

ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

CONSULTATION STATEMENT



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1. INTRODUCTION

This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012, Section 15(2). Part 5 of the regulations sets out what a Consultation Statement should contain:

- a. Details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- b. Explain how they were consulted;
- c. Summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
- d. Describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

This statement describes the statutory and non-statutory consultation that has taken place and the steps taken to ensure the engagement of as wide cross section of Ashby residents and businesses within the process as possible.

2. SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION DURING DEVELOPMENT OF THE DRAFT PLAN

On 9th July 2012 the Town Council's Planning and Transportation Committee agreed that Ashby de la Zouch Town Council would prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish of Ashby de la Zouch. Following that decision a small working party of interested parties was established to manage the process.

The Steering Group consisted of:

- Leader of Ashby de la Zouch Town Council;
- Chairman of the Town Council's Planning and Transportation Committee;
- Chairman of the Town Council's Parks and Cemetery Committee;
- A representative from Ashby Civic Society;
- A representative from Ashby Town Team (a group representing businesses within the town centre);
- Following the Town Council elections in 2015 a representative from the Labour Group of the Town Council joined the Steering group.

The Steering Group decided that the Neighbourhood Plan area should be restricted to the Ashby Wards of Castle, Holywell and Ivanhoe. The village of Blackfordby was excluded as it was felt that the village had its own distinct development needs.

A dedicated Neighbourhood Plan page was created on the Town Council's website to enable people to keep up to date with progress and download Neighbourhood

Plan documents. Regular updates were provided to the Town Council's Planning and Transportation Committee who approved each round of consultation and submission of the Examination Neighbourhood Plan. Meetings were also held with North West Leicestershire District Council and Leicestershire County Council to keep them informed of progress and to receive their input, especially on housing numbers.

There were 4 rounds of consultation in total:

- The launch of the Neighbourhood Plan where the public's views were obtained on the issues facing the town.
- Consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan.
- Phase 1 consultation on the Pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan.
- Phase 2 Regulation 14 consultation on the Pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan.

3. Launch of the Neighbourhood Plan

The first task in producing the Neighbourhood Plan was to gain the public's views on the issues facing the town, this was combined with the launch of the Plan. As part of that process people were asked:

- What things do you like about the town?
- What things do you not like about the town?
- What things would you want that the town doesn't have?

The consultation was promoted with the strap line 'Planning Ashby's Future' and that has been used throughout all consultation phases.

Four drop in sessions were held during April 2013, on different days of the week, including a Saturday and at different times of the day, so daytime and evenings.

The events were publicised through:

- An advert in Ashby Life, a monthly town magazine that is distributed to all households in the town;
- Invitation letters to key groups in Ashby including local churches, schools, businesses and community groups;
- Posters and flyers throughout the town;
- A press release in the Ashby Times.

Appendix 1: Provides details of the publicity for the event.

In addition to the Drop In sessions the following events were held to try and extend the reach of the consultation:

- Visits to two primary schools to gain the views of a selection of Key Stage 2 pupils on the key questions listed above;

- A consultation session with Ashby Explorer Scouts who were having a session on local democracy;
- The same questions were asked to people attending events at the Town Council offices: Weight Watchers, Hospice Hope Support Café and literacy and numeracy classes;
- People at the local Farmers Market were also questioned.

Approximately 60 people took part in this first round of public consultation and the following key themes and issues emerged:

- People like living in a historic market town at the heart of the National Forest, which they see as friendly with a good community spirit and facilities which need retaining and building on;
- The town centre, issues around the mix of shops and businesses and car parking;
- The open spaces are appreciated but they could be developed further and put to greater use;
- There are concerns about the traffic infrastructure and congestion and about the perceived lack of public transport;
- Where new development is going to happen people want it to be of the right type, have the right mix of housing and be in the best location for the town;
- There are concerns about the ability of the existing infrastructure to cope with the additional houses e.g. the health centre is of concern and the current location of schools;
- There are a lack of facilities for teenagers (with some people concerned about the growing elderly population);
- There is a need for a multi-functional community facility and more community events in the town;
- The need to encourage a range of employment opportunities in the town and utilise the existing business parks.

Appendix 2: Summarises the views expressed during the launch period.

To ensure the correct themes were emerging and that there were no key issues being missed the Steering Group decided that a survey should be conducted using the emerging themes and asking people if they agree, disagree or have no view on the themes. They were also asked if anything was missing.

People were asked to complete the survey forms at the Food Gusto Food Festival on 25th May 2013 and the survey was available online through Citizen Space. To help gain the views of younger people in the town GCSE Citizenship students at Ashby School were asked to complete the survey as well.

In total 50 forms were completed at the Food Festival and 112 forms were completed by students from Ashby School.

Analysis of the survey returns indicated that the key themes were:

- Town Centre Vitality
- Economic Growth
- Housing and the Built Environment
- Accessibility and Transport
- Education and Leisure

Appendix 3: Summarises responses to the emerging themes.

Focus Groups were established to look at the issues around each of the Themes, to look at evidence and to propose policies for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan to deal with the issues. Members of the public were recruited to join the Focus Groups through press releases, emails to people who had contributed to previous consultations and a newsletter was produced to update people on progress with the plan and to seek volunteers for the Focus Groups. 1000 copies of the newsletter were produced and dropped off at shops in the town centre, copies were also left at the Tourist Information Centre and at the Town Council's offices. Email copies were also sent to everyone who had completed survey forms and wanted to be kept informed of progress. Copies were also distributed at the Ashby Food Festival and through a mail shot to over 70 organisations and businesses in the town. Local churches placed copies of the newsletter at the back of their churches.

Appendix 4: A copy of the Neighbourhood Plan Newsletter.

Five Focus Groups were established with over 40 participants from the local community, with officers from the District and County Councils also offering support. Each Focus Group produced a table which summarised the objectives for their theme and suggested policies required to support the achievement of those objectives. A Reference Group was established, consisting of the Chairs from each Focus Group and representatives from Yourlocale and the Deputy Town Clerk. The Reference Group reviewed the outputs from the Focus Groups and agreed what policies should form part of the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

In November 2014 a Stakeholder Drop In event was held to update people on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan and to gain their views on the policies emerging from the Theme Groups. The event was targeted at businesses, statutory agencies, landowners and developers operating in the area, with over 60 invites being sent out and 12 people attending.

Appendix 5: Contains copies of letters inviting Stakeholders to the Drop in event and a letter informing Statutory Stakeholders of the start of the Neighbourhood Plan process.

In the summer of 2015 briefings were held for Town Councillors and members of the Focus Groups on the policies being included in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, so their views could be obtained on any changes required. Members of the public were also given the opportunity to comment on the key policies intended for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan through a stand at Jim's Tractor Run. Despite the very wet weather 41 people visited the stand and commented on the policies. Attendance at the Tractor Run was publicised through emails to people who wanted to be kept informed of progress, twitter and Facebook.

Appendix 6: Contains publicity on the Tractor Run consultation.



4. CONSULTATION ON THE 1st DRAFT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan was held from 12th October to 24th November 2015. The consultation was advertised through:

- Two adverts in Ashby Life, one announcing the start of consultation and publicising drop in sessions and workshops, the second a month later reminding people how they can comment on the draft plan. Ashby Life is delivered to every household in the Neighbourhood Plan area.
- Posters were placed on notice boards and in shop windows throughout the town.
- Flyers were distributed to parents through primary schools.
- 241 emails were sent to people who wished to be kept informed of progress with the plan, with a link to the Town Council's consultation page.
- Letters were sent to statutory stakeholders, neighbouring parishes, developers, landowners, County and District Councils, businesses,

community groups, schools, churches etc. informing them of the consultation and the date of drop in sessions and workshops.

- A Press Release was issued to the local publications and this resulted in an article in the Ashby Times.
- Twitter and Facebook were utilised to inform people about the consultation, with links through to the Town Council's consultation page. 21 tweets reminded people about the consultation and individual workshops.
- Flyers were distributed in the town centre on a Saturday morning.

A Councillor briefing was held on the draft Neighbourhood Plan, where the policies in each section were described.

Appendix 7: Contains publicity used for consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan.



Attendance at the drop in and workshops was disappointing but those who attended fully engaged with the process and some very useful discussions took place:

- 10 people attended a general Neighbourhood Plan drop in session;
- 5 people attended the workshop on Housing and the Build Environment;
- 5 people attended the workshop on Education and Leisure;
- 2 people attended the Economic Growth and Transport workshop;

- 3 people attended the workshop on the town centre and conservation area and
- 2 people attended the final workshop which provided an overview of the Neighbourhood Plan.

5. RESULTS OF CONSULTATION ON THE 1ST DRAFT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

55 responses received:

- 35 respondents were residents
- 10 respondents were developers/landowners
- 3 respondents were community interest groups
- 7 respondents were statutory consultees

Appendix 8: Summarises the consultation responses and where action has been taken in response to the comments.

Significant changes to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan

The following significant changes were made following the consultation:

Section 2: About Ashby de la Zouch

- Additional background information on the town has been given;
- Details of house prices in Ashby when compared with neighbouring towns.

Section 3: What the plan is trying to achieve

- The Vision has been amended to include reference to ‘the countryside’.

Section 4.1: Towards a sustainable Ashby de la Zouch

- The Limits to Development have been amended to reflect those proposed in the draft North West Leicestershire Local Plan;
- As the proposed developments at Money Hill are now included within the Plan reference is made to concerns about the scale of development envisaged for Ashby set out in the draft Local Plan. Stating that consultation shows that people are opposed to new development and its impact on the town’s infrastructure;
- Employment areas are now shown on the Limits to Development map;
- The section on design has been redrafted to make expectations more explicit and to broaden the remit to all development and not just housing;
- A new section and policy on Areas of Local Separation has been added;

Section 4.2: Housing

- The section on Sustainable Housing Growth has been redrafted to comment on housing allocations in the draft Local Plan and recent planning appeal decisions for Woodcock Way and Money Hill;
- The Policy on Housing Provision has been replaced by one on Sustainable Housing Growth, proposing a minimum of 2,050 dwellings at Money Hill. This will ensure the Neighbourhood Plan meets the legal requirement of conformity with the draft Local Plan. The Local Plan had originally proposed 1,750 dwellings for Money Hill, but the Town Council were aware that this was likely to increase to 2,050 dwellings. Therefore the higher figure was used;
- The allocation of 2,050 dwellings is only supported if a Spatial Masterplan, Landscape Masterplan and Design Code are produced for the Money Hill site;
- Reference to the windfall sites has been included;
- Following representations about the original 40% affordable housing target being undeliverable, this has been revised down to 30%;
- For the same reasons the target for 1 bedroom affordable homes has been reduced from 50% to 40%;
- The expectations around the delivery of self-build projects have been simplified;
- The policy on exception sites for affordable housing has been removed in light of the proposal for Money Hill.

Section 4.3: Employment and Economic Growth

- Greater detail is given of existing employment in the town;
- The policy on existing employment land has been redrafted to include expectations on the types of employment permitted within the industrial estates;
- A new policy on the change of use of existing employment sites has been included;
- There is now only one policy relating to 'Small and Start up Businesses' rather than two.

Section 4.4: Ashby de la Zouch Town Centre

- Reference to the night time economy has been included;
- A community action has been added regarding the retail mix in the town;
- Reference to shop fronts has been extended to include 'shop frontages';
- The section on tourism has been widened to beyond the town centre;
- A policy on the decluttering of signage and on use of internal illumination has been redrafted, with the Legible Signage strategy becoming a community action.

Section 4.5: Transport

- A section on the potential impact of new development on traffic management within the town has been added;
- There is now a separate policy relating to car parking;
- A community action has been included on the improvement of footpaths and cycleways.

Section 4.6: Education, Leisure and Wellbeing

- There are now separate policies relating to 'Open Spaces' and 'Local Green Spaces';
- Important Local Green Spaces are now listed;
- Open space provision in new developments refers to District Planning Policy but still emphasises the need for provision for all age groups;
- Allotment provision is now for schemes of 50 or more, rather than 5 or more;
- The policies on biodiversity and trees and hedges have been strengthened;
- Listed buildings and buildings of local heritage interest are dealt with separately, the existing designated buildings of local interest have been added;
- A review of the Conservation Area has been requested;
- The policy on Areas of Archaeological Interest has been amended following the reference to an ALERT zone and refers instead to recorded archaeological sites;
- Important community assets and assets of community value are now listed;

Section 4.7: Developer Contributions

Greater detail on developer contributions has been included.

In addition minor changes to the presentation of the draft Neighbourhood Plan have been made.

Changes were also made to provide additional justification for some of the policies.

6. ARRANGEMENTS FOR PHASE 1 PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

The pre-submission consultation was launched on 2nd May until 14th June 2016. With the consultation publicised through:

- An advert in Ashby Life which goes to all households and businesses in the Neighbourhood Plan area.
- Details were placed on the Town Council's website, including a copy of the draft plan.
- Social media was used to promote the consultation.

