HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

SWINFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DECISION STATEMENT

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following an Independent Examination, Harborough District Council now confirms that the Swinford Neighbourhood Plan will proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum on 27th September 2018.
- 1.2 This decision statement can be viewed at:

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2. Background

- 2.1 On 3rd March 2015 Swinford Parish Council, as the qualifying body, applied for Swinford Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of preparing a neighbourhood plan. The Neighbourhood Area application was publicised for a 6 week period ending on 27th April 2015 and approved by Harborough District Council (the Council) on 6th May 2015 in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012)
- 2.2 Following the submission of the Swinford Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the Plan was publicised and representations were invited. The consultation period closed on 20th December 2017.
- 2.3 The Council, with the agreement of Swinford Neighbourhood Plan Group, appointed an independent examiner, Mr Andrew Matheson, to review whether the Plan met the Basic Conditions required by legislation and should proceed to referendum.
- 2.4 The Examiner's Report concludes that, subject to making the modifications proposed by the Examiner, the Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions set out in the legislation and should proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning referendum.

3. Decision and Reasons

- 3.1 At its meeting on 16th July 2017, the Councils Executive agreed that all the Examiner's recommended modifications should be accepted and that the amended Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to a referendum (see Council resolution at Appendix 1).
- 3.2 The District Council has made the modifications, proposed by the examiner, to secure that the draft plan meets the basic conditions. Appendix 2 sets out these modifications and the action to be taken in respect of each of them.
- 3.3 The Council agrees with the Examiner's recommendation that there is no reason to extend the Neighbourhood Plan area (Swinford Parish) for the purpose of holding the referendum.
- 3.4 The Examiner has concluded that with the specified modifications the Plan meets the basic conditions and other relevant legal requirements. The Council concurs with this view the Plan complies with the provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B of the 2004 Act. Therefore to meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 a referendum which poses the question

'Do you want Harborough District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Swinford to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

will be held in the Parish of Swinford.

3.5 The date on which the referendum will take place is agreed as **27th September 2018**.

Appendix 1: Council/Executive Resolution in respect of Swinford Neighbourhood Plan 16th June 2018

SWINFORD Neighbourhood Plan Proposal Decision

RESOLVED that:

(i) the Independent Examiner's recommended changes to the Swinford Neighbourhood Plan, as set out in the schedule at Appendix A to the report, be accepted in full;

(ii) the recommendation that the amended Swinford Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to a referendum of voters within the Parish of Swinford to establish whether the Plan should form part of the Development Plan for the Harborough District be noted; and

(iii) the holding of a referendum relating to the Swinford Neighbourhood Plan on 27th September 2018 that will include all of the registered electors in Swinford Parish, be approved.

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1		General	Entire Plan	 1.1 Apply a consistent section (and perhaps paragraph) numbering system throughout the Plan document; to avoid complex numbering consider sub-dividing long sections and bringing sentences together to form same-topic paragraphs. 1.2 Bring the Contents page and its numbering into line with the final content of the Plan after the modifications recommended in this Report have been applied. 	For clarity and correction
2		Foreword		Delete the Foreword on p2 of the submitted Plan.	For clarity
3	Section 1	Background and Context	Once 'made', these plans will become part of the strategic development plan produced by district councils and therefore, carry full legal weight in the determination of planning applications. Plans must also pass an independent examination to test conformity with local, national and EU strategic planning policies before they can be put to a community referendum and legally come into force. These are known as 'Basic Conditions'.	In the part of Section 1 headed "Neighbourhood Plans" amend/correct the following: 3.1 From the second sentence of paragraph 1 delete the word "strategic" since "the development plan" is the relevant reference. 3.2 At the end of paragraph 2 it is unclear what "These are" refers to; simplify the last two sentences as: 'Plans must also pass an independent examination to assure that the 'Basic Conditions' have been met.'	For clarity and correction
				3.3 In the last sentence of paragraph 4	

Appendix 2: Schedule of Modifications Recommended in the Examiner's Report

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			This is to make sure that referendum only take place when proposals are workable and fully compliant.	'the' needs to be inserted before "referendum".	
4	Section 1	A Neighbourhoo d Plan for Swinford	In March 2015, Swinford Parish Council approached Harborough District Council (HDC) with an application for designation as a Neighbourhood Plan area. The Portfolio Holder for Planning Services approved the application on 6th May 2015. The area to be covered by the Neighbourhood Plan is delineated by the parish boundary shown on the map below.	In the part of Section 1 headed "A Neighbourhood Plan for Swinford" amend/correct the following: 4.1 Rewrite paragraph 4 as: 'In March 2015, Swinford Parish Council applied to Harborough District Council (HDC) for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area. The Portfolio Holder for Planning Services approved the application on 6th May 2015. The Neighbourhood Area which is the same as the Parish is shown on the map below.' 4.2 Amend the title of Figure 1 to 'Swinford Neighbourhood Area'.	For clarity and correction
5	Section 1	The Neighbourhoo d Plan Advisory Committee	The Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee The work of driving the Neighbourhood Plan forward was carried out by a small Advisory Committee comprising Parish Councillors Tina Briars (Chair) and Jane Robson (Secretary) along with local residents including Lawrence Osborne, Graham Mold, Martin Wright, David Steele, Anthony Hannant, Brian Clapham, Dave Havergill, John Wiggins and Clare Waters.	 In the part of Section 1 headed "The Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee" amend/correct the following: 5.1 Replace the sub-heading "The Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee" with 'The Neighbourhood Plan Process'; delete paragraph 1 under the revised sub- heading. 5.2 In Figure 2 on page 6 remove the distinction between "Completed" and "To Come" and in the box "Notifications if 	For clarity and correction

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				Necessary" correct "Notifications" to 'Modifications'.	
6	Section 2	Planning Context	The NPPF defined broad and specific guidelines for planning policy in England. The opening paragraph in the introduction to the NPPF explains the overarching principle as follows:	6.1 In the part of Section 2 headed "National Planning Policy Context" amend/correct the first sentence of paragraph 5 to read: 'The NPPF sets out planning policy in England'; move the last sentence into the next sub-section under the "Local Planning Policy Context" heading.	For clarity and correction
			The Neighbourhood Plan takes into account the existing Harborough Core Strategy and the emerging Local Plan, which is expected to be 'adopted' in October 2018.	6.2 In the part headed "Local Planning Policy Context" simplify the first sentence to read: 'Harborough District Core Strategy 2006 – 2028 provides the local strategic planning context until the emerging Local Plan is adopted which at October 2017 was forecast for December 2018; move the last sentence into the next sub-section under the "Sustainable Development" heading.	
7	Section 3	Swinford Village		In the part of Section 3 headed "A Brief History" amend/correct the run of data in the final paragraph to be accurate and as consistent and relevant as possible.	For clarity and correction
8	Section 3	Profile	There is also an ageing population in Swinford, although the increase in people aged 65+ since 2001 is only five – 79 people compared to 74 in 2001.	In the part of Section 3 headed "Profile" paragraph 6, replace ""although the increase in people aged 65+ since 2001 is only 5 – 79 people compared to 74 in 2001" with 'the number of residents aged 60-74 years more than doubled between 2001 and 2011'.	For clarity and correction

