North Wootton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2022-2036 Consultation Statement



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Introduction

Overview of North Wootton Neighbourhood Development Plan

- North Wootton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has been prepared in accordance with the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Localism Act 2011, the Neighbourhood Development Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and Directive 2001/42/EC on Strategic Environmental Assessment.
- 2. It establishes a vision and objectives for the future of the parish and sets out how this will be realised through non-strategic planning policies.

About this consultation statement

- 3. This consultation statement has been prepared by <u>Collective Community Planning</u> on behalf of North Wootton Parish Council to fulfil the legal obligation of the Neighbourhood Development Planning Regulations 2012. Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the Regulations sets out that a Consultation Statement should contain:
 - a) 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.
- 4. It has also been prepared to demonstrate that the process has complied with Section 14 of the Neighbourhood Development Planning (General) Regulations 2012. This sets out 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 Development Plan area:
 - i. Details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;
 - 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.
- 5. Furthermore, the National Planning Practice Guidance requires that the qualifying body should be inclusive and open in the preparation of its Neighbourhood Development Plan, and ensure that the wider community:
 - Is kept fully informed of what is being proposed;
 - Is able to make their views known throughout the process;
 - Has opportunities to be actively involved in shaping the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan; and
 - Is made aware of how their views have informed the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 6. This statement provides an overview and description of the consultation that was undertaken by the NDP steering group on behalf of North Wootton Parish Council, in particular the Regulation 14 Consultation on the pre-submission draft. The steering group have endeavoured to ensure that the NDP reflects the views and wishes of the local community and the key stakeholders.

Summary of consultation and engagement activity

- 7. This section sets out in chronological order the consultation and engagement events that led to the production of the draft North Wootton NDP that was consulted upon as part of the Regulation 14 Consultation.
- 8. A significant amount of work went locally into engaging with the community early in development of the NDP, so that it could be informed by the views of local people. Consultation events took place at key points in the development process. A range of events and methods were used and at every stage the results were analysed and shared with local people.

Summary of Early Engagement

Date	Activity	Summary
05/05/2021	Planners from the Planning	This was at the parish councils annual
	Policy Team at the Borough	meeting which was held via zoom during
	Council of Kings Lynn	Covid-19 pandemic. The PC May 2021
	joined via zoom the Annual	meeting agreed to begin the process of the
	Parish Council meeting to	NDP and discussed how to promote the idea
	discuss starting an NDP.	in the community including via a banner,
		posters, letters, newsletter, and contact magazine ¹ .
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		During Covid the parish clerk would still put
		the agendas in the community notice boards
		and there was a poster advertised to tell
		people they could join the online meeting if
		they wanted to.
13/12/2021	First meeting with the	The meeting discussed the initial ideas to
	steering group	move forward with developing the NDP.
22/06/2021	Area designation	Area designation approved by Borough
		Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk.
November	AECOM Design Codes	This interactive session involved NDP
2021	walkabout around the	steering group members including some
	parish to understand the	from the parish council and CCP consultants
5 1 0 14 1	character of the area.	to develop a design guide for the parish.
Feb & March	First community survey	The consultation included a survey with 18
2022	consultation ran for 4	questions. A leaflet advertising the survey was distributed to all households in the
	weeks.	
		neighbourhood area. People were able to pick up additional copies of the survey from
		local venues. Overall, 300 responses were
		received from residents.
Jan/Feb 2023	SEA Screening Opinion	Statutory Environmental Bodies consulted on
	Consultation was led by the	the draft plan as part of a Strategic
	Borough Council of Kings	Environmental Assessment Screening
	Lynn & West Norfolk this	exercise.
	ran from 30 January – 27	
	February.	

¹ Minutes-5th-May.pdf (norfolkparishes.gov.uk)

Date	Activity	Summary
		28 th September 2022 BCKLWN sent over
		written confirmation that an SEA and HRA
		was not needed with a determination
		statement.
February	Parish Clerk notified the	The landowner was given an informal
2023	owner of the proposed	opportunity to provide their comments. As a
	Local Green Space that	result of the comments provided the steering
	their land was being	group decided not to designate the
	considered for	proposed Local Green Space.
	designation.	

Early engagement - summary of the main issues raised

9. These included:

- Concern about parking issues, particularly linked to the primary school and the need to designate land on the school playing field to try resolve the problems of parking on pavements, junctions, and outside residential dwellings
- Retaining existing local services and facilities is important and there's support for the reinstatement or improvement of the House on the Green
- Encouragement of more facilities and activities to be introduced in the village for all age groups particularly younger people
- Retaining the current character of North Wootton, of which heritage is a key part, is important to residents including the use of local materials such as carstone
- There is strong support for protecting the environment
- The design of any new housing is important, there's support for ensuring new housing is in keeping with existing development and also new development should incorporate low carbon design
- The identity of North Wootton being a village is important to residents and there
 were many suggestions for non-designated heritage assets, including the village
 hall
- Access into the countryside is important, people would like to see more footpaths and routes into the countryside
- Whilst there is not an overall desire to encourage much new development, answers welcomed the need for more family sizes homes, First Homes and bungalows
- Regarding development coming forward the idea of 2 and 3 beds were the preferred option

Early engagement - how this was considered in development of the presubmission plan

- 10. Feedback about parking constraints fed into a policy on parking provision and public car parking facilities.
- 11. As respondents to the initial survey were generally against future housing development in or around the village, a decision was taken not to allocate a site for housing within the NDP and for the plan to make it clear that should Policy LP31 in the emerging Local Plan be adopted then it would not apply within the parish.
- 12. Following feedback from residents on the importance of the local environment and preserving this, the steering group decided to identify key views and included a a policy on biodiversity.
- 13. The settlement area of North Wootton is almost entirely surrounded by the AONB designated area. This and access into the wider countryside is considered important to residents and is something that led to a policy being developed on the AONB.
- 14. Feedback in relation to design, and particularly that relating to preserving North Wootton's heritage, was fed into the work on developing Design Codes. This was led by AECOM, but members of the steering group met with AECOM to undertake an initial walk around and identify key priorities.

