

Harlestone Neighbourhood Development Plan Decision Statement Regulation 18 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following an independent examination, West Northamptonshire Council (the "Council") now confirms that the Harlestone Neighbourhood Development Plan will proceed to a neighbourhood planning referendum.
- 1.2 This decision statement and copies of the Harlestone Neighbourhood Development Plan and its supporting documentation, including the Examiner's report are available to view on the council's website at <https://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/living/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/>
- 1.3 Hard copies of this decision statement and the modified version of the neighbourhood plan are available for inspection at the following locations:
 - West Northamptonshire Council Offices (The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester NN12 6AD and Guildhall, St Giles' Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE)
 - Harlestone Stores, 58 Duston Road, Upper Harlestone, Northampton, NN7 4EH (Opening times: 9-12 and 1.15-5 Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri, 9-12 Weds and Sat)
 - The Fox and Hound Public House, Harlestone Road, Lower Harlestone, Northants, NN7 4EW

2. Background

- 2.1 Harlestone Parish Council, as the qualifying body, applied for Harlestone Parish to be designated as a neighbourhood area on 18th June 2020. Following consultation on the application the council designated Harlestone as a neighbourhood area on the 24th June 2020.
- 2.2 The draft Neighbourhood Development Plan was published by Harlestone Parish Council for public consultation on 11th April 2022 and closed on 27th May 2022
- 2.3 Following submission of the Harlestone Neighbourhood Development plan to the council on 30th August 2022, the plan was published by the Council for consultation. The consultation period ran from 21st September 2022 to 2nd November 2022.
- 2.4 Following the submission consultation, the council, with the agreement of the parish council, appointed an independent Examiner, Rosemary Kidd, MRTPI to review whether the plan met the basic conditions required by the legislation and should proceed to a referendum.
- 2.5 Following the examination, the Examiner's report was completed on 1st February 2023 and made available on the council's website. The report concludes that subject to the making of the modifications recommended in his report the plan meets the basic conditions set out in legislation and should proceed to a referendum.

3. Decision and Reasons

- 3.1 The council has made the modifications proposed by the Examiner, to ensure that the plan meets the basic conditions. Table A below sets out these modifications and the action to be taken in respect of each of them. Depending on the recommended change, these are illustrated differently in the Decision Statement and set out below. All deletions will also be shown with a ~~striketrough~~.
- Modifications of wording by the Examiner are shown as **bold** or ~~striketrough~~ for deletions.
 - Where the Examiner has not recommended specific wording and the council has had to interpret the recommendation and identify specific wording this is double underlined or ~~striketrough~~ for deletions. This includes accuracy changes.
- 3.2 The Examiner has concluded that with the specified modifications the Harlestone Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the basic conditions and other relevant legal requirements. The council concurs with this view.
- 3.3 To meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, a referendum will be held which poses the question; 'Do you want West Northamptonshire Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Harlestone to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'
- 3.4 The referendum will take place on Thursday 20th April 2023 and will be held at Harlestone Village Institute, Upper Harlestone, Northampton, NN7 4EH

Table 1 Examiner's Recommended Modifications and further editorial changes to the Harlestone Neighbourhood Development Plan and actions to be taken (set out in plan order)

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1	Policies Map Appendix 8 Recommendation 1 Examiners Report	<p>Recommendation 1: Include a Policies Map for the Plan area, including Inset Maps as necessary.</p> <p>Place the Policies Map and Inset Maps in a more prominent position in the HNDDP.</p> <p>Show properties designated under Policies H3 and H10 on the Policies Map and in the key.</p> <p>Include a key on all maps in the Appendices.</p>	<p>Place Policies Map At beginning Section 4</p> <p>Redraw Policies Map that covers the whole plan area.</p> <p>Place the Policies Map and Inset Maps in a more prominent position within the HNDDP - to be placed at the beginning of Section 4 of the neighbourhood plan.</p>	The policies map should be included within the main part of the plan and cover the whole plan area to ensure it is unambiguous	Amend the Policies Map in accordance with examiner's recommendation
2	Front Cover Recommendation 1 Examiners Report	Include date of adoption of the Plan on the front cover.	N/A	A neighbourhood plan must specify the period during which it is to have effect.	Amend Front Cover to include the end date 2029 in accordance

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3	N/A Recommendation 1 Examiners Report	Make any further minor editorial changes to the Plan necessary to address any factual and typographical errors and to reflect the fact that the document will be in its intended final form.	As required throughout plan	To ensure clarity and consistency throughout the plan	Make any further minor editorial changes to the Plan necessary to address any factual and typographical errors.
4	Vision, Issues and Objectives Pg.18 Recommendation 2 Examiner's Report	<p>Recommendation 2: Revise the Vision, Issues and Objectives Section as follows:</p> <p>Place the Issues in a separate section preceding the section on Vision and Objectives.</p> <p>Amend the Issues section as follows:</p> <p>Add the following to the final bullet point of Views, Open Spaces and Biodiversity <u>"/growing space"</u>.</p> <p>Delete the first bullet point of Visitor Management "Majority of residents...."</p> <p>Include a cross reference in the Visitor Management section to the importance of local identity founded on heritage and Local Green Space.</p> <p>Revise the Vision to read: "By 2030, Harlestone will be a thriving and sustainable rural <u>community where the natural</u></p>	N/A	To improve clarity and focus of the section to set out the vision for the parish	Amend Issues, Visions and Objectives in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations

