

BILLESDON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2013-2028

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CONSULTATION STATEMENT



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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Statement of Consultation meets the requirements of Part 5, Section 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. A more in depth consultation process has been undertaken than required within the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012), but the process has been *proportionate* to the size of the population of the Billesdon Neighbourhood Area and the range of policies that the Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan (BNDP – the Plan) has addressed.
- 1.2 Detailed consultations have taken place throughout the process of producing the Plan. This has ensured that the Plan is fully informed by the views and priorities of local residents, businesses and local stakeholders. A variety of consultation events has been used to reach as broad a cross section of the community as possible. *Members of the Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan Group (BNDPG) were present at each consultation to answer questions, listen to views and report back to subsequent meetings of the Group.* The results of each consultation were made available for information and comment in subsequent consultations. Reports on each consultation were printed in monthly articles in ‘Billesdon and District Parish News and Views’ (B&DPN&V), *which goes into every dwelling within the Neighbourhood Area.* The results of each consultation informed subsequent stages of the Neighbourhood Planning process.
- 1.3 The Neighbourhood Area is the whole of the Parish of Billesdon, as approved by Harborough District Council on 29th October 2012. Consultations within the Neighbourhood Area were made by Billesdon Parish Council (BPC) and its supporting Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan Group (BNDPG).
- 1.4 Membership of the BNDPG was established through four rounds of advertising to residents of the Parish of Billesdon: an article (1.10.11) in ‘Billesdon and District Parish News and Views’, including an invitation to membership of the Group; a second article (1.1.12) in ‘Billesdon and District Parish News and Views’, including an invitation to membership of the Group; posters displayed on the two village notice boards inviting membership of the Group (2.1.12); and an announcement at a Public Meeting (10.1.12) inviting membership of the Group. 15 volunteers were recruited to the BNDPG, supplemented by 6 Parish Councillors. The Chair of the Parish Council acted as Chair of the BNDPG.

2 THE CONSULTATIONS

2.1 The programme of completed consultations is shown in the following table.

DATE	ACTIVITY
10 January 2012	Public Meeting
March 2012	Questionnaire Survey (Clubs, Societies and other formally constituted groups)
March 2012	Billesdon Parochial Primary School project
April 2012	Questionnaire Survey (Young People)
17 April 2012	Community Consultation
May 2012	Consultation with the managers of services and facilities
15 May 2012	Community Consultation
15 June 2012	Billesdon Parochial Primary School project
July/August 2012	Questionnaire Surveys (All Adults; Young People; Owners/Managers of businesses)
7/9 February 2013	Community Consultation
The Plan process	Stakeholder consultations
12 August – 23 September 2013	Pre-Submission Consultation
15/17 August 2013	Pre-Submission Information Event

3. WHO WAS CONSULTED, HOW THEY WERE CONSULTED AND HOW THE ISSUES PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

3.1 Public meeting

Event	Public Meeting
Date	10 January 2012
Venue	Chapel Room, Brook Lane, Billesdon
Format	Public open meeting
Publicity	Parish Magazine (Billesdon and District Parish News and Views - B&DPN&V); Posters on Parish notice boards; Village Website (www.leicestershirevillages.com/billesdon/neighbourhood-plan)
Attendance	110

This was the first public consultation event aimed at informing the public about the Neighbourhood Planning process and establishing the extent of public support for a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The meeting was open to all residents and stakeholders and advertised as in the table above. The majority of the people attending were residents of the Parish. The Chair of the Parish Council spoke about the aims of the meeting and was supported by the County Councillor for the district. A lengthy question-and-answer session took place *on the topics listed below*. A concluding vote was taken on support for a Neighbourhood Development Plan, which was unanimously in favour.

1. Finance for the Plan?
2. How many Sites for new houses?
3. Builds that can 'count' towards our allocation of new houses?
4. Control over when to build?
5. Incorporate *Village Design Statement* into Neighbourhood Plan.
6. Integrate new houses into village.
7. Put disability and old age housing in development scheme.
8. Current sites on hold?
9. Is the number of houses negotiable?
10. Recent new housing has brought many benefits to the village: next development should be looked at from a positive viewpoint.
11. Funding from outside agencies?
12. Post 2028?
13. Why not Tilton as a Rural Centre?
14. Boundaries of Village or Parish to be used in the Plan?
15. There can be 'planning gain'.
16. Timing of building?

17. Need professional planner to oversee our progress – cost? Finance?
18. Need to keep to the Core Strategy.
19. Is there a formula for £ per house for infrastructure investment? ('New homes bonus'?).
20. Plan needs to be robust to face challenge from developers.

All issues and concerns were collated and presented in a report published in the B&DPN&V and presented to the first Meeting of the BNDPG. The report was used to inform the development of the overall direction and objectives of the Plan.

3.2 Questionnaire Survey (Clubs, Societies and other formally constituted groups)

Event	Questionnaire Survey
Date	March 2012
Venue	Billesdon Parish
Format	Questionnaire survey of Clubs, Societies and other formally constituted groups within the Parish
Publicity	B&DPN&V
Attendance	60% response rate

A questionnaire (Annexe 2) was sent to the Chairs/managers of all the Clubs, Societies and other formally constituted groups within the Parish, namely: *Baptist Chapel; Brownie/Guides; The Coplow Centre; Cricket Club; Drama Group; Local History Group; Loose Ends; Mums and Tots; Parish Church; Rainbows; Wildlife Group; Women's Institute; Youth Group; Sustainable Billesdon Group; Gardening Society; Billesdon Good Neighbour Scheme*. Each Group was asked to identify its 'Key Issues' for the future development of the Parish. 60% of the Groups replied (as identified by Group* and listed below).

The replies were collated (below), described in an article in B&DPN&V and presented as a report to a subsequent Meeting of the BNDPG. The replies were used to inform the development of 'Key Issues' for the Plan. Note was taken that the young people in the Youth Group had not responded.