Regulation 14 Consultation

Overview

- 15. The consultation ran for eight weeks from 13 March to 8 May 2023.
- 16. The activities undertaken to bring the consultation to the attention of local people and stakeholders is set out below. This meets the requirements of Paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 in Regulation 14.

Date		Activity	Summary
13 March	•	Emails and letters sent to	An email or letter was sent directly to each of
2023		stakeholders advising	the stakeholders, including statutory
		them of the Regulation	consultees, supplied by BCKLWN. The
		14 consultation and how	email/letter informed the stakeholders of the
		to make representations	commencement of the consultation period. The

Date	Activity	Summary
		email notified consultees of the NDP's availability on the website, alongside supporting materials, and highlighted different methods to submit comments. This meets the requirements of Paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 in Regulation 14. This was sent on 13 March 2023. A copy of this is provided in Appendix A .
	Leaflet which was handed out at various events at the Village Hall (Appendix B)	Various methods were used to bring the Regulation 14 Consultation to the attention of local people.
	The content and QR code were posted on the local Woottons Community Facebook	All methods stated the consultation dates, where NDP documents could be accessed and how to respond.
	 page. Poster which went in the notice boards around the village. (Appendix C) 	 People were able to make representations by: Completing an online survey. Filling in a hard copy of the survey or electronic version of the survey and
	Newsletter which includes information about the consultation, this was delivered to	sending this to the parish clerk. • Providing feedback via letter or electronically to the parish clerk.
	every property in North Wootton. (Appendix	The NDP documents made available as part of this process included ³ :
	D ²)	Consultation surveySEA Screening Assessment and Screening Determination
		 Regulation 14 Draft Plan Evidence Paper (which Includes the Important Local Views and NDHA
		assessments) • AECOM Design Guide
		AECOM Housing Needs Assessment

Newsletter – North Wootton Parish Council (norfolkparishes.gov.uk)
 Neighbourhood Plan – North Wootton Parish Council (norfolkparishes.gov.uk)

Date	Activity	Summary
25/03/23	Drop-in event at the Village	This was primarily an opportunity for residents
	Hall	to drop in and view the plan and supporting
		documents and ask the steering group
		questions about it. There were approximately
		30 attendees.
7 August	North Wootton NDP	The meeting allowed everyone to discuss the
2023	Steering Group met with	views which had been raised by the
	CCP to review the	community and statutory stakeholders. CCP led
	representations received and	the meeting going through the summary table
	agree amendments to be	and the group agreed amendments to the NDP
	made to the plan.	to then share with the full parish council.

Responses to the Regulation 14 Consultation

- 17. At the end of the consultation period there were 19 completed surveys, either filled in electronically, by hand or online.
- 18. 11 stakeholders wrote to the steering group with their comments on the draft plan, either in letter or email form.
- 19. The next section summarises the main issues and concerns raised and describes how these were considered in finalising the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Responses via the survey

In total 19 people responded to the online survey, a mixture of residents, people who work in North Wootton and local landowners.

Housing

Section of the online survey	Stakeholder comments to the Regulation 14 consultation	NDP Response
Housing policies	 Policy 1 overall had a majority of agreement from the online respondents. However, 2 strongly disagreed. 	Welcome overall agreement and note the comments raised by the community.
	Policy 2 overall had a majority of agreement. However. Some were	Whilst there are no housing allocations within the local plan or neighbourhood plan; NW NP has the

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Section of	Stakeholder comments to the	NDP Response
the online	Regulation 14 consultation	
survey		
	not sure or disagreed with the	opportunity to provide policies which
	approach.	can have a positive effect on how
	Policy 3 overall has agreement.	future housing, if any comes forward
	Policy 4 overall had the majority of	such as windfall sites, on how they are
	agreement.	designed, what the mix, type and
		tenure should be. There are a number
	There were a number of comments left	of pages which focus on housing
	regarding the housing policies. A	since this sets out the detail of
	breakdown of these are summarised	evidence gathered from various
	below:	sources including the AECOM
		Housing Needs Assessments and
	Fully support	Design Codes. This detail has been
	Increase in housing will increase	added in for users of the plan to
	inappropriate behaviour such as	understand the approach taken for the
	speeding and vandalism.	policies focused on housing.
	Low light considerations will still	
	light up the dark skies	The housing needs assessment
	Wish to see something happen on	estimated that NW requires roughly
	the parking issues in the village	43 units of affordable housing over
	including on pavements/green	the plan period. However as stated in
	areas and the management of the	para 46 it is unlikely that the number
	green spaces such as the village	of dwellings delivered will meet this
	green.	need, but it is relevant to make this
	Why is there so much emphasis on	evidence apparent. The affordable
	addressing housing development in	housing policy addresses the tenure
	the NP when there are no allocated	mix suggested in the AECOM HNA
	sites and future development is	document which focuses on 75:25
	coming from windfall sites?	ratio % meaning rented housing will
	Where are the 43 properties to be	be the priority if this is brought
	built regarding affordable housing?	forward on appropriate sites in line
	Already enough growth in South	with other local plan policies.
	Wootton taking place.	
	North Woottons characteristics	All neighbourhood plan policies must
	should be maintained and	be considered in future applicants
	protected and not affected by	where relevant this will include the
	housing development	characteristics of NW landscape.