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		<p>and built environment makes a positive contribution to agriculture, the landscape, conservation and the preservation of our heritage.”</p> <p>Delete paragraphs 3.2, 3.3, 3.6 – 3.8.</p> <p>Revise the objectives to read:</p> <p><u>a. “To sustain and enhance Harlestone’s Conservation Area and the designated and non-designated heritage assets, to protect and improve the features which contribute positively to the historic environment.</u></p> <p><u>b. To support development which meets the community's needs and sustains and enhances Harlestone's character and rural setting.</u></p> <p><u>c. To protect the Local Green Spaces and distinctive settlement pattern, to ensure that Harlestone remains discreet from the urban area and surrounding villages.</u></p> <p><u>d. To sustain and enhance the distinctive rural landscape, surrounding countryside, special landscape area and important views for present and future generations.</u></p> <p><u>e. To sustain and enhance the biodiversity of the area, the local wildlife with its habitat and trees, and conserve ecological corridors and sites of special interest.</u></p> <p><u>f. To ensure that Harlestone’s roads, footpaths and bridleways are properly signposted and provide safer and more accessible routes for recreational pursuits so that access to existing open spaces in the village and to the surrounding</u></p>			

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		<p><u>landscape can be achieved without harming the natural and historic environment within the Parish</u> <u>g. To sustain and enhance village amenities and encourage opportunities for all generations to participate in a range of educational, sporting, leisure activities and promote community cohesion.</u> <u>h. To support the local economy so that new and existing businesses and agriculture may flourish.”</u></p> <p>Revise the cross references to the objectives in the title to each policy Amend Issues as follows: 3 Vision, Issues, Vision and Objectives 2020-2030 Issues 3.4 3.1 The responses to the Survey have provided a significant level of data which has been invaluable in establishing priorities, identifying problems and generating ideas. The following issues, by theme, have been highlighted:</p> <p>The Built Environment and Heritage Assets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To retain the size, character and the quality of the spaces and views between the clusters of buildings in the Parish. • To advocate local design, materials and features should be reflected in new development including external alterations to existing homes. 			

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		<p>compatible with the character, appearance and heritage significance of the building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support the use of renewable energy solutions where appropriately designed and sited. • To ensure that any new housing development should respect the existing character of the Parish. • Redevelopment of existing housing plots outside of the Conservation Area will be considered where appropriate. • To support home alterations/modifications that improves facilities for a person with mobility issues. • To prevent the subdivision of plots of land where this would lead to overdevelopment, loss of amenity/privacy and/or loss of character. • To ensure new housing development respects the existing character of the village. • To preserve existing space between neighbouring houses. <p>Views, Landscape, Open Spaces and Biodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To preserve important views into and from the village. • To protect the special qualities of the designated Special Landscape Areas in the Parish. 			

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		<p>based on the key issues raised by local people and have been summarised to form the basis of the HNRP.</p> <p><u>a. "To sustain and enhance Harlestone's Conservation Area and the designated and non-designated heritage assets, to protect and improve the features which contribute positively to the historic environment.</u></p> <p><u>b. To support development which meets the community's needs and sustains and enhances Harlestone's character and rural setting.</u></p> <p><u>c. To protect the Local Green Spaces and distinctive settlement pattern, to ensure that Harlestone remains discreet from the urban area and surrounding villages. d. To sustain and enhance the distinctive rural landscape, surrounding countryside, special landscape area and important views for present and future generations.</u></p> <p><u>e. To sustain and enhance the biodiversity of the area, the local wildlife with its habitat and trees, and conserve ecological corridors and sites of special interest.</u></p> <p><u>f. To ensure that Harlestone's roads, footpaths and bridleways are properly signposted and provide safer and more accessible routes for recreational pursuits so that access to existing open spaces in the village and to the surrounding landscape can be achieved without harming the natural and historic environment within the Parish</u></p> <p><u>g. To sustain and enhance village amenities and encourage opportunities for all generations to</u></p>			

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		<p><u>participate in a range of educational, sporting, leisure activities and promote community cohesion.</u></p> <p><u>h. To support the local economy so that new and existing businesses and agriculture may flourish."</u></p> <p>The Built Environment and Heritage Assets</p> <p>1a To protect and preserve Harlestone's rural character and heritage thus seeking to protect and improve features which contribute positively to this environment.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Housing Needs and Development</p> <p>2a To consider new housing which is high quality in design, layout and materials, appropriate in size and suitable for the whole life needs of residents.</p> <p>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.</p>			

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		<p>2c To ensure that existing individual housing plots and the space between is preserved to maintain the distinctive character of the area.</p> <p>3. Views, Landscape, Open Spaces and Biodiversity</p> <p>3a To protect, enhance and conserve the surrounding countryside, special landscape area and important views.</p> <p>3b To protect, enhance and improve access to existing open spaces.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4. Renewable Energy</p> <p>4a Promoting sustainable design and construction in all developments.</p> <p>5. Visitor Management</p> <p>5a Access should be managed to protect the natural and historic environment within the Parish.</p> <p>5b To improve footways and bridleways together with improved signage to the surrounding landscape.</p> <p>6. Village Amenities and Organisations</p>			

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		<p>6a To protect and enhance local amenities which provide a community focus.</p> <p>6b To encourage opportunities for all generations to participate in a range of educational, sporting and leisure activities.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>6e To continue to support the local economy and sustain existing businesses.</p> <p>7. Transport and Access</p> <p>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.</p> <p>7b To seek ways of addressing and reducing the problems of traffic congestion on roads and the lack of parking.</p> <p>3.6 The delivery of non-land use actions (as listed in Section 5 of the Plan) will be achieved in partnership with public sector, private bodies and stakeholders such as landowners, developers and the community.</p>			

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		<p>3.7 The HNDD fully meets the requirements for public consultation as set out in the Localism Act 2011. Details of the consultation will be recorded in the Consultation Statement which will accompany the Submission Version of the Plan.</p> <p>3.8 For a locally distinctive Plan it is right that a range of locally specific objectives should be developed. These will underpin the draft policies, which use and implementation of will support and deliver the objectives and contribute to sustainable development within the Parish.</p>			
5	<p>Policy H1 Design Principles Pg.23</p> <p>Recommendation 3 Examiner's Report</p>	<p>Recommendation 3: Combine and revise parts (i) and (ii) of Policy H1 as follows:</p> <p><u>"Development should be designed to be of a high quality and reflect the design of the buildings in the local area and should be integrated into the environment. Development will be supported that has regard to the Harlestone Design Guidelines, other design policies of the Development Plan, particularly Policy ENV10, and the following design principles where appropriate and proportionate to the development:"</u></p> <p>Criteria a) to k) to be retained and revised as follows:</p> <p>Revise b) to read: "sustain and enhance the significance of....."</p>	Amend the reference to relevant objectives in the policy title	To improve clarity of the policy and which policies and guidelines to be considered.	Amend Policy H1 in accordance with examiner's recommendation