1. HOUSING

- i) Community values should take priority in decision making (S)
- ii) Support for new housing and the people it will bring into the village (D) (Ch)
- iii) A mixed range of new housing, to include bungalows for the elderly and housing for the single (L) (S)
- iv) Small developments rather than large peripheral estates (L) (S)
- v) Design features of new housing should include:

- Use natural boundaries (hedges) rather than walls and fences (W)
 - Avoid removal of mature trees (W)
 - Include spaces to plant native trees and grasses (W)
 - Create wildlife ponds and maintain existing field ponds (W)
 - Avoid encroachment on the brooks (W)
 - Apply water harvesting systems, use grey water recycling, and avoid run-off into water courses (W) (S)
 - Achieve the highest level of energy efficiency and maximum micro-energy generation capacity (W) (S)
 - Include communal gardens and allotments (W) (S)
 - Harmony with existing house designs (CC)
 - Include open spaces for recreation (CC)
- vi) If a single site development, how will it integrate with existing housing? (CC)
- vii) Develop brown field sites first (CC)
- viii) What proportion of new housing needs to be 'affordable'? (CC)
- ix) What 'infill' sites are available within the village? (CC)
- x) Keep any new housing away from land adjacent to the Cricket Club land (C)
- xi) Ensure that 'affordable housing' is part of new housing developments (C)

2. EMPLOYMENT

- i) A sustainable community will increasingly require a strong local economy – support local businesses (S)
- ii) It would be better for housing to be built on brown-field sites nearer to centres of employment (L)

3. TRANSPORT

- i) New housing should be linked into the village by footpaths (S)
- ii) Parking for the Surgery is a problem already, especially for disabled patients (L)
- iii) Parking for the School is a problem already (CC)
- iv) Parking restrictions (e.g. yellow lines) are not wanted (CC)
- v) Do not allow parking restrictions to be placed on Brook Lane (BC)
- vi) Look into a One-Way traffic system for the village (L)
- vii) New houses should have two off-road parking spaces each (L)
- viii) An extended bus service (e.g. on Sundays and evenings) is needed (e.g. for hospital visiting) (L) (S) (CC)
- ix) The village road structure, and parking, in the centre of the village, especially around West Lane, are already inadequate (L) (Ch)
- x) Elderly people using the footpath from Knights Close to the village centre, via West Lane, are at increasing risk from speeding cars – this area needs to be made safer for pedestrians (L)
- xi) Maintain and increase linked rural footpaths (W)

- xii) Develop a community-based transport system – car sharing, community mini-bus, cycling, walking (S)
- xiii) The impact of new housing on traffic flows and increased congestion needs to be investigated (CC)

4. SERVICES & FACILITIES

- i) Coplow Centre would need to be enlarged to cater for increased demand from a greater population (D) (CC)
- ii) Will the capacity of the School be sufficient? (L) (CC)
- iii) Will the capacity of the Surgery be sufficient? (L) (CC)
- iv) The village sewer structure is already inadequate and floods the centre of the village at times of peak rainfall. Improvement to the sewer system is needed before new houses are built (L,W)
- v) There is a need for more safe spaces for children to play (S)
- vi) The garage will need replacing (CC)
- vii) More land to extend the cemetery is needed (CC)
- viii) Will a single shop remain adequate? (CC)
- ix) A Youth Club needs developing (CC)
- x) Provide a coffee shop (CC)

5. ENVIRONMENT

- i) The over-riding principle in the Neighbourhood Plan should be preserving existing and developing new wildlife habitats both within and around the village (W)
- ii) The aim should be to reduce the adverse impact of all new developments on the local and wider environment, including giving priority to water conservation, energy security, waste management, food supply, health and well being (S)
- iii) Plant native trees and shrubs, especially around new housing (W) (S)
- iv) Ensure corridors for wildlife (W)
- v) Conserve water courses for wildlife (W)
- vi) Shade new streetlights to cut down on light pollution (W)
- vii) Use biomass fuel as a communal heating source in new housing (W) (S)
- viii) Increase the number and diversity of wildlife habitats to encourage visitor numbers (W)
- ix) Pollution (CC)

** W: WILDLIFE GROUP; S: SUSTAINABLE BILLESDON GROUP; L: LOOSE ENDS; D: DRAMA GROUP; Ch: ST.JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH; CC: COPLOW CENTRE EXECUTIVE; C: CRICKET CLUB; BC: BAPTIST CHAPEL*

3.3 Billesdon Parochial Primary School project

Event	Billesdon Parochial Primary School
Date	March 2012

Venue	Billesdon Parochial Primary School
Format	A competition amongst pupils to design a logo for the Neighbourhood Plan
Publicity	Billesdon Parochial Primary School
Attendance	Participation of selected classes in the Primary School

The class teacher of the senior classes of the Primary School arranged a competition amongst the pupils to design a logo for the BNDP. The objective was to raise the awareness and interest of the pupils in the future of their Parish. A member of the BNDPG liaised with the Primary School. From a short list of designs, the BNDPG selected one for use on BNDP documents.

3.4 Questionnaire survey (Young People)

Event	Questionnaire Survey
Date	March 2012
Venue	Market Square, Billesdon
Format	Questionnaire survey of young people (under the age of 18) in the Parish
Publicity	B&DPN&V; Posters on Parish notice boards
Attendance	Less than 1% response rate

The survey reported at 3.2 did not produce a response from the Youth Group. In this consultation, a more direct approach was taken by handing out questionnaires to young people as they boarded morning school buses in Market Square (Annexe 2). This was carried out on two occasions, but yielded only two responses. Those responses were taken into account in developing policies for the BNDP as regards the facilities for young people.

3.5 Community Consultation

Event	Community Consultation
Date	17 April 2012
Venue	The Coplow Centre
Format	Interactive display boards and discussion with individual members of BNDPG
Publicity	B&DPN&V; Posters on Parish notice boards; Village Website
Attendance	80

The objective of the consultation was to provide feed-back on the 'Key Issues' identified by the survey of Clubs, Societies and other formally constituted groups within the Parish; seek the opinions of the residents on a 'Community Vision' and seek wider opinion on the 'Key Issues' for the Plan.

The meeting was open to all residents and stakeholders and advertised as in the table above. Through the medium of interactive display boards, participants wrote down their 'Community Vision' for the Parish in 2028 and added their written views on the 'Key Issues' for the Plan. The topics for consideration were Housing, Services & Facilities, Transport, Employment, and Green infrastructure.

Members of the Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan Group (BNDPG) were present at each consultation to answer questions, listen to views and report back to subsequent meetings of the Group. The 'Community Vision' and 'Key Issues' written responses were subsequently collated, published as a report in B&DPN&V and included in the Plan (sections 2 and 3).

