the supply of homes, this policy seeks to address the NPPF's aim to address the needs of groups with specific housing requirements and reflect local needs. |

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| Neighbourhood Plan Policy | NPPF Reference | Assessment |
|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Policy H8 – Provision of well-designed energy efficient buildings and places | Paragraphs 152, 153, 155 and 156 | This policy seeks to support the transition to a low carbon future in a changing climate by taking a proactive approach to mitigate and adapt to climate change. |
| Policy H9 – Working from Home | Paragraphs 82, 84 and 85 | This policy recognises the need to address opportunities for new and flexible working practices in accordance with the advice provided within the NPPF and furthermore, this policy addresses the impact of the Covid pandemic in regard to the changes to working arrangements. |
| Policy H10 – Village Facilities | Paragraphs 28, 84 & 93 | This policy seeks to protect key community facilities. This has regard for the principle of promoting healthy communities, through, amongst other things, planning positively for community facilities and guarding against their unnecessary loss. |
| Policy H11 – Rural Diversification | Paragraphs 81, 83 and 84 | Support for new employment opportunities aims to support a prosperous rural economy. The policy advocates, where, |

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| Neighbourhood Plan Policy | NPPF Reference | Assessment |
|---|-----------------------|--|
| | | possible, new employment opportunities within existing buildings or as part of a farm diversification scheme. |
| Policy H12 – Developer Contributions and Community Infrastructure | Paragraph 34 | Planning should take account of and support local strategies to improve health, social and cultural wellbeing for all, and deliver sufficient community and cultural services to meet local needs. This policy identifies projects as priorities for investment in local community infrastructure in order to address as well as meet local needs to sustain the village as a healthy, inclusive and safe place to live. |

ii) *Achieving sustainable development*

3.5 The Neighbourhood Plan is positively prepared, reflecting the presumption in the NPPF in favour of sustainable development. In this regard, the Neighbourhood Plan supports the strategic policies of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan (Part 1) and the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2).

3.6 The NPPF defines sustainable development as having three overarching objectives: economic, social and environmental and the Neighbourhood Plan has been developed to meet with these objectives.

3.7 The policies contained in the Neighbourhood Plan contribute to achieving sustainable development by seeking positive improvements to the quality of the natural, built and historic environment, as well as in people's quality of life including:

- supporting new employment opportunities aims to support a prosperous rural economy.
- supporting strong, vibrant and healthy community by facilitating the right level and mix of housing to meet local need.
- encourages a well-designed and safe environment which will ensure the village continues to evolve in accordance with the community's objectives.
- safeguarding and enhancing open space, community facilities and pedestrian facilities for the health and cultural well-being of the community.
- protecting and enhancing the distinctive character of the natural, built and historic environment by minimising impacts and where possible enhancing biodiversity and important habitats; through high quality design and maintenance of important views and open space.

iii General conformity with strategic policies in the development plan

3.8 Paragraph 9 of the Planning Practice Guidance advises that:

“Neighbourhood plans, when brought into force, become part of the development plan for the neighbourhood area. They can be developed before or at the same time as the local planning authority is producing its local plan.

A draft neighbourhood plan must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan in force if it is to meet the basic condition.”

3.9 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared in general conformity with the policies of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan (Part 1) and the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2).

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3.10 Table 2 provide a summary of how each of the Neighbourhood Plan policies are in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan.

| Neighbourhood Plan Policy | Strategic Policies | Assessment |
|--|--|--|
| Policy H1 – Design Principles | JSC – Policies S10, H4 and BN5 S&CLP – Policies ENV5, ENV7, ENV10, RA3, RA4 and RA6 | This policy recognises the need to achieve high quality design for all developments and to contribute positively to the area. To protect and enhance the special character of the Parish in particular the historic environment. |
| Policy H2 – Harlestone Conservation Area | JSC – Policy BN5 S&CLP – Policy ENV7 | The Conservation Area as well as designated heritage assets within the Parish are protected under this policy for their contribution to the character of the Parish. |
| Policy H3 – Non-Designated Heritage Assets | JSC – Policy BN5 S&CLP – Policy ENV7 | The non-designated heritage assets identified in this policy contribute positively to create the locally distinctive character of Harlestone. Policy ENV7 (at paragraph 9.5.10) states that neighbourhood plans provide the |