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9	Section 4	Regulation 14 Statutory Consultation (Round 2)	The spreadsheet shoes how each of the responses was considered by the NPAC and the resulting actions.	In the part of Section 4 headed "Regulation 14 Statutory Consultation (Round 2)" in the third sentence of paragraph 1 correct "shoes" to 'shows'.	For correction
10	Section 5	Objectives	This policy will be addressed through the development of a policy which addresses community facilities and amenities together with associated community actions.	In the part of Section 5 headed "Objectives" in the final sentence replace the opening of "This policy" with 'This objective'	For clarity and correction
11	Section 6	Strategy	It sits alongside these to add additional, more detailed policies, that are specific to Swinford and which help achieve the Community's vision.	In the part of Section 6 headed "Strategy", replace the title with 'General Approach' and, in the penultimate sentence, replace "Community" with 'community'.	For clarity and correction
12	S1	Limits to Development	Limits to development The purpose of Limits to Development is to ensure that sufficient sites for new homes and economic activity are available in appropriate locations that will avoid impinging into the local countryside wherever possible. Limits to Development have been drawn by Harborough District Council in the Adopted Core Strategy for Villages such as Swinford who are seen as suitable settlements for development. The Core Strategy makes it clear that such a measure is important to clarify where new development activity is best located. The Core Strategy defines the extent of a built- up part of a settlement and distinguishes between areas where, in planning terms, development is acceptable in principle, such as in the built-up area of the village, and where it would not be acceptable, generally in the least sustainable locations such as in the open countryside. Such growth would risk ribbon development and the merging of hamlets to the detriment of the community and visual amenity of the Neighbourhood Plan	Remove the content of sub-paragraphs "Limits to Development", "Methodology", "Updated Limits to Development Boundary", "Map 1" and "Policy S1"; some of this content will be reintroduced later and more appropriately in relation to revisions to Policy H3.	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Condition 1

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			 area's surroundings. The Neighbourhood Plan proposes to designate Limits to Development for the village of Swinford. This will update and supersede the existing Limits to Development currently used by Harborough District Council, as it takes into account recent housing allocations that have taken place since the Limits to Development were introduced, and incorporates the housing allocations proposed within the Neighbourhood plan. Within the defined Limits to Development an appropriate amount of suitably designed and located development will be acceptable in principle, although some sites within this area are protected from development and all development will be required to take into account the policies within this Plan. Focusing development within the agreed Limits to Development will help to support existing services within the village centre and help to protect the countryside and the remainder of the Neighbourhood Plan area from inappropriate development. Methodology The updated Limits to Development have been determined using the following criteria: Recent approvals and existing commitments by virtue of an extant planning permission for residential development on the fringes of the settlement have been incorporated; Clearly defined physical features such as walls, fences, hedgerows and roads have been followed; Scope has been provided to relax the boundary to allow for future expansion to meet the need for housing and business growth over the Plan period. Updated Limits to Development Boundary 		
			It is important to clarify where new development activity is best		

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			located and defines the extent of a built-up part of a settlement and distinguishes between areas where, in planning terms, development is acceptable in principle, such as in the built-up area of the village, and where it would not be acceptable, generally in the least sustainable locations such as in the open countryside. Such growth could be to the detriment visual amenity of the Plan area's surroundings. The Neighbourhood Plan proposes to designate Limits to Development for the village of Swinford. This will update and supersede the existing Limits to Development currently used by Harborough District Council. Focusing development within the agreed Limits to Development will help to support existing services within the village centre; will help to protect the countryside; and will protect the remainder of the Plan area from inappropriate development. The revised LTD boundary is shown on the map below: POLICY S1: LIMITS TO DEVELOPMENT Development proposals within the Plan area will be supported on sites within the Limits to Development as identified above where it complies with the policies of this Neighbourhood Plan and subject to design and amenity considerations.		
13	H1	Housing Policy		 13.1 Relocate the heading "Housing Policy" to page 28 above "Housing Needs Reports"; delete the sub-heading "Introduction" on page 24. 13.2 Move the "The Built Environment" sub-section up to and including paragraph 2 on page 26 to become a third sub-section of Section 3 "Swinford Village" but delete 	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Conditions 1 and 3

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			POLICY H1: BUILDING DESIGN PRINCIPLES All new development proposals of one or more houses, replacement dwellings and extensions are encouraged to have regard to the following building design principles to a degree that is proportionate to the development:	the first two sentences so that the sub- section immediately gets to the heart of the matter. 13.3 Also move and retitle "Map 2" as 'Figure 3' to avoid any confusion with Plan Policy content and ensure that the Conservation Area boundary is clearly delineated (on my copy the boundary is barely readable). 13.4 On page 24 paragraph 3 is now the beginning of a new Policy Section so insert a new sub-heading: 'Building Design'. 13.5 Retitle Policy H1 as: 'Policy D1: Building Design Principles'; renumber the subsequent Housing Policies accordingly. 13.6 Reword the Policy opening as: 'All development proposals should have appropriate regard to the following design principles:' 13.7 Replace the bullet points with a numerical or alphanumerical system (in like manner to the earlier recommended consistent system for the whole Plan) allowing for referencing within Committee Reports and Decision Notices (eg as 1.1 or 1(a)).	
			• New development should enhance and reinforce the local distinctiveness and character of the area in which it is situated, particularly within the Conservation Area, and proposals should clearly show how the general character, scale, mass, density,	13.8 In bullet point 1 replace "in with the aspect of" with 'within'; replace the last sentence of bullet point 1 with: 'Proposals must examine and address their impact on	

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			and layout of the site, of the building or extension fits in with the aspect of the surrounding area. Care should be taken to ensure that the development does not disrupt the visual amenities of the street scene and impact negatively on any significant wider landscape views;	the existing street scene, the wider landscape and any topographical features.'	
			• New buildings should follow a consistent design approach in the use of materials, fenestration, and the roofline to the building. Materials should be chosen to complement the design of the development and add to the quality or character of the surrounding environment and of the Conservation Area;	13.9 In bullet point 2 add 'where applicable' in place of "of" immediately before "the Conservation Area" in the second sentence.	
			• Adequate off-road parking/garaging of suitable size to accommodate family cars should be provided as a minimum of two car parking spaces for dwellings of three bedrooms or less and three spaces for dwellings of four bedrooms or more, in line with Highways Authority requirements. The garaging should be of a size to accommodate family cars and bicycles, not be prominently sited, and not be built in a block;	13.10 Since local parking requirements may vary over time it is sufficient for bullet point 3 to read as: 'Off-road parking or, for houses, garaging of a size suitable for family cars should be provided to at least meet Highway Authority requirements, sited so as to be unobtrusive and not a	
			 All new housing should reflect the character and historic context of existing developments within the Parish. However, contemporary, and innovative materials and design will be supported where positive improvement can be robustly demonstrated; Redevelopment, alteration or extension of historic farmsteads and agricultural buildings within the Parish should be sensitive to their distinctive character, materials, and form; 	dominant feature of the street scene.' 13.11 Bullet point 4 unnecessarily repeats an aspect of bullet point 1; in relation to the matter of contemporary design the following will be sufficient: 'Proposals which incorporate contemporary design and/or innovative materials can be supported where they address their relationship to the character of the village,	

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			Proposals should minimise the impact of cabling, satellite dishes, aerials, burglar alarms, noise, odour and light. Light pollution should be minimised wherever possible and security lighting should be appropriate, unobtrusive and energy efficient;	the neighbourhood and any immediately adjacent buildings.' 13.12 Bullet point 6 (which lacks its bullet point) strays inappropriately into matters of detail which are either not generally the subject of planning control (eg burglar alarms) or are not primarily design issues (eg odour). It will be sufficient to say: 'Proposals should have appropriate regard for and mitigate their potential to cause	
			• Development proposals should seek to protect and, where possible, enhance the biodiversity value of a site and provide mitigation measures where necessary;	light pollution'. 13.13 Bullet point 7 is not primarily a design issue – more a matter of site selection – and is addressed elsewhere; delete bullet point 7.	
			• Development should create safe and accessible environments by incorporating 'Secured by Design' Principles. Where possible, enclosure of plots should be of native hedging, wooden fencing, or stone/brick wall of rural design. Any enclosures that are necessarily removed through the development process should be reinstated in keeping with the original;	13.14 Bullet point 8 is two bullet points; start a new bullet point after the first sentence of bullet point 8; in the first bullet point add 'proposals' after the word "Development"; as regards the new bullet point, new accesses/configurations may not make it possible to "reinstate" enclosures and the general principle for enclosures will in any case apply; delete	
			• Development should incorporate sustainable design and construction techniques to meet high standards for energy and water efficiency, including the use of renewable and low carbon energy technology, as appropriate;	the final sentence of the new bullet point. 13.15 Bullet point 9 need not address the detail that is included in the (later renumbered and amended) Policy ENV9; it is sufficient to say: 'Development proposals are encouraged to incorporate sustainable	