Section of the online survey	Stakeholder comments to the Regulation 14 consultation	NDP Response
		The parish council is aware of the parking issues within the NP area and will proactively engage with relevant statutory bodies on improving such measures as set out in Community Action 6 and Policy 13.

Natural Environment

Section of the online survey	Stakeholder comments to the Regulation 14 consultation	NDP Response
Natural Environment Policies	Policy 5 to Policy 9 overall had a majority of agreement or strong agreement from the online respondents. 3 comments were left which are summarised below: • Remaining green spaces should be protected. • Dark Skies and Surface Water Management are important. • Careful planning will still disturb the Norfolk Coast AONB and Dark Skies.	Welcome the overall agreement with the policies. NPs cannot restrict further development and note the concerns that individuals may think further planning could disturb the landscape character of the Norfolk Coast AONB or Dark Skies. However, the policies in place are taking a proactive approach to ensure that design considerations to future development, if any comes forward in the development period, will take measures to ensure that there will be no adverse effect on such matters.

Community facilities

Section of the online	Stakeholder comments to the Regulation 14 consultation	NDP Response
survey		
Community	Policy 10 and Policy 11 overall had agreement	Welcome the overall
facilities	or strong agreement from the online	agreement with the policies.
section	respondents.	
	Two comments were left including that facilities need to be protected and that the House on the Green at the moment is unappealing.	Note the comments.

Transport and accessibility

Section of the online	Stakeholder comments to the Regulation 14 consultation	NDP Response
survey		
Transport and accessibility section	Policy 12 and 13 overall had agreement or strong agreement from the online respondents. Comments raised that parking is important and that parking on verges/green areas should be enforced. As well as this enabling access to the marshes for walking/cycling would bring enjoyment.	Welcome the overall agreement with Policy 15. Note the comments and importance on addressing parking and access into the countryside.

Historic Environment

Section of the online survey	Stakeholder comments to the Regulation 14 consultation	NDP Response
Historic environment section	Policy 14 overall had agreement or strong agreement from the online respondents. One comment stated that all history in NW needs to be protected.	Welcome the overall agreement with Policy 14. Note the importance of the history of NW and have addressed preserving and enhancing areas of particular interest in the NP.

Responses Received from Stakeholders & Statutory Consultees

Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk

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Item	Comment	
Overall comments	It is noted that previous/ initial officer comments regarding the preliminary draft version of the Plan have mostly been taken on board in the published (Regulation 14) version. Further comments have been prepared through detailed discussions with Development Management Officers (i.e. the main end-users for the Neighbourhood Plan) and these are set out below. We wish to congratulate North Wootton Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Planning Group in reaching this important milestone in	Noted.
	the Neighbourhood Planning process.	
Para 27	For clarity, Policy LP31 (emerging Local Plan Review; likely to be subject to change through the ongoing Local Plan examination) would not	Noted thank you for the clarification.

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	apply to North Wootton once replacement Local Plan and/ or Neighbourhood Plan are adopted/ made. This is due to AONB designation beyond the built-up area of the village and the explicit exclusion of this policy in the case of designated Neighbourhood Areas with "made" (adopted) Neighbourhood Plans.	
Policy 1	 • 3rd paragraph – suggested revision, in the interests of clarity and effectiveness: "New housing should maximise accessibility for all end-users and occupants. Development coming forward for specialist housing to meet local needs will be supported in principle where these accord with relevant development plan policies". 	Noted. Recommend making the revision.
Policy 2	Requirement for 75% "Affordable Rented Housing" – it should be borne in mind that "social rented housing" is a particular affordable housing tenure type (i.e. not separate). This should be reflected within the policy text, in line with paragraph 46. 2nd part of Policy 2 – First Homes is a category of discount market (private) housing. It is unclear how these eligibility criteria could be applied to this category of housing through the planning system. The Strategic Housing team (strategic.housing@west-norfolk.gov.uk) may be able to advise further about this matter.	Noted reflect within the policy text that affordable rented housing is a particular affordable housing tenure type. The eligibility criteria set out in the First Homes Guidance Para 008-First Homes - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) states that neighbourhood plans can apply eligibility criteria in addition to the national criteria which may include things such as a local connection test (current residency, family connections, caring

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		responsibilities) or criteria based on employment status. This can be applied as part of section 106 agreements. This can apply for a maximum of 3 months of when a home is first marketed. We recommend referring to the local eligibility criteria clearer in the 2 nd part of policy 2 by referencing the need to do so through a \$106 agreement on any housing being delivered as a First Home. However, if no one meets
		the test within 3 months of the home being marketed then the national criteria will apply.
Policy 3	Introductory paragraph — suggested revised wording, in the interests of clarity regarding the scope of the policy (which would not apply in the case of permitted development): "All proposals, including householder applications,	Noted. Recommend revision to the introductory paragraph. The BCKWLN refers to Policy 2 when they mean Policy 3.
	a) It is important to ensure this is sufficiently aligned to national policy (NPPF paragraph 125(b) and (c)) re the application of density policies and ensuring efficient use of land — suggested wording to ensure that development respects local character (with regard to density), while conforming to national policy: "Development should be of a density that	 a) Note the clause needs to align with the national policy regarding density. Recommend revising the wording. b) Welcome no change c) Noted suggested change d) Noted recommend referencing appendices B and C and include this as an annex to the plan

