

Whitnash Submission Neighbourhood Development Plan

Consultation Statement - January 2015

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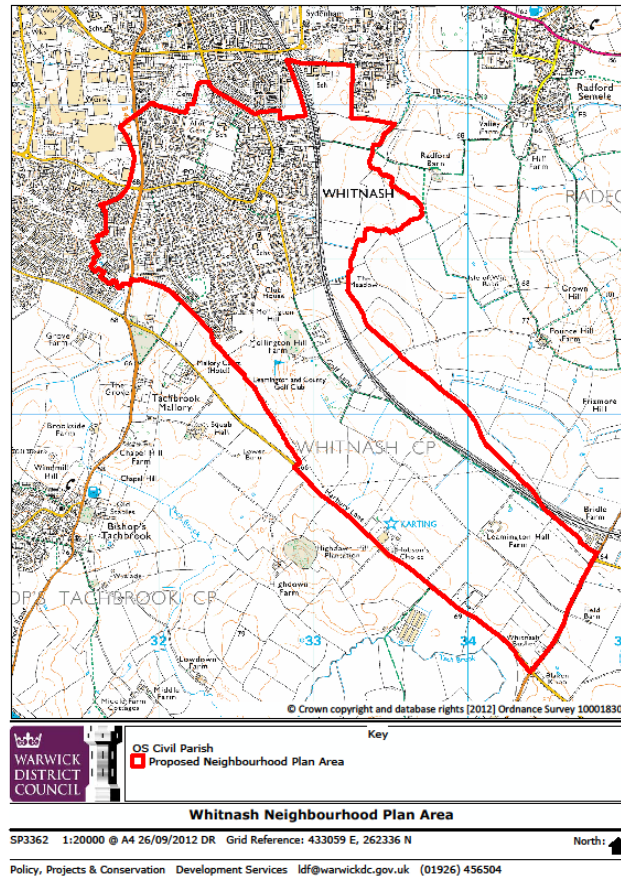
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The Planning People

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Paragraph 15 (2)¹ which defines a “consultation statement” as *a document which –*
- (a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;*
 - (b) explains how they were consulted;*
 - (c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and*
 - (d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.*
- 1.2 Whitnash Neighbourhood Development Plan has been prepared in response to the Localism Act 2011, which gives parish councils and other relevant bodies, new powers to prepare statutory Neighbourhood Plans to help guide development in their local areas. These powers give local people the opportunity to shape new development, as planning applications are determined in accordance with national planning policy and the local development plan, and neighbourhood plans form part of this Framework. Other new powers include Community Right to Build Orders whereby local communities have the ability to grant planning permission for new buildings.
- 1.3. Whitnash Town Council received £10,000 funding support from Warwick District Council towards the Neighbourhood Plan and £7000 from the Community Development Foundation. In 2012 Whitnash Town Council formally approved the preparation of a neighbourhood plan and a Steering Group was established to oversee the public consultations and preparation of the Plan. An application was made to Warwick District Council on 27 September 2012 for designation as a neighbourhood planning area. The application was approved by the District Council on 9 January 2013, after a six week consultation. Full details are available at on the District Council’s website:

¹ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/637/contents/made>

Map 1 Whitnash Designated Neighbourhood Area



2.0 Draft Neighbourhood Plan Development and Informal Public Consultation

- 2.1 Planning consultants Kirkwells were appointed in early 2013 by the Town Council to provide ongoing professional town planning support and advice. A Steering Group of interested residents and Town Councillors was set up in January 2013 and the Group met regularly throughout the preparation of the Plan period. The Steering Group was chaired by a town councillor. A brainstorming session to consider the possible scope and content of the Neighbourhood Plan was undertaken with the Town Council at the Annual Parish Meeting on 11 April 2013 and during and following this session an open invitation was extended to local residents and groups to join the Steering Group (See Appendix I). The Session identified the following key themes for the Neighbourhood Plan: Conservation, Housing, Infrastructure, Traffic, Recreational Facilities and Environment.
- 2.2 Members of the Steering Group were keen to ensure that local residents and stakeholders had opportunities to become involved in the plan throughout its preparation, and not just at consultation on the Draft Plan stage. The Neighbourhood Plan was promoted at a stall at the Community Fun Day in the summer of 2013 and flyers were handed out to residents attending the event (see Appendix I). Updates on the emerging Neighbourhood Plan and further invitations to comment and become involved were included in the Whitnash Tymes, a quarterly newsletter delivered to all local households in Whitnash, in the Spring, Summer and Autumn of 2014. These updates provided more detail on the content of the Draft Plan and are included in Appendix II.
- 2.3 Early, informal consultation on the emerging Vision, Objectives and Issues was undertaken in the summer of 2014. (see copy of the flyer in Appendix II). The leaflet was inserted into the Whitnash Tymes and published on the neighbourhood Planning page of the Town Council's website <http://www.whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood%20plan/>. Leaflets were also left in public places such as Whitnash Library and the doctors' surgery. The response rate was low but comments relating to local health provision were considered and used to inform the emerging draft plan. In addition several local residents joined the Steering Group to help take the Plan forward.
- 2.4 It was decided by the Steering Group that public consultation on Issues and Options would not be appropriate for Whitnash Neighbourhood Plan. The designated area includes a proposed strategic housing site, H03 Land east of Whitnash / South of Sydenham which has an allocation of 300

homes, as well as an allocated sites at Golf Lane in the emerging Local Plan. Options were considered by the Steering Group to be limited in terms of identifying sites for development or determining types of development, as these decisions had already been taken at a strategic level by the District Council and published in the Publication Local Plan. There would be opportunities however to promote the need for a new community hub in the town as a focus for service delivery and community facilities, and to promote improved accessibility to help ensure that new development proposals are integrated into the existing town and to protect open spaces and built and natural heritage assets of local significance.

3.0 Formal Consultation on the Whitnash Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan – Wednesday 1st October 2014 to 5pm Wednesday 12th November 2014.

3.1 The public consultation on the Whitnash Draft Neighbourhood Plan was carried out in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Pre-submission consultation and publicity, paragraph 14. This states that:

Before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body must—

(a) publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area—

(i) details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;

(ii) details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;

(iii) details of how to make representations; and

(iv) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;

(b) consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and

(c) send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.

3.2 The Whitnash Draft Neighbourhood Plan was published for formal consultation for 6 weeks from Wednesday 1st October 2014 to 5pm Wednesday 12th November 2014. The Draft Screening Report for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Neighbourhood Plan also was published for consultation with English Heritage, Natural England and the Environment Agency by Warwick District Council when the Draft Plan was published.

3.3 The Draft Neighbourhood Plan and a copy of the Response Form were available for viewing and downloading from the Whitnash Town Council website (<http://www.whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood%20plan/>)

and Warwick District Council website (http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20376/planning_policy/271/neighbourhood_plans). Screenshots of these web pages are provided in Appendix III. Consultation responses were invited using the accompanying Response Form (provided in Appendix III) to the Parish Clerk via an email to jenny.mason@whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk or by printing out and submitting to a postal address (Jenny Mason, Town Clerk, Whitnash Town Council, Franklin Road, Whitnash CV31 2JH). Written responses were also invited using the advertised postal address.

3.4 An e-mail or letter was sent to all Consultation Bodies, providing information about the consultation dates, and the locations where the Draft Plan and accompanying documents could be viewed and downloaded. Copies of the letters were sent or emailed out to local businesses and local community organisations. Respondents were invited to complete the Response Form and to submit completed forms / other comments by email or by post to the Town Clerk. A copy of the letter and the complete list of Consultation Bodies and other groups / organisations consulted is provided in Appendix III. The list was kindly provided by Warwick District Council.

3.5 The Steering Group (in discussion with their planning consultants) felt that a drop in event would not be the most effective way to consult with local residents in Whitnash. Instead other methods of raising awareness and encouraging engagement were used. Members of the Steering Group used their expertise in marketing and promotion to devise a publicity campaign to raise awareness of the Draft Plan and encourage comments. Copies of publicity and press coverage are provided in Appendix III and included the following:

- Promotion of the Draft Plan consultation in the Whitnash Tymes (Winter 2014 Issue)
- Press releases and coverage in local newspapers
- Display of a banner in a prominent location in the centre of Whitnash, near the church
- Provision of “fuzzy bugs” to all school children in local schools
- Posters displayed in local shops, town council notice boards, the library and other prominent locations.

- 3.6 The Town Council website advised that hard copies of all the documents were made available on request from the Town Clerk and that hard copies of the Draft Plan could be viewed at the Whitnash Town Council offices and Whitnash Library during normal opening times. This information was also provided on page 4 of the Draft Plan.
- 3.7 Members of the Steering group also visited local groups and organisations to promote the Draft Plan and encourage comments during the consultation period. A list of these groups visited is provided in Appendix III.
- 3.8 A copy of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Warwick District Council.

4.0 Summary of Consultation Responses to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan

4.1 In total, about 76 representations were received from 18 organisations (including Consultation Bodies, one developer and the District and County Councils) and individuals. The majority of responses made comments about the wording of the Policies and supporting text (55 responses), and 14 comments were made in support of the Plan. There were a number of constructive suggestions for changes to policy wording, supporting text or maps, which have been taken on board in the revised, Submission version of the Plan, wherever possible. There were about 7 Objections submitted, largely from the District Council and a local house builder. These were in relation to:

- Draft Policy W6 and accompanying Map 7 which supported the protection and enhancement of Whitnash Brook and Brook Valley. The objections related to the inclusion of an area of land shown on Map 7 Brook Valley which is outside the designated neighbourhood area for Whitnash, and land which is identified for proposed housing development in the emerging Local Plan. The Submission Plan has been amended in response to the objections in consultation with the District Council and the Map now refers only to that area of land within Whitnash designated neighbourhood area, and which includes the Brook Valley Nature reserve and Proposed Wildlife Buffer Zone.
- Draft Policy W7 and accompanying Map 8 which identify areas of local greenspace for protection under the NPPF including the Brook Valley area (as above) and the Leamington Football Club Ground which has been identified as a preferred site for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation. The Policy and accompanying map have been amended in response to these objections with the removal of the sites in question from the list of proposed local greenspaces.
- The Basic Conditions. A local house builder objected on the grounds that the Submission Plan would not meet the Basic Conditions as there was insufficient consultation and engagement during the early stages of the emerging Draft Plan, the Regulation 14 Draft Plan Consultation was not publicised correctly and the Draft Plan (specifically Draft Policies W6 and W7) were not in general conformity with the NPPF and emerging policies and site allocations in the Local Plan. As above, these policies and maps have been amended in the Submission Plan.

- 4.2 Representations from local residents included suggestions for improved access to health services, the need for better accessibility for and inclusion of communities in the rural area to the south of Whitnash, and support for the protection and enhancement of Whitnash Brook Nature Reserve and surrounding.
- 4.3 Representations from Consultation Bodies on the whole provided a range of constructive comments, the vast majority of which have been taken on board by the Parish Council in amending the Neighbourhood Plan. Consultation Bodies and other organisations which submitted representations included Warwickshire County Council, English Heritage, Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Sport England, Coal Authority and English Nature, as well as Warwick District Council.
- 4.4 Table 1 below sets out the responses submitted to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, together with information about how these responses have been considered by the Town Council and have informed the amendments to the Submission Neighbourhood Plan.
- 4.5 Table 2 sets out responses from the Consultation Bodies to the SEA Screening Report prepared by Warwick District Council. Responses were received from Natural England and English Heritage and both bodies were satisfied that the local planning authority's conclusion that an SEA would not be required was appropriate. There was no response received from the Environment Agency.

Table 1 Consultation Responses and Consideration of Responses, Whitnash Draft Neighbourhood Plan,

Regulation 14 Consultation 1st October to 12th November 2014

Consultee Name & Address / Ref No.	Page /	Vision/ Objective/ Policy Number	Support / Object Comment	Comments received	Town Council Consideration	Amendments to Neighbourhood Plan
Canon T & Mrs AP Mander 59 Murcott Road East Whitnash CV31 2JJ	P.8		Comment	Would it be possible to have a Bus Route from Shires Retail Park, through Whitnash and out to Calder Walk, Sydenham – Dr’s Surgery? These journeys currently entail going into town and out on a different route – very time consuming.	Partially accepted. Objective 8 Includes Promoting Public Transport and the supporting text mentions that the Parish Council is keen to promote improvements in local bus services. Policy W10 advises that developer contributions will be sought which support improvements to local bus service provision. The Town Council will include this suggestion in any discussions with local bus service operators (as noted in para 5.3.8) but it would not be appropriate to	No change to the main body of the text. Include the suggestion in a new Appendix – Actions for the Town Council.

					<p>include this level of detail for a single route in the neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Specific actions for the Town Council arising from the public consultation process (including this suggestion) will be included as an Appendix to the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	
<p>Steve Pearce Asset Manager Highways Agency The Cube 199 Wharfside Street Birmingham B1 1RN</p>			Support	No specific comments – refer to Highways Agency’s Letter	Noted.	No change.
<p>Paul Newton 15 Fieldgate Lane Whitnash</p>	<p>P.18 Para 5.1.3</p>	HS6	Comment	The discussion refers to the need for a new Community Hub, and associates it to policy HS6. This refers to the need for good access to healthcare facilities, but nowhere in the plan is there any mention or review of	<p>Accepted.</p> <p>Healthcare requirements associated with proposed new housing development within and around Whitnash are set out in the Warwick District Council</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Insert into list in 3rd bullet pt of para 5.1.5: “healthcare and” Clinic Facilities.</p>

				<p>the healthcare requirements for the town.</p> <p>Currently, there is one doctors' surgery and one dentist in the town. Will this be sufficient, both numerically and geographically, as the number of households increases, particularly with the new developments around the town?</p> <p>There are no opticians or hearing services within the town. Again, with the growth in the number of people, and particularly as the population ages, is this acceptable?</p> <p>We are also dependant on Warwick Hospital for many more serious medical situations. There is no direct bus service between the town and the hospital. Again, is the acceptable?</p>	<p>Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan</p> <p>April 2014. Under Health, there is a proposal (H6 Leamington) for the expansion of existing medical centres in Leamington or provision of new facility under phase 2 (cost £2m).</p> <p>The details of this proposal have yet to be determined but it may be appropriate to include "health services" in the list of potential facilities at the Community Hub, in order to support such services at this location, should it be appropriate.</p>	<p>Insert new supporting text for the Community Hub after para 5.1.5:</p> <p>"Currently, there is one doctors' surgery, one dentist and no opticians or hearing services in Whitnash. There are concerns that this may not be sufficient, both numerically and geographically, as the number of households increase as a result of the proposed new development in and around Whitnash. Local residents are dependent on Warwick Hospital for serious medical conditions and there is no direct bus service between the town and the hospital.</p> <p>The Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan (April 2014) identifies a proposal (H6 Leamington) for the expansion of existing</p>
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				<p>While these are probably outside Whitnash Town Council's direct control, surely they should be considered along with the other big issues affecting the people of the town.</p>		<p>medical centres in Leamington or provision of new facility under phase 2 (cost £2m). The details of this proposal have yet to be determined but including possible healthcare provision at the proposed community hub would support such a proposal in this same location as other local services, should it come forward.”</p> <p>Amend Policy W1 to include “healthcare facilities”.</p>
<p>Gillian Barker 12 Avon Road Whitnash CV31 2NJ</p>	<p>P.31 to P. 36</p>		<p>Support/ Comment</p>	<p>Can I thank the individuals who have produced this document. It shows a clear understanding of how Whitnash needs to be both ‘unchanging’ to protect its assets yet dynamic enough to move forward. I support in particular the enhancement and enlargement of the Brook Valley corridor. Its use as an area for leisure will act as a way of protecting</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>No change.</p>

				<p>historically important features and also acting as a buffer between Whitnash, Radford Semele and Sydenham. However, I hope that this tract of land does not become Sydenham. Also, the adoption of other paths through the town despite then losing a certain 'quaintness' will add a connectedness that does not necessarily require a car journey.</p> <p>The proposals throughout this document give a great deal of hope for the viable future of the Town despite it being 'assaulted' on all sides by development which does not always appear to show the values expressed in this document like 'commitment to excellence' , ' realistic numbers and mix of housing'.....</p> <p>The need for a centre for various essential bodies is paramount – as we get</p>		
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				bigger we need a hub of activity.		
Brenda Sparkes 61 Greville Smith Avenue, Whitnash CV31 2HQ	P.7 Para		Comment	More activities are needed for teenagers.	Noted. The Plan supports proposals for a new Community Hub in Policy W1, improved linkages to the country park in Policy W5, provides protection to local community facilities in Policy W2 and promotes improved accessibility for all in Policy W10. All these Policies would support improved provision for local teenagers.	No change.
Brenda Sparkes 61 Greville Smith Avenue, Whitnash CV31 2HQ	P.13 Para 4.1	Policy No. W1	Support		Noted.	No change.
Brenda Sparkes 61 Greville Smith Avenue, Whitnash CV31 2HQ	P.14 Para 5	Policy No. W6	Support		Noted.	No change.