3.6 Consultation with the managers of services and facilities

Event	Interviews with the managers of services and facilities
Date	May 2012
Venue	The offices of the practice manager of the doctors' surgery and the Head Teacher of the Primary School; e-mail correspondence with Chair of The Coplow Centre
Format	Open discussion
Publicity	None
Attendance	3 managers

The objective of this consultation was to gain local information on the capacity of key local services and facilities to accommodate increased demand from the building of new houses. A working group from the BNDPG visited the offices of the manager of the doctors' surgery and the Head Teacher of the Primary School. Informal discussions were held, with formal letters subsequently supplied to the BNDPG. In the case of The Coplow Centre, correspondence was by e-mail. The letters were used to inform the development of the Plan as regards the development of services and facilities.

3.7 Community Consultation

Event	Community Consultation
Date	15 May 2012
Venue	The Coplow Centre
Format	Interactive display boards and discussion with individual members of BNDPG
Publicity	B&DPN&V; Posters on Parish notice boards; Village

	Website
Attendance	50

The objectives of the Consultation were to receive interactive feed-back on the 'Vision' and 'Key Issues' developed for the Plan, to test the level of community support for the number of sites to be developed for housing, and identify preliminary preferences on which sites to be developed. Respondents were presented with a range of display boards setting out a range of options and a questionnaire, to be completed at the exit (Annexe 2). One developer had requested the opportunity to present a display of a proposed development.

The meeting was open to all and advertised as in the table above. About 50 people attended. Members of the Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan Group (BNDPG) were present to answer questions, listen to views and report back to subsequent meetings of the Group. The number of people making a written response to the displays fell with each successive board visited. Because of the small sample sizes, a single person contributed about 2-3% to any statistic. There was little evidence of a community consensus of opinion on most of the questions posed.

A report on the consultation was printed in B&DPN&V and the results are provided in Supporting Document D (Evidence Base) and were placed in the Site Selection Framework (Supplementary Document F).

3.8 Billesdon Parochial Primary School project

Event	Billesdon Parochial Primary School project
Date	15 June 2012
Venue	Billesdon Parochial Primary School
Format	Whole day, interactive project on the Neighbourhood Plan
Publicity	Head teacher within the School
Attendance	All pupils in the senior classes

Given the earlier failure to engage with the young people of the Parish (3.2 and 3.4 above), the BNDPG liaised with the teacher of the senior classes at the Primary School to arrange a whole-day project for the pupils. This was a follow-up to an earlier successful project with the School that had involved a competition amongst the pupils to design a logo for the Neighbourhood Plan. The winning logo appears on the documents of the Neighbourhood Plan. A representative from Planning Aid provided professional advice and guidance in setting up and delivering the day-long project.

The objective was to engage the pupils with the development of the Plan. Working in small groups throughout the day, pupils addressed issues in the Plan, including a Community Vision, the Key Issues, and site allocation for new houses. At the end of the day, pupils presented their conclusions and created a poster board of their results. This poster board was displayed at a subsequent Community Consultation (3.10). The views of the pupils were used to inform the development of the Plan as regards the provision of green spaces, a playing field and a play area, and protecting the landscape around the village.

3.9 Questionnaire Surveys (All Adults; Young People; Owners/Managers of businesses)

Event	Questionnaire Surveys (All Adults; Young People; Owners and Managers of Businesses)
Date	July/August 2012
Venue	Parish of Billesdon
Format	Questionnaire surveys
Publicity	B&DPN&V; Posters on Parish notice boards; Village Website; household visit; postal circular; display stand at the annual Village Fete
Attendance	498 Adults; 66 young people; 34 businesses

The objective of the questionnaire survey (Annexe 2) was to provide a sound evidence base for the development of the Plan. Consequently the questionnaire had three sections: for all adult residents in the Parish; for young people under 18 years of age; and for the owners and managers of businesses and their employees. The section for young people under 18 years of age was a further attempt to reach this age group.

The questionnaires were constructed by the BNDPG to address the prior 'Vision' and 'Key Issues' expressed by the community, as well as a number of planning options, particularly on housing. The questionnaire was delivered by hand (by members of the BNDPG), during July 2012, to each household and business recorded on the Electoral Register for 2011 (by post for households living outside the village of Billesdon). Each elector in a household received a separate questionnaire. Respondents were provided with an accompanying explanatory document.

Respondents were given three weeks to complete their questionnaires. Questionnaires were collected by hand (by members of the BNDPG) from each household and business (by post to the Parish Clerk for households living outside the village). A **63%** response rate was achieved for the adult questionnaire (498 responses from 786 questionnaires sent out). Replies were also received from 66 young people and 34 businesses. A report on the Questionnaire Survey was printed in B&DPN&V.

An officer from the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire) provided the computer facilities to record and analyse the responses to the questionnaire. Members of the BNDPG entered the response data into the computer program and verified their accuracy. The officer of the RCC analysed the data and provided the resulting tabulations (see Summary Document D – Evidence Base). Members of the BNDPG interpreted the data and provided a commentary (see Supporting Document D – Evidence Base). The information was used in the Site Selection Framework (Supporting Document F – Site Selection Framework).

3.10 Community Consultation

Event	Community Consultation
Date	7/9 February 2013
Venue	The Old School
Format	Interactive display boards; power point presentation; developers with their plans; and discussion with individual members of BNDPG
Publicity	B&DPN&V; Posters on Parish notice boards; Village Website
Attendance	228

The consultation took place in The Old School on the evening of 7th February and all day on 9th February. The objective of the Consultation was to test the level of community support for a focused number of potential site combinations to be developed for housing.

The meeting was open to all residents and stakeholders and advertised as in the table above. Respondents were presented with a power point display, which provided feed-back on the previous community consultation (15th May) and the results of the July-August Questionnaire survey. There was a range of display boards setting out a number of site selection options. Four developers, with their proposed site development plans, were present. Nearly 230 people attended.

Members of the Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan Group (BNDPG) were present to answer questions, listen to views and report back to subsequent meetings of the Group. A questionnaire was provided to be completed at the exit (Annexe 2). A report on the consultation was printed in B&DPN&V. The results are provided in Supporting Document D (Evidence Base) and were placed in the Site Selection Framework (Supplementary Document F).