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		<p>Revise d) to read "...and scale of development and <u>ensure that it is suitable for its location;</u>"</p> <p>Revise k) to read "...lifestyles <u>and technologies.</u>"</p> <p>Revise policy as follows: Policy H1 Design Principles (objectives a, b, c and d) New development should preserve and enhance the special character of the Parish. ii. Development proposals should have regard to the Design Guidelines as detailed in Appendix 4 <u>"Development should be designed to be of a high quality and reflect the design of the buildings in the local area and should be integrated into the environment. Development will be supported that has regard to the Harlestone Design Guidelines, other design policies of the Development Plan, particularly Policy ENV10,</u> and the following design principles where appropriate and proportionate to the development:"</p> <p>a. be designed to protect the form, character and setting of the village by respecting the local distinctive built, historic and natural environment; b. preserve sustain and enhance the significance of the Parish's heritage assets, including the Conservation Area, listed buildings and non-designated heritage assets; c. any conversion or extension of outbuildings of residential properties which form a distinctive feature in the Parish must relate to its setting, built</p>			

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		<p>form and not disrupt the visual amenities of the street scene;</p> <p>d. be designed to reflect the prevailing pattern and scale of development and ensure that it is suitable for its location;</p> <p>e. protect the integrity of garden or other open land that makes an important contribution to the form, character and setting of the village;</p> <p>f. proposals should minimise the impact on general amenity and give careful consideration to mitigate the adverse impacts of noise, odour and light.</p> <p>g. building materials and design should be consistent with, and complement the design and character of the area;</p> <p>h. provide adequate off-street parking to meet the assessed need;</p> <p>i. not be in areas at risk of flooding or increase flood risk elsewhere;</p> <p>j. redevelopment, alteration or extension of historic farmsteads and agricultural buildings should be in keeping with the rural character of the area and be sensitive to their distinctive character, materials and form; and</p> <p>k. be able to be adapted to accommodate changing lifestyles and technologies" .</p>			
6	<p>Para 4.4 Pg. 24</p> <p>Recommendation 3 Examiner's Report</p>	<p>Revise the first two sentences of paragraph 4.4 to read: <u>"Harlestone's special character is derived from its well landscaped and rolling countryside affording many varied and attractive views, interspersed with clusters of locally distinctive historic houses and</u></p>	N/A	<p>Additional modification to para 4.4 to better explain the features that make up the special</p>	<p>Amend Para 4.4 in accordance with Examiner's recommendation</p>

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		<p><u>agricultural buildings, connected by a network of bridleways and footpaths."</u></p> <p>4.4 It is a key quality of Harlestone that it boasts a larger than average number of open spaces between clusters of dwellings. The frequency and historic significance of these discrete parcels of open space is fundamental to Harlestone's character, importance and legitimacy.</p> <p><u>Harlestone's special character is derived from its well landscaped and rolling countryside affording many varied and attractive views, interspersed with clusters of locally distinctive historic houses and agricultural buildings, connected by a network of bridleways and footpaths."</u></p> <p>Harlestone is special because it retains a unique blend of large- and small-scale bucolic splendour peppered with clusters of many historic and a select number of contemporary homes; it is these features which set Harlestone apart from other villages.</p>		character of the plan area.	
7	<p>Policy H2 Conservation Area Pg.25</p> <p>Recommendation 4 Examiner's Report</p>	<p>Recommendation 4: Revise Policy H2 as follows: Revise the first paragraph of the policy to read: "To <u>sustain and</u> enhance the character or appearance of the Harlestone Conservation Area, development in or adjacent to <u>the Conservation Area should be in accordance with the policies of the development plan, in particular Policy BN5 of</u></p>	Amend the reference to relevant objectives in the policy title	To improve clarity of the policy by cross referencing to the guidance in the Harlestone CAAMP.	Amend Policy H2 in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation

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		<p>the WNJCS and Policy ENV7 of the DSCLP and the following requirements: a) to d)</p> <p>Add after point d): "<u>Development proposals should have regard to the Harlestone CAAMP.</u>"</p> <p>Revise policy as follows:</p> <p><u>Policy H2 – Harlestone Conservation Area (Objectives a, b, c and d)</u></p> <p>To preserve or sustain and enhance the character or appearance of the Harlestone Conservation Area, development in or adjacent to the conservation area should be in accordance meet with the listed requirements and have regard to the contents of the Adopted Harlestone Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan policies of the development plan, in particular Policy BN5 of the WNJCS and Policy ENV7 of the DSCLP and the following requirements :-</p> <p>a. Respect the character and appearance of the locality by reason of its scale and proportion.</p> <p>b. Have regard to the historic and/or architectural detailing of existing buildings, in order to achieve high quality new design and reinforce local distinctiveness.</p> <p>c. Utilise materials appropriate to the locality and avoid the use of non-traditional materials.</p>			