Brenda Sparkes 61 Greville Smith Avenue, Whitnash CV31 2HQ	P.15 Para 7	W10	Comment	There is a need for more cycle paths around Whitnash. This would encourage more people to cycle and reduce the use of travelling locally by car.	Noted. Policies W5 and W10 support improvements to local cycle paths.	No change.
Brenda Sparkes 61 Greville Smith Avenue, Whitnash CV31 2HQ	P.29 Para 5.2.12	W5	Support		Noted.	No change.
Brenda Sparkes 61 Greville Smith Avenue, Whitnash CV31 2HQ	P.31 Para 5.2.17	W6	Comment	This area should be preserved for its history and also a nature reserve for the wild life. Preserve the holy well and surrounding water meadow. Dredge the horsepool to help alleviate flooding. Build a historical centre and museum close by.	Accepted. Amend supporting text of para 5.2.21 to include the suggestions.	Amend Plan. Insert into 5.2.21: “The consultation on the Draft Plan also provided support and suggestions for this area including: - preserving the area’s history - providing a nature reserve for the wildlife, - preserving the holy well and surrounding water meadow and dredging the

						<p>horsepool to help alleviate flooding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - building a historical centre and museum close by.” <p>Insert in W5 bullet points:</p> <p>“Provision of education and interpretation facilities in the area”.</p>
<p>Brenda Sparkes</p> <p>61 Greville Smith Avenue, Whitnash</p> <p>CV31 2HQ</p>	<p>P.39</p> <p>Para</p> <p>5.3.1</p>	W10	Comment	<p>More adequate parking is required in Whitnash. I suggest building a multi storey car park e.g. on the spare land at the bottom of Dobson lane or at the existing Acre Close car park beside the Community Hall.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Policy W1 supports improved parking provision as part of proposals for the new Community Hub. However a multi storey car park would require very careful consideration and this is not something that the Town Council would necessarily support at this stage in the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>No change.</p>

Brenda Sparkes 61 Greville Smith Avenue, Whitnash CV31 2HQ	P.44	W11	Comment	This is required for young people and the elderly.	Noted.	No change.
Brenda Sparkes 61 Greville Smith Avenue, Whitnash CV31 2HQ	P.48	W15	Support		Noted.	No change.
Cllr Stephen McFadden 2 Moorhill Road Whitnash CV31 2LG	P. 31 To P.33	W6	Support	The Brook Valley, Holy Well, Mill Dam Fields, Roman Villa are all of significant historical importance to Whitnash and must be protected and enhanced. Housing Developments in this area should be restricted and the nature reserve extended	Noted. Refer to comments from Warwick District Council and AC Lloyd Home below. Policy W6 should be amended to ensure the Submitted Plan is in general conformity with the emerging strategic policies of the Warwick District Local Plan.	See proposed amendments to Policy W6 and supporting text below.
Cllr Stephen McFadden 2 Moorhill Road Whitnash	P. 26 Para 5.2.7		Support	Whitnash should welcome and promote the opportunity for Leamington FC to develop and improve their facility on Harbury Lane. If	Noted. Refer to comments from Warwick District Council below in	Amend Plan.

CV31 2LG				<p>the club re-locates the ground should be preserved as a sporting facility for the community of Whitnash. It could be used by other local teams such as Whitnash FC.</p>	<p>relation to football club site and the proposed allocation as a Gypsy and Traveller site.</p> <p>However the loss of this facility and associated open space is a concern of the Town Council and re-provision of at least equivalent sports facilities and open space will be required if the site is developed for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation.</p>	<p>Insert into supporting text for Policy W8:</p> <p>“Warwick District Council has recently allocated the Leamington Football Club site on Harbury Lane for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation should the Club relocate (see Site GT04 land at Harbury Lane / Fosse way in “Sites for Gypsies and Travellers Preferred Options for Sites, March 2014”) http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20416/evidence_base/733/gypsy_and_traveller_site_allocations</p> <p>. The potential loss of this facility is a significant concern to the Town Council and re-provision of at least equivalent sports facilities and open space will be required within Whitnash if the site is developed for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation in the future.”</p>
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						<p>Insert into Policy W8:</p> <p>“Development proposals for gypsy and traveller accommodation at the Leamington Football Club ground should be carefully planned and designed to maximise the retention of green space on site.</p> <p>Any proposals for the development of existing open space, sports and recreational facilities which would result in the loss of such facilities on that site will be required to provide new facilities to at least the same standard in terms of quality and quantity on an alternative, accessible site within Whitnash.</p>
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<p>Cllr Stephen McFadden 2 Moorhill Road Whitnash CV31 2LG</p>	<p>P. 18 Para 5.1</p>	<p>W2</p>	<p>Comment</p>	<p>I think the best location for a Town Centre is in the vicinity of Heathcote Road/Acre Close shops. If Home Farm shops could be converted to housing and other houses close to Heathcote Road shops be converted to 'Retail Units', this would allow a Town Centre to develop.</p>	<p>Noted. The feasibility study for the proposed Community Hub will take such into more detailed consideration.</p>	<p>No change. Note for SG – is there any updated information from the feasibility study which we need to build into the Plan?</p>
<p>Cllr Stephen McFadden 2 Moorhill Road Whitnash CV31 2LG</p>	<p>P. 16</p>	<p>Objective 10</p>	<p>Comment</p>	<p>Objective 10 refers to suitable housing mix. However it makes no reference to 2nd homes/Buy-to-Let properties, which I feel needs to be discouraged to maintain a supply of local housing for local buyers. The St. Ives N.P. included a line banning sales of houses to outside investors – perhaps Whitnash should do something similar!</p>	<p>Not accepted. There is no evidence at the current time that Whitnash has a shortage of market housing for local residents due to large numbers of buy to let / second homes in the town. Tenure is not something the NDP should address. Warwick District Council planning policies address Affordable Housing Provision and include requirements for developers to provide a mix house types, sizes and tenures to meet the District's needs in line with the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA).</p>	<p>No change.</p>

<p>Cllr Stephen McFadden 2 Moorhill Road Whitnash CV31 2LG</p>	<p>P. 39 Para 5.3.3</p>	<p>W10</p>	<p>Comment</p>	<p>The text (p39, section 5.3.3) makes reference to a future railway station for Whitnash, but draft policy W10 does not refer to it at all. I think a railway station represents a fantastic opportunity for the future of the Town and its residents.</p>	<p>Accepted.</p> <p>Refer to the comments submitted by Warwick District Council below concerning raising expectations for a proposal which is unlikely to be progressed.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend Policy W10 to include additional bullet point:</p> <p>“Working towards the provision of a new station facility on the Coventry / Oxford / London rail line over the longer term in partnership with rail service providers and other agencies”.</p>
<p>Peter & Sue Grimby Upper Blacon Fosse Way Leamington Spa CV33 9JP</p>			<p>Comment</p>	<p>General - The plan focuses, perhaps understandably, on the town where the majority of the population live. However, there is a rural community, albeit small, living to the south-east of Whitnash town which receives little apparent recognition. This community, mainly living close to and along the Fosse Way looks to Harbury 2.1miles away as its natural centre and not Whitnash 3.6 miles away. The area was originally linked to the centre of Whitnash by a</p>	<p>Partially accepted.</p> <p>The Town Council and Steering Group promoted the NDP throughout the preparation period and held at least 2 open launch events to invite any interested local residents to join the group. These were promoted in the Whitnash Tymes and on the Town Council’s website.</p> <p>However the Town Council accepts that the Plan focusses</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Insert after para 5.3.4:</p> <p>“Consultation on the Draft Plan demonstrated that residents in the rural area to the south of Whitnash would like to see improved linkages to the town and local facilities. The area is home to about 25-30 residents and was originally linked to the centre of Whitnash by a road to Fosse Farm, Whitnash (now</p>

				<p>road to Fosse Farm, Whitnash (now Leamington Hall Farm) shown in the Ordnance Survey map of 1890 (ref 1) but subsequently lost, possibly when the Harbury Lane airfield (Bonniksen's Aerodrome) was constructed around 1933 (ref 2). As a result, we all have to drive 2.5-3.0 miles (there is no continuous footpath or suitable public transport) through the edges of Harbury and Bishops Tachbrook and Warwick to even enter Whitnash town.</p> <p>Nevertheless, Whitnash has a responsibility to recognise this community and endeavour to make it feel inclusive, something that has not occurred in the 20+ years we have lived here. Presumably the steering group contained nobody from this rural community and it appears that no-one has investigated or</p>	<p>largely on the urban area, although the Plan also promotes improved accessibility to the surrounding countryside in Policies W5, W10 etc.</p> <p>W10 should therefore be amended to include the suggestions for improved accessibility linking the rural area to local facilities in the town.</p>	<p>Leamington Hall Farm) shown in the Ordnance Survey map of 1890 but subsequently lost, possibly when the Harbury Lane airfield (Bonniksen's Aerodrome) was constructed around 1933. As a result, residents have to drive 2.5-3.0 miles (there is no continuous footpath or suitable public transport) through the edges of Harbury and Bishops Tachbrook and Warwick to even enter Whitnash town. The Plan should therefore support proposals for improved foot and cycle networks linking the rural community to the local facilities in Whitnash.</p> <p>Amend Policy W10 to include the bullet point:</p> <p>“Enhancing accessibility between the rural community to the south of Whitnash and facilities in the town,</p>
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				recognised the existence of this community.		particularly through linkages to new and existing walking and cycling networks”.
Peter & Sue Grimby Upper Blacon Fosse Way Leamington Spa CV33 9JP	P. 21 Para		Comment	This section mentions protecting the Leamington Football Club site from a change of use and we deplore Warwick DC’s proposal to turn it into a Gypsy and Traveller site. We thus support draft policy W7 which aims to protect fields and the football club site from this new development which would definitely impact adversely on the openness of this area. If the football club decide to leave the site we would prefer its reversion back to farmland which is more in keeping with the surrounding countryside, protecting the ‘Fosse Way Corridor’ and the view from Chesterton windmill.	Partially accepted. Refer to Warwick District Council’s comments. Policy W7 should be amended to ensure the NDP is in general conformity with emerging strategic policies in the Local Plan and proposed site allocation for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation. However Policy W9 should be amended to make reference to protecting the “Fosse Way Corridor” and the view from Chesterton Windmill.	Amend Plan. Amend Policy W9 to include new point 5: “Proposals for new development on open land to the south of Whitnash should demonstrate consideration of the historic route of the Fosse way corridor and ensure views from nearby Chesterton windmill towards the area are protected”.
Peter & Sue Grimby Upper Blacon Fosse Way	P. 24 Para		Comment	Most of the residences referred to above have historical value and are older than the majority of properties in	Accepted. Include suggested properties in paragraph 5.2.4.	Amend Plan.

<p>Leamington Spa CV33 9JP</p>				<p>Whitnash (see Ordnance Survey 1890 (Ref 1)). Leamington Hall Farmhouse, the adjacent barns which have been converted into 4 additional residences and the barn in which we live were all probably built pre-1860 (census records indicate Fosse Farm, Whitnash was occupied in 1861 and maybe earlier) and are part of Whitnash's heritage. Leamington Hall Farm, formerly known as Fosse Farm, Whitnash (ref 1), was one of the farms inherited by Henry Eyres Landor from his mother prior to 1820 when he purchased the manor of Whitnash from Henry Willes (Ref 3). As attested in the census records (Ref 4) the farm was looked after by a bailiff or farm manager through the second half of the 19th century. This land is overlooked by the iconic Chesterton Windmill and, in our opinion, views from</p>		<p>Insert into para 5.2.4: Leamington Hall Farmhouse and adjacent buildings.</p>
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				<p>this heritage site should be protected.</p> <p>When we purchased our converted barn in 1992 we were told by the planners that we would not be allowed a porch, conservatory etc. as the property had to remain looking like a barn and farm buildings so it was in keeping with the countryside and 'Fosse Way Corridor'.</p>		
<p>Peter & Sue Grimbly Upper Blacon Fosse Way Leamington Spa CV33 9JP</p>	<p>P. 33</p>		<p>Comment</p>	<p>Map 8 shows the whole area to the south-east beyond the golf club as 'Arable land and Football Club' coloured green. As noted above there is a small but significant community of properties including several buildings of historic significance. We would like to see these properties not shaded green on the map but given the same prominence as other buildings shown on this map. Furthermore while all the land is technically arable i.e. capable of being ploughed for the growing of</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Refer to Warwick DC comments below.</p> <p>Map 8 should be amended to include only the areas proposed for protection as local greenspaces.</p> <p>Site 8 should be amended to take into consideration the proposed Gypsy and Traveller site allocation and</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend Map 8:</p> <p>Amend Site 8. To include only that area not included in the proposed site for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation and to exclude the properties as requested.</p>

				crops, around 40% of the area described as “Arable land and Football Club” adjacent to the Fosse Way is permanent pasture used for grazing sheep and polo ponies.	remove other buildings from the area shaded green. Amend key as suggested.	Amend key for Site 8. To “Arable and Grazing Land”.
Peter & Sue Grimby Upper Blacon Fosse Way Leamington Spa CV33 9JP	P. 36		Comment	The area gets a brief mention as a recreation area and the non-residential football club gets a mention but again ignores the fact that there are 9-10 significant private residences located within (with a market value in excess of £500K and high community tax bands), with a total population of 25 – 30 people.	Accepted. Amend para 5.2.24 to refer to local residential community.	Amend Plan. Insert into para 5.2.24: “The area also includes a small community of about 25 to 30 local residents living in several small scattered hamlets and converted farm buildings”.
Peter & Sue Grimby Upper Blacon Fosse Way Leamington Spa CV33 9JP	P. 44		Comment	Having spoken with some of the businessmen operating from the Hangers we support your plans to increase the number of businesses run in the area, particularly on the Harbury Lane Hangar site but fear these plans could be jeopardized if the proposed G & T site goes ahead.	Noted.	No change.

