

North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan

Summary of representations submitted by Harborough District Council to the independent examiner pursuant to Regulation 17 of Part 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Name	Policy/ page ref	Full Representation
Anglian Water		<p>Thank you for the notification relating to the North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan. The following response is submitted on behalf of Anglian Water.</p> <p>It would appear that North Kilworth is located outside of our area of responsibility. Therefore we have no comments relating to North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
Berrys 42 Headlands Kettering NN15 7HR 01536532388	<p>Policy NK2</p> <p>Policy NK3</p>	<p>Our clients' the Goodman Family are supportive of the Neighbourhood Plan and its objective to ensure that the village of North Kilworth remains a traditional self-contained village with its own pub, shop, post office, leisure facilities, school and church.</p> <p>Draft Policy NK2 refers to housing provision and advises that a target of a minimum of 24 new dwellings should be provided in the village over the period 2015 to 2031. The policy goes on to advise that this should be met within the preferred housing site identified in NK3 and by windfall development within the village as described in Policy NK4.</p> <p>Our clients own the site identified at Policy NK3 'Land at the corner of Pincet Lane and Lutterworth Road' and are committed to bringing the site forward for development to support the Neighbourhood Plan objective and policy proposals. To this end the Goodman Family, at their personal expense, have submitted an outline planning application for 20 dwellings to Harborough District Council. The application reference 16/10682/OUT is accompanied by a topographical survey, an ecology survey, an archaeology assessment, a Flood Risk Assessment, a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, a Transport Statement and an illustrative layout. The illustrative layout indicates a scheme of 20 dwellings 40% of which are to be provided as affordable dwellings. A mix of housing types is proposed together with an area of green space on the eastern edge of the site. The site is a policy compliant scheme in relation to the requirements of Policy NK3. The site can make a relevant contribution to the provision of a pedestrian crossing across Station Road which has been identified by the Neighbourhood Plan Group as a necessity for the village to allow the existing villagers to cross Station Road in as safe a manner as possible to access the bus stop on the northern side of Station Road.</p> <p>Policy NK3 currently requires that the Land at the corner of Pincet Lane and Lutterworth Road proposal will be</p>

		<p>lead to an decrease rather than increase in highway safety; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that, whilst the adopted Development Plan might require such crossings, any S106 contribution may not meet the tests within the CIL Regulations. <p>We are aware that LCC Highways are due to discuss the desires of villages and Parishes for such crossings (including these three proposed within North Kilworth) at a meeting early in the New Year and can then provide their comments.</p> <p>~ Should they also refer to the HEDNA, or “or any evidence updating or superseding it” rather than simply the SHMA?</p> <p>~ I’m very concerned about referring so directly to the crossing as there might be highway safety reasons why LCC would not want this. I have emailed Harry to draw it to his attention, and requested that LCC do make formal comments.</p> <p>~ The Aquifer study seems very out of date and its recommendations may therefore not meet current standards over the lifetime of the plan. Could they add to the end “...and in accordance with current legislation and policy”, or something even more vague (!) like “..and the requirements of the Lead Local Flood Authority”</p> <p>~ The ‘up to around 20 units’ sounds odd, would this be better as a minimum of 20 units? Or around 20 units?</p> <p>NK3</p> <p>NK3 cont (reserve site 1– South Kilworth Road)</p> <p>~ As above, plus</p> <p>~ the “important views” weren’t mentioned as such by TLP in their review of the LVIA submitted for the planning application for this site (16/00681), whereas views into/out of the adjacent Conservation Area along Dag Lane were</p> <p>~ the car park seems like a nice idea, but can the “dual use” be controlled? Would such a condition be Enforceable? This is likely to be very problematic for our colleagues in Planning Enforcement, and will likley lead to complaints regarding use of the car park (who has preference, school users or residents? What about people using the recreation ground?). Can this just simply be provision of a car park?</p> <p>~ I note that they say the one-street lighting has to be consistent with the density and output of the lighting used in surrounding areas...there are floodlights immediately adjacent...?</p> <p>NK3</p> <p>NK3 cont (reserve site 2 – South of Station Road)</p> <p>~ As above</p> <p>~ We consider that it is better in planning terms to not have the open space adjacent to residential properties (noise from children playing etc?). It is better placed in terms of visual impact and availability of use to the village, rather than trying to separate Elmcroft Road if it was towards the east boundary maybe. Obviously, the two applications approved did not relate to the whole of the Reserve Site</p> <p>~ Is it possible to extend the Bogs nature reserve? By the name of it it suggests the nature reserve is a particular area that is the ‘bogs’ rather than a line on a map.</p> <p>NK4</p> <p>NK4</p> <p>Might they need the word ‘demonstrable’ be needed n some of the criteria? (eg parking/traffic generation, garden</p>
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	NK5	<p>NK5 A restrictive policy which may not comply with the NPPF (particularly when the Council does not have a 5 year supply). Does this need to add some circumstances when development outside Limits would be acceptable? (agricultural development etc)</p>
	NK6	<p>NK6 Have the Parish done any surveys or studies to show the “identified need”? Otherwise the LPA will be reliant on the SHMA/HEDNA (or another up-to-date assessment of need), neither of which is specific to North Kilworth’s housing needs</p>
	NK7	<p>NK7 Makes no mention of the 1000+ square metres threshold that also applies nationally. Under this policy, a developer could do 9 really big dwellings which don’t need AH contribution according to NK7 but do according to national policy/guidance. No mention of viability in the “exceptional circumstances” sentence. Need to bear in mind that the definition of AH may change (to include starter homes, for example). Do they need something about retaining the housing as Affordable in perpetuity? Do they need to mention choice based letting?</p>
	NK9	<p>NK9 By “in accordance with principles” I take it they will accept things which are slightly different (eg another type of brick) if still generally in accordance with the principles. Need to also bear in mind that the policy can only control planning permission, not works done under PD (obviously, this applies to the whole Plan).</p>
	NK10	<p>NK10 What if the LPA and the Parish disagree? What if the Parish doesn’t have the expertise to say, or they are unable to commission an expert to say? I think this could potentially hold up or delay development – should be one or the other, not both. Or (better) the whole second paragraph should be removed and replaced with ‘subject to viability’ at the end of the first paragraph. Should this mention that development should be in accordance with the relevant building control requirements? Or are they seeking to go above the normal requirements?</p>
	NK11	<p>NK11 Good to see a policy on signage. Bear in mind that some signs don’t need permission (including maybe those of LCC highways) and that technology might change so that a sign which is currently digital illuminated (I assume digital and illuminated, not digitally illuminated?) may have the same affect but work by a different method in x years time.</p>
		<p>NK14 Should this be demonstrated to HDC rather than the Parish?</p>

	<p>Nk14</p> <p>Nk15</p> <p>Nk17</p> <p>NK18</p> <p>Nk19</p> <p>NK20</p> <p>NK21</p> <p>Nk24</p> <p>NK25</p> <p>NK27 and NK28</p> <p>Nk29</p> <p>Nk30</p>	<p>NK15 Maybe include the word 'demonstrable' in b) and c)?</p> <p>NK17 "Viable or required"? So it could be required but no longer viable? Consider clarifying/re-wording.</p> <p>NK18 Seems to be missing the start of the first sentence?</p> <p>NK19 Sets the bar quite high for a householder who might have evidence of bats in their loft ('enhance').</p> <p>NK20 might need 'demonstrably' in first phrase?</p> <p>NK21 Special landscape? Is this explained further in the explanation? Do they mean 'valued' landscape? Is there any formal support for this, evidence from a landscape architect, for example?</p> <p>NK24 This must have 'demonstrate' in otherwise how do we know what is 'unacceptable'?</p> <p>NK25 Nothing to say how large the parking spaces should be though – they need to be useable, surely?</p> <p>NK 27 and NK28 Submitted to and approved by whom? Also, bear in mind that Planning Inspectors have not added conditions requiring details of foul drainage as covered by other legislation (eg building regs) so not sure that the LPA can do this lawfully.</p> <p>NK29 Is this demonstrable?</p> <p>NK30 Do the Parish/neighbourhood only want contributions for Highways improvements, not community facilities, play areas, burial grounds, allotments, village hall, church etc? Bear in mind that this is for the life of the plan. See comments on NK3 above on pedestrian crossings too.</p>
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<p>National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups Ladygrove Mill Two Dales Matlock DE4 FG 01629732744</p>		<p>I offer comment on the above consultation.</p> <p>National planning policies require that provision should be made in planning policy documents to ensure that sufficient sites to provide a five year supply of pitches are allocated for Gypsies and Travellers, in a similar way that a supply of housing sites must be allocated.</p> <p>National policy also requires that planning policies should set out criteria to deal with planning applications which come forward for Traveller pitches.</p> <p>These requirements are invariably dealt with in the Local Plans prepared by Local Planning Authorities but it is clearly important that, in preparing Neighbourhood Plans, regard should be given to these requirements and any Local Plan policies relating to Gypsy and Traveller provision should be reflected in the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Given that there is a 5- year requirement for 80 permanent Gypsy and Traveller pitches in Harborough District, as established in the most recent Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment, this is a particularly important consideration in Neighbourhood planning in Harborough District.</p>
<p>Gladman Gladman House Alexandria Way Congleton Business Park Congleton Cheshire</p>		<p>This letter provides the response of Gladman Developments Ltd (hereafter referred to as 'Gladman' to the current consultation held by Harborough District Council on the submission version of the North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan (NKNP) under Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>Through this response, Gladman seeks to clarify the relationship of the neighbourhood plan to both national and local policy requirements highlighting areas in which we feel that the document currently lacks clarity. In this regard, we consider that the Plan would benefit from modifications to several policies to ensure it can be found consistent with the Neighbourhood Plan Basic Conditions.</p> <p>Legal Requirements</p> <p>Before a neighbourhood plan can proceed to referendum it must be tested against a set of basic conditions set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4b of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). The Basic Conditions that the NKNP must meet are as follows:</p>

	<p>a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the order,</p> <p>b) having special regard to the desirability of preserving any listed building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest that it possesses, it is appropriate to make the order,</p> <p>c) having special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of any conservation area, it is appropriate to make the order,</p> <p>d) the making of the order contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,</p> <p>e) the making of the order is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority(or any part of that area),</p> <p>f) the making of the order does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations, and</p> <p>g) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the order and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the order.</p> <p>National Planning Policy Framework & Planning Practice Guidance</p> <p><u>National Planning Policy Framework</u></p> <p>The National Planning Policy Framework (the Framework) sets out the Governments planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. In doing so, it sets out the requirements for the preparation of neighbourhood plans to be in conformity with the strategic priorities for the wider area and the role in which they play in delivering sustainable development to meet identified development needs.</p> <p>At the heart of the Framework is a presumption in favour of sustainable development, which should be seen as a golden thread running through both plan-making and decision-taking. For plan-making this means that plan makers should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of their area and Local Plans should meet Objectively Assessed Needs(OAN) for housing, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. This requirement is also applicable to neighbourhood plans.</p> <p>The application of the presumption in favour of sustainable development will have implications for how communities</p>
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		<p>engage with neighbourhood planning. Paragraph 16 of the Framework makes clear that Qualifying Bodies preparing neighbourhood plans should develop plans that support strategic development needs set out in Local Plans, including policies for housing development and they should plan positively to support local development.</p> <p>Paragraph 17 further makes clear that neighbourhood plans should set out a clear and positive vision for the future of the area and policies contained in those plans should provide a practical framework within which decisions on planning applications can be made with a high degree of predictability and efficiency. Neighbourhood Plans should seek to proactively drive and support sustainable economic development to deliver the homes, jobs and thriving local places that the country needs, whilst responding positively to the wider opportunities for growth.</p> <p>Paragraph 49 of the Framework is clear that ‘relevant policies for the supply of housing should not be considered up-to date of the local planning authority cannot demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable housing sites. This applies not only to statutory Development Plan documents but is also applicable to both emerging and made neighbourhood plans¹</p> <p>¹ Woodcock Holdings Ltd v SoSCLG [2015] EWHC 1173 (Admin)</p> <p><u>Planning Practice Guidance</u></p> <p>The Government published its final suite of Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) on 6th March 2014, clarifying how specific elements of the Framework should be interpreted when preparing Local and Neighbourhood Plans. Further updates to the PPG have been made in the intervening period. The Neighbourhood Planning chapter in particular provides a clear indication of how the Government expects qualifying bodies to take account of the requirements of the Framework when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>On 11th February 2016, the Secretary of State published a series of updates to the neighbourhood planning chapter of the PPG. In summary, these update a number of component parts of the evidence base that are required to support an emerging neighbourhood plan. In particular, the changes to the PPG stress the importance of considering housing reserve sites and providing indicative delivery timetables to ensure that emerging evidence of housing needs is addressed in order to help minimise any potential conflicts that can arise so that these are not overridden by a new Local Plan. In this circumstance, we refer to the emerging Harborough Local Plan. Whilst noting that the NKNP includes</p>
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		<p>housing reserve sites, we believe that some policies may need to be revisited to allow for an additional degree of flexibility due to the uncertainties over what direction the emerging Local Plan will take to meet identified housing needs.</p> <p>The PPG also makes clear that up-to-date housing needs evidence is relevant to the question of whether a housing supply policy in a neighbourhood plan or Order contributes to the achievement of sustainable development².</p> <p>Furthermore, the PPG makes clear that all settlements can play a role in delivering sustainable development in rural areas, and so blanket policies restricting housing development in some settlements and preventing other settlements from expanding should be avoided unless their use can be supported by robust evidence³.</p> <p>² PPG Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 41-009-20160211 ³ PPG Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 50-001-20160519</p> <p>Relationship to Local Plans</p> <p><u>Adopted Development Plan</u></p> <p>The adopted Development Plan relevant to the preparation of the NKNP consists of the adopted Harborough Core Strategy covering the period from 2006 to 2028. This plan was adopted in November 2011 and therefore is out of date against the requirements of the Framework which requires local planning authorities to identify and meet full Objectively Assessed Needs (OAN) for housing. Whilst this is the Development Plan that the NKNP will be tested against it is important that sufficient flexibility is included within the Plan so that its contents are not superseded by the provisions of s38(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.</p> <p><u>Emerging Local Plan</u></p> <p>To meet the requirements of the Framework, the Council has commenced work on a new Local Plan. At its meeting on 31st October 2016 the Council's Executive Committee approved a new timetable for the preparation of the Local Plan. The approved timetable confirms that the Council expect to consult on a pre- submission version of the Local Plan in July 2017. As such, given that the Plan is in the early stages of preparation, there remains considerable uncertainty over what level of development that North Kilworth may need to accommodate to assist the Council in meeting its OAN for housing. Accordingly, the Plan will need to ensure that it allows for sufficient flexibility to ensure that it is able to react</p>
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		<p>to changes that may arise through the emerging Local Plan Examination.</p> <p>North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>This section highlights the key issues that Gladman would like to raise with regards to the content of the NKNP as currently proposed. It is considered that some policies do not reflect the requirements of national policy and guidance nor are they supported by the necessary evidence to justify their inclusion within the Plan. In response to these policies, Gladman has sought to recommend a series of alternative options that should be explored prior to submitting the Plan for Independent Examination.</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Plan Policies</u></p> <p><u>Policy NK5: Housing and other development outside the village of North Kilworth</u></p> <p>Gladman would object to the use of settlement limits if these would preclude the delivery of otherwise sustainable growth opportunities from coming forward. Whilst noting that the Plan seeks to allocate land for housing, the Framework is clear that development that is sustainable should go ahead without delay in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development. The Framework does not prevent the delivery of sustainable growth opportunities being delivered adjacent to existing settlements so long as the adverse impacts of a development proposal do not significant and demonstrably outweigh the benefits.</p> <p>In light of the above, the following wording is put forward for the Parish Councils consideration:</p> <p><i>When considering development proposals, the North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan will take a positive approach to new development that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework. Applications that accord with the policies of the Development Plan and the North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan will be supported particularly where they provide:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>New homes including market and affordable housing to meet identified housing needs; or</i> - <i>Opportunities for new business facilities through new or expanded premises; or</i>
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- *Infrastructure to ensure the continued vitality and viability of the neighbourhood area.*

Development adjacent to the existing settlement will be permitted provided that any adverse impacts do not significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits of development

Policy NK6 Housing Mix

In principle, Gladman support the general thrust of this policy. However, housing mix will inevitably change over a period of time and therefore this policy needs to secure a greater degree of flexibility going forward. As currently set out, Policy NK6 requires development proposals to meet both current and future housing needs. It would be more appropriate if this policy included a reference to 'latest housing needs assessment' available in the policy wording.

Policy NK7 Affordable Housing

Gladman support the principle of this policy, however, through the emerging Local Plan affordable housing requirements for the local authority area may change. A such reference to 'at least 40% affordable housing should be removed'. In the event that the emerging policy requirement for affordable housing is different to that currently identified in the adopted Core Strategy then this will ensure that Policy NK7 remains up-to-date over the NKNPs lifetime

Policy NK18 Local Green Spaces

This policy seeks to designate parcels of land as Local Green Space (LGS). In order to designate land as LGS the Parish Council must ensure that it is able to demonstrate robust evidence to meet national policy requirements as set out in the Framework. The Framework makes clear at §76 that the role of local communities seeking to designate land as LGS should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development. Paragraph 76 states that:

Local communities through local and neighbourhood plans should be able to identify for special protection green areas of particular importance to them. By designating land as Local Green Space local

communities will be able to rule out new development other than in very special circumstances. Identifying land as Local Green Space should therefore be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or reviewed, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan.