- Letters with copies of the Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan were sent to Statutory Stakeholders, neighbouring parish councils, Leicestershire County Council, North West Leicestershire District Council, Ashby Library, the National Forest Company, the local MP and Civic Society.
- 183 emails and 36 letters were sent to local schools, churches, developers and landowners and to people who had been involved in previous consultations. They were provided with details about how to download a copy of the plan.

Appendix 9: Provides details of publicity for the Phase 1 Pre-submission consultation.

7. RESULTS OF THE PHASE 1 PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

There were 21 respondents to the Pre-Submission Consultation:

- 8 Statutory Consultees – Environment Agency, Natural England, Coal Authority, Highways England, North West Leicestershire District Council, Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Local Access Forum and the National Forest Company.
- 4 developers/ landowners.
- 5 local groups e.g. Civic Society, Allotments Association, local campaign groups.
- 4 individual Town Councillors and residents.

Appendix 10: Summarises the consultation responses and where action has been taken in response to the comments.

Significant changes to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan (June 2016)

- The Plan was restructured to divide the section on 'Education, Leisure and Well-being' in to four sections: Historic Environment, Natural Environment, Community Facilities and Education Provision. The Developer Contributions section was also altered as people felt the previous version was confusing.
- Housing numbers were amended to 2050 dwellings at Money Hill, to ensure conformity with the North West Leicestershire Local Plan.
- Recommendations from the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment were incorporated.

- References to the National Forest were enhanced.
- The design policy was amended to include reference to:
 - Flood zones and sustainable drainage systems
 - Storage of waste and recyclable materials
 - Consideration of land instability
- A map showing proposed areas of separation has been included.
- References to the Heath End Conservation have been included.
- Conserving and enhancing the natural environment has been added as a key objective. With maps showing SSSI's and ancient woodlands have been added.
- References to the River Mease Special Area of Conservation and the restrictions placed on the Water Quality Management Plan have been strengthened. This includes references in the section on the Money Hill Masterplan.
- The affordable housing requirement was amended to 40% affordable homes being 1 or 2 bedroomed, rather than just 1 bedroomed.
- One policy: Employment land and buildings has been created rather than two separate policies.
- Following concerns from the Environment Agency specific reference has been made to excluding properties in flood zones 3 and 3a from the conversion of upper floors in to residential premises.
- In the Transport section Policy T1: Sustainable Development has been retitled: Traffic Management, the walking and cycling section has been revised to emphasise the need to good connectivity with the town centre, essential services and the surrounding countryside.
- In the new section on the historic environment a policy has been included seeking to protect heritage assets e.g. the Royal Hotel and Midlands Railway Station. Whilst the policy on listed buildings has been removed as it was felt that they were adequately protected by national policies.
- The provision of a new arts/community centre has become a community objective rather than a policy.

8. REQUIREMENT FOR PHASE 2 PRE-SUBMISSION REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION

At the same time the Neighbourhood Plan was being prepared North West Leicestershire District Council were preparing the North West Leicestershire Local Plan. In June 2016 the Publication Local Plan was published with 1750 dwellings for Ashby de la Zouch. In November 2016 a main modification was announced to the Local Plan increasing the number of dwellings to 2050 for Ashby de la Zouch.

The Neighbourhood Plan needed to be amended to reflect the new housing figure of 2050 dwellings. This level of change meant another round of Regulation 14 Consultation was required.

On 24th July 2016 North West Leicestershire District Council had advised Ashby de la Zouch Town Council that in their opinion a Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Habitats Regulation Assessment needed producing. The Town Council was successful in its bid to Locality for technical support with the production of these documents and AECOM were appointed to produce both reports. Consultation was required on these documents and this was held at the same time as the Phase 2 Regulation 14 consultation.

9. ARRANGEMENTS FOR PHASE 2 PRE-SUBMISSION REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION

The Part 2 Pre-submission consultation was launched on 30th January 2017 until 13th March 2017. With the consultation publicised through:

- An advert in Ashby Life which goes to all households and businesses in the Neighbourhood Plan area.
- Details were placed on the Town Council's website, including a copy of the draft plan.
- Social media was used to promote the consultation.
- Letters with copies of the Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan were sent to Statutory Stakeholders, neighbouring parish councils, Leicestershire County Council, North West Leicestershire District Council, Ashby Library, the National Forest Company, the local MP and Civic Society.
- 190 emails and 36 letters were sent to local schools, churches, developers and landowners and to people who had been involved in previous consultations. They were provided with details about how to download a copy of the plan.

Appendix 11: Provides details of publicity for the Phase 2 Regulation 14 Pre-submission consultation.

10.RESULTS OF THE PHASE 2 PRE-SUBMISSION REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION

There were 26 respondents to the Regulation 14 (Phase 2) consultation:

- 9 Statutory Consultees – Environment Agency, Natural England, Coal Authority, CPRE, Highways England, National Forest Company, Leicestershire Local Access Forum, Leicestershire County Council and North West Leicestershire District Council.
- 3 developers/landowners
- 4 local groups e.g. Civic Society and local campaign groups
- 10 individual Town Councillors and residents.

Summary of responses received and amendments made to the Neighbourhood Plan

As with previous consultations many comments were supportive of changes made to the draft Neighbourhood Plan following previous rounds of consultation. There were some minor changes suggested to wording in the plan.

Section 4.1: Towards a Sustainable Ashby de la Zouch

Following comments on the description of sustainable development the text has been amended to set out the definition of sustainable development within the National Policy Planning Framework.

Concern was expressed by a resident at the inclusion of the entire Money Hill site within the Limits to Development. This is to ensure conformity with the Local Plan so cannot be altered.

A developer did not support the use of a settlement boundary. This concern was dismissed as the Limits to Development is a policy in the Local Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan needs to be in conformity with the Local Plan and the suggested changes would remove that conformity.

Other respondents welcomed the Limits to Development being in line with those within the Local Plan.

Leicestershire County Council supported the inclusion of superfast broadband in the Design Principles, therefore this was retained, despite being questioned by a developer.

Leicestershire County Council suggested some amendments to the Design Principles around the retention of existing trees and hedges and these amendments have been made.

There were comments about the Parking Standards within the Design Principles and potential conflict with the County Council's standards. The text has been amended to provide clarity that the County Council's standards are the ones used.

Concern was expressed at the use of the words 'Priority to be given to Brownfield Sites'. The text has been amended to say 'Support' rather than 'Priority'.

There were a range of comments concerning the Areas of Separation:

- Support of the area of separation in helping to retain rural villages and the sense of place experienced by their residents.
- Requests for other areas to be included within the Areas of Separation, but these were within the limits to development or not between the town of Ashby and a village/hamlet so could not be included.
- Concerns about how the Areas of Separation were identified. The text has been amended to provide the reasons for the Areas of Separation.

The Area of Separation between Ashby de la Zouch and Shellbrook appeared very narrow at one point, therefore this has been extended to include an area of National Forest planting.

Section 4.2: Housing

Housing numbers, Masterplan and housing mix

The amendment of the housing numbers to ensure conformity with the Local Plan has been welcomed.

North West Leicestershire District Council and other respondents expressed concern at the wording around the timescales for delivering the 1,222 dwellings required in addition to those already with planning permission. The wording has been amended to provide greater flexibility in the timescale for delivering the dwellings.

Residents living close to planned employment land on Money Hill requested the inclusion of employment land in the Masterplan. The Masterplan process is led by the District Council and will include employment land. The reference in the Neighbourhood Plan to the Masterplan relates only to housing provision.

Ashby Civic Society requested that the text be amended to ensure requirements already agreed through planning approvals are included within the Masterplan. The text has been amended to make this clear.

There was concern at the text regarding housing design encouraging too uniform approach to housing design. Reference 'to avoid the potential for different developers adopting different design styles and standards' has been deleted.

The use of the term 'Windfall sites' for Policy H3 was found to be confusing, therefore the title was changed to 'Infill sites'.

The focus on encouraging smaller dwellings was questioned by a developer. This has not been altered as the priority being given to 2 and 3 bedroom dwellings supports the findings of the Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment and the Local Plan. Consultation had revealed concerns about people being unable to get on to the property ladder in the town owing to the dominance of 4 and 5 bedroom properties in new developments.

Residents supported the need to provide 1 and 2 bedroom retirement properties to help release 3 and 4 bed houses back on to the market.

Affordable housing

Attention was drawn to the difference between the threshold for affordable housing in the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan. The threshold in the Local Plan has been altered from 15 to 11, therefore the two documents are now in conformity.

North West Leicestershire District Council had concerns about commuted sums being ring fenced for use in Ashby and the local connection policy. Following discussions between Ashby de la Zouch Town Council and housing officers at North West Leicestershire District Council the following amendments were agreed and supported by the District Council:

- Within Policy H5: Affordable Housing commuted sums can also be used for 'suitable affordable housing in Ashby de la Zouch or specialist accommodation in the wider district'.
- To ensure those with high levels of housing need are able to access accommodation it was agreed that the local connection policy would be amended to allow allocation by band on the housing register. However the local connection requirement would still be adhered to.
- Policy H5 would be incorporated in to the District Council's wider Allocations Policy.
- The Policy would be reviewed at least every 2 years so outcomes can be monitored and any necessary adjustments made.

The local connection policy does not exclude the allocation of properties to people without a local connection. If there is no one on the housing register with a local connection then accommodation can be allocated to other people on the housing register list within that band.

Concerns were expressed that the local connection policy could exclude residents from Blackfordby, who are outside the Plan area, but still part of the parish. Therefore the text was amended to state 'Ashby de la Zouch' rather than the Plan area.

Self-build houses

There were concerns that the criteria for self build properties were too restrictive, therefore the restrictions have been removed.

Section 4.3: Employment and Economic Growth

Respondents commented that the support for start up and small businesses needs qualifying to state that applications need to be in conformity with planning policy and the Local Plan. This amendment has been made.

There were concerns about the expectation that development proposals being encouraged to create employment and local business opportunities to meet local need. This text has been amended to clarify the purpose of the policy and to make it clear that the list is examples, not expectations.

Section 4.4: Town centre

The wording in Policy TC2: Town Centre uses was seen as confusing, therefore the policy has been redrafted.

Support was given by the National Forest Company to the policies on shop frontages and on residential development in the town centre.

The Environment Agency welcomed the changes made to Policy TC4: Residential Development which were made in response to their concerns about safe access and egress to a property which may be at flood risk.

Section 4.5: Transport

The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (Leicestershire branch) and the Leicestershire Local Access Forum expressed concerns that the impacts of the proposed HS2 route are not dealt with in the Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan is unable to deal with national strategic infrastructure plans, therefore the plan cannot go in to a lot of detail about HS2. However text has been added to say that the implications of the construction of HS2 will be dealt with when the Neighbourhood Plan is reviewed.

The County Council suggested some amendments to make it clear that only the impacts on transport of new development can be dealt with and the policy as drafted is in conflict with the County Council's statutorily defined role. The text has been amended as suggested by the County Council.

Following comments from the District Council the supporting text on Travel Plans has been enhanced to give examples of what they should cover when tailored to the local area.

A resident asked for the maintenance footpaths be included in the Neighbourhood Plan, the sentiment was supported but it falls outside the remit of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Following a suggestion by a resident reference has been made to connectivity with Hicks Lodge cycle centre.

Section 4.6: Historic Environment

Concern was raised that the way Policy HE1: Non Designated Heritage Assets was drafted was unclear, therefore it has been redrafted to make the status of the local list of non-designated heritage assets clearer.

4.7: Natural Environment

A number of respondents expressed concern about the wording around Local Green Spaces not being in line with the National Planning Policy Framework. The text has been amended as suggested by a number of consultees to state 'very special circumstances' rather than 'special circumstances'.

A Local Green Space Assessment for land on the western fringe of Ashby, to the north of Willesley Lane was submitted. This was reviewed but it the land did not meet the criteria for Local Green Space designation as it is an open tract of land.

4.8: Community Facilities

The District Council expressed concerns about the way Policy CF1 on Important Community Facilities was drafted. In the interests of clarity the text has been amended to remove reference to 'have a significant adverse effect on'.

The specific reference to the need for an 'Arts Centre' was questioned by a resident and as this has been questioned in previous consultations it has now been removed.

The District Council expressed some concerns about Policy CF3: Assets of Community Value, especially how community value will be measured. The policy has been redrafted to address those concerns.

4.9: Developer Contributions

Ashby Civic Society requested that the developer contributions cover improving the existing overburdened roads and infrastructure across the whole town. This change could not be made as developer contributions can only be used to mitigate the impact of new development.

Following comments from a number of respondents the text has been amended to make it clear that the list of infrastructure requirements is not in priority order.

General comments

A resident wanted a Park and Ride scheme including in the Plan, it was not practical for the plan to deal with this suggestion.

