

# Tur Langton Neighbourhood Plan

## **Consultation Statement**

### Introduction

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

- Contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- Explains how they were consulted;
- Summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
- Describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

This document provides a record of the engagement that took place at the various stages of the plan's evolution. The main methods used to publicise the consultation and engagement process are documented, along with the main findings from the engagement.

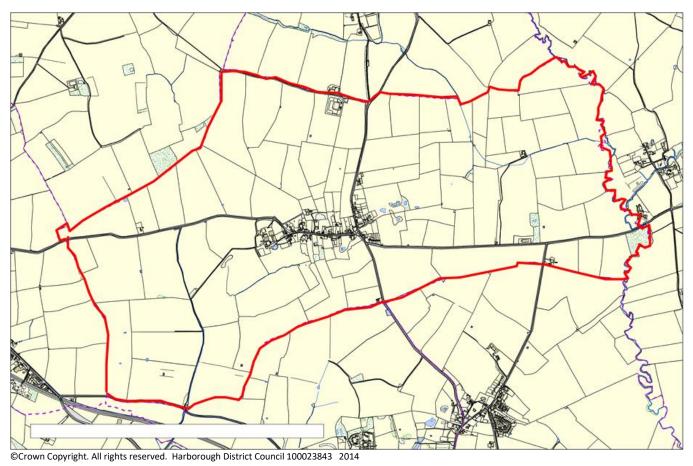


Figure 1 – Tur Langton Neighbourhood Plan Area designated on 6 May 2015

### **Regulations and government guidance:**

#### Stage 1: Deciding to make a Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council of Tur Langton formally took the decision to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan on 3/11/14. The first meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee took place on 30/4/15

#### Stage 2: Defining the neighbourhood

The Parish Council applied to the local planning authority, Harborough District Council, in March 2015 to designate the neighbourhood area as identified above.

A formal engagement period provided members of the public and other key stakeholders an

opportunity to submit comment on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area and proposed Neighbourhood Planning Body for Tur Langton.

Harborough District Council checked that the application was appropriate and undertook the relevant notification process. The designation was made on 6 May 2015.

#### Stage 3: Preparing the plan

Tur Langton Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee is a committee of the Tur Langton Parish Council. The Committee has worked to produce a draft plan, ensuring that it is:

- Generally in line with local and national planning policy framework;
- In line with other legal frameworks;
- Mindful of the need to contribute to sustainable development;
- Prepared on the basis of sound governance arrangements.

The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to establish specific and local planning policies for the development and use of land in the Parish. The neighbourhood plan establishes a vision for the future taking into account the data gathered through community engagement and consultation alongside demographic and socio-economic data.

The Advisory Committee met on 30/4/2015, 20/8/2015, 11/11/2015, and 23/6/2015

The progress of the Neighbourhood Plan was also a regular item on the agenda of Parish Council meetings, and progress was reported at the following meetings:

13/1/2015, 26/3/2015, 12/5/2015, 2/6/2015, 14/7/2015, 15/9/2015, 10/11/2015, 12/1/2016, 15/3/2016, 10/5/2016, 5/7/2016, 6/9/2016, 22/11/2016, 13/12/2016, 10/1/2017, 7/3/2017, 9/5/2017, 13/6/2017, 11/7/2017, 12/9/2017, 24/10/2017, 7/11/2017 and 9/1/2018

Minutes of all Parish Council and Advisory Committee meetings can be found on the Tur Langton Parish Council website.

Detailed work on preparing the neighbourhood plan commenced in January 2016 with the establishment of time-limited groups to look at issues such as housing, environment, community facilities and employment. Local people were engaged in order to pull together and prioritise ideas emerging from the first consultation and start to work up their plans. Up to twenty people were involved in the theme groups, undertaking valuable research and assessment.

### Communications

Below are listed the main ways that information about the Neighbourhood Plan has communicated with local people and stakeholders.

- 1. Village noticeboards displaying invitations to attend the various consultation events
- **2. Leaflets/ flyers** were distributed to every household in advance of the two main consultation events.
- **3. Questionnaire** Households also received a hard copy of a questionnaire which was also available on-line. A youth questionnaire was developed for young people living in Tur Langton.
- 4. Newsletters Spring 2015, Autumn 2015, Spring 2016, Summer 2016, Winter 2016, Spring 2017 and Summer 2017
- 5. Parish Council website: Articles and open event arrangements publicised.

#### 6. Stakeholder letters/email:

- A letter was sent to all stakeholders at the start of the process and through Regulation 14 consultation.
- A letter was sent to all local landowners to offer an opportunity to discuss their intentions.

### Consultations

Several consultations have taken place, each building on the evidence of the last.

- An initial community consultation event took place in July 2015 (Appendix 1);
- A comprehensive Community Questionnaire was delivered to every household in February/March 2016 (Appendix 2);
- A Youth Questionnaire was delivered to households in April 2016 (Appendix 3)
- A community consultation event focusing on the plan policies took place in February 2017 (Appendix 4);
- Regulation 14 consultation ended in August 2017 (Appendix 5).