3.11 Stakeholder consultations

Formal consultation meetings and e-mail correspondence have taken place with a range of stakeholders during the development of the Plan. These have included:

1. *Planning Officers of Harborough District Council:* in addition to periodic e-mail correspondence, six-monthly meetings were held between the BNDPG and planning officers during the Plan making process. The lead officer from HDC was invited to participate in the six-weekly meetings of the BNDPG. Planning Officers were invited to comment on the Pre-Submission draft of the Plan, as well as the draft responses to the representations received by BPC following the Pre-Submission Consultation. That advice was acted on.
2. *Land Owners:* those who expressed an interest in selling land for building within the Parish (Mr and Mrs M. Woodcock, Mr Ian Cable, Mr P. Cleaver, Mr R. Keates, Mr T. Ward).
3. *Developers of potential housing sites:* John Cawrey Ltd, John Littlejohn Designer Homes Ltd, Bloor Homes, Andrew Granger and Co, Davidsons North Midlands, Jelson Ltd., David Wilson Homes Ltd., Sandrion Ltd., Langton Homes, Hazelton Homes Ltd, Bridges Developments, Hockerton Housing Project Trading Ltd, Landmark Planning, Bellway Homes Ltd, Linden Homes, Westleigh Developments Ltd, Walter Ward (Contracts) Ltd, Cadeby Homes, Danilith UK Ltd.
4. *The County Councillor and District Councillor* responsible for the Parish.
5. *Public sector agencies:* Leicestershire County Council; Billesdon Primary School; Billesdon Surgery; Fire Service; English Heritage; English Nature.
6. *Private sector stakeholders:* Billesdon Community Post Office; Village Shop; Billesdon Garage; Hair Salon; Wealth Management; The Coplow Centre; Queen's Head Pub.; New Greyhound Pub.; Parsons Garden Nursery; farms in the Parish.

3.12 Pre-Submission Consultation

Event	Pre-Submission Consultation
Date	12 th August – 23 rd September 2013
Venue	The Parish and Harborough District
Format	Notice of the Pre-Submission Consultation procedure The Pre-Submission draft of the Plan as a hard copy and as an e-copy on the Village website
Publicity	B&DPN&V; Posters on Parish notice boards; letters to every household in the Parish; Village Website; postal circular to stakeholders; display stand at the annual Village Fete

Attendance	<p>Notice of the Pre-Submission Consultation procedure was posted to every dwelling and business in the Parish and to every stakeholder in the Appendix below.</p> <p>The Pre-Submission draft of the Plan was posted to every dwelling and business in the Parish and to every stakeholder (on request) in the Appendix below.</p> <p>Hard copies of the Pre-Submission draft of the Plan, for consultation, were provided in the Post Office and doctors' surgery.</p>
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This Pre-Submission Consultation was required under Part 5, Section 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Within the six-week period 12th August – 23rd September 2013, Billesdon Parish Council (BPC): publicised the draft Plan to all that live, work or do business within the Parish (Annexe 1A); outlined where and when the draft Plan could be inspected (Annexe 3.3); detailed how to make representations and the date by which these should be received (Annexe 3.3); consulted any statutory body (referred to in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012) whose interests may be affected by the proposals within the draft Plan (Annexe 1A); and sent a copy of the proposed Plan to the local planning authority (HDC).

The Pre-Submission draft of the Plan, together with the Supporting Documents, was placed on the village website -

(leicestershirevillages.com/billesdon/neighbourhood-plan).

- and was available for a six-week period up to 23rd September. Consultation bodies and individuals were contacted by e-mail and/or letter (including notice of the village web site), sent a copy of the draft Plan when requested, and invited to make representations via e-mail or by returning a standard written comments form.

A hard copy of the Pre-Submission draft of the Plan was posted into every home and business in the Parish. Paper copies were also made available in the doctors' surgery and the Community Post Office for consultation. Representations were invited via a standard written comments form sent out with the hard copy of the Plan and an e-form on the Village website.

The following table shows how each of the Key Issues identified by the community was addressed in the draft Pre-Submission Plan:

Key Issues (Objectives)	Policies
The number of new houses	Supporting document E and Policy BP2
The number of sites for new houses	Supporting documents D and F and Policy BP3

The sites for development	Supporting document F and G and Policies BP4 and BP5
The types and sizes of new housing	Supporting document D and Policies BP7
Housing design	Appendix , Supporting document D and Policy BP7
Broadband	Policy BP9
Redevelopment of existing buildings	Policies BP8 and BP11
New build floor space	Policy BP10
Recreational facilities	Policies BP13C and 13D
The Coplow Centre	Policy BP13C
Retail opportunities	Policies BP12 and BP15
The Primary School	Policy BP13A
Traffic Management	Policies BP16 and BP17
Parking	Policies BP17 and BP18
Footpaths	Policy BP4C
Protecting and enhancing the rural landscape	Supporting documents D and G and Policies BP19, BP20 and BP22
Promoting healthy lifestyles	Supporting document G and Policies BP4C, BP13C and 13D
Addressing climate change	Supporting document G and Policies BP21 and BP23

3.13 Pre-Submission Information Event

Event	Pre-Submission Information
Date	15 th August and 17 th August 2013
Venue	The Coplow Centre and the Chapel Room, Brook Lane, Billesdon
Format	Hard copy; Village website; public exhibition including display boards, power point presentation, public addresses by the Chair of BNDPG; and discussion with individual members of BNDPG
Publicity	B&DPN&V; Posters on Parish notice boards; letters to every household in the Parish; Village Website; postal circular to stakeholders; display stand at the annual

	Village Fete
Attendance	108

Two information events were held: the meetings were open to all residents and stakeholders and advertised as in the table above. They were held on the evening of 15th August and all day on 17th August. A total of 108 residents attended the two community consultation events organised by BPC to display the draft BNDP and listen to an address by the Chair of the BNDPG.

Members of the Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan Group (BNDPG) were present to answer questions, listen to views and report back to subsequent meetings of the Group. Attendees were encouraged to make their representations via the standard written comments form. A report on the consultation was published in the B&DPN&V.

4. FROM THE PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION - HOW THE ISSUES AND CONCERNS RAISED HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

4.1 Following the Pre-submission Consultation and Pre-Submission Information Events, BPC received representations from a total of 32 residents/village organisations, 11 public bodies/organisations/businesses, and 4 developers (Annexe 1B).

BPC considered the 47 representations and held a meeting with HDC (Planning) to help formulate draft responses to the representations. A report on the responses was published in the B&DPN&V.