Further guidance is provided at §77 which sets out three tests that must be met for the designation of LGS and states that:

The Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The designation should only be used:

- *Where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;*
- *Where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreation value (including as a playing field), tranquility or richness of its wildlife; and*
- *Where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.'*

Gladman further note paragraph 015 of the PPG (ID37-(ID37-015) which states, 'Paragraph 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework is clear that Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green area concerned is not an extensive tract of land. Consequently blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. In particular, designation should not be proposed as a 'back door' way to try to achieve what would amount to a new area of Green Belt by another name'

The issue of whether LGS meets the criteria for designation has been explored in a number of Examiner's Reports across the country and we highlight the following decisions:

- The Seldescombe Neighbourhood Plan Examiners Report⁴ recommended the deletion of a LGS measuring approximately 4.5ha as it was found to be an extensive tract of land.
- The Oakley and Deane Neighbourhood Plan Examiners Report⁵ recommended the deletion of a LGS measuring approximately 5ha and also found this area to be not local in character. Thereby failing to

		<p>meet 2 of the 3 tests for LGS designation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan Examiners Report identifies that both sites proposed as LGS in the neighbourhood plan 'in relation to the overall size of the Alrewas Village' to be extensive tracts of land. The Examiner in this instance recommended the deletion of the proposed LGSs which measured approximately <u>2.4ha</u> and <u>3.7ha</u>. <p>In light of the decisions above, Gladman does not consider that some of the proposed designations are able to meet the three tests required by national policy. Accordingly, the evidence base should be revisited prior to the Plan being submitted for Examination and sites that are unable to meet all of the three tests required by the Framework should be deleted.</p> <p><u>Policy NK20: Important trees and hedges</u></p> <p>This policy states that damage or loss of trees and hedges of good arboriculture, ecological and amenity value will not normally be permitted. Gladman recommend that this policy be modified as the loss of some trees and hedges may be necessary to ensure the delivery of the Plans wider aspirations i.e. the loss of some natural assets to ensure safe access can be achieved. The loss of these assets will often be replaced as part of a development proposal.</p> <p><u>Policy NK21: Landscape</u></p> <p>Gladman submit that new development can often be located on the edge of settlements without resulting in the loss of openness, character or views considered to be important by the local community. Quite often the delivery of sustainable development proposals can enhance an existing landscape setting and provide new vistas and views to the surrounding area.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above , Gladman raise concerns with this policy in relation to the reference to significant effect on the landscape of North Kilworth. The Plan provides no clarity over what would amount to a significant effect on the landscape on the area and how this policy will be applied in a consistent manner through the development management process. Opinions on landscape are highly subjective, therefore, without further clarity, this policy will likely lead to inconsistencies in the decision making process.</p>
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	Section 7.2.2 (Housing Provision) – page 25	such, notwithstanding all of the above points, the availability, suitability, deliverability and achievability has not been assessed or tested. In the absence of this, given the short remaining plan timeframe (14 years as of 1st January 2017) it is not clear if the NP has been positively prepared with regard to the actual delivery of housing on this site.
Highways England		<p>Highways England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Submission draft of the North Kilworth Neighbourhood Development Plan which covers the period 2015-2031. It is noted that the document provides a vision for the future of the Parish of North Kilworth and sets out a number of key objectives and planning policies which will be used to help determine planning applications.</p> <p>Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). It is the role of Highways England to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the SRN whilst acting as a delivery partner to national economic growth. In relation to the North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan, Highways England's principal interest is safeguarding the operation of the M1, specifically M1 J20, which routes approximately 3 miles west of the Neighbourhood Plan area.</p> <p>Highways England understands that a Neighbourhood Plan is required to be in conformity with relevant national and Borough-wide planning policies. Accordingly, the Neighbourhood Plan for North Kilworth is required to be in conformity with the emerging Harborough Local Plan and this is acknowledged as a requirement within the document.</p> <p>It is noted that minimal development growth is planned to come forward across the North Kilworth Neighbourhood Development Plan area, with a minimum target of 24 dwellings being set as part of this consultation and stated in Policy NK2: Housing Provision. Highways England does not consider that this level of growth will impact on the operation of the M1.</p> <p>Highways England has no further comments to provide and trusts that the above is useful in the progression of the North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
Resident		I WISH TO GIVE MY FULL SUPPORT TO THE NORTH KILWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN(NP). THIS IS ON THE BASIS THAT IF IT IS NOT PASSED PROMPTLY THERE IS LIKELY TO BE AN EXTREMELY HARMFUL EFFEECT ON OUR SELECTED RURAL VILLAGE FROM ALL THREE CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEING APPROVED DUE TO PRESSURE AT DISTRICT (HDC) LEVEL TO ACHIEVE THE 5 YEAR SUPPLY.

	<p>I, THEREFORE, OFFER THE FOLLOWING NOT TO UNDERMINE, DELAY OR PREVENT THE PASSING OF THE PLAN AS IT STANDS BUT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCE - FOR OURSELVES AND OTHER VILLAGES TO BENEFIT IN THE FUTURE. N.B. MY REPRESENTATIONS FOCUS ON THE IMPACT OF THE WHOLE PLAN AND THE IMPACT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS. MY POINTS ARE ONLY VALID AND COMPLETE WITH THE INCLUSION OF: APPENDIX A - FACTUAL TIMELINE OF EVENTS/LEARNING POINTS, APPENDIX B - THE MAP FROM THE ORIGINAL CONSULTATION DOCUMENT IN RELATION TO THE LAST PAGE OF THE SUBMITTED NP PROPOSAL MAP. OTHER DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO CAN BE SUPPLIED.</p> <p>The main learning for me has been that the costly Neighbourhood Planning consultation process in North Kilworth was based largely on individual contributions (data) being collected in note books, post it notes and dots on maps and then collated by a small steering group. There has not been an opportunity for villagers to come together for a wider ranging discussion, to share understanding and co-create a collectively held vision. I have worked for over 20 years in the field of Community and Large group engagement. I know that effective participation invariably leads to greater “buy in”, when everyone has the chance to see the bigger picture and the complexity involved. Collective approaches taken by villages elsewhere have led to people feeling joint ownership for their NP from the start, signing up to it and then co-creating and actively supporting themed workshops according to their interests and experience. Diverse groups work in parallel on developing more substantial and sustainable policy areas of the plan. They then come back together to integrate and reality check their proposals - the whole becomes more than the sum of the parts.</p> <p>What happened for us was more piecemeal, managed by a well-meaning small group who edited and shaped the content but, by taking full responsibility, effectively limited the direct involvement of the wider community particularly in the later stages. No one denies that a lot of work has gone on behind the scenes but the NP still lacks a sense of community ownership and has suffered some loss of accuracy, alignment and substance on a range of material considerations. I understand my page by page detailed assessment of content is not relevant to the basic conditions. This has been documented separately for the PC to consider.</p> <p>It is hoped that these gaps and inaccuracies can be picked up in the process of updating and consolidating the plan at a later date - perhaps in line with the provisions of the new Neighbourhood planning Bill which allows for some review of approved plans in light of strategic and national policy changes. The aim would be to ensure a further enhanced plan at least protects the village from developers being able to cut corners and “find ways round” the important aspects of sustaining the character, heritage and street scene.</p> <p>A factual timeline has been included (Appendix A) to support my representation and assist the Independent Examiner in understanding the evolving process of the NP and how it nearly derailed back in February 2016 due to the sudden inclusion of a new site - South Station road . This site had been previously ruled out by Highways for reasons of road safety and transport and then reclassified in the SHLAA based on Abingdon</p>
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	<p>Consultants' opinion based brief letter about traffic and access issues written on behalf of Francis Jackson developers. Even so, surely HDC's resultant reclassification of the land as "immediately available" did not mean it had to be suddenly included in the NK NP as the preferred site - replacing the previously agreed preferred site South Kilworth road without any further consultation or notice given to villagers. Several letters, 130 signature petition and subsequent votes were clear evidence of the weight of feeling against the imposition of this site and by June 2016 a decisive second round of voting resoundingly echoed the previously expressed preferences of the village as a whole putting the South Station road site back in third place behind the two favoured sites. Many still felt it should not have been included in the NP at all.</p> <p>The community as a whole have been aware of the importance of the plan being progressed with some speed and through the summer letters and questions were raised, in the absence of any PC meeting, out of desperation and concern about the delay. This frustration stretched from the voting in June 2016 until the October submission of the NP. The content has not changed that significantly from the original draft plan presented in February 2016. We are told that the delay was due to "extensive discussions" between HDC and the Parish Council.</p> <p>These extensive discussions inexplicably delayed the Neighbourhood plan being examined and put to referendum, something that could have been achieved between July and November 2016. The lack of a "made" plan was compounded by unsupportive comments made by HDC at the Planning Committee on 6th December. The submitted NP was introduced as not carrying any weight at this stage, not having had a "smooth" passage (without giving the reason for this being in part HDC's own doing by reclassifying south Station road) and, therefore, offered "no guarantees" of being supported in the referendum. This led to unanimous approval of the outline application for South Station road. Francis Jackson's application for the first 22 houses on their site was thus supported by the decision makers, against the will of the majority in the community, jumping the queue of the other two applications. The village has been devastated by this news, particularly as this developer and landowner have made it clear that they "reserve the right" to add significantly to this number - increasing to 80 - 100 houses using both designated fields.</p> <p>Throughout the process, the village have been misinformed. We were told by Steven Pointer HDC in May that even a submitted plan would be "a material consideration" and "afford some protection". We have been given various numbers relating to required housing allocations but the latest information in October was that for the period of the plan our allocation had been reduced and we would be only required to accommodate another 24 houses. No previous development in the village has been bigger than 10 -11 at any time. An HDC declaration in response to a FOI request in August was that "North Kilworth has had a total of 42 dwellings completed or committed by virtue of planning permission since April 2011". The majority vote in June was for a limit of 20 houses per site -so a 20 house site would be adequate plus 4 infill.</p> <p>On 6th December the goal posts had clearly moved yet again which wrong footed those who had prepared to speak. It was stated in summary by one Planning Committee Councillor that all three sites (a total of 60 plus</p>
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	<p>houses)are likely to be progressed quickly through planning approval (possibly before this Neighbourhood plan is in place). This would suddenly increase the village in size by 25% which for a Selected Rural village is completely unrealistic and seems to invalidate the whole purpose of the Neighbourhood planning process.</p> <p>My request to the Independent Examiner is to consider the events that have unfolded and propose a way for the village to achieve a robust NP as protection from unwanted and harmful development, in particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How far is majority support able to influence interim development? At the Planning Committee meeting on 6th December I defended our NP and presented documented evidence over the course of 2 years of consistent majority support in the village for the two main sites ahead of South Station road. I raised the national policy and advice given. Paragraph 126 of the NPPF states “decision makers should respect evidence of local support prior to the referendum when seeking to apply weight to an emerging neighbourhood plan”. There was no discussion or consideration of the NPPF in this regard. The outline application was quickly approved . What can we do now? 2. What needs to happen to achieve sustainable development? The undermining of the NP by Council driven delays and positioning has further removed any sense of community ownership, undermined the spirit of localism and contradicted the whole rationale behind Neighbourhood planning. Far from being community led our fate has been patently District housing and developer/landowner driven. Surely in this way the NP’s contribution to sustainable development has been compromised. There is now a belief that even when passed it will not be afforded sufficient weight by HDC planners. It was not intended that all three sites would be available immediately. The Plan is dated until 2031. In addition, Francis Jackson, by reserving their right to continue development to c80 - 100 houses, will potentially push numbers to 160 plus houses - increasing the village by 2/3rds! Surely this is against all principles of sustainable development and has to be stopped. What reassurance or conditions can be put in place alongside the recent Parliamentary bill to ensure that planners and developers do not take advantage of the delay and grab every inch of the land has been included in the Plan without due consideration for the unique conservation character of this village? If all three sites are developed in short succession they are likely to become separate annexes rather than part of one integrated community. A selected rural village does not, by definition, have the infrastructure to sustainably support such overwhelming, uncontrolled expansion. 3. What freedom do we have to speak out safely without legal action being taken? We need to know more about the validity of Highways acceptance of the traffic appraisal and speed reports given by the developer’s own consultants. We need to have the ability to raise further questions about material content and process in the Neighbourhood planning process in a safe and open way at both Parish and District council level. Does the examination process allow for this to happen prior to referendum? In future we want to receive clear and consistent messages from HDC and Parish Council not mixed and contradictory messages particularly over critical data e.g. FOI requests. People are both wary and disillusioned by the uncertainty that the process has caused and some of us have been chastised for speaking out publicly, if
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	<p>only to ask questions of clarification to fill a communication void. There is such untapped wisdom and diversity of perspective in our village that can be shared for collective benefit. Sadly, we may now have to oppose our 2 most favoured sites as the third choice goes forward first- just to protect the village in terms of numbers.</p> <p>4. Finally, how can we reunite as a village to implement our NP effectively? There is much ground to cover in the implementation phase of the NP from opening up dialogue to heal the rifts, recapturing hearts, minds and energies and enabling unity through community engagement and participation. I am sure people will vote positively in the referendum if there is a collective opportunity to further influence our future path and co-create a vision we can all work towards. United we stand firmer.</p> <p>Appendix A has been submitted as a separate document as it does not work with this formatting.</p> <p>Appendix B An example of lost information through editing from consultation to submitted NP. The picture below shows data collected 28th November 2014 by Your Locale from the NP drop in event - green stickers indicating good or important views. See page 14 of consultation document. Compare this with the Proposals Map on the last page of the submitted Neighbourhood plan. This has been edited to omit arrows showing the important views voted for on South Kilworth road and South Station road. At the time only the road side fields of Station road were thought to be of any concern.</p>
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Appendix A - Factual Timeline of key events in the North Kilworth Neighbourhood planning process.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Date	Key event	Questions, Comments Learning points
2013	Second North Kilworth Parish Plan published by Steering Group from 2013 - 2020. The Neighbourhood Plan process commenced in December 2013	Overall general community acceptance with initial phase.
May 2014	A questionnaire was circulated and got a low response initially. The deadline was extended.	80 responses were received eventually 13.5% of the population
November	A drop in meeting held and information collated from by Your Locale	Why were meetings just

		2014	<p>offering the opportunity for residents to individually comment and put stickers on topics and issues raised. The data collected is self explanatory but the issue is that it may not get transferred accurately into the Neighbourhood plan. There is no opportunity for people to discuss themes and issues together, understand different perspectives and reach some alignment and understanding. 52 people out of c600 residents attended. For example people were asked to write comments in different note books and place green dots on the village views they most wanted to keep - the results were clearly shown by a photograph on p14 of the Your Locale document NP Appendix K - 28th November 2014 Consultation response paper.</p> <p>This photograph illustrated higher levels of voting for retaining “good or important view(s)” on Station Road south (17 votes) and South Kilworth road (19 votes). South Kilworth road developers subsequently took this into account when the plans were drawn up.</p>	<p>held using this drop in format and not offering open collective discussion opportunities? You cannot build a shared vision without people working it through together. People support what they help to create.</p> <p><u>Appendix B of NP representation notes</u> Why are these votes for Station Road and South Kilworth road not shown by arrows in the final version of the plan “Proposals map” which is indicating important views? All other views are detailed.</p>	
		March 2015	<p>A site selection took place and in March 2015 a village meeting identified 3 sites Pincet Lane (Opp White Lion), South Kilworth Road, First field nearest the road South of Station road.</p> <p>Voting took place enabling people to place a first, second and third preference and out of 30 people who attended the Pincet Lane site was overwhelmingly voted for 22 out of 30 votes.</p>		
		March/April 2015	<p>It was then reported that the owner was not in a position to sell the land for Pincet Lane site at present and so these votes and the consultation process were declared as no longer valid. However, given the length of the neighbourhood plan up to 2031 and the central proximity of the land it is still not clear why this option was so suddenly and completely discounted.</p>	<p>It was raised in the North Kilworth news that there was to be no subsequent opportunity to recast these votes.</p>	
		May 2015	<p>The HDC Strategic Housing and Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) quotes alternative land South of Station road as “not suitable due to access issues”</p>		
		May 2015	<p>Parish Council meeting in May 2015 resulted in the South Kilworth Road site becoming the “preferred site” - this was then put into the 2nd draft of the Neighbourhood plan in July 2015.</p>		

