



**West
Northamptonshire
Council**

Harlestone NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Summary of responses received at Regulation 16 stage (submission)

Regulation 4(3)(b)(iii) of the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendum) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

The following table comprises a summary of the responses received to the submission consultation of the Harlestone Neighbourhood Plan.

All of the responses summarised below were considered by the examiner when preparing his assessment of, and recommendations towards, the Harlestone Neighbourhood Plan. Where significant representations were received the summary and conclusions provided by the respondent have been used to populate the tables below. The summary of comments reflects the views put forward by the consultee and are abridged as faithfully as possible to ensure that the purpose of the original representation is maintained. The responses can be reviewed in full on the WNC website at: [Daventry District Council - Submitted Neighbourhood Development Plans \(davenportdc.gov.uk\)](http://davenportdc.gov.uk)

Responses received to the submission consultation that were submitted to the Independent Examiner.

Respondent	Support/Object/Comment	Summary of response
HNP01 Historic England	Comment	<p>Thank you for consulting Historic England about your Neighbourhood Plan. The area covered by your Neighbourhood Plan includes a number of important designated heritage assets. In line with national planning policy, it will be important that the strategy for this area safeguards those elements which contribute to the significance of these assets so that they can be enjoyed by future generations of the area. If you have not already done so, we would recommend that you speak to the planning and conservation team at your local planning authority together with the staff at the county council archaeological advisory service who look after the Historic Environment Record. They should be able to provide details of the designated heritage assets in the area together with locally-important buildings, archaeological remains and landscapes. Some Historic Environment Records may also be available on-line via the Heritage Gateway (www.heritagegateway.org.uk). It may also be useful to involve local voluntary groups such as the local Civic Society or local historic groups in the production of your Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Historic England also sign posts ‘Planning for the Environment at the Neighbourhood Level’ useful. This has been produced by Historic England, Natural England, the Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission.</p>
HNP02 Waste Minerals NCC and	Comment	<p>Thank you for sending us the Harlestone Neighbourhood Plan. The Minerals and Waste Planning Service for Northamptonshire has the following comment to make. Paras 5.19 to 5.21 cover minerals and waste matters which neighbourhood plans should not do and therefore these paragraphs should be deleted.</p>

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HNP03 Natural England	Comment	<p>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. Having previously submitted comments on the Harlestone Neighbourhood Plan, Natural England are satisfied with the proposal and have no further comments regarding the matter. Should the proposal change, please consult us again and we will be more than happy to assist</p>
HNP04 Public Health Northants	Comment	<p>Response included a number of amendments to help improve the plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pg. 20 Views, landscape, open spaces and biodiversity (After final bullet point) What about a community growing space? • Pg. 20 Renewable Energy What other sustainable considerations can be made - sourcing of materials etc. • Pg. 20 Visitor management First bullet point - What about visitors to increase the local economy? • Pg. 20 Visitor management Could there be more of a focus on increasing local identity and pride? • Pg. 22 Village Amenities and Organisations Could this section title be more around community cohesion/building and resilience as the content reflects this nicely? • Pg. 22 Village Amenities and Organisations Point 6e This goes against encouraging

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		<p>tourism in the area, how will small businesses flourish if visitors are not encouraged</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pg. 23 Policy H1 Design principles Criterion ii k - Wording seems to be missing here but would encourage housing suitable to population needs • Pg. 25 Policy H2 – Harlestone conservation area Criterion i.c And source sustainably/locally if possible Page / Para Comment • Pg. 33 Policy H12 Developer Contributions Could something be added to this policy about encouraging development and improvement of community areas and development to encourage community building? • Pg. 33 Policy H12 Developer Contributions Criterion ib And cycle routs perhaps
HNP05 West Northants Council	Comment	<p>General comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is some repetition in the bullet points within the vision, aims and objectives sections. Reminder to be mindful that each point has the right emphasis and that particular points/wording that would be useful for development management purposes are not used too early in the document • Accessibility – An accessibility check of a word version and pdf version of the document should be undertaken to ensure it meets the accessibility standards. This should include the use of a proper bookmarked contents page and appropriate use of the heading structures.