4.2 The main issues and concerns of the representations are shown in the following table, together with responses of BPC and related amendments to the Plan:

Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan

Pre-Submission Consultation Results

1. GENERAL COMMENTS:

General Comments

Total Comments	22
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Comment	Response	Proposed Amendment
Name and listed number		
Mr Mosedale (1) - Overall, the plan provides an excellent well-developed plan for the future expansion of the village. The Committee are to be congratulated on their thoroughness and professionalism in identifying the problems and developing a plan which addresses the problems of expanding the village and integrating new houses into it in a positive way	Noted	No action
Mr Horne (2) - Re Page 27 – I'd like to draw your attention to the strip of land circled is not green space but owned by ourselves (17 Weare Close) – see copy of contract showing area owned in our plot	A Local Green Space does not need to be in public ownership.	Amend Proposals Map boundary of the green space
Mr Muddimer (3) - Flashing speed restriction devices on entry roads to village recommended	Noted	Amend wording of 7.3: Billesdon Parish Council will keep traffic management under review .
Anonymous (4) – There is no mobile coverage in most of Billesdon - essential for work, leisure, communications	Certain forms of telecommunication development, for example, mobile telephone masts, are known as 'permitted development' and subject to prior	No action

	approval from the local planning authority. The prior approval procedure means that the principle of development is not an issue and therefore there is no need for this matter to be addressed by the Neighbourhood Plan.	
Mrs Bridgwood (6) - No comment other than "keep me updated"	Noted	No action
<p>Mr Murphy (10) – I have reviewed the draft Neighbourhood Plan in detail, as well as its supporting documentation and evidence, and it is clear that much thought, consideration and discussion with interested parties has occurred. A number of issues have arisen and while these may have been considered it is not clear from the draft Plan how these issues are to be addressed.</p> <p>1) The draft refers to planning not being approved (policy BP12) or granted (BP2). Assuming that HDC will remain the local planning authority (and so any decisions on planning will rest with HDC), it should be made clear that the Plan will be an important document taken into consideration by HDC but that it will not be determinative of an application.</p> <p>2) As a result of the above, it is not clear what steps the PC or BNDPG would take with regard to any application that does not comply with the draft Plan. e.g., policy BP10. It may be desirable to retain this land for employment, yet recent years suggest that commercial property development has been difficult, and that planning policy has often been forced to give way to the economics of development. It is possible to envisage a situation where an application for housing is proposed for the site. If so the draft plan is silent on what the response would be and does not deal with how any appeal to a refusal of consent would be handled. The plan needs to have some room to manoeuvre for situations which have not been considered or that may not attract support today but may do so in 5-10 years.</p> <p>3) The draft plan outlines a significant wish list of infrastructure and facility</p>	<p>As set out in paragraph 9.6 of the Plan, when the Plan is adopted, it will form part of the statutory Development Plan for the area, alongside the Harborough Core Strategy. Harborough District Council will continue to be responsible for determining most planning applications, but the policies in the Plan will be the basis for those decisions.</p> <p>The Plan contributes to a practical framework within which decisions on planning applications can be made with a high degree of predictability. Steps have been taken to ensure the Plan is deliverable. For example, Leicestershire County Council's property team have been consulted on, and support, Policy BP10.</p> <p>Policy BP13 identifies the infrastructure that is</p>	<p>Last para. of Next Steps (p.7) and para. 11.6 are amended to refer to the status of the Neighbourhood Plan in the determination of planning applications.</p> <p>Last para. of Next Steps (p.7) and para. 11.6 are amended to refer to the status of the Neighbourhood Plan in the determination of planning applications.</p> <p>No action</p>

<p>improvements but does so without any indication of priority or cost and the inference is that the projects referred to will be possible at a developers cost.</p> <p>4) A review of the Communities Facilities Assessment prepared on behalf of HDC sets out that £433 per person per new dwelling may be available, which on an assumed occupancy of 45 new dwellings equates to £77,940. The Assessment deals with the Coplow Centre rather than all services and facilities sought but the impression from the plan is that there is a very large sum of money available. If funds are limited the plan should identify priority facilities and services.</p> <p>The plan should not mislead parishioners into believing that only the plan will determine the future of planning policy in Billesdon.</p>	<p>necessary to support the level of development proposed by the Plan. Infrastructure requirements have been prepared in consultation with service providers and discussions have taken place with developers to ensure that the sites and the scale of development identified in the plan should not be subject to such a scale of obligations and policy burdens that their ability to be developed viably is threatened. The precise contribution will be determined at the time that a planning application is submitted. There is no evidence to suggest that the costs of the requirements would make development unviable.</p> <p>As set out in paragraph 9.6 of the Plan, when the Plan is adopted, it will form part of the statutory Development Plan for the area, alongside the Harborough Core Strategy. Harborough District Council will continue to be responsible for determining most planning applications, but the policies in the Plan will be the basis for those decisions</p>	<p>Last para. of Next Steps (p.7) and para. 11.6 are amended to refer to the status of the Neighbourhood Plan in the determination of planning applications.</p>
<p>Mr Barker (12) - Re our residential development for 15 dwellings on the 'garage' site, we have made a start (accepted by HDC as commercial development) as our planning approval expired in early August 2013. The consent is 'live'. We expect to trade until 2015 before closing and the garage being demolished and housing built. Presumably ready to sell in 2016.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>Mrs Barron (16) - General comment - so far, so good!</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>Mrs Fox (20) – All members of 'Loose Ends' would like to thank the BNDP Team for the hard work they have done producing the BNDP and congratulate them on producing such an excellent document.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>No action</p>

<p>Miss Graham (21) - After reading the excellent BNDP, I am very much aware of all the extremely hard work, dedication and effort by the Parish Council and BNPDG for the future of our beautiful village and its residents</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>Mrs Vlaeminke (26) – The Local History Group likes (a) the efforts to retain the compact nature of Billesdon (rather than the creation of a semi-separate estate), but without (b) adding too much to the traffic/parking congestion in the narrow roads in the heart of the village.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>Mr Chell (27) - The Consultation Booklet is well produced and the Committee have worked hard to keep us informed all the way. They are to be congratulated and I back their proposal and will vote accordingly.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>Prof Silverman (29) - These comments represent the views of members of the Sustainable Billesdon Group (SBG). At a meeting held on 26th August 2013,</p>		