		21 st May 2015	The Annual Parish Council/Assembly meeting took place and 18 organisations gave reports. This meeting agenda is intended to be for the village to determine. The high number of presentations left little time for discussion and missed the opportunity to discuss the Neighbourhood plan and the £50,000 Whelan legacy left to the village in February 2014.	Attendance was lower due to an incorrect date of 28 th May having been advertised.	
		June/July 2015	Gary Kirk met with local residents Gill and Mick Howkins to discuss the development of South Kilworth road as this was favoured and the only site developable at that stage. Station Road was classified in the SHLAA as not immediately developable. Apparently, at this point, unbeknown to anyone in the village the owner of the Pincet Lane site had sadly died. This information and the fact that his family were willing to sell part of the land did not come to the notice of the majority of villagers until exactly a year later just before the village ballot.		
		August 2015	Frances Jackson homes undertook through their own consultants, Abingdon consultants, a Traffic Appraisal of the Station road site. This information was not made publicly available at the time. The appraisal was in the form of a one page letter which was clearly stated as just giving a professional opinion not on any site based survey or analysis. Work was undertaken to develop a draft proposal for the South Kilworth road site.	It is unclear how this consultants letter led to HDC reclassifying land that had previously been declared by Highways Agency as totally unsuitable due to access issues - see the initial response from CHA repeated on South of Station road planning application in August 2016.	
		September 2015	24 th September Parish Council meeting took place (Minutes appeared in November NK news) Point 8. reported the draft Neighbourhood plan was in the final stages and a meeting of the "sub committee" will be held on 5 th October 2015 to finalise it. Point 1 - Councillor Lawrence had been in touch with Robert Belgrave about purchasing the Millennium Green land for the Village bequest. The suggested sale price was £50,000 - £75,000. The Parish council agreed that they are not interested in purchasing the land at this price and Councillor Lawrence was to go back with an offer of £10,000.	5 th October 2015 was the last set of available minutes from this Neighbourhood planning sub committee/steering group/advisory group.	
		October 2015	29 th October - Parish Council meeting (Minutes appeared in December NK News) Item 7 - stated "The Neighbourhood plan had now been approved by HDC. The final version will be included in the next issue of the village newsletter"		
		November 2015	North Kilworth news carried a supplement p9-12 which confirmed the NK Neighbourhood Plan Policies which stated very clearly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NK3 Housing Allocation was for a development of a minimum 	This was a helpful summary of the position and most residents were	

			<p>of 20 dwellings west of South Kilworth Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NK4 - Windfall Sites - small infill and redevelopment sites to be supported within the existing built up area of the village. • NK5 Housing and Other development sites outside of the Village of North Kilworth - outside of the settlement boundary "there will be a strong presumption against new housing" <p>South Kilworth Road applicants were encouraged to proceed with their application, following a positive meeting, (which included being shown detailed suggested layout and access designs) between their agent and members of the Parish Council and the North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.</p> <p>25th November Parish Council meeting - minutes appear in January NK Newsletter</p> <p>Item 2 - Question time for Parishioners - a number of parishioners attended to discuss the bequest and potential purchase of the land adjacent to the Millennium Green by the PC. "There was strong feeling by those present at the meeting that the bequest money should be used in full to purchase the land and there is great disappointment that the village have been advised that the land has been sold to a third party. It was resolved that representatives of the Millennium Green would approach the vendor to discuss"</p> <p><u>Item 7 - "The NP is approaching completion. The map with HDC is being finalised. There has been a slight set-back as one of the proposed SHLAA sites was not shown on the map. Your Locale advised that the site has been withdrawn from the plan as it is not deliverable in the next 15-20 years. However, HDC has approved the site and it should be included"</u></p>	<p>comfortable with this way forward.</p> <p>The Millennium Green was deemed by many villagers to be an ideal use of the £50,000 bequest left by a former resident of the village. The PC had offered 10K for the land and been outbid by a householder who lived next to the land.</p> <p><u>No one was clear what this meant or what site it was - but the word "slight" did not signal any cause for concern.</u></p> <p><u>The site turned out to be south of Station Road.</u></p>	
	10 th December		<p>South of Station Road site was reclassified by HDC based on the developer's traffic appraisal as immediately available and HDC changed the SHLAA to this effect on 15th December 2015.</p> <p>South Kilworth road developers were told by the Chair of the PC that their land had been taken off SHLAA. When contacting HDC this was not the case but Station Road had been brought forward suddenly. HDC told them that both sites would be made equal in consideration. However, this did not happen in practice. Station Road suddenly replaced South Kilworth as preferred site. Discussions also took place with Mr. Belgrave the landowner of Station road to agree (at a substantially lower price than an alternative offer to use the Kath Whelan legacy to purchase the Millennium Green in her</p>	<p>Why did this so suddenly lead to the Parish Council changing the Neighbourhood plan to promote the newly reclassified site?</p>	

		15 th December 2015	memory and for the benefit of the village. Parish Council hold a PC meeting on 15 th December (reported in NK News in February 2016 - this included an announcement that the purchase of the Millennium Green was going forward item 7 and item 6 of the minutes "To approve amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan" was "postponed until Part 2 of the meeting - Exempt Business"	Exempt Business was an in-camera session (excluding public) of the PC meeting to discuss the Neighbourhood plan.	
		22 nd January 2016	3 rd draft of the NK neighbourhood plan was produced and the January Newsletter carried the November Parish Council minutes mentioning that the Neighbourhood plan is approaching completion and one of the proposed SHLAA sites previously withdrawn has now been approved.	Why didn't a summary of the revised situation -and a rationale for switching from South Kilworth Road to Station Road get drafted for the NK news along the lines of the November edition?	
		28 th January	January Parish Council meeting - <u>minutes in March NK News</u> refers to the consultation period having begun and open from 22 nd January until 4 th March. Hard copies of the draft plan are available. The next meeting of the Steering Group will take place on 3 rd February.	At this stage residents were still unaware of the change to the draft plan.	
		February 2016	There was an invitation letter printed in the NK News saying that the draft plan was now available for comments to be made by 4 th March. It emerged - causing much shock and consternation that the site now approved as preferred site in the plan was the one South of Station road and now not just one but both fields were included stretching from the road to the bottom of Cranmer Lane. This provides for a site of c80 - 100 houses. There was a deadline for villagers to respond by 4 th March and 7 letters plus a number of emails and a 130 signature petition were submitted by this date against the south of Station road proposal section 7.2.2. (plus a further 35 signatures from people outside of the village). One resident commented - 'It is extremely sad that having taken up the invitation to respond in a democratic way, this response has been seen by some in the parish council and steering committee as attacking and divisive. It is however a straight forward lobby to stop the proposal in 7.2.2. We don't understand why there has been a move to rule out the South Kilworth Rd site completely and instead allow two beautiful fields of medieval agricultural land to become immediately available for building - a 4.2 hectare site that Harborough District Council has confirmed will provide space for at least 76 houses".	There still has been no direct response as yet to the issues raised or specific responses to the letters. Section 7.2.2. that was the subject of such great concern. Specific issues in letters submitted relating to each piece of land - e.g. with Station road relating to the plan for the bridleway and development towards the bogs etc were raised but still have not been addressed. Those who took forward the petition and wrote letters have been labelled as trouble makers! Individual letters submitted as objections to the Parish Council about south Station Road contained important points relating to character, aquifer, nature reserve and medieval ridge and furrow	
		18 th		These points were not	

		February 2016	Leicester Mercury ran an article about the Fire that destroyed a barn at the end of Cranmer lane which stood on part of the originally proposed South of Station road site link to village via the bogs and proposed children's play area.	responded to by the Parish Council and the detailed character and environmental considerations raised have not been reflected in the Neighbourhood Plan.
		22 nd March 2016	A Steering group meeting on 22 nd March and Parish Council meeting on 24 th March led to a plan to arrange for a public meeting to take place on 13 th May with HDC, Gary Kirk and 2 Developers presenting in 30 minute slots plus a limited time for villagers to then have a Q&A session. This would be followed by an electoral roll based ballot the following week "voting on a single preferred site or both jointly subject to our allocation up to 2031. Voting for neither will not be presented as an option". Interested and concerned residents have been asking for more time for the village voice to be heard at this meeting but if this is not possible. A village group considered calling a separate meeting in advance of 13 th May in order for villagers as a whole to have the opportunity to catch up with what has been happening and be fully informed of the issues and facts so that everyone is at a similar point of understanding and better prepared on 13 th May. As a concession the Parish Council agreed to a representative from Elmcroft Road to have sufficient time to speak on behalf of a large number of residents. A group of residents gathered to help prepare a short presentation.	At last there was an upcoming opportunity in May for residents and others from across the village who were against the South of Station road site to speak out and put their case to the rest of the village. Sadly this did not work out as planned.
		April 2016	A flyer appeared in the Swift Flash asking for an indication from villagers of For or Against relating to the South Kilworth Road site issued by Mr and Mrs Howkins. Voting took place with a sealed ballot box for the South Kilworth road site. The results were 60 votes FOR and 6 AGAINST	
		May 2016	125 people attended the village hall meeting on 13 th May. The speaker representing residents in Elmcroft Road against the Station Road development had received prior permission to have a bit longer than the 3 minutes to speak on behalf of a number of residents. This had been agreed by the PC - but no mention was made of this "concession" when he was introduced - and after 2 minutes he was rudely heckled by 2-3 people who were against the South Kilworth road site and he was told he had his time. He was stopped in his tracks and unable to put the case properly on behalf of Elmcroft road residents and other supporters in the village. At this meeting Mr. Pointer (HDC Policy planning team) emphasised that the Neighbourhood plan would carry some weight once submitted	This meeting the only "well attended" one of the whole process whilst helpful as an update and information giving session at the end veered towards an attempt to get a show of hands mandate for south Station road as a the preferred site when this did not represent the overall tenor of discussion. There was also a strong message of the need for consensus as the NP

		<p>16th May</p> <p>18th May</p>	<p><i>"You need to undertake the process as swiftly as possible now - and the sooner the District Council has even a draft plan before it - it becomes a material consideration".</i></p> <p>Mr. Pointer also said (captured verbatim but not all recorded in the minutes):</p> <p><i>"When we look at our plans we take into account what has been committed already and our planning period is 2011 to 2031. So we have to take into account what has been committed and built. To date - well actually at September 2015 - we had 32 dwellings having consent or completed - majority on Gandy's site - quite a substantial amount of development so far.</i></p> <p><i>The rest of the housing growth for NK is likely to be in the same order".</i></p> <p><i>"You do have to think about the future. Other parishes have looked at the District plan and future proofed their plans".</i></p> <p><i>"We are also updating our 5 year supply assessment and the District Council is doing quite well at achieving this - we have 4.5 years supply"</i></p> <p>Francis Jackson homes presented their plan for Station road - but people were keen to make comparisons with the other site. A comment was made by the facilitator that representatives from South Kilworth road had decided not to come to the meeting. This was corrected by a resident on the basis that out of the three dates offered they had indicated this date was not possible for the owners or their agent.</p> <p>Individuals did subsequently try to speak at this meeting - but there was no opportunity for a connecting discussion that would lead towards a joined up solution - just a series of individual questions and comments. Advice about including the first choice Pincet Lane in the mix and for voting purposes was requested and Mr. Pointer HDC clarified that it could be included but with an elderly owner (90) there was no guarantee that it could come forward.</p> <p>Inspite of many people proposing viable alternative ways to address the housing allocation, there was still an attempt to conclude with a show of hands with the Parish Councillor (facilitating) suggesting a vote for Station road as the preferred site. Fortunately this was not responded to by the audience.</p> <p>16th May - A notice was circulated announcing ballot voting for future proofing the allocation by 20% (discussed at the meeting) and offering 3 options: Option 1. No site specified Option 2. Station road up to 40 houses, Option 3. Partial development of 20 houses on Station Road</p>	<p>needed to be submitted within the next month for it to be a material consideration.</p> <p>All voting options in the first draft ballot were all weighted in favour of South Station road getting approval - so there was no option to exclude this choice.</p> <p>We were told at this meeting (see recorded minutes) that "the owner was not willing to sell".</p> <p>As a result of contact being made by a resident before the ballot it became evident that the elderly owner of the favoured Pincet Lane site had actually died a year ago (June 2015) and that his family were willing to proceed with sale of a portion of the land.</p> <p>A parishioner had formally requested by letter for the Neighbourhood plan to be on the Assembly agenda (this meeting is technically supposed to be village led) but it was not included - so no collective discussion could take place on key (non land allocation) NP elements.</p>	
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			<p>and 20 on South Kilworth road</p> <p>Annual Parish Council meeting/Assembly co-opted two replacement councillors who along with the all but one of the PC live in the historic centre of the village not so directly impacted by the larger site based land allocation issues.</p> <p>At this meeting some villagers raised very briefly in questions the need for more consideration of parking issues in the NP and the need for greater protection of the aquifer and springs plus a recognition and rejuvenation of the Wash pit, spinney, copse and pathways.</p>	
		June 2016	<p>10th June Ballot</p> <p>The ballot paper offered 4 boxes and an additional question. The whole scoring process seemed to the majority of residents to be rather complicated.</p> <p>Many people were confused about completing the form. An advance request was made by a resident to the PC clerk to put a clear instruction up in the Village hall about the need to put a rank order number against each of the 4 option boxes. People were unclear about the consequences of only putting 1 and 2 and leaving the other boxes blank. It was later explained that blank boxes would be the worst option indicating a preference (not a disregard) for those sites. Basically, the way the boxes are counted as votes were put in rank order with the lowest points (or no points) emerging as first preference. The votes for Pincet Lane were once again significantly convincing.</p> <p>This ballot added a question about whether people wanted sites to be above or below 20. The result was 69 saying Yes to “not greater than 20” and 52 No.</p>	<p>The terms of the ballot were changed at the last minute - Pincet Lane was added as another option plus an additional question about site size was introduced.</p> <p>The requirement for numbering all four boxes was somewhat ambiguous. 10% of voters got it wrong by leaving blanks.</p> <p>The reaction to this led to the employment by the PC of “an independent” mathematician to calibrate the results.</p>
		July 2016	<p>10th July - Gary Kirk put forward a paper from a resident relating to how a “Sharing the vision” participative large scale meeting could be designed and arranged to heal divisions and allow a cross section of residents come together to co-create a shared vision. The details of how this can work in practical terms were also shared by the resident with a Parish Councillor.</p> <p>Parish Council meeting was brought forward from its usual monthly slot to 14th July. This was not advertised and so at a critical point in the process public consultation and attendance was further limited. Meeting minutes make no reference to above paper having been discussed.</p> <p>Francis Jackson put forward their plan for Station Road site on the HDC Planning portal and received significant volume of objections(22)</p>	
		August	<p>There was no PC meeting this month.</p>	<p>With regard to Highways -</p>

		<p>2016</p>	<p>31st August 2016 Highways Agency added a response to the Station Road planning portal as follows When responding to the, albeit larger, site as part of the SHLAA the CHA commented that:- <i>'Access from the A4304 would be contrary to policy IN5 of the 6C's Design Guide. Cranmer Lane is also unlikely to be appropriate to deal with an increase in traffic. North Kilworth is not considered to be a sustainable location in transport terms and would rely heavily on car travel. This site is therefore unlikely to be acceptable to the Highway Authority.'</i> <i>"The CHA have recorded speeds of 43/45mph in and around the location of the proposed access; however these are dated 2000, so in order to judge if the access would be contrary to IN5 we would need up-to-date speed surveys from the Applicant/Agent".</i></p> <p>In August, 20 questions were submitted by 20 villagers to the September edition of the North Kilworth newsletter out of frustration at delays and desperation for some answers about what was happening on key Neighbourhood planning and related issues. The newsletter editors, funded by the Parish Council, were asked not to publish until answers could be given to these questions in the October edition.</p>	<p>The developer was given the opportunity to resubmit a speed survey that they organised and paid for themselves. In October/November a survey was undertaken by their own agent showing much reduced speeds.</p> <p>Residents have enquired about commissioning an independent study to challenge or validate this drop in historically recorded speeds for this segment of road but were told by HDC not to waste their money.</p>	
		<p>September 2016</p>	<p>A resident writes a letter in the NK news asking the Parish Council to put forward comments to HDC and insist on a holding position on the Station road application prior to the Neighbourhood plan being agreed - in line with similar holding action taken previously by PC on the South Kilworth road planning application.</p> <p>Francis Jackson reissue their planning application and residents find out - luckily through word of mouth - that our previous objections are no longer valid and will need to be resubmitted on the new application. There was no official communication or support on this from HDC or the Parish Council. A resident spent their own money on printing and passing round a leaflet to let people know about the need to resubmit objections.</p> <p>The Parish Council were approached once again via emails and letter to ask if they would be submitting an objection/holding position on Station road subject to the Neighbourhood plan being signed off.</p>	<p>Why does the system allow for reissue of planning applications that contained no material changes without notifying objectors that if they are still not satisfied they need to resubmit their objections?</p>	
		<p>October 2016</p>	<p>20 questions were printed and answered in full but positioned with a public rebuke in the NK news about people not being prepared to submit their names with these questions. Sadly, there has not been an open forum opportunity for questions to be raised safely and effectively on a collective basis to put rumours to bed and gain greater awareness of the latest developments. The 20 questions document was designed for people to "speak their concerns" and allow the PC to help to diffuse tensions based on misunderstandings and unhelpful "gossip".</p>	<p>It is hoped that the PC will reflect on the reasons for people being reluctant to give their names for fear of reprisals. The one person who submitted the 20 questions article was visited at home and told that people (unnamed)</p>	

