# Whissendine Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation Statement April 2023



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# 1. Introduction

This Consultation Statement accompanies the submission of the Whissendine Neighbourhood Development Plan February 2023. It summarises the community engagement programme and the Regulation 14 consultation. It shows how the requirements of Regulations 14 and 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) have been satisfied.



Community event 13th Nov 2021

# 2. Summary of Community Engagement

### 2.1 Approach to community engagement

The Whissendine Neighbourhood Steering Group(WNPSG) formed in January 2020 and had a good representation of resident demographics from across the Parish.

### 2.2 What was done?

The following engagement activities took place in Whissendine.

- Monthly progress updates posted in the community Whissendine Grapevine posted through every residential and business in Whissendine from Jan 2020-Feb 2023 and will continue until Whissendine Neighbourhood plan is Adopted.
- Monthly meetings held at the Village Hall and residents encouraged to attend all meetings, and minutes posted on the village notice boards.
- Whissendine Neighbourhood Plan website created and update at regular intervals and evidence of survey results and evidence to support the plan with access open to all.
- Initial survey of 5 questions to inform the full community survey; A A4 hard copy of a leaflet was posted through every and online versions were made available with links from the Parish magazine and Parish council with links to take part online.
- Attendance at the highly popular Whissendine Craft and Produce show with a display staffed by WNPSG members.
- Planning and a pint White Lion 5-7pm on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Oct & Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021 staffed by WNPSG members, to engage with customers.
- Engaged with Whissendine COE Primary school to draw Whissendine in 2036 for Key stage 1 and Key stage 2.
- Distribution of full Community Survey distributed, both hard copies and online version were available.

- Public meeting for all residents held Village Hall on Saturday 14the Nov 2021, with refreshments provided.
- Reg 14 Press releases regarding Public Consultation during week commencing 22 Nov 22 to:
  - o All local newspapers, Rutland and Stamford Mercury, Rutland times
  - o Rutland County Council communications team,
  - Rutland and Stamford sound advertised on Calendar of Events
- Printed Posters of Reg 14 Whissendine Neighbourhood Plan Consultation period posted at the following locations:
  - o 20 wooden lamp posts around the parish, and also included Bus Shelters & Village Hall notice boards.
- Hard Copies of Draft Whissendine Neighbourhood in folders with response forms and pens were placed at 5 locations for residents to make a hard copy response. Locations were chosen to give access to all residents and: They were at:
  - White Lion Inn
  - Village hall
  - St Andrews Church
  - Whissendine Sports club
  - Little Spice Box café.
- Public Consultation Meeting staffed by WNPSG members with multiple A3 sized copies of the draft Neighbourhood plan for all residents over tea/coffee and cakes.
- 48 Statutory Consultees informed of an extended Public Consultation period (8 weeks) from 12:00hrs Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 22 12:00hrs Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023

### 2.3 Who was targeted?

The community engagement was delivered to ensure all residents and business owners within the Neighbourhood Area were able to actively engage with each stage in the preparation and development of the draft Plan. The wider community were also kept up to date with monthly updates within the Parish magazine written by the Chair of WNPSG.

### 2.4 Outcomes/Feedback

During monthly updates within the Parish Magazine feed on the initial and community surveys with links to more in-depth analysis on themes and concerns of the village residents.

Main issues emerging were not all to do with planning and development, they were as follows:

- Flooding in the centre of the village.
- The need for affordable 1-, 2- & 3-bedroom houses for young people
- A need for social housing to be built in the Parish and not million-pound houses.
- A GP surgery
- Improving the Sport Club
- Keeping the Windmill.
- New building should be built in keeping with the parish buildings.

