

# East Langton Neighbourhood Plan

## Consultation Statement

### Introduction

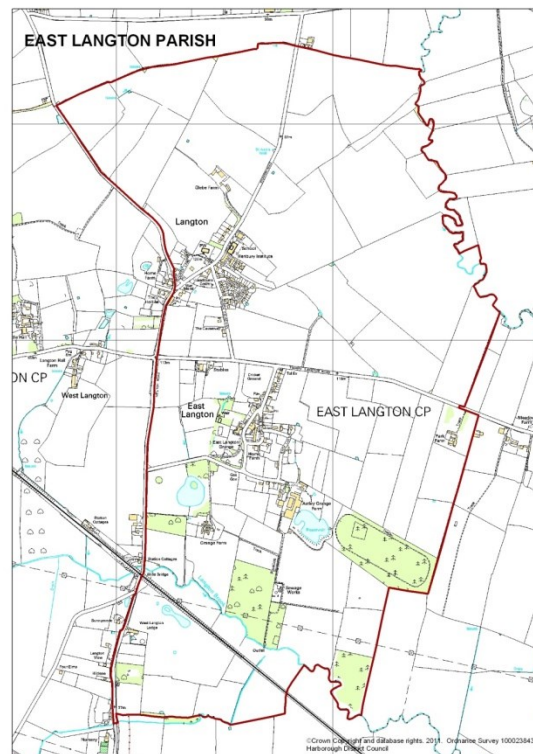
This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the Regulations sets out what a Consultation Statement should contain. According to the Regulations, a Consultation Statement::

- a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- b) explains how they were consulted;
- c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
- d) 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 – Neighbourhood Area. Designated on 9 October 2013**



## **Regulations and government guidance:**

### **Stage 1: deciding to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan**

The Parish Council (PC) took the decision to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan at its meeting on 15 July 2013

### **Stage 2: defining the neighbourhood**

The Parish Council applied to the local planning authority on 9 August 2013 to designate the neighbourhood 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 East Langton. The proposed neighbourhood planning body was East Langton Parish Council and the proposed neighbourhood planning area is shown in Fig 1 above.

Harborough District Council checked that the application was appropriate, and undertook the appropriate notification process. The designation was made on 9 October 2013 (see confirmation note on the Harborough DC website, Appendix i).

### **Stage 3: preparing the plan**

East Langton Neighbourhood Plan was driven forward by the Parish Council, working to produce a draft plan, ensuring that it:

- Has regard for national planning policy (primarily through the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance);
- Is in general conformity with strategic policies in the development plan for the local area (i.e. such as in a core strategy);
- Is compatible with EU obligations and human rights requirements.
- The East Langton 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.

## Communications

- Below are listed the main ways that information about the Neighbourhood Plan has been communicated to local people and stakeholders.
- Village Noticeboard: Minutes from Parish Council meetings; agendas for meetings; notification of consultation events and community questionnaire; display of pre-submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Newsletter articles in the Langtons Community Newsletter which is delivered on a quarterly basis to every home in the Parish: insert dates
- Parish Council website: Neighbourhood Plan, minutes, the questionnaire and all consultation results were posted on the PC website once available. The Regulation 14 consultation was posted on the website;
- Stakeholder letters/email: A letter was sent to all stakeholders in November 2014, and again either by email or letter for the Regulation 14 consultation August-September 2016;
- Fliers/questionnaire: fliers advertising the drop in consultations were posted through every door in the parish and every household received a questionnaire;
- Posters: Posters were produced advertising the consultation events which were displayed at the Community Hall in Church Langton and the Cricket Club in East Langton;
- Facebook: a Facebook page was built up in order to promote consultation opportunities, including Regulation 14;
- Door to door: we reminded people in the village about the consultations by knocking on doors in each village as appropriate.