			<p>Parish Council meetings allow individuals to raise brief questions but due to packed agendas these matters are rarely discussed in any detail and may not be answered directly at the time.</p> <p>3rd October 2016 is the date the NK NP submission version was received by HDC subject to a validation check prior to consultation</p> <p>Francis Jackson satisfy the Highways Agency by their consultants conducting a speed survey returning much lower than previously recorded speeds on the A4304. There was no evidence of a digital cross road speed counter having been installed for up to 7 days as would have been expected. The only recent speed survey in that section of road was conducted on one day by a visible mobile police speed camera unit.</p>	<p>were talking to solicitors and considering legal action.</p> <p>PC finally place a request with HDC for the Station Road site to also be put on hold pending the outcome of the NP process.</p> <p>With the submission of the NP more documents relating to past meetings other than the PC meetings appear on the NK website.</p>	
		November 2016	<p>10th November - there was a public notification by letter from HDC of commencement of the NP consultation period up to 22nd December. Villagers including directly interested parties discovered, via a letter in the NK news, that "the land adjacent to the Village HALL (known as the Millennium Green) is now subject to a higher offer" this is nearly a year after the original offer had been accepted! This land is owned by Mr. Belgrave landowner for South Station road site. A further proposal suggested "a continued approach to Mr. Belgrave for the farmyard land at the end of Spring Lane and that it come under the management of the Millennium Green charity in perpetuity. Mr. Belgrave has tried for planning and failed". This is with reference to the area next to the second field on South Station road site. "It is a damp area full of springs. Village ownership would go part way to assuaging the fears of Elmcroft residents with regard to encroachment of housing from the South. Finally it would form a potential role for a new bridleway from Elmcroft into the conservation area en route to the school"</p>	<p>There is some confusion about this land arrangement. The NP P27 outlines detail about a footpath, bridlepath and extension to the bogs which was not supported by those who objected to the South Station Road development. People are not aware of Mr. Belgrave's planning having failed - it is understood that the first field has just been put forward separately to facilitate easier progress of the planning application for the first 22 houses.</p>	
		December 2016	<p>6th December - 6 residents attended the Planning Committee meeting - most objectors having given up or were attending the Village School play. The District Councillor for NK and Parish Council members were unable to attend. 3 people spoke their 3 minutes against the proposal but no questions were asked and no discussion took place. It went straight to proposer and seconder for approval.</p> <p>16th December one resident attended Sir Edward Garnier's surgery to raise the concern that there has been insufficient consideration or scrutiny applied to the road safety and access issues by HDC and it appears that the current pressure on housing targets is pushing HDC and Highways to cut corners. Our MP, who has recently received a number of letters from NK residents also agreed to make enquiries with</p>	<p>The Parish Council have been asked to communicate something urgently to the village about the latest position and have compiled a statement in response to this meeting which will appear in the January Newsletter.</p>	

		<p>Highways and talk to HDC about timings and pressure on certain villages when there could be an option to spread the allocation more widely. The main problem the area faces is land banking where it seems that numbers could be met if developers were not sitting on large amounts of already approved land.</p>		
<p>Leicestershire County Council</p>		<p>Leicestershire County Council is supportive of the Neighbourhood plan process. Due to the current resources available, we are only able to provide general comments at this stage:-</p> <p>Highways General Comments</p> <p>The County Council recognises that residents may have concerns about traffic conditions in their local area, which they feel may be exacerbated by increased traffic due to population, economic and development growth.</p> <p>Like very many local authorities, the County Council's budgets are under severe pressure. It must therefore prioritise where it focuses its reducing resources and increasingly limited funds. In practice, this means that the County Highway Authority (CHA), in general, prioritises its resources on measures that deliver the greatest benefit to Leicestershire's residents, businesses and road users in terms of road safety, network management and maintenance. Given this, it is likely that highway measures associated with any new development would need to be fully funded from third party funding, such as via Section 278 or 106 (S106) developer contributions. I should emphasise that the CHA is generally no longer in a position to accept any financial risk relating to/make good any possible shortfall in developer funding.</p> <p>To be eligible for S106 contributions proposals must fulfil various legal criteria. Measures must also directly mitigate the impact of the development e.g. they should ensure that the development does not make the existing highway conditions any worse if considered to have a severe residual impact. They cannot unfortunately be sought to address existing problems.</p> <p>Where potential S106 measures would require future maintenance, which would be paid for from the County Council's funds, the measures would also need to be assessed against the County Council's other priorities and as such may not be maintained by the County Council or will require maintenance funding to be provide as a commuted sum.</p> <p>With regard to public transport, securing S106 contributions for public transport services will normally focus on larger developments, where there is a more realistic prospect of services being commercially viable once the contributions have stopped i.e. they would be able to operate without being supported from public funding.</p> <p>The current financial climate means that the CHA has extremely limited funding available to undertake minor</p>		

	<p>highway improvements. Where there may be the prospect of third party funding to deliver a scheme, the County Council will still normally expect the scheme to comply with prevailing relevant national and local policies and guidance, both in terms of its justification and its design; the Council will also expect future maintenance costs to be covered by the third party funding. Where any measures are proposed that would affect speed limits, on-street parking restrictions or other Traffic Regulation Orders (be that to address existing problems or in connection with a development proposal), their implementation would be subject to available resources, the availability of full funding and the satisfactory completion of all necessary Statutory Procedures.</p> <p>Flood Risk Management The County Council are fully aware of flooding that has occurred within Leicestershire and its impact on residential properties resulting in concerns relating to new developments. LCC in our role as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) undertake investigations into flooding, review consent applications to undertake works on ordinary watercourses and carry out enforcement where lack of maintenance or unconsented works has resulted in a flood risk. In April 2015 the LLFA also became a statutory consultee on major planning applications in relation to surface water drainage and have a duty to review planning applications to ensure that the onsite drainage systems are designed in accordance with current legislation and guidance. The LLFA also ensures that flood risk to the site is accounted for when designing a drainage solution.</p> <p>The LLFA is not able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent development where development sites are at low risk of flooding or can demonstrate appropriate flood risk mitigation. • Use existing flood risk to adjacent land to prevent development. • Require development to resolve existing flood risk. <p>When considering flood risk within the development of a neighbourhood plan, the LLFA would recommend consideration of the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locating development outside of river (fluvial) flood risk (Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea)). • Locating development outside of surface water (pluvial) flood risk (Risk of Flooding from Surface Water map). • Locating development outside of any groundwater flood risk by considering any local knowledge of groundwater flooding. • How potential SuDS features may be incorporated into the development to enhance the local amenity, water quality and biodiversity of the site as well as manage surface water runoff. • Watercourses and land drainage should be protected within new developments to prevent an increase in flood risk. <p>All development will be required to restrict the discharge and retain surface water on site in line with current government policies. This should be undertaken through the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS).</p>
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	<p>Appropriate space allocation for SuDS features should be included within development sites when considering the housing density to ensure that the potential site will not limit the ability for good SuDS design to be carried out. Consideration should also be given to blue green corridors and how they could be used to improve the bio-diversity and amenity of new developments, including benefits to surrounding areas.</p> <p>Often ordinary watercourses and land drainage features (including streams, culverts and ditches) form part of development sites. The LLFA recommend that existing watercourses and land drainage (including watercourses that form the site boundary) are retained as open features along their original flow path, and are retained in public open space to ensure that access for maintenance can be achieved. This should also be considered when looking at housing densities within the plan to ensure that these features can be retained.</p> <p>LCC in our role as LLFA will object to anything contrary to LCC policies.</p> <p>For further information it is suggested reference is made to the National Planning Policy Framework (March 2012), Sustainable drainage systems: Written statement - HCWS161 (December 2014) and the Planning Practice Guidance webpage.</p> <p>Planning Developer Contributions If there is no specific policy on Section 106 developer contributions/planning obligations within the draft Neighbourhood Plan, it would be prudent to consider the inclusion of a developer contributions/planning obligations policy, along similar lines to those shown in your draft North Kilworth NP and the draft Great Glen NP albeit adapted to the circumstances of your community. This would in general be consistent with the relevant District Council's local plan or its policy on planning obligations in order to mitigate the impacts of new development and enable appropriate local infrastructure and service provision in accordance with the relevant legislation and regulations, where applicable. www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/uploads/draft-plan-18.pdf www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/uploads/draft-plan-13.pdf</p> <p>Mineral & Waste Planning The County Council is the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority; this means the council prepares the planning policy for minerals and waste development and also makes decisions on mineral and waste development.</p> <p>Although neighbourhood plans cannot include policies that cover minerals and waste development, it may be the case that your neighbourhood contains an existing or planned minerals or waste site. The County Council can provide information on these operations or any future development planned for your neighbourhood.</p>
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	<p>You should also be aware of Mineral Consultation Areas, contained within the adopted Minerals Local Plan and Mineral and Waste Safeguarding proposed in the new Leicestershire Minerals and Waste Plan. These proposed safeguarding areas and existing Mineral Consultation Areas are there to ensure that non-waste and non-minerals development takes place in a way that does not negatively affect mineral resources or waste operations. The County Council can provide guidance on this if your neighbourhood plan is allocating development in these areas or if any proposed neighbourhood plan policies may impact on minerals and waste provision.</p> <p>Education Whereby housing allocations or preferred housing developments form part of a Neighbourhood Plan the Local Authority will look to the availability of school places within a two mile (primary) and three mile (secondary) distance from the development. If there are not sufficient places then a claim for Section 106 funding will be requested to provide those places.</p> <p>It is recognised that it may not always be possible or appropriate to extend a local school to meet the needs of a development, or the size of a development would yield a new school. However, in the changing educational landscape, the Council retains a statutory duty to ensure that sufficient places are available in good schools within its area, for every child of school age whose parents wish them to have one.</p> <p>Property Strategic Property Services No comment at this time.</p> <p>Adult Social Care Suggest reference is made to recognising a significant growth in the older population and look for developments to include bungalows etc of differing tenures. This would be in line with the draft Adult Social Care Accommodation Strategy for older people which promotes that people should plan ahead for their later life, including considering downsizing, but recognising that people's choices are often limited by the lack of suitable local options.</p> <p>Environment No comment at this time.</p> <p>Communities Consideration of community facilities in the draft Plan would be welcomed. We would suggest where possible to include a review of community facilities, groups and allotments and their importance with your community. Consideration could also be given to policies that seek to protect and retain these existing facilities more generally, support the independent development of new facilities and relate to the protection</p>
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	<p>of Assets of Community Value and provide support for any existing or future designations.</p> <p>The identification of potential community projects that could be progressed would be a positive initiative.</p> <p>Economic Development We would recommend including economic development aspirations with your Plan, outlining what the community currently values and whether they are open to new development of small businesses etc.</p> <p>Superfast Broadband High speed broadband is critical for businesses and for access to services, many of which are now online by default. Having a superfast broadband connection is no longer merely desirable, but is an essential requirement in ordinary daily life.</p> <p>All new developments (including community facilities) should have access to superfast broadband (of at least 30Mbps) Developers should take active steps to incorporate superfast broadband at the pre-planning phase and should engage with telecoms providers to ensure superfast broadband is available as soon as build on the development is complete.</p> <p>Economic Development We would recommend including economic development aspirations with your Plan, outlining what the community currently values and whether they are open to new development of small businesses etc.</p> <p>Superfast Broadband High speed broadband is critical for businesses and for access to services, many of which are now online by default. Having a superfast broadband connection is no longer merely desirable, but is an essential requirement in ordinary daily life.</p> <p>All new developments (including community facilities) should have access to superfast broadband (of at least 30Mbps) Developers should take active steps to incorporate superfast broadband at the pre-planning phase and should engage with telecoms providers to ensure superfast broadband is available as soon as build on the development is complete.</p> <p>NK14 or NK30 - Suggest including that broadband is a requirement for any new development and that developers are required to put in the infrastructure within smaller developments. By doing this it will ensure that housing is more desirable to buyers, leading to quicker sales, whilst ensuring essential services are available for residents.</p> <p>Along similar lines as Houghton-on-the-Hill's Draft Plan broadband policy:- www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/uploads/draft-plan-9.pdf</p>
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Resident		<p>HOW THE PLAN WAS PREPARED During 2015 the SHLAA categorised land on station Road as only being developable if highways Constraints could be addressed. The land on South Kilworth Road was categorised as developable in 0-5 years and highlighted no highways constraints.</p> <p>The Statement of Consultation dated September 2016 which forms part of the NP submission fails to include the events between March 2015 and May 2016 which turned the previous "preferred location for housing" upside down and introduced a new "preferred site" (just 1 hour before the date of the village ballot on 18th May 2016 which was hurriedly cancelled) on Pincet Lane which was not at that point, to the best of our knowledge, even included on the SHLAA. ** With regard to consultation with residents during that period, it also does not include reference to the written wishes of a large selection of residents, COMPRISING 130 SIGNATURES against development on the second of the original 2 sites, i.e. station Road. Furthermore, the owner of the original "preferred site" on South Kilworth Road (as documented in the North Kilworth Parish Council Minutes dated 18th May 2015, copy attached **) was not kept informed of this sudden shift of preference and had therefore already, given the tacit approval of the Parish Council, employed an architect to draw up sensitive designs, (based upon the information and guidance in the 2nd Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan), which were shared with the NP Steering Group/Parish Council at an evening meeting in November/December 2015 and had gained their general approval. The landowners of South Kilworth Road were surprised to learn third hand and verbally only that their site had been replaced and were left to find out why by contacting firstly the Parish Council and then the Planning Department of Harborough District Council. Furthermore, the landowners were subsequently invited to a village meeting arranged by the Parish Council/NP steering Group, alongside developers of Station Road/Elmcroft Road site. At that point the Pincet Lane site was not even considered either suitable or deliverable. The Parish Council/NP Steering Group were advised in writing by the South Kilworth Road landowners' agent that regrettably neither were able to attend due to pre-arranged holidays and was there another date possible. No alternative date was provided and the meeting went ahead, with only the Station Road's developer present, on a date which could not be accommodated due to the reasons given. Given the importance of such a meeting it is felt that an alternative date could and should have been offered and sensitive arrangements made to avoid any type of conflict of interests by any of the parties involved.</p> <p>POLICY NK2 HOUSING PROVISION 7.2.2 See comments above</p> <p>DESIGN SIGNAGE As business owners of a village business which has been in existence for over 80 years as a petrol filling</p>
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station, we were not consulted on why "internally illuminated signs of any type are unacceptable". In our case they are, in fact a requirement and as such we should have been consulted and given reasons, or the words "...except those currently in existence" being inserted into the policy. To deem it unacceptable to advertise a petrol station price during the hours of darkness when they are open and trading would discourage customers resulting in a drop in sales and risking tipping the business into being unviable. This leads to the following point:-

EMPLOYMENT -POLICY NK14 AND NK15

It is a business owner's human right, based upon sound business judgement and economics, to make decisions on whether their land or business would be more advantageously utilised by re- developing it into an alternative use, be that business or residential orientated. It is completely unjust to require a business owner to justify that it..... " is not viable for employment uses and has been marketed for at least a year". We voiced our concern to Your Locale, on these policies in both the 1st and 2nd Drafts and asked for the condition to be removed. It has not been removed in the final version. We call into question what right the Neighbourhood Plan has to expect or force a small, family owned rural business to continue or to be placed on the market for a whole year in a loss-making situation if and when the time comes whereby it becomes unviable due to market conditions over which they have no control. We question how the inclusion of such a condition can be legally and reasonably enforceable. Please refer to the Statement of Basic Conditions accompanying the North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan submission, page 14 paragraph 1.

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The Village Public Meeting of 13th May 2016 was a very unsettled meeting. ** The voting system, and the analysis of same apparently did not meet with the approval of a large selection of those present, although we were not there. A subsequent unpleasant rift has developed within this previously amicable and peaceful village and therefore it is doubtful whether the North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan as submitted complies with the legal requirements for (a) proper consultation with and (b) respecting the reasonable requests and wishes of both residents, landowners and business proprietors within the village. It is appreciated that you cannot please all of the people all of the time, but for a rift such as this to result is regrettable, not in the best overall interests of the village and needs addressing by someone independent.

GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING HOUSING

The original proposal to build a small sensitive development on the land on South Kilworth Road offered the reassurance that no huge housing estate would be built, by the very virtue of its position and surroundings. It would remain small enough not to enlarge the village by an unacceptable amount and has no potential nor intention to be extended either sideways or backwards. Furthermore, as stated in the SHLAA, it is close to all of the village amenities and is served by existing pedestrian access to both the school, the sports club, the all weather facilities, the Church, the village hall and the golf club, as well as already having a convenient bus stop adjacent. As the general wishes of the village are, understandably, to

		<p>avoid too much additional housing in the village as a result of small developments becoming larger ones, we are at a loss to know why the South Kilworth Road site has been relegated in favour of sites with more potential to extend and which are further away from the centre of the village, thus entailing a constant battle to dodge the traffic on the busy A4304 and Pincet Lane itself. Views have been put forward by many as to the disadvantages and safety concerns of residents having to cross the busy and HGV congested main A4304 to access village facilities. Therefore, we wish to question the reasoning behind and substantiation of those reasons for the Neighbourhood Plan's preferred and promoted site on Pincet Lane/A4304 land for development.</p> <p>It is for all of these reasons that we are seeking independent advice. ** = supporting documents attached</p>
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Minutes of the North Kilworth Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting, Church Rooms, Monday 18 May 2015, 3:00 pm

In attendance

Peter Lawrence NKPC
Peter Jones NKPC
John Green NKPC
Chris Knight NKPC
Katherine Clarke, Parish Clerk
Gary Kirk YourLocale

1. Welcomes and apologies

All were present.

2. Declarations of interest

There were none.

3. Action points from the meeting held on 12 February 2015

It was reported that the agreed actions from the meeting held on 12 February 2015 had been taken forward.

It was agreed that the design guide remained up to date and could be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan with the following minor amendments:

Page 14 – doors can be a wooden panelled 'appearance'
Page 21 the bullet point 'White Lion Public House' should be changed to 'White Lion Public House complex'.

It was resolved to retain the Pincett Road site in reserve in view of the uncertainty over land owner willingness to sell as a development site. This will be subject to review in 5 years. The site adjacent to the Sports Club is the preferred site for housing development and Gary agreed to meet the land owners to discuss the scale of proposed development (Subsequently arranged for 5 June). The site opposite the affordable houses is the least favoured option. (i.e. Station Road) now the preferred site !!!