Another resident requested that the sections on renewable energy expectations be strengthened. It was felt that this topic was adequately dealt with under Policy S4:Design.

There is praise for the comprehensive nature of the Neighbourhood Plan from a number of statutory consultees e.g. Natural England, Campaign for Protection of Rural England, Leicestershire County Council.

11. STATUTORY CONSULTTEES

North West Leicestershire District Council
Leicestershire County Council
Heritage England
Environment Agency
Natural England
British Gas Properties
Highways England
National Forest Company
Leicestershire Local Access Forum
Leicestershire Police
British Telecommunications Plc
The Coal Authority
National Grid
Network Rail Infrastructure
Severn Trent Water
East Midlands Housing Group
Andrew Bridgen MP
CPRE
Voluntary Action Leicestershire
Leicestershire Ethnic Minority Partnership
Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups
North West Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce
Age UK Leicestershire
Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service
West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group

Homes and Communities Agency
Neighbouring Parish Councils

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Dear Colleague

The Future of Ashby de la Zouch

Work has now started on a Neighbourhood Plan for Ashby de la Zouch and the Town Council wants the local community to get involved. Neighbourhood Planning is a new process that is designed to enable the local community to influence the planning and development of their area by helping to decide:

- The most appropriate places for new homes, shops, offices, leisure facilities and other developments to be located;
- What type of development is needed and what it should look like;
- Which important green spaces and other areas should be protected;
- What improvements or additions to local facilities and services will be required alongside any developments.

The Town Council wants people from all parts of the local community to have a say in what goes into the plan. To launch the process a series of drop in sessions are being planned, where representatives from the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group will be present. The events will give people an opportunity to have an initial say on the future development of Ashby. From the perspective of:

- Open spaces
- Infrastructure
- Movement and transport
- Housing
- Economy
- Community

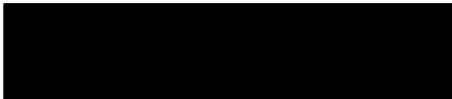
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I hope you are able to send representatives to the sessions as we do need your views and opinions so the Neighbourhood Plan really does represent the aspirations of the people who live and work in the town.

If you have any questions I can be emailed at karedwards@ashbytowncouncil.org.uk or ring me on the 01530 416961.

Yours faithfully



Councillor John Coxon
Leader Ashby de la Zouch Town Council

Press Release.

ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH TOWN COUNCIL

What do you like about living in Ashby?

Ashby de la Zouch Town Council has started work on a Neighbourhood Plan for Ashby. To launch the process the Town Council are giving local people the opportunity to come along to Drop In sessions to give their views on the town. All comments will contribute towards the preparation of a plan for the long term vision for Ashby.

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Councillor John Coxon, Leader of Ashby de la Zouch Town Council said 'The Neighbourhood Planning process is a new process that is designed to enable the local community to influence planning and development in their area. The Town Council wants to find out what people think about living in Ashby and how the town can be improved. The events will give people the opportunity to have an initial say on the future development of Ashby'.

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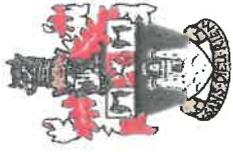
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Neighbourhood Plans were introduced by the 2011 Localism Act, with designated front runners starting to prepare plans in April 2012. There are five key stages to neighbourhood planning:

- Defining the Neighbourhood which will receive designation as a Neighbourhood Plan area;
- Preparing the plan;
- Independent examination;
- Community referendum;
- Legal force.



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PLANNING ASHBY'S FUTURE

Ashby de la Zouch Town Council held drop in sessions asking people what they like and don't like about Ashby and what people would want Ashby to have that it doesn't have at the moment. We would like people's views on the emerging themes and if anything is missing.

Please could you answer the following questions and return the form to the desk or to Ashby de la Zouch Town Council offices at Legion House, South Street, Ashby de la Zouch. The form can also be completed online at: <http://consultation.nwleics.gov.uk/>

| | |
|--|--|
| Name (Optional) | |
| Address (street name is adequate if preferred) | |

Please let us know if you agree, disagree or have no view on an issue.

| Theme | Agree | Disagree | No view |
|--|-------|----------|---------|
| Preserving Ashby's identity as a friendly historic market town at the heart of the National Forest. | | | |
| The town centre is valued but room for improvement to retail and business mix and car parking. | | | |
| Open spaces are appreciated but could be developed further and put to greater use. | | | |
| Concerns about transport infrastructure and congestion on key routes and in town centre. | | | |
| Lack of public transport. | | | |
| Where there is development it needs the right housing mix and needs to be in right locations. | | | |
| Concerns about existing infrastructure coping with additional houses especially health centre and schools. | | | |
| Need facilities for teenagers and for a growing elderly population. | | | |

PLANNING ASHBY'S FUTURE

| Theme | Agree | Disagree | No view |
|--|-------|----------|---------|
| Need multi-functional community facility and more community events in the town. | | | |
| Need to encourage a wider range of employment opportunities in town & utilise business parks. | | | |
| Please let us know if there are any issues you feel are missing from the list. | | | |
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| Would like to be kept informed of progress regarding the Neighbourhood Plan? Yes or No | | | |
| If Yes it would be helpful if you could provide your email address (this will not be shared with any other organisations). | | | |

Thank you for completing our survey.

Please return the form to the table or if preferred to the Ashby de la Zouch Town Council Offices at Legion House, South Street, Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 1BQ by 30th June 2013.

PLANNING ASHBY'S FUTURE

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

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- What improvements or additions to local facilities and services will be required alongside any developments.

What a Neighbourhood Plan cannot do is conflict with the Local Planning Authority's Local Development Plan. For Ashby de la Zouch this is North West Leicestershire District Council's Core Strategy.

A Neighbourhood Plan CAN...

- ✓ Be a single issue or a range of topics
- ✓ Propose more development than in the Local Plan
- ✓ Take precedence over the Local Plan on non-strategic issues
- ✓ Shape and direct future development
- ✓ Help to determine what type of development should take place
- ✓ Identify the most suitable local sites for development
- ✓ Encourage more development than proposed for the area
- ✓ Identify key areas for protection (e.g. historic buildings, open spaces)
- ✓ Set out the improvements required alongside any development
- ✓ It must be aligned to the district / borough / city council's Core Strategy / Local Plan
- ✓ It can add more detail to support the policies within the district / borough / city plan and give it more local relevance
- ✓ Only be successful at the independent examination if the formal process for preparing a Neighbourhood Plan has been adhered to
- ✓ Only be adopted if the Plan wins 50% of public support at a referendum.

A Neighbourhood Plan CANNOT...

- ✗ Prevent any development from ever taking place in an area
- ✗ Be prepared solely by a developer or landowner
- ✗ Be in conflict with local, national, or EU policies
- ✗ Be prepared with no input or support from the local community
- ✗ Propose less growth than the district / borough/city council's Plan
- ✗ Deal with county matters, such as minerals and waste or major infrastructure
- ✗ Be in conflict with national policy or strategic policies in Local Plan
- ✗ Be used to block development
- ✗ Make policies beyond the Plan area

The Neighbourhood Planning process for Ashby de la Zouch is being led by Ashby de la Zouch Town Council, in partnership with local groups, residents and partner organisations.



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Ashby de la Zouch Neighbourhood Planning Drop In Sessions April 2013

Four drop in sessions were held in the week commencing 15th April 2013:

- Monday 15th April 2:00pm to 4:30pm when 12 people signed in
- Tuesday 16th April 9:30am to 12pm when 9 people signed in
- Tuesday 16th April 6pm to 8:30pm when 12 people signed in
- Saturday 20th April 10am to 12:30pm when 10 people signed in

In addition comments were given by students attending an Adult Education Literacy Class, people going to WeightWatchers, tutors at a numeracy class and people helping at or attending the Hospice Hope Support Café. Comments were also obtained from people attending the Farmers Market, so approximately 60 people in total took part in the consultation.

Themes emerging

What do you like about Ashby?

- The current facilities are praised e.g. leisure centre, schools, library. It is seen as a reasonable sized town with generally good amenities. (28 people)
- The atmosphere of the town which is seen as a friendly market town. (10 people)
- The community spirit in the town, including community events and strong links between community and churches and between organisations. (19 people)
- Thriving organisations, community organisations and churches (7 people)
- National forest and open spaces near the town (15 people)
- Parks, play areas and Bath Grounds (11 people)
- The overall appearance of the town (7 people)
- Ashby as a historic town (6 people)
- The town centre shops and market (21 people)
- Location with good road links to the rest of the Midlands (9 people)
- Relatively safe on the streets (1 person)
- Footpath network (2 people)
- The current size and scale of the town (2 people)
- No HGV's in the town centre make it relatively quiet (1 person)

What do you not like about Ashby?

- Traffic congestions (9 people)
- Speeding cars (1 person)
- Too many road signs (1 person)
- Car parking seen as inadequate, not controlled and expensive (11 people)
- Lack of facilities for teenagers (3 people)
- No community hall (1 person)

- School provision – need new secondary and primary school (Leicester Road side) (2 people)
- Old Ashbians who don't want any change and dislike newcomers although they will take their money! (Ironic considering that Ashby has changed constantly since its inception!) (1 person)
- Lack of leisure facilities, especially on some estates (1 person)
- Residents who do not value the town or get involved (1 person)
- Town Councillors are too passive (1 person)
- Key decisions at District Council are taken by Councillors who do not reside in or near the town or use it (1 person)
- Dog fouling (5 people)
- Litter (8 people)
- Bath Grounds, grass and their state since circus and festivals used it (2)
- Market mix in town centre – too many fast food and charity shops, other useful shops are missing. (38 people)
- Out of town difficult for older people and many complain about size of Tesco (1 person)
- Pubs not suitable for quiet drink and opening hours of pubs and clubs (2 people)
- Empty business premises (5 people)
- Too many edge of town retail is being built and proposed (major threat to Market Street retailers) (1 person)
- Tesco and its impact (6 people)
- Lack of a good hotel (1 person)
- Need for mix of house types (2 people)
- Too many houses no more needed (4 people)
- Need to encourage businesses in to business parks (1 person)
- Too big, loss of charm and facilities can't cope (2 people)
- Inappropriate development e.g. warehousing (1 person)
- Developers who use money to force through their plans (1 person)
- Prospect of further massive housing development, threat to Money Hill and integrity of the bypass (1 person)
- Lack of public transport (11 people)
- Make Ashby cycle friendly (1 person)
- The health centre need replacing (9 people) and need to keep a central location (3 people)
- Threat to cottage hospital (1 person)
- Nearest hospitals Burton/ Coalville/ Loughborough (1 person)
- Could do with NHS Walk In centre (1 person)
- It may become a commuter town (1 person)
- Loss of historic employment (e.g. biscuit factory, soap factory) potential loss of dairy (1 person)

What would you want that Ashby doesn't have?

- Develop and maintain the open spaces so they are attractive leisure spaces (4 people)
- Assurance that the National Forest is being given care, protection and attention (1 person)
- Golf Driving range + short course or pitch and putt (that is not exclusive to 'members only'. (1 person)
- Action to protect the environment, on dog mess and litter (3 people)
- Wildlife strategy for farming land as well as urban land (1 person)
- Bee friendly strategy (1 person)
- Multi functional community facility, available at low cost to charities (13 people)
- More community events (3 people)
- Maintain facilities in town centre (1 person)
- Better facilities for youth and children e.g. youth centre (7 people)
- Cinema/ 10 pin bowling (16 people)
- Better market mix in town centre (21 people)
- Regular street market (2 people)
- Improved health centre (10 people)
- Police station (1 person)
- More employment opportunities and a better mix of those opportunities (7 people)
- Improved school provision (4 people)
- A train station (6 people)
- More parking and or free parking (16 people)
- Better public transport to neighbouring towns and cities (2 people)
- Cycle and scooter lane at Hood Park to Northfield (1 person)
- Better balance in planned housing development (1 person)
- No out of town development, it will kill town centre (1 person)
- Need awareness of businesses already there when considering new planning proposals (1 person)
- Direction of growth should consider S West Measham Rd/ A42 quadrant (1 person)
- Extra Care housing (1 person)
- Creation of mixed use employment and residential sustainable urban extension in strategic location (1 person)
- Infrastructure to support massive build that is proposed (1 person)
- Traffic calming and management measures (6 people)
- Defined and maintained cycle route network (2 people)
- TV's tuned by default to East Midlands not West Midlands (1 person)

- Ivanhoe FC playing at least two leagues higher – with ground development (1 person)

Other more general comments were:

What benefit will we have by having HS2?

Ashby does not want a free for all housing building spree. This town cannot sustain this influx, it would become a dormitory town for people to work in Brum, Nottingham, Derby and Leicester.