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		<p>d. Safeguard trees, traditional hedgerows and historic boundary stone walls.</p> <p><u>Development proposals should have regard to the Harlestone CAAMP.</u></p>			
8	<p>Policy H3 Non Designated Heritage Assets Pg.26</p> <p>Recommendation 5 Examiner's Report</p>	<p>Recommendation 5: Revise Policy H3 as follows: <u>"The buildings and structures listed below and shown on the Policies Map are identified as Non-Designated Heritage Assets.</u> Development proposals that affect them or their settings, should seek to conserve the significant features which make them important."</p> <p>Revised the title of Policy H3 to "<u>Additional Non-Designated Heritage Assets</u>"</p> <p>Revise policy as follows: Policy H3 – <u>Additional</u> Non-Designated Heritage Assets <u>(Objectives a, b, c and d)</u> <u>The buildings and structures listed below and shown on the Policies Map are identified as Non-Designated Heritage Assets.</u> Development proposals that affect the buildings and structures listed below (and also identified on map provided at Appendix 5), or their setting, should seek to conserve the significant features which make them important.</p> <p>Lower Harlestone</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Village School, Church Lane. 2. Wall mounted ER Post Box, east side of A428 near telephone kiosk. <p>Upper Harlestone</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Well head opposite 104/107. 	<p>Amend the reference to relevant objectives in the policy title</p>	<p>To improve the clarity of the policy and its relationship with the local list</p>	<p>Amend Policy H3 in accordance with Examiner's recommendation</p>

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		<p>4. Wall mounted GR Post Box, Harlestone General Stores No.58.</p> <p>5. Wall mounted VR Post Box, Stable Lodge, Cross Hill.</p> <p>6. Stone wall enclosing The Pheasantry running along New Road and the A428</p>			
9	<p>Para 4.15 Pg.26</p> <p>Recommendation 5 Examiner's Report</p>	<p>Add the following after paragraph 4.15: <u>"WNC has been asked to include the properties in the Local List when this is next reviewed and to protect the properties as "non-designated heritage assets in the meantime."</u></p> <p>4.15 Local Evidence: Local residents agreed that the Parish should retain its existing environmental and heritage features that give the Parish its special character. There are many buildings/structures and features which whilst do not meet the criteria for statutory designation, however they contribute positively to the special historic character of the Parish and are valued by the local community. The buildings/structures listed in Policy H3 are identified as non-designated heritage in order to confirm their importance in the Parish. Appendix 5 provides further detail of the buildings and structures identified by Policy H3. These assets have been assessed against non-designated heritage asset criteria adopted by Daventry District Council in 2017. These assets are additional to those identified in the Harlestone Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (2107<u>2017</u>) and it is the aspiration</p>	N/A	To improve the clarity of the policy and its relationship with the local list	Amend Para 4.15 in accordance with Examiner's recommendation

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		<p>of the HNPSG for the assets listed in Policy H3 to be formally adopted onto the future West Northamptonshire Council Local List. <u>WNC has been asked to include the properties in the Local List when this is next reviewed and to protect the properties as non-designated heritage assets in the meantime.</u></p> <p>Correct the typographical error in paragraph 4.15 line 9: (2017)</p>			
10	<p>Policy H3 Non Designated Heritage Assets Pg.26</p> <p>Recommendation 5 Examiner's Report</p>	<p>Show the properties and their curtilages on the Policies Map cross referenced to the number in the policy.</p>	N/A	To improve the clarity of the policy and policy map	Amend Policies Map in accordance with Examiner's recommendation
11	<p>Policy H4 Protection of Important Public Views Pg.27</p> <p>Recommendation 6 Examiner's Report</p>	<p>Recommendation 6: Revise Policy H4 as follows:</p> <p><u>"Important Public Views are listed below and shown on the Policies Map. Development proposals will not be supported that unacceptably harm the character, quality and integrity of these views or their viewpoints at publicly accessible locations. Development proposals should include appropriate mitigation measures to reduce any unacceptable impacts that may arise from the development. Measures to enhance and improve Important Public Views will be supported."</u></p> <p>Revise policy as follows: Policy H4_Protection of Important Public Views (Objectives d)</p>	Amend the reference to relevant objectives in the policy title	To improve clarity of the policy to include the nature of the features that will be assessed and to address proposals that would improve the views	Amend Policy H4 in accordance with Examiner's recommendation

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		<p>Views into and from the village (as shown on the Policies Map and detailed at Appendix 6) are important to the setting and character of Harlestone and highly valued by residents. To be supported, development proposals must not significantly harm</p> <p><u>Important Public Views are listed below and shown on the Policies Map. Development proposals will not be supported that unacceptably harm the character, quality and integrity of these views or their viewpoints at publicly accessible locations. Development proposals should include appropriate mitigation measures to reduce any unacceptable impacts that would arise from the proposed development. Measures to enhance and improve Important Public Views will be supported.</u></p>			
12	<p>After Para 4.20 Pg.28</p> <p>Recommendation 6 Examiner's Report</p>	<p>Include the following text in the Technical Evidence section of the justification (after paragraph 4.20) to cross reference the policy to Policies ENV2 and ENV3 of the DSCLP to describe the purpose of the Green Wedge and Special Landscape Area.</p> <p><u>4.21 Policy ENV2 in the DSCLP identifies a Special Landscape Area (SLA) covering the western part of the parish. This policy pre-dates the NPPF; however, the designation recognises that although there are no national landscape designations in Northamptonshire, the county</u></p>	<p>Subsequent renumbering of paragraphs in the rest of the Section 4 as a consequence of additional paras inserted after Para 4.20</p>	<p>Improve the clarity of the supporting text</p>	<p>Insert additional paragraphs after paragraph 4.20 as per Examiner's recommendation.</p>

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		<p><u>contains some distinctive landscapes that are of local importance.</u></p> <p><u>4.22 Policy ENV2 aims to ensure that the protection of the special qualities of the SLA is given priority when considering proposals which fall within it. The Policy requires the consideration of cumulative impacts of development, which includes existing development, allocations, permissions, and other extant applications, including those in adjacent authorities.</u></p> <p><u>4.23 Policy ENV3 DSCLP defines a Green Wedge over most of the south east part of the parish outside the conservation area. The focus of growth at the urban areas of Daventry and Northampton has led to pressure on their fringes, which are predominantly agricultural areas and host to several settlements, including Upper and Lower Harlestone. Each settlement has a distinctive character, and it is important that this character is not harmed by urban expansion or coalescence. The Green Wedges therefore have the function of protecting the identity and setting of fringe villages and preventing coalescence of the villages with the nearby towns.</u></p> <p><u>4.24 The proximity of the Green Wedge to the urban areas means that it is also used for informal recreation and as part of the wider green infrastructure network, they also fulfil a biodiversity function. The areas are shown on the</u></p>			