<p>G. B. Bolland 42 Home Farm Crescent Whitnash CV31 2QW</p>	<p>P. 31 Para</p>		<p>Comment</p>	<p>Unless the whole of the area lying between the railway and Whitnash Brook and to the south of the Whitnash to Radford Semele bridleway is taken out of the WDC Local Plan as a Proposed Development Site then the current recreational use by Whitnash residents of the bridleway and Brook Valley will be discouraged because they would have to pass through a long, new built-up area to reach open country. Such development alongside the Whitnash community, but not part of it, would effectively cut off Whitnash from an important part of its Green and Historical Infrastructure. Development would also destroy the rural view from Black Bridge (P36) the point at which Whitnash makes contact with its countryside.</p>	<p>Partially accepted.</p> <p>The NDP has to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the local plan and take account of the emerging local plan and site allocations.</p> <p>However Policy W6 supports the protection and enhancement of Brook Valley and supports improvements to several cycle and walking routes in this area. The Policy should include reference to the bridleway suggested in the comment.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Insert additional text into Policy W6:</p> <p>“The route of the Brook Valley bridleway linking Whitnash to Radford Semele is protected. The route will remain open in character and should not follow an enclosed narrow corridor between high walls or other visually intrusive and inappropriately high boundary treatment through the proposed housing estate. Views towards Black Bridge from the Bridle path are protected”.</p>
<p>G. B. Bolland</p>	<p>P. 31</p>		<p>Comment</p>	<p>The excellent proposals contained in these paragraphs would give easy access to the</p>	<p>Noted and accepted.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p>

42 Home Farm Crescent Whitnash CV31 2QW	Para's 5.2.19 5.2.21 5.2.25			<p>Brook Valley area (Map 7, p31) to many Whitnash residents who live some distance from Church Lane. In time, the proposed cycleway and footpath running along Whitnash Brook to Radford Road could be extended northwards to Newbold Comyn so providing Leamington residents with a green link to attractive countryside as in the past. The walk from Leamington to Whitnash, as described by the American author Nathaniel Hawthorne, was very popular with earlier generations.</p> <p>As regards the existing cycleway from Fieldgate Lane to the Fosse Way, it is hoped that WTC, WDC and WCC might work together to obtain a permissive right-of-way from the bridge under the railway about a mile south of Fieldgate Lane for the short distance from the bridge to the footpaths that, at present, are only accessible from the Brook</p>	Amend Policy W6 in line with the suggestions in the comment, making reference to extending the footpath from Whitnash Brook to Newbold Comyn, and supporting the principle of a permissive right-of-way from the bridge under the railway about a mile south of Fieldgate Lane to provide a longer circular route.	<p>Amend Policy W6 to include the following bullet points:</p> <p>“Extension of the footpath from Whitnash Brook northwards to Newbold Comyn”</p> <p>“A permissive right-of-way from the bridge under the railway about a mile south of Fieldgate Lane to provide a longer circular route.”</p> <p>Insert a new map showing the routes.</p>
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				Valley area. This would provide a longer circular route for walkers than that obtainable by using only the paths described previously.		
G. B. Bolland 42 Home Farm Crescent Whitnash CV31 2QW	P. 37 Para		Comment	<p>The passage in item 8.9 starting with the words "potential to retain the separate identity of Radford" should include Whitnash.</p> <p>These proposals taken together would lead to the retention of our links to the open countryside for recreational and educational purposes, to the benefit of children from local schools, and so assist in the task of reconnecting young people to the natural environment.</p> <p>There are also benefits for the larger community in retaining and enhancing easy access to the countryside at probably the only remaining part of the Leamington, Warwick,</p>	<p>Not accepted.</p> <p>This passage is an extract from a published document and it would not be appropriate to amend the wording as suggested.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	No change.

				<p>Whitnash conurbation where this is still possible.</p> <p>We and our children have enjoyed this rural part of the town in the past and we trust that this will continue to be possible for future generations.</p>		
<p>G. B. Bolland 42 Home Farm Crescent Whitnash CV31 2QW</p>			<p>Support</p>	<p>I <u>support</u> the main proposals of the Whitnash Neighbourhood Development plan 2014 and in particular the paragraphs listed below.</p> <p>5.2.16</p> <p>5.2.17 If <u>all</u> the area shown in pink on Map 7 (Brook Valley) is to be included as open green space</p> <p>5.2.19 Concerning the proposed bridge over the brook and the ramblers' shelter</p> <p>5.2.21 Regarding the nature trail and wild-flower meadow</p> <p>5.2.22 Enhanced cycle ways</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>5.2.17 – refer to Warwick DC comments below – Map 7 will be amended to bring the NDP into conformity with the new Local Plan and proposed site allocations.</p> <p>5.2.23 - refer to Warwick DC comments below – Map 8 will be amended to bring the NDP into conformity with the new Local Plan and proposed site allocations.</p>	<p>No change as a result of these comments but Plan to be amended in line with Warwick DC comments below.</p>

				<p>5.2.23 If Area 5 (Whitnash Brook Valley) is to be included as open green space</p> <p>5.2.24</p> <p>5.2.25</p> <p>5.2.26</p>		
<p>Chris Wightman Planning Adviser Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership Cheylesmore House 5 Quinton Road Cheylesmore Coventry CV1 2WR</p>			<p>Comment</p>	<p>The Whitnash Neighbourhood Plan provides a positive vision for the future of the area and utilises appropriate evidence to develop policies to assist future decision making. In particular CWLEP welcomes the policy support for small to medium scale employment provision (Policy W12).</p> <p>The draft Neighbourhood Plan, however, comprises policies that are not consistent with the Warwick District Council Publication Draft Local Plan (April 2014) and the Sites for Gypsies and Travellers Preferred Options (March 2014). In particular this relates to the designation</p>	<p>Noted and Accepted.</p> <p>Policy W7 and Map 8 will be amended in line with Warwick DC comments below.</p> <p>Policy W13 is not referred to in Warwick DC comments below and therefore it is assumed that the local planning authority are comfortable with the wording.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend Policy W7 and Map 8 in line with Warwick DC comments below.</p> <p>No change to Policy W13.</p>

				<p>of green spaces (and associated policies).</p> <p>The intent of the Neighbourhood Plan is acknowledged in seeking to preserve the character of the area, however, this fails to address the broader spatial planning needs within Warwick District and the broader Coventry and Warwickshire sub region to provide an adequate level of housing to support sustainable growth. CWLEP therefore recommends a review of the following areas:</p> <p>Green Space Designations.</p> <p>The draft policy and supporting text/maps should be reviewed to reflect the Warwick District Council Draft Local Plan and Preferred Options for Gypsy and Traveller Sites.</p>		
	P. 34	W7				

	P. 35	W13		<p>Encouraging a mix of uses.</p> <p>The draft policy and supporting text/maps should be reviewed to reflect the Warwick District Council Draft Local Plan.</p>		
James Morris Planning Manager Sport England			Comment	<p>Planning Policy in the National Planning Policy Framework identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process and providing enough sports facilities of</p>	<p>Accepted.</p> <p>The supporting text for Policy W7 should be amended to include the text as suggested.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Insert after Policy W6 additional supporting text:</p> <p>“The National Planning Policy Framework identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through</p>

				<p>the right quality and type and in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means positive planning for sport, protection from unnecessary loss of sports facilities and an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land and community facilities provision is important.</p> <p>It is important therefore that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects national policy for sport as set out in the above document with particular reference to Pars 73 and 74 to ensure proposals comply with National Planning Policy. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing fields (see link below), as set out in our national guide, 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of</p>		<p>walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process and providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type and in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means positive planning for sport, protection from unnecessary loss of sports facilities and an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land and community facilities provision is important.</p> <p>It is important therefore that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects national policy for sport as set out in the above document with particular reference to Paras 73 and 74 to ensure proposals comply with National Planning Policy."</p>
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				<p>England – Planning Policy Statement’.</p> <p>http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/development-management/planning-applications/playing-field-land/</p> <p>Sport England provides guidance on developing policy for sport and further information can be found following the link below:</p> <p>http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/</p> <p>Sport England works with Local Authorities to ensure Local Plan policy is underpinned by robust and up to date assessments and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports delivery. If local authorities have prepared a Playing Pitch Strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports strategy it will be</p>		<p>Insert also:</p> <p>“ The Warwick District Council Greenspace Strategy 2012 – 2026 notes in para 1.4 that “Green spaces are important to people and the environment for a host of reasons and provide places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where people can become healthier; - Where the natural and built environments can connect; - Where people can meet, engage and integrate; - That help us learn social skills with our peers; - That stimulate minds, helping us explore and learn new skills; - Which can help counteract the effects of climate change;
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				<p>important that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the recommendations set out in that document and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support the delivery of those recommendations.</p> <p>http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/</p> <p>If new sports facilities are being proposed Sport England recommend you ensure such facilities are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.</p> <p>http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That act as a focus for community events and activities; - That host and preserve our shared cultural heritage; - That contribute positively to the conservation of habitats and species; - Which enhance the visual value of our landscape and townscape. <p>The Greenspace Strategy has a number of recommendations including:</p> <p>The District Council</p> <p>A will seek to provide sufficient accessible green space to meet current and future demand,</p> <p>B will seek to maintain and raise the quality of all green spaces</p> <p>C will work in partnership to develop and manage a</p>
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						<p>continuous network for people and wildlife and</p> <p>D will work in partnership with the community, governing bodies and stakeholders to develop, manage and promote green spaces.”</p>
English Heritage West Midlands Region			Support / Comment	<p>We consider that the Draft Plan generally has good coverage of the historic environment and we particularly commend the adoption of a Local Heritage List. We share the view that the heritage assets (both designated and undesignated) of the whole parish and not just the designated conservation area are worthy of recognition and deserve appropriate and proportionate consideration. This approach also provides a more meaningful evidence base and a better context for associated policies in the Plan.</p>	<p>Accepted.</p> <p>The Plan should be amended to include reference to the Warwickshire CC Historic Environment Record (HER), Warwickshire County Council Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC) and any more detailed Historic Environment Character Assessments carried out for Whitnash, and Extensive Urban Survey.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Insert after Para 5.2.4:</p> <p>“The Warwickshire County Council Historic Environment Record (insert reference http://timetrail.warwickshire.gov.uk/searchAdvanced.aspx) provides a range of information on local heritage assets and identifies 22 records for Whitnash Parish including the possible extent of the medieval settlement of Whitnash, the site of an ancient holy well by the side of Whitnash Brook 400m to the east of Whitnash, a signal box</p>

				<p>That said, we note that the whole range of heritage assets in the Parish will be recorded in the Warwickshire County Council Historic Environment Record (HER) and it is not clear that this source has actually been consulted. Such consultation could well reveal further undesignated heritage assets that might justify inclusion in the Local Heritage List. There is also no reference to the Warwickshire County Council Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC) or more detailed Historic Environment Character Assessments that may have been carried out for Whitnash in order to identify potentially sensitive areas of historic landscape significance. We also believe that the County Council has completed an Extensive Urban Survey (EUS) of Leamington Spa including Whitnash. This will contain very detailed</p>		<p>800m southwest of Frizmore Hill, Radford Semele and the site of Whitnash/Radford Semele Watermill. A list of heritage assets from the HER is provided in Appendix V and the full record is available on the Town Council’s website as a background document. The list may provide a number of other potential local assets and these will be given further consideration by the Town Council in consultation with Warwick District Council.”</p> <p>Insert text after para 5.2.26:</p> <p>“The Warwickshire County Council Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC) project (insert reference http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/archaeology/historic-environment-</p>
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				<p>historical, morphological and archaeological analyses. Ben Wallace the County HER Manager is the relevant Officer in relation to all this and I have copied him into the e-mail that accompanies this letter. We strongly urge you to speak to him about your Draft Plan before proceeding further.</p>		<p>record/historic-environment-record-projects/historic-environment-record-historic-landscape-characterisation-hlc/) identifies that Whitnash includes the following historic landscape character types, indicated on Map 9 below: Map 10 also indicates potentially sensitive areas of historic landscape significance, including extant areas of ridge and furrow.</p> <p>Insert new Maps as provided by WCC.</p>
		W3	Comment	<p>Turning to the policies in the Draft Plan we have some relatively minor comments to make. In relation to Draft Policy W3 Local Heritage List we suggest that rather than use the relatively weak word “should” it would be entirely justifiable to strengthen the wording</p>	<p>Accepted.</p> <p>Amend Policy W3 to include “will be resisted”.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend last sentence of Policy W3 to:</p> <p>“Loss of non-designated heritage assets (locally listed</p>

				of the last sentence to read will be resisted.		buildings) will be resisted.”
		W4	Comment	Regarding Draft Policy W4 Building Design Principles we would just comment that the principles of good design are applicable everywhere and not just within or near conservation areas. Therefore we suggest changing the wording of the first sentence of the policy to read, “All new development proposals and particularly those within or in close proximity to.....”. In section 1. of the Policy we suggest “.....reinforce the local distinctiveness of the Parish and particularly the Conservation Area....”. In the same vein we suggest in section 4 “Building alterations or extensions particularly in the Conservation Area....”.	Accepted. Amend Policy W4 to suggested wording.	Amend Plan. Amend Policy W4 to: First sentence: “All new development proposals <u>and particularly those</u> within or in close proximity to Whitnash Church Green and Chapel Green Conservation Area” Section 1. of the Policy: “New development should enhance and reinforce the local distinctiveness of the <u>Parish and particularly</u> the Conservation Area....”

						Section 4. of the Policy: “Building alterations or extensions particularly in the Conservation Area....”.
		W3	Comment	<p>We note with interest and commend the fact that the wording of this policy closely follows that in the Chaddesley Corbett NP “made” by Wyre Forest District Council in September 2014.</p> <p>You may like to consider adopting a further policy should, as is highly likely, your discussions with Ben Wallace at the HER reveal extensive archaeological potential in Whitnash viz:</p> <p>Chaddesley Corbett- Policy CC8 (7)</p> <p>“New development must take account of known surface and sub-surface archaeology, and ensure</p>	<p>Noted and Accepted.</p> <p>However rather than introduce a new Policy, amend Policy W3 to:</p> <p>“Protecting Local Heritage and Identifying a Local Heritage List” and insert text as suggested.</p>	<p>Amend Policy W3 to:</p> <p>“Policy W3 Protecting Local Heritage and Identifying a Local Heritage List”</p> <p>Insert as new first paragraph:</p> <p>“New development must take account of known surface and sub-surface archaeology, and ensure unknown and potentially significant deposits are identified and appropriately considered during development. Lack of current evidence of sub-surface archaeology must not be taken as proof of absence.”</p>

				unknown and potentially significant deposits are identified and appropriately considered during development. Lack of current evidence of sub-surface archaeology must not be taken as proof of absence”.		
		W6	Comment	In that context we were very interested to learn of the history of the Brook Valley and its’ heritage assets and commend the references to Green Infrastructure approaches. As you note this would include providing “opportunities for understanding, promoting and managing the historic environment”. It would, therefore, in our view be appropriate to directly reference this perhaps in relation to a heritage trail or on-site interpretation within Draft Policy W6- Protection and Enhancement of Whitnash Brook and Brook Valley.	Noted and Accepted. Amend Policy W6 as suggested.	Amend Plan. Amend Policy W6. Insert additional bullet point at the beginning: “Provision of a heritage trail or on-site interpretation to improve opportunities for understanding, promoting and managing the historic environment”.