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			• Development should incorporate sustainable drainage systems with maintenance regimes to minimise vulnerability to flooding and climate change; ensuring appropriate provision for the storage of waste and recyclable materials;	design and construction.' 13.16 Bullet point 10 should commence with "Where possible and appropriate development proposals should"; the unrelated detail at the end of the bullet point – "ensuring appropriate provision for the storage of waste and recyclable materials" – should be omitted.	
			• Development should be of a similar density to properties in the immediate surrounding area as far as possible;	13.17 Bullet point 11 unnecessarily repeats part of bullet point 1 and should be deleted.	
			• Development proposals aimed at achieving the Home Quality Mark or the Building for Life Accreditation are encouraged.	13.18 Bullet point 12 is appropriately worded as something "encouraged".	
14		Village Profile – population; Village Profile – Housing; Implication's of the Housing Need Report.		When numbering paragraphs as per Recommendation 1, show the headings "Village Profile – Population", "Village Profile – Housing" and "Implications of the Housing Needs Report" as sub-headings of the "Housing Needs Report" sub-section.	For clarity and correction
15		Housing Provision	These aims are consistent with statements made in the draft Local Plan for Harborough (which was published in June 2017): The draft Local Plan Proposed Submission (June 2017) established a hierarchy of settlements to determine the most appropriate locations for residential development. As Harborough District Council have a statutory duty to provide adequate housing throughout the District, they have	Under the sub-heading "Housing Provision": 15.1 Replace the references to the new Local Plan in paragraphs 3 & 4 with 'Harborough Proposed Submission Local Plan 2011 – 2031'; after the second reference change the tense of "established" to 'establishes'. 15.2 Replace the third, fourth and fifth sentences in paragraph 4 with: 'In order to	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Conditions 1 and 3

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			calculated a minimum target figure for each Parish based upon a housing distribution strategy agreed by the Executive Committee. This approach has set Swinford a housing target of a minimum of 35 residential units to be constructed to 2031. Any planning approvals since April 2017 will count towards this target.	ensure that housing requirements to 2031 are met, Harborough District Council has calculated a minimum housing requirement for each Parish derived from their housing distribution strategy. Planning Practice Guidance requires that where Neighbourhood Plans contain policies relevant to housing supply, these policies should take account of latest and up-to-date evidence of housing need. In particular, "where a qualifying body is attempting to identify and meet housing need, a local planning authority should share relevant evidence on housing need gathered to support its own plan-making" (Reference ID: 41-040-20160211). The minimum requirement to 2031 for Swinford is calculated as 35 dwellings; all planning approvals after April 2017, including windfalls outside of the allocations made in this Plan, will count toward meeting the housing requirement.'	
16	H2	Housing Provision	POLICY H2: HOUSING PROVISION The housing provision for Swinford Parish will be a minimum target of 35 new dwellings over the period to 2031, excluding existing commitments and completions and windfalls, which will be fully met by the allocation of housing sites in Policy H3.	Delete Policy H2 and renumber subsequent Policies.	For clarity and correction
17			Limits to development The purpose of Limits to Development is to ensure that sufficient sites for new homes and economic activity are	17.1 Before the sub-heading "Housing Allocations" add a sub-heading 'Review of the Limits to Development'.	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Conditions 1 and 3

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			available in appropriate locations that will avoid impinging	17.2 Under the new sub-heading 'Review	
			into the local countryside wherever possible.	of the Limits to Development' reintroduce	
				the content that was under the sub-	
			Limits to Development have been drawn by Harborough District	heading "Limits to development" on pages	
			Council in the Adopted Core Strategy for Villages such as	21 & 22, omit the sub-heading	
			Swinford who are seen as suitable settlements for	"Methodology" (but not the related	
			development. The Core Strategy makes it clear that such a	content) and omit all of the sub-section	
			measure is important to clarify where new development activity	"Updated Limits to Development	
			is best located. The Core Strategy defines the extent of a built-	Boundary".	
			up part of a settlement and distinguishes between areas where,	17.3 In the opening sentence to paragraph	
			in planning terms, development is acceptable in principle, such	2 of the reintroduced content, as "Villages"	
			as in the built-up area of the village, and where it would not be	is not a specific term it should not have a	
			acceptable, generally in the least sustainable locations such as	capital v; in the same sentence replace	
			in the open countryside. Such growth would risk ribbon	"who" with 'which'.	
			development and the merging of hamlets to the detriment of	17.4 In the final sentence of paragraph 2	
			the community and visual amenity of the Neighbourhood Plan	there is a reference to the "surroundings"	
			area's surroundings.	of the Neighbourhood Area; the Plan	
				should not relate to an area larger than the	
			The Neighbourhood Plan proposes to designate Limits to	Neighbourhood Area but in reality I think	
			Development for the village of Swinford. This will update and	that the reference is to the countryside	
			supersede the existing Limits to Development currently used by	within the Neighbourhood Area; replace	
			Harborough District Council, as it takes into account recent	"visual amenity of the Neighbourhood	
			housing allocations that have taken place since the Limits to	Plan area's surroundings" with 'the	
			Development were introduced, and incorporates the housing	countryside'.	
			allocations proposed within the Neighbourhood plan. Within the defined Limits to Development an appropriate	17.5 The tense used in paragraph 3 is	
			amount of suitably designed and located development will be	wrong; reword paragraph 3 as: 'The Neighbourhood Plan designates	
			acceptable in principle, although some sites within this area are	revised Limits to Development for the	
			protected from development and all development will be	village of Swinford. This updates and	
			required to take into account the policies within this Plan.	supersedes the Limits to Development	
			required to take into account the policies within this Plan.	superseues the limits to Development	

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			countryside. Such growth could be to the detriment visual amenity of the Plan area's surroundings. The Neighbourhood Plan proposes to designate Limits to Development for the village of Swinford. This will update and supersede the existing Limits to Development currently used by Harborough District Council.		

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			Focusing development within the agreed Limits to Development will help to support existing services within the village centre; will help to protect the countryside; and will protect the remainder of the Plan area from inappropriate development. The revised LTD boundary is shown on the map below: POLICY S1: LIMITS TO DEVELOPMENT Development proposals within the Plan area will be supported on sites within the Limits to Development as identified above where it complies with the policies of this Neighbourhood Plan and subject to design and amenity considerations.		
18		Housing Allocations	Map 3	18.1 Delete Map 3.	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Conditions 1, 2 & 3
			GCrown Copyright, All rights reserved. Harborougn District Council 100023843 2017		
			During the process five further sites were identified that was	18.2 Under "Housing Allocations"	

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			not already identified in the SHLAA report – making nine in total. The nine sites are shown below: Map 4	 paragraph 3 replace "was" with 'were'. 18.3 For Map 4: Enlarge and retitle it as 'Figure 4: Sites the Subject of the Sustainability Analysis'; Remove the Conservation Area boundary; Only outline the 9 sites that were the subject of the Sustainability Analysis; Reference all the sites as 'Site' not "Area". 	
			One of the four sites identified in the SHLAA report (The Berries – A/SW/HSG/01) has received planning consent, and is included in existing commitments.	 18.4 In the paragraph immediately below the Map amend the reference of "The Berries" to 'Area 1 Lilbourne Lane'. 18.5 In the second paragraph after Map 4 amend the Appendix references as per the recommendation later in this Report. 18.6 Amend the title of column 1 in site score and allocated sites tables to simply say 'Site'. 	