Key themes and issues that seem to be emerging

- People like living in a historic market town in the heart of the National Forest, which they see as friendly with a good community spirit and facilities which need retaining and building on
- The town centre – issues around the mix of shops and businesses and car parking
- The open spaces are appreciated but they could be developed further and put to greater use
- There are concerns about the traffic infrastructure and congestion and about the perceived lack of public transport
- Where new development is going to happen people want it to be of the right type and have the right mix of housing and be in the best location for the town.
- There are concerns about the ability of the existing infrastructure coping with the additional houses e.g. the health centre is of concern and the current location of schools
- There are concerns about lack of facilities for teenagers (with some people concerned about the growing elderly population)
- There is a need for a multi functional community facility and more community events in the town
- The need to encourage a range of employment opportunities in the town and utilise the existing business parks

What next?

It is proposed that a questionnaire is devised telling people what the key themes and issues are and whether they agree they are relevant or not. It will be a simple tick box, but with a general question at the end about whether there are any other issues they feel are missing from the list. This form can then be used on Market Street on a Saturday morning and at the Food Festival. This should get us a greater volume of responses.

Karen Edwards, Deputy Town Clerk

1st May 2013

Analysis of survey forms on emerging issues for the Neighbourhood Plan for Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group meeting on 4th September 2013.

Forms completed Summer 2013

| Theme | Source | Agree | Disagree | No view |
|--|---------------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Preserving Ashby's identity as a friendly historic market town at the heart of the National Forest. | Food Festival forms | 95% | 2% | 3% |
| | Ashby School forms | 80% | 4% | 16% |
| Concerns about existing infrastructure coping with additional houses especially health centre and schools. | Food Festival forms | 93% | 5% | 2% |
| | Ashby School forms | 53% | 11% | 36% |
| The town centre is valued but room for improvement to retail and business mix and car parking. | Food Festival forms | 91% | 5% | 4% |
| | Ashby School forms | 65% | 17% | 17% |
| Where there is development it needs the right housing mix and needs to be in right locations. | Food Festival forms | 91% | 5% | 2% |
| | Ashby School forms | 54% | 18% | 28% |
| Need multi-functional community facility and more community events in the town. | Food Festival forms | 89% | 7% | 4% |
| | Ashby School forms | 64% | 10% | 26% |

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| Need facilities for teenagers and for a growing elderly population. | Food Festival forms | 84% | 4% | 13% |
| | Ashby School forms | 87% | 4% | 9% |
| Need to encourage a wider range of employment opportunities in town and utilise business parks. | Food Festival forms | 84% | 5% | 11% |
| | Ashby School forms | 65% | 9% | 26% |
| Concerns about transport infrastructure and congestion on key routes and in town centre. | Food Festival forms | 74.5% | 14.5% | 11% |
| | Ashby School forms | 56% | 14% | 30% |
| Open spaces are appreciated but could be developed further and put to greater use. | Food Festival forms | 56% | 40% | 4% |
| | Ashby School forms | 56% | 27% | 17% |
| Lack of public transport. | Food Festival forms | 39% | 18% | 43% |
| | Ashby School forms | 39% | 31% | 30% |

Comments on Ashby's Future

Additional comments from the Food and Drink Festival, online and from pupils at Ashby School

Note: Most respondents did not provide additional comments.

Town centre:

The town centre has great little shops, but others comment on the mix of shops, for example need more shops selling local produce, Marks and Spencers. The number of fast food establishments is concerning. Five people commented on issues around car parking. Two people wanted more support of businesses setting themselves up and council tax was seen as hampering new businesses.

Students at Ashby School also had strong views on the mix of shops in the town centre, with a desire for more shops that appeal to their generation. In common with people who came along to the drop in sessions there was a feeling that there were too many charity shops and fast food takeaways. However four students wanted a Macdonalds. The range of restaurants needs improving, with one student wanting high class restaurants, hotels and tourist attractions.

Pedestrian safety on Market Street was mentioned by one student and better car parking.

Community:

Four people commented positively about community events like the food festival and street party. With the town being seen as a lovely place to live, especially for children. Other suggestions were to have a French theme when promoting the town and that the community facilities at schools could be better utilised.

Five students from Ashby School felt there needed to be a wider range of activities for teenagers and young people, preferably free. With the hope that this would reduce antisocial behaviour.

Open spaces:

Three people wanted no building on open spaces. There were differing comments on the upkeep of the parks, some criticism but also some praise. One person commented that the play equipment and skate park needed replacing, whilst someone else praised the new play equipment at Westfields. One comment was that more could be done to attract people to the castle.

Three students had additional comments on open spaces, one wanted more recreational space, another had concerns about dog fouling and the third wanted the skate park replacing and felt the swimming pool could be larger.

Infrastructure

Two people expressed concern about the schools and health centre coping with the new developments. One respondent was worried about congestion from the health centre.

Two students at Ashby School were concerned about the impact of new houses on the local infrastructure, especially schools being able to cope.

Transport

There was concern about potential traffic congestion as the town grows, with a suggestion of two roundabouts on Nottingham Road. Speeding and dangerous driving on Smisby Road and on Market Street was of concern.

One person commented that public transport could be improved, with links to East Midlands Airport. There was also a suggestion that a tram system be introduced.

Ashby School students raised concerns about bus routes (3 students), bus fares (1 student) and the need for trains (1 student).

Development

A number of respondents (4) felt no more houses were needed, especially on the green belt. Whilst others commented on the mix and style of housing, with a lack of bungalows and affordable homes for first time buyers and people on low incomes and a desire for more imaginative designs.

Students from Ashby School were concerned about the impact of HS2, with 7 students providing additional comments on this. Other comments from the students concerned the need to preserve the character and identity of the town and worries about too many houses being built.

Other

Three other general comments were made:

- More information on how the town council uses its portion of the council tax.
- Parking for residents with no parking on their properties.
- Cycle routes from the centre of Ashby to the National Forest.

Consultation with Explorer Scouts

The Town Clerk conducted a consultation session with over 40 Explorer Scouts based in Ashby. The Scouts were asked about what they liked, didn't like about Ashby and what is missing from the town.

There were 12 comments on what they liked about the town, these can be summarised as (the number of respondents is given in brackets):

- Facilities, specifically the leisure centre and swimming pool (2)
- The appearance of the town(1)
- The open spaces close the town centre (2)
- The town centre, specifically shops and food outlets (7)

There were 7 comments about what they didn't like about the town, these are summarised as:

- The Bath Grounds is seen as being ruined (1)
- The town centre profile, mentioning the mix of shops (5)
- The atmosphere with intimidating groups of young people (1)

19 Explorers commented on what was missing from the town, their comments can be summarised as:

- Open spaces, with a better cricket pavilion on the Bath Grounds and a good skate park (2)
- A venue for bands to play, like the Ibstock Palace (2)
- Better public toilets (1)
- A cinema/ 10 pin bowling (2)
- A better mix of shops in the town centre (10)
- A train station (2)

Consultation with key stage 2 pupils at Ashby C of E Primary School

The Deputy Town Clerk conducted a consultation session with 12 key stage 2 pupils from the school, asking them about what they liked and didn't like about Ashby and what was missing in the town.

There were 16 comments on what they liked about Ashby, these can be summarised, with the number of comments in brackets, as:

- Facilities:
 - Schools (2)
 - Leisure facilities (2)
 - Dentists, doctors and entertainment (1)

- Atmosphere, the people (2) and lively atmosphere
- The open spaces, football pitch (1), Hood park play area (1) and countryside (1)
- The factories (1)
- Specific shops, e.g. sweet shop, Greggs (4)

There were 20 comments on what the children didn't like about Ashby:

- Open spaces, with parks far away, over grown trees and people chopping trees down (3)
- The facilities, lack of a crèche (1), school (4) and the state of the fire station (1)
- The environment, people dropping litter (3) and dog poo (1)
- Town centre profile, lack of sweet shops and some takeaways (4)
- Employment, jobs being far away (2)
- Patches on the road (1)

There were a lot of comments, 139, on what they would want that Ashby doesn't have:

- About open spaces with a range of suggestions about what they would like to see e.g. fishing lake, pretty flowers, a dog park, dog poo powered lights, lots of space, a fountain and statue of the Mayor. (17)
- Community provision: parades, talent show, fair, circus etc (8)
- Transport: more buses (1), a train station (1)
- There were a lot of comments on the facilities (41), suggestions that were suggested by more than one pupil were:
 - Chocolate dispenser/ fountain (4)
 - Hospital (4)
 - Zoo (3)
 - Theme park (7)
 - Cinema (3)
- There were 41 comments on shops, restaurants and takeaways they would like to see in Ashby.
- There were suggestions for factories and businesses that could come to Ashby (13) and the need for more jobs (3).
- There were 5 suggestions for more development e.g. bigger houses, skyscrapers and a new castle!
- 9 comments were more general and not really related to the Neighbourhood Plan, they covered topics ranging from nice pavements to the head teacher being paid more.

Consultation with key stage 2 pupils at Willesley Primary School

The Deputy Town Clerk conducted a consultation session with 12 key stage 2 pupils from the school, asking them about what they liked and didn't like about Ashby and what was missing in the town.

There were 25 comments on what they liked about Ashby, these can be summarised, with the number of comments in brackets, as:

- Leisure facilities (2) and good food and baby clubs
- The open spaces, Bath Grounds (2), football pitches (2), National Forest and places to go (2).
- The nice houses (2)
- Specific shops, restaurants and takeaways e.g. sweet shop, Ask (8)

There were 27 comments on what the children didn't like about Ashby:

- Open spaces, not wanting houses of the circus on the Bath Grounds (2) and there are not many parks (1)
- The facilities: paying for toilets (1), lack of toilets (1) and a need for more hotels (1)
- The environment, people dropping litter and cigarettes (7), more bins on the Bath Grounds (2) and people leaving litter in changing rooms at Hood Park (1), graffiti (1)
- Town centre profile, lack of sweet shops and too many takeaways (5)
- Pot holes (2)
- People swearing in town (2)
- Need less houses (1)

There were a lot of comments, 108, on what they would want that Ashby doesn't have:

- About open spaces with a range of suggestions about what they would like to see e.g. more cycle routes, paths and parks, a dog park, football pitches, a fountain and statue of the Queen. (9)
- Protecting the environment with more bins (2), solar panels (1) and eco houses (1)
- Community provision, concerts (1)
- Transport: more buses (4), a train station (5), trams (1), mini airport (1) and more roads (1)
- There were a lot of comments on the facilities (38), suggestions that were suggested by more than one pupil were:
 - Zoo (5)
 - Theme Park (7)

- More or bigger schools (9), including a private school and disabled school
 - More car parks (5)
- There were 38 comments on shops and restaurants they would like to see in Ashby.
- One pupil wanted more jobs.
- There was one suggestion for more cottages.
- 4 comments were more general and not really related to the Neighbourhood Plan, they covered topics ranging from pets to decorations.



Help Shape the Future of Ashby !

JOIN A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOCUS GROUP

We are looking for 30–40 local people who are prepared to work within one of 5 Focus Groups which will each make a material contribution towards the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Ashby De La Zouch.

The main qualification for joining one of these groups is that you are prepared to give up a little of your time to help ensure Ashby remains the vibrant and interesting place that it is now.

We are keen to involve old and young, professional and blue collar alike, as long as they live or work in Ashby.

Being part of one of these groups will involve attending several meetings over the next few months. Meetings will start at the beginning of June with the aim of completing the output by end October. Each of the groups will have 5–10 members.

In addition to the 5 Focus Groups we also want to recruit members of a reference group which will give reference opinions on the ideas and proposed policies produced by the focus groups.

WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

Since April 2012 local communities have been able to produce Neighbourhood Plans for their local area, putting in place planning policies for the future development and growth of the Neighbourhood.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community led framework for guiding the future development and growth of an area. It contains visions, aims, planning policies, improvement proposals, and may identify key sites for specific development.

The statutory status of this Plan gives it far more weight than many other planning documents or policies, making it difficult for developers to overturn.

To acquire this statutory status the plan must have been prepared in the right way, for example there must have been adequate community involvement, it must have been subject to examination and referendum. To qualify it also cannot conflict with the Local Planning Authority’s development plan.

“Many local authorities have already completed the process of developing Neighbourhood Plans for their area.....”



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MAKE YOUR VIEWS COUNT!

- Get involved in looking after your town!
- Help ensure we pass on a vibrant and healthy town to the next generation!



THE STORY SO FAR

Ashby de la Zouch Town Council began work on the neighbourhood development plan back in April 2013.

The work was launched with four drop in sessions, and subsequent meetings with Explorer Scouts and primary schools and a short survey. Visitors and participants were asked for their views on:

- What they liked about Ashby
- What they didn't like about Ashby
- What things they would like to see which the Town doesn't have.

The conclusion of these sessions and survey was that opinion was overwhelmingly in support of the development of a Neighbourhood Plan .

The steering group then applied for "Designated Status". This obliges NWLDC planning department to support the Council in various ways with the development of the plan.