## Consultations

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

- Contacting stakeholders, November 2014 (List, Appendix ii, letter Appendix iii);
- Community consultation events took place in the Community Hall in Church Langton and the Bell Inn in East Langton on 4 and 5 December 2014 (Leaflet Appendix iv; analysis Appendix v);
- A questionnaire was delivered to every household in March 2016; (leaflet Appendix vi, questionnaire Appendix vii, analysis Appendix vii);
- A consultation exercise took place at the Primary School in Church Langton involving school children that live locally (Appendix ix);
- Community consultation events focusing on the plan policies took place on 14 & 16 June 2016 at the Community Centre in Church Langton and the Cricket Club Pavilion in East Langton. (Leaflet Appendix x, analysis Appendix xi);
- Regulation 14 consultation took place from 28 July 2016 for a period of 7 weeks until Wednesday 15 September 2016. The statutory consultation period was extended by an extra week in view of it taking place over the summer holiday period. Leaflets were circulated to every household in the Parish and copies of

the plan were available on Parish noticeboards and at the Community Centre in Church Langton and the Cricket Club Pavilion in East Langton (Appendix xii).

- A public meeting took place on 10 November 2016, attended by 49 residents, to consider changes necessary to the Neighbourhood Plan following the proposed increase in housing numbers for the Parish from 17 to around 38. Unanimous support for the proposal to remove the limits to development from the NP and to avoid reference to specific housing numbers in favour of a statement agreeing to meet the number yet to be determined by HDC. (Meeting notes Appendix xiii)

## **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 the Parish Council at the various stages of the process.

### **Activities:**

As well as meetings of the Parish Council, the following activities were undertaken:

- The intention to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and an invitation to contribute toward the process was widely publicised in the Langtons Community Newsletter;
- Notices were placed on the Parish noticeboard asking people to get involved and informing them of progress;
- The Langtons Community Newsletter was used to keep the community up-to-date on progress with the NP and offered the chance for people to comment and get involved;
- The Neighbourhood Plan was included as a regular agenda item at Parish Council meetings. Minutes of meetings are publicly available on the Parish website. All Parish Council meeting agendas and minutes were posted on the PC Website and the community invited to attend meetings;
- A good working relationship was established with the District Council including regular dialogue and meetings;
- Two staffed open Events about the Neighbourhood Plan were held in December 2014. At this event people were asked to give their thoughts and ideas on priority issues for the Plan. The event was extensively publicised.
- School consultation took place with Primary School children;
- A community questionnaire was undertaken in spring 2014;
- Two further staffed Open Events took place on 14 and 16 June 2016 at which the community was presented with the draft policies. The plans and policies were available to view in large format on presentation boards. Again the event was extensively publicised;

- Agencies with a statutory or other significant interest in the Plan were invited to submit their comments in writing by email and letter as part of the pre-submission consultation.

### **Statutory and other stakeholders**

The first task was to contact local stakeholders and announce the commencement of the Neighbourhood Plan process. The following stakeholders were contacted at the outset, reflecting statutory stakeholders; local groups and landowners, local organisations, adjoining Parish Councils and Parish Meetings, local authorities; District and County Councillors and the MP