4. To discuss and agree the consultation analysis from 20 March 2015

The consultation analysis was discussed and the consultation responses were considered in detail. The response to each query is recorded in the document 'North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation Queries' and the draft policies amended to take the comments into account where necessary.

Katherine Clarke is to send Gary Kirk the agreed criteria for affordable housing.

fn? 5. To confirm arrangements for finalising the green space designations; potential housing sites and locally listed buildings.

A site visit was arranged for Saturday 13 June with Andrew Towerton starting at 10:00 am. Congregate outside the White Lion pub.

6. Any other business

None

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North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan

Notes from the Public Meeting held on 13th May 2016 at 6.30pm Belgrave Village Hall, North Kilworth

Attendees: Stephen O'Hara (Parish Councillor / Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group)
John Green (Parish Councillor / Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group)
Stephen Bettles (Parish Councillor)
Stephen Sandercock (Parish Councillor)
Peter Jones (Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group)
Katherine Clarke (Parish Clerk)
Gary Kirk (Managing Director, Your Locale)
Stephen Pointer (Strategic Planning and Housing Manager, HDC)
Members of the public

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Stephen O'Hara.

Abbreviations: Harborough District Council (HDC)
Leicestershire City Council (LCC)
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)
Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

1. INTRODUCTION – Councillor Stephen O'Hara

The implementation of a NP for North Kilworth has been in process for two years. The consultation period for the draft plan generated a vast amount of feedback regarding the development sites. North Kilworth has a Parish Plan and the NP is the evolution of this document to meet current guidelines. There is no conflict of interest from the Parish Council, the Parish Council want to implement the NP to safeguard the future of the village. There has to be development in the village, the alternative to the NP is not no development. The NP should dictate how development should evolve. The NP will be valid until 2031, we need to think of the long-term. The Parish Council will try to get options from this meeting to incorporate into a ballot and ultimately feed into the revised draft.

2. YOUR LOCALE – Gary Kirk

Your Locale were appointed two and a half years ago to support the Parish Council in the implementation of a NP. It is pleasing to see so many people attend this meeting, it is a shame that a negative point has given rise to the meeting but the outcome of the meeting should have a positive impact on the final plan.

In its simplest form a NP is the transfer of power from the Local Authority to the Parish. It is an opportunity for planning policies to be shaped specifically to North Kilworth. It is not just housing policy but heritage, environment, employment and transport. The NP when finally made will sit against HDC's Local Plan. The NP has to conform to strategic policies and the existing Core Strategy. The NP cannot propose a target for housing which is less than the requirement stated by the district council. HDC will provide a minimum housing requirement that North Kilworth will have to meet. At present, HDC is reassessing and updating housing requirement numbers, it is understood that the requirement for North Kilworth could range between 17 and 31. It is a good idea to try and future proof by accepting a higher number than required in case housing need increases. North Kilworth is

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at a critical point in the development of the NP, to move forward and avoid rejection at referendum, some form of consensus needs to be achieved. The implication of no plan does not mean no development, it means no control over development.

QUESTION: Toby Lenahan (Parishioner) – Planning applications are to still be submitted to HDC, will applications have to comply with HDC planning policy and the conditions of the NP? **RESPONSE:** Gary Kirk (Your Locale) – The plan will not go through the examination process if there are conflicts with HDC planning policy. HDC will consider applications in light of the NP once approved.

QUESTION: Tony Jones (Parishioner) – If planning applications are to be considered in line with the NP, is it appropriate that an application has already been submitted for the South Kilworth Road site? **RESPONSE:** Gary Kirk (Your Locale) – As soon as the NP is submitted to HDC it carries weight. The Parish Council will have the opportunity to comment on the application and will request that a decision is deferred until the NP is completed.

QUESTION: David Sanders (Parishioner) – How safe does a 20% buffer on agreed development make us? **RESPONSE:** Gary Kirk (Your Locale) – Not completely, some parishes have built in reserve sites with specific criteria as a safeguard if housing needs change or there is a failure to build the number in the plan on the proposed site(s).

3. HARBOURGH DISTRICT COUNCIL – Steven Pointer

At present, there are 20 localities undertaking neighbourhood plans in the Harborough District. 3 localities in the district have had their NP adopted. HDC welcome the work done by North Kilworth to date to prepare their NP. The Local Plan is at the stage of rationalising options, in the previous Core Strategy most development was committed to Market Harborough, now other options are being explored for the future. Most people are supportive of a focused approach to development in the district plan settlement hierarchy. North Kilworth is classed as a Selected Rural Village in the Core Strategy. The current planning period is 2011 – 2031. As at September 2015, 32 dwellings are reported as consented or completed in North Kilworth. The rate of future growth is likely to be similar. A new assessment of housing needs is taking place and there is a probability of between 30 – 40 dwellings required. It is important to note, the number is a starting point, things can change, and other parishes have looked at the possible district requirement and increased it.

The purpose of SHLAA is to identify potential development sites. It is a fairly high level assessment to find out if the proposed site is physically capable of undertaking development. It was deemed in the 2015 SHLAA that the site to the south of Station Road was not deliverable due to access issues. The site owner appealed the decision with further information regarding the site, the information submitted to LCC was accepted as sufficient and the site deemed as deliverable. The final SHLAA has not yet been published but has been shared with the NP Steering Group. There are sites that are at this time considered undeliverable. The South Kilworth Road site is viewed as a possible 22 site capacity and the Station Road site as a possible 70-80 site capacity. It is important that these figures are viewed as a starting point for consideration.

QUESTION: Stephen O'Hara (Parish Councillor) – What is the implication of a SHLAA site submitted late in the day? **RESPONSE:** Steven Pointer (HDC) – The process is dynamic, you can't stop people making submissions. Further sites will be assessed by HDC and made available.

QUESTION: Jean Floodgate (Parishioner) – I do not understand the SHLAA criteria discussed re. the Pincet Road site which was favoured in the original consultation. **RESPONSE:** Gary Kirk (Your Locale) – The land is owned by an elderly gentleman in his nineties. The Parish Council have been advised

that the land is not available. To be included in the NP there must be evidence that the site is deliverable, it has not been presented to HDC as the owner is not willing to sell. The risk is that the examiner would want evidence that the site will be forthcoming.

QUESTION: Peter Morgan (Parishioner) – What period does the assessment of houses already built cover? **RESPONSE: Steven Pointer (HDC)** – 2011 is the baseline for the plan.

QUESTION: Ian Bartlett (Parishioner) – Could the Selected Rural Village status be lost if there is a large development? **RESPONSE: Steven Pointer (HDC)** – It could be lost if there were a loss of a facility within the village. The level of development we are looking at will not push it further up the hierarchy. We are looking at moderate growth.

QUESTION: Anna Vincent (Parishioner) – With new development will there not become a stage when the village will need additional facilities? **RESPONSE: Steven Pointer (HDC)** – Yes, but we are not discussing development at this level.

QUESTION: Fran Ritson (Parishioner) – What are the key factors in a Selected Rural Village status? **RESPONSE: Steven Pointer (HDC)** – The key factors are provision of a food shop, GP surgery, library, post office, primary school and pub. North Kilworth has 3 out of the 6 key services to support its status as a Selected Rural Village. A Selected Rural Village needs at least 2 of the key services to maintain its status.

QUESTION: Rachel Root (Parishioner) – An excellent RPS report was initiated in 2001 and was incorporated into the Village Plan in 2004. In the NP, how much consideration was given to the RPS report? **RESPONSE: Steven Pointer (HDC)** – Recent changes mean these reports are now superseded, it was commissioned a long time before the SHAA system was introduced.

QUESTION: Stephen O'Hara (Parish Councillor) – If 30 – 40 is the estimate for housing requirement, how would you factor up for the next 5-10 years? **RESPONSE: Steven Pointer (HDC)** – Infill / windfall sites can be taken into account. You would need to work with HDC and look at the history of the village, you can add an allowance but it must be based on what is likely to happen. Make it a conservative estimate, by definition they are windfall / bonus.

QUESTION: Dylan Mathieson (Parishioner) – There have been cuts to local bus services. Is public transport counted in Selected Rural Village analysis? **RESPONSE: Steven Pointer (HDC)** – The problem is that so many bus routes are subsidised, the effect of any factor change risk is too great to calculate.

QUESTION: Sue Dunford (Parishioner) – The Evergreen Field Farm site has had a number of retrospective planning applications approved, could this happen with housing developments? **RESPONSE: Steven Pointer (HDC)** – This has happened in limited amounts, one-off applications, not larger developments.

4. POSSIBLE SITES – Councillor Stephen O'Hara:

The sites currently being discussed are South Kilworth Road and Station Road. A further option is to decide on no site at all. It is not mandatory to allocate sites, planning criteria could be set but no site named. This sets a benchmark for development but doesn't designate sites, ultimately pushing the responsibility to HDC and market forces.

COMMENT: Mick Vincent (Parishioner) – Standing as representative of local group. NP states sticking with small scale developments then this suddenly changed to two fields (referring to Station Road site). Original voting status was irrelevant and made the vote pointless. Station Road is not suitable

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for an entrance to a development. If Station Road site goes ahead it will keep developing / evolving. If the village is not careful housing development will continue to grow.

COMMENT: Gill Malkin (Parishioner) – Isn't it clear that the development would have to be split across the proposed sites.

COMMENT: Paul Johnson (Francis Jackson) – LCC approved the report deeming Station Road suitable for a site entrance.

COMMENT: Gaye Duncombe (Parishioner) – Concerns regarding traffic speeds of up to 100mph reported on Station Road.

COMMENT: Chris Knight (Parishioner) – The marina development will bring traffic calming measures.

COMMENT: Ian Duncombe (Parishioner) – Tried to implement speed controls around marina but HDC has stated that it does not want to slow traffic.

COMMENT: Rosemary Gandy (Parishioner) – On the former Gandy site there are six housing association houses and a number of large, private developments. The village needs to ensure smaller housing is developed. Everything needs to be in place to ensure HDC do not get out of what they agree.

COMMENT: Gary Kirk (Your Locale) – The need for a mix of housing is recognised, the NP can influence what is provided.

COMMENT: Norman Byrd (Parishioner) – The village should embrace the opportunity for decisions rather than oppose it. This is a big opportunity to express need for a pedestrian crossing etc. The Station Road site is not a satellite site. Is there any scope for future development on the allotment site?

COMMENT: Colin Haynes (Parishioner) – The Station Road site would be a satellite site, the South Kilworth Road site would be central.

QUESTION: David Sanders (Parishioner) – We don't have to specify sites but we can influence style of housing etc. We are used to having small, bitty developments in North Kilworth, could we just use infill sites to meet the allocation? **RESPONSE: Gary Kirk (Your Locale)** – The key is if the site is deliverable. From HDC's perspective it is simpler to assess deliverability if it is one site. If you spread development across multiple sites the examiner would want to see evidence that all the sites are deliverable.

QUESTION: Ian Bartlett (Parishioner) – Need to be really clear and careful about numbers. Need to work together and not play into HDC's hands by giving them a higher number than we are required to. **RESPONSE: Gary Kirk (Your Locale)** – Until the Local Plan is finalised we will not know the final number. Everything approved up to 31st March 2015 is already accounted for in the number. Any development after this date will be deducted from the target.

COMMENT: Stephen Sandercock (Parish Councillor) – The two main sites are at opposite ends of the village, both sites could grow and grow. It seems ludicrous land is idle when development can take place. Until we get something in place the goalposts can be moved.

COMMENT: Graham Sidorowicz (Parishioner) – As the village grows facilities need to add value in line with needs. How do we negotiate with the developers?

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COMMENT: Rosemary Gandy (Parishioner) – Station Road access is ok, there is one private residence that is going to access from this point.

COMMENT: John Poole (Parishioner) – Main concern is access on the main road. A roundabout would cause more problems. A development of 80 houses would eventually need a by-pass.

5. CONCLUSION – Councillor Stephen O’Hara:

CURRENT HOUSING REQUIREMENT: 17 – 31

COULD BE REVISED TO: 30 – 40

Need buffer on top of these numbers to future proof the NP.

The proposed ballot will need to decide if development is to be proposed at:

1. South Kilworth Road site
2. Station Road site
3. Shared between the two sites
4. No site is designated in the NP

Details of the ballot and the voting options will be released as soon as possible.

Councillor O’Hara thanked Gary Kirk and Stephen Pointer for their time and thanked all present for attending and their contributions to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Our Parish Council Meeting of the 28th April 2016

Published Tues!

1. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PARISH COUNCIL CASUAL VACANCIES

Cllr Sandercock advised the meeting that since the last meeting Cllr Lawrence and Cllr Knight have both resigned from the Parish Council leaving two casual vacancies. Cllr Sandercock thanked Cllr Lawrence and Cllr Knight on behalf of the Parish Council for all their hard work over the years they have held office, they will both be sadly missed. The vacancies have been advertised and there has been no call for election, therefore, the Parish Council is able to co-opt two new councillors. At present only one expression of interest has been received, from John Green. Cllr O'Hara proposed and Cllr Bettles seconded the motion to co-opt John Green as Councillor and John accepted. The co-opting of a second councillor will be postponed until the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 18th May 2016, election of a new Chair will also take place on this date.

2. ITEMS HELD OVER FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 24th MARCH 2016

Traffic speeding concerns in North Kilworth – Cllr Bettles distributed the first set of data from the speeding device to the Parish Council. Once a batch of data has been collected the Clerk will distribute it to the relevant parties. It was also noted that the speed

camera on the High Street has now been reactivated. Clearance of footpath from Wash Pit Lane to the Golf Club – The Parish Council is still waiting for a response from LCC.

Newsletter publication dates – The newsletter have advised that the reason the current cut-off times are used is to get the Church information out in time. The Clerk will continue to liaise with the newsletter editors to try and reach a solution.

2. QUESTION TIME FOR PARISHIONERS

A Parishioner expressed concern about the high levels of reserves held by the Parish Council. The Parish Council advised that the funds are in reserve to help with the purchase of the land adjacent to the Millennium Green, possibly contribute to a pedestrian crossing and to ensure completion of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Parishioners raised the issue of the Neighbourhood Plan Open Meeting planned for the 13th May 2016. The Parish Council explained the purpose and format of the meeting.

3. PLANNING TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS

16/00436/TCA – Works to trees (fell) – 24 Elmcroft Road - RESOLVED: The Parish Council supports the application.
16/00453/FUL – Erection of a

single storey rear extension – 5 Briar Rose Close – The Parish Council supports the application.

16/00465/TCA – Works to trees (fell) – The Pines, 12 Cranmer Lane – RESOLVED: The Parish Council supports the application.

16/00623/FUL – Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two storey rear extension – 13 Elmercroft Road – RESOLVED: The Parish Council supports the application.

4. PLANNING TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS

16/000208/FUL – Erection of two dwellings with associated parking – Evergreen Field Farm, Pincet Lane - APPROVED (C) - RESOLVED: To note receipt of the decision.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS Current Account – Balance as at 08/03/16 £21,394.62. Reserve Account – Balance as at 08/03/16 £6,480

6. REPORT ON THE FLOODLIT SPORTS AREA SUB COMMITTEE

Garden Wall is waiting for a dry spell in the weather so that they can treat the moss on the tennis courts and the algae on the park. The FSA have started Sunday evening tennis sessions from 6pm to 8pm, the turnout for the first session wasn't great but they are going to re-advertise in the May newsletter and hopefully news

will spread that the sessions are going ahead.

7. UPDATE ON THE PURCHASE OF THE LAND ADJACENT TO THE MILLENNIUM GREEN

The purchase is progressing but there is no further update at this time.

8. The date of the next meeting is 18th May 2016 at 7.00pm at the Sports Club, North Kilworth. It will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. The Public and Press are cordially invited to be present.

North Kilworth Parish Council

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Neighbourhood Plan Update

You may be now be aware that the Neighbourhood Plan Ballot due to take place on Wednesday 18th May 2016 and Friday 20th May 2016 was cancelled.

At 5.30pm on the 18th May, just before the first ballot session was due to commence, the Parish Council were contacted by the Managing Agents of the Pincet Lane site opposite the White Lion. A change in circumstances has meant that the Agents would now like to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the site further. In the light of this development the decision was taken not to proceed with the proposed ballot to avoid further confusion.

Once further information is available the Parish Council will communicate this to the Village. Please accept our apologies for the last minute changes and bear with us while we investigate the developments further. We appreciate your continued support and patience regarding this matter. Thank you.