		W9	Comment	<p>Finally, with reference to Draft Policy W9- Landscape Design Principles we urge you to recognise the contribution to the environment made by the historic landscape by rewording section 1. of the policy to read:</p> <p>“Local habitats and wildlife and landscape features of the historic environment should be preserved and enhanced”.</p> <p>I hope you find this advice helpful. If you have any queries about this matter or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>	<p>Noted and Accepted.</p> <p>Amend Plan to include wording as suggested.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend Policy W9 section 1 to:</p> <p>“Local habitats and wildlife and landscape features of the historic environment should be preserved and enhanced”.</p>
The Coal Authority 200 Lichfield Lane Berry Hill Mansfield Nottinghamshire NG18 4RG			Comment	Response received – No comments to make	Noted.	No change.

<p>Lorna Coldicott Senior Planner WDC Riverside House Milverton Hill Leamington Spa CV32 5HQ</p>	<p>P. 8</p>		<p>Comment</p>	<p>The best way to approach changes to the boundary if you are going ahead with a Plan in advance of these changes, is to plan for the area which will stay the same and only add in new areas once the boundaries have been confirmed. This means that the plan will not need review in the same way it would if areas which are now included which will not be in future and vice versa are incorporated into the planned area.</p>	<p>Noted and Partially Accepted.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan has to set out planning policies for the Designated Neighbourhood Area in line with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The Designated Neighbourhood Area for Whitnash was approved by Warwick District Council on 9 January 2013. Regulation 15 requires that a plan of the Neighbourhood Area should be submitted to the LPA along with the Plan and other relevant documents. Therefore, notwithstanding the boundary review, which is ongoing, the Designated Area (ie existing Parish boundary) is the area to be covered by the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>However the plan policies and proposals maps could be amended as suggested to remove references to areas</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend any Policies and Maps in line with detailed comments below ie keep to the Designated Area but in any policies remove references to sites and land on any maps that fall outside the designated area.</p>
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					<p>that may be removed from the boundary of the Town Council ie the Designated Area. It is proposed that this is undertaken in line with the comment submitted.</p> <p>These are dealt with in the submitted detailed comments below.</p>	
	P. 10 Para		Comment	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) will not be the principal document. It will form part of the hierarchy of policies. i.e.</p> <p>1. National Policy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p>2. The Local Plan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p>3. The Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The most up to date Local Plan will take precedence over the NP. The adopted Local Plan (LP) is the 1996 – 2011 plan,</p>	<p>Accepted.</p> <p>Amend Plan in accordance with wording suggested.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Delete “and used as the principal document to determine planning applications, alongside the District’s own, and national planning policies”.</p> <p>Insert full stop after “After District Council” and insert wording:</p>

				<p>but the review of that plan is at an advanced stage and should be taken into account when writing a NP. Policies and allocations in the Publication Draft 2011-2029 should therefore be considered within the NP. When the new LP is adopted, the NP will need to be reviewed to take account of this and brought into line if any policies/allocations are no longer in compliance. This will certainly be the case for the 'green space designations' where one of the strategic housing allocation sites in the LP is designated in the NP as green space.</p>		<p>"The Whitnash Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the hierarchy of policies. i.e.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Policy <li style="text-align: center;">↓ 2. The Local Plan <li style="text-align: center;">↓ 3. The Neighbourhood Plan <p>The most up to date Local Plan will take precedence over the Neighbourhood Plan The adopted Local Plan (LP) is the 1996 – 2011 plan, but the review of that plan is at an advanced stage and this has been taken into account in the Neighbourhood Plan. Policies and allocations in the Publication Draft 2011-2029 have therefore been considered within the Neighbourhood Plan. When the new Local Plan adopted, the Neighbourhood Plan will need to be reviewed to</p>
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						take account of this and brought into line if any policies/allocations are no longer in compliance.
	P15	Objective 6	Comment	Please bear in mind that WDC will be allocating land at the Leamington Football Club ground for a Gypsy and Traveller site if the club moves to a new location.	Noted and Accepted. Amend third sentence.	Amend Plan. Amend third sentence to read: “Any future development of the football club site, such as the provision of Gypsy and Traveller accommodation, should be carefully planned to maximise the retention of green space and support future provision of local sports facilities, as and when the need arises.”
	P15	Objective 7	Comment	Consultation is needed with WCC to ensure that this is acceptable as written.	Noted. Consultation with WCC was undertaken at pre-publication stage and	No change.

					responses have been taken on board in the Draft Plan.	
	P15	Objective 8	Comment	A new railway station at Whitnash has not been talked about in relation to new infrastructure in the District and it would be very unlikely that this would become a reality. Whilst it is good to be aspirational, it may not be a good idea to raise expectations amongst local people which are not likely to be realised.	Partially accepted. Qualify wording to help manage local expectations.	Amend Plan. Amend Obj 8. Insert at the end of the 2 nd paragraph. "This is an aspirational objective however and delivery of such a scheme would require substantial resources and commitment from a range of organisations".
	P. 17	Objective 12	Comment	It is for the district council to 'protect areas from development where flooding is an issue'.	Partially accepted. Managing development to avoid flooding is a district responsibility but the NDP also has a part to play in supporting these objectives and it is appropriate to include policies which are supported by the Environment Agency.	No change.
	P. 20	W1	Comment	It will be necessary to consult with WCC on the specific	Accepted. WCC has been consulted informally and formally on the policies	No change.

				proposals to include a new library and police station.	in the Plan and any comments have been taken into consideration.	
	P. 24	W4	Comment	It would be better to define what is meant by 'grain'. 'Layout and Design statement' should replace "design and access statements".	Accepted. Amend Policy as suggested.	Amend Plan. Amend W4: Insert footnote after "grain" in section 1. "Grain is defined as <i>"The pattern of the arrangement of street blocks, plots and their buildings in a settlement."</i> , <i>By Design</i> , CABE, 2000 https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/7665/158490.pdf Section 1. Delete "Design and Access Statements" and replace with "Layout and Design statements".

	P. 29	W5	Comment / Objection	The first sentence of this policy is fine, however the Country Park is not within the Whitnash NP designated area and therefore the remainder of the policy cannot be implemented and should be removed.	Partially Accepted. Amend wording to refer to the area within the Whitnash Designated Neighbourhood Area.	Amend Plan. Delete: "The proposed new country park should include the following enhancements" and replace with: "Accessibility to the proposed new country park should be enhanced within Whitnash to ensure local residents enjoy the benefit of the nearby facility. Existing green networks should be improved and new green networks created within Whitnash to support biodiversity and local wildlife and to maximise accessibility to residents from Whitnash".
	P. 30		Objection	Having stated that a large area of the land is allocated as a strategic housing site, going on to allocate it in the NP as green space is contrary and will simply result in an early review of the NP. Better to acknowledge that this is the	Accepted. Amend wording as suggested.	Amend Plan. Insert at the end of 5.2.14: "The Town Council supports the protection of an area as a Local Wildlife Buffer and

				<p>case and support the protection of the Local Wildlife Buffer.</p>		<p>would like to see this area enhanced for the benefit of wildlife and existing and future residents”</p> <p>Amend Policy W6:</p> <p>Include additional wording to first sentence to read “Whitnash Brook Nature Reserve and the proposed Wildlife Buffer are protected from inappropriate development”.</p> <p>Incorporate amended Map into Policy W6, showing the 700m buffer.</p>
	P. 31		Objection	<p>1. You cannot prevent the Council’s development allocation by using a Neighbourhood Plan to allocate the land for something else. The Local Plan is a higher level document and will supersede the NP on adoption. The number of houses required for the area is to be considered a</p>	<p>Partially Accepted.</p> <p>The Town Council considers that the Neighbourhood Plan has a role in identifying and protecting local natural and built heritage assets and that these should be taken into consideration in</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend wording of 5.2.16 to:</p> <p>“We would like to preserve and enhance this historical area of Whitnash by:</p>

				<p>starting point and not a maximum. You are going against Government policy to try to block new development in this way. The examiner will not allow you to keep this in.</p>	<p>strategic policies in the Local Plan.</p> <p>Planning Practice Guidance 2014 para 009 advises that <i>“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.”</i></p> <p><i>A draft neighbourhood plan or Order must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan in force if it is to meet the basic condition. A draft Neighbourhood Plan or Order is not tested against the policies in an emerging Local Plan although the reasoning and evidence informing the Local Plan</i></p>	<p>1. Ensuring that new housing in the area is designed and sited sympathetically to maximise opportunities for recreational activities and local wildlife habitat enhancements</p> <p>2. Protecting local heritage such as those assets identified in the Historic Environment Record and any other assets as listed in Appendix V. If such assets are affected by development proposals, appropriate recording should be undertaken and used to inform the provision of interpretation and education facilities.</p> <p>(3. retain 4. retain).</p>
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					<p><i>process may be relevant to the consideration of the basic conditions against which a neighbourhood plan is tested.”</i></p> <p><i>Where a neighbourhood plan is brought forward before an up-to-date Local Plan is in place the qualifying body and the local planning authority should discuss and aim to agree the relationship between policies in:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the emerging neighbourhood plan</i> • <i>the emerging Local Plan</i> • <i>the adopted development plan</i> <p><i>with appropriate regard to national policy and guidance.</i></p> <p><i>The local planning authority should take a proactive and positive approach, working collaboratively with a</i></p>	
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					<p><i>qualifying body particularly sharing evidence and seeking to resolve any issues to ensure the draft neighbourhood plan has the greatest chance of success at independent examination.</i></p> <p><i>The local planning authority should work with the qualifying body to produce complementary neighbourhood and Local Plans. It is important to minimise any conflicts between policies in the neighbourhood plan and those in the emerging Local Plan. This is because section 38(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that the conflict must be resolved by the decision maker favouring the policy which is contained in the last document to become part of the development plan.</i></p> <p>The wording should be amended to avoid “blocking”</p>	
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					<p>development and instead promote the recognition of the significance of this site to local people and ensure that this significance is taken into consideration through the planning policy and development management processes.</p> <p>Amend wording.</p>	
	P. 31		Objection	<p>You cannot allocate beyond the boundary of your NP designated area, therefore the narrow ribbon to running toward Radford Semele should be taken off this map and omitted from the description.</p> <p>Furthermore see comment for paragraph 5.2.16 above.</p> <p>There is mention of a Roman Villa and Holy Well but neither appear on a map to identify their location. They are not on any of our maps and English Heritage (EH) has no record of them either. They</p>	<p>Accepted.</p> <p>Amend Map 7 a suggested.</p> <p>Not accepted.</p> <p>The Historic Environment Record identifies “the site of a holy</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend Map 7.</p> <p>Remove pink ribbon on map on area outside the boundary of Whitnash.</p> <p>Include only the area covered by the Nature Reserve and proposed Local Wildlife Buffer. Show housing allocation H03.</p>

				<p>are not Listed Buildings or Ancient Monuments on EH registers. If the general description of the site of a Roman Villa is correct according to what I have found elsewhere (near Pounce Hill Farm), it appears to be outside the NP designated area and therefore should not appear here. Similarly, grid references supplied by WCC for the Holy Well would indicate that this too is just outside the remit of the NP.</p>	<p>well of unknown date. It was located 400m east of Whitnash” .</p> <p>The HER also records several Roman finds including coins at unknown locations.</p> <p>In addition local knowledge of historic artefacts should not be underestimated. Often such knowledge is handed down by word of mouth as local lore or legend and this can be an important aspect of local character and heritage interest.</p>	
			Comment	<p>An annotated map would be helpful to anyone wishing to identify where the historic elements referred to are located.</p>	<p>Accepted.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Insert new map in Appendix V showing locations of historic assets.</p>

<p>P.31</p> <p>5.2.21</p> <p>P.34</p>	<p>W7</p>	<p>Objection</p>	<p>The Policy is not compliant with the emerging Local Plan for Warwick District which is seeking to allocate a significant number of dwellings on sites to the south of the main built up areas of Warwick, Whitnash and Leamington Spa.</p> <p>The Policy does not take account of the NPPF which requires that NP's should not promote less development than set out in the Local Plan. Whilst it is recognised that the emerging Local Plan has not yet been adopted and therefore does not carry full weight, it is suggested that it would be more appropriate to prepare a NP in accordance with the emerging Local Plan to avoid the need for an early review.</p> <p>Further, para 009 of the NPPG states "the reasoning and</p>	<p>Accepted.</p> <p>Insert text as suggested.</p> <p>Amend Policy W7 to reflect Local Plan Site Allocation for the proposed Gypsy and Traveller Site at the football club.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend Policy W7.</p> <p>Pt 5, Amend to:</p> <p>"Whitnash Brook Valley (Nature Reserve and Local Wildlife Buffer (ie that area within the Whitnash Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area)".</p> <p>After 'New development which impacts adversely on the openness of these sites will not be acceptable', add 'other than in very special circumstances'.</p> <p>Amend Map 8 Site 8 to remove the area for the proposed Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation from the Local Greenspace Designation.</p>
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				<p>evidence informing the Local Plan process may be relevant to the consideration of the basic conditions against which a neighbourhood plan is tested". The evidence supporting the emerging Local Plan indicates the District's housing requirement and the site assessment work undertaken by the District Council indicates that some of the non-greenbelt sites are amongst the most appropriate for meeting part of the District's housing need.</p> <p>Para 009 of the NPPG goes on to say that the qualifying body and the LPA should "discuss and aim to agree the relationship between policies in the emerging NP, the emerging LP and the adopted development plan". At this stage no agreement has been reached.</p>		<p>Delete "Football Club" from the key.</p> <p>Delete from Point 8 "Football club".</p> <p>Insert new Table showing how each greenspace meets the criteria in the NPPF.</p>
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				<p>The District Council has concerns regarding this policy and we would like to continue to work with the qualifying body to resolve the areas of difference prior to the submission of the NP.</p> <p>This policy does not have sufficient regard to the NPPF which seeks to “boost significantly the supply of housing”. The housing numbers for any given area within the Local Plan should be treated as a starting point and not as a maximum, to conform with the Governments policy for growth.</p> <p>Additionally, an area beyond the NP boundary is included in site 5 and this part should be deleted regardless.</p> <p>After ‘New development which impacts adversely on the</p>		
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		W8	Comment	Bear in mind that the Council will be allocating land at Leamington Football Club for the use of Gypsies and Travellers if the club relocates.	Noted. See Comments above p7.	Amend Plan as per p7 above.
	P. 41	W10	Comment	<p>Incorporation of cycle paths into the design of new roads”, should read “provision of safe cycle routes”</p> <p>“ Improvements to local bus service provision” – this can only be justified if directly related to new developments – developers cannot be asked to pay in general for improved bus services</p> <p>Double yellow lines proposals need some further thought.</p>	<p>Accepted.</p> <p>Amend text as suggested.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend W10:</p> <p>After “Provision of double yellow lines around approaches to junctions” insert “where appropriate”.</p> <p>Change “Incorporation of cycle paths into the design of new roads”, to “Incorporating the provision of safe cycle routes”.</p> <p>After “Improvements to local bus service provision” insert “where routes and</p>

						services are related to new development”.
	P. 47		Comment	The SFRA is a strategic document and provides a ‘snapshot in time’. The high level of the mapping means that it cannot be used for detailed boundaries of flooding events. For more detailed and up to date information, consult the Environment Agency flood maps online.	Accepted. Add text as suggested,	Amend Plan. Amend Para 5.4.10. At the end of the para insert: “The SFRA is a strategic document and provides a ‘snapshot in time’. The high level of the mapping means that it cannot be used for detailed boundaries of flooding events. For more detailed and up to date information, consult the Environment Agency flood maps online.” (insert web site reference)
	p.49	W16	Comment	Third paragraph –‘if needed’ should be added at the end of this sentence as it will not be necessary in all cases.	Accepted. Insert suggested text.	Amend Plan. Amend W16.