British Gas Properties,

British Telecommunications Plc,

The Coal Authority,

East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG,

English Heritage, East Midlands Region,

Homes and Communities Agency,

Highways Agency,

National Grid,

Natural England, Hornbeam House,

Network Rail Infrastructure Limited,

Seven Locks Housing,

Severn Trent Water Ltd

Anglian Water Ltd,

Cranoe Parish Meeting,

Environment Agency,

Fleckney Parish Council,

Glooston, Parish Council,

Great Bowden PC,

Kibworth Beauchamp PC,

Kibworth Harcourt PC,

Leicestershire County Council,

Harborough District Council  
Stonton Wyville PC,  
Thorpe Langton Parish Meeting  
Tur Langton PC,  
Welham PC,  
West Langton Parish Meeting,  
Ivan Crane, Astley Grange Farm  
The Attic Room Design Ltd, Astley Grange Farm,  
Malthouse Furniture and Joinery Ltd; Astley Grange Farm,  
Tom Granger, Astley Grange Farm,  
Stephen Mair, C/O Andrew Granger and Co Ltd,  
Simon Marlow Thomas,  
Langton View Stables,  
Church Langton CE (Aided) Primary School  
Edward Garnier, MP  
Kevin Feltham, County Councillor  
Phil King, District Councillor  
Chris Holyoak  
Lyn Beesley-Reynolds  
CPRE  
Voluntary Action Leicestershire  
Leicestershire Ethnic Minority Partnership  
Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups  
Interfaith Forum for Leicestershire  
Market Harborough Chamber of Commerce.  
Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living.  
Age UK Leicestershire and Rutland  
Harborough District Disability Access Group.

Langton Homes,

St Peter's Church

The same groups, individuals and organisations have been consulted as part of the Regulation 14 consultation arrangements, with the addition of other groups/individuals whose interest in the Neighbourhood Plan became apparent as the process evolved. The revised list was as follows:

<b>Consultation body</b>
<b>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:</b>
County Council
Harborough DC
West Langton Parish Meeting:
Tur Langton Parish Council:
Thorpe Langton Parish Meeting:
Stonton Wyville Parish Meeting:
Kibworth Harcourt PC:
Kibworth Beauchamp PC:
Foxton Parish Council:
<b>c) The coal authority</b>
Planning Liaison Officer, The Coal Authority, 200 Lichfield Lane, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG18 4RG <a href="mailto:thecoalauthority@coal.gov.uk">thecoalauthority@coal.gov.uk</a>
<b>d) The Homes and Communities Agency</b>
Homes and Communities Agency, 5 St Philip's Place, Colmore Row Birmingham , B3 2PW
<b>e) Natural England</b>
Consultation Service, Natural England, Hornbeam House, Electra Way, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 6GJ <a href="mailto:enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk">enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk</a>
<b>f) The Environment Agency</b>
Environment Agency, Lower Trent Area, Trentside Offices, Scarrington Road, West Bridgeford, Nottingham, NG2 5FA

**g) Historic England/English Heritage**

Historic England. [eastmidlands@HistoricEngland.org.uk](mailto:eastmidlands@HistoricEngland.org.uk)  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Windsor House, Cliftonville, Northampton, NN1 5BE

English Heritage, East Midlands Region, 44 Derngate  
Northampton, NN1 1UH

**h) Network Rail Infrastructure Limited**

Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, Kings Place, 90 York Way  
London, N1 9AG

**i) The Highways Agency**

Highways Agency, Level 9, The Cube  
199 Wharfside Street, Birmingham B1 1RN

**k) Any person i. to whom the electronic communications code applies 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**

National Grid, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure UK Limited, Gables House, Kenilworth Road,  
Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 6JX

Western Power Lenton Lane Industrial Estate, Harrimans Ln, Nottingham NG7 2SD

**liii) Licence holder under the Gas Act 1986**

British Gas Properties, Aviary Court, Wade Road, Basingstoke  
Hampshire, RG24 8GZ

**liv) Sewage Undertaker/iv) Water undertaker**

Severn Trent Water Ltd, Hucknall Road, Nottingham, NG5 1FH

Planning Liaison Officer, Anglian Water Ltd, Planning & Equivalence Team, Thorpe Wood House,  
Thorpe Wood, Peterborough, PE3 6WT