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		<p>Policy H1 Design Principles</p> <p>To improve the clarity of the policy, it would be helpful to identify the design concerns that are an issue (eg scale or materials) and draw upon the information Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP) that would guide design of any development within the supporting text.</p> <p>Policy H2 Harlestone Conservation Area</p> <p>The following comments would help the clarity of the policy:</p> <p>The criteria would be strengthened by including more supporting text to highlight aspects of scale, layout and proportion, architectural detail, materials etc</p> <p>Policy H5 Local Green Space (and Appendix 7)</p> <p>The neighbourhood plan identifies a number of local green spaces – 18 in total. The cumulative impact of designating a large number of local green spaces will need to be considered. In their current form and number of local green spaces have the effect of creating a strategic designation of a network of continuous green spaces which would not be acceptable as neighbourhood plans can only deal with non - strategic designations.</p> <p>Further information has been provided to support how the LGS meets the tests set out in NPPF. It is suggested that all the spaces have beauty and tranquillity that is enjoyed by local residents.</p>

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		<p>Whilst individually the local green spaces may meet the test set out in the NPPF, the cumulative impact of designating all the LGS would result in an extensive tract of land, which would not meet the LGS test of NPPF 102 c).</p> <p>Policy H6 Windfall Sites</p> <p>The criteria of this policy appears to repeat Policy H1. Retain opening sentence and criterion e and cross reference to Policy H1 rather than listing out the criteria a-d? Policy RA3, would allow some scope for development outside the village confines (if not mapped, the location would be assessed against Table 3 in the LPP2)</p> <p>Policy H7 Housing for older people</p> <p>Reference to the source information could be made within the supporting text.</p> <p>Policy H12 Developer Contributions</p> <p>Is this a policy, or should these be identified as community actions? Suggest combining the first and last sentence.</p> <p>Non-Land use actions.</p> <p>This provides a useful and clear summary of other issues that have been raised. It is worth considering if there are any land use implications of fulfilling these. For example would a local green space designation have an impact on any of the identified issues?</p>

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		<p>Appendices</p> <p>Appendix 1 – Rights of way map and appendix 2 – Listed buildings should both have a clear key on it</p>
<p>HPN06 Marshall</p>	<p>C Comment</p>	<p>3.6 - states that “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”. Many of these points relate to safety and access issues in relation to local horse riders.</p> <p>However, I believe 3.5 “Objectives of Harlestone Neighbourhood Development Plan - point 7 - Access and Transport”, should also include horse riders, for ‘inclusivity’ reasons under 7a/b, in relation to well connected roads and paths and safer more accessible routes.</p> <p>Disabled people, pedestrians, cyclists and drivers are already mentioned. Horse riders are the only vulnerable road users not listed. As they are classed in the new Highway Code as the second most vulnerable road users alongside cyclists, surely they should also be included?</p> <p>This is especially important in view of the fact that many people keep/own and ride horses in the area in order to reach the local network of bridleways.</p> <p>Usage of A428 is the only way many can currently gain access to bridleways close by. Many road incidents have been reported to the British Horse Society between Althorp and Glebe lane bridleways</p>

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		<p>and also through the village to gain access towards Harlestone firs.</p> <p>The need for safer off road/on road access is important for many horse owners along Glebe Lane, Delf Lane, within the village itself and at the back of properties along A428 near Althorp.</p> <p>Appendix 1 - rights of way map This map doesn't fully represent the extent of all rights of way (RoW) within the parish. The following are excluded from the current rights of way map (which does not specify RoW classification):- Bridleways: CU1,2,3,19,20,25,26,28,29,32 Footpaths: CU21</p> <p>Harlestone has many bridleways as well as footpaths, within it's parish boundary, so improved access is very important to all classes of users not just pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>The council's latest rights of way improvement plan, has identified the importance of creating more off-road and circular routes for local riders due to fragmented networks, also made worse by safety issues on busy roads. For this reason it would also make sense for horse riders to be included in any neighbourhood development aims wherever feasible, and in order to reflect the council's RoW improvement plan on the basis of fairness and inclusivity.</p>