						Insert "if needed" at the end of the third paragraph.
	P. 50		Comment	Last line should read 'alongside Warwick District and National Planning Policies'.	Accepted. Insert text as suggested.	Amend Plan. Para 6.5 delete "County" and insert "Warwick District Council".
	P.60	Appendix III	Comment	The authors name needs to be amended to 'Richard Morrish Assocs'	Accepted.	Amend Plan. Amend Appendix III to "Morrish".
			Comment	General: There is no need to repeat national policy as there is always a presumption that this has been incorporated into lower tier plans. Any repeat of national policy will probably be deleted by the Examiner	Not accepted. The inclusion of sections of national policy in the Plan help to provide the planning policy context and reasoned justification for the policies. This is an important part of assisting with the consultation process as it is likely that many readers of the plan such as local residents will not be	No change.

					familiar with the detail of the NPPF. If the Examiner wishes to remove them at a later stage then this will be accepted.	
Warwickshire County Council Highways and Transport			Comment	General: The County Council notes the contents of the emerging plan and will consider them when preparing its own plans and strategies, particularly any future iterations of the Warwickshire Local Transport Plan. Your proposals for enhanced cycle provision will be considered as part of the forthcoming review of the Warwick/Leamington Spa/Whitnash cycle network	Noted.	No change.
	P. 6		Comment	Whitnash also benefits from proximity to the Stagecoach Midlands G1 'Goldline' service which provides a high quality public transport link to Leamington Spa and Warwick	Accepted. This suggestion was put forward in response to informal consultation and has been	No change.

					incorporated into the Plan already.	
	P.15	Objective 7	Comment	The aims of this objective are supported. The County Council is responsible for maintaining existing cycle facilities on the public highway, and to bringing forward improvements as funding opportunities permit. The majority of the National Cycle Network within Warwick District has been delivered between the County Council and Sustrans working in partnership. It would be helpful if the explanatory text below this objective could be amended to reflect this context.	Accepted. This suggestion was put forward in response to informal consultation and has been incorporated into the Plan already.	No change.
	P.15	Objective 8	Comment	The aim of this objective in relation to improving bus services is supported. Any proposed for a new rail station on the Leamington Spa to Oxford line would require the support of DfT Rail/Network Rail. A	Accepted. This suggestion was put forward in response to informal consultation and has been	No change.

				<p>suitable train operator would also need to be identified to serve the station. In relation to parking, application of parking standards in relation to new developments is a District Council matter. New roads within developments will be required to be built in accordance with the County Council's design standards in order to ensure they are constructed to an adoptable standard. Education provision and the transport issues arising from it are being considered as part of the preparation of the District Council's Local Plan.</p>	<p>incorporated into the Plan already.</p>	
	P.20	W1	Comment	<p>It is recommended that the access arrangements for the Community Hub are discussed with the County Council as part of the proposed feasibility study.</p>	<p>Accepted.</p> <p>This suggestion was put forward in response to informal consultation and has been</p>	<p>No change.</p>

					incorporated into the Plan already.	
	p.33	W6	Comment	It is requested that the County Council be involved in any discussions regarding the proposed improvements for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly where these will affect the public highway.	Accepted. This suggestion was put forward in response to informal consultation and has been incorporated into the Plan already.	No change.
	P.41	W10	Comment	The County Council will secure improvements to walking, cycling and public transport through the planning process, along with contributions towards the strategic highway	Accepted. This suggestion was put forward in response to informal consultation and has been	No change.

				<p>infrastructure improvements identified in the Warwick District Local Plan Strategic Transport Assessment. Other improvements will be funded as budgets and priorities allow, either from the County Council's own capital resources or through external funding from Government and others (e.g. Sustrans). Improvements to local bus services should be discussed directly with the operator where these are provided commercially.</p>	<p>incorporated into the Plan already.</p>	
<p>Cllr Tony Heath</p>			<p>Comment</p>	<p>I have no problem with the plan except that throughout it we refer to the need for more houses for the elderly but WDC have now approved all developments within Whitnash and there are no plans to build any other the lifetime homes which is a way round the need to build bungalows</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
<p>A C Lloyd (Homes) Ltd</p>			<p>Objection</p>	<p>Introduction</p>	<p>Not accepted.</p>	<p>No change.</p>

				<p>1.1 These representations are made by A.C. Lloyd Homes Ltd (A.C. Lloyd) to the September 2014 consultations on the Whitnash Draft Neighbourhood Plan (WNP).</p> <p>As Whitnash Town Council (WTC) is aware, A.C. Lloyd is a major stakeholder in the area and has been involved in building homes in the area for over 30 years. It still has significant land interests within the Neighbourhood Plan Area including 209 homes under construction and is working actively to promote further land development with Campion School.</p> <p>1.2 Before responding to the individual Draft Policies and Draft Land Use Map, it is first of all necessary to raise</p>	<p>The Town Council through the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has worked hard throughout the preparation of the Draft Plan to engage with local stakeholders such as residents and businesses.</p> <p>A launch event was held in April 2013 at the Town Council's AGM. The Town Council promoted the Plan and invited representation onto the Steering Group using the Town Council Website and the local newsletter, the Whitnash Tymes throughout 2013 and 2014.</p> <p>There were opportunities to comment on the emerging Vision and Objectives when these were published in summer 2014.</p>	
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				<p>a number of fundamental concerns regarding the process that the WNP has been through to get to this stage.</p> <p>1.3 The Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 set out the requirements for the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans. The advice is further expanded upon in National Practice Guidance (PPG).</p> <p>1.4 Regulation 14 of the 2012 Regulations requires that prior to submitting a plan to the local planning authority a pre-submission consultation and publicity must be undertaken. This Pre-Submission stage must include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Publicity sufficient to bring the plan to the attention of people who live, work or 	<p>As various versions of the Neighbourhood Plan have been prepared and amended they have been published on the Town Council's website.</p> <p>Therefore there have been various opportunities to comment on the emerging plan over the past 2 years.</p> <p>As an active local business and housebuilder in the Whitnash area, AC Lloyd has a responsibility to take an interest in neighbourhood planning and to follow the key stages in the preparation of the Plan by taking note of local media, the Town Council's website etc.</p> <p>The Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan for Whitnash has been published for consultation according to the</p>	
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				<p>carry on business in the neighbourhood plan area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Details of the development plan proposals; and - Details of how to inspect the plan and how to make representations. <p>1.5 At the outset it should be stated that A.C. Lloyd consider that the current consultation on the plan does not comply with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations and this should be addressed before the plan moves any further forward to Submission stage if it is to ultimately meet the legal requirements at Examination. The reasons for this are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The draft plan has been inadequately consulted on or publicised. The regulations provide a minimum requirement of 	<p>requirements of Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>AC Lloyd are listed in the consultation database and should have received an email advising them on the forthcoming 6 week period of statutory consultation along with other organisations and consultation bodies.</p> <p>The full details of the Consultation Process are set out in the Consultation Statement. However in summary in relation to Regulation 14 the Town Council has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Published the Draft Plan on the Town Council's website - Placed hard copies of the Draft Plan and Representation Forms in the library at Whitnash and in Town Council offices for 	
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				<p>who should be consulted at Pre-Submission Stage and no evidence has been published to demonstrate this has been met. Assuming however that the statutory consultees have been notified, PPG states that other public bodies, landowners and the development industry should also be involved in preparing a draft neighbourhood plan, and that by doing so qualifying bodies will be better placed to produce plans that provide for sustainable development. PPG notes that at submission stage WTC will have to demonstrate that quality and effective consultation has been undertaken. Despite being a long standing house builder in the area for over 30 years, and being involved in some important current developments within the Plane area, WTC has made no attempt to consult with A.C. Lloyd of the current</p>	<p>viewing and making comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Published a summary leaflet in the Whitnash Tymes which was distributed to all homes - Ran a publicity campaign including use of bin hooks, posters, banners etc all prominently displayed - Emailed and sent letters to local groups and consultation bodies - Promoted how to respond and the consultation dates on all of the above documents, and on the Town Council website. <p>In terms of the involvement of Warwick District Council, a planning policy officer attended steering group meetings during the early stages of the Draft Plan preparation and provided ongoing advice and support to the Town Council. There were also several meetings</p>	
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				<p>consultation and notice was only received as a result of the District Council's electronic planning policy update service which was sent out on 9 October (2 weeks after the plan's publication).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PPG suggests that where options are to be considered, earlier engagement should be used to narrow down and refine options. Although WTC produced an options paper in 2013, this only considered the development of a small quantity of additional market housing to meet local needs. It did not consider housing options to meet District wide housing requirements as is now proposed by Warwick District Council. - It is not clear as to the extent that the draft Plan has been subject to any discussion with the local planning authority. It is unclear what efforts have 	<p>with the responsible Director at Warwick District Council and officers were provided with an opportunity to comment informally on the emerging Draft Plan prior to its publication. Comments received were generally positive and helpful and have been taken on board during the Plan's preparation.</p> <p>The Draft Plan is being amended to bring the Plan into more general conformity with the emerging new local plan and comments from and discussions with Warwick District Council will be taken on board in the amended, Submission Plan.</p> <p>The Town Council considers that the allocation of housing sites is a strategic matter and is best left to the local planning authority through the emerging new local</p>	
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				<p>been made by the Town Council to assess the degree to which there is conflict with the emerging Local Plan, (indeed there is significant disparity with the emerging Local Plan in relation to land south of Sydenham as is discussed later in our objections). This lack of consultation with the local planning authority is a clear breach of the advice provided in the PPG.</p> <p>1.6 In view of the above it is considered that WTC should review its processes to date and undertake a properly compliant process of consultation and site assessment including all stakeholders before moving the plan forward. It should then prepare a clear and complete Pre-Submission Consultation plan and advertise it for the consultation in a</p>	<p>plan. Therefore site allocations have not been included within the Whitnash Neighbourhood Plan. Instead the Neighbourhood Plan focusses on such matters as ensuring that proposed new development is integrated well with existing communities and opportunities are taken to improve accessibility, opportunities for wildlife and protecting local landscape and built heritage. In this way the Plan aims to support sustainable development which contributes towards a higher quality of life for existing and future residents. The Plan therefore promotes sustainable development in accordance with the NPPF.</p> <p>Full details of how the Plan meets the Basic Conditions are set out in the accompanying</p>	
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				<p>transparent and fully compliant way.</p> <p>1.7 With regard to the content of the Neighbourhood Plan Policies the Localism and the Regulations further require that neighbourhood plans meet a number of 'basic conditions'. These are explained further in the PPG. The key conditions are summarised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To have regard to NPPF – the plan must not constrain the delivery of important national objectives, should plan positively to support local development and should not promote less development than set out in the Local Plan or undermine its strategic policies. - To contribute to sustainable development – including provision of 	<p>Basic Conditions Statement.</p>	
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				<p>sufficient and proportionate evidence on how the plan guides development to sustainable solutions. Consideration should be given to the use of a sustainability appraisal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To conform with the strategic policies of the Local Plan – PPG notes however that where there is no up to date Local Plan (as is the case in Warwick District) a draft Neighbourhood Plan is not to be tested against the policies of the emerging plan, although the evidence base behind it may be relevant. Where a neighbourhood plan is brought forward before an up-to-date Local Plan is in place the qualifying body and local planning authority should however discuss and aim to agree the relationship between the two emerging documents and seek to minimise any conflicts. 		
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				<p>1.8 PPG makes clear that throughout the process of developing a neighbourhood plan a qualifying body should consider how it will meet the basic conditions.</p> <p>1.9 The NPPF contains at its core the presumption in favour of sustainable development and a requirement to significantly boost housing. Paragraphs 16 and 184 of NPPF make clear that the application of the presumption in favour has implications for how communities engage in neighbourhood planning. Critically, it means that neighbourhoods should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop plans that support the strategic development needs set out in Local Plans, including policies for housing and economic development; and 		
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan positively to support local development, shaping and directing development in their area that is outside the strategic elements of the Local Plan. <p>1.10 It is within the context of these basic conditions set by the Regulations that we consider the Neighbourhood Plan Policies Section of the WNP.</p>		
		W6	Objection	<p><u>Draft Policy W6 – Protection and Enhancement of Whitnash Brook and Brook Valley</u></p> <p>2.1 A.C. Lloyd objects to Policy W6 as it does not meet the basic tests or policy guidance. The plan does not actually comply with the Publication Draft Plan in the context of the proposed development south of</p>	<p>Noted and partially accepted.</p> <p>Policy W6 refers to the Nature Reserve and the immediate area around this which the Policy aims to protect and enhance as a Wildlife Buffer in line with biodiversity and green infrastructure objectives and comments from Warwick Dc above.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend Map 7 as above to include only the area covered by the Nature Reserve and Local Wildlife Buffer.</p>