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			Area (Site)	Location	Approximate number of dwellings	Score	Rank		18.7 Amend the title of column 3 on the	
			1	Lilbourne Lane	9	-4	N/A		site scores table (page 34) as 'Comparative	
			2	Village Paddock	4 or 5 36-40	-5	8		number of dwellings'; correct the column 2	
			3	Rugby Road Lutterworth Road	21-23	0	4= 3		site location names to match those in the	
			5a	South of Simons Close	10 or 11	-3	6=		Site Sustainability Analysis.	
			5b	Rugby Road	30-34	-3	6=		18.8 Amend the title of column 3 on the	
			6	Rugby Road Shawell Road	18-20 4 or 5	4	1 2			
			8	Kilworth Road	20-22	0	4=		sites allocation table (page 35) as	
					ł				'Minimum estimated capacity'.	
									18.9 In the bullet point list on page 34 remove the reference to "Map 12" in bullet point 3.	
				vs and outlooks nioners (see Mar	which are particu o 12);	ularly v	valued b		18.10 In the paragraph immediately below the bullet point list on page 34, replace the second sentence with: 'However, the dwelling numbers used within the analysis for purely comparative purposes may not	
			which enviro per al	parishioners be onment, and the located site is sh	ve housing numb lieve is out of ke refore a preferre nown below whic th the local envir	eping d estir h mair	with the nate of ntains a	ocal wellings	provide a fair reflection of the capacity of each site after constraints and preferred dwelling sizes have been accommodated and therefore an indicative minimum number of dwellings has been used within the Policy.'	
19	H3	Housing/Land			/ LAND ALLOCAT				19.1 Renumber and retitle Policy H3 as	For clarity and
		Allocations	Land i	is allocated for h	ousing developm	nent af	the loc	tions	'Policy H1: Land for Housing'; renumber	correction and to meet
			show	n below. Develo	pment will be su	oporte	d subje	to the	subsequent Policies. Number the Policy	Basic Conditions 1, 2 & 3
				/ing criteria:		•	,		sub-parts consistently with an overall	
									number system (the approach below is an	
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			Sileb	 Rugby Road 					example).	

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	-	Policy Title	 Submission Draft Policy Text The development should provide for around 15 dwellings on greenfield land to maintain a similar density to adjacent existing dwellings; 6 units should be affordable and made available to local people in line with policy H6; Service roads should be adopted; There should be safe pedestrian access into the village. Site 4 - Lutterworth Road (A/SW/HSG/04) The development should provide for around 17 dwellings on greenfield land to maintain a similar density to adjacent existing dwellings; 7 units should be affordable and made available to local people in line with Policy H6; Service roads should be adopted; There should be safe pedestrian access into the village. Site 7 - Shawell Road The development should provide for around 3 dwellings on greenfield land to maintain a similar density to adjacent existing dwellings; Service roads should be adopted; There should be safe pedestrian access into the village. 	19.2 Reword the new Policy H1 as follows: 'H1.1 The revised Limits to Development, as shown on Policy Map 1, shape and accommodate the future development of Swinford. Housing development within the Limits to Development will be supported provided that each proposal addresses the following criteria: i. it does not, cumulatively with other proposals, significantly exceed the target for the delivery of new homes in Swinford set from time to time by the Local Planning Authority; and ii. it reflects the size of the current settlement, its road infrastructure and its level of service provision; and iii. it is physically and visually connected to and respects the form and character of the existing settlement; and iv. safe and convenient access is provided for vehicles, cycles and pedestrians; and v. off-road parking is provided at a scale to meet all the requirements of the development and carefully sited to avoid undue prominence; and vi. existing natural boundaries such as	Reason
				trees, hedges and streams are retained wherever possible; and vii. the mix of dwellings proposed is informed by and justified against up to	

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				date evidence of housing need; and	
				viii. affordable housing is provided in	
				accordance with Policy H3 and	
				proportionately to the up to date evidence	
				of housing need and, where provided, is	
				fully integrated within the development.	
				H1.2 Land at Rugby Road, 0.76ha as shown	
				on Policy Map 2.1, is allocated for a	
				minimum 15 dwellings; development	
				proposals should address the following:	
				i. As a site on the periphery of the village,	
				dwelling density should be low when	
				compared to the compact village centre	
				but accommodating of the Policy H2	
				preference for smaller dwellings.	
				ii. Appropriate regard must be	
				demonstrated for Policy D1.	
				iii. The site layout must accommodate the	
				public bridleway running along the eastern	
				edge of the site and the valued view along	
				it to the open countryside to the south.	
				iv. Existing mature trees should be retained	
				wherever possible.	
				v. The western edge of the site should be	
				suitably planted to soften the transition	
				from open countryside into the village	
				H1.3 Land at Lutterworth Road, 0.95ha as	
				shown on Policy Map 2.2, is allocated for a	
				minimum of 17 dwellings; development	
				proposals should address the following:	

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				i. As a site on the periphery of the village,	
				dwelling density should be low when	
				compared to the compact village centre	
				but accommodating of the Policy H2	
				preference for smaller dwellings.	
				ii. Appropriate regard must be	
				demonstrated for Policy D1 and, in	
				accordance with Policy BE1, for Lodge	
				Cottage to the north of the site.	
				iii. The trees and hedges along the	
				boundary should be retained wherever	
				possible.	
				iv. A survey and mitigation plan are needed	
				for the known badger sett within the site.	
				H1.4 Land at Shawell Road, 0.11ha as	
				shown on Policy Map 2.3, is allocated for a	
				minimum of 3 dwellings; development	
				proposals should address the following:	
				i. As a site on the periphery of the village,	
				dwelling density should be low when	
				compared to the compact village centre	
				but accommodating of the Policy H2	
				preference for smaller dwellings.	
				ii. Appropriate regard must be	
				demonstrated for Policy D1.	
				iii. The site layout must accommodate the	
				public footpath running south-east to	
				north-west across the site.	
				iv. The existing hedge to the road side of	
				the site should be retained as far as	

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				possible and the western edge of the site should be suitably planted to soften the transition from open countryside into the village H1.5 In addition to these specific sites, small scale infill development within the Limits to Development will be supported subject to: I. proposals being of an appropriate scale for the village, normally between 1 to 3 dwellings, so as to integrate well within the existing settlement; and II. garden areas not being reduced to the extent that it unduly affects the character of the immediate area, or the amenity of neighbours and the occupiers of the new dwelling(s).' 19.3 Move the map of the Limits to Development to be close to Policy H1 and retitle it as 'Policy Map 1: Revised Swinford Limits to Development. 19.4 Provide new Policy Maps 2.1 – 2.3 with titles that match the site names used in Policy H1 and at a scale that ensures that the boundary of each site is clear and unambiguous.	
20	H5	Housing Mix	Housing developments must therefore provide a mix of one and two bedroomed units or bungalows to meet this need and preference within the local community.	20.1 Amend the last sentence immediately prior to Policy H5 (page 37) to read: 'Development proposals for housing should therefore address the evidence of needs	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Conditions 1, 2 & 3

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				and preferences within Swinford and provide a mix of 1, 2 & 3 bedroom dwellings and bungalows.'	
			POLICY H5: HOUSING MIX New housing development proposals should provide a mixture of housing types specifically to meet identified local needs in Swinford. Sites should deliver more than 50% of the units as 3 bed or fewer (which can include bungalows for older people which should be built to the recognised mobility/wheelchair standard).	20.2 Renumber Policy H5 as 'Policy H2: Housing Mix' and rewrite the second sentence of the Policy as follows: 'Unless the latest evidence indicates otherwise, development proposals should concentrate on providing 1 & 2 bedroom dwellings, including where feasible bungalows for older people (built to the appropriate mobility standard), mixed with some 3 bed dwellings.'	
21	H6	Affordable Housing	There are now only 9 properties available for rent from a local authority or housing association. This would suggest a need for smaller more affordable houses for those entering the housing market.	21.1 Rewrite the second paragraph (page 38) under the sub-heading "Affordable housing" as follows: 'National 'Right to Buy' policies since the 1980s have affected the provision of affordable housing to rent in the village and in 2017 there were only 9 properties available to rent from a social landlord. There are therefore severely limited opportunities for new households and those on low incomes to establish in Swinford.'	For clarity and correction
			POLICY H6: AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMES FOR LOCALPEOPLE40% of all new housing development on sites for more than ten dwellings, or on sites of more than 1,000 square metres, should	21.2 Renumber Policy H6 as 'Policy H3: Affordable Housing' and in the second paragraph of the Policy add 'new' between "possible" and "affordable".	