<b>m) Voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or part of the neighbourhood area</b>
<p>Voluntary Action Leicestershire <a href="mailto:admin@vasl.org.uk">admin@vasl.org.uk</a></p> <p>Age UK Leicestershire and Rutland <a href="mailto:roy.holland@ageukleics.org.uk">roy.holland@ageukleics.org.uk</a></p> <p>CPRE <a href="mailto:info@cpreleicestershire.org.uk">info@cpreleicestershire.org.uk</a></p>
<b>n) Bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area</b>
<p>Leicestershire Ethnic Minority Partnership <a href="mailto:Prakash@lemp-leics.org.uk">Prakash@lemp-leics.org.uk</a></p> <p>Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups <a href="mailto:info@gypsytravellerfederation.org">info@gypsytravellerfederation.org</a></p>
<b>o) Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area</b>
<p>Interfaith Forum for Leicestershire <a href="mailto:equality@leics.gov.uk">equality@leics.gov.uk</a></p>
<b>p) Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area</b>
<p>Market Harborough Chamber of Commerce. <a href="http://www.harboroughchamber.co.uk/">http://www.harboroughchamber.co.uk/</a></p>
<b>q) Bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the neighbourhood area</b>
<p>Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living. 5-9 Upper Brown Street, Leics, LE1 5TE <a href="http://www.lcil.org.uk">www.lcil.org.uk</a></p> <p>Harborough District Disability Access Group.</p>
<b>Other bodies</b>
<p>Leicestershire Police, Force Headquarters, St Johns, Enderby, Leicester, LE19 2BX</p> <p>Leicestershire Fire and Rescue, 12 Geoff Monk Way, Birstall, Leicester LE4 3BU</p> <p>Executive Director, Seven Locks Housing, 1a Anson House, 8 Compass Point, Northampton Road, Market Harborough, Leicestershire,</p>
<b>Councillors/MP</b>
<p>MP: Edward Garnier <a href="mailto:garniere@parliament.uk">garniere@parliament.uk</a></p> <p>County Councillor: Kevin Feltham, <a href="mailto:kevin.feltham@leics.gov.uk">kevin.feltham@leics.gov.uk</a></p> <p>District Councillors: Chris Holyoak <a href="mailto:c.holyoak@harborough.gov.uk">c.holyoak@harborough.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Lyn Beesley-Reynolds <a href="mailto:l.beesley-reynolds@harborough.gov.uk">l.beesley-reynolds@harborough.gov.uk</a></p>
<b>Local Businesses:</b>
<p>The Bell, East Langton</p>

<p>Little Britain Pub Company; 79 Brook Street, Wymeswold, LE12 6TT, email <a href="mailto:info@littlebritainpubs.co.uk">info@littlebritainpubs.co.uk</a></p> <p>Malthouse Furniture and Joinery Ltd; Astley Grange Farm, Back Lane, East Langton, Leicestershire, LE16 7TB</p> <p>The Attic Room Design Ltd, Astley Grange Farm, Back Lane, East Langton, Leicestershire, LE16 7TB</p> <p>Ivan Crane, Astley Grange Farm, Back Lane, East Langton, Leicestershire, LE16 7TB</p> <p>Ruth Kitchen, Langton View Stables, East Langton, Leics, LE16 7WD</p> <p>George Waller and Co, The Green, Main Street, Church Langton, Leicestershire, LE16 7SY</p>
<b>local organisations</b>
<p>Cricket Club</p> <p>St Peter's Church : Church Lane, Church Langton, Leicestershire, LE16 7SZ</p> <p>Steve Roddy, Headteacher, Church Langton CE (Aided) Primary School</p> <p>Stonton Road, Church Langton, LE16 7SZ Hanbury Charity <a href="mailto:drh@ferniechase.freereserve.co.uk">drh@ferniechase.freereserve.co.uk</a></p> <p>Coopers Charity: Cedar House, The Old Stables, East Langton, LE16 7SB.</p>
<b>Landowners /other</b>
<p>Simon Marlow Thomas, C/O Branbury Farm, Ashby Road, Gaddesby, Syston, Leicestershire, LE7 4WF</p> <p>Stephen Mair, C/O Andrew Granger and Co Ltd, Phoenix house, 52 High St, Market Harborough, Leics, LE16 7AF</p> <p>Jenny Stanhope The Manor, Tur Langton, Leicester, LE8 0PJ</p>

## Conclusion

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

The draft Neighbourhood Plan is now ready to be submitted 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.