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		<p><u>Inset Map for Upper and Lower Harlestone of the DSCLP (p58).</u></p> <p><u>4.25 The emphasis for Policy ENV3 is to ensure that the areas are kept open around settlements and to prevent coalescence.</u></p>			
13	<p>Policy H5 Local Green Spaces Pg.28</p> <p>Recommendation 7 Examiner's Report</p>	<p>Recommendation 7: Revise Policy H5 as follows:</p> <p>Delete the following sites from Policy H5. LGS1, LGS2, LGS3, LGS7, LGS8, LGS9, LGS10, LGS11, LGS12, LGS13, LGS15, LGS16, LGS17, LGS18.</p> <p>Update the Local Green Space Assessment accordingly</p> <p>Revise policy as follows: Policy H5 Local Green Spaces <u>(Objective a, c and e)</u> The following parcels of land, as shown on the Policies Map and in the more detailed maps at Appendix 7, are designated as Local Green Spaces:</p> <p>LGS1 Part of Yew Tree Close LGS2 Broom Close LGS3 Eel Close LGS4 The Green LGS5 Harlestone Playing Fields LGS6 The Allotments LGS7,8 & 9 Harlestone Park LGS10 Allens Close LGS11 Foothill LGS12 Pilgrims Close</p>	<p>Amend the reference to relevant objectives in the policy title</p> <p>Delete information relating to LGS1, LGS2, LGS3, LGS7, LGS8, LGS9, LGS10, LGS11, LGS12, LGS13, LGS15, LGS16, LGS17, LGS18 in Appendix 7 Local Green Space Assessment and Policy Map</p>	<p>LGS7, 8 & 9 do not satisfy the national criteria for inclusion as local green space as set out in the NPPF.</p> <p>The cumulative impact of the deleted LGS would result in an extensive tract of land which is open countryside. Little additional protection would be gained by designation of the countryside as local green space.</p>	<p>Amend Policy H5 and Local Green Space assessment (Appendix 7 Local Green Space) in accordance with Examiner's recommendation</p>

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		<p>LGS13 Rams Close LGS14 Willow Paddock LGS15 Hills and Hollows LGS16 Tip Field LGS17 Cherry Orchard LGS18 The Old Bakehouse Paddocks</p> <p>Development on land designated as Local Green Space will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances where it can be clearly demonstrated that the development will not conflict with the purpose of the designation</p>			
14	<p>Policy H6 Windfall Site Pg.29</p> <p>Recommendation 8 Examiner's Report</p>	<p>Recommendation 8: Revise Policy H6 as follows: <u>"Residential development will be supported where it meets the following criteria in addition to those in Policies RA3 and RA5 (for proposals in and adjacent to the village confines of Lower Harlestone), and RA4 and RA6 (for sites in the countryside) of the DSCLP:</u></p> <p>"Criteria a) – d).</p> <p>Revise the title of the policy to "Windfall <u>Housing Sites</u>"</p> <p>Revise policy as follows: Policy H6 Windfall <u>Housing Sites</u> <u>(Objectives a, b, c, d and f)</u></p> <p><u>Residential development will be supported where it meets the following criteria in addition to those</u></p>	<p>Amend the reference to relevant objectives in the policy title</p>	<p>Amendments to ensure that the policy is in conformity with development plan policies – WNJSC and Local Plan Part 2.</p>	<p>Amend Policy H6 in accordance with Examiner's recommendation</p>

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		<p><u>in Policies RA3 and RA5 (for proposals in and adjacent to the village confines of Lower Harlestone), and RA4 and RA6 (for sites in the countryside) of the DSCLP:</u></p> <p>To help meet the housing needs of the Parish, residential development will be considered on infill and existing housing plots outside of the Conservation Area where it meets the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. respects and complements the form, character and setting of the area; b. provides for safe vehicular and pedestrian access to the development as well as appropriate off-road car parking; c. retains important buildings including stone walls and native hedgerow; d. does not result in an unacceptable loss of amenity for neighbouring properties by reason of loss of privacy and/or loss of daylight, and/or result in visual or noise intrusion; and e. is in accordance with Policies RA3, RA4 and RA6 of the Adopted Settlements and Countryside Local Plan. 			
15	<p>Para 4.28 Pg.29</p> <p>Recommendation 8 Examiner's Report</p>	<p>Add the following at the end of the first sentence of paragraph 4.28: "<u>...identified in a development plan i.e. a site which becomes available for development unexpectedly and is therefore not included as allocated land in a planning authority's development plan. For example, a commercial or agricultural site that becomes obsolete which may provide a suitable location for housing.</u>"</p>	<p>Subsequent renumbering of paragraphs in the rest of the Section 4 as a consequence of additional paras</p>	<p>Amendments required to ensure that the policy and supporting is in conformity with development plan policies – WNJSC and Local Plan Part 2.</p>	<p>Amend Para 4.28 in accordance with Examiner's recommendation</p>

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		<p>Add the following new paragraph in the Technical Evidence after 4.28: <u>“Table 3 of the DSCLP sets out criteria to define locations within village confines of Other Settlements and areas outside them.”</u></p> <p>Technical Evidence: The National Planning Policy Framework defines a windfall site as a site which has not specifically been identified in a development plan <u>i.e. a site which becomes available for development unexpectedly and is therefore not included as allocated land in a planning authority's development plan. For example, a commercial or agricultural site that becomes obsolete which may provide a suitable location for housing.”</u></p> <p>To ensure the role and character of the Parish, outside of the Conservation Area is maintained, housing development of a small scale which protects the existing form, character and setting of the village and which protects open land (including gardens) that makes an important contribution to the form, character and setting of the settlement will be considered. This policy is further supported by the requirements of Policy H1 of the Adopted West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and Policy RA3 of the Adopted Settlements and Countryside Local Plan.</p>	<p>inserted after Para 4.28</p>		