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| Neighbourhood Plan Policy | Strategic Policies | Assessment |
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| | | opportunity for communities to identify non-designated assets that are important to them. |
| Policy H4 – Protection of Important Public Views | S&CLP – Policies ENV2 and ENV7 | The views identified in Policy H4 are considered attractive and special. In addition, the identified views contribute to the character of the historic and landscape setting of the village. |
| Policy H5 – Local Green Spaces | S&CLP – Policies SP1 and ENV4 | The parcels of land outlined within this neighbourhood policy have been determined to be demonstrably special to the local community thereby meeting the requirements of NPPF. As such the defined areas are protected to conserve their importance to the form and character of the Parish are in general conformity with the strategic policies. |
| Policy H6 – Windfall Sites | JSC – Policy H1 S&CLP – Policy RA3 | This policy incorporates flexibility to support the provision of new homes where they will enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities and meet identified needs. To be of a small scale, ensuring that the existing form, |

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| Neighbourhood Plan Policy | Strategic Policies | Assessment |
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| | | character and setting of the village is protected as well as protecting open land (including gardens). |
| Policy H7 – Housing for Older People | JSC – Policy H1 S&CLP – Policy H08 | It is important to ensure that the housing needs for different groups including for older people are addressed and reflected in planning policies. |
| Policy H8 – Provision of well-designed energy efficient buildings and places | JSC – Policies S10, S11 and H4 S&CLP – Policy ENV9 | The Neighbourhood Plan supports meeting the challenge of climate change and this policy seeks to ensure that new development incorporates measures in design, layout, use of materials and in construction. |
| Policy H9 – Working from Home | JSC – Policy R2 | Whilst there is no strategic policy relating to working from home, the Local Plan seeks to support a stronger local economy including broadening employment opportunities. |
| Policy H10 – Village Facilities | JSC – Policy RC2 S&CLP – Policies CW1 and CW3 | This policy seeks the need to maintain the provision of local services and community facilities. Policies RC2, CW1 and CW3 seek to safeguard existing community facilities and |

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| Neighbourhood Plan Policy | Strategic Policies | Assessment |
|---|------------------------------|--|
| | | open spaces together with local retail services and public houses to ensure they are not lost to other types of development and to ensure that appropriate provision is made for the community to access these facilities. Policy H10 extends the protection further in accordance with the advice contained within the NPPF by securing the community facilities listed given their importance to the Parish. |
| Policy H11 – Rural Diversification | JSC – Policy R2 | This policy recognises the opportunities to strengthen the rural economy whilst maintaining the character of the rural landscape. |
| Policy H12 – Developer Contributions and Community Infrastructure | JSC – Policies INF1 and INF2 | Policies INF1 and INF2 requires new development to be supported by the delivery of infrastructure to provide or contribute towards the provision of, or measures to mitigate its impact on existing infrastructure. This will be secured through the use of site specific planning obligations and CIL payments as permitted by the regulations. Policy H12 compliments this policy by listing |

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| Neighbourhood Plan Policy | Strategic Policies | Assessment |
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| | | local priorities for off-site infrastructure during the preparation of the Plan. |

JCS – West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan (Part 1)

S&CLP – Settlements and Countryside Local Plan for Daventry District (Part 2)

4 Compatibility with Retained EU Regulations

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 4.1 To meet the ‘basic conditions’ which are specified by law a Neighbourhood Development Plan must be compatible with EU obligations. National planning guidance advises that in some limited circumstances where a neighbourhood plan is likely to have significant environmental effects, it may require a strategic environment assessment. A screening report was prepared by West Northamptonshire Council to determine whether or not the content of the Harlestone Neighbourhood Development Plan requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with the European Directive 2001/42/EC and the associated Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004; and/or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) in accordance with Article 6 (3) of the EU Habitats Directive and with Regulation 61 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended). The screening report was subsequently sent to the relevant statutory bodies namely Natural England, Historic England, the Environment Agency and the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire to clarify whether they agreed with the Council’s findings that a full SEA is not required.
- 4.2 Historic England confirmed that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) would not be required in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Environment Agency stated that they did not wish to make a response and the Wildlife Trust provided no response. Natural England raised issues specifically relating to the Habitats Regulations Assessment which are discussed below.

