

# WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

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**Report Title**                      **Progress in Producing and Reviewing Neighbourhood Development Plans**

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**Appendix 1 – Schedule of Neighbourhood Planning Activity as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

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- 1.1 For members to note the progress being made in producing and reviewing Neighbourhood Plans across West Northamptonshire, and to make members aware of future neighbourhood planning activity.
- 1.2 For Members to agree that a report, updating them on progress being made on Neighbourhood Plan preparation, be made on a quarterly basis.

### **2. Executive Summary**

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- 2.1 The report summarises the progress that has been made in producing and reviewing Neighbourhood Plans across West Northamptonshire, and what future neighbourhood planning activity is expected.

### **3. Recommendations**

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3.1 It is recommended that Planning Policy Committee:

- a) Notes and welcomes the progress that has been made, and is being made, in producing Neighbourhood Plans across West Northamptonshire.
- b) Agrees that a report updating this Committee on progress being made with Neighbourhood Plans be presented on a quarterly basis.

### **4. Reason for Recommendations**

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4.1 To ensure that members are fully aware of the Neighbourhood Plans that have been made for the area, and the progress being made in producing new and reviewing existing Neighbourhood Plans.

### **5. Report Background**

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5.1 The Localism Act 2011 introduced neighbourhood planning.

5.2 25 plans have been made (adopted) since then, and a number of the early plans are now being reviewed.

5.3 The Council provides support to local groups who are embarking on the production of a plan. In some respects, the approaches of the former councils varied. A project is now underway to harmonise the approaches in order that there is a consistent approach across west northamptonshire.

5.4 There are a number of formal stages that have to be gone through to produce a neighbourhood plan. The progress being made against each of those stages is set out in appendix 1. In summary the stages are:

- Designation of the planning area
- Regulation 14 consultation – this is a consultation stage on the first full draft of the plan, which is undertaken by the Qualifying Body (Parish/town council or forum)
- Regulation 16 consultation – this stage of consultation is undertaken by this Council. Any comments are sent to the Examiner.
- Examination – the examination of the plan is undertaken by an independent examiner, who decides if the plan meets the ‘basic conditions’, and will make recommendations if necessary to amend the plan to ensure it does meet the basic conditions.
- Referendum – the amended plan will be put to a referendum – usually all of the electorate in the relevant parish will be able to vote. If a majority vote in favour, the plan will be made.

5.5 The arrangements for a review of a plan vary depending on the type of changes being made. If the changes are minor (non-material) they can be agreed. If they are material but don't change

the nature of the plan they are subject to consultation and independent examination, but not a referendum. If they do change the nature of the plan, they also have to go to a referendum.

## **6. Issues and Choices**

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6.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a comprehensive statement of all neighbourhood planning in one place, and the intention would be to update the schedule of activity on a quarterly basis.

6.2 An alternative approach would be to rely on the information that is currently available on the former council's websites.

## **7. Implications (including financial implications)**

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### **7.1 Resources and Financial**

7.1.1 There are no financial implications arising specifically from this report - as each Neighbourhood Plan comes forward a report will be presented to this committee (see for example the report regarding Pitsford elsewhere on this agenda).

### **7.2 Legal**

7.2.1 There are no legal implications arising specifically from this report.

### **7.3 Risk**

There are no risks arising from the recommendations in this report.

### **7.4 Consultation**

7.4.1 As the plans are prepared they are subject to consultation.

### **7.5 Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny**

7.5.1 Not applicable

### **7.6 Climate Impact**

7.6.1 There are no climate change impacts arising specifically from this report. Neighbourhood plans usually contain policies relating to climate change – these will be considered as each plan emerges.

### **7.7 Community Impact**

7.7.1 There are no community impacts arising specifically from this report.

## **7.8 Communications**

7.8.1 None directly arising from this report. The council uses its communications channels to keep the public informed and engaged on the various stages of the process for reviewing and producing Neighbourhood Plans, including publicising consultations and referendums as and when required.