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	respects local character, while making efficient use of available (developable) land". b) Criterion generally robust and clear — no change proposed.	e) Noted. Looked into revising the criteria to merge with clause c. However, unsure where the BCKWLN got the reference "verdant street
	c) Suggested amendment to policy wording, to clarify circumstances when this criteria should apply: "The building frontage line for new developments should respect the existing alignment of buildings along the street frontage"	frontages, where appropriate" from. The clause did not say this so decided to make no change. f) Noted. Revised wording to take out examples of the
	d) Criterion should specifically reference appendices B and C (Design Guidance document), the latter of which should be included as an Annex to the Plan.	park, green spaces which are repeated in Policy 10 but felt necessary to keep the rest of the wording.
	e) Criterion references "verdant street frontages, where appropriate". This may be better merged with criterion (c).	g) Noted. Made the change.h) Noted the fact neighbouring properties may not have desirable boundary
	f) Separate community infrastructure policy (10) – covered elsewhere (not necessary to repeat in Policy 2).	treatments. Made the amendment.
	g) Separate biodiversity/ green infrastructure policy (7) — covered elsewhere (not necessary to repeat in Policy 2).	
	h) Neighbouring properties may not necessarily have desirable boundary fences/ walls; therefore, suggested wording amendment: "should be consistent with the existing street scene, offering features"	

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Policy 4	2 nd paragraph – wording improvement suggested, in the interests of clarity/ readability: "should be constructed with permeable paving materials; otherwise, wherever possible, should incorporate sustainable drainage systems"	We have used the revised text for 2 nd paragraph. Note the comments on "on street parking". Specified when this will apply.
	On Street Parking — Given that this relates to public highways, it is difficult to see how this aspiration could be achieved through the planning system. Instead, it should be specified that this would only apply where dedicated on-street parking is provided as part of new developments. Garage parking — Suggested wording amendment to 2 nd sentence, in the interests of clarity/ readability: "should complement the character and style of the main building" Cycle parking — proposed requirements are excessively prescriptive. Instead, better to state that new development should provide suitable secured parking for properties without garages.	Made the amendment for garage parking. For cycle parking the prescription links to guidance from the Design Codes document. Note revising the wording and referring back to the design code for applicants to consider.
Policy 5	Suggested amendments to policy wording, to ensure clarity/ readability. 1. Addition of hyperlink to Integrated Landscape Guidance document(s) would be useful (e.g. as a footnote). 2. "AONB that would result in harm to the	Add an additional hyperlink to the integrated landscape guidance document in the policy. Footnotes and hyperlinks of the guidance is already provided in the supporting text under footnotes 13,14 and 15.
	local character". Subdividing larger gardens etc should be a separate criterion; i.e. "Sub-division of larger	Note separating the criteria for subdividing larger gardens. Recommend separating this in the policy.

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	gardens or open fields" – new criterion 3.	
Policy 6	Suggested policy wording amendments, to ensure policy is as robust and effective as possible: • 1st paragraph – "safety/ security" – remove reference to public footways, as this should apply to all public realms • Bullet points – "Fully shielded", "Directed downwards" etc – too prescriptive: suggested amendment: "should be positioned/ designed to minimise light spill; e.g. avoidance of dawn to dusk lighting". Bullet points would be better incorporated within supporting text as informatives, to explain how the policy may be applied, in practice. It is noted that paragraph 77 covers much of this explanation already.	Recommend removing reference to public footways and revise to state this should apply to all public realms. Note the comments that the bullet points are better in the supporting text. However, the policy aligns with other neighbourhood plan policies which have been adopted e.g. the Holme next the Sea NP. Agreed that we would change the wording but included the bullets in the supporting text at Para 77.
Policy 7	1st paragraph — "wildlife will be safeguarded" — useful to reference 2021 Environmental Act requirements, although this could be included within the supporting text as it is obligatory anyway. Policy 7 continues to state that: "Proposals that will affect trees or hedgerow must be accompanied". Use of the word "must" within development plan policies is generally inappropriate. In this case, the requirements cited would probably be better achieved	Referenced the Environmental Act 2021 requirements in the supporting text in Para 82. Amended to should rather than must. Referenced the validation checklist by the LPA.

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	through a cross reference to the local requirements ⁴ for validating planning applications.	
Para 88-92	It would be useful to explain that assessment of important views around the built-up are of the village has also supported potential identification of a single site suitable for designation as Local Green Space (LGS), in accordance with the national policy criteria (NPPF paragraphs 101-103); i.e. of sites assessed only one was concluded to be appropriate for designation or to fulfil national requirements. Ultimately, the previous LGS proposal was not taken forward into the submission Plan; recognising the specific requirements for this	Noted. Revised the supporting text regarding the assessment and LGS removal.
	particular development plan/ land-use designation.	
Policy 9	1st paragraph — while the aspiration to avoid surface water flood risk is recognised, these requirements are considered to exceed what is reasonable in national policy (NPPF) requirements.	Deleted the second half of the first para from 'with' and combined this with the second para. Also added high flood risk instead so this sounds more reasonable.
	2 nd paragraph – for the avoidance of doubt and clarity, it would be useful to specifically cross reference Figure 21, re surface water flooding. Absolutely everywhere is at potential surface water flood risk; therefore, this should specify where this policy requirement is applicable;	Referenced figure 21 but also said or more up to date EA mapping to ensure that its clear people look at the most recent flood risk map.