				<p>Sydenham. Secondly, it is important to note that PPG advises where a Neighbourhood Plan is being promoted ahead of a Local Plan, it is not to be solely tested against the policies of the emerging plan, but the Local Plan evidence base documents may be useful, and importantly, discussion with the planning authority is strongly recommended.</p> <p>1.1 2.2 In regard to housing requirements and site selection and in the absence of an up to date adopted Local Plan, the WTP should consider <u>all</u> the evidence base available to it, assess <u>all</u> the available development options and the 'plan positively' to support sustainable development. WNP is evidently not following this process. Indeed,</p>	<p>Map 7 will be amended in response to Warwick DC comments to ensure the Plan only refers to that area of Brook Valley within the Designated Area for Whitnash Neighbourhood Development Plan. The area shown in pink will be amended to include the area of the nature reserve and a wildlife buffer in line with Warwick DC comments above.</p> <p>The Town Council considers that the allocation of strategic housing sites is a strategic matter and supports Warwick District Council in its role in identifying and allocating sites in the emerging Local Plan. Therefore the Neighbourhood Plan does not include site allocations for [proposed new housing.</p>	
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				<p>para 5.2.16 of the WNP states the 'we would like to preserve and enhance this historical area of Whitnash to: not allow the whole area to be designated as a Warwick District Council Proposed Development Site'. Reference to Map 7 leads to the conclusion that WTC objects to Policy DS11 – Greenfield Site H03 'East of Whitnash/South of Sydenham'. Yet at paragraph 5.4.1 the WNP acknowledges that about 550 additional dwellings will be provided in Whitnash up to 2029. This is clearly an approach that is contrary to the responsibility that the Localism Bill provided to local communities set out in NPPF paragraph 14.</p>		
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				<p>2.3 PPG guidance on all allocating sites within Neighbourhood Plans states that the qualifying authority should first of all carry out an appraisal of options and an assessment of individual sites against clearly identified criteria. It is considered that this has not been undertaken.</p> <p>1.2 2.4 As drafted, the WNP does not identify any sites for housing development within the plan period.</p> <p>2.5 The WNP should identify sites that are prepared to be allocated in the emerging local plan. Other committed sites within the Neighbourhood Plan area should also be identified – see attached Local Plan Policies Map.</p>		
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				<p>2.6 Policy W6 lacks clarity and transparency in terms of its purpose. The WNP should identify proposed local plan allocation Policy DS11 – Greenfield Site H03 ‘East of Whitnash/South of Sydenham’ to provide an appropriate context for policy W6 aspirations.</p> <p>2.7 A.C. Lloyd therefore considers that Policy W6 does not meet the basic tests and requests that a proper consultation on options be undertaken. In this regard A.C. Lloyd puts forward the following site for inclusion within the Plan.</p> <p><u>Land East of Whitnash/South of Sydenham</u></p> <p>2.8 Land east of Whitnash/South of Sydenham should be included within the plan in</p>		
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				<p>the form that it is currently promoted by the District Council on the Publication Draft Local Plan. At Present the WNP makes no reference to this site.</p> <p>2.9 This site is a key component of a wider proposed allocation of this non-green belt area of the land to the south of Warwick/Leamington/Whitnash and the area is key to meeting the development needs of the District that includes the expansion of Campion School. These needs have not changed, in quantity or extent in the District Council's most recent iteration of the emerging Local Plan as published in November 2014 'Publication Draft Local Plan: Focused Consultation'. The exclusion of the east of Whitnash/south of Sydenham site would seriously undermine the</p>		
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				<p>potential future expansion of Campion School.</p> <p>2.10 As a result, and based upon the substantial evidence base produced by Warwick District Council, it is submitted that the land identified in the Publication Draft Local Plan east of Whitnash and South of Sydenham would achieve a sustainable pattern of development that is capable of being well connected to the existing urban area. Therefore, the identified locations on Publication Draft Policy DS10 and then specifically in Policy DS11 referring to the site H01 Land east of Whitnash/south of Sydenham should be accurately represented in the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>2.11 The Parish is aware that in accordance with emerging Policy DS15 of the draft</p>		
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				<p>Local Plan preparation of a Master Plan is underway for the land east of Whitnash/south of Campion School, Sydenham. This is being undertaken jointly by the District Council, Campion School and landowners/developers – taking on-board strategic considerations identified in emerging policy DS15. The Neighbourhood Plan proposals are currently in direct conflict with this work.</p> <p>2.12 As a result the Neighbourhood Plan proposals threaten to undermine the proper planning of the area and development principles, including infrastructure provision, for the whole development area to the South of Warwick and Leamington.</p>		
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				<p>2.13 Accordingly, it is considered that emerging Publication Draft Plan Greenfield site allocation H03 should be properly reflected in the WNP in order to satisfy the basic conditions of having appropriate regard to national policy and contributing to the aim of achieving sustainable development.</p>		
		W7	Objection	<p><u>3.0 Draft Policy W7 Local Greenspace Designations and Map 8</u></p> <p>3.1 A.C. Lloyd objects to Policy W7 in respect of (5) Whitnash Brook Valley and Map 8. This is a strategic policy akin to an Area of Restraint Policy within a District plan and should be part of a district wide plan review rather than in a Neighbourhood Plan. Its</p>	<p>Partially Accepted.</p> <p>See Warwick District Council comments above.</p>	<p>Amend Policy W7.</p> <p>Pt 5, Amend to:</p> <p>“Whitnash Brook Valley Nature Reserve area and Local Wildlife Buffer (area within the Whitnash Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area)”.</p>

				<p>effect would be to introduce a level of restraint that relates to footnote 9 of the Framework. There is a lack of evidence to support this contention. It should therefore be deleted in its entirety as it is not the place for a Neighbourhood Plan to provide a blanket embargo on development outside settlement boundaries with very limited exceptions. This policy does not accord with local or national policy in meeting aims for providing sustainable development. It is considered therefore that this policy does not satisfy the basic conditions as it does not have appropriate regard to national policy and does not contribute to the aim of achieving sustainable development.</p>		<p>After 'New development which impacts adversely on the openness of these sites will not be acceptable', add 'other than in very special circumstances'.</p> <p>Amend Map 8 Site 8 to remove the area for the proposed Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation from the Local Greenspace Designation.</p> <p>Delete "Football Club" from the key.</p> <p>Delete from Point 8 "Football club".</p> <p>Insert new Table showing how each greenspace meets the criteria in the NPPF.</p>
Mrs W Bolland			Support	I support the Whitnash Draft Development Plan 2014 and in particular that part	Noted.	No change.

<p>42 Home Farm Crescent Whitnash</p> <p>CV31 2 QW</p>				<p>dealing with maintenance and improvement of access to the Brook Valley Area.</p> <p>We, our children and grandchildren have enjoyed the Brook Valley, and the wider countryside beyond, for many years and I feel that any further encroachment of the built-up area will inhibit the safe and open access that we and many others have had in the past.</p> <p>It is our duty to do our utmost to preserve this green open space so that future generations may have the same opportunities that we have enjoyed.</p>		
<p>Cllr Ian Colls agrees with Cllr McFadden</p>	<p>P. 31 To P.33</p>	<p>W6</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>The Brook Valley, Holy Well, Mill Dam Fields, Roman Villa are all of significant historical importance to Whitnash and must be protected and enhanced. Housing Developments in this area should be restricted and</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>No change.</p>

				the nature reserve extended		
Cllr Ian Colls agrees with Cllr McFadden	P. 26 Para 5.2.7		Support	Whitnash should welcome and promote the opportunity for Leamington FC to develop and improve their facility on Harbury Lane. If the club re-locates the ground should be preserved as a sporting facility for the community of Whitnash. It could be used by other local teams such as Whitnash FC.	Noted. The football club site is proposed as a site allocation to meet housing needs . However it is proposed to amend Objective 6 in response to Warwick DC comments above to: Amend third sentence to read: “Any future development of this site, such as the provision of Gypsy and Traveller accommodation, should be carefully planned to maximise the retention of green space in order to support future provision of local sports facilities, as and when the need arises.”	Amend Plan. Objective 6 to be amended - see above.
Cllr Ian Colls agrees with Cllr McFadden	P. 18	W2	Comment	I think the best location for a Town Centre is in the vicinity of Heathcote Road/Acre Close shops. If Home Farm shops	Noted.	No change.

	Para 5.1			could be converted to housing and other houses close to Heathcote Road shops be converted to 'Retail Units', this would allow a Town Centre to develop.		
Cllr Ian Colls agrees with Cllr McFadden	P. 16	Objective 10	Comment	Objective 10 refers to suitable housing mix. However it makes no reference to 2 nd homes/Buy-to-Let properties, which I feel needs to be discouraged to maintain a supply of local housing for local buyers. The St. Ives N.P. included a line banning sales of houses to outside investors – perhaps Whitnash should do something similar!	Noted – see response to Cllr McFaddens comments. above	No change.
Cllr Ian Colls agrees with Cllr McFadden	P. 39 Para 5.3.3	W10	Comment	The text (p39, section 5.3.3) makes reference to a future railway station for Whitnash, but draft policy W10 does not refer to it at all. I think a railway station represents a fantastic opportunity for the future of the Town and its residents.	Accepted. Although Warwick District Council have concerns about raising expectations, the wording of Objective 8 has been amended to qualify the proposal and manage expectations. It is considered appropriate to	Amend Plan. Amend W10 to include additional bullet point: “Working towards the provision of a new station facility on the Coventry / Oxford / London rail line over the longer term in partnership with rail

					include reference to this proposal in W10.	service providers and other agencies”.
<p>Mr Jamie R. Melvin Planning Adviser South Mercia Natural England Customer Services Hornbeam House Crewe Business Park Electra Way Crewe Cheshire CW1 6GJ T 0300 060 3900</p>			Support	<p>Note – Comment received by email After deadline on 19 November 2014.</p> <p>Thank you for your consultation on the above document which was received by Natural England on the 6th October 2014 via email</p> <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.</p> <p>Natural England has reviewed the Neighbourhood Plan and considers that in general terms it appears to address the natural environment well. In particular we approve of policies seeking to preserve and enhance</p>	Noted.	No change.

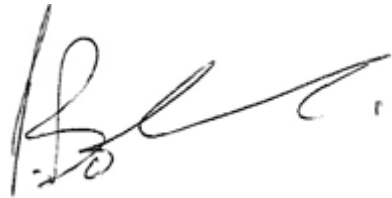
				<p>existing areas of environmental value and to improve both access and connectivity of Green Infrastructure (GI).</p> <p>We note that in section 5.2.10 Whitnash Town Council proposes to undertake a GI approach to the natural heritage assets in the town in the Neighbourhood Plan and appreciate the recognition of the multifunctional benefits that GI can provide. The positive approach toward preservation and enhancement of local habitats and wildlife and improvement of public rights of way are extremely commendable.</p> <p>We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.</p> <p>For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Jamie</p>		
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				<p>Melvin on 0300 060 2497. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.</p> <p>We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.</p>		

Table 2 Responses from the Consultation Bodies to the SEA Screening Report (Warwick District Council)

Consultation Body	Response
<p>Natural England</p>	<p>Whitnash Neighbourhood Plan: Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening</p> <p>Thank you for your consultation on the above dated the 13th October 2014 which was received by email on the same date.</p> <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.</p> <p>Strategic Environmental Assessment</p> <p>Where Neighbourhood Plans could have significant environmental effects, they may require a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) under the Environment Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. Further guidance on deciding whether the proposals are likely to have significant environmental effects and the requirements for consulting Natural England on SEA are set out in the National Planning Practice Guidance at: http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal/does-a-neighbourhood-plan-require-a-sustainability-appraisal/</p> <p>Natural England welcomes the production of an SEA Screening Report and is satisfied that the Local Planning Authorities conclusion that an SEA is not required is appropriate.</p> <p>Habitat Regulations Assessment</p> <p>Where a Neighbourhood Plan could potentially lead to significant environmental effects it will be necessary to screen the Plan in relation to the Habitats and Species Regulations (2010), as amended (the ‘Habitats Regulations’). One of the basic conditions that will be tested at Examination is whether the making of the plan is compatible with European obligations and this includes requirements relating to the Habitats Directive.</p>

	<p>In relation to the Habitats Regulations, a Neighbourhood Plan cannot progress if the likelihood of significant effects on any European Site, either alone (or in combination with other plans and projects) cannot be ruled out (see Schedule 2, The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012). Therefore measures may need to be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that any likely significant effects are avoided in order to secure compliance with the Regulations. A screening exercise should be undertaken if there is any doubt about the possible effects of the Plan on European protected sites. This will be particularly important if a Neighbourhood Plan is to progress before a Local Plan has been adopted and/or the Neighbourhood Plan proposes development which has not be assessed and/or included in the Habitats Regulations Assessment for the Local Plan.</p> <p>Natural England welcomes the consideration given to the Habitats Regulations. We are satisfied that the conclusion of the Local Planning Authority (as competent authority) that there are no likely significant effects on European sites is appropriate, and therefore advise that further Habitats Regulations Assessment is not required.</p> <p>We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.</p> <p>For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Jamie Melvin on 2497. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.</p> <p>We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Mr Jamie Melvin Planning Adviser South Mercia Team</p>
English Heritage	<p>WHITNASH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SCREENING OPINION</p> <p>Thank you for your consultation of 13 October and the request for a Screening Opinion.</p>

	<p>For the purposes of consultations on SEA Screening Opinions, English Heritage confines its advice to the question, “Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment?” in respect of our area of concern, cultural heritage. Our comments are based on the information supplied with the screening request.</p> <p>On the basis of the information supplied, including that set out in the draft plan, and in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations [Annex II of ‘SEA’ Directive], English Heritage concludes that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is unlikely to be required.</p> <p>The views of the other statutory consultation bodies should be taken into account before the overall decision on the need for a SEA is made. If a decision is made to undertake a SEA, please note that English Heritage has published guidance on Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Historic Environment that is relevant to both local and neighbourhood planning and available at: http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/strategic-environ-assessment-sustainability-appraisal-historic-environment/</p> <p>I hope this is helpful.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p>  <p>Pete Boland Historic Places Adviser E-mail: peter.boland@english-heritage.org.uk</p>
Environment Agency	No response.

Appendix I 2013 - Launching the Neighbourhood Plan

Agenda for AGM, 11 April 2013



WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Whitnash Community Hall, Acre Close, Whitnash, CV31 2ND

Thursday, 11th April 2013 at 7.15 pm

AGENDA

please come and help us plan the future of Whitnash

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th April 2012
3. **Whitnash Neighbourhood Plan Presentation** by Kirkwells Planning and Sustainability Consultants – help us plan the future of Whitnash!
4. Mayor's Report
5. Police Report
6. County Councillor's Report
7. District Councillor's Reports
8. Financial Report of Audited Accounts for 2011 - 2012
9. Town Organisations Promotion
10. Any Matter of Public Interest

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING FOR RESIDENTS OF WHITNASH AND NOT A TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

ANY MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST MAY BE DISCUSSED

Signed

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Cllr Adrian Barton
MAYOR

WHITNASH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Your Neighbourhood Plan, Our Neighbourhood Plan – What is it?

It's our Plan for Whitnash's future - our residents, businesses, schools, our whole community. It will act as a **guide** for what we agree we want for our futures as a community.

It will cover:

- **Conservation** – Protecting the fabric of our communal areas and nature as a whole.
- **Housing** (developments, style of new housing, protecting the status quo)
- **Infrastructure** (new amenities, facilities, new schools, medical surgeries etc)
- **Traffic** (roads, signals, volumes, parking, congestion, improvements etc)
- **Recreational facilities** – Making the most of our leisure facilities and building more
- **Environment** – A plan detailing how we want to protect our Neighbourhood's future

Carrying far more legal weight than anything else we have had before in protecting our neighbourhood and our quality of life for the next 20 years or so.

To achieve this we need:

- Your help
- Your input
- Your opinion

It will **NOT** be created by Whitnash Town Council, but by a wide cross-section of residents and Whitnash community - with the support of Whitnash Town Council.

THIS IS YOUR TOWN SO PLEASE HELP TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF WHITNASH!!

If you would like to be part of the Steering Group or have other skills you can offer please contact Whitnash Town Council on 01928 470384 or email town.clerk@whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk

Please sign up now to help shape the future of Whitnash!!

Name:

Address:

Telephone number:

Email:

Appendix II Consultation on Draft Vision and Objectives, Spring / Summer 2014

Extract from Whitnash Tymes, Spring 2014



WHITNASH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Last year, a group of interested residents and town councillors formed the Whitnash Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. We made a start on trying to put together what will become a Neighbourhood Plan for Whitnash. Neighbourhood Plans were introduced by the Localism Act 2011, and allow local people to get the right type of development for their community. They also give local communities new powers to shape their areas for the future.