Habitat Regulations Assessment

- 4.3 The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 require that Habitats Regulation Assessment is applied to all statutory land use plans in England and Wales including Neighbourhood Plans. The Parish Council, as the plan making authority, must before the plan is given effect, make a HRA through Appropriate Assessment of the implications for the site in view of that site’s conservation objectives where (a) the plan is likely to

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have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site, and (b) is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site (paragraph 102 of the Habitats Regulations 2017).

- 4.4 A screening assessment to determine the need for a Habitat Regulations Assessment was undertaken by West Northamptonshire Council. It was found that many of the policies are in conformity with the policies of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2) for Daventry District. Both development plans were the subject of separate full HRAs and were found to have no significant or in combination effects.
- 4.5 The HRA assessment concluded that due to the neighbourhood plan demonstrating conformity with both the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2) for Daventry District, it will not result in any significant effects, alone or in combination upon the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA/RAMSAR or the Rutland Water SPA/RAMSAR sites. The response received from Natural England raised some concerns about potential impacts on the SPA arising from the windfall sites policy (Policy H6) this arises from the following:-
- i. The West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy is currently being reviewed.
 - ii. The current unfavourable condition of the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA.
 - iii. 2019 BTO Webs alert report highlighting a decline in the Golden Plover populations within the SPA which has not been addressed by the HRA for the Part 2 Local Plan for Daventry District.
 - iv. Evidence being required to look at functionally linked land within 10km of the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA.
- 4.6 Following receipt of the formal response from Natural England, further clarification was sought by Officers of West Northamptonshire Council. Natural England acknowledged that the assessment carried out on the Harlestone Neighbourhood Plan was based on evidence that, whilst out of date, was the best available at present and that the conclusion of no likely significant effect may well be drawn at this point in time. However, it was resolved to take into account any new evidence which becomes available and assessments then made using any new plans and policies

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that have been adopted when the proposals are brought forward. In summary, it was agreed to include additional wording within the neighbourhood plan (please refer to part iv at pages 6-7 of the Neighbourhood Plan) rather than further assessment.

5 Convention on Human Rights

- 5.1 The Neighbourhood Plan has regard to and is compatible with the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights. The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared with extensive input from community and stakeholders as detailed within the accompanying Consultation Statement. Considerable care has been taken throughout the preparation and drafting of this Plan to ensure that the views of the whole of the community were included. There was extensive consultation and engagement in identifying issues and objectives and the Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan was consulted upon as required by Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The responses received were recorded and changes have been made as detailed in the schedule provided within the Consultation Statement.
- 5.2 It is therefore believed that the neighbourhood plan has had appropriate regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act 1998.
- 5.3 The preparation of the neighbourhood plan has had due regard to the provisions of Section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010 and the Parish Council is not aware of any discrimination, harassment, victimisation or any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act.

6 Conclusion

- 6.1 The Basic Conditions as set out in Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 are considered to have been met by the Harlestone Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 6.2 The Neighbourhood Plan has regard to national policy, will contribute towards the achievement of sustainable development, is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the adopted development plan(s) and meets relevant EU obligations.
- 6.3 It is therefore respectfully suggested to the Examiner that the Harlestone Neighbourhood Plan complies with Paragraph 8(1) (a) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Appendix 1- Equalities Assessment

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Section 149 of The Equality Act 2010 places a duty on all public authorities, in the exercise of their functions, to have regard to the need to eliminate conduct prohibited by the Act, advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it and foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. Protected characteristics are defined as: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 1.2 This Equality Impact Assessment has been prepared by Harlestone Neighbourhood Development Plan (HNDP) working group on behalf of Harlestone Parish Council. It is an analysis of the Policies within the Neighbourhood Development Plan to scrutinise the potential for an adverse impact on any persons or group, and in particular those people/groups with a protected characteristic.
- 1.3 An assessment has been made on the impact of the Harlestone Neighbourhood Development plan on each of the protected characteristics.