⁴ https://www.westnorfolk.gov.uk/info/20077/planning_applications/548/planning_application_validation_checklists

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	e.g. with reference to surface water flood risk areas shown in Figure 21.	
Policy 10	1st (introductory) paragraph — suggested amendment, to ensure that clarity that community facilities are not limited to the Policy 10 list:	Note the recommendation. Will make the change.
	"Local Plan policies for the protection of community facilities should be applied to protect community facilities within North Wootton. These include, but are not limited to"	
Policy 11	No specific comments.	Noted.
Policy 12	No specific comments.	Noted.
Policy 13	1st paragraph – suggested minor modification to policy wording, in the interests of clarity/ readability: "Development proposals that will improve or expanding expand upon parking facilities" 3rd paragraph – it would be helpful to clarify that Policy 13 is in two separate parts: a) North Wootton Primary School; and b) Elsewhere within the village/ Neighbourhood Area.	Noted changed paragraph 1. Noted change the paragraph and did subheadings.
Policy 14	No specific comments.	Noted.
Appendix B	70 questions checklist is considered excessive for most developments (at least minor schemes, <10 dwellings/ <1000m² floorspace). It is probably better to utilise each of the seven main	Noted that the checklist from the AECOM Design Guidance is rather long.

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	headers, supported by broader (more generic questions) for each theme.	Revised the appendix with the nine main heading and be supported by the more specific questions in each theme where applicable in development applications coming forward.

Norfolk County Council

Stakeholder comments to the Regulation 14 consultation	NDP Response
Ecology Team:	Welcome the support of
	Objective D
Visions and objectives- Objective D is supported	
	Updated para 82
Biodiversity improvements:	
	Note the comments on
Regarding para 82, in relation to the introduction of	para 84 and 85 made
mandatory BNG, the sentence "This will become law mid-	reference to the NE BNG
2023, with secondary legislation and detail yet to come"	register.
could be updated to state the following: "Mandatory BNG is expected to come into force from November 2023, with	Amended para 87
secondary legislation and detail due by summer 2023".	Amended para 07
secondary registerion and detail add by summer 2020 :	Note the comments on
 Paragraphs 84 & 85 provide details of potential locations for 	Policy 7. Amended the
delivery of offsite BNG which is welcomed however, it is	wording.
important to note that these (and any other BNG sites) would	
first be required to be recorded on Natural England's	Welcome the support of
Biodiversity Gain Site Register.	community action 2
Regarding para 87, it is advised that reference to the	
"Biodiversity Act" is changed to the "Environment Act".	
Policy 7: Biodiversity Improvements:	
Toney 7. Diodiversity improvements.	

Stakeholder comments to the Regulation 14 consultation

• The policy is supported however it should be noted that item c (Delivery of biodiversity net gain on site wherever possible. Where demonstrated that this is not feasible, then delivery elsewhere in the Parish boundary, with priority on delivering improvements in the existing Green Spaces identified in Figure 18) may be challenging to 2 achieve for all new developments as it could not be guaranteed that registered net gain providers would necessarily be available within the Parish boundary. Therefore, this wording may be too restrictive; instead, the policy could state:

"Delivery of biodiversity net gain on site wherever possible and if it can be demonstrated that this is not feasible then delivery elsewhere in the Parish boundary or suitable available locations in the local area".

Community Action 2 is supported.

Lead Local Flood Authority Team:

- Welcome the reference to various sources of surface water and coastal flooding. However, no reference has been made to groundwater flooding recommends adding in detail.
- Welcomes the inclusion of Objective H
- LLFA recommends that a full review of flooding within the Parish should be carried out to assess all forms of flood risk in the area, including flood risk from surface water, groundwater, and ordinary watercourses, supported by relevant mapping.
- Welcomes reference made to sustainable drainage and welcomes Policy 9
- Welcomes reference made to large areas of the Parish of North Wootton lying within the Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board Area, with parts of the Parish located within Environment Agency Flood Zones 1, 2 and 3.

Recommend reference to groundwater flooding in the NP and include mapping on this if available. Cannot find free groundwater maps online. Emailed LLFA on 080823 and received useful feedback on 150823- added new maps and information found to the evidence base paper.

NDP Response

Welcome the support of different parts of the NP including Objective H, Policy 9, Community Action 3.

Stakeholder comments to the Regulation 14 consultation

- No mapping has been included in the document relating to such areas, and as such the LLFA would recommend the inclusion of these in any subsequent revisions.
- Advises that EA mapping is included in the plan relating to the identified surface water and coastal flood risk issue.
- Welcomes reference to the delivery of strategic policies and para 93
- Welcomes community action 3. However, LLFA would comment that whilst the LLFA have powers to enforce maintenance on ordinary watercourses that are not within Environment Agency or IDB areas. However, the LLFA do not have any responsibility for maintenance these watercourses. This is the responsibility of riparian owners.
- Recommends reference to the NCC LLFA statutory consultee for planning guidance document and other information supplied in the full statement including LLFA datasets, flood investigation reports, records from EA and Anglian Water DG5 records in the parish.
- The LLFA would expect that the Neighbourhood Planning Process provide a robust assessment of the risk of flooding, from all sources, when allocating sites. It is not evident to the LLFA that this has been undertaken in respect of any site allocations (however it is noted that no housing allocations form part of the plan). If a risk of flooding is identified then a sequential test, and exception test where required, should be undertaken.