Ashby Town Council was granted designated status on 5th March 2014, and it is now ready to go ahead with the next stage in the process, - Community Engagement through Focus Groups.

“Localism is ...a ground-breaking shift in power to councils and communities overturning decades of central government control”

WHY IS THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN IMPORTANT

Its all about empowerment of community to influence or even control how local development takes place.

Take the issue of improving the Town's infrastructure by building of a new community centre.

A properly drawn up Neighbourhood Plan gives the community the power to access resources, which can contribute to, help design and build this community facility. It also ensures that the community can exercise significant control over where and how it is built.

THE ROAD AHEAD

Our plan is for Focus groups to begin meeting at the beginning of June.

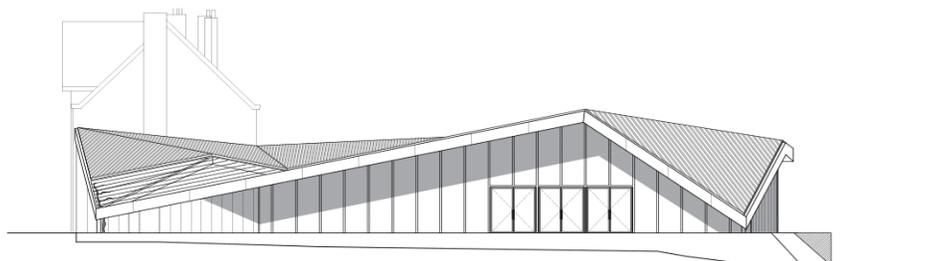
Groups will need to meet several times over the course of the next few weeks if they are adequately to consider the issues before them.

The target is for groups to finish their deliberations by end October. The Steering group will then begin drawing together the various issues and threads highlighted by the focus groups. A draft report will be complete by the end of December 2014.

This draft document will need to be publicised, and be the subject of public consultation before it can be submitted to NWLDC.

It will then be NWLDC's responsibility to arrange for an independent examination of the report and a public referendum on its contents.

Only when the document has gone through these processes will it achieve statutory status.



Community centre designed by Marc Koehler for rural Belgian Town



Many focus group discussions will be professionally facilitated

WHAT WILL THE FOCUS GROUPS DO ?

Focus groups will be tasked to discuss a wide range of planning issues affecting our Town. Some of these are outlined below. The groups will also need to discuss and propose options and policies which address these issues. Their recommendations will be consolidated by the Steering Group into a Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

| Focus Group | Typical Issues to Consider | |
|---|---|--|
| 1. Town Centre Vitality | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · How to keep footfall; · Tourism; · Late night economy; · Retail mix; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Impact of conservation area; · Independent specialist shops; · Visitor accommodation; · Living in the town centre. |
| 2. Economic Growth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Current retail and employment infrastructure in Ashby; · Opportunities for growth; · Relationship between employment available and town population, commuting; · Location, number and types of jobs, apprenticeships, manufacturing, retail; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Potential links with neighbouring communities e.g. Ashby Wolds, Coalville; · Relationship between local skill base and employment available; · Promoting investor confidence. |
| 3. Housing and the built environment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Tenures and type of housing; · Affordable housing requirements; · Number, type, density and location of houses; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Urban design and townscape; · Conservation area; · Community connectivity. |
| 4. Accessibility and Transport | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Review improvements for a sustainable transport solutions including: pedestrians, cycles, vehicles parking. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Road infrastructure; · Pedestrian routes; · Disabled access; · Public transport. |
| 5. Education and Leisure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Community infrastructure; · Schools; · Open spaces; · Community centre; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Analysis of what is needed and what is being provided in relation to new buildings; · Activities for all the population including growing elderly population; · National forest. |

DRAFT VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR TOWN

A draft vision statement adopted by the by the Neighbourhood Planning steering group reads as follows:

Ashby de la Zouch is a prosperous attractive and historic market town at the heart of the National Forest. Our vision is to build on that uniqueness and create a town that meets the needs of local people whilst making the most of its special qualities to attract visitors and shoppers from further afield.

This will be achieved by creating a safe, clean, accessible and attractive town in which people can shop, work, live and pursue their leisure activities. The town should offer something for everyone regardless of their age, lifestyle or status.'

**ABOUT THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLANNING STEERING
GROUP**

**THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN-
NING STEERING GROUP IS A
SUB-COMMITTEE OF ASHBY DE
LA ZOUCH TOWN COUNCIL
AND IS MADE UP OF:**

- Clr John Coxon
- Clr Roger Bayliss
- Clr Jim Hoult
- Chris Tandy (Ashby Civic Society)
- Sam Hampton (Ashby Town Team)
- Jack Fargher (Town Clerk)
- Karen Edwards (Deputy Town Clerk)

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO !

If you are interested in becoming part of one of the focus groups or the reference group get in touch with **Karen Edwards, Deputy Town Clerk, tel: 01530 416961 or email: info@ashbytowncouncil.org.uk.**

Or write to

**Karen Edwards
c/o Ashby Town Council
Legion House
South Street
Ashby de la Zouch
Leicestershire LE65 1BQ**



Remember to say what group you are most interested in.!

Someone will be in touch in early June to let you know when and where the first meeting will take place

“Ashby has a unique character which needs to be preserved for the benefit of future generations”



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22/09/14

Dear Sir/ Madam

Re: Neighbourhood Plan for Ashby Town Council

I am writing to you as a stakeholder who has an interest in Ashby to advise you that the Town Council has taken the decision to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan.

The Council wards of Ashby Holywell, Ashby Ivanhoe and Ashby Castle which cover the town of Ashby de la Zouch and excludes Blackfordby, has been designated by North West Leicestershire District Council as a 'Neighbourhood Area' in accordance with Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

It is anticipated that this process will run for about a further 18 months and over the coming weeks and months we will be promoting the Plan with the local community and arranging consultation events to which you can take part and be involved in.

The Neighbourhood Plan will establish policies that will help to determine how Ashby will look in the future and will cover issues such as the Town Centre; housing; environment; economic development; heritage; leisure and transport.

At this stage, I would be grateful for your acknowledgement of this letter; to receive an early indication from you as to whether you have any issues that you would like the Neighbourhood Plan to specifically address and confirmation that you are the most appropriate person to contact within your organisation for Neighbourhood Planning purposes.

I look forward to hearing from you in relation to these issues and to keeping you in touch with developments as the process continues. Should you require any further help or clarification, please contact myself at the above address.

Yours faithfully

Karen Edwards
Deputy Town Clerk

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21 October 2014

Dear Colleague

Planning Ashby's Future – Stakeholder meeting 25th November 2014

I am writing to you as a stakeholder who has an interest in Ashby to invite you to a Drop In Session on Tuesday 25th November 2014. The purpose of the meeting is to provide stakeholders with an update on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan and the themes that are emerging from the Focus Group phase.

The meeting will also provide an opportunity for businesses with an interest in Ashby to inform the Neighbourhood Planning team of their long term plans for their business in Ashby. This information can then be used to inform the Neighbourhood Planning process as we move on to the phase of drafting the actual plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a planning document that is being developed by the Town Council with support from residents and stakeholders and which will establish policies that will help to determine how Ashby will look in the future. It will cover issues such as the Town Centre, housing, economic development, environment, heritage, leisure and transport.

The Drop In session is being held on **Tuesday 25th November 2014 from 3:30pm to 7pm in the Council Chamber at Legion House, South Street, Ashby, LE65 1BQ.** You are welcome to attend at any time during that period.

Should you require any further help or clarification, please contact myself at the above address or email: karedwards@ashbytowncouncil.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



Karen Edwards
Deputy Town Clerk

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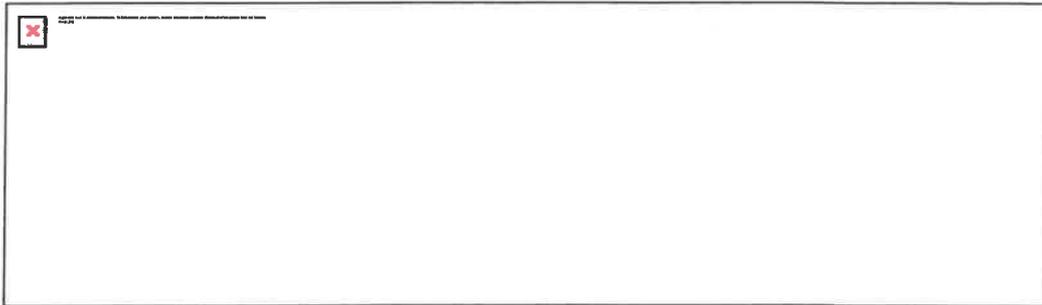
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July 2015

Planning Ashby's Future

Launch of Public Consultation on Ashby's Neighbourhood Plan at Jim's Tractor Run



Ashby de la Zouch Town Council will be attending Jim's Tractor Run on Sunday 26th July, on the Bath Grounds, Ashby from 11am to 4pm to update people on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan.

A series of Focus Groups have taken place involving town councillors, officers from the District and County Council, local residents and stakeholders. Each one has focussed on a key issue that has been identified as being of special importance and significance to Ashby. They looked at Economic Growth, Transport, Education and Leisure, Housing and the Town Centre.

From this work emerging policies are being produced and the Town Council would like people's views on these emerging objectives and policies before work starts on producing the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Please come along to our stand at Jim's Tractor Run and give us your views on the emerging

objectives and policies.

Regards

Karen Edwards

Deputy Town Clerk

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Planning Decisions

To enable the people of Ashby to influence planning and development in their town a Neighbourhood Plan is being produced. The plan was launched in April 2013 with drop in sessions, visits to primary schools, a meeting with Explorer Scouts, a survey at the Ashby Food and Drink Festival and an online survey completed by students at Ashby School. The results of this initial consultation have been analysed and the key areas for the Neighbourhood Plan to cover have been defined.

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Neighbourhood Plan Supporting Documentation

In May 2014 the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group produced a newsletter to update the people of Ashby on progress and this can be downloaded by [following this link](#).

In June 2014 five Focus Groups were established looking at the following areas:

- Town Centre Vitality
- Economic Growth
- Housing and the built environment
- Accessibility and Transport
- Education and Leisure

These Focus Groups attracted a cross section of people who live or work in Ashby de la Zouch and they spent four months looking at aims for the theme, options for dealing with issues associated with their theme and suggesting policies that could help address the issues.

Each Focus Group produced a table which summarised the objectives for their theme and suggested policies required to support the achievement of those objectives. These tables have all been combined in to a single spreadsheet which can be downloaded by following this [link](#).

A Reference Group has been established, consisting of the Chairs from each Focus Group and representatives from Yourlocale and the Deputy Town Clerk. The Reference Group will be using the outputs from the Focus Groups as the basis for producing a draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Ashby de la Zouch Town Council will be attending Jim's Tractor Run on Sunday 26th July on the Bath Grounds, Ashby from 11am to 4pm to update people on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan.

The output from the Focus Groups has been analysed by the Reference Group and emerging policies are being produced. The Town Council would like people's views on these emerging objectives and policies before work starts on producing the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Please come along to our stand at Jim's Tractor Run and give us your views on the emerging objectives and policies

If you have any questions please ring Karen Edwards, Deputy Town Clerk on 01530 416961 or email: info@ashbytowncouncil.org.uk.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood Planning is a new process that is designed to enable the local community to influence the planning and development of their area by helping to decide:

The most appropriate places for new homes, shops, offices, leisure facilities and other developments to be located;

What type of development is needed and what it should look like;

Which important green spaces and other areas should be protected;

What improvements or additions to local facilities and services will be required alongside any developments.

The contents of a Neighbourhood Plan cannot conflict with the Local Planning Authority's Local Development Plan. For Ashby de la Zouch this is North West Leicestershire District Council's Core Strategy.

Summary of emerging themes

This document summarises the responses received to the survey completed at the Food and Drink Festival and from Ashby School, Ashby Explorers, Willesley School and Ashby C of E Primary School.

[Summary of responses \(MS Word, 64 Kb\)](#)

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Do I need a Flu Jab?

MOST of us know by now that certain groups of people should visit the GP for a flu jab: the elderly, diabetics, asthmatics etc.

However, pharmacists will tell you that even if you don't fall into one of the categories above a flu jab is still a sensible precaution. But why would a healthy person request a flu vaccine?

Well, seasonal flu is a deeply unpleasant illness. It generally requires a week or so off work to recover and can trigger other conditions like bronchitis or pneumonia.

The average person with flu infects one or two other people through sneezing, coughing and touch. If you work with the general public, in a shop for

example, you are more at risk of being exposed to the virus so you might consider a flu jab a worthwhile investment. A business owner may consider the impact a week off sick would have on his business and opt to protect himself or herself for that reason.

Children are much more likely to pick up and pass on bugs as they are in such close proximity to each other all day. For this reason teachers and parents might think it wise to have a jab.