Some of the above main themes were also backed by the Housing Needs Assessment and Design Codes reported by AECOM, and informed serval policies, mainly:

- **Policy WH1 Housing** to keep development within the Planned Limit of Development (PLD), Redevelopment of Existing housing, new dwellings should be flexible to changing needs and the mix of types and sizes should meet local need.
- **Policy WH2 New community facilities** including healthcare will be supported and Existing community facilities should be retained.
- **Policy WH4 Design** should be based on the analysis of the area including landscaping, also including using a sustainable drainage systems to alleviate further flooding
- Policy WH6 Windmill, to maintain the wind corridor the Grade2\* listed building
- **Policy WH7 Surface water,** Development cannot cause detrimental on surrounding land or properties by exacerbating the flooding issues already experienced by the Parish.

## 3. Pre-Submission Consultation (Regulation 14)

### 3.1 How the Consultation Was Undertaken

The regulation 14 Pre-submission consultation was undertaken as follows:

• Public Consultation notice was published in the Parish magazine in November 2022, December 2022 and January 2023 editions that was delivered by hand to every residence in the parish by volunteer.

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- 48 Statutory Consultees informed of an extended Public Consultation period (8 weeks) from 12:00hrs Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 22 12:00hrs Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023
- Feedback on the public meeting supplied for publishing in the Parish magazine in Feb 2023 edition.

WNPSG held a meeting on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and reviewed the public consultation responses. 9 were provided by online from Statutory consultees, 1 from agents on behalf of a resident's beneficiary. WNPSG also received 3 handwritten responses from the 5 locations where hard copies of the plan were accessible to residents around the village.

### 3.2 Statutory Consultees

The details of the statutory bodies that were consulted are listed below. These include not only national and regional organizations, charities and community organizations and included adjoining all Parish Councils that was provided by Rutland County council.

Organisation	Email
RCC planning	Localplan@rutland.gov.uk, sbaker@rutland,gov.uk;
	rarmstrong@rutland.gov.uk
Leicestershire and Rutland Bridleways Association	rgl@dmu.ac.uk
Coal Authority	thecoalauthority@coal.gov.uk
Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local Councils	admin@leicestershireandrutlandalc.gov.uk
South Kesteven District Council	planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk
Melton Borough Council	planningpolicy@melton.gov.uk
Leicestershire County Council	neighbourhoodplanning@leics.gov.uk
Lincolnshire County Council	Dev_PlanningEnquiries@lincolnshire.gov.uk
North Northamptonshire	Simon.Aley@northnorthants.gov.uk
Northamptonshire County Council	planning@northamptonshire.gov.uk
The Crown Estate	enquiries@thecrownestate.co.uk
Leicestershire and Rutland Environmental Records	kirsty.gamble@leics.gov.uk
Centre	
Environmental Agency	LNplanning@environment-agency.gov.uk
House Builders Federation	sue.green@hbf.co.uk
Leicestershire Police	andrew.wroe@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk
Civil Aviation Authority	infoservices@caa.co.uk
CPRE	info@cpre.org.uk
CPRE	chair@cprerutland.uk
Network Rail	Frances.Cunningham@networkrail.co.uk
Vodafone and O2 (Mobile operator)	EMF.Enquiries@ctil.co.uk
Three (Mobile operator)	jane.evans@three.co.uk
EE (Mobile operator)	public.affairs@ee.co.uk
Historic England	e-midlands@historicengland.org.uk
Leicestershire & Rutland Age UK	enquiries@ageukleics.org.uk
Severn Trent	<u>Chris.Bramley@severntrent.co.uk</u>
The Woodland Trust	nicksandford@woodlandtrust.org.uk
Sport England	steve.beard@sportengland.org
Anglian Water	dsweetland@anglianwater.co.uk
Anglian Water Services Ltd	spatialplanning@anglianwater.co.uk>
National Grid (Avison Young-UK)	nationalgrid.uk@avisonyoung.com