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<p>Resident</p>	<p>I wish to draw to the attention of the Examiner issues regarding the HOUSING PROPOSALS section of the Neighbourhood Plan and the misrepresentation of village resident's decisions regarding new building in the village of North Kilworth.</p> <p>At consultations and at Ballots in 2015 and 2016 the village were given three sites for possible new housing at Pincet Lane, South Kilworth Road and Station Road. On both occasions the village voted in favour of Pincet Lane being the preferred site by a considerable majority. South Kilworth was second and the land off Station Road third and last.</p> <p>This democratic vote by village residents has been totally ignored by the Parish Council and they have submitted Station Road as the site in the Development Plan presented to the Harborough District Council. This is totally against the wishes of the majority of village residents including 127 residents who signed a Petition and presented it to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Secondly, in the June 2016 vote by villagers in answer to the question, "do village residents wish to restrict new builds to sites of 20 houses", there was a significant majority who wished to do so. Again the Parish Council have ignored local democracy and suggest in the Housing Proposals that 35 to 40 houses could be built on the Station Road site. Very much against the wishes of the people of North Kilworth village.</p> <p>The decisions by the Parish Council concerning Housing Proposals fly in the face of the Localism Act encouraging local communities to take responsibility for decisions in a local democratic way. It also has divided the village and brings great sadness to many people who feel their opinions and votes have not been truly represented and left feeling powerless..</p> <p>I ask the Examiner to refer this section of an otherwise admirable document to the Parish Council asking that re-submit reflecting the democratic votes and wishes of the residents in the section concerning Housing Proposals.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read and note my comments.</p>
<p>Amec Foster Wheeler E&I UK Gables House Kenilworth Road Leamington Spa Warwickshire CV32 6JX</p>	<p>National Grid has appointed Amec Foster Wheeler to review and respond to development plan consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regards to the above Neighbourhood Plan consultation.</p> <p>About National Grid National Grid owns and operates the high voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales and operate the Scottish high voltage transmission system. National Grid also owns and operates the gas transmission system. In the UK, gas leaves the transmission system and enters the distribution networks at high pressure. It is then transported through a number of reducing pressure tiers until it is finally delivered to our customer. National Grid own four of the UK's gas distribution networks and transport gas to 11 million homes, schools and businesses through 81,000 miles of gas pipelines within North West, East of England, West Midlands and North London.</p> <p>To help ensure the continued safe operation of existing sites and equipment and to facilitate future infrastructure investment, National Grid wishes to be involved in the preparation, alteration and review of plans and strategies</p>

		<p>which may affect our assets.</p> <p>Specific Comments</p> <p>An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high pressure gas pipelines and also National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate / High Pressure apparatus.</p> <p>National Grid has identified the following high pressure gas transmission as falling within the Neighbourhood area boundary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> FM02 - Duddington to Churchover <p>From the consultation information provided, the above gas transmission pipeline does not interact with any of the proposed development sites.</p> <p>Gas Distribution – Low / Medium Pressure</p> <p>Whilst there is no implications for National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate / High Pressure apparatus, there may however be Low Pressure (LP) / Medium Pressure (MP) Gas Distribution pipes present within proposed development sites. If further information is required in relation to the Gas Distribution network please contact plantprotection@nationalgrid.com</p>
<p>Resident</p>	<p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p>	<p>I am supportive of the statements in relation to overall strategy</p> <p>I am supportive of the statements in relation to housing. It has been disappointing for villagers that Harborough have granted consent(s) for at least 1 of the SHLAA sites knowing that the Plan is submitted but not yet accepted. There was an open village meeting with the Head of Planning at which it was made clear that as a community we were open to proposals on at least 2 sites of around 22 dwellings each yet despite this formal consent ahead of finalisation of the Plan process (for Station Road) has dented community faith in the veracity of promises that the Parish Council could control development more effectively once the Plan is accepted. As a selected rural village this has created much animosity in terms of the clarity of process which has been levelled unfairly at the Parish Council. Delays in the process mainly reflected the difficulties within Harborough DC(in relation to achieving Committee agreement on how best to achieve their allocated targets) running in parallel with our village consultative process regarding sites and housing numbers. Hopefully the Inspector will take that into account when trying to evaluate comments that the process has been unduly lengthy or opaque. My understanding has been that our PC has been at the mercy of the Harborough Planning Committee prevarications.</p> <p>I am supportive of the Plan comments. These reflect a 15 year history of consultation in relation to design which were incorporated in earlier publications in 2004 and 2012, the latter being formally adopted by HDC. Regrettably, even within the Conservation area, there have been instances of these being ignored by opportunistic developers in relation to housing density, parking, design features and brick colouration. These have reflected poor enforcement on the part of the HDC Planning department and/or a reluctance to take legal steps to restrict builders when in course of construction.</p> <p>1 am supportive of this policy. Again this village has been the victim of poor enforcement, in particular in relation to the Industrial estate allowed to emerge via retrospective and other consents on what was agricultural land. In addition</p>

		housing has been permitted in the midst of that industrial type area which is perplexing. No doubt this reflects the reluctance of Harborough DC to resort to law due to the associated financial risks – but that has reduced the credibility of the Parish Council as well, powerless though the latter has been.
	7.5	I am supportive of this policy. Controlled housing growth is a positive move to support the viability of our extensive community services.
	7.6	I am supportive of this policy. As a community we have an established track record of environmental protection
	7.7	I am supportive of this policy. Off street parking requirements on new developments need to be rigorous- particularly in the conservation area.
	7.8	I am supportive of this policy .After more than a year of dialogue with the County Council Flood officer, Severn Trent and Harborough DC Planners we have written assurances that (although identified as one of a small number of villages in south Leicestershire at elevated risk) those risks are manageable. I urge the Inspector to refer to the capacity of the current foul water pumping capacity from the sewerage station near The Bogs and the impact of any storm water overflow run off to fields on the eastern boundary .The key impact of flooding in my view lies with toilet back up rather than surface water run off. In particular I urge the Inspector to note our comments in relation to the substantial forward risks of climate change and attendant unusually peak rainfall flow events which have characterised at least 3 significant flood events in the conservation area in the last decade (which are evidenced by photographs in the Plan).
	7.9	The identified SHLAA site analysis by the Parish Council seem fair. I would draw the Inspector’s observations to the impact of pedestrian traffic if site(s) north of the main road are consented ,given the failure of Leics. County Council to agree any funding support for a pedestrian crossing to DfT specifications.
	Statement of Conditions	I believe this plan meets all the requirements of basic conditions.
	NPPF Themes paras 18-22/28	I believe this plan is compliant but refer the Inspector to the unsatisfactory process of retrospective consents allowed on the Pincet Lane industrial site.
	Paras 56-68	I believe this Plan is compliant but the issue has lain with poor enforcement in the past.
Resident	7.2	I support all the comments . However, it is extremely disappointing that in the last few weeks, no regard for this plan has been given by HDC. At an open meeting at the village hall, the Head of Planning from HDC led us to believe that

	7.3/7.4	<p>it we as a village agreed in the new neighbourhood plan to approx. 40 new dwellings, that would protect us from any attempt by developers for any future large scale developments. This seemed a sensible approach – and was widely accepted by those present. To try and stop any new development was obviously not an option, but if we could control the scale of development that would be the better option. However despite the Neighbourhood Plan having been written and lodged with HDC, and I understand an assurance that decision could be deferred until the plan had been accepted, it appears that already planning applications for more than 40 dwellings have been granted in principle. It does seem to make a mockery of the whole system.</p> <p>New developments within the village during the last 18 years have included no less than 6 new cul-de-sacs, completely out of character with the existing street scene, and creating small enclaves, making integration within the village difficult. These new developments have been granted permission by HDC often with little regard to the recommendations of our previous village/parish plans., particularly with regard to style, materials and carparking space. I hope the Neighbourhood plan will have some influence over the granting of future planning applications. In addition, there has been little or no enforcement of planning conditions by HDC in the past.</p> <p>I support all the comments made in the plan.</p> <p>I fully support the plan, which has been diligently prepared</p>
Resident	<p>North Kilworth Neighbourhood plan. Proposal to build houses on Pincet lane site</p> <p>7.7 (p53) Traffic parking and transport</p> <p>7.9 (p59) Developer contributions</p>	<p>Part of the North Kilworth Neighbourhood plan is to build 24 houses on the Pincet Lane site. Whereas this is not a favourable location to many (for example this will replace our current pleasant view of fields with building sites and thereafter housing). However, I am understanding that there has to be a growth of the community and houses need to be built somewhere.. If a developer builds a new plot of houses, it is important that the village infrastructure is able to support this and the developer contributes accordingly.</p> <p>A safe crossing on the main road opposite the garage is of urgent nature now. This is an item that has been discussed several times at Parish meetings and agreed as a priority, yet there has not been any tangible progress to date. The busy main road is a hazard to a growing population on the north side of the village including several children and elderly residents seeking to access the facilities in the main village. My concern is that it is a matter of when and not if there is a serious accident here. Cars and many lorries have been identified as doubling the speed limit in areas where there are blind spots when crossing the road. A pedestrian crossing would be a simple solution and considerably improve the safety of the residents, but also control the speed and safety of road users (many villagers cycle through this area).</p> <p>The village already has several people (around 100) on the North side of the village over the road including children and elderly who have difficulty crossing the dangerous road to access the main village. Equally, the villagers from the South side of the main road require access to the North side. With the population growing by around another 100, it</p>

		<p>should be a non-negotiable stipulation for a crossing to be included as part of the development.</p> <p>Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above Neighbourhood Consultation.</p> <p>Planning Policy in the National Planning Policy Framework identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process and providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type and in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means positive planning for sport, protection from unnecessary loss of sports facilities and an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land and community facilities provision is important.</p> <p>It is important therefore that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects national policy for sport as set out in the above document with particular reference to Pars 73 and 74 to ensure proposals comply with National Planning Policy. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing fields (see link below), as set out in our national guide, 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England – Planning Policy Statement'. http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/development-management/planning-applications/playing-field-land/</p> <p>Sport England provides guidance on developing policy for sport and further information can be found following the link below: http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/</p> <p>Sport England works with Local Authorities to ensure Local Plan policy is underpinned by robust and up to date assessments and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports delivery. If local authorities have prepared a Playing Pitch Strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports strategy it will be important that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the recommendations set out in that document and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support the delivery of those recommendations. http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/</p> <p>If new sports facilities are being proposed Sport England recommend you ensure such facilities are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes. http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/</p>
Sport England Planning Administration Team		
Resident	Para 7.22 Policy NK3	<p>I do not support the North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan and in particular the statements on “reserve sites”. The community identified the Pincet Lane area as an identifiable area for housing and therefore reserve sites should not be allocated. Pincet Lane would be consistent with a need to develop along the main arterial route A4304 and help the design and character of the village.</p> <p>North Kilworth is a conservation Village and any addition to building potential at Pincet Lane through “reserve sites”</p>

		It should be noted that whilst I have highlighted areas I do not support, there can be no doubt the Parish Council, as volunteers, have clearly done a huge amount of work in compilation of the document and should be thanked for their work.
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<p>Resident</p>		<p>Unfortunately, your past record on consultation does not show the Planning department in a very good light.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Airfield Development whereby local residents voted for option A with a massive 97% in favour was completely ignored. Obviously the more houses that are built in the town, the fewer houses that need to be built in the surrounding villages. The final nail in the coffin was the recommendation in the report stating that the SDA comprises the highest possible amount of houses in order to maximise its ability to meet the majority of Market Harborough's future housing land requirement. That was a combination of options B, C and D which totally ignored option A, preferred by local residents. 2. The recommendations from the "Community and Town Partnership group" were included as an addendum to the report but no action was taken on any of the points and concerns raised by local residents. <p>What is the point in consultations if Harborough District Council as an Authority does not take the views and concerns of residents into account, in most instances concerns are ignored.</p> <p>In my experience, It is simply a " tick box" exercise.</p>
<p>Leicestershire Footpaths Association</p>	<p>NK26</p>	<p>The LFA welcomes the recognition of the importance of footpaths and bridleways for both residents and visitors to the village, and the need to protect the existing network and seek opportunities for enhancement by developer contributions (Policy NK30).</p> <p>We would like to point out that it may be possible to enhance the network by other means.:</p> <p>Landowners should be encouraged to dedicate new rights of way across their land, particularly where a route has been used formally for many years, and leads to a historic or natural feature, including viewpoints.</p> <p>Local residents should be encouraged to claim routes not currently on the Definitive Map but which they have used without express permission or challenge for a total of 20 years or more, thus protecting them for future generations.</p>

		Local residents should also be encouraged to research or bring to the attention of organisations such as ourselves or the Ramblers' Association any routes which they believe on historical evidence to exist but which have fallen into disuse, as these will be lost for ever if not claimed before 31 st December 2015, under the Deregulation Act 2015 Section 21.
Leicestershire and Rutland Sport SportPark 3 Oakwood Drive Loughborough Leics, LE11 3QF		<p>Please see below a few comments with regards to the North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan consultation.</p> <p>In the 'North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan Submission Version' on page 43, we would certainly support 'Policy NK15: Key Community Services, Facilities and Shops' with regards to any loss of sports provision being 'replaced by an equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality' With regards to this it would also be useful to see what the plans are for enhancement to existing provision or plans for new sports provision within the period up to 2031.</p> <p>The wording in the opening sentence of 'Policy NK18: Protection of Local Green Spaces' has confused me slightly. Should this be similar to the wording of Policy NK16 'The loss of....identified local green space will only be permitted....' Possibly just be my interpretation.</p> <p>Harborough Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) – it might be appropriate to reference the PPS that is currently being undertaken. The work incorporate an assessment of need for sports pitch provision throughout the Borough.</p> <p>An assessment of indoor sports facilities has also been undertaken across the Borough. There are no significant indoor sports facilities that fit within the scope of the work identified within North Kilworth.</p> <p>Lastly to mention that with any new developments we would try to encourage planning authorities to make use of Sport England's Active Design Guidance as a starting point for planning for places that allow people to be more active and healthy. https://www.sportengland.org/media/3426/spe003-active-design-published-october-2015-email-2.pdf</p>
Resident	P14	This plan has been many years in the making and has seen a lot of hard work undertaken by past and present parish councillors, members of the steering committee and villagers. It should be supported but only if the policies as outlined in the document are adhered to.
	NK2	The number of houses outlined in the policy is in accordance with the ballot held in the village
	NK3	The sites named as suitable for development together with the criteria under which they will be
Natural England		Thank you for consulting Natural England on the North Kilworth Neighbourhood Development Plan which has now been submitted to Harborough District Council for Examination.

		<p>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.</p> <p>Natural England has already commented on the North Kilworth Draft Neighbourhood Plan in response to a consultation from North Kilworth Parish Council. A copy of our response to that consultation is attached.</p> <p>Natural England does not consider that the plan will have any likely significant effects on any internationally or nationally designated nature conservation sites and welcomes the broad principles of the plan and some of the specific policy proposals. It is consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and set within the context of Harborough District Council's existing Core Strategy and emerging Local Plan. It also considers the potential impact of new development on the natural environment since it aims to protect and enhance green space and support biodiversity.</p> <p>We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.</p> <p>For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact me on 02080261940. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.</p>
<p>Northampton Borough Council</p>		<p>Thank you very much for consulting us on the above plan. We do not have any observations to make.</p> <p>I would be very grateful if you could remove us from your database with regards to the preparation of this specific neighbourhood plan as it is unlikely that we will have any comments to make in the future.</p>
<p>The Theatre Trust 22 Charing Cross Road</p>	<p>Policy NK15</p>	<p>The Theatres welcomes and supports policy NK15 relating to community services. The policy clearly reflects guidance in Para 70 of the National Planning Policy Framework, which states that valued community and cultural facilities, such as theatres, should be safeguarded and developed for the benefit of the local community.</p>

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Resident

North Kilworth Neighbourhood Development Plan

With regard to the above, I wish to expand on the comments I made on the final consultation with the North Kilworth Parish Council, see copy attached.

At each + every opportunity, I have pointed out my concerns to the gentleman from You Local, the gentleman from HBC + the gentlemen from the Steering Committee + the gentlemen of the Parish Council. I wrote on numerous post-it-pads + pointed out these comments to those overseeing these gatherings, called "drop-in-events".

In all of this, I felt the missing link was any type of 2-way open forum discussions (such as neighbouring villages have had) with fellow parishioners, the Steering Committee and the Parish Council. With such gatherings, democracy would have been seen to be working, ideas are exchanged + questions answered.

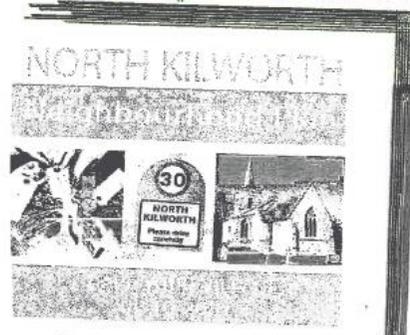
I wish to remind you of a letter sent by Stephen Pinder to Edward Garnier M.P., which confirmed that the village will decide the outcome of the Plan. Also a letter from Brandon Lewis to the M.P. confirming that Neighbourhood Plans were indeed to be "community led."

It is vital for housing locations that this plan is concluded as soon as possible. This opportunity to expand my thinking about North Kilworth with Northborough District Council is most welcome - and that these comments will be passed to the Independent External Examiner who is deciding the Plan's outcome and hopefully, with constructive suggestions, is much appreciated.

Resident

My submission to the Parish Council

23rd
January
2016
My first reaction to the long awaited plan, is that it be
in a large print and easier to see & read - apart from white
on black writing. The final consultation was on 14th Nov. 2015
today is 22nd January 2016 - being such a space in between it's
difficult to know why the delay. Differences include voting for the best
position for future houses was on the hillside/H road opposite the
garage. This was an endorsement of the first Parish Plan. Why
ignore this area? Then we were told the South Kilworth Road - this
steadily shouldn't have been considered when it was the other
side of the road. What the hell is going on? Now its Station Rd -



VAL DROP-IN EVENT

day 20th March 2015
:00 pm - 7:00 pm
grave Village Hall, North Kilworth

land is to be protected?
e is the preferred location for new housing?
does the Neighbourhood Plan have to say about
ym; community services; open space; traffic and
other issues?