Neighbourhood planning has the potential to give communities a bigger say over the type, location, size, and design of developments within their area, and tackle long term challenges that affect them. The Steering Group have held discussions and brainstorming sessions covering the key Issues facing Whitnash, and on trying to define a vision for Whitnash in 2031. A start was also made on the Key Objectives that the neighbourhood plan should set out to achieve. All wanted to preserve or enhance what they felt were strengths of Whitnash: ***Schools** ***Historical Buildings** ***Remaining areas of green space**

It was felt there was a need for a new community hub that would incorporate the library, town council offices, a cafe, and space for community use. Cycle ways to our local schools, keeping our borders clearly identified, and the impact on possible developments all around our borders were also discussed.

Whitnash Town Council and its residents are being supported in producing their plan by Warwick District Council, Kirkwells Town Planning and Sustainable Development Consultants, and Supporting Communities in Neighbourhood Planning Programme. At some point in over the coming weeks and months there will be a consultation with the residents of Whitnash to further the development of our Neighbourhood Plan. We hope to have a draft plan ready by the end of April. **Councillor Judy Falp Whitnash Town Council**

WHITNASH DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Whitnash Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been working towards the Neighbourhood Plan for our Town and the first draft of the Plan has been completed.

The Steering Group would really appreciate getting your views and comments regarding the Vision and Objectives that will shape the future of our Town.

The volunteers have spent many hours engaging with Kirkwells, the Planning Consultants, to decide on the Vision and Objectives for Whitnash in 2029 and may have overlooked a bright vision or objective you may have!

If you have any views or comments please forward them to: Whitnash Town Council, Franklin Road, Whitnash, CV31 2JH or email to town.clerk@whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk by 30th June 2014

3.0 VISION FOR WHITNASH

3.1 The Vision for Whitnash is:

In 2029 Whitnash will have a strong, local identity of a sustainable, thriving town which serves its local residents and businesses well, and continue to have close family and community support. Community facilities will be enhanced, green spaces and historical links maintained and a realistic number and mix of housing built in and around Whitnash will meet the needs of all ages and groups in the town.

4.0 OBJECTIVES AND KEY ISSUES FOR THE WHITNASH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

4.1 The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has identified the following key issues and objectives which need to be addressed by the Whitnash Neighbourhood Plan:

Objective 1: Providing a New Community Hub

Whitnash has a strong local identity and the town has expanded considerably over recent years. With the proposed new developments in the Local Plan, this will continue, but Whitnash lacks a main focus or hub for local facilities. The Town Council recognises that the existing community centre in Acre Close playing fields is dated and requires replacing. There is a need to bring various facilities together to provide a focus for the town which meets the needs and aspirations of all.

Objective 2: Protecting Existing Local Facilities

Whitnash has limited local facilities for a town of its population size, and these facilities need protection and enhancement to ensure that they continue to meet local needs. The existing facilities, for instance those around Acre Close, may be considered for improvement as part of proposed feasibility work around the need to provide a new community hub.

Objective 3: Preserving Whitnash's Individual Identity

Whitnash has a proud and strong local identity as a town in its own right, separate from nearby Leamington Spa. The Town Council is concerned that proposed new housing developments on the edge of the town may dilute this, as Whitnash is in danger of merging with adjoining built up areas such as Warwick Gates. There is a need to maintain a "green margin" of open space around the town to protect the Town from coalescence with other suburbs, and to strengthen boundary markings and signs using the town's logo.

Objective 4: Protection of the Historic Environment

Whitnash has a number of significant heritage assets. The Whitnash Conservation Area covers two areas at Church Green and Chapel Green and includes several 17th Century black and white half-timbered houses, such as Home Farm House which dates back to 1652. There are also a number of Statutory Listed Buildings in Whitnash. These and other significant buildings must continue to be protected and enhanced as important reminders of Whitnash's historical development.

Objective 5: Protection and Enhancement of the Natural Environment

The built up area of Whitnash is surrounded by extensive areas of open countryside to the south and east. The Brook Valley Nature Reserve is highly valued by local people as an accessible area of natural environmental and historical significance. There may be opportunities to enhance this area and create a "Whitnash Wood" on land linking the golf course to the southern boundary of Whitnash off the Fosse Way.

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Objective 6: Protection of Local Green Spaces

Whitnash is subject to significant development pressure and the urban area is largely built up meaning that any remaining green spaces are highly valued. The Town Council is concerned that identified green spaces should be protected and any further development in or around Whitnash should include significant areas of green spaces and woodland. Any additions to the sports facilities along Harbury Lane should be carefully planned so as not to impact adversely on any future developments. This whole area is considered to offer good potential for a new sports facility for Whitnash.

Objective 7: Promoting Walking and Cycling

There is a need for an overall strategy to ensure that Whitnash becomes a cycle and pedestrian friendly town. This would help to encourage the reduction of travel by car, particularly for short journeys, and so should reduce levels of traffic on local roads. The Steering Group is keen to support the work of "Sustrans" - a body working towards a National Network for the use of walkers, commuters and leisure cyclists. Many areas of Whitnash would support combined cycle and footpaths, and there are few areas where widths are too narrow. The Neighbourhood Plan should support initiatives which encourage walking and cycling as part of an overall aim to make the town more sustainable and to encourage a healthier environment for local people.

Objective 8: Improving Infrastructure: Promoting Public Transport and Supporting Better Parking

The level of proposed new development in areas of Whitnash is likely to have a significant impact on local infrastructure. The Town Council is keen to promote improvements in local bus services and routes to serve proposed and existing residential areas and to link them to local facilities and those in nearby Leamington Spa. There may also be opportunities to promote the development of a new railway station facility on the Coventry / Oxford / London rail line over the longer term, with links to local bus routes, cycle paths and park and ride.

New developments should provide adequate off street parking and include roads wide enough to allow on street parking which does not impact on safety and accessibility. Proposals to improve parking in the Acre Close area, perhaps as part of a scheme to develop a new Community Hub should be supported.

There is also a need to ensure that new developments provide adequate provision to meet education needs of new residents. The Town Council recognises that education provision is a County Council matter but would like to support proposals for new schools as part of proposed new developments to reduce impacts on existing local schools and highways and parking problems associated with the "school run".

Objective 9: Implementing a Green Energy Strategy

The Town Council is keen to ensure that Whitnash becomes a more sustainable town where the use of low carbon energy and energy efficiency are promoted. New developments should be encouraged to incorporate new low energy and renewable energy technologies, and options for improving efficiency of public lighting in the town such as that used for notice boards and street lighting and signs will be considered.

Objective 10: Providing a Suitable Housing Mix for Existing and Future Residents

The emerging Local Plan identifies a number of sites around Whitnash for new housing development, and it is possible that other sites may come forward during the plan period. The Town Council is concerned that these and other new developments will provide only a limited mix of market housing with a predominance of three and four bedroomed properties aimed at young couples and families. There is a need for a greater mix of housing and the Local Needs Survey 2012 demonstrates a need for affordable housing and bungalows to meet local needs. 22% of respondents stated that more bungalows were needed in the area and 60% of respondents were in favour of a small scheme for affordable houses for local people.

The Town Council would also like to see more "starter homes" i.e. one and two bedroomed properties, as well as retirement bungalows and maisonettes and apartments to provide a greater housing mix in the area.

Objective 11: Increasing Local Employment Opportunities

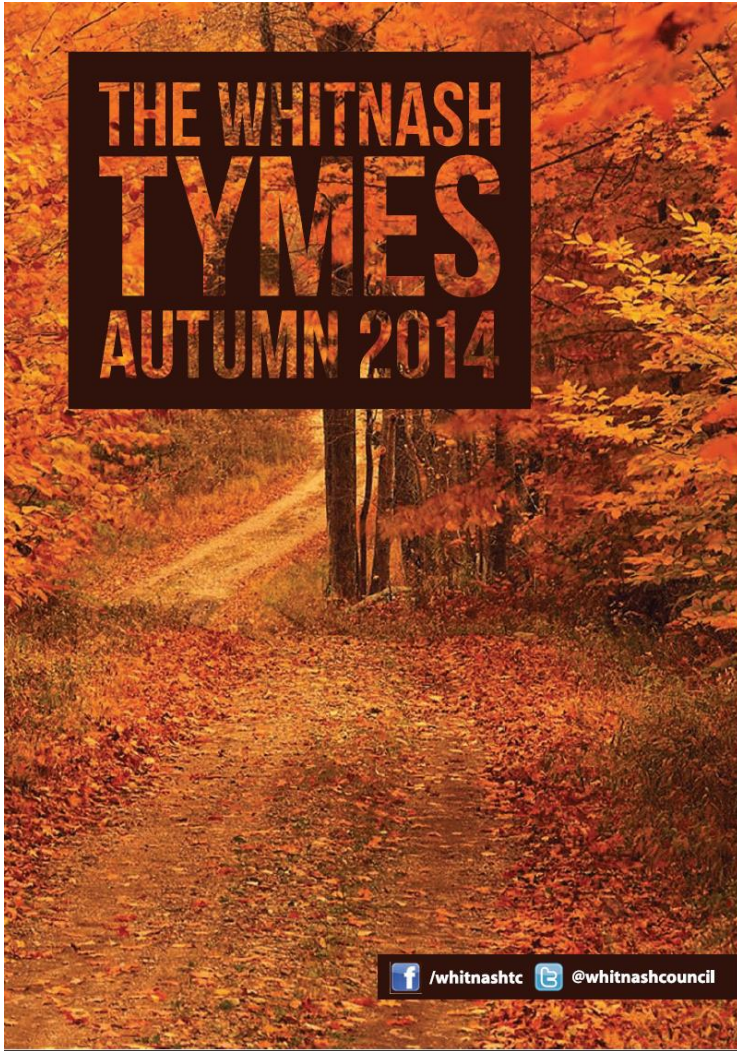
Whitnash is a predominantly residential area, with a high proportion of residents commuting to places of work outside the town. There is a need to improve local employment opportunities to ensure that Whitnash does not become a "dormitory town" simply serving as a residential area for nearby larger centres such as Coventry and Leamington Spa. Improving employment opportunities within the town would make for a more sustainable settlement with reduced levels of car journeys. This Neighbourhood Plan therefore includes allocations of sites suitable for light industrial / commercial use and promotes the inclusion of office space as part of the proposed new Community Hub.

Objective 12: Reducing Flood Risk

Parts of Whitnash are subject to flooding and there is a need for the Neighbourhood Plan to protect areas from development where flooding is an issue and to promote development that is flood resilient and flood resistant wherever possible.

4.2 The Vision and Objectives set out above have been used to inform the scope and content of the Planning Policies in the Whitnash Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Extract from Whitnash Tymes, Autumn 2014



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



As I write we still don't know the outcome of the Parish Boundary Review, the WDC Local Plan, the WDC Gypsy & Traveller Sites, the WCC Boundary Review and many of the large planning applications we have pending. Our Neighbourhood Plan is taking shape and there will be much to report on later in the year.

As well as chairing Whitnash Town Council meetings I am supporting two charities during my year: The Whitnash Charitable Trust 2008 (founded by one of our previous Mayors – David Clough) and Macmillan Cancer Support. I have chosen Macmillan because it is a worthwhile cause and is close to our hearts because of the valuable support they gave to Tracy-Ann's mum towards the end of her life.

This year my emphasis is on community spirit and as such I will be putting on a range of fundraising events that I hope will appeal to all members of the community. Currently the events we have planned are as follows:

Friday 24th October,
Warwick Village Voices Choir at St Margaret's Church, Whitnash.

Friday 12th December,
Cubbington Silver Band, Whitnash Sports & Social Club.

Saturday 17th January,
Quiz night or Race night. To be confirmed

Saturday 14th March,
Caribbean Evening with Pandemonium Steel Band, Whitnash Sports & Social Club

You can also follow me on Twitter at @MayorOfWhitnash where you can find out more information about my events, where I have been and what I have done to promote Whitnash. It has already been a busy first quarter with many invitations to represent Whitnash at other town's events as well as here in Whitnash. Locally we have visited Whitnash Primary School, met with St Joseph's school pupil's to see their E-Safety campaign, attended Whitnash Fun Day and Whitnash Coffee Morning. Further afield we have been to Pride of Warwick District Awards, Motionhouse Dance, Spa Theatre's Peter Pan production and Warwick University Graduation Day to name a few.

I am keen to learn about, support and visit as many local organisations and school as possible during my year. I would be happy to be invited to join you at your events and presentations to help spread the word about your good work.

For further details or tickets please visit the council's website:
www.whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk/mayor
Facebook - www.facebook.com/whitnashtc or keep an eye on noticeboards and the Tymes.

Cllr Rob Margrave - Mayor of Whitnash
mayor@whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk

WHITNASH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - IT'S NEARLY THERE!

Last year a group of interested residents and town councillors formed the Whitnash Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and made a start on trying to put together what will become a Neighbourhood Plan for Whitnash. We are pleased to let residents know that we are now working on the final draft. Having delivered our draft vision and aims and objectives to homes in Whitnash in the summer 2014 edition of Whitnash Tymes we are now incorporating comments made by residents to the final plan.

There is a formal process that we have to go through now of consulting with a range of neighbouring areas and statutory bodies and Warwick District Council have to undertake an environmental assessment on our plan. The group have agreed on how to inform our residents in the coming months, in every way we can think of, about the final plan and its vision for how Whitnash may look in 2029! We hope when it is completed and you are asked to support the plan that you will give it a resounding YES vote!

Whitnash Town Council and its residents are being supported in producing the Neighbourhood Plan by Warwick District Council, Kirkwells Town Planners and Sustainable Development Consultants and Community Development Foundation.

Councillor Judy Falp Whitnash Town Council

Allotment plots available at

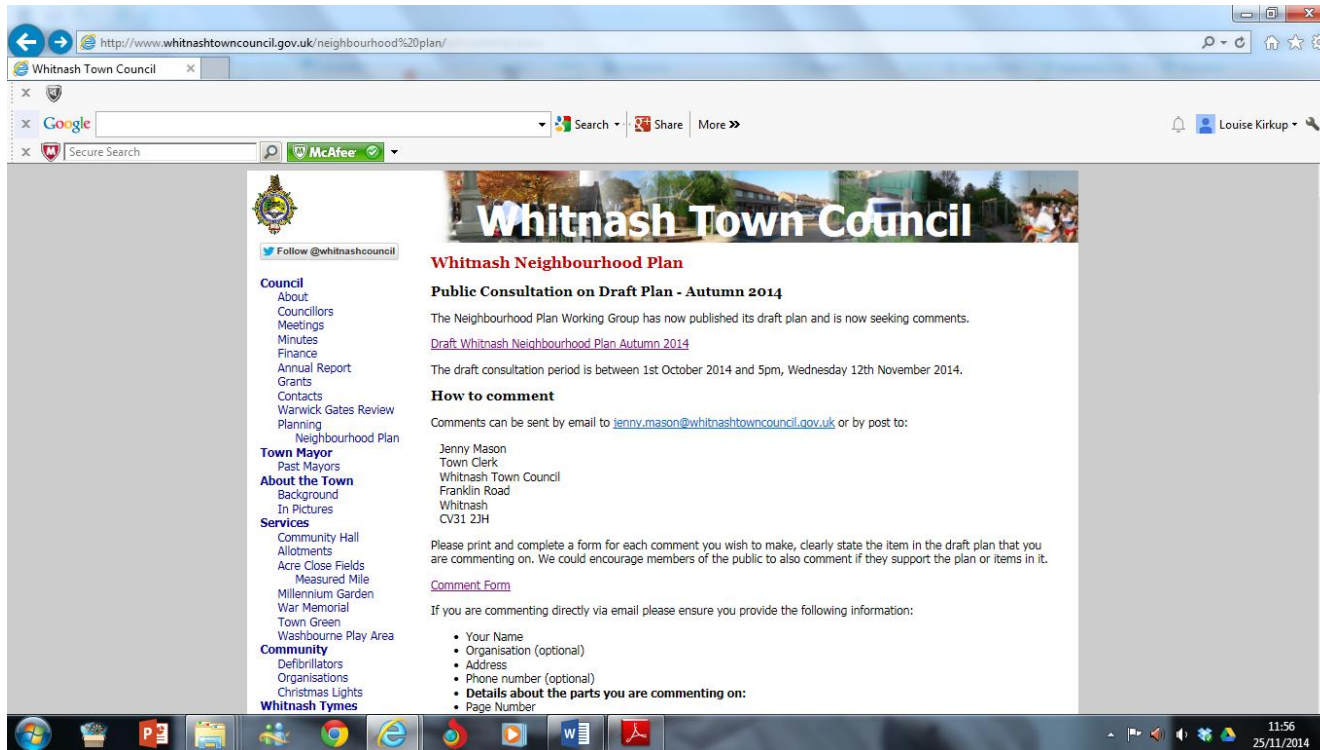
Dobson Lane Community Allotment Association
(At the end of Dobson Lane)

Please contact Action 21 on 01926 339 077 or
website www.action21.co.uk for an application form.