National Grid (development liaison officer)	box.landandacquisitions@nationalgrid.com
National Grid (Avison Young-UK)	n.grid@woodplc.com
Natural England	consultations@naturalengland.org.uk
Severn Trent	GrowthDevelopment@severntrent.co.uk
Sport England	Planning.Central@sportengland.org
Architectural Liaison officer for Leicestershire Police	stephen.day7815@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk
Vodafone and O2	EMF.Enquiries@ctil.co.uk
East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG	enquiries@eastleicestershireandrutlandccg.nhs.uk
Highways England	martin.seldon@highwaysengland.co.uk; eri.wong@highwaysengland.co.uk
Teigh Parish meeting – once per year	
Ashwell Parish Council	ashwellpc@gmail.com
Langham Parish Council	clerk@langham-pc.gov.uk
Knossington & Cold Overton	clerk@knossingtonandcoldovertonpc.org.uk
Somerby Parish Council	clerk@somerbyparish.org.uk
Freeby Parish Council	clerk@freebypc.org.uk
Wymondham & Edmonthorpe Parish Council	WEPC.Clerk@yahoo.co.uk

### 3.3 Issues

The representations made have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in modifications to the proposed neighbourhood development plan are set out in the next part of this statement.

# 4. Responses to Representations

Date Submitted	Representation	Response to Consultation	Actions
& Ref			
	North Northamptonshire Council	Comments noted.	
07/12/2022			
	Too far away to have any useful comments	No further action	
	Leicestershire Police		
16/12/2022	and the second s		
	Leicestershire Police support the creation of Whissendine	Comments noted.	
	NP which has a primary objective to reflect community wide views.	No further action	
	Open Spaces is a key issue for Policing, alongside Lighting,	No further action	
	signage and CCTV if appropriate.		
	Historic England		
20/12/2022	The area covered by your Neighbourhood Plan includes a	Comments noted. Policies	
	number of important designated heritage assets. In line	WH5 and WH6 deal with	
Case Ref:	with national planning policy, it will be important that the	heritage related matters	
PL00791870	strategy for this area safeguards those elements which contribute to the significance of these assets so that they	including the built and natural heritage of the	
	can be enjoyed by future generations of the area.	Neighbourhood Area.	
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		No further action	
	Sport England		
04/01/2023		Comments Noted. Policy	
	Refers to National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)	WH2 protects community	
	section 8, how planning is important in facilitating social	facilities which includes	
	interaction and creating healthy and inclusive	sports provision in the	
	communities. Encouraging communities to become more	Neighbourhood Area.	
	physically active through walking, cycling, informal		

	recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities.	No further action	
14/01/2023	Whissendine Resident  Supports draft plan and welcomed the opportunity to be able to discuss with the group at the Open event on 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan 23. Raised historical flooding issue and Road safety issues, and thanks NP team for a good plan.	Comments noted. Policy WH7 seeks to address surface water flooding. Road safety is a matter for the Highways Authority.  No further action from WNP steering group passed to Parish Clerk	
26/01/2023 Ref 414929	Natural England  States Natural England is a non-departmental public body and refers to Annex regarding Neighbourhood planning and the natural environment information, issues and opportunities and the importance of nature conservation and the local planning authority can supply locations of Local wildlife sites.	Comments noted. Policy WH5 seeks to preserve and enhance the natural environment and identified assets.  No further action	

	Marrons Planning Para 45		base to justify the growth strategy.
30/01/2023	Highlights the recently granted permission in the village of 66 homes suggests that the scheme includes a mix of 2–4-bedroom properties and on this basis the failure of the NP to allocate additional sites will mean the future growth is unlikely to deliver the right mix of homes to mee the need of the community.	Comments noted. No Further Action WH1 policy refers to the type and mix of homes and that it is informed by the AECOM HNA.	
30/01/2023	Marrons Planning Para 55: Agents unclear over the important of green spaces, requests that they are removed or update the plan.	Comments noted	NP map updated to avoid confusion around green spaces.
	Marrons Planning Para 60:		