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		<p><u>4.29 Table 3 of the DSCLP sets out criteria to define locations within village confines of Other Settlements and areas outside them."</u></p>			
16	<p>Policy H7 Housing for Older People Pg.29</p> <p>Recommendation 9 Examiner's Report</p>	<p>Recommendation 9: Revise Policy H7 as follows:</p> <p><u>Housing development that meets the needs of older people will be supported where it accords with other policies in the Development Plan, in particular through:</u></p> <p>a) The conversion or adaption of an existing building or dwelling, including the sub-division of a dwelling; <u>and</u></p> <p>b) The provision of single storey accommodation or a residential annexe <u>or residential adaptation to accommodate the needs of the resident.</u></p> <p>Revise policy as follows: Policy H7 Housing for Older People (Objective b)</p> <p><u>Housing development that meets the needs of older people will be supported where it accords with other policies in the Development Plan, in particular through:</u></p> <p>i. A range of housing options will be considered that promote and maintain housing choice and independence for local older people.</p> <p>ii. a) The conversion or adaption of an existing building or dwelling, including the sub-division of a dwelling; <u>and to enable occupancy by older or</u></p>	<p>Amend the reference to relevant objectives in the policy title</p>	<p>To improve the clarity of the policy</p>	<p>Amend Policy H7 in accordance with Examiner's recommendation</p>

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		<p>disabled persons will be supported where the proposed development accords with other policies in the Development Plan.</p> <p>iii. b) The provision of single storey accommodation or a residential annexe or residential adaptation to accommodate the needs of the resident other suitable housing type is generally encouraged so that housing can be adapted to lifetime changing needs or wheelchair use.</p>			
17	<p>Policy H8 Provision of well designed energy efficient buildings and places Pg.30</p> <p>Recommendation 10 Examiner's Report</p>	<p>Recommendation 10: Delete Policy H8.</p> <p>Delete policy as follows: Policy H8 – Provision of well designed energy efficient buildings and places (Objective 4a)</p> <p>i. Energy efficiency measures will be considered where they do not adversely affect the character of the Conservation Area.</p> <p>ii. The design and standard of any new development should aim to meet a high level of sustainable design and construction and be optimised for energy efficiency, targeting zero carbon emissions. This includes:</p> <p>a. Siting and orientation to optimise passive solar gain;</p> <p>b. The use of high quality, thermally efficient building materials; and</p> <p>c. Installation of energy efficiency measures.</p>	<p>Consequential numbering to policies and paragraphs as a result of the deletion of Policy H8</p> <p>Delete Paragraph 4.33 and 4.34 as a consequence of deletion of Policy H8</p>	<p>The WNJCS sets out detailed policies on the subject of well designed energy efficient buildings. HNNDP Policy H8 does not add any locally specific policy requirements.</p>	<p>Delete Policy H8 as per Examiner's recommendation.</p>
18	<p>Policy H8 Provision of well designed energy efficient buildings and places</p>	<p>4.33 Local Evidence: The Plan seeks to ensure that new development should address climate change by seeking measures to improve upon water and</p>	<p>Delete Paragraph 4.33 and 4.34</p>	<p>Deletion required as a consequence of the deletion of Policy H8</p>	<p>Delete Paragraph 4.33 and 4.34</p>

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	<p>P.30</p> <p>Recommendation 10 Examiner's Report</p>	<p>energy efficiency, providing appropriate layout and design together with the use of renewable energy. Respondents to the Neighbourhood Plan survey recognised the need to introduce renewable measures in new development but at a scale which does not have a negative impact upon the surrounding landscape and views.</p> <p>4.34 Technical Evidence: Paragraph 152 of the National Planning Policy Framework underlines that tackling climate change is central to the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. This policy is further supported within the requirements of Policies S10, S11 and H4 of the Adopted West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and Policy ENV9 of the Adopted Settlements and Countryside Local Plan.</p>			
19	<p>Policy H9 Working from Home Pg.31</p>	<p>Revise policy as follows: Policy H<u>8</u>— Working from Home (Objectives 6d and 6e f and h)</p>	<p>Consequential numbering to policies as a result of the deletion of Policy H8</p> <p>Amend the reference to relevant objectives in the policy title</p>	<p>To ensure consistency of policy referencing throughout the plan</p>	<p>Re-number as Policy H8</p>
20	<p>Policy H10 Villages Facilities</p>	<p>Recommendation 11: Revise Policy H10 as follows:</p>	<p>Consequential numbering to</p>	<p>To ensure clarity and consistency, policy to</p>	<p>Amend Policy H10 in accordance</p>

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	<p>Pg.31</p> <p>Recommendation 11 Examiner's Report</p>	<p>Revise point 1f) to read: "Northampton Golf Club <u>clubhouse</u>."</p> <p>Revise paragraph 2. To read "...these <u>village</u> facilities..."</p> <p>Add the following to the policy as point 3: <u>"Development that seeks to improve or enhance these facilities will be supported where it accords with other policies in the Development Plan."</u></p> <p>Review the numbering used in the policy to ensure consistency with other policies.</p> <p>Revise policy as follows: Policy H910 Village Facilities <u>(Objectives b, f, g and h)</u></p> <p><u>1</u> i. The identified village facilities are: a. Harlestone Primary School b. St Andrew's Church c. The Village Institute d. Fox and Hounds Public House e. The General Store f. Northampton Golf Club <u>clubhouse</u> g. Playing Fields h. The Allotments</p> <p><u>2</u>.ii. Development that would result in the loss of these community facilities will not be supported unless it can be demonstrated that: a. there is evidence (including independently marketing for at least 12 months) that there</p>	<p>policies as a result of the deletion of Policy H8</p> <p>Amend the reference to relevant objectives in the policy title</p> <p>Numbering in policy to change from numbers to letters</p>	<p>be reviewed to include village facilities. Inclusion of additional clause to support the improvement of facilities to ensure a complete policy.</p>	<p>with Examiner's recommendation</p> <p>Re-number as Policy H9</p>