Unless you fall into one of the at-risk categories you will have to pay to be vaccinated, but it's inexpensive (generally under £15) and many pharmacists administer the vaccine on their premises so you don't have to book an appointment with your GP or take time off work.

Flu jabs are generally safe unless you have an allergy to eggs or have had a previous allergic reaction to a shot.

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ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT PLAN STARTS 13TH OCTOBER 2015

The consultation period for the draft Ashby de la Zouch Neighbourhood Plan will run from 13th October until 24th November 2015

The draft plan will be available to view on the Ashby de la Zouch Town Council website from 13th October 2015 - <http://www.ashbydelazouch.info/Emerging-Neighbourhood-Plan.aspx>

You can find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan at the following events which are all being held at Legion House, South Street, Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 1BQ:

| Date | Time | Event |
|---|----------|--|
| Tuesday 27 th October | From 6pm | Drop in session providing an overview of the Neighbourhood Plan. |
| Workshops on individual chapters | | |
| Monday 2 nd November | 6pm | Housing and the Built Environment Workshop |
| Saturday 14 th November | 10am | Natural Environment and Open Spaces Workshop |
| Saturday 14 th November | 11:30am | Economic Growth and Transport Workshop |
| Tuesday 17 th November | 6pm | Town Centre and Conservation Area Workshop |
| Tuesday 17 th November | 7:45pm | Workshop for those unable to attend previous sessions. |

Email: info@ashbytowncouncil.org.uk with comments on the Neighbourhood Plan or for further information on the events listed above.

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Ashby de la Zouch Town Council

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CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT "NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN"
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13 October 2015

Dear Colleague

Planning Ashby's Future – Consultation on the Draft Ashby de la Zouch Neighbourhood Plan

Do you want to get involved in helping to plan Ashby's future?

As you are a stakeholder who has an interest in Ashby I am writing to inform you that consultation on the draft Ashby de la Zouch Neighbourhood Plan started on Tuesday 13th October.

Copies of the plan are available to download on our website:
<http://www.ashbytowncouncil.org.uk/Draft-Neighbourhood-Plan.aspx>

Comments on the draft Neighbourhood Plan can be given through a comments form, a copy of which is attached. This can also be downloaded from the website. Alternatively an online survey can be completed on the website page 'Draft Neighbourhood Plan'.

Hard copies of the plan are available at the Town Council offices, Legion House, South Street, Ashby de la Zouch.

Stakeholders and members of the local community can find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan at a series of workshops which are being held at Legion House, South Street, Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 1BQ. For your information I attach a copy of the poster advertising the sessions.

The consultation **ends on 24th November 2015**. The responses will then be analysed and an examination version of the Neighbourhood Plan will be produced in the New Year.

Please note this is different from North West Leicestershire District Council's current consultation on the draft Local Plan, which is the strategic planning document for the district as a whole.

Should you require any further help or clarification, please contact myself at the above address or email: info@ashbytowncouncil.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



Karen Edwards
Deputy Town Clerk

police that there were a lot of people in the area and I would like to hear from anyone who saw anything suspicious or the incident itself.

Charity quiz night at Whitwick club

A CHARITY quiz night and raffle is taking place at a Whitwick club next month.

The event in aid of the 'Our Space' Appeal (Children's cancer unit) at the Leicester Royal Infirmary is being hosted by North Street Club, Whitwick on Friday, November 20.

The event starts at 8pm and teams of four are required. Entry is £5 per person with all proceeds going to charity.

A cash prize is available for the winning team and there will be raffle tickets available on the night.

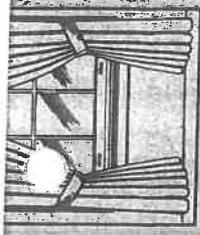
youngsters not to use the facility after dark and respect the neighbours," he said of the problem. "It's not just a noise nuisance but a health and safety risk as well."

"At the end of the day though, it's a recreation

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RESIDENTS INVITED TO HELP ASHBY'S FUTURE WITH DRAFT OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

RESIDENTS are invited to get involved in helping to plan Ashby's future now that consultation has begun on a draft Neighbourhood Plan for the town.

The consultation period for Ashby Neighbourhood Plan will run until November 24 and gives people the opportunity to comment on plans put together by the town council.

Key issues the plan will address, include traffic management and road infrastructure, town centre sustainability and housing site allocations

and housing mix.

It also covers the need for a new community centre in Ashby, development limits in the town and business growth until 2031.

Councillor John Coxon, leader of Ashby Town Council, said: "The Ashby Neighbourhood Plan has moved in to an exciting phase as the Town Council starts consultation on the draft Plan."

"The Town Council wants to find out what people think about the draft Neighbourhood Plan and so

help to shape the future of the town.

"This is not to be confused with North West Leicestershire District Council's current consultation on the Local Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan is a completely separate document specific to the needs of Ashby."

Copies of the Neighbourhood Plan can be collected from the town council offices, Legion House, South Street, or downloaded from the town council's website: www.ashbytowncouncil.org.uk/Draft-Neighbourhood-Plan.aspx.



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8th October 2015



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Dear Headteacher

Planning Ashby's Future – Consultation on the Draft Ashby de la Zouch Neighbourhood Plan

Please find enclosed copies of flyers promoting consultation on the draft Ashby de la Zouch Neighbourhood Plan. As a Town Council we would like to make as many Ashby residents as possible aware of the consultation as this is their opportunity to be involved in planning Ashby's future.

I would be grateful if you could distribute the flyers to children's homes via their book bags. There should be enough copies for one flyer per child.

As a key stakeholder in the town I will be writing to you with information about the consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan, details about how you can find out more about the contents of the plan and how to submit any comments you may have.

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Town Clerk

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13 October 2015

Planning Ashby's Future the next stage

Public Consultation on the draft Ashby's Neighbourhood Plan



Thank you for your involvement in helping to prepare the draft Ashby de la Zouch Neighbourhood Plan. Following on from the work of the Focus Groups a draft Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared.

As you may have heard Ashby de la Zouch Town Council has started consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan and this consultation will run until 24th November 2015.

As someone who was involved in the Focus Group stage of the Neighbourhood Planning process I would welcome your views on this draft plan.

A copy of the draft Neighbourhood Plan can be downloaded from the Town Council's website and hard copies are available at the Town Council offices, Legion House, South Street, Ashby de la Zouch. The website also contains details about how you can give your views on the draft plan.

Here is a link to download the draft plan: [Ashby de la Zouch Neighbourhood Plan](#).

I would like to invite you to attend one of the workshops we are holding to discuss individual themes within the plan, these are all being held at Legion House, South Street, Ashby de la Zouch and are on:

Tuesday 27th October from 6pm - A drop in session providing an overview of the plan

Monday 2nd November at 6pm - Housing and the Built Environment Workshop

Saturday 14th November at 10am - Natural Environment and Open Spaces Workshop

Saturday 14th November at 11:30am - Economic Growth and Transport Workshop

Tuesday 17th November at 6pm - Town Centre and Conservation Area Workshop

Tuesday 17th November at 7:45pm - Workshop for those unable to attend previous sessions.

I will be on Market Street this Saturday, 17th October between 10am and 12 noon distributing flyers to promote the consultation. If any one has time to help with this or has any questions about the consultation process then please come and find me on Saturday morning.

If you need any further information please email me or ring me on 01530 416961.

Kind Regards

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Ashby de la Zouch

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Ashby de la Zouch Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation on Draft Neighbourhood Plan

13th October to 24th November

55 responses received:

- 35 respondents were residents
- 10 respondents were developers/landowners
- 3 respondents were community interest groups
- 7 respondents were statutory consultees

| Section/ Policy | Summary of comments | Response |
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| General | Comments on structure and numbering. | Structure of the document has been revised. |
| General comments | Production of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) should be delayed until the Local Plan is in place. | Disagree with this approach as it is unclear when the Local Plan will be adopted. |
| General comments | The NP should include a Renewable Energy Strategy. | There is no requirement for NP's to consider this. |
| 1.2 (NP Area) | Map is too small. | Will be enlarged in supporting documentation. |
| 1.3 (How NP fits in to the Planning System) | Has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been produced? | Requesting a screening opinion for North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC). |
| 1.4 (What the NP will cover) | Inconsistency in definition of timeframe from section and front page. | Amended so consistency in new draft NP. |
| 1.5 (How the plan has been prepared) | Description of Focus Groups needs altering. | Amended. |
| 2 (About Ashby de la Zouch) | Description of Ashby needs strengthening and census data to state just for NP area. | Amended to provide a stronger description of Ashby and surrounding countryside. |
| 3 (What the Plan is trying to achieve) | Suggestions re wording of the key issues and inclusion of traffic management issues. However some issues suggested e.g. health and social care not added as go beyond remit of a NP. | Amended and included reference to traffic management. |
| 3.2 (The vision) | Vision needs to include reference to surrounding countryside, as just refers to the town. Praise for the vision as it stands. | Amended to include the wider countryside. |
| 4.1 (Towards a sustainable) | Need to refer to NWLDC as Local Planning Authority and | Amended. |

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| Ashby) | Leicestershire County Council (LCC). | |
| 4.1.1 (Introduction) | More detail on issues affecting the town and a better description of the town required. | Agree there needs to be more local detail but this has been added throughout the document rather than in this section. The description of the town has been amended. |
| 4.1.2 (A presumption in favour of sustainable development) | <p>Comments regarding the definition.</p> <p>Request to address issues around farmland and water supplies.</p> <p>Greater explanation on what is meant by sustainable development and suggested changes to some of the wording</p> <p>Support recognition of need for sustainable development.</p> | <p>Retain current definition as matches the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).</p> <p>The NP addresses levels of development without detailing specific industry requirements. Water supply is addressed through individual planning applications.</p> <p>Plan amended to be clearer about what the NP can influence in planning terms.</p> |
| 4.1.4 (Limits to Development) | <p>Concern that Limits to development includes a number of parks and open spaces.</p> <p>Need to show employment land within the Limits to Development.</p> <p>Limits to Development different to those in the draft Local Plan.</p> <p>No Limits should be put forward as</p> | <p>Development is only permitted where it complies with other policies in the NP.</p> <p>Map amended to show employment land.</p> <p>The Draft Local Plan was at an early stage when this document was produced. The Limits to Development have been amended to reflect recent planning decisions and confirmation from NLWDC that the Limits to Development for Ashby will not be changing in the next draft of the Local Plan.</p> <p>Disagree as the NP seeks</p> |

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| | <p>can be a mechanism to preclude sustainable growth opportunities.</p> <p>The A42 should be treated as the Limits to Development on the south eastern side of the town.</p> | <p>to control development, which is a legitimate concern for the NP, as long as housing allocation targets are met.</p> <p>The revised Limits to Development are the same as in the emerging Local Plan. During consultation there was no significant support (except from developers) to increase housing numbers beyond those set out in the Emerging Local Plan.</p> |
| 4.1.5 (Development outside the built up area). | <p>Request for an area of separation between the town and other villages.</p> <p>Questioned the use of the word 'approved in exceptional circumstances'.</p> | <p>Reference to areas of separation between the town and villages has been added.</p> <p>Language changed to 'supported in exceptional circumstances'.</p> |
| 4.1.6 (Design) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference to land instability needs adding. • Use word 'Statement' rather than 'Design Statement'. • Comments on this section and policy needing to be stronger, too vague as currently written. With a desire to avoid large scale development of a 'standard' design. Wanting new developments to reflect the character and historic context of the plan area. • Concern at reference to an 'architectural review' and use of Design and Access Statements and what this means in practice. | <p>This section has been significantly altered to take on board many of the comments made.</p> <p>Reference to an architectural review and Design and Access Statements have been removed.</p> |
| 4.1.7 (Brownfield Sites) | <p>Question how many of these exist in the town and whether they should be identified. Overall support for the policy.</p> <p>Oppose an approach that prioritises the use of brownfield sites over other development.</p> | <p>Not felt necessary to identify individual sites. Agree there are very few at the current time.</p> <p>If a brownfield site is not available then alternative sites will be considered.</p> <p>There is also some qualifying of the statement</p> |

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| | | on prioritising brownfield sites. |
| 4.2 (Housing) | Conflicts with draft Local Plan around housing numbers. | The Draft Local Plan was subject to initial consultation at the same time the NP consultation was taking place. As, following the NWLDC consultation, it is now clear that the housing numbers allocated for Ashby in the Local Plan will not be changing figures within the NP have been amended accordingly. |
| 4.2.1& 4.2. (Housing & Sustainable Housing Growth) | Section too long and could merge policies H1 and H2. Question comments on Ashby being the focus of new house building, some agreeing and some disagreeing. | Those policies have been merged and a new policy regarding a masterplan for the Money Hill area has been introduced. |
| 4.2.2 (Sustainable Housing Growth) | Comments on different housing allocation than within the draft Local Plan. A need to include outcome of current planning appeals when they are known. Concerns about impact on infrastructure of further housing growth and question the need for additional houses. Questions around the figures used in the Local Plan allocations. Whether they are too great or too small. Some drafting comments on distribution of housing across the district. | See 4.2 above and revision of housing allocation within the new draft NP. The NP needs to be in conformity with the emerging Local Plan so the current housing numbers of 1750 need including. This number will also incorporate the dwellings recently approved on appeal. Issues regarding this allocation in the Local Plan cannot be dealt with in the NP. However it is noted in the text that the growth ambitions of the residents are not significant and residents are concerned at the level of new development. Greater detail on Infrastructure priorities has been given under Developer Contributions. |