<p>attended by 6 members, the Draft Plan was discussed. The resulting draft was sent to all members and replies received from 10 members. A second draft incorporated their responses. Only one further comment was received before the final draft was completed. The comments below are meant in a constructive spirit.</p>		
<p>The SBG was impressed with the overall structure, content and research background of the Draft Plan. The huge effort and commitment of the Committee are apparent.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>We feel that despite claiming that the Plan 'is designed to embrace' the 12 principles of the NPPF (2012), it could be made more explicit in relation to sustainability issues.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 15 sets out the information that must accompany a Neighbourhood Development Plan proposal when submitted to the local planning authority. This includes a statement explaining how the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.</p>	<p>The statement explaining how the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development, in Supporting Document B (Basic Conditions), to be expanded.</p>
<p>The Plan is intended to provide planning guidance for Billesdon until 2028. However much of its content deals with short term housing provision. Other aspects of the future management of change in the Community are dealt with vaguely and may therefore carry little influence.</p>	<p>Matters relating to the monitoring and review of the Plan are set out in Chapter 11.</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>Some members of the SBG request that provision for more community allotments is inserted into the BNDP.</p>	<p>The Parish Council is in the process of providing allotments.</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>Two members of the SBG who are also members of the BNDP Committee declined to endorse these comments; one felt that the level of energy efficiency proposed in this document was unrealistically high; the other did not believe that the comments reflected the opinions of the SBG.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>There were 2 comments on traffic management. One member of SBG did not</p>		

support the need for any form of traffic management. Another felt that a traffic management plan was not relevant.	Noted	No action
Mr Morely (30) – Hazelton Homes supports BP8, BP 16, BP17 and BP18 and the principles set out in the Village Design Statement	Noted	No action
Rev Booker (34) - As a whole document, I believe that this shows a great deal of hard work and that those who put it together have been very thorough in their approach, producing a broad and thoughtful document.	Noted	No action
Natural England (CB 1) - Natural England is generally supportive of the Billesdon Neighbourhood Plan.	Noted	No action
LCC (CB 5) - Departments at Leicestershire County Council have been working closely with the Billesdon Neighbourhood Plan Group ahead of this consultation which was welcomed. This has allowed key departments to feed in comments to draft chapters etc and are happy that comments and views have been taken on board where appropriate and have no further comments at this stage	Noted	No action
Environment Agency (CB 6) - We do encourage the development of contaminated land sites through the planning regime, but request that a good awareness of these issues be demonstrated by the applicant prior to planning permission being sought for any particular site.	Noted	No action
Anglian Water (CB 7) - Thank you for your correspondence dated the 09 August 2013. Please note we have no comments to make on this occasion.	Noted	No action
David Wilson Homes (CB 8) – Introduction: The Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan has an important role in the determination of where new residential development will go within the village. The plan must be in general conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the 2011 Harborough Core Strategy, with an overall requirement for the presumption in	The Plan is in general conformity with the NPPF and the HCS.	No action