NDP Response

Reviewed the NP and baseline and included EA mapping on coastal and surface water flood risk. Added in maps to the evidence base paper and NP document.

Added in additional data around NCC guidance and other reports/information supplied at the Reg.14 stage.

The NP does not allocate any sites.

Community action 3 – included that the PC will look to secure CIL and other funding to support improvements where needed.

Public health team:

Reference to health can be included throughout the Neighbourhood Plan or the health elements can be drawn together into one section within the plan to be easily accessible and show full consideration of health. Considerations can include:

 Quality and affordable housing: associated with improved quality of life, mental health, and clinical health-related outcomes Already are policies/supporting text which refers to aspect of public health. For example, the housing section discussing specialist housing and also affordable housing struggles causing negative consequences

Stakeholder comments to the Regulation 14 consultation	NDP Response
 Improved transport and accessibility: increased social 	for quality of life if
connections and encouragement to walk and cycle	people take on large
 Social infrastructure provisions: enable residents to have 	rental/housing costs
good access to service and opportunities for social	which can be
interaction and sense of community	unsustainable.
 Economic activity: a range of employment opportunities 	
within the neighbourhood or accessible by sustainable travel	However, added in
 Natural environment: access to high quality green space can 	further reference to
increase physical activity, provide opportunity for local food	public health in the
growing, address air quality issues and contribute to nature	appropriate
conservation and biodiversity	places/policies where it
 Climate resilience: address warm summers and cold winters. 	may not have been so
Build resilience into the community, for example flood risk	apparent.
mitigation	
 Health inequalities: specific consideration of vulnerable 	
groups, for example elderly people or deprived area	

Anglian Water

Stakeholder comments to the Regulation 14 consultation	NDP Response
Policy 3: Design – we support the approach in the policy	Welcome the support.
particularly the requirement to be consistent with the North	
Wootton Design Guidance and Codes (specifically DC.01 -	Reflected on the
DC.05), which addresses design matters we endorse including	comments regarding a
DC.04 Sustainability, that promotes energy and water efficiency	greater emphasis on
measures and SuDS.	sustainable construction
	and energy/water
We would welcome greater emphasis on sustainable construction	efficiency standards as
and energy/water efficiency measures within the policy and	referenced in Figure 53
consider the policy could encourage or require more ambitious	of the design guidance.
water efficiency standards as referenced in Figure 53 of the design	We have added in this
guidance.	figure into the NP and
	added the welcoming of
The Government's recently published Environment Improvement	such construction in the
<u>Plan</u> sets ten actions in the Roadmap to Water Efficiency in new	supporting text and
developments, including a new standard for new homes in England	reference to DC.04 in
of 105 litres per person per day (I/p/d) and 100 I/p/d where	the policy.

Stakeholder comments to the Regulation 14 consultation	NDP Response
there is a clear local need, such as in areas of serious water stress. We would welcome consideration of a policy requirement for new homes to meet water efficiency standards of 100 l/p/d through a fixtures and fittings approach, given the small-scale nature developments in the parish.	Note the government's recent publication. Referred to this in the supporting text.
Policy 9: Surface Water Flood Risk & Management - we support the robust policy approach to reducing flood risk and requiring all development to incorporate SuDS as an integral component of the overall design. We encourage the use of SuDS to effectively manage surface water run-off from development and this helps to minimise the impact on our networks, including the infiltration of surface water into our water recycling network.	Welcome the support. Added reference to Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 in the supporting text.
It is the Government's intention to implement Schedule Three of The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 to make SuDS mandatory in all new developments in England in 2024. However, we welcome this policy to ensure SuDS are incorporated in new developments, until the Schedule is formally implemented and the necessary measures are in place.	

National Gas Transmission

Stakeholder comments to the Regulation 14 consultation	NDP Response
An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas	Noted.
Transmission's assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines	
and other infrastructure.	
National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area. National Gas Transmission provides information in relation to its assets at the website below. https://www.nationalgas.com/land-and-assets/network-route-maps	

National Grid

Stakeholder comments to the Regulation 14 consultation	NDP Response
An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET's assets	Noted.
which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity	
infrastructure. NGET has identified that it has no record of such	
assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	

Castle Rising Parish Council

Stakeholder comments to the Regulation 14 consultation	NDP Response
May I congratulate you and your team on preparing an excellent	Welcome the
plan.	comments.
Clearly considerable time and thought has gone into reaching this	
stage.	

South Wootton Parish Council

Stakeholder comments to the Regulation 14 consultation	NDP Response
One query: Page 1 it states 'the Borough Council Local Plan to 2039', should this be 2036?	The date states 2039 as reflects discussions taking place in the Local Plan Reviews examination. We believe the inspector has recommended the Local Plan Review date should run to 2039 now.
	The BCKLWN has not said reference to 2039 was incorrect so we assume 2039 is the new positioning.