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			comprise affordable housing. The affordable homes should be provided as an integral part of the development and be of a similar style to the other housing on the site. The affordable housing should be distributed throughout the development.		
			Where possible, affordable housing within the Plan area shall be made available to eligible households with a connection to the Swinford Parish.		
22		Developer Contributions	Developer Contributions New development can bring significant benefits to the local community, including new homes and jobs	Amend the content headed "Developer Contributions" to Community Action item 1; amend the numbering of subsequent Community Action items accordingly.	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Condition 1
23		Entire Plan		In the section titled "Environment Policy" – and throughout the Plan – where the Swinford Parish is being referred to, use a capital P for Parish.	For clarity and correction

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24	Env1	Local Green Spaces	Hap 5 Local Green Spaces (LGS)	24.1 Amend Map 5 (page 42) to show the four only sites for designation at a larger scale, each referenced in line with the Policy wording as LGS1 – LGS4 (as also shown in Appendix 8 – as presently numbered, see later recommendation); amend the title to 'Policy Map 3: Local Green Spaces'.	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Condition 1

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			All 255 inventory sites were scored against the nine criteria for Local Green Space eligibility in the National Planning Policy Framework 2012. Seven sites score 65% or more of the maximum possible, and are proposed for designation as Local Green Spaces (list below, map above). Their statutory protection will ensure that these most important places in Swinford's unique natural and human landscape are protected.	24.2 Under the sub-heading "Local Green Space", paragraph 4, add a sentence between the second and third sentences as follows: 'The seven were reduced to 4 by combining two together at 'The Glebe' and removing two – The Cemetery and The Avenue on the Stanford Estate – since these are already adequately protected by other designations.'	
			 POLICY ENV1: LOCAL GREEN SPACES Development proposals that would result in the loss of, or have an adverse effect on, an identified Local Green Space (listed below and displayed in Map 5) will not be supported, other than in very special circumstances. Stanford Estate Avenue and Homefield (076 and 085) (Listed by Historic England and Natural England as a site of significance, see Environmental Inventory (Appendix 7)) Parish Cemetery and Extension (244 and 245) (Already OSSR site) Stanford Road Paddock (243) Mourant Orchard (242) Village Green (249) (Proposed as potential LGS by HDC in emerging Local Plan) 	24.3 Rewrite Policy ENV1 as follows: 'The following areas shown on Policy Map 3 and detailed and delineated by maps in Appendix 8, are designated as Local Green Spaces: LGS1: The Glebe including play area A small meadow or paddock, now incorporating a play area and historically part of the medieval village layout, which makes a valued contribution to the character of the Conservation Area. LGS2: The Mourant Orchard An open area that has been an orchard since at least 1886 and makes a valued contribution to the character of the Conservation Area. LGS3: The Paddock, Stanford Road An old paddock, currently ungrazed and partly overgrown, that makes a valued contribution to the character of the	

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			Further information on the Local Green Spaces in Policy ENV1 can be found in the Local Green Spaces Detail (Appendix 8).	 Conservation Area; the hedge on the western boundary conceals an historic ornamental gateway originally the access to the avenue leading to Stanford Hall. LGS4: The Village Green A wide roadside sward in the centre of the village that is regularly used for community activities; alongside the Glebe it makes a valued contribution to the character of the Conservation Area. ' 24.4 Delete the text paragraph immediately below the Policy ENV1 box since the content is now within the Policy. 24.5 At Appendix 8 (as presently numbered, see later recommendation) add an Appendix title, reduce the opening paragraph and the content to reference four only sites and amend the site numbering accordingly; add a map for each site that clearly and unambiguously defines the boundary. 	
25			Map 6	25.1 Renumber Map 6 (page 42) both in the Map title and the Community Action box to 'Figure 5'.	For clarity and correction

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			<text></text>	25.2 Delete Map 7 and its related text below.	
			The 'dots map' (see above) was compiled by parishioners as a pictorial representation at the consultation event in April 2016 to show sites that are valued, have local significance and have views and aspects of the village that parishioners wish to see retained. The blue dots indicate sites that are valued, the turquoise dots indicate views and aspects that parishioners say are important to them.		

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	No. Policy litie IV2 Protection of other sites of environmenta (natural and historical)	Map 8 Far B States of Environmental Significance	26.1 Retitle Map 8 as 'Policy Map 4 – Sites of Environmental Significance' and	

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			POLICY ENV2: PROTECTION OF OTHER SITES OF ENVIRONMENTAL (NATURAL AND HISTORICAL) SIGNIFICANCE Fifteen sites in the Plan Area (see Map 8) have been identified as being of local significance for wildlife and/or history. They are important in their own right and are locally valued. Development proposals that affect them will be expected to protect or enhance the identified features.	26.2 Reword Policy ENV2 as: 'Development proposals at or adjacent to the following locations (identified on Policy Map 4) must consider, assess and address their impact on the locally significant natural and historical features, with mitigation including improved and replacement planting and habitats where appropriate: ENV2.1: Knight's Fields (Field 048) - Well- preserved ridge and furrow. Lime and birch trees in or near old hawthorn hedge to east. Natural England priority habitat: good quality semi-improved grassland. ENV2.2: Homefield (Field 082) – Permanent pasture. Natural England priority habitat: good quality semi-improved grassland. ENV2.3: Swinford Covert (Field 092) - Mature deciduous woodland with rookery. 19th century covert. Natural England priority habitat: deciduous woodland. ENV2.4: Seed Field/5 Acre/8 Acre/6 Acre/ 6 Acre (Field 101) - Permanent pasture with seeded NW corner. Historically five fields now amalgamated into one large parcel. River bank to south, with alder, willow, rushes and arrowhead. Natural England priority habitat: good quality semi- improved grassland. ENV2.5: The Pines/Near the Pines/The	

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				grass field, regularly grazed pasture. Evidence of ridge and furrow. On west boundary is species-rich and biodiverse hedge 3-4 metres tall and 2-3 metre thick of mature mixed deciduous species. ENV2.9: Swinford Lodge garden/copse (Field 254) - 19th or early 20th century ornamental planting, possibly on site of old orchard (1886 map). Natural England priority habitat: deciduous woodland. ENV2.10: Brickyard Pond (Field 255) - 18th- 19th century brick yard; 19th century woodland (before 1886 OS map) with ponds now filling the old claypits. Possibly spring-fed from local sand and gravel aquifer. Historic and cultural site for clay extraction and brick-making for the village and surrounding area. Woodland and water ecology site, with 4+ Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) species of birds, invertebrates, etc. Natural England priority habitat: deciduous woodland.' 26.3 Delete Fields 089, 131, 133, 151 and 193 from the retitled Policy Map 4.	
27	ENV3 and ENV4	Important woodland, trees and hedges;	POLICY ENV3: IMPORTANT WOODLAND, TREES AND HEDGES Development proposals that will affect trees, woodland and hedges of environmental (biodiversity, historical, arboricultural) significance, or of landscape or amenity value, will not be	27.1 Delete Policies ENV3 & ENV4; renumber subsequent ENV Policies.	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Condition 1