**RE NEARLY THERE! THIS IS YOUR VILLAGE!
COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY!**

the village, then maybe fewer suggestions could have been
given which

with an entrance through the Nature -
Reserve & that is a concern.

I did not know the
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Lane record.

No mention of who were on the
committee & their aspirations.

Any buildings I do believe would
be able to work around much of
the site. The Spring water & aquifer -
is so vital I would have hoped
for very specific help for protection

How is it that "Stony" is a site
of ecological importance? I was
the first tree warden for the village
& the cause of a concern for those

appear to be limited. The green
falling permission too readily
if the Neighbourhood Plan is
a statement of intent for

Resident		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUBMISSIONS</u></p> <p>1. Delay</p> <p>2. Differences in voting.</p> <p>3. Nature lease</p> <p>4. Consultation.</p> <p>5. Committee</p> <p>6. Future Guidelines</p> <p>7. Dress - water</p> <p>8. Charade</p>
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DELAY Expanding on the observations given to the Parish Council consultation 22nd January 2016.

1. These are difficult times, but delay after delay and the lack of meaningful discussion and communication leads one to consider that the future of North Kilmock was not foremost - when actually, it was and is vitally important.
2. Why did an 11 acre site - and then a 22 acre site - suddenly appear for development AFTER the final consultation in March 2015, to bypass the hugely preferred site that had been voted upon? The owner of the preferred site, living in Wiltshire, it was said, did not wish to build. It was discovered that he had been dead for 12 months!
3. In answer to the "20 questions" the Parish Council said of the Elmcroft Road site, that "the plan needed to be completed." From that point in time we are a further year on and it is still not completed - so why is that? Where there's a will, there's a way!
4. Why has this village been severely disadvantaged with various land transactions in recent weeks?
5. These inexplicable delays may have cost North Kilmock a carefully considered development plan, which enhances rather than depleting the village's unique character. Delays and sudden changes have also divided people who know their voices have not been heard.

6. On 22nd January '16, I was really concerned at the delay since the final consultation. Now it's November & going towards a further year of delay - in which there should have been more opportunity for questions.

- Questions:
- 1) On computer, it showed 80 hectares to be built on a wrap around site: - from Lutheaston Rd. to Leicester Lane (Pincot Lane) Has & why did this happen?
 - 2) Why hasn't the land opposite the entrance to Elmcroft Rd. been investigated as a development site, as previously suggested?

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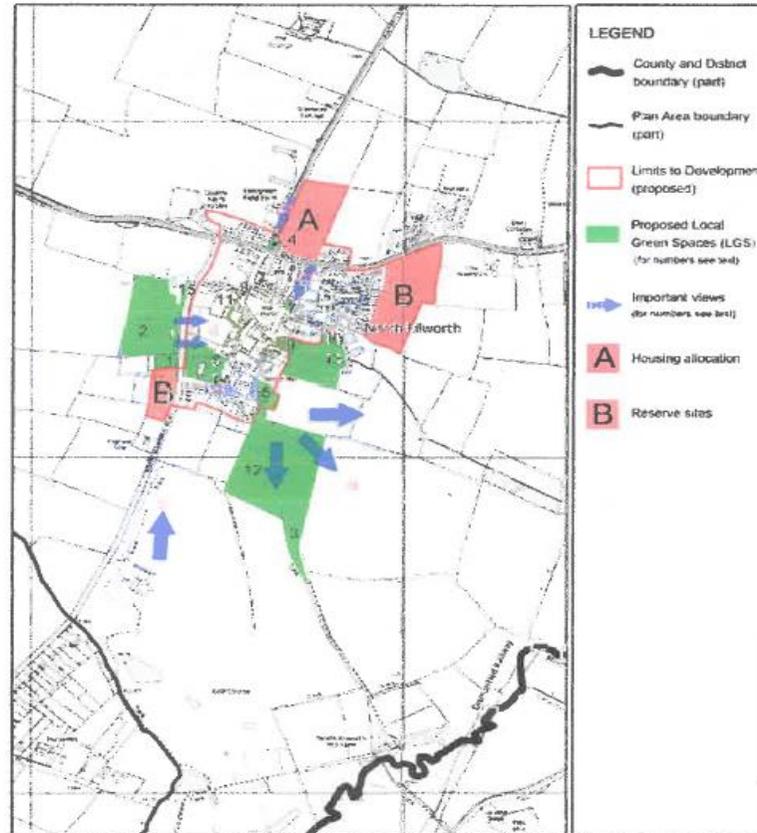
DIFFERENCES IN VOTING Expanding on the observations given to the Parish Council consultation 22/1/16.

1. With such a long delay and with no open discussions at all with pensioners, a huge area from Station Road to wrap around Elmcraft Road, appeared with an extended red line for further development. I suggest democracy taking a back seat here.
2. When the first Parish Plan was being developed, I was a Parish Councillor, and in order to be completely unbiased, the Parish Council commissioned an Independent Planning Consultant - RPS - to tell us what constituted the character of North K'worth and where best future housing might be situated. His report cost £2,300. It was the base from which the Parish Plan was constructed and made sure future decisions would have a firm basis.
3. At the first meeting to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan on 13th May 2016, I asked what the Parish Council and Steering Committee thinking was on the RPS report. "We are not looking to the past, this is about the future" was the reply. So it seemed clear that it had not been used. This could have been an expensive mistake both financially, morally and in terms of unbiased expertise. Now, with a housing of windfalls IN THE CENTRE OF THE VILLAGE is the main aim, thus dismissing the Conservation Area character in the RPS report completely.
4. The development map on page 61 of the Plan indicates plot A as 1st preference in the voting on 10th June as the Pinet Lane, Lullington Road. Plot B, the 2nd voting preference on the South K'worth Road and a duplicate B (should it have been 'c'?) on the Station Road as the 3rd preference in voting.
5. An overlay on the Page 61 map, indicates the conclusion of the RPS findings in 2002 - see attached. These areas give ample scope for housing, which can be much more constructive, unoffensive and

Resident		<p>blends together. Attached are current applications of the 1st. preference site and of the 3rd. preference shows different approaches. ABC letter 6th. August 2016</p> <p>6. This RPS red line was interestingly and subsequently endorsed at a drop-in-event, by the system of student put on a map for important views. At a later stage, those stickers were suddenly removed without explanation.</p> <p>7. My concern is that dismissing the RPS report and the extensive time taken on the Plan, has brought disunity, division and destruction of people and of the village character - and the rare wetland nature reserve. It may well have happened because decisions have been made behind closed doors. See attached minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 15th. December 2015, without the co-operation or knowledge of parishioners and because Harborough District Council does not have their 5 year plan in operation. By 2031 we most certainly have an allocated housing. ABC should not be allowed to rubber stamp applications before instantly, because we are not quite ready to sell them where, how many and when.</p> <p>8. These differences in voting and the red line alterations may have cost North Kilworth a carefully considered development plan which enhances rather than depleting the village's unique character.</p> <p>9. The extension of the building line to the other side of the A4303 would rob off the core of the village and preserve the history, heritage and character of the village. It could also allow the "extension" to have its own particular character to blend with the whole community.</p>
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North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan
Figure 4: PROPOSALS MAP



The development line could be seen with a better representation of "the core village" now there is more building up the local area.

Our Parish Council Meeting of the 15th December 2015

1. ITEMS HELD OVER FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25th NOVEMBER 2015

Traffic speeding concerns in North Kilworth – Cllr Bettles is in the process of getting the speed monitoring device up and running. The Parish Council has received the invoice from LCC for £1.5K for the preliminary design and safety audit report for a pedestrian crossing site.

Installation of solar lights on the footpath to the White Lion – The Clerk is still waiting for a response from LCC.

Clearance of footpath from Wash Pit Lane to the Golf Club – The clearance work has started.

Security at the affordable homes site – The door manufacturer is visiting the site this week, following this visit NCHA will update the Parish Council.

2. PLANNING TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

15/01754/FUL – Erection of a single storey side and front extension – Foxhaven, 2a Rose Dale – RESOLVED: The Parish Council supports the application.

15/01813/FUL – Erection of a two storey rear extension and canopy porch on side elevation – Sparrow Lodge, Pincet Lane – RESOLVED:

The Parish Council supports the application.

15/01819/TCA – Works to trees (fell) – 38 Elmcroft Road – RESOLVED: The Parish Council support the application.

15/01824/TCA – Works to trees – 28 Elmcroft Road – RESOLVED: The Parish Council supports the application.

15/01828/LBC – Installation of like for like replacement roof slates on eastern, southern and part of the western elevations; installation of internal insulation and replacement roof battens – Ivy House, Back Street – RESOLVED: The Parish Council supports the application.

3. PLANNING TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS:

15/01697/FUL – Erection of a detached two storey dwelling and detached garage – Land Rear of Western Cottages, Lutterworth Road, North Kilworth - APPROVED (C) – RESOLVED: To note receipt of the decision.

4. FINANCIAL MATTERS.
Current Account – Balance as at 08/11/15 £22,946.40.
Reserve Account – Balance as at 08/11/15 £6,479.13

5. REPORT ON THE FLOODLIT SPORTS AREA SUB COMMITTEE

The FSA Committee have purchased moss treatment for the floodlit sports area. They are now waiting for the right weather conditions to apply the treatment, this may now be in the spring.

6. TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chair postponed this item until Part 2 of the meeting – Exempt Business

7. TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF THE LAND ADJACENT TO THE MILLENNIUM GREEN

The purchase of the land has been agreed and is in the process of moving forward.

8. TO DISCUSS THE GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FOR 2016

The Clerk will advertise for invitations to tender for the contract towards the end of January 2016. The Village Green needs to be added to the list of works along with an additional tidy-up in early November for Remembrance Sunday.

9. TO SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2016-17

It was resolved to set the Pre-

cept amount for 2016-17 at £14,315.00 with a tax base of £280.00. This gives an increase in the Precept of 3.8% and an increase in Council Tax of 2%. The Clerk will submit the precept request to Harborough District Council prior to the deadline of 20th January 2016.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is 28th January 2016 at 7.45pm in the Belgrave Village Hall, North Kilworth. Members of the public are welcome.

North Kilworth Parish Council

CHAIRMAN - Councillor Peter Lawrence
VICE CHAIRMAN - Councillor Stephen Sandercock
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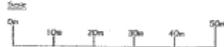
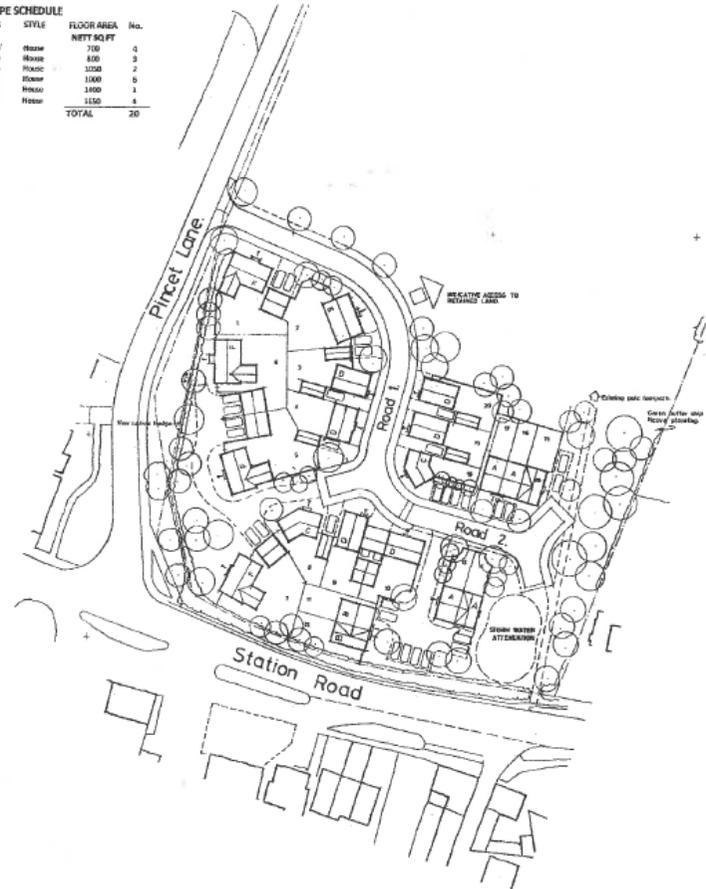
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR - Lesley Bowles

COUNTY COUNCILLOR - Graham Hart

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HOUSE TYPE SCHEDULE

TYPE	BEDS	STYLE	FLOOR AREA NETT SQFT	No.
A	2 BED	House	700	0
B	3 BED	House	800	3
C	3 BED	House	1000	2
D	3 BED	House	1000	6
E	4 BED	House	1800	1
F	4 BED	House	1550	1
TOTAL				33



Project: PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OFF PRINCET LANE / STATION ROAD, NORTH KILWORTH		
Date: 08/10/16 Scale: 1/500 @A2	Drawing No: 1254 - 16/01	
ARCTECK DESIGNS		
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Resident

The Planning Office,
Harborough District Council,
Adam + Eve Street,
Market Harborough LE16 4AG.
Dear Sus,

Planning Application,
Francis Jackson Thomas,
Station Road, North Kilworth.

This planning application is very premature, because the North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan is incomplete. The village is awaiting the opportunity to give their shared vision that the Plan seeks to offer. See attached my letter in the June issue of the North Kilworth News.

With regard to the Neighbourhood Plan, the first meeting for parishioners to come together to discuss any issues about future planning was on 13th May 2016. This was also the first opportunity to have the SHLAA system explained and how it affects North Kilworth and to ask questions. My suggestion for opportunity to bring together "a shared vision" to both the village and the Harborough District Council have, unfortunately, fallen on stony ground and therefore give the opinion that the plan needs more work, in order to claim that it is community led. The Government Minister Brandon Lewis said on 17th June 2016, that it must be community led. One would have hoped that Harborough District Council could have advised the village along these lines.

There has obviously been much discussion behind the scenes about the SHLAA situation and it was Stephen Pinder of the Planning Department who gave us the understanding on 13th May. Although voting after that meeting was swiftly arranged, there must be time given for the implications and the consideration of other sites BEFORE concrete decisions are made.

I recognise that the whole future of the village is wrapped up in the Neighbourhood Plan and that it is vital for it to move forward quickly. I wish to refer you to the August issue of the North Kilworth News and the complicated voting system on June 10th - please see attached - which gave this particular site 3rd preference for the siting of future housing.

Resident

If we are not careful, very careful, we - the people of North K'ware - and you, the District Council, are in danger of destroying the good by engendering division and animosity, because thought and consideration, and dialogue and discussion has not been given to the consequences of what is happening today. Everyone needs to stop and think. There is a way around this, if those in charge, on both sides, would allow free speech and an exchange of ideas, to come to decisions which help and enhance the objectives and to bring harmony and balance to this community. There are ways of everybody winning, if the Neighbourhood Plan can be completed in an orderly fashion before ANY planning applications for North K'ware can be put forward. I implore Harborough District Council to stop and think about the phrase "community led". I believe this to be people talking to each other, in a meaningful manner. I consider, with the voting on June 10th, this site on Station Road, being third, is not preferable to the village. I therefore request that ALL planning applications must be put in abeyance, until the completion of the plan. Although my personal vote may well have been null and void - according to the North K'ware News - the voting was overwhelmingly in favour of the Independent Planning Consultants recommendations in 2003.

The village has always accepted its part in accepting new buildings, but consideration must be given to the capacity of the sewerage system. There have been a great number of dwellings built since the present system was updated. It would be unfair of HDC to rubberstamp this application, only to find considerable difficulties with sewerage, drainage + street systems affecting an unique and precious aquifer.

I question the number of dwellings on this site, compared with the number requested by HDC and those already built or allocated. This particular site is so cramped the types of houses are unclear and it has been stated many times here, and agreed that smaller houses are the requirement of North K'ware. So one, two and three bedroomed dwellings need to be uppermost on this site. The layout appears to be bog-standard and North K'ware is far from a bog-standard village. The off-grid system is a hallmark for the road system and at least trying to incorporate it should not be difficult. It would at least help to reflect the character of a village that has grown over centuries. We have never been stuck in a quagmire, with regard to planning - as was suggested by the Chairman of the Parish Council, in the North K'ware News.

Resident

I admit there has been a difficulty, in that everything in North Kilmort has been done at arms length, instead of face to face. Maybe the voting on June 10th. proves the point that the Parish Council and the Steering Committee do not have their fingers on the pulse of villagers.

From experience in the village and in consideration of the future, there is a deficiency of communal car parking arrangements. If 20 dwellings had more than 2 cars or had visitors, where are these "extra" vehicles going? to be parked? On the main road? Parking has become a major problem in North Kilmort and has to be addressed, especially for those "bolt-on" estates.

It is the Neighbourhood Plan which is key to the future planning and housing in North Kilmort, but for it to be correct for the village is crucial. Mistakes can be rectified, but it takes time and thought and it would seem that Francis Jackson Homes no longer wish North Kilmort to have that time. Answers are readily available to the bigger picture, but if deaf ears are being employed, they will not be realised.

There has been scant opportunity for open discussions amongst parishioners, so Francis Jackson Homes take the centre stage by not only telling us "THEY RESERVE THE RIGHT TO BUILD MORE HOUSES AT A LATER STAGE" but also put in objections to others in the village, who would have hoped to build homes. Of course, offering bird boxes to help the environment is a nice idea, but in exchange for building 20 houses, when the village has voted for a minimum of 20, makes us feel as though we are but ninnyms in the war of words.