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		<p>is no longer any need or economic justification to protect the facility; or b. the proposal makes alternative provision for the relocation of the existing village facility to an equally or more appropriate and accessible location within the parish; or c. it can be demonstrated that the proposal would be of benefit to the local community and would outweigh the loss of the existing facility.</p> <p><u>3. iii Development that seeks to improve or enhance these facilities will be supported where it accords with other policies in the Development Plan.</u></p>			
21	<p>Policy H10 / Policy Map Villages Facilities Pg.31</p> <p>Recommendation 11 Examiner's Report</p>	<p>Show the location of the facilities including the curtilages of the properties on the Policies Map.</p>	N/A	<p>To ensure clarity and consistency between policy and the policy map</p>	<p>Amend Policies Map in accordance with Examiner's recommendation</p>
22	<p>Policy H11 Rural Diversification Pg.32</p> <p>Recommendation 12 Examiner's Report</p>	<p>Recommendation 12: Revise Policy H11 as follows: “ i) Development proposals that <u>sustain and enhance the diversification of the rural economy will be supported where they accord with Policy R2 of the WNJCS and</u> where:</p> <p>Delete criterion a)</p> <p>Revise criterion c) to read “The development will not have an <u>unacceptable</u> adverse impact on”</p>	<p>Consequential numbering to policies as a result of the deletion of Policy H8</p> <p>Amend the reference to relevant objectives in the policy title</p>	<p>To ensure that the policy is not vague or imprecise as well as avoiding ambiguity for the plan user.</p>	<p>Amend Policy H11 in accordance with Examiner's recommendation</p> <p>Re-number as policy H10</p>

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		<p>Criteria b) and d) unchanged.</p> <p>Revise policy as follows: Policy H11 10 Rural Diversification <u>(Objectives a, b, c, d and h)</u> i. Development proposals that sustain and enhance the for appropriate rural diversification of the rural economy will within the Parish will be supported where they accord with Policy R2 of the WNJCS and where: a. The use proposed is appropriate to the rural location. b. a. The conversion/adaption works reflect the local character of the surrounding area. c. b. The development will not have an unacceptable adverse impact on any archaeological, historic, ecological or environmental features. d. c. There is no significant adverse impact on residential amenity through noise, light or other pollution, highway safety or increased flood risk.</p>			
23	<p>Policy H12 Developer Contributions and Community Infrastructure Pg.33</p> <p>Recommendation 13</p>	<p>Recommendation 13: Revise Policy H12 as follows: <u>"Any Community Infrastructure Levy raised by development within Harlestone parish and paid to Harlestone Parish Council</u> will be used to improve the following local community infrastructure: criteria a), b), c).</p> <p>Add the following to criterion b) <u>".... cycle routes and bridleways."</u></p>	<p>Consequential numbering to policies as a result of the deletion of Policy H8</p> <p>Amend the reference to relevant</p>	<p>To improve the clarity of the policy</p>	<p>Amend Policy H12 in accordance with Examiner's recommendation</p> <p>Re-number from Policy H12 to Policy H11</p>

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		<p>Revise policy as follows: Policy H12 H11 Developer Contributions and Community Infrastructure <u>(Objectives f and g)</u></p> <p>i. The following projects are identified as priorities for investment in local community infrastructure: <u>Any Community Infrastructure Levy raised by development within Harlestone parish and paid to Harlestone Parish Council will be used to improve the following local community infrastructure:</u></p> <p>a. Improvements to footpaths and bridleways within the Parish with appropriate surfaces to avoid harm to any features of heritage interest and to maintain the character and appearance of the parish.</p> <p>b. Supporting the promotion and improvement of Parish Walks <u>cycle routes and bridleways.</u></p> <p>c. Contribution to traffic surveys and implementation of improved traffic management in the village.</p> <p>Monies from the local element of the Community Infrastructure Levy will be applied to these various priority projects.</p>	objectives in the policy title		
24	Section 5 Non Land Use Actions Pg.34 Recommendation 14 Examiner's Recommendation	Recommendation 14: Revise section 5 as follows: Revise the title of section 5 to read: " <u>Community Actions</u> ". Revise paragraph 5.1 as follows: "A few issues have been raised whilst preparing the HNDP <u>that cannot be addressed through the neighbourhood plan</u> "	Add " <u>(community actions are embolden)</u> " into Para 5.1	To improve clarity of the section, to make it clear that issues raised here cannot be addressed in the neighbourhood plan but are community aspirations	Amend Non-Land Use Actions in accordance with Examiner's recommendation

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		<p><u>policies</u>. However, these are matters that are important to the residents of the Parish.....HNDP.</p> <p>Amend Para 5.1 as follows</p> <p>Para 5.1 5.1 A few issues have been raised whilst preparing the HNDP that that cannot be addressed through the neighbourhood plan policies are not directly related to land-use (although they might indirectly relate to the use of land in some form). As such, these issues cannot be addressed directly by the provision of planning policy in the HNDP. However, these are matters that are important to the residents of the Parish. These matters together, with actions for dealing with them are detailed below (community actions are emboldened). If implemented will help to achieve the vision and objectives of the HNDP.</p>			
25	<p>Section 5 Non Land Use Actions</p> <p>Recommendation 14 Examiner's Recommendation</p>	<p>Add the following at the end of the second sentence of paragraph 5.8: ".....Statement) produced and maintained by WNC.</p> <p>Amend Para 5.8 as follows Para 5.8 Not everyone is aware that a policy exists for the protection, development and management of the network. All approved rights of way must be shown on the Northamptonshire Definitive Map (and Statement)produced and maintained by WNC. A Parish Path Warden has been appointed to monitor</p>	N/A	To improve the clarity of the section	Amend Non-Land Use Actions in accordance with Examiner's recommendation