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		biodiversity	supported. Proposals for new build housing should be designed to retain such trees and hedges where possible. Where destruction cannot be avoided developers will be required to plant replacement trees (on a three-for-one basis) or hedges either on the site or elsewhere in the parish.		
			POLICY ENV4: BIODIVERSITY Development proposals will be expected to safeguard significant local habitats and species, and, where possible, to create new habitats for wildlife.		
				27.2 Edit the text for sub-sections d) & e) to relate solely to the Community Actions 2 & 3:	
			This policy ensures that the landscape and ecological value of the remaining woodland and trees in the parish is recognised in the planning process, including provisions for conservation, new planting and replacement in new development.	 delete paragraph 3 of sub-section d) (page 49); 	
			 The Policy and Community Actions below provide for three proactive measures: having up to date information about parish wildlife; requiring developers to take biodiversity into account in their proposals; mobilising the community to create new; and manage existing habitats to enhance biodiversity. 	• in sub-section e) paragraph 3 replace the opening "The Policy" with 'Policy ENV2' and below this delete the second bullet point.	
28	ENV5	Ridge and Furrow Fields	POLICY ENV5: RIDGE AND FURROW FIELDS	28.1 Renumber Policy ENV5 as ENV3. 28.2 Within the text of Policy ENV3 remove	For clarity and correction

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no		Policy Title	Submission Draft Policy Text The areas of ridge and furrow earthworks mapped below in Map 9 are nondesignated heritage assets, and any harm arising from a development proposal, or a change of land use requiring planning approval, will need to be balanced against their significance as heritage assets.	the (potentially confusing) commas.	Reason

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			<figure></figure>	 28.3 In both the Policy ENV3 and the title of the accompanying map amend "Map 9" to 'Policy Map 5'. 28.4 On Policy Map 5 (as retitled) provide a key for the 'Well preserved ridge and furrow fields' and add a note: 'Field numbers relate to the Environmental Inventory produced for the purposes of the Neighbourhood Plan'; remove shading from Fields 050, 061, 066, 072, 077, 097, 099, 123, 132, 202, 204 & 217; improve the scale of the map as far as possible. 	

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29		Built environment		Correct the font size of the sub-heading "Built Environment" (page 54).	For clarity and correction
30		Statutorily Listed Buildings	Statutorily Listed Buildings Seventeen structures in the village are Statutorily Listed Buildings. They are statutorily protected, but their settings should be considered when determining the locations and designs of permitted new development.	 30.1 Replace the sub-heading "Statutory Listed Buildings" with 'Listed Buildings' (page 54). 30.2 In the text immediately below the sub-heading, in the second sentence replace "but" with 'and'. 	For clarity and correction
			Map 10 Listed Buildings	30.3 Retitle "Map 10" as 'Figure 6' since it does not define new Policy.	
			Soviet Ground Pere	30.4 Immediately prior to the list of listed buildings correct the reference to the Map as (now renamed) 'Figure 6' and add 'full details are available on the Historic England website: <u>https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the- list/</u>	
31	ENV6	Locally Listed Buildings		31.1 Replace the sub-heading "Locally Listed Buildings" with 'Local Heritage – Streetscape'.	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Condition 1

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			Map 11 Non-Designated Heiritage Assets Parish Online Swinford CP Swinford CP Swinford CP <td>31.2 In the second paragraph and on Map 11 itself replace "Map 11" with 'Policy Map 6'.</td> <td></td>	31.2 In the second paragraph and on Map 11 itself replace "Map 11" with 'Policy Map 6'.	
			The owners/residents of the following houses within the groups and other individual houses have consented to have them included in the list of Non-Designated Heritage Assets below: Development proposals will be expected to safeguard the settings of Statutorily and Locally Listed Buildings in the Plan Area, in line with national policy.	 31.3 In the third paragraph replace "the list of Non-Designated Heritage Assets" with 'streetscape assets'. 31.4 Replace the fourth paragraph (under the map on page 57) as follows: 'Development proposals should both respect and take inspiration from the buildings and grouping of buildings that characterise and add interest to the streetscape throughout Swinford.' 	

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			POLICY ENV6: LOCALLY LISTED BUILDINGS The buildings listed above are non-designated heritage assets. They are locally important for their contribution to the layout and characteristic mix of architectural styles in the village. Development proposals that affect an identified non- designated building or structure of local historical or architectural interest or its setting will be expected to conserve or enhance the character, integrity and setting of that building or structure.	31.5 Renumber and reword Policy ENV6 as follows: 'Policy BE1: Heritage Streetscape Policy Map 6 identifies the buildings and groupings of buildings that make a significant contribution to the layout and streetscape of Swinford with their characteristic mix of architectural styles. Development proposals should respect and take inspiration from these streetscapes to ensure that new buildings are integrated with care within their heritage setting.'	
32	ENV7	Protection of Important Views	Para 2 This is a particularly sensitive issue for Swinford residents following the 2012 installation of Swinford Corner windfarm 1500m to the north and the 2016 expansion of Junction 19 (M1/M6/A14) within 600m of the village to the west, both of which are now obtrusive insertions into the views in those directions.	32.1 Under the heading g) Views, paragraph 2 replace "are now obtrusive insertions into" with 'affected'.	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Condition 1

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			Hap 12 Important Views - Village Views	 32.2 Renumber "Map 12" as 'Policy Map 7'. 32.3 Alter the vector for View 1 so that the westerly arrow points along Shawell Road and for View 3 narrow the vector so that it more realistically represents the view along the bridleway from Rugby Road. 32.4 Extend the map to the south so that View 2 is shown with clarity. 	
			Map 12 shows village street views and also incorporates views over the countryside. Details of the numbers displayed on Map 12 are listed in Policy ENV7 below. POLICY ENV7: PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT VIEWS The numbered views below should be protected and developments should seek to preserve them: 1. From Shawell Road south and west down Avon valley into	32.5 In the text below the map (page 58) and in the Policy itself renumber "Policy ENV7" as 'Policy BE2' and reword the opening sentence of the Policy as: 'Development proposals must consider, assess and address, with mitigation where appropriate, their impact on the important views listed below and illustrated on Policy	

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			 Warwickshire; Stanford Road corner bridleway gate southeast towards Avon Valley; From Rugby Road bridleway entrance east and south towards Northamptonshire; From corner of Chapel Street and North Street, west along North Street and south down Chapel Street; West and east along North Street; South and north along High Street; Southwest along Rugby Road from the corner of Rugby Road/Chapel Street; From the play area, south over the Glebe land; From Rugby Road/High Street junction south down Stanford Road and west along Rugby Road; From Rugby Road/Chapel Street street junction northeast over churchyard and southeast over 'village green'; From Kilworth Road over ridge and furrow field to Stanford Park woodland, Hemplow Hills, and Northamptonshire Hills. 	Map 7 which help to define the rural setting and character of Swinford:'	
33	ENV8	Footpaths and Bridleways	POLICY ENV8: FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS Development proposals that result in the loss of, or have a significant adverse effect on, the existing network of footpaths will not be supported.	 33.1 Renumber "Policy ENV8" both in the text and the Policy as 'Policy ENV4'; move the content to immediately after the "Ridge and Furrow" subsection. 33.2 Retitle and reword the renumbered Policy ENV4 as follows: 'Policy ENV4: Footpaths, Bridleways and the National Cycle Route Swinford Parish is well served with footpaths, bridleways and a national cycle route for recreation. Development proposals should respect and, where 	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Condition 1