Appendix III Regulation 14, Formal Consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan for Whitnash

Screenshots of Web pages

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What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

The Government recently introduced substantial changes to the planning system in Britain. As part of these changes under the Localism Act 2012, town and parish councils and other bodies have been given the power to prepare Neighbourhood Plans for their local areas.

Neighbourhood Plans set out planning policies to help determine planning applications for new development and as statutory planning documents form part of the "Local Plan". Policies and site allocations in Neighbourhood Plans have to be in general conformity to the [National Planning Policy Framework](#).

Neighbourhood Plans can help shape and direct development but cannot propose less than the Local Plan.

The [Local Plan](#) is currently being worked on by Warwick District Council.

Whitnash's Neighbourhood Plan area was approved by WDC executive on 9th January 2013. [Click here to see the area](#). The map shows the current area of Whitnash highlighted in red.

Whitnash Town Council formed a Whitnash Neighbourhood Steering Group in the Autumn of 2013 consisting of local Councillors and interested local residents.

Want to take part?

If you or your group is interesting to taking part in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan please contact Whitnash Town Clerk by email or by calling the office. We'll invite you to the next meeting.

The group is being assisted with the professional expertise of [Kirkwells Town Planning](#).

So far the group has had three meetings and is formulating ideas for the Plan for submission for comment to residents in 2014.

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If you or your group is interesting to taking part in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan please contact Whitnash Town Clerk by email or by calling the office. We'll invite you to the next meeting.

The group is being assisted with the professional expertise of [Kirkwells Town Planning](#).

So far the group has had three meetings and is formulating ideas for the Plan for submission for comment to residents in 2014.

Read more about Neighbourhood Plans with this [Quick Guide](#).

Minutes

[Notes from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting held on 11th July 2013 at 7.pdf](#)

[Notes from the Steering Group Meeting held on 24th October 2013](#)

[Notes from the Steering Group Meeting held on 14th January 2014](#)

Funding

We secured funding from the Community Development Foundation and Warwick District Council.

The Community Development Foundation (CDF) is a charity and social enterprise that helps communities. The Community Development Foundation (CDF), has been awarded a contract by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) to provide the neighbourhood planning support programme.

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Warwick District Council Website

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Warwick District Council website. The address bar shows the URL: http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20376/planning_policy/271/neighbourhood_plans. The page features a navigation menu with links for Home, A To Z, Do It Online, and Contact Us. A breadcrumb trail indicates the current location: Home > Planning > Planning policy > Neighbourhood plans.

The main content area is titled "Neighbourhood plans" and includes a sub-heading "Neighbourhood plans". The text explains that a neighbourhood plan is a new type of plan introduced in the [Localism Act](#). It will be the result of a community working together to decide how their local area should develop and grow in the future. Read our [Neighbourhood Plan Frequently Asked Questions](#) to find out more.

The sidebar on the left contains several links:

- ▲ Planning
- ▲ Planning policy
- Local Development Framework
- Supplementary planning guidance
- Local Plan 1996 - 2011
- Email alert service - Planning Policy Documents
- Monitoring Reports
- Neighbourhood

The sidebar on the right is titled "External Links" and includes:

- [Neighbourhood Planning Information - DCLG](#)
- [Funding for Neighbourhood Planning - my community rights](#)
- [Online consultation system - view and submit comments](#)

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Draft Plan Response Form



Whitnash Draft Neighbourhood Plan

Public Consultation Autumn 2014

Representation Form

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN ONE FORM FOR EVERY COMMENT MADE

Office Use Only Consultee No. Representation No.
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Name	
Organisation	
Address	
Email	
Tel. No.	

To which part of the Draft Whitnash Neighbourhood Development Plan does your representation refer?

Page Number	
Paragraph Number	
Policy Number	

Are you supporting, objecting, or making a comment? (Please Tick)

Support	
Object	
Making a Comment	

Please use the box below and overleaf for any comments.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Please return this form by 5.00 p.m. Wednesday, 12th November 2014 to:

Jenny Mason
Town Clerk
Whitnash Town Council
Franklin Road
Whitnash
CV31 2JH

Or email: jenny.mason@whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk

Copy of Consultation Letter / Email



WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

Franklin Road

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Warwickshire

Town Clerk

Mrs J A Mason

Email: jenny.mason@whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk

30th September 2014

Address

Dear

Public Consultation - Whitnash Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan

I am writing to advise you that the Whitnash Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan has been published for consultation by Whitnash Town Council. The Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan has been prepared by a Steering Group on behalf of the Town Council following informal public consultation on the vision and objectives in the summer of 2014.

The consultation period runs for 6 weeks from Wednesday, 1st October 2014 until 5pm Wednesday, 12th November 2014.

Hard copies of all Neighbourhood Plan Consultation documents can be viewed in Whitnash Town Council office or Whitnash Library at the following times:

Monday: 10.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Tuesday: 10.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Wednesday: 1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Thursday: **CLOSED**

Friday: 10.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

The documents can also be viewed and downloaded from Whitnash Town Council Web link: http://www.whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood_plan/

and

Warwick District Council web link:

http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/downloads/download/418/neighbourhood_plans_-_whitnash

A Representation Form is provided for comments, but the Town Council also welcomes comments by email or in writing. Please submit all comments on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan by email to: jenny.mason@whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk

or by post to:

Town Clerk

Whitnash Town Council

Franklin Road

Whitnash

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Following the consultation process on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, the Plan will be amended and submitted to Warwick District Council together with supporting documentation, including the Consultation Statement setting out who has been consulted, how the consultation has been undertaken and how

the representations received have informed the Plan. Warwick District Council will then re-consult, before the Plan is subjected to an Examination by an Independent Examiner. Once any further amendments have been made the Plan will be subjected to a local Referendum, and then made by Warwick District Council and used to determine planning applications in Whitnash.

If you require any further information please contact the Town Clerk at the address provided above.

Yours Sincerely

Jenny Mason

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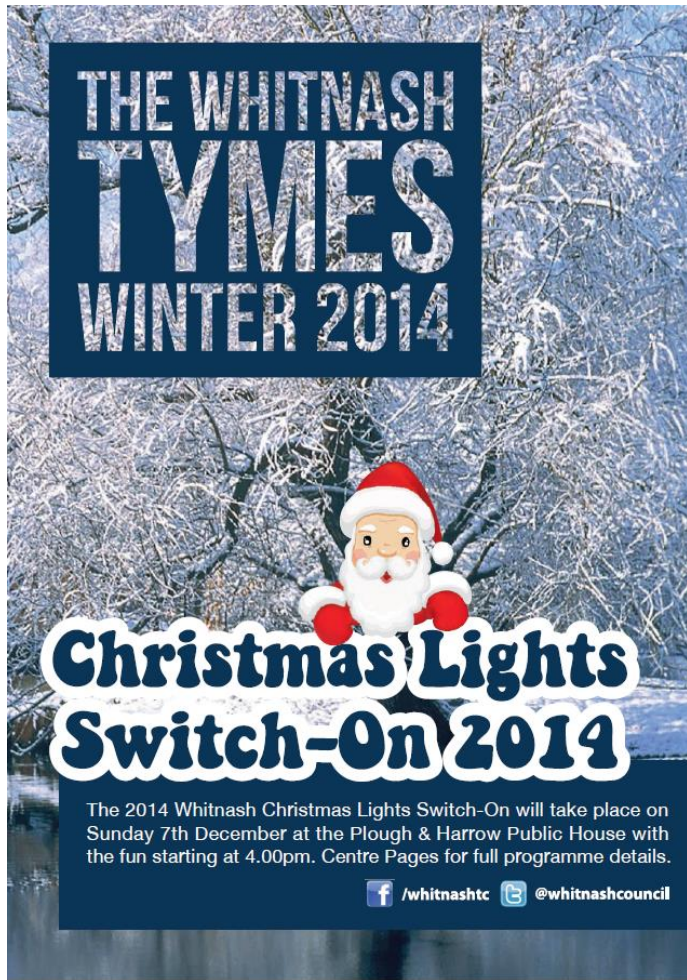
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WHITNASH DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

The following organisations were visited during the Consultation period to explain about the Whitnash Draft Neighbourhood Plan Consultation:

	DATE	ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVE
1.	30/9/14	Whitnash Coffee Morning	Cllr Mrs Judy Falp
2.	1/10/14	Whitnash Allotment Charity AGM	Cllr Margrave
3.	8/10/14	Whitnash Women's Institute	Cllr Mrs Judy Falp
4.	13/10/14	Whitnash Society	Cllr Mrs Judy Falp
5.	6/10/14	Warwick District Council Planning Forum meeting	Cllr Mrs Judy Falp
6.	10/10/14	Whitnash Seniors Luncheon Club??	Cllr Mrs Judy Falp
7.	15/10/14	Whitnash Short Mat Bowls Club	Cllr Mrs Judy Falp



Publicity Material for Draft Plan Consultation, October to November 2014



**THE WHITNASH
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**Christmas Lights
Switch-On 2014**

The 2014 Whitnash Christmas Lights Switch-On will take place on Sunday 7th December at the Plough & Harrow Public House with the fun starting at 4.00pm. Centre Pages for full programme details.

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TICKING TIME BOMBS IN WHITNASH FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN LAUNCH

The final consultation on the draft Neighbourhood plan for Whitnash was launched on 1st October for six weeks. Ticking Time Bombs appeared in a range of places and formats to alert residents to the consultation. The plan will be completed following comments received and a referendum will then take place in the New Year when residents will be asked to support the proposals in the final document. The vision for Whitnash is: In 2029 Whitnash will have a strong, local identity of a sustainable, thriving town which serves its local residents and businesses well, and continue to have close family and community support. Community facilities will be enhanced, green spaces and historical links maintained and a realistic number and mix of housing built in and around Whitnash to meet the needs of all ages and groups in the town. There are a number of objectives to help make our vision happen. The project has taken two years to arrive at this point and has taken many hours of people's time and thanks must go to the Councillors and Residents who have been part of the Steering Group, the Town Clerk, Jenny Mason, who has undertaken all of the administration, Kirkwells Planning Consultants, Warwick District Council and Community Development Foundation, (Supporting Communities in Neighbourhood Planning Programme).

Councillor Judy Falp - Chairman Neighbourhood Plans Group

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Newspaper Articles

Leamington Spa Courier 10/10/14

Leamington Observer 16/10/14

Friday October 10, 2014 www.leamingtoncourier.co.uk

NEWS

TOWN CONSULTATION

Time ticks away on chance to shape Whitnash's future

By David Munnar
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remain a Whitnash parish ward, but not within the Warwick District Council ward of Whitnash - and a major housing developments in the town council area and nearby.

The loss of open space has prompted fears that Whitnash could slowly merge with Warwick Gates and Sydenham.

Cllr Judy Pals, spokeswoman for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, made up of town councillors and residents, said: "The choice of a ticking time bomb for our publicity was agreed because this plan really can make a big impact on Whitnash's future."

"We really want to hear what the residents think of the draft plan and hope they will support it at the referendum."

The draft plan states that Whitnash has a population of 8,806, according to the 2011 census, and houses will increase by around 550 in the area into 2026.

One of the objectives in the plan is the "opportunity of the development" of a rail station on the Coventry to Leamington and London line.

There is also a call for a community hub in Acre Close to include retail, library, council offices, police, care clinic, meeting rooms and a hall for hire.

New housing should be sympathetic to the area, particularly the conservation areas, and protection of the open spaces, including the Whitnash Brook Valley, and restoring access to the Holy Well.

It also highlights the need for existing shops, better parking, improved health facilities and allocating space for jobs.

Copies of the plan are available online at <http://www.whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan/> or hard copies can be seen at Whitnash Library.

www.leamingtonobserver.co.uk

The Observer Series, Thursday October 16, 2014

UKIP buoyed by gaining first MP

UK Independence Party supporters in Warwick will be cheering as the party's first MP is elected to Parliament.

Derry's UKIP Warwick and Leamington Constituency MP, Nigel Farage, will have a busy day on the campaign trail.

Farage, 50, is the first UKIP MP to be elected since the party's formation in 1996.

The party's other MP, Douglas Ross, was elected in the constituency of Glasgow, Douglas, Galloway and Arran and North Ayrshire, during the general election in May.

Farage's victory in Warwick and Leamington is a significant boost for the party, which has been struggling to gain momentum in the run-up to the general election.

He said: "I'm delighted to have been elected and I'm looking forward to representing Warwick and Leamington in Parliament."

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Richard's mapped out our fallen

LEAMINGTON FALLS

Richard Fisk will be displaying his map of Leamington Falls on Thursday, October 16, 2014.

Electric blankets failed safety tests

More than a third of electric blankets tested in Warwick district failed to meet safety standards, it has been revealed.

The Warwick District Council has issued a warning to consumers to be careful when buying electric blankets, as a survey of 100 blankets found that 33 per cent failed safety tests.

The survey, conducted by the Warwick District Council, found that 33 per cent of the blankets tested failed to meet the safety standards set by the British Standard BS 6853.

The survey also found that 10 per cent of the blankets tested failed to meet the safety standards set by the British Standard BS 6853.

The survey was conducted by the Warwick District Council, which has issued a warning to consumers to be careful when buying electric blankets.

Consultation of Whitnash plan started

A six-week public consultation on Whitnash's Neighbourhood Plan is currently underway.

The plan will give people a say on future developments in the town, including housing, transport and open spaces.

A referendum to adopt the plan will be held in 2015.

The plan is available at <http://www.whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan/>.

UKIP party leader, Nigel Farage, (L)

is changing daily but a lot of work will have to be done after the European elections in 2014.

Farage said: "We are a country with big issues, we now have one of the most powerful governments in the world and we need to make sure that we are ready to take on the challenges that we face."

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