2. Aims and Policies of the Harlestone Neighbourhood Plan

- 2.1 The Vision of the Harlestone Neighbourhood Plan is:

Harlestone Parish Community's aim is to promote a thriving and sustainable rural environment which makes a positive contribution to agriculture, the landscape, conservation and preservation of our heritage.

2.2 The objectives of the Harlestone Neighbourhood Plan are:

1. The Built Environment and Heritage Assets

- 1a To protect and preserve Harlestone's rural character and heritage thus seeking to protect and improve features which contribute positively to this environment.
- 1b To protect and enhance the Conservation Area, designated & non-designated heritage assets and their settings and to support their role in providing a sense of place and local distinctiveness.
- 1c To maintain the distinct character of the village by preserving, protecting and enhancing the high quality and distinctive rural landscape for present and future generations.

2. Housing Needs and Development

- 2a To provide new housing which is high quality in design, layout and materials, appropriate in size and suitable for the whole life needs of residents.
- 2b To support sensitive development which is sympathetic to the area, protects and enriches the look and feel of the village and that minimises the impact of such development on the natural and built environment.
- 2c To ensure that existing individual housing plots and the space between is preserved to maintain the distinctive character of the area.

3. Views, Landscape, Open Spaces and Biodiversity

- 3a To protect, enhance and conserve the surrounding countryside, special landscape area and important views.
- 3b To protect, enhance and improve access to existing open spaces.
- 3c To maintain the distinct character of the village by preserving, protecting and enhancing the high quality and distinctive rural landscape for present and future generations

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3d To protect and enhance the biodiversity of the area, the local wildlife with its habitat and trees, and preserve ecological corridors and sites of special interest and the wider countryside.

4. Renewable Energy

4a Promoting sustainable design and construction in all developments.

5. Visitor Management

5a Access should be managed to protect the natural and historic environment within the Parish.

5b To improve footways and bridleways together with improved signage to the surrounding landscape.

6. Village Amenities and Organisations

6a To protect and enhance local amenities which provide a community focus.

6b To encourage opportunities for all generations to participate in a range of educational, sporting and leisure activities.

6c To sustain the vitality, health and safety of the community by ensuring that all residents have easy access to community facilities and community open spaces for leisure, recreation and enjoyment.

6d To enhance the prospects for local employment by creating and maintaining an environment that makes it attractive for micro and small business to locate and flourish in the area.

6e To continue to support the local economy and sustain existing businesses.

7. Transport and Access

7a To ensure that Harlestone is well connected for walking and cycling in the village and to surrounding destinations and that roads and paths provide safer and more accessible routes, thus better balancing the needs of pedestrians, mobility impaired pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

7b To seek ways of addressing and reducing the problems of traffic congestion on roads and the lack of parking.

2.3 The policies are:

- H1: Design Principles
- H2: Harlestone Conservation Area
- H3: Non-Designated Heritage Assets
- H4: Protection of Important Public Views
- H5: Local Green Spaces
- H6: Windfall Sites
- H7: Housing for Older People
- H8: Provision of well-designed energy efficient buildings and places
- H9: Working from Home
- H10: Village Facilities
- H11: Rural Diversification
- H12: Developer Contributions and Community Infrastructure

3. Profile of Harlestone

- 3.1 Census data from 2011 has been used to provide information on the following protected characteristics: age, disability, race, and religious belief. Data relating to sex and sexual orientations, gender reassignment and pregnancy and maternity is unavailable at Parish level.