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			Map 13 Footpaths and Bridleways	possible, improve the local network and access to it.'	
				33.3 Delete Map 13.	
34			h) Sustainable Development	34.1 Under the sub-heading "h)	For clarity and
			In line with Harborough District Council's Local Plan the community of Swinford intends to play its part in the	Sustainable Development" paragraph 1, first sentence replace "Local Plan" with	correction and to meet Basic Condition 1
			sustainable development of the District. The intention is	'policies'; in the second sentence (page 61)	
			not to prevent all development, but to remind potential developers that the community, through the Parish Council and	delete the words "not to prevent all development" and replace "the Planning	

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			 the Planning system, will scrutinise all development proposals for their sustainability. Policy ENV 9, below, deals with the related issues of sustainable drainage. Neither does the community intend to resist all proposals for energy generation equipment and facilities; instead, it lists the criteria by which the community and its elected representatives will judge all planning proposals, including those for wind and solar energy generation. Future technologies for renewable, sustainable energy generation will be evaluated objectively by the community, using the same criteria. 	system" with the words 'the District Council through the planning system'; delete the third sentence and paragraphs 2 & 3 and the sub-heading "i) Sustainable Drainage and Flood Risk".	
			Finally, acceptance of the need to add new houses and other appropriate development to secure the future sustainability of the community is tempered by a wish to ensure that such new development is designed and built to enhance the built landscape of the village, and to make its contribution to maintaining or increasing the biodiversity of the parish.		
			 i) Sustainable Drainage and Flood Risk Para 3 The National Planning Policy Framework (2012) does not prohibit development in areas of high flood risk (e.g. Environment Agency Flood Risk Zone 3); NPPF paragraphs 100 – 103 are advisory on Local Planning Authorities. Flooding from surface water was excluded from the Government National Flood Resilience Review (September 2016). This Policy therefore represents a local determination to strengthen the conditions in respect of flooding and hydrology to be applied to all substantial (one or more houses / 100m2 	34.2 Under the current sub-heading "i) Sustainable Drainage and Flood Risk" delete paragraph 3 (page 63) since the text acknowledges that Swinford village, where the housing sites are allocated, is not at risk of flooding from rivers.	

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			area of site) development in the parish.		
			POLICY ENV9: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT Development proposals, within the Limits to Development, that are compliant with the aims of a low carbon economy, and contribute to mitigating and adapting to climate change, including sustainable design, energy generation, drainage and construction techniques and practices, will be expected and viewed positively.	 34.3 Combine Policies ENV9 and ENV10 and renumber the resulting Policy as BE3. 34.4 Reword the combined Policy BE3 as follows: 'Policy BE3: Sustainable Development Development proposals should consider, assess and address their potential to: 	
			 POLICY ENV10: RIVERS AND FLOODING Development proposals will be required to demonstrate that a sequential approach in respect of flood risk has been considered when determining the proposal's location: The location takes geology, flood risk and natural drainage into account, including undertaking a hydrogeological study whose findings must be complied with in respect of design, groundworks and construction; The design includes as appropriate, sustainable drainage systems (SuDs), surface water management measures and permeable surfaces; There will be no resulting increase in the risk of flooding 	 i. use sustainable materials and construction methods; and ii. incorporate good practice sustainable design features such as low consumption, mitigation of the effects of climate change, on-site energy generation, and on-site SuDs drainage and surface water management; and iii. facilitate access by sustainable modes of transport; and iv. add innovations which have a positive impact upon climate change adaptation; 	
			downstream or to third parties.	and v. incorporate beneficial features for biodiversity; and vi. address and reduce flood risks.'	
35	CF2	Community Facilities and Amenities Policy	Para 3 However, in recent years Swinford has suffered the loss of some amenities such as a local shop and public transport. These have not been replaced, although there is the use of the	 35.1 Under the heading "Community Facilities and Amenities Policy" in paragraph 3 delete the last sentence. 35.2 Combine Community Actions "Assets 	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Condition 1

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			community bus which is operated and run by a local charity. This has increased the need for car ownership but has opened up a wider range of shopping alternatives than what was available locally.	of Community Value" and "Community Facilities" to form a new 'Community Action 6: Community Facilities'.	
			 POLICY CF2: NEW OR IMPROVED COMMUNITY FACILITIES Proposals that improve the quality and / or range of community facilities, particularly those for young people, will be supported provided that the development: meets the design criteria stated in policy H1; will not result in severe traffic movements or other impairments to residential properties; will not generate a need for parking that cannot be catered for within the development and does not aggravate current parking issues; is of a scale appropriate to the needs of the locality and conveniently accessible for residents of the village wishing to walk or cycle; has a positive impact on the community infrastructure. 	35.3 Reword Policy CF2 'Proposals that ensure the retention, improve the quality, and/or extend the range of community facilities, particularly those for young people, will be supported provided that: i. the facility and scale are appropriate to the needs of the Parish; and ii. residential amenities are respected; and iii. the location is conveniently accessible for residents arriving on foot or bike; and iv. where applicable, current parking issues are not exacerbated.'	
36	Τ1	Traffic Management	POLICY T1: TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT The provision of traffic management solutions to address the impacts of traffic arising from development in the Parish will be strongly supported. This includes either directly provided solutions or the use of developer contributions to provide the cost of improvements. The priorities for residents include: • extending the 30mph zone near any new development; • countdown chevrons; • traffic management solutions to restrict / discourage speeding	36.1 Review the Policy cross references within the text (page 71) to ensure that these are updated to the numbering used in the final version of the Plan. 36.2 Change "Policy T1" to 'Community Action 7: Traffic Management'.	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Condition 1

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			 along Kilworth Road, Rugby Road and Stanford Road; traffic management solutions to reduce the use of Swinford as a route for HGV's; reviewing / widening pavements near to the school; introducing a passing bay along Chapel Street; cycle provision. 		
37	E1	Support for existing employment opportunities	 Policy E1: SUPPORT FOR EXISTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES There will be a strong presumption against the loss of commercial and retail premises or land (A and B-class) which provides employment or future potential employment opportunities. Applications for a change of use to an activity that does not provide employment opportunities will only be supported if it can be demonstrated that: the commercial premises or land in question has not been in active use for at least 12 months; and the commercial premises or land in question has no potential for either reoccupation or redevelopment for employment generating uses and as demonstrated through the results both of a full valuation report and a marketing campaign lasting for a continuous period of at least six months. 	 37.1 From the first sentence of Policy E1 delete "strong" – a presumption is not gradable – and delete "commercial and retail" and "(A and B-class)" and amend "provides" to 'provide' – the Policy is addressing existing employment opportunities. 37.2 In sentence two, put "the premises or land in question" at the end of the sentence before the colon; delete "the commercial premises or land in question" from each of the subsequent bullet points. 37.3 In the second bullet point replace "and as demonstrated through the results both of" with 'with evidence from'. 	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Condition 1
38	E2	Support for new employment opportunities Within the village of swinford	Para 4 The draft Local Plan supports the rural economy by allowing for the expansion of existing enterprises or the creation of small- scale new businesses to contribute to a vibrant and diverse local economy and improve the overall amenity value of living in the Parish. Policy E2: SUPPORT FOR NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF SWINFORD	 38.1 Under the heading "Support for New Employment Opportunities" paragraph 4 (page 75) add '(Policy GD3)' after "the rural economy". 38.2 Reformulate and reword Policy E2 as follows: 	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Conditions 1 & 3