<p>favour of sustainable development.</p> <p>Adopted Core Strategy: It is considered that Policy BP2 of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Draft Proposals is in general conformity with Strategic Policies of Harborough District Council and aims to plan positively by providing a target of 45 dwellings over the development period to 2028 in Billesdon. It is considered that 45 dwellings is an appropriate amount of new housing for Billesdon. However with respect to paragraph 11.4 of Supporting Document E which states that 'actual provision may be higher/lower than the total target' we have questioned the capacity of the proposed site allocations in Policy BP3, and consider that altogether they do not provide sufficiently for future growth.</p> <p>Harborough District Council New Local Plan: It is considered that the housing requirement for Billesdon will rise through the emergence of the Harborough District Council New Local Plan. The proposed site allocations, land to the north of High Acres (Site A), land east of Rolleston Road (Site B), and the former lorry park, Gaulby Road (Reserve Site) can collectively provide approximately 54 dwellings. This total figure is considered to be insufficient to accommodate additional housing requirements expected from the emerging New Local Plan. A solution to this potential capacity issue would be to combine the proposed Reserve Site with the land adjacent on Gaulby Road. Formal Assessments with respect to transport, landscaping, and flood risk have been produced on land at Gaulby Road which concluded that development would have a moderate impact on traffic flows, and importantly no more impact than created by any other development in Billesdon. Following feedback from the Neighbourhood Plan Group on 28th August, it is considered that a number of changes required can be implemented, along with the potential to provide land adjacent to and to the rear of the primary school for car parking/potential growth of the primary school. The combined land at Gaulby Road would provide Billesdon with a larger Reserve Site capable of accommodating and delivering potential future requirements and will prevent more piecemeal, unregulated development within Billesdon. We therefore respectfully request the Neighbourhood Plan Group consider this option of increasing the capacity of the</p>	<p>The fact that there is an emerging development plan in a local authority area is not unusual and there is nothing in the legislation to support the contention that such a situation should stop, or slow down, the progress of a neighbourhood plan. The housing allocations provide for a level of housing development that is in general conformity with Core Strategy policy CS2. There is no evidence to demonstrate that Sites A and B would be unlikely to deliver the dwellings allocated and thus provide a requirement for a larger reserve site. Policy BP3 provides for a review of the Plan should it be necessary to find another reserve site.</p> <p>Noted. Policy BP3 provides for a review of the Plan should it be necessary to find another reserve site.</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>Billesdon Parish Council will consider all the representations made on the Pre-Submission Plan before deciding if amendments are needed.</p>
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<p>Reserve Site.</p> <p>Site Selection Process: A fundamental objection we raise with respect to the formulation of the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan is the way that the criteria have been applied to assess individual sites within the Site Selection Framework (as displayed in Supporting Document F). For clarity, we do not contest the criteria, or the principle of using the Site Selection Framework. We object to the lack of formal assessment on crucial criteria such as traffic flows and landscape quality which we consider has generated inaccurate and unfair assessments, which have informed critical decisions on site selection. We consider the way that the criteria have been applied to be fundamentally wrong, and therefore the evidence base to be flawed. There is no evidence that the proposed site allocations are based on fact rather than preferences which do not have regard to actual evidence.</p> <p>For example, an appeal for a residential dwelling on land to the east of Rolleston Road (reference APP/F2415/A/99/1018794 – 98/00904/OUT) was dismissed by the Inspector as the site was considered to be ‘not well related to existing development, and if allowed would create an element of ribbon development’. The Inspector also considered the site to form ‘an important part of the rural setting of the eastern edge of the village evident when approaching and leaving the village’, however, the Site Selection Framework considers the landscape quality to be moderate, and appropriate for development in landscape terms. It appears that judgement used in the proportionate approach has been applied improperly, and we consider that an equitable approach to our site (land at Gaulby Road) has not been taken in comparison with other sites, based on the presentation of an indicative layout not produced in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Plan Group.</p>	<p>The proposed sites have been selected having regard to site selection criteria and the views of local people. Landscape and traffic considerations have taken account of Harborough Core Strategy Policy CS17 with the input of the local community. The site selection criteria recognised that the site at Gaulby Road has good access to the Primary School. However access to other key services and facilities is poor while the development of the site would increase traffic past the Primary School. Numerous representations have sought to compare the merits of the allocated sites with alternative sites. However, such matters will be outside the scope of this examination.</p> <p>This item refers to SHLAA site 07 as part of allocated Site B. The demolition of the existing barn at Kates Hill and its replacement with a dwelling was the subject of a planning application in 1998 (98/00904/OUT). Permission was refused as development conflicted with countryside protection policies. A subsequent appeal (T/APP/F2415/A/99/1018794/P9) was dismissed. The appeal inspector considered that the site was within the countryside and formed an important part of the rural setting of Billesdon. In considering potential development sites, BPC has been aware that the housing needs of the Village cannot be met without the need to develop Greenfield sites, such as the site at Kates Hill. This site (B) has been selected having regard to the Site Selection Criteria and the views of local people. Landscape considerations have taken into account of Harborough Core Strategy Policy CS17, with the input of the local</p>	<p>The process set out in the Site Selection Framework (Supporting Document F) to be clarified.</p> <p>No action</p>
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<p>Summary and Conclusions: In summary we respectfully request that consideration is given by the Neighbourhood Plan Group to extend the proposed Reserve Site to include the adjacent land at Gaulby Road. We consider that an appropriate scheme could be produced in collaboration with the Billesdon Neighbourhood Plan Group should the land be required for future development which could include solutions to identified key issues such as parking around the Primary School at peak times. The Neighbourhood Plan Examination is the appropriate basis for the Site Selection Framework to be evaluated, and we wish to address this detail further at Examination.</p> <p>Network Rail (CB 9) - In relation to the above application I can confirm that Network Rail has no observations to make</p> <p>Andrew Granger & Co (CB 10) – On behalf of our client, Bloor Homes, we wish to make the following observations on the Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan Pre-Submission Draft for Consultation. Our main concern relates to the point that we do not consider that the process behind the selection of the proposed site allocation is sound. Therefore, we object to the plan and request that the following points are considered as the process in adopting the Neighbourhood Development Plan moves forward.</p> <p>The Parish Council is to be commended overall on the extensive documentation which they have produced to arrive at the Pre–submission Draft for Consultation 2013. However, there are, we believe fundamental flaws in the documentation and process which undermines, and calls into question, the validity and soundness of the Pre-Submission Draft.</p> <p>We have felt it necessary to comment as comprehensively as possible on the documentation available in the public domain, but in view of our concerns about the process followed we reserve our right to comment further on documentation we may require sight of from the Parish Council and other sources in due course.</p> <p>Supporting Document D(1): Evidence Base: With regards to Qs. 8 & 9, we question how the BNDPG came to the conclusion regarding the following two points:</p>	<p>community.</p> <p>Policy BP3 provides for a review of the Plan should it be necessary to find another reserve site.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Billesdon Parish Council will consider all the representations made on the Pre-Submission Plan before deciding if amendments are needed.</p> <p>No action</p>
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<p>1. Proposed housing target of 45 – the survey results show that 20.0% favoured 1-10 dwellings, 16.3% were in support of 31-40 dwellings, 14.1% favoured 41-50 and 12.0% were in support of 21-30.</p> <p>2. Selection of two site combinations – 34.1% of residents favoured development on one site and 24.7% & 16.5% were in support of two and three sites, respectively.</p> <p>Supporting Document D(2): Evidence Base: With reference to the above document, we make the following comments: The results from the community consultation event held on the 15th May 2012, highlight that 36% of respondents favoured site 3 as the most suitable single site solution, with 25% selecting site 5. However, at the community consultation event, which took place on 7th/9th February 2013, sites 3 and 5 (the most popular sites, as just alluded to) were not considered in isolation. It was site 8, which was put forward in isolation as the only single site option. We question why this was the case, and why sites 3 and 5 were not also proposed as single site options.</p> <p>In addition to the above comment, there is a further discrepancy between the results of the consultation event on the 15th May 2012 and the proposed potential site combinations put forward for consideration on the 7th/9th February 2013. The two site combination on the 7th/9th February 2013 included sites 02/03, yet there was no support for these sites at the previous event on the 15th May 2012 as a two site option. We again question the process behind putting forward site combinations, as it does not appear to be based on the results of previous consultation events and does not enable residents to form their own combinations or vote on individual sites.</p>	<p>With a spread of opinion, the BNDPG concluded only that ‘the community would be prepared to accept up to 50 new houses’.</p> <p>With a spread of opinion, the BNDPG judged that 2 sites was a balanced and proportionate conclusion.</p> <p>An all-Parish Questionnaire (498 responses) was carried out in July/August 2012, after the community consultation of 15th May 2012 attracted fewer than 50 people and 23-28 written responses on their site preferences. More weight was given to the preferences in the 498 responses for the consultation of 7/9th February 2013. Supporting Document F explains the site selection methodology.</p> <p>The community consultation of 15th May 2012 produced only 23-28 responses on site preferences. The whole-parish questionnaire of July/August 2012 produced 498 responses on site preferences. The consultation of 7/9th February 2013 was designed to test the level of support for a more focused set of site options. In addition, by 7/9 February 2013, it had become clear from the developers that Sites 02 and 03 in fact constituted a one-development-site option. Site 02/03 was offered as a single site option. Supporting Document F explains the site selection methodology.</p>	<p>No action.</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p>
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<p>Supporting Document E: Number of Dwellings: Whilst we support the number of new dwellings proposed for Billesdon, we believe that this figure should be expressed as a minimum number of dwellings and not as a maximum target. We consider that the plan needs to take a more flexible approach to providing dwellings across the plan period and plan for change and demand up until 2028.</p> <p>We found the process followed to be somewhat subjective, inconsistent and unaccountable. We believe that there are a number of anomalies when looking at the RAG Scores. We note two examples below:</p> <p>1. If we consider the 'Impact of Traffic' criteria, the scoring for site 05, green, is correct. However, the scoring for site 08 is also green, which we believe is wrong. Site 8 will lead to an increase in traffic through the village centre to travel to both the primary school and the A47 junction. Therefore, the site will have an impact upon traffic through the village centre, which does not accord with the score given.</p> <p>2. Another criteria we consider to be incorrect, is 'Public Rights of Way'. Site 5 has been marked as amber, when there is a footpath to the village centre and it is the only site where children would be able to walk to the Primary School without crossing a road.</p> <p>Supporting Document F: Site Selection Framework: We do acknowledge that our client's site does score low in comparison to other sites. However, there is only a difference of 5% between Site 5 (57) and Site 8 (54), which is heavily influenced by the 'Landscape Character' score. We consider that this is the only constraint to development on site, when you assess the RAG scores. To overcome this, there is an agreed design solution to minimise the impact of the development on the surrounding environment and character of the settlement. The design solution, which includes the provision of open parkland and allotments, was supported through public consultation. The provision of footpaths (used to create attractive green avenues within the development), which will link to the existing network of footpaths within Billesdon, will ensure the site and open</p>	<p>45 dwellings is not a maximum target. BP3 is flexible as it requires the Plan to be reviewed to meet any change in demand for new houses beyond the target of 45 and the capacity of the reserve site.</p> <p>Accessibility of sites to key services and facilities is variable and this is recognised in the scoring. The proposed sites have been selected having regard to site selection criteria and the views of local people. Both sites 05 and 08 provide access on to the old A47, with access to the new A47 that does not require travel through the village centre.</p> <p>Site 05 contains a public footpath. The footpath mentioned has been accounted for in the measurement of distances to services and facilities.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that sites 05 and 08 score closely. Landscape considerations have taken account of Harborough Core Strategy Policy CS17 with the input of the local community. Representatives of the local community, on the BNDPG, exercised their independent judgements on the impact on landscape for each site from a potential housing development. The procedure is explained in Supporting Document D2 (4).</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p>
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<p>parkland/allotments are accessible and not enclosed. This will also ensure the site is integrated within the existing built form of the settlement. The RAG score also focuses on <i>'safeguarding important views and landmarks'</i>, we acknowledge the site scores poorly. However, we do not consider that this is correct and we question the process behind producing this score. As you enter the village from the west, the site is heavily screened by mature trees and hedgerows, and it is not until you are adjacent to our client's site that you see it. Furthermore, the concept plan for the proposed development outlines how views across the site to the church will be protected. We consider that our site is no more visually prominent than other sites put forward for consideration. A large part of Site 8 is visually prominent as you travel into the village from the eastern side. If this area was taken out of consideration it would greatly reduce the developable area.</p> <p>Objection: For the above reasons we object to the Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan Pre-Submission Version (Draft for Consultation) on the basis that the processes behind the allocation of sites does not appear to be robust and has raised a number of questions. We propose that the BNDG review the allocation of sites.</p> <p>The Community Consultation event of the 7/9 February 2013 caused much confusion for residents; and unfairly, and unnecessarily, grouped sites together thereby limiting choice. Residents were not given the option of selecting our site HSG/05 independently of HSG/06. Public support for HSG/05 was generally favourable over the two day event but the selection of the site was prejudiced by the choices presented to residents. This was pointed out to Parish representatives at the time, and subsequently recorded in writing.</p> <p>From the public response at the consultation event it was clearly evident that the majority of people favoured our site and especially the constructive approach we presented.</p> <p>Proposal: Further to the above points we consider that our site is suitable to accommodate future development and provide new dwellings in line with guidance set out in the National Planning Policy Framework and the Harborough District Core Strategy. The development will ensure the site is well integrated and linked to the existing</p>	<p>The consultation of 7/9 February 2013 was designed to gauge support for a more focused range of sites and combinations than at two earlier consultations, when a free choice of sites had been offered.</p> <p>No evidence is presented to support this statement.</p> <p>The Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan (BNDP) must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Harborough Core Strategy (HCS). The housing provision for Billesdon for the</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>Billesdon Parish Council will consider all the representations made on the Pre-submission Plan before deciding if amendments are needed.</p>
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settlement and will provide open parkland for both current and future residents of Billesdon to enjoy. The open parkland and allotments will not be divorced from the existing community; rather it will be a community space, accessible for all residents of Billesdon. It will create a new soft edge to the village, recognising that, as with any new housing site around the village, there will be incursion into the countryside landscape.