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| | | Significant redrafting of this section has taken place. |
| 4.2.2 (Sustainable Housing Growth) | Query claims regarding loss of open space. | Open countryside, including public footpaths have been developed on in recent years, thus reducing the public's access to open countryside. |
| 4.2.2 (Sustainable Housing Growth) | Potential impact on A42 J13 if Money Hill is approved. | We understand that an agreement has been reached concerning the upgrading of the A42 J13 to deal with impact of additional houses on Money Hill. |
| 4.2.2 (Sustainable Housing Growth) | Issues that need considering for development sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coal mining activity • Flood risk | Flood risk has been built in to the revised NP. Coal mining still needs building in. |
| 4.2.3 (Housing Mix) | Question appropriateness of defining housing mix and affordable housing within a Neighbourhood Plan. Commenting that this should only be dealt with at a strategic level in by the Local Planning Authority. | Disagree Neighbourhood Planning is able to set levels at variance with District wide ratios to meet local need. |
| 4.2.3 (Housing Mix) | Different views on whether the proposed housing mix is accurate. Some people support the proposals others suggest a different housing mix. | The Neighbourhood Plan replicates the housing mix set out in the emerging Local Plan and figures remain unchanged. |
| 4.2.4 (Affordable Housing) | Different views on whether the affordable housing percentage is viable. Comments on the number of bedrooms required and concerns that people with carers will need 2 bedroom properties, rather than 1 bedroom. | The affordable housing target has been changed to 30% rather than 40%. The number of 1 bedroom properties reduced from 50% to 40%. |
| 4.2.5 (Promoting self-build) | The timescales relating to self build plots are seen as too strict and could be counter productive, in discouraging rather than promoting self build. Concerns about feasibility of restricting the purchase of self build plots to local people. | The policy has been redrafted to remove timescales for completing the building. Encouraging the self build option for local people was felt to be important so is retained. |
| 4.3 (Employment | Employment allocations focussed | Comments noted. |

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| and Economic Growth) | on maintaining the status quo rather than encouraging growth. With reference to inclusion of new employment site at Money Hill. Other people felt there are enough business parks in the town. | |
| 4.3 (Employment and Economic Growth) | Request a policy for protection of existing employment sites. Need to show existing employment sites. | This is already in the NP. Map on Proposed Limits to Development revised to show employment areas. |
| 4.3 (Employment and Economic Growth) | Employment allocations in the Local Plan need reflecting in the Neighbourhood Plan. | There are no new allocations of employment land, as this is left to the Local Plan. |
| 4.3.2 (Existing Employment Land and Buildings) | Need to strengthen description of employment in the town and protect existing employment sites. Representations that the Ashby Gateway site should be excluded from Ashby Business Park and the associated restrictions on the type of development permitted in that area. | Text has been amended to provide more detail on employment in the town and to offer protection to existing employment sites. Town Councillors disagree with excluding Ashby Gateway from Ashby Business Park. The text has been altered to be more explicit about the types of employment permitted in specific areas. This is in line with the Local Plan. |
| 4.3.4 (Connecting local people to the new job opportunities) | The obligations placed on developers are seen as unacceptable. | Comments noted. |
| 4.4 (Town Centre) | Negative impact of out of town retail developments. | Cannot tackle what has already happened but seeking to influence development in the future by restricting retail development outside the Primary Shopping Centre. |
| 4.4 (Town Centre) | Want impact of new development on traffic congestion in the town centre mentioning. | Suggestion has been actioned within the transport section. |
| 4.4 (Town Centre) | Lack of drop kerbs hinder access to events held on Market Street. | Could possibly refer to disabled access in Policy TC1 on Town Centre Uses. |

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| 4.4 (Town Centre) | No reference to vibrant night life. | Added reference to night life. |
| 4.4 (Town Centre) | Propose pedestrianisation of Market Street. | This is a matter for LCC not the Neighbourhood Plan. |
| 4.4.2 (Town Centre attractiveness) | Criticism of the retail mix within the town centre. | This is not a matter the Neighbourhood Plan can influence, as change of use from one type of retail to another is not controlled by planning. |
| 4.4.2 (Town Centre attractiveness) | Concern that the wording of this section fitting with the NPPF and needing to be clearer about what it is aiming to achieve. | This section has been redrafted. |
| 4.4.3 (Primary Shopping area) | As written the text is too onerous and NWLDC will not be able to enforce the requirements. Concern that focus on A1 uses may be too restrictive. | This section has been redrafted, but still makes it clear retail uses are supported. |
| 4.4.4 (Shop Fronts) | Need to be frontages rather than just the shop front. Wording around internally illuminated signs not in line with NWLDC policy. | Text amended to frontages. Clarification regarding internally illuminated signs has been provided by NWLDC and the text amended accordingly. Internally illuminated signs have been moved to the policy on legible Ashby. |
| 4.4.5 (Residential development in town centre) | Residential development in town centre welcomed, but concerns around car parking. Environment Agency concerns around flood risk and access and egress to properties in times of flood. | Comments noted. |
| 4.4.6 (Tourism) | Reference to the National Forest needs adding and as written it is too restrictive as only focuses on the Town Centre. Need to protect existing tourism assets e.g. the Royal Hotel. | Reference to the National Forest has been added. The scope of the policy has been extended to cover the NP Area. Reference to not supporting the loss of tourism facilities has been added. |
| 4.4.6 (Tourism) | Additional tourism facilities need to be supported by adequate car | NWLDC review of car parking will need to |

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| | parking, including coach parking. | consider this. |
| 4.4.7 (Legible Signage) | Confusion over the purpose of this policy and whether it just refers to the town centre and tourism facilities or should be the town as a whole. Need for a corporate image. | This section has been redrafted to include reference to the visual character of the town centre, swan neck external lighting and internal illumination on signs. Separating out a policy on signage from a community action to create a legible signage strategy for the town as a whole. |
| 4.5 (Transport) | LCC is working with NWLDC to look at the impact of growth on the transport infrastructure system. Welcome support for the opening of the railway line through Ashby and comments on the lack of public transport and poor road links with Burton, Derby. | LCC work on transport infrastructure welcomed. NP unable to directly influence public transport provision. |
| 4.5 (Transport) | Concerns not enough emphasis is given to the impact of new development on traffic in Ashby. | Reference to the impact of new development on traffic in the town has been added to the transport section. |
| 4.5 (Transport) | Disagreement with claim that the plan area is relatively well served by transport opportunities or footpaths. | Reference to being well served has been removed. Text also edited in policy 4.5.5 on Promoting walking and cycling. |
| 4.5 (Transport) | Respondent promoting idea of a one way system in Ashby. | This is a matter for LCC not the Neighbourhood Plan. |
| 4.5 (Transport) | Highways England welcomed policies aimed at reducing impacts of development on the road network and commented on impact of development on A42 J13. | Comments were noted and the understanding is that improvements to A42 J13 are already being planned. |
| 4.5.2 (Development in most accessible locations) | Concerns that 'sustainable and accessible locations' is not defined. | The policy has been redrafted to state what is meant by sustainable development in transport terms. |
| 4.5.7 (Public transport) | Comments on poor public transport links in the town. | Policy to encourage improvements in public transport becomes a community action rather than a policy, as not a planning issue. |

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| 4.5.8 (Car Parking) | There is an urgent need to address the shortage of car parking in the town centre. Dissatisfaction at the charges made for car parking. | NWLDC are responsible for car parking in the town and for the charging strategy. The Town Council has asked for a review of car parking to be conducted and this is being arranged by NWLDC. This is now referred to in the policy. The policy has been redrafted to include reference to encouraging proposals that improve car parking. |
| 4.6 (Education, Leisure and Wellbeing) | No mention is made of health facilities and need to refer to schools under pressure | A new section on important community facilities refer to schools and health facilities being under pressure. |
| 4.6.2 (Important Local Green Spaces) | General support for the policy and there is a need to list the Local Green Spaces, with suggested spaces mentioned. A map showing the spaces should be included. | A list and map has been added and assessments have been produced in most cases. |
| 4.6.2 (Important Local Green Spaces) | The list of Local Green Spaces should include land at Willesley Lane. | The land has been assessed and does not meet the criteria of a Local Green Space as it is a tract of open land. |
| 4.6.2 (Important Local Green Spaces) | Protection needs to be wider than just the designated Local Green Spaces. | A new policy on protecting open spaces has been added. |
| 4.6.2 (Important Local Green Spaces) | One objection to inclusion of the Bath Grounds as a Local Green Space. Also strong support for their inclusion. | The area meets the criteria for a Local Green Space so is included. |
| 4.6.3 (Open space in new housing development) | Policy conflicts with NPPF and may lead to viability issues. | Policy redrafted to reflect District Council planning policy. |
| 4.6.4 (Allotments) | Concerns regarding viability of expectations for allotments relating to developments of five or more homes. | Policy adjusted to state developments of fifty or more homes. |
| 4.6.5 (Biodiversity) | Need to clarify what the policy on biodiversity wants to achieve and to acknowledge new development can be used to enhance biodiversity. | Policy redrafted to give greater clarity and to comment on opportunities to enhance biodiversity. |

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| 4.6.6 (Trees and hedges) | This section needs strengthening with greater emphasis to Ashby being at the heart of the National Forest and to allow some flexibility in how trees are dealt with by developers, to allow for wider benefits. | Increased references to the National Forest. With text suggested by the National Forest Company added. Policy redrafted to provide greater detail on what the plan wants to achieve and on the need to enhance the National Forest. |
| 4.6.6 (Trees and hedges) | Need to identify and survey all the trees and hedgerows of value in the NP area. | Not feasible. |
| 4.6.7 (Historic Buildings and Structures) | A need to differentiate between listed buildings and other buildings that are locally important. | Separate policies for Listed Buildings and Buildings and Structures of Local Heritage Interest have been produced. Including a list of the latter. |
| 4.6.8 (Conservation Area) | The Conservation Area has not been reviewed for some years. | A request for an immediate review of the Conservation Area appraisal has been added. |
| 4.6.9 (Archaeological Sites) | Defining the Alert Zone as coterminous with the Conservation Area is too restrictive. Reference needs to be given to the County Council's role recording archaeological sites. | This policy has been redrafted to remove the reference to the Alert Zone and to refer instead to the records kept by LCC. |
| 4.6.10 (Important community facilities) | There is a need to list facilities that are important to the community. There is some disputing whether the existing facilities can be described as 'a good range' and whether these will be adequate as the population grows. The policy tries to embrace new facilities and loss of facilities together, this is confusing. | A list of community facilities has been included. Separate policies have been written for protecting existing facilities and providing new facilities. The policy on new facilities encourages a growth in facilities as need increases. |
| 4.6.12 (Provision of a new Arts/Community Centre) | Different views are expressed on whether this is required. | The Focus Group who developed the NP were keen for this to be included, as there was no predominant view in the consultation it has been retained. |
| 4.6.13 (Education) | Dispute claim there is a shortfall in places in local schools at the current time. | The policy has been amended to be more specific in stating that |

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| | Some dispute as to whether education falls in to the remit of a NP. | development proposals must demonstrate there is sufficient educational provision for additional demand the development creates. Putting in additional funding where there is a negative impact on educational provision. |
| 4.7 (Developer contributions) | Welcome intention to prioritise contribution requests. Need to consult on list when more detail provided. | Pre-submission consultation will permit this. |
| 4.8 (Monitoring and Review) | Comments on timescales for review and on whether a review is necessary. | The NP needs reviewing on a regular basis. |

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ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION (PART 1) 2ND MAY TO 14TH JUNE 2016

There were 21 respondents to the Pre-Submission Consultation:

- 8 Statutory Consultees – Environment Agency, Natural England, Coal Authority, Highways England, North West Leicestershire District Council, Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Local Access Forum and the National Forest Company.
- 4 developers/ landowners.
- 5 local groups e.g. Civic Society, Allotments Association, local campaign groups.
- 4 individual Town Councillors and residents.

Comments from respondents

Many comments were supportive of changes made to the draft Neighbourhood Plan following the previous round of consultation. There were some minor changes to the drafting and structure.