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			New employment-generating opportunities will be supported where it: a) falls within the boundary of planned limits of development for Swinford unless it relates to small scale leisure or tourism activities, or other forms of commercial/employment related development appropriate to a countryside location or there are proven exceptional circumstances; and b) reuses land or buildings wherever possible; and c) is of a size and scale not adversely affecting the character, infrastructure and environment of the village itself and the Plan area, including the countryside; and d) does not involve the loss of dwellings; and e) Does not increase noise levels to an extent that they would unacceptably disturb occupants of nearby residential property; and f) Does not generate unacceptable levels of traffic movement; and g) Contributes to the character and vitality of the local area; and h) Is well integrated into and complement existing businesses. The following types of employment development will be supported: a) the small-scale expansion of existing employment premises across the parish; b) small-scale new build development within the Limits to Development.	'Policy E2: Support for New Employment Opportunities Development proposals that provide additional employment opportunities and are of a type and on a scale which are compatible with the character and infrastructure of the village or countryside location concerned will be supported subject to: i. in Swinford, the location is within the defined Limits to Development; ii. in the countryside outside Swinford, developments will be limited to uses appropriate to a rural area, including uses which would help to sustain and diversify the rural economy, which may include small-scale recreation and tourism enterprises; iii. the reuse of suitably constructed buildings or previously developed land wherever possible; and iv. no loss of existing dwellings; and v. appropriate regard for the residential amenity of neighbouring dwellings where applicable; and vi. traffic generation and parking requirements being assessed and addressed.'	
39	E3	Re-use of agricultural	Policy E3: RE-USE OF AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS	Reword the opening of Policy E3 as follows: 'Policy E3: Re-use of Rural Buildings	For clarity and correction and to meet

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		and commercial Buildings	The re-use, conversion, and adaptation of rural buildings for small businesses, recreation, or tourism purposes will be supported where: • the use proposed is appropriate to the rural location; • the conversion / adaptation works respect the local character of the surrounding area; • the development will not result in any unacceptable harm in respect of any archaeological, architectural, historic, or environmental features; • the local road system is capable of accommodating the traffic generated by the proposed new use and adequate parking can be accommodated within the site; • there is no unacceptable harm to neighbours through noise, light pollution, increased traffic levels or increased flood risk.	The re-use, conversion and adaptation of appropriately located and suitably constructed existing rural buildings (particularly those adjacent to or closely related to villages) will be supported subject to: i. the proposed use being appropriate to a rural location which may include enterprises that contribute to the retention and viability of rural services or land based businesses, or aid farm diversification, or are tourism and/or recreation related where a countryside location or setting is required, or otherwise benefit rural businesses and communities; and ii. the scale and appearance respecting the character of the countryside, the local landscape and the surrounding environment; and iii. potential harm to any archaeological, architectural, historic or environmental features of special interest being assessed and addressed; and iv. traffic generation and parking requirements being assessed and addressed; and v. potential harms to neighbours, such as noise, light pollution, increased traffic levels and increased flood risk, being	Basic Conditions 1 & 3

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				assessed and addressed.'	
40	E4	Broadband Infrastructure	Policy E4: BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE Proposals to provide access to a super-fast broadband service of at least 30mbps and improve the mobile telecommunication network that will serve businesses and other properties within the Parish will be supported. This may require above ground network installations, which must be sympathetically located and designed to integrate into the landscape and not be located in or near to open landscapes.	Partly reword Policy E4 as follows: 'Proposals to provide access to super-fast broadband and improve the local mobile communications network will be supported subject to: i. above-ground installations, where applicable, being appropriately designed, minimising size and scale and camouflaging appearance wherever possible; and ii. the significance, appearance, character and setting of heritage assets being conserved; and iii. provision being made to ensure that equipment that has become obsolete or that is no longer in use is removed as soon as practicable and the site restored to its former condition.'	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Conditions 1 & 3
41	E5	Working From Home	 Policy E5: WORKING FROM HOME Proposals for the use of part of a dwelling for office and/or light industrial uses, and for small scale free standing buildings within its curtilage, extensions to the dwelling or conversion of outbuildings for those uses, will be supported where: no significant and adverse impact arises to nearby residents or other sensitive land uses from noise, fumes, odour or other nuisance associated with the work activity; and any extension or free standing building shall be designed having regard to policies in this Plan and should not detract from the quality and character of the building to which they are subservient by reason of height, scale, massing, location or the 	Partly reword Policy E5 as follows: 'Development proposals to use part of a dwelling and/or its curtilage for working from home, where subject to a planning consent, will be supported subject to: i. the relevant content of Policies D1 and E2 being addressed; and ii. potential harms arising from the proposed activity such as noise, fumes, odour or other nuisance being assessed and addressed; and iii. any extension or free-standing building	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Conditions 1 & 3

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			facing materials used in their construction.	(where not permitted development) being designed to complement and not detract from the character of the building to which it is subservient with particular attention to height, scale, massing, location and materials.'	
42	Section 7	Monitoring and Review	The Parish Council proposes to formally review the Neighbourhood Plan on a five year cycle commencing in 2022 or to coincide with the review of the Harborough Local Plan if this cycle is different.	Under the heading "Monitoring and Review" amend the last paragraph to read: 'The Parish Council will formally review the Neighbourhood Plan no later than 2022 and then on a 5 year cycle which may be brought into line with the review cycle of the emerging Harborough Local Plan when that commences.'	For clarity and correction and to meet Basic Condition 1
43		Index		43.1 Comprehensively review the content of the Index in the light of the Plan amendments made as a result of recommendations in this Report.	For clarity and correction

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					43.2 Show the 'Neighbourhood Plan	
			Appendix 1	Basic Conditions Statement	Appendix List' as follows and include the	
			Appendix 2	Consultation Statement	content of each of these documents – since	
			Appendix 3	Housing Needs Report - YourLocale		
			Appendix 4	Housing Needs Report - Midlands Rural Housing	the content of the Plan draws directly from	
			Appendix 5	Site Sustainability Analysis	these – at the back of the Plan document	
			Appendix 6	Sustainable Development Criteria for the Selection and	with their Appendix number indicated:	
				Allocation of Sites for New Dwellings	Appendix 1: Site Sustainability Analysis	
			Appendix 7	Environmental Inventory		
			Appendix 8	Local Green Spaces Details	Appendix 2: Sustainable Development	
			Appendix 9	Flood Risk Maps	Criteria	
			-		Appendix 3: Environmental Inventory	
				Supporting Documents Appendix List	Appendix 4: Local Green Spaces in detail.	
			Appendix A	Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report	Appendix 4. Local Green Spaces in detail.	
			Appendix B	Confirmation of Swinford Neighbourhood Plan Designation		
				Area		
			Appendix C	Questionnaire		
			Appendix D	Questionnaire Comments		
			Appendix E	Questionnaire Analysis		
			Appendix F	Questionnaire Graphics		
			Appendix G	Open Event 1 Presentation Slides (April 2016)		
			Appendix H	Open Event 1 Analysis (April 2016)		
			Appendix I	Open Event 2 Analysis (January 2017)		
			Appendix J	List of Statutory Stakeholders		
			Appendix K	Regulation 14 Consultation Round 1 Analysis		
			Appendix L	Open Event 3 Notice (June 2017)		
			Appendix M	Open Event 3 Presentation Slides (June 2017)		
			Appendix N	Regulation 14 Consultation Round 2 Stakeholder Letter		
			Appendix O	Regulation 14 Consultation Round 2 Leaflet		
			Appendix P	Regulation 14 Consultation Round 2 Analysis		
			Appendix Q	Correspondence from Landowner and NPAC Response		
			Appendix R	Correspondence from Planning Consultant and NPAC		
				Response		
					43.3 Move the balance of the content of	
					the "Neighbourhood Plan Appendix List" to	
					the "Supporting Documents Appendix List",	

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				add hyperlinks to the locations of the content and move the whole to the end of the Index.	
				43.4 Amend the indexes of the Figures (now increased), the Maps – renamed Policy Maps – and the Policies to accord with the revised content of the Plan after the recommendations in this Report have been addressed.	