30/01/2023	There is a high level of developer interest in the site and we anticipate that it could be brought forward quickly to address local housing needs.	Comments noted	This is a matter for the emerging Local Plan as the Neighbourhood Plan already caters for the growth strategy.
30/01/2023	Environment Agency (EA)  Email from EA stated awaiting feedback from technical team Delayed response to 28 Feb 2023, consultation not extended.	Delayed response. No further action as deadline exceeded and consultation not extended	
30/01/2023	National Grid  Avison Young on behalf of National Grid refers to current policy on future developments in close proximity to National Grid assets and has no record of such assets in the NP area.	Comments noted.  No further action	
31/01/2023	CIL  Affordable Housing Mix – potential viability issue which may result in the developer requesting exceptional circumstances relief for CIL?	The policy relates to the breakdown of affordable housing provision. It does not seek to modify the proportion or threshold for affordable housing set out in the Local Plan. Policy CS11 of the Local Plan already makes provision for considering viability challenges.	No change.
	There doesn't appear to be any priorities included for spend of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	The CIL is likely to be a relatively small figure, so it	

	although it does indicate that the Sport Club is in a poor state. As part of the neighbourhood plan process when consulting the community, it would be beneficial to identify the key infrastructure priorities to assist the Parish Council in the decision-making process for spending of any CIL collected from planning applications for residential dwellings that have been granted planning permission where the development has commenced.	could be misleading to set priorities.	
31/01/2023	Rutland County Council: Officers Response 31/01/23		
	<ul> <li>WH 1: Housing</li> <li>Does part 1) of the policy intend for development to be within the PLD only? Or can infill development in gaps be outside the PLD? This isn't clear.</li> </ul>	Comment noted. Clarification added.	Sentence added to interpretation to clarify the application of clause 1.
	<ul> <li>Proviso c) what is meant by heritage assets?</li> </ul>	Comments noted. Clarification added.	Interpretation amended to clarify scope of heritage assets.
	Part 2) refers to internal space standards, these can only be exceeded through the Local Plan.	Comments noted. Clause 2 amended.	Reference to National Space Standards removed from clause 2. Interpretation amended to encourage compliance with National Space Standards.
	<ul> <li>Part 6) need to consider whether this promotes a mix of affordable types on a given site. Please see Local Plan policy SP9.</li> </ul>	Comments noted. Clause 3 deals with housing mix overall and clause 5 deals with mix of affordable housing. Local Plan policy SP9 already addresses	Clause 6 removed from the policy. Reference to Local Plan policy SP9 added to interpretation.

	tenure blind affordable housing.	
Rutland County Council: Officers Response 31/01/23  WH 2: Community Facilities  • Need to consider whether this policy adds any further detail to Policy CS7: Delivering socially inclusive communities or Policy CS23: Green Infrastructure, open space, sport and recreation in the Core Strategy. Otherwise, no need to repeat national or Local policies. And if it is considered it does, set out the justification in the supporting text how it adds to existing Local Plan policy	Policy WH2 augments Local Plan policy CS7. Green infrastructure is dealt with in policy WH5.	No change.
<ul> <li>A community facility for a sports field with clubhouse; could be considered appropriate outside the PLD.</li> </ul>	Comment noted. Policy updated to reflect recommendation.	Additional clause added to enable pitches and similar outside of the PLD.
<ul> <li>Suggested wording to support the last paragraph under 'Interpretation' could be wording taken from the withdrawn LP and might be more appropriate:</li> </ul>	Comment noted. Amend policy to include suggested wording with appropriate facilities.	Clause amended as suggested.

"Proposals involving the loss of services and facilities, such as schools, nurseries, village halls, village shops, post offices, public houses, places of worship, banking facilities and health services will only be supported where the applicant demonstrates that: a) an alternative facility to meet local needs is available that is both equally accessible and of equal benefit to the community; or b) all options for continued use have been fully explored and none remain which would be financially viable."  Rutland County Council: Officers Response 31/01/23		
<ul> <li>WH 3: Employment Land</li> <li>Need to consider whether this policy add any further detail to Policy CS16: The Rural Economy in the Core Strategy in particular proviso's e) and f)?</li> <li>Otherwise, no need to repeat national or Local policies and if it is considered it does, set out justification in the supporting text how it adds to existing Local Plan policy.</li> </ul>	Interpretation already clarifies relationship with Local Plan policy CS16.	No change.
<ul> <li>Need to clarify whether the policy is intended for development within the PLD or includes the countryside as well.</li> </ul>	Comment noted. Clarification added to interpretation.	Interpretation amended to clarify application of clause1.
Rutland County Council: Officers Response 31/01/23 WH 4: Design		
<ul> <li>Delete South Kesteven from the design guidelines title</li> </ul>	Comments noted. Update made.	Reference to South Kesteven removed.