## **8. Background Papers**

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8.1 None

## Appendix 1 – Schedule of Neighbourhood Planning Activity

### 1a - Plans that have been Made

Neighbourhood Plan	Date Made (Adopted)	Area
Ashton	May 2021	South
Badby	January 2019	Daventry
Barby & Onley	September 2016	Daventry
Braunston	February 2017	Daventry
Brixworth (original)	December 2016	Daventry
Clipston	December 2021	Daventry
Crick Village (original)	January 2018	Daventry
Duston	December 2015	Northampton
Flore	September 2018	Daventry
Growing Together	April 2017	Northampton
Guilsborough (original – see review)	January 2019	Daventry
Hackleton	December 2021	South
Harpole	September 2017	South
Kilsby (original – see review)	July 2016	Daventry
Kislingbury	May 2017	South
Maidwell with Draughton	November 2019	Daventry
Moulton	December 2016	Daventry
Overstone	December 2021	Daventry
Roade	July 2019	South
Spratton	July 2016	Daventry
Spring Boroughs	April 2016	Northampton
Welford	September 2017	Daventry
Welton	January 2019	Daventry
West Haddon (original – see review)	January 2016	Daventry
Woodford cum Membris	May 2018	Daventry

### 1b – Plans that have been reviewed

Neighbourhood Plan	Date of Review	Area
Brixworth	March 2021	Daventry
Crick	December 2021	Daventry

## 2a Neighbourhood Plans that are being prepared

### Stage Reached – Area Designated

Neighbourhood Plan	Date area Designated	Area
Blisworth	July 2016	South
Charwelton	July 2015	Daventry
Cogenhoe and Whiston	April 2022	South
Creaton	February 2013	Daventry
Crick Commercial	July 2015	Daventry
East Haddon	July 2014	Daventry
Great Oxendon	March 2021	Daventry
Greens Norton	November 2012	South
Lampton & Hanging Houghton	May 2018, the Council understands that the Parish Council does not want to progress at present time	Daventry
Middleton Cheney	October 2012	South
Milton Malsor	April 2018	South
Pattishall	February 2017	South
Paulspury	September 2017	South
Queen's Park	Forum & area designated April 2018	Northampton
Semilong & Trinity	Forum & area designated September 2017	Northampton
Yardley Gobion	October 2012, Parish Council decided to cease work 2014	South

### Stage Reached - Plans where work is being/ has been progressed towards Regulation 14 stage

Arthingworth	Council understands that preparation is underway and consultants involved (Feb 2022)	Daventry
Harlestone	Council has provided comments on a draft. Notified of intention to start Regulation 14 in April 2022	Daventry
Staverton	Following an unsuccessful referendum in 2020, the group is taking stock before deciding what to do next. Officers attended a parish meeting on 7 <sup>th</sup> April to provide advice.	Daventry

### Stage Reached - Plans that are at Regulation 14 stage

Norton	Regulation 14 consultation closed May 2019. The Council understands that the group is taking stock before deciding what to do next.	Daventry
Nether Heyford	Regulation 14 consultation closed 12 November 2021	South
Silverstone	Regulation 14 consultation closed May 2021	South

### Stage Reached – Plans that are at Regulation 16 stage

	None at this stage currently	
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**Stage Reached - Plans that are at Examination Stage or proceeding to Referendum**

Great Houghton	Examiner's report received. Agreed at Planning Policy Committee on 16 <sup>th</sup> March that this Plan could proceed to a referendum on 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2022.	Northampton
Pitsford	Examiner's report Received. Report to Planning Policy Committee on 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 seeking authority to proceed to referendum - likely to be 16 <sup>th</sup> June.	Daventry

**2b Neighbourhood Plans that are being reviewed**

Guilsborough Review	Submitted for review in March 2022	Daventry
West Haddon Review	Consultant working for the Parish Council has submitted review tables, likely to be minor. Informal officer comments have been made.	Daventry
Kilsby Review	Examination recently started	Daventry