### **Consultation methodology**

The consultations aimed:

- To inform as many people as possible of the existence of the neighbourhood planning process
- To seek the views of people from the community on the proposals being developed by Tur Langton Parish Council.

### **Contacting Stakeholders**

The first task was to contact statutory and local stakeholders and announce the commencement of the Neighbourhood Plan process. The following stakeholders were contacted at the outset and through Pre-Submission consultation:

#### **Tur Langton Stakeholder list**

## The Neighbourhood Plan Regulations identify the following consultation bodies for the purpose of Regulation 14 and Regulation 16 consultation:

Consultation body	Date sent	Response		
b) A local planning authority, county council or parish council any part of whose area is in or				
adjoins the area of the local planning authority:				
County Council - Nik Green, Communities and Places Officer,				
Leicestershire County Council, <u>Nik.Green@leics.gov.uk</u>				
District Council - Matthew Bills, Harborough DC				
M.Bills@harborough.gov.uk				
c) The coal authority				
Deb Roberts, Planning Liaison Officer, The Coal Authority, 200 Lichfield				
Lane, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG18 4RG				
thecoalauthority@coal.gov.uk				
d) The Homes and Communities Agency				
Homes and Communities Agency, 5 St Philip's Place, Colmore Row				
Birmingham , B3 2PW				
e) Natural England				
Miss C Jackson, Consultation Service, Natural England, Hornbeam				
House, Electra Way, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 6GJ				

anguiries@naturalengland.org.uk	
enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk f) The Environment Agency	
Geoff Platts. Specialist Sustainable Places, Environment Agency, Lower	
Trent Area, Trentside Offices, Scarrington Road, West Bridgeford,	
Nottingham, NG2 5FA Direct dial 0203 0253242 Direct e-mail	
geoff.platts@environment-agency.gov	
g) Historic England/English Heritage	
Historic England. eastmidlands@HistoricEngland.org.uk	
2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, Windsor House, Cliftonville, Northampton, NN1 5BE	
Ann Plackett, English Heritage, East Midlands Region, 44 Derngate	
Northampton, NN1 1UH	
h) Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	d
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, Kings Place, 90 York Way	
London, N1 9AG	
i) The Highways Agency	
Ms Aoife O'Tool, Highways Agency, Level 9, The Cube	
199 Wharfside Street, Birmingham B1 1RN	
k) Any person i. to whom the electronic communications code app	olies ii. who owns or controls
electronic communications apparatus in the area	
British Telecommunications Plc, Customer Wideband Planning Group	
Post Point BSTE 0301, Bath Street, Nottingham NG1 1BZ	
li) Primary Care Trust	
East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG, Suite 2 and 3, Bridge Business Park	
674 Melton Road, Thurmaston, Leicester, LE4 8BL lii)Licence holder under the Electricity Act	1989
FAO Mr D Holdstock, National Grid, AMEC Environment &	
Infrastructure UK Limited, Gables House, Kenilworth Road, Leamington	
Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 6JX	
liii)Licence holder under the Gas Act 19	186
British Gas Properties, Aviary Court, Wade Road, Basingstoke	
Hampshire, RG24 8GZ	
liv) Sewage Undertaker/lv) Water undert	taker
Mr Peter Davies, Severn Trent Water Ltd, Hucknall Road	
Nottingham, NG5 1FH	
Stuart Patience, Planning Liaison Officer, Anglian Water Ltd, Planning &	
Equivalence Team, Thorpe Wood House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough,	
PE3 6WT spatience@anglianwater.co.uk	
m) Voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all o	r part of the neighbourhood
area	
Voluntary Action Leicestershire admin@vasl.org.uk	
Roy Holland. Age UK Leicestershire and Rutland	
roy.holland@ageukleics.org.uk	
CPRE info@cpreleicestershire.org.uk	w notional groups in the
n) Bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic o neighbourhood area	or national groups in the
Leicestershire Ethnic Minority Partnership <u>Prakash@lemp-leics.org.uk</u>	
Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups info@gypsytravellerfederation.org	
o) Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups i	in the neighbourhood area
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District Councillor: <u>c.holyoak@harborough.gov.uk</u>		
I.beesley-reynolds@harborough.gov.uk		
p.king@harborough.gov.uk		

### Conclusion

Comments from HDC Planning Officers in relation to late versions of the draft Neighbourhood Plan have helped to shape the pre-submission version.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan is now ready to be submitted for Regulation 16 consultation to Harborough District Council, who will publicise it for a further six weeks and then forward it, with accompanying documents and all representations made during the publicity period, to an Independent Examiner who will review it and check that it meets the 'Basic Conditions'. If the Plan successfully passes this stage, with any modifications, it will be put forward for referendum.

The referendum question will be a straight "yes" or "no" on the entire Plan, as set out by Neighbourhood Planning Regulations. People will not be able to vote for or against individual policies. If 50% or more of those voting vote for the Plan, it will be brought into force ('Made') and become part of District-wide planning policy.

This Consultation Statement and the supporting Appendices are provided to comply with Section 15(2) of part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

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