Section 3: What the plan is trying to achieve

There was wide support for the Vision and following suggestions from respondents reference was the addition of a reference to attracting businesses. The objectives were supported and minor drafting amendments were made to them following feedback received. One respondent sought to broaden the objectives, but this suggestion was rejected as the objectives reflected the results of the consultations and Focus Groups, some of the areas suggested were either dealt with already within the main policies or didn't fall in to the remit of a Neighbourhood Plan e.g. health and social care.

Section 4.1: Towards a Sustainable Ashby de la Zouch

The Environment Agency welcomed the expansion of the Sustainable Development Policy to address additional environmental requirements. Some minor drafting amendments had been suggested and these were made.

Concern was expressed by a developer at the perceived restriction of physical growth within the settlement limits. This concern was dismissed as there is adequate provision within the settlement limit to meet the required housing need, as set out in the emerging Local Plan. Other respondents were supportive of the Limits to Development and their alignment with those set out in the emerging Local Plan.

The National Forest Company suggested some amendments to the description of the forest in the Plan and these were made. The Environment Agency welcomed the

expansion of policy S4 on Design, to provide greater detail on sustainable design and biodiversity.

The Coal Authority asked for reference to be made to land instability and this has been added.

There were some questions raised about the prioritisation of brownfield sites, however other respondents to previous consultations has strongly supported this stance.

The implementation of an area of separation around the town is questioned by a developer, however previous consultation requested the introduction of this policy, so it will be retained. In response to other comments a map has been added to give clarity on the areas defined.

Section 4.2: Housing

The District Council welcomed the significant amendments made to the housing numbers to reflect numbers in the emerging Local Plan. However there were some questions about the actual housing numbers used. Since the consultation clarification has been obtained from the District Council on the exact housing allocation for the Money Hill area and the Plan has been amended accordingly.

One developer questioned the failure to assess other potential sites and the lack of reserve sites. The Money Hill development more than meets the housing needs set out in the Local Plan, which already builds in headroom for additional housing growth. The allocation of additional sites for Ashby de la Zouch in the plan period is affected by the restrictions imposed by high phosphorous levels in the River Mease catchment area. These restrictions have already limited the number of dwellings which can be built in the plan period, with some of the Money Hill site development being completed after 2031. With Money Hill covering three separate developments and historic level of growth from windfall sites it was not felt necessary to allocate additional windfall sites. The Strategic Environmental Assessment will also be used to evaluate other potential sites.

Highways England commented on the level of housing growth and the impact on the A42 Junction 13, with plans already in place for an improvement scheme.

The requirement of a Masterplan for the Money Hill Site is welcomed by residents, with suggestions for what this could include. The Money Hill Consortium also welcomed the proposal for a masterplan.

Leicestershire County Council asked for the addition of reference to superfast broadband being incorporated in to new developments and this shall be done.

Suggestions were made to the wording of policy H3 on Windfall Sites, including defining small infill sites as up to 5 dwellings, these have been implemented.

The requirement for 40% of affordable housing provision to be 1 bed units was questioned. Since the consultation more up to date figures on affordable housing requirements have been produced by North West Leicestershire District Council and the policy has been amended to reflect these figures.

There was some questioning of the introduction of local connection requirement for affordable housing and self-build. However weighing up other consultation responses and the work done by the Housing Focus Group the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group believe the local connection requirement should remain. They also noted that this is a policy which has successfully been implemented in other Neighbourhood Plans.

Section 4.3: Employment and Economic Growth

The District Council requested the addition of the former Lounge Disposal Point in Figure 3: Limits to Development. This change has not been made because this would mean the Limits to Development are not in line with those in the Publication Local Plan. They also highlighted the wording in Policy E3: Small and Start Up Businesses would support proposals whether within the Limits to Development or not. The text has been amended to make it clear that it is only developments within the Limits to Development that are supported.

Section 4.4: Ashby de la Zouch Town Centre

Throughout the consultation rounds there have been concerns about the retail mix within the town centre. It is acknowledged in planning terms it is difficult to influence this. Policies TC1 and TC2 attempt to influence development where planning permission is required for a change of use. Following feedback during the consultation the text has been altered to make it clearer that the restrictions can only apply when planning permission is required.

The Environment Agency raised concerns about residential uses in the town centre where there is a high risk of flooding. The text has been amended to support residential use of upper floors in town centre premises outside flood zones 3 or 3a.

Following comments made the tourism section has been amended to include reference to 'tourism and leisure' and to encourage such developments across the whole Neighbourhood Plan area rather than just in the town centre. With the proviso that leisure and tourism developments outside the limits to development must be in accordance with relevant District and national planning policies.

Section 4.5: Transport

The Leicestershire Local Access forum commented that the Plan was excellent in respect of open spaces, footpaths and cycle ways, with only minor amendments being suggested and implemented.

The opportunity provided to develop enhanced footpaths and cycleways and a 'green lungs' by the Money Hill and other developments needs emphasising. The text has been reviewed to see how these opportunities from new development to enhance footpaths and cycle ways can be highlighted. This was also raised under Education, Leisure and Wellbeing and the text will be strengthened to encourage people to be active in the new open spaces created at Money Hill.

Section 4.6: Education, Leisure and Wellbeing

There was general feedback about the need to increase the importance of the Historic Environment in this section. It was agreed that a new theme would be added on the Historic Environment, with the structure of the chapter being revised. Increasing the description of heritage assets in the town and the need to protect listed buildings that are considered to be at risk.

The whole chapter will be revisited and restructured.

During the consultation concern has been expressed on the future of the Royal Hotel and about the loss of heritage assets in the past. These issues are beyond the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan so could not be dealt with.

Within the section on the Conservation Area amendments since the previous consultation to include a definition of a Conservation Area and requesting a review of the Conservation Area has been welcomed. Since the consultation it has been discovered that part of another Conservation Area at Heath End falls within the Neighbourhood Plan Area. The section has been amended to reflect this.

The identification of Local Green Spaces is welcomed. There were some suggestions that the land between Ashby and Packington and towards Willesley should be designated as Local Green Space. As both of these spaces are open tracts of countryside they do not meet the criteria of a Local Green Space. However the introduction of an Area of Separation between Ashby and Packington and other local villages tries to offer some protection to these areas of open countryside. There were also comments on missing Local Green Space assessments, these have now been completed.

In Policy ELWB1: Open Spaces it was noted that the current wording could prevent proposals of a pavilion or changing facilities. The wording has therefore been amended to include the word 'significant' when referring to the potential impact on the open space. A similar concern was raised that as worded policies ELWB 11 and 12 could restrict the development of new community facilities outside the limits of development. This wording has been revisited.

As already highlighted under 4.5 Transport the text will be strengthened as suggested by a number of consultees to seek opportunities at Money Hill to develop green corridors, footpath linkages and to encourage active and health exercise.

The inclusion of a separate section on Open Spaces was welcomed, but there was a request that this is enhanced with a map and seeking to maintain public access to these areas. But also to restrict certain types of development e.g. solar farms. The text in the section on Open Spaces will be reviewed to see if it can be strengthened.

It was highlighted that the text needs to make it clearer that the Open Spaces (ELWB1) are separate from the Local Green Spaces (ELWB2).

The expectations regarding National Forest planting will be looked at to see if they can be made clearer. There is a request that all open spaces on new developments are managed by the Town Council. This cannot be put in as a requirement as responsibility for open spaces is negotiated separately for each development. There are situations where financially it would be too risky for the Town Council to take on the management of an open space, there are also some developers who prefer to make their own arrangements for the long term management of open spaces. It is therefore felt this should be dealt with as part of Section 106 agreements and not within the Neighbourhood Plan.

The District Council asked for the text in Policy ELWB4: Allotments to be reviewed as it is seen as ambiguous. Further information has been received from the Allotments Association on their requirements and this will be incorporated in to the policy. The policy will also be moved out of this section and in to Developer Contributions.

Natural England and the Environment Agency are supportive of the policies on Biodiversity and the recognition of the importance of the River Mease as a Special Area of Conservation.

Other respondents, including the National Forest Company made suggestions about how the text on Biodiversity can be strengthened. The text will be reviewed in the light of these comments and so any suggestions coming from the Strategic Environmental Assessment can be included.

The National Forest Company has made suggestions regarding the strengthening of the text in Policy ELWB6: Trees and Hedges. The text will be reviewed in the light of these comments.

The Civic Society suggested the addition of park trees on to the TPO list, but as TPO's are not covered in the Neighbourhood Plan it was not felt appropriate to add this requirement.

The necessity of having policies on the Listed Buildings and the Conservation Area was questioned. However these are to be retained as in previous consultations and in this consultation highlighting the importance of the town's heritage was seen as very important.

The District Council does not support the development of a schedule of non-nationally designated assets in the town (Policy ELWB9). However this will be retained as consultation has emphasised the importance of Ashby's historic buildings, including those that are not listed buildings, to the local community. Other Neighbourhood Plans have successfully included such lists. They also raised concerns about the extent to which a building being registered as a Community Asset can be a material consideration when considering planning applications. The wording for this policy ELWB13 will be reviewed.

There are different views about the need for a new Arts/Community centre in the town, therefore the wording will be retained at 'viewed sympathetically'. As outside the Neighbourhood Plan process further work is required on identifying a business case for such a centre.

Concerns were raised about the need to expand Ashby School due to overcrowding, however the County Council has indicated that there is capacity at the school.

Section 4.7: Developer Contributions

There was feedback that this section is confusing as currently constructed. There has been a considerable redrafting and restructuring of this section to hopefully give greater clarity on expectations on what developers need to deliver. Reference to the Community Infrastructure Levy and to ensuring the viability of schemes will be added.

General comments

The Coal Authority has requested a policy framework for unstable land and this has been incorporated in the draft plan.

One developer questioned the meeting of the Basic Conditions for a Neighbourhood Plan. The Town Council have assessed the Neighbourhood Plan and when submitted for examination it will meet all the basic conditions. As part of the process ensuring these conditions are met a Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Habitats Regulation Assessment have been commissioned. These pieces of work will be used to update the draft Neighbourhood Plan as required prior to submission.

The Town Council is in close contact with North West Leicestershire District Council in ensuring the Neighbourhood Plan retains conformity with the Local Plan.

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ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH TOWN COUNCIL

APPENDIX 11

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30th January 2017

Dear Mr Platts

Re: Neighbourhood Plan for Ashby Town Council

Further to my correspondence in September 2014, October 2015 and May 2016 I am writing to you as a stakeholder who has an interest in Ashby to advise you that the Town Council has produced a revised Pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan for Ashby de la Zouch. Thank you for your previous comments on the Neighbourhood Plan.

As part of the process of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan representations have been received from North West Leicestershire District council and others that owing to the volume of housing required, a detailed examination of the potential environmental effects of the Neighbourhood Plan, including the impact on the River Mease was required. This has resulted in a Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Habitats Regulation Assessment being completed. This means a further pre-submission Regulation 14 consultation is required.

In addition comments from the previous consultations have been analysed as has the Examination Version of the Local Plan for North West Leicestershire and this has resulted in further changes to the Pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan. I am pleased to enclose a copy of the Pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan and Strategic Environmental Assessment.

I would welcome any comments you have on the Pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan and on the Strategic Environmental Assessment. These can be given through a comments form, a copy of which is attached or if preferred by letter or email.

The consultation **ends on 13th March 2017**. The responses will then be analysed and an examination version of the Neighbourhood Plan will be produced in the spring.

Should you require any further help or clarification, please contact myself at the above address or email: info@ashbytowncouncil.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Karen Edwards, Deputy Town Clerk

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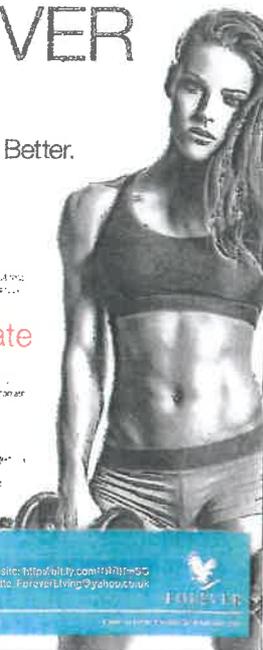
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Phase 2 Public Consultation on the Pre-submission Ashby de la Zouch Neighbourhood Plan.



Do you want to get involved in helping to plan Ashby's future?

Ashby de la Zouch Town Council are consulting on a revised Pre-submission Ashby de la Zouch Neighbourhood Plan. The consultation period will run from **30th January to 13th March 2017**. As part of the process of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan representations were received that owing to the volume of housing required, a detailed examination of the potential environmental effects of the Neighbourhood Plan, including the impact on the River Mease was required. This has resulted in a Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Habitats Regulations Assessment being completed. This means a further pre-submission Regulation 14 consultation is required.

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Copies of the Neighbourhood Plan, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment can be downloaded from the Town Council's website and hard copies are available at the Town Council offices, Legion House, South Street, Ashby de la Zouch.

Here is a link to download the Pre-submission [Ashby de la Zouch Neighbourhood Plan](#) and the comments form.

Regards

Karen Edwards

Deputy Town Clerk



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