A great number of villagers don't use computers & because of that, we are voices in the wilderness, wanting and waiting to be heard. We see what is happening, and the Government, at least, expects us to be heard.

I earnestly hope that the Neighbourhood Plan is not being purposely hidden, in order that the application can sneak in through the back door. So, in consideration of the HOC letter to me on 17th December 2015 & therefore request that a copy of the submission is forwarded to the Independent Examiner of the Plan please.



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NATURE RESERVE. Expanding on the observations given to the Parish Council consultation 22nd January 2016

1. On page 48, The Boggs is described as "a rare wetland site with numerous natural springs" and yet the Plan suggests a bridlepath + footpath should be put straight through it. Making the footpath from the Killeworth Road to Walton would make more sense!
2. The consequences of opening the Boggs in any way, as a shortcut footpath or a bridlepath coming from nowhere and going to nowhere in particular is foolhardy. It would be the worst thing ever to have a footpath through the Boggs.
3. Such openings would bring contamination and will certainly disturb habitats and wildlife. Water from the Springs is considerable and one has to question if this is drinkable with young children around? Since the water table has increased, water rises from the 2 managed springs and the boggy area is expanding year on year. These springs are a natural feature of the aquifer, which is a unique property to St. Kilmartin and should be recognized as such.
4. This reserve was hard fought for + needs extra care + attention the present opening was only a grace + favour entrance which needs closing, not enhancing.
5. Adjoining the Boggs is the bottom end of the "red line" for building. This field holds much historic interest which has been uncovered in recent times. Within this area is clear ridges + furrows, indicating ancient land which may hold historic remains of significance.
6. The +DC planning meeting on 6th December removed the red line from the bottom field without notification + I was told there will not be a footpath through the Boggs. I sent written confirmation

Resident

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Conclusions. Expanding on the observations given to the Parish Council on 23rd January 2016.

1. I certainly question "effective and extensive" consultation. I would have thought that when I wrote to the Parish Council in January 2016, that they would have felt it necessary to show me otherwise.
2. I note in the appendix, that the "walkabout" mentioned was conducted solely for the Steering Committee. Each one of the whole group are incomeless. What a missed opportunity not to encompass someone with a history in the village.
3. At every opportunity, I asked when village discussions would be taking place, because, talking about ideas with fellow villagers - before firm decisions are made - can be productive. It became clear that TL's was not to happen. 13th May 2016, was the only meeting to discuss matters, but questions, other than those on building sites were suppressed.
4. In January 2016, the Plan spoke of "developing a shared vision". To promote TL's good idea, I wrote an open letter (see attached) to the North Kilworth News. The idea was not picked up.
5. Drop-in-events with post-it-pads for responses and stickers on maps did not enable me to have my voice heard.
6. Mention is made of the Annual Parish Assembly in the appendix. I attend these annually, which are held on licensed premises. The Assembly is held at the same time as the AGM of the Parish Council. The Assembly is used for every village.

Resident		<p>organisations to give their annual report. It's also includes the Reading Group and the Cycling Group, and so those attending the Assembly is often only those giving the report. In order the meeting flows, no questions after each report are allowed until everyone has finished. By that time, the allotted time for the meeting has passed. So no discussions ensue. Each time I ask a question of the Neighbourhood Plan, but replies are short & sweet.</p>
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Letters to the Editors



I attended the Neighbourhood Plan meeting on 13th May 2017 and the Annual Parish Assembly on 18th May. I was hoping for and expecting an open discussion on the problems that have descended upon this village. It soon became clear that an open discussion was not welcome because time limits on speech are the order of the day.

South of the Country and who we had previously contacted when we were looking for somewhere to build a Millennium Green. On the Friday, I asked how much thinking had been given to this report, but no answer was available – only that the gentleman did not wish to sell the land for building. Days later, it transpires that the old chap died a year ago and his descendants do want to sell. How could this have escaped the Steering Committee's notice? Instead, they and the Parish Council insisted on an instant vote on where they wanted to see new housing.

Copse and queried why the 100% grant received to rejuvenate this area was not used. As usual, there was no discussion because it was time to close the meeting at 8.15 pm. The plan seems to ignore this area too. Is it important to you? What is happening to our heritage and history? Why is the good work of the past not recognised and not used for the good of the village now and for future generations? Why have we as villagers, new and old kept our mouths shut and sat on our hands. We are at the point where this village could triple in size overnight and we are letting it happen.

Stop Press:
The Parish Council has agreed a meeting with Rachel Root and is investigating the remaining expenditure on the grant and will be proposing actions...

In 2003 the Parish Council commissioned a Planning Report, at a cost of £2,300, to guide them in the matters of Planning, Conservation, Character and Housing. It was comprehensive and extensive, looking at the future of North Kilworth and became a fantastic foundation on which to base decisions. For the expansion of the village, these experts pointed to the area on Lutterworth Road, opposite the garage and on Station Road, opposite the entrance to Elmcroft Road. Both of these areas are owned by someone called Goodman, living in the

It is written in the Plan that it wishes to give the community "DIRECT POWER TO DEVELOP A SHARED VISION". So, on the Wednesday meeting I sought to enlarge upon this. All present remained silent. We village people care about this village and love this village. I highlighted the Washpit, The Little Well, The Spinney and

So do we have a "shared vision". Will somebody, anybody allow our voices to be heard LOUD AND CLEAR?

Yours sincerely
Rachel Root

Resident

NORTH KILWORTH NEWS

June 2016

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Sizzling June?.....

Whilst writing this month's editorial there have been several changes regarding the possible development sites around the village. The latest update is on page 3, but apologies if this turns out to be out of date by the time of printing, as events are happening so fast in North Kilworth at the moment! It is good to see so many people interested in the future developments of the village, with excellent attendance at the recent development meeting, and I know that many of you also respond to requests for help, whether its volunteering to keep clubs and groups going or clearing overgrown vegetation from places like the Millennium Green. Long may it continue and it's great to see new names and faces involved.

We cannot feature photos and write up of one of the largest village events this month - The Kilworth Challenge, as the dates did not work with our printing deadlines, but we will carry full write up

successful as ever.

It has been mainly a cool month of May so let's hope for a sizzling June, especially on Saturday 11th when the Millennium BBQ will be in full swing. If you've not got your tickets yet the poster on page 12 gives all the details. After all June will give us the longest day and the summer solstice, and therefore has to be warm and sunny, doesn't it? One highlight I did hear in May was the cuckoo, over on the bridiepath to Welford. Did anyone else hear one?

Green bin collection for houses outside the village has not improved. After many phonecalls and emails our green bins are now collected on the black bin round and emptied in with all the landfill waste. So much for recycling. We will continue to pressurize HDC but this situation seems likely to continue.

Probably the most significant event in the June calendar is going to be the vote on the

go the UK will be affected by the repercussions for years to come. So don't forget to vote on Thursday 23rd, and then celebrate at Ivy House with their cheese and wine party, details on page 4.

Belinda and Sharon
Northkilworthnews@gmail.com



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COMMITTEE Expanding on the observations to the Parish Council consultation 23rd January 2016.

1. The members of the Parish Council became the Steering Committee PLUS one other previous Councillor PLUS the person they employed to oversee the Plan. It so happened that it was an all male prototype.
2. Not including anyone on the Steering Committee that had roots in the village has led to omissions, mistakes and has moved the Plan into areas which contradict each other. Consulting the RPS report would have made working on the Plan a much smoother passage.
3. A good working relationship between the Council + parishioners should have been an essential component of the plan. One has to question if this could happen without a single woman on the committee?
4. Many village people do not have or use computers + mobile phones. The group of people have found it difficult to make their voices heard, because exchanges appear to happen on computers + not face to face. Reports on the plan, given at Parish Council meetings are minimal + meaningless in the Parish Council minutes which have been reported in the North Kiltwath News. One such meeting was minuted as being told "it came" on 15th December 2016.
5. In appendices Page? 13/12 + still awaiting delivery.

"Considerable care has been taken throughout the preparation and drafting of the Plan, to ensure that the views of the whole community were embraced to avoid any unintentional negative impacts on particular groups"

Resident		<p>b. May I respectfully suggest that the following groups which might have been sidelined are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Those born & bred in North Kilworth.b) Those who are not technically advanced.c) Equal opportunities? The ladies of the Parish.d) Those from newer developments on the fringes of the village. <p>Could it be that the Committee and the Parish Council was and is lacking diversity?</p>
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Resident

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FIRMER GUIDELINES. Expanding on the observations given to the Parish Council consultation 23rd January 2016

1. I have evolved considerable expertise in the writing and developing Parish Plans, and I am totally knowledgeable about the history, heritage and environment of North Kilnall. With this background and interest I attended all five workshops organised by the CPRE and LAFI on Neighbourhood Plans in 2012.
2. The plan is not consistent from one page to another, so how can it be leading to sustainable development.
3. P8 says the historic settlement character should not be compromised, but P36 says the use of modern methods of construction will be supported.
4. P23 says parishioners are generally comfortable with this development, but P12 says the size of the village should remain similar.
5. The Conservation Area Character gives great importance of the wide verges, but P35 suggests parking on verges - rather than having a village carpark. Maintaining the character is vital. Policies on parking have not been explained.
6. P29 offers a footpath + bridleway through the Bogs is not sustainable (see attached submission) - history and heritage surrounds the Bogs in the Conservation Area. P58 says agriculture is important to maintaining the characteristic flora, fauna associated with wet places, including the rare species of butterfly. Here, contamination must be avoided at all costs.

Resident		<p>7. Far more clarity is needed on Pt7, speaking of "suitable replacements" is alarming to me. The Spinney, by the Washpit is owned by the village and is not listed as special. Likewise the Little Well is not considered. Every inch of these green areas are hugely important and are totally - totally - unique. This is the centre of the village. Expecting any part of it to be replaced is unbelievable.</p> <p>8. For policy NK25 there are contradictions with regard to new developments. The character of the Street Scene in a Conservation Area must be upheld. All public land should stay public land for future generations. Developers making money and using parking provision "elsewhere + nearby" must not be supported. The word "shall" must be replaced by <u>must</u>.</p>
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Resident

PLANNING COMMITTEE 6/12/16.

1. I live in the centre of NK and am standing back seeing the number of planning applications increasing dramatically, with one side denegrating another.
2. There are a number of side issues with regard to the very large SHLA site, ~~which~~ ^{which} ought to be considered by the committee.
and bridlepath
- a) A footpath through a rare, boggy wetland nature reserve.
- b) A childrens playground right next to the Bog.
3. Neither of these suggestions have had a great deal of thought attached to them.
4. The access point is not suitable or desirable. As the name suggests, it is a BOG - not marshland - BOGS. In the 1950's, as school children, wellingtons were lost and children rescued.
5. I quote from the November 2016 issue of NK News.
"In the case of the Bog, if the right is exercised, the individual would rapidly be submerged, literally as well as metaphorically"
6. It is absolutely true that this was written by the gentleman who suggested the route for a footpath and bridlepath.
7. A bridlepath that comes from nowhere + goes nowhere!

Resident	
	<p>8. This footpath emerges into Cranmer Lane. In NK a lane signifies it's narrowness, where 2 cars cannot pass and where there are no footpath.</p> <p>9. There are 9 houses generating traffic. There is no alternative, but to walk, using scooters + bikes in the middle of the road. The question of the safety of young, very young children has to be raised, be it in woods, Bogs or water.</p> <p>10. From Elmcroft Road to the School there are very sturdy, wide footpaths both on Station Road, and South Kilworth Road. It's a much safer route.</p> <p>11. The NK Neighbourhood Plan finished its consultation with HDC on 22nd December and will be with the Independent Examiner over Christmas. M</p> <p>12. May I suggest that this application is put on hold just those few weeks until the wisdom of the examiner is heard.</p>

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TREES v WATER

Expanding on comments made to the Parish Council on 23rd January 2016.

1. This consultation through Harborough District Council can help to build bridges and show that there are a number of issues, mistakes and criteria that can be needed by that Council, which will better enhance our Conservation Area.
2. The success of any Neighbourhood Plan depends on the co-operation of the District Council. Where this is lacking, there can be no sustainability.
3. In January, a whole row of leafy mature trees were felled, giving incorrect information for their demise. Another Lanesome tree was felled for fear it might have shed shadows on solar panels. Opportunists do this because proper investigations are not carried out by Parish or District Councils.
4. Trees give a depth of character to the Street Scene & although they should be protected by being in a Conservation Area, many disappear without permission. I submit that the present system is unsustainable. Could this be wasted please.
5. The HDC planning committee meeting 6/12/16 openly passed decision on the NKNP & the results of the villagers voting on what they wished to see housing. If Plans are said to be community led by parishioners, does the HDC have the right to over-ride it?
6. P53 refers to MAIN street, but having been the post lady, there is no such street. Might I suggest it ought to be Lutterworth Road.
7. P8. The enclosure of North Kilwall was not 1765, it was 12th. March 1766.

Resident		<p>8. It is absolutely vital that the Springs and streams underneath this village are not tampered with or disrupted, because this, in the past, has caused irreparable damage. Employing a monitor may hold the key - it will show how important this is to development. Policy HRS29, how can it be seen that any development will have "an adverse impact"? More explanation please.</p> <p>9. The Bogs area is the key with regard to the aquifer. This must be guarded with extreme care. A bridgeport through it is not sustainable. An alternative for horses could be making the footpath to Walton into a bridleway.</p>
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CHARACTER. Expanding on the observations given to the Parish Council in January 2016.

1. The Conservation area of North Kilworth encompassed all of the village, and in 1977 Hauborough District Council planned gave the Conservation character as follows:-

"The off-grid system of the streets, lent a "suspense" around each corner, with the unusual patterning to the street scene; the importance of the open aspect of the paddocks + gardens; the trees; spinneys; copse; wide grass verges and high red brick walls, blend together to give North Kilworth a unique character."

It is the Hauborough District Council attestation which richly deserves and needs protecting for future generations.

2. The attractiveness of the lanes, indicate that they are very narrow streets, without footpaths and where two vehicles cannot pass. The character of which needs special protection and attention, when considering new developments. The narrowness stretches to the village green, where parking of vehicles on the street blocks the roads completely.
3. An endorsement of the character was given in 2002, in the RPS Independent Planning Consultants report, which was specially commissioned by the Parish Council at a cost of £2,300. It was an unbiased attestation on which to base the work of the first Parish Plan, which was a view of the village to 2020.

Resident		<p>4. It would appear that the protection afforded to the Conservation area character by Harborough District Council has been significantly lifted in the Neighbourhood Plan - and this has been questioned in correspondence with Harborough District Council in 2012 and 2016. Local + national policy numbers were offered, as to why the Conservation character should not have been lifted.</p> <p>5. In Conservation terms, the street scene is that which enhances, complements and sustains the specific character. Ways must be found to keep the village within the central core of the village. However, well integrated developments surrounding the village, need to echo the character within the village, when appropriate consideration is being given to planning applications.</p>
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Resident

North Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan

May I add to my statement on the above with regard to the village character plans. I enclose a copy of the letter I sent to Stephen Pinner on 25th January 2012 together with the various policy numbers, given to me in 2012, by the planners which endorsed the 1977 statement made by Harborough District Council. This gives weight to my previous consultation.

Whilst I am offering confirmation that I consider the plan - as it stands - needs to be reassessed, I am also deeply concerned that for it to be flatly turned down, it will be equally - totally devastating to the small rural community. It would mean that 250 households could swiftly be doubled or tripled in size. May I ask for the understanding from the Examiners please.

<p>Resident</p>		<p>Your letter is sound and you could add weight to it by referring to the relevant policy documents below – copy extracts enclosed. Key ones are the retention of HS/8 and HS/9 in the current Core Strategy, in accordance with National policy as set out in the NPPF 2012</p> <p>Relevant Documents</p> <p>National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Policy 12 relevant – Conserving and enhancing the historic environment</p> <p>HDC Adopted Local Plan Policies HS/8 and HS/9 have been retained in the recently Adopted Core Strategy, and are still relevant. North Kilworth inset attached.</p> <p>HDC Core Strategy 2011 Policy CS11; and CS17 relevant.</p> <p>North Kilworth Parish Plan Reaffirmed village status and character. Fed into Core Strategy above as a selected Rural Village ie. no change of status from way back.</p>
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Resident

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Mr. S. Poiner,
Chief Planning Officer,
Harborough District Council,
Adam & Eve Street,
Market Harborough.
Dear Mr. Poiner,

There have been no open discussions on the NORTH KILWORTH PARISH PLAN, although I understand your Planning Officers have helped the Committee, set up in August 2011, to bring it up to date, prior to it being forwarded to yourselves.

Parishioners were invited to view the findings of this review & I was dismayed that much of the "Important Open Land" had been eliminated, on planning advice. The original Editor of the Plan, changed much of the wording & had, perhaps mistakenly, headed this section as Open Space. Open Space, I would consider is quite different from Important Open Land.

I was Chairman of the Council when your planners considered it necessary to complete a thorough appraisal of each Conservation Area in the District. The Character of this village was given as areas of Important Open Land, wide verges and high brick walls. Already, much of the wide public verges have been given away for private means, and now it would appear that the vista across open land is to be eliminated. Keeping the character of the street scene should be vital for Conservation Areas.

None of the Parish Councillors or Committee were resident in the village when the assessment of the Conservation Area took place and agreed at a number of discussion meetings. It may therefore be difficult for them to understand how and why planners came to their decisions.

I would be most grateful for your comments.