Brown & Co on behalf of H J Towler Trust

Stakeholder comments to the Regulation 14	NDP Response
consultation	
Objects to the NPS approach to housing growth,	Note the objection.
particularly in relation to small scale housing	
proposals outside the development boundary in	As stated in the BCKWLN response to
the context of draft Policy LP31 of the Borough	Para 27:
Council's emerging Local Plan.	
	"For clarity, Policy LP31 (emerging Local
Considers the approach is unnecessarily restrictive	Plan Review; likely to be subject to
and should not seek to disapply Policy LP31 since	change through the ongoing Local Plan
the development boundary is drawn tightly around	examination) would not apply to North
the built-up area of the village and this leaves little	Wootton once replacement Local Plan
scope for additional housing in the village.	and/ or Neighbourhood Plan are
	adopted/ made. This is due to AONB
Recommends further consideration given to the	designation beyond the built-up area of
approach to new housing in the NP area. A policy	the village and the explicit exclusion of
should not include blanket limitations that would	this policy in the case of designated
prevent any development coming forward in	Neighbourhood Areas with "made"
particular settlements. The Council is also	(adopted) Neighbourhood Plans".
proposing to calculate a housing requirement for	
all designated neighbourhood areas based on the	Reviewing para 27 we have made the
overall housing need for the Borough and	wording clearer to state LP31 would not
adjusted to account for the relative size of the	apply in areas with an AONB
settlement.	designation and once a designated NP
	plan is made.

Appendix A: Stakeholder letter/email for the Regulation 14 Consultation

North Wootton Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 4 Consultation

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○ Rachel Curtis <northwoottonpc@outlook.com>

To: Rachel Curtis

Monday, 13 March 2023 at 10:32

Dear Stakeholder

North Wootton Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Regulation 14 Consultation

North Wootton Parish Council, as the qualifying body, are now consulting on their Pre-Submission Draft of the neighbourhood plan for North Wootton. This consultation is in line with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (2012) and will run for a period of 8 weeks from 13th March to 8th May 2023.

The consultation offers a final opportunity for you to influence the Neighbourhood Plan before it is submitted to the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.

All comments received by 8th May 2023 will be considered by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and may be used to amend this draft. A Consultation Statement, including a summary of all comments received and how these were considered, will be made available alongside the amended Neighbourhood Plan at a future date.

The Pre-Submission Plan and supporting evidence can all be found online https://north-woottonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/

Should you wish to provide comments you can send these to Rachel Curtis, Parish Clerk via email northwoottonpc@outlook.com or send them to North Wootton Parish Council, 2 Ullswater Ave, South Wootton, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 3NJ.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Curtis Clerk to North Wootton Parish Council Tel: 01553 673043

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Appendix B: Leaflet advertising the NDP Regulation 14 Consultation



NORTH WOOTTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan is now at the stage of public consultation on the pre-submission draft.

We will be holding a public consultation event Saturday 25th March 2023 at the Village Hall from 10am – 12pm

Please come along to find out more, we will have lots of information and you can speak to members of the steering group who will be able to answer any questions you may have.

The plan can be viewed on the Parish Council website north-woottonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk or contact the Parish Clerk who can provide you with a paper copy.



This QR code will take you to the survey to complete online.

As we did with the initial surveys, you can complete these on paper too, copies will be available at Meadow Stores and at the Glass House Bistro and once completed they can be returned there for us to collect.

Comments can also be emailed to the Parish Clerk at <u>northwoottonpc@outlook.com</u>

Appendix C: Poster advertising the NDP Regulation 14 Consultation

NORTH WOOTTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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10am - 12pm



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Appendix D: Winter Newsletter 2022/23 advertising the NDP Regulation 14 Consultation

NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

www.north-woottonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

WOOTTON PARK

It is with great sadness that we have heard that Alan Blake has passed away. For those of you that saw Alan out and about in the park with his long grey beard and his bike, will know he would be out early every morning, always picking up any litter left on the park. We enjoyed our chats with Alan, he had a fountain of knowledge concerning the village past and present, we will miss him very much, he did so much for our <u>Park</u> and village. We send our thoughts and condolences to his family and friends at this sad time.

SAVE THE DATE - PICNIC ON THE PARK 2023!

To be held on Saturday 10th June from 11am to 5pm on Wootton Park.

*Live music *Local bands *DJ's *Stalls *Inflatables & Rides * Fun Dog show There will be a Bar, BBQ and lots more!

If you would like more information or would like to know how to volunteer to help <u>out</u> please get in touch on the e-mail below.

wendy@northwoottonvillagehall.org.uk

The Park is a green space for all to enjoy, therefore we would like to remind dog owners to pick up after their dogs and place waste in the appropriate bins on the <u>Park</u>. There are several bins in place so <u>where ever</u> you are on the Park you will not need to walk far!

If you would like to be more actively involved in any part of the <u>Pack</u> maintenance, have any issues, or if you wish to join the 200 club, please contact me on 07701381555

Will Border - Chairman - Wootton Park Association



Wootton Park 200 Club - YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Monthly draws take place for the 200 Club, with 3 prizes awarded.

If you would like to become a member then applications for this can be found at;

www.north-woottonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk or email info@southwoottonpc.co.uk

Or telephone 01553 671692 for more details, Monday to Friday, between 8am and 12 midday.

It costs £24 per year, and a draw is made monthly.

This year there will be 5 prizes per month. The top prize is £40 and then 4 prizes of £20 each.

This means there is even more chance for you to be a winner!

Recent month's winners include:

Winners for October Winn	ners for November	i
1 st Prize – A Walder 1 st Pr	rize – J Steeds	į
2 nd Prize – L Adams 2 nd Pr	rize – C Harper	i
3 rd Prize – M Pollard 3 rd Pr	rize – J Marrow	į
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NORTH WOOTTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan is now at the stage of public consultation. A draft has been submitted to the Borough Council and we need your views too!