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		and report problems on the existing Rights of Way network			
26	<p>Section 5 Non Land Use Actions Para 5.4, Pg.34</p> <p>Recommendation 14 Examiner's Recommendation</p>	<p>Embolden those paragraphs of section 5 that set out the Community Aspirations or summarise them in a table.</p> <p>Amend Paragraph as follows:</p> <p>5.4 a Speed Traffic speed on the A428 through Lower Harlestone will continue to be monitored on a routine basis by both speed awareness volunteers at regular intervals and the PCSO and the Tracks is annual survey which monitors change in volume and speed of vehicles on A428 and Port Road. The volume of traffic on the A428 is unlikely to reduce until either the Northampton North Bypass is built or the extension to the Sandy Lane Relief Road is constructed. <u>The Parish Council will use every opportunity to support the relevant authorities to achieve this.</u></p> <p>In Upper Harlestone, <u>the Parish Council will continue to lobby Highways to impose 20 mph advisory signage,</u> where appropriate in line with the authority's new road safety initiative. Lobbying of Highways and West Northamptonshire Council should not be relaxed in regard to the proposed SUE development and the use of Port Road.</p> <p><u>b. Parking and Visitor Management: The Parish Council will work with and support the</u></p>	Add reference into Para 5.1 that community actions are embolden (see Recommendation no 24)	To improve the clarity of the section	Amend Non-Land Use Actions in accordance with Examiner's recommendation

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		<p><u>Althorp Estate and Highways in an endeavour to improve parking and facilities at Harlestone Firs including consideration of parking provision for horse trailers.</u></p> <p>In light of the enormous influx of visitors to the village during the pandemic, <u>the Parish Council will monitor parking provision to serve the village but specifically to limit parking on and damage to grass verges.</u> The survey results are a little ambiguous on the issue of additional parking in the village. There is a strong feeling that parking should be prevented on grass verges, yet respondents to the survey did not want an additional parking facility in the village. However, restricting parking, for instance at Nursery Corner, will only move the problem to another location. <u>The Parish Council recognise that we cannot restrict visitor numbers to the Parish and in future may need to facilitate parking for visitors.</u> Parking on grass verges can only be eliminated if an alternative parking facility is provided. <u>The Parish Council may explore suitable unobtrusive potential car parking sites.</u></p> <p>c. Signage: Whilst, it is accepted that too many signs are detrimental to the rural nature of the village, campaigns of 'no parking on verges' will be mounted from time to time.</p> <p>There are too many signs on the A428, <u>the Parish Council will discuss the possibility of a review with Highways.</u></p>			

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27	<p>Section 5 Non Land Use Actions Para 5.5, Pg.34</p> <p>Recommendation 14 Examiner's Recommendation</p>	<p>Embolden those paragraphs of section 5 that set out the Community Aspirations or summarise them in a table.</p> <p>Amend Paragraph as follows: 5.5 87% of respondents to the survey regarded the protection of stone walls as '<i>very important</i>'. <u>The Parish Council will continue to monitor the condition of the walls and the Althorp Estate will be informed</u> of any deterioration in a timely fashion.</p>	N/A	To improve the clarity of the section	Amend Non-Land Use Actions in accordance with Examiner's recommendation
28	<p>Section 5 Non Land Use Actions Para 5.9, Pg.35</p> <p>Recommendation 14 Examiner's Recommendation</p>	<p>Embolden those paragraphs of section 5 that set out the Community Aspirations or summarise them in a table.</p> <p>Amend Paragraph as follows: 5.9 <u>The Parish Council will engage with the local authority and landowners, principally the Althorp Estate to address the issues raised in the survey</u> taking into account the following extract from the Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2020-2030 (published by the former Northamptonshire County Council).</p>	N/A	To improve the clarity of the section	Amend Non-Land Use Actions in accordance with Examiner's recommendation
29	<p>Section 5 Non Land Use Actions Para 5.16, Pg.36</p>	<p>Embolden those paragraphs of section 5 that set out the Community Aspirations or summarise them in a table.</p> <p>Amend Paragraph as follows:</p>	N/A	To improve the clarity of the section	Amend Non-Land Use Actions in accordance with Examiner's recommendation

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	Recommendation 14 Examiner's Recommendation	5.16 <u>The Parish Council to engage with the Playing Field Committee on these topics.</u>			
30	Section 5 Non Land Use Actions Para 5.18, Pg.36 Recommendation 14 Examiner's Recommendation	Embolden those paragraphs of section 5 that set out the Community Aspirations or summarise them in a table. Amend Paragraph as follows: <u>5.18 The Parish Council will work with the HVI Committee to further this cause and consider a campaign to encourage volunteers to suggest and help organise specific events in conjunction with the committee.</u>	N/A	To improve the clarity of the section	Amend Non-Land Use Actions in accordance with Examiner's recommendation
31	Section 5 Non Land Use Actions Para 5.21, Pg.37 Recommendation 14 Examiner's Recommendation	Embolden those paragraphs of section 5 that set out the Community Aspirations or summarise them in a table. Amend Paragraph as follows: <u>5.21 The Parish Council would welcome working together with the land owner (Althorp Estate) and West Northamptonshire Council in regard to future use of the quarry.</u>	N/A	To improve the clarity of the section	Amend Non-Land Use Actions in accordance with Examiner's recommendation
32	Appendix 1 Public Rights of Way Para 3.90 Examiners Report	Produce a more detailed Public rights of way map	N/A	To address response to consultation that not all public rights of way had been included in Appendix 1	Amend Public Rights of Way map in accordance with Examiner's recommendation

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33	Recommendation 1 Examiners Report	Include a key on all maps in the Appendices.	N/A	To improve clarity and consistency of maps	Amend Key on all maps in appendices in accordance with Examiner's recommendation