3.2 *Age Profile*

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In 2011 the population stood at 445. The table below shows the age breakdown of residents within the parish.

| Age | No. | % |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| 0-4 | 12 | 2.7 |
| 5-15 | 39 | 8.7 |
| 16-17 | 8 | 1.8 |
| 18-29 | 58 | 13.0 |
| 30-44 | 79 | 17.8 |
| 45-59 | 141 | 31.7 |
| 60-64 | 28 | 6.3 |
| 65-74 | 55 | 12.4 |
| 75-84 | 18 | 4.0 |
| 85+ | 7 | 1.6 |
| Total | 445 | 100 |

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3.3 Gender

51.5% of the population is male and 48.5% female.

| Gender | | |
|------------|-------|----------|
| | Male% | Female % |
| Harlestone | 51.5 | 48.5 |

3.4 Disability

Within the Parish 13.2% of the population has a long-term illness or disability that limits activity a lot (3.8%) or a little (9.4%).

| Population with a long term illness or a disability that limits daily activity | | |
|--|------------|-----|
| | Harlestone | % |
| Daily activity limited a lot | 17 | 3.8 |
| Daily activity limited a little | 42 | 9.4 |

3.5 Ethnic Group

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Most of the population in the Parish (96.4%) identifies as White British or White Other and the percentage of the population which is non-white 3.5%.

| Ethnic Groups (%) | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------|
| | White – British | White- other | Mixed Multiple | Asian/Asian British | Black/ Black British | Other |
| Harlestone | 94.2 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 0.0 |

3.6 *Religion*

| Religion (%) | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-------|-------------|------------|
| | Christian | Other | No Religion | Not Stated |
| Harlestone | 67 | 3 | 20.7 | 9.2 |

4.0 Impact on Protected Characteristics

4.1 *Age*

Policy H1 sets out detailed criteria for new development in the Parish.

Policy H7 Local Housing Needs, details that provision and choice should be supported for local older people.

Policies H9 and H11 supports the development of new businesses including home-based businesses and will help towards creating opportunities for those who wish to work from home to do so.

The impact on all ages will be positive.

4.2 *Disability*

Policies H9 and H10 covers employment, including home-based business and Policy H5 improves on the protection of Local Green Space to improve the local environment.

Policy H12 considers the use of CIL funding to improve infrastructure and facilities.

The impact on people with disabilities will be positive.

4.3 *Maternity and Pregnancy*

Key issues for women who are pregnant or have small children are flexible employment and community facilities.

Policy H9 covers employment within the Parish and Policy H10 covers community/village facilities. Section IV of the Plan covers non land actions, including traffic and transport.

The impact on pregnant women will be positive.

4.4 *Race*

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Only 3.6% of the population of Harlestone are from non-white ethnic groups. The plan will have the same impact on the local population regardless of race. Policies H1 and H6 seek to create well designed development, including safety considerations to reduce any possible hate crime (there is no evidence that any takes place in Harlestone).

The impact will be positive on people of all races.

4.5 Religion

Most of the population in Harlestone is Christian, with a smaller percentage of other/none/not stated. Community facilities are currently used by all faiths and none. Policies within the plan do not consider any form of religion, and simply provide a safe environment for all to live in.

The impact will be positive on people regardless of religion.

4.6 Sex (gender), Gender Reassignment and Sexual Orientation

The neighbourhood plan proposals and policies have been written to provide the same opportunities to both sexes, with neither sex disadvantaged, and to provide the same opportunities to all residents regardless of sexual orientation or if they are undergoing gender reassignment.

Whilst the Neighbourhood Plan cannot address social attitudes that may result in transphobia or discrimination policies have been written to ensure that there is a safe built environment for all to enjoy.

The impact will be positive on all people regardless of Sex, Gender Reassignment or Sexual Orientation.

4.7 Conclusion

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Harlestone Neighbourhood Development Plan provides a range of proposals and policies which will result in positive benefits for all members of the community, including those with protected characteristics. The Neighbourhood Plan makes equal provision for all housing, employment and community facilities which will benefit all those living there.