Need to ensure this policy is specific to     Whissendine and doesn't repeat Local Plan design     policies or the Rutland Design Guide SPD	Comments noted. Policy informed by AECOM Design Code, especially clause 3.	No change.
Part 3) it would be helpful to refer to the evidence that supports this	Design code already referenced in the rationale.	
Part 4) See policy SP23 : Landscape Character in the countryside. Could be considered more landscaping related rather than design	This relates to landscape design in the development.	No change.
Rutland County Council: Officers Response 31/01/23		
<ul> <li>WH 5 Landscape &amp; Heritage</li> <li>Need to consider what is meant by this? Suggest development will be expected to protect and where possible enhance</li> </ul>	Comment noted. Clause 1 amended.	Reference to opportunities to enhance added to clause 1.
Need to consider what evidence is available to support this and how it aligns to NPPF (it doesn't as written). It would be better to separate out Conservation Area and Listing Buildings from "other" historic features which may not have the same level of protection.	Assume this relates to clause 3. This is a fairly typical views policy supported by the AECOM Design Code. There is no conflict with NPPF policy. Both buildings are listed. There is no reference to conservation areas or other historic features.	No change.
<ul> <li>Need to consider how new development would enhance a viewpoint.</li> </ul>	Comment noted. Interpretation amended.	Sentence added to interpretation.

Rutland County Council: Officers Response 31/01/23		
<ul> <li>WH 6: Whissendine Windmill</li> <li>Need to consider how development would impact on the windmill's operation, might be helpful to explain this in the supporting text</li> </ul>	Comments noted. Rationale amended to make reference to the evidence document.	Reference to Windmill evidence document added in rational on page 29. The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings – Mills section dated 11 July 2022
Rutland County Council: Officers Response 31/01/23		
<ul> <li>WH 7: Surface Water</li> <li>Need to consider whether this policy adds anything to the existing Local Plan policies regarding flood risk. Otherwise, no need to repeat national or Local policies and if it is considered it does, set out justification in the supporting text how it adds to existing Local Plan policy</li> </ul>	Comment noted. Interpretation already states that the policy augments, but does not replace, Local Plan policy CS19.	No change.
Rutland County Council: Officers Response 31/01/23		
<ul> <li>WH 8: Infrastructure</li> <li>Part 1) not sure this can be required as part of a planning application. It could be a Building Reg requirement?</li> </ul>	Comment noted. Clause 1 relates to the use and development of land.	No change.
<ul> <li>Part 5) Parking and residential design is already referred to in the Design Guide for Rutland, does this add anything extra?</li> <li>Part 6) not clear what is meant by 'screened' might need to be explained in the supporting text</li> </ul>	Clause 5 relates to the guidance from the AECOM Design Code.	For clarity, Figures 16 and 17 have been moved to after the interpretation, with reference made within the interpretation.
	This is an often-used term. We are not sure any	No change.

		further explanation is necessary.	
	Whissendine Resident:		
31/01/2023		Comments noted.	
	Highlights speeding and parking issues around the school		
		No further action from	
		WNP steering group	
		passed to Parish Clerk	
	Whissendine Resident:		
31/01/2023		Comments Noted	
	Congratulates the WNP steering group for putting	No Further action	
	together a good plan on behalf of the parish.		
	But would like to see 3 trees planted locally for every		
	property built.		