The public consultation will run from Monday 13th March to Monday 8th May 2023

During this time stakeholders will be invited to make comments and the documents will be available on the Parish Council website for you, our residents to give your feedback. We want to know what you think of the policies we have included for future development within the Parish and if you agree with the local views we have highlighted as being of importance.



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We will be holding a public consultation event for residents.

Saturday 25th March at the Village Hall from 10am - 12pm

Please come along to find out more, we will have lots of information and you can speak to members of the steering group who will be able to answer any questions you may have and guide you through the Plan.

2022 Update from our Chairman

During 2022 your Parish Council has been busy working to improve our community.

- During the last year we have made great progress to secure the purchase of the triangle of land on Priory Lane for the village, this will be maintained as a green space for all to enjoy.
- The project to install more efficient and environmentally friendly LED lamps through the village has been completed.
- ★ We have new village notice boards and projects to install new village gateway signs and SAM 2 signs to help reduce speeding motorists are moving towards completion.
- A CIL application was gained for the hardcore of the Wootton Park car park and the work completed to a good standard. Parents of players are encouraged to use this on match days.
- ★ We still have issues with heavy haulage coming through the village and the PC has met with representatives from the landowners to make them aware and try to improve the situation during the harvesting season.
- Grants were received for Platinum Jubilee and Xmas celebrations; the Village Hall porch extension and the Wootton Park toddler play area which have added greatly to our village life. Regular work on the day to day running of Wootton Park and the village greens including tree planting and grounds maintenance, security and duck crossing signs continues.
- ★ Village Hall events continue to keep our village spirit and we thank the management committee for their continued work.

Village Green Parking – a polite reminder that parking on village greens is not permitted, this is becoming an issue especially in the areas at the north end of the village. The PC tries to maintain these areas as pleasant spaces and continued parking there in wet weather is damaging the ground.

LOCAL ELECTIONS - Thursday 4th May

The Borough Council Local Elections will take place in May with the village hall as our local polling station.

This year Photo ID will be required to enable you to cast your vote. Acceptable forms of ID include -

- UK-issued driving licence or passport this can be out of date as long as the photo still looks like you
- Bus pass
- Blue badge
- PASS proof of age card
 If you do not have any of these forms of identification, then the Borough Council will help you to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate – call 01563 616200 for more information.

Village Litter Bins - Dog Waste

We have had issues with dog waste being placed in the litter bins around the village, it often makes the bin bags heavy to empty and also unpleasant for those using it as a normal litter bin. The Parish Council always tries to place dog waste bins in suitable locations, and often through public consultation a place which we think would benefit from a bin is met with objection from those living near it and therefore we cannot proceed. As the weather is hopefully getting nicer and more people are out and about please can we ask that you use the appropriate bins provided. Many thanks.

The Borough Council are encouraging us all to use our food waste bins

Don't forget the food waste bin is for all food products. The following are examples you may put in:

•	cooked food	Ţ•	tea bags and coffee grounds	•	fruit cores and peel	
•	veg peelings	•	eggshells	•	dairy products	i
	leftover pet food	•	bones and shellfish			į

Gaywood Library

The library continues to offer some excellent services and community clubs – regular clubs are found below, but there are many more activities available to try -

Thursday Café for the Bereaved - Weekly at 11.00am ~~~ Colour me Calm – Tuesdays at 10.30am

Just A Cuppa — Tuesdays 2.00pm ~~~ Knit and Natter - Fridays 10.30am

Bounce and Rhyme time - Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.40am

If you wish to contact the Library to find out more telephone – 01553 768498

STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE REPORTING

To report a faulty streetlight, please notify the Clerk as the Parish is responsible for their maintenance not Norfolk County Council. If you can provide the exact location, je the house number which the street light is nearest this is very helpful. The Clerk's contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7.00 pm, in North Wootton Village Hall, (no meeting is held in August). You can raise any matters which are in the province of the Parish Council within the items called Open Forum. If you prefer not to attend a meeting in person at the moment but have an issue you would like to raise then please contact the Clerk, she can bring this to the attention of the Council on your behalf. Listed below are all Councillors names and addresses should you wish to contact them;

Mr John Marshall-Grint - Chair	Harvest House, Station Road	631163
(Vice-Chairman & Vice-Finance Officer)		
Mr Will Border (Finance Officer)	71 Hayfield Road	673643
Mr Derek Cox	2 Cranmer Avenue	671195
Mr John Merrey	3 Cranmer Avenue	674374
Mr Malcolm Edwards	15 Cuthbert Close	672616
Mr Simon Kilham (Trinity Hospital Rep)	York House, The Green	631297
Mrs Bridget Nurse	Church Farm Barns, Nursery Lane	670203
Mr Keith Simpson	11 Old Rectory Close	07502 195465
Mr Jason Harper	5 Hayfield Road	671218
Mr Antony Lamb	Wisteria Cottage, Priory Lane	07450 509980
Mr Jim Blood	Caldale, Nursery Lane	07709 447036
Mr Simon Lemmon	5 Meadow Close	07918 882215
The Clerk - Mrs Rachel Curtis	2 Ullswater Ave, South Wootton northwoottonpc@outlook.com	673043

The Planning Committee consists of Councillors Cox, Merrey and Edwards
Wootton Park Members: Councillors Border (Chairman), Marshall-Grint and Nurse
Village Hall Representatives: Councillors Border, Nurse, Harper, Lamb and Marshall-Grint