The proposal incorporates a mixture of housing types and tenures, providing new homes in the village including bungalows, with good safe pedestrian links to the existing village. Muddy Lane will be protected and remain in situ, physically unaltered. Vehicular access will be directly onto the Leicester Rd, with traffic calming as requested by residents.

We propose that the Parish Council be invited to reconsider its proposal for new housing, and allocate the above site either as a replacement for, or in addition to, a reduced HSG08 which more should properly deal with landscape intrusion, traffic impact, and pedestrian safety.

period 2012 to 2028 is some 45 dwellings. This level of provision will allow the BNDP to deliver sufficient new homes to be compatible with its status as a Rural Centre. The 2011 SHLAA confirms that this provision does not prejudice the strategic provision for the Rural Centres and Selected Rural Villages as set out in DCS Policy CS2.

The Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan Group is confident that this scale of development will not dominate the existing community and can avoid placing undue pressure on local services and facilities. A housing provision of around 45 dwellings is not disproportionate and is of a scale that local people could find acceptable. This level of housing growth is compatible with our Vision for Billesdon in 2028 and is sufficient to deliver enough affordable homes to meet local needs. There is no specific requirement in the Harborough Core Strategy to provide for a minimum of 45 dwellings although Billesdon will be helping to ensuring that the requirement for at least 2,420 dwellings are provided in the Rural Centres and selected rural villages between 2006 and 2028. There are concerns that the use of the term 'minimum' could lead to significant over-provision and unsustainable housing growth.

The proposed sites have been selected having regard to site selection criteria and the views of local people. Landscape considerations have taken account of Harborough Core Strategy Policy CS17 with the input of the local community.

2. SECTION SPECIFIC COMMENTS:

Non Technical Summary

Total Comments	0
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1 – Background to the Neighbourhood Plan

Total Comments	1
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	Comment	Response	Proposed Amendment
Policy BP1	HDC (CB 11) - Is this Policy needed? The NPPF, Local Plan and material considerations will all be considered alongside the Neighbourhood Plan.	We believe that it is important for the reader to understand that the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework and the Harborough Core Strategy may apply.	No action

2 – Community Vision

Total Comments	3
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	Comments	Response	Proposed Amendment
Paragraph 2.2	Mr Miles (36) – Billesdon Cricket Club provides opportunities for people of all ages. As one of the major sports teams in the village, we feel that securing the long term security of our field would help the club continue to prosper.	Noted. The cricket ground is designated as a Local Green Space (Proposals Map).	No action

Paragraph 2.10	<p>Prof Silverman (29) - These comments represent the views of members of the Sustainable Billesdon Group (SBG). 2.6 – 2.9: the Group felt there was a notable omission here. The NPPF encourages the transition to a low-carbon future. We suggest the following paragraph be added, dealing with the local and general environment: -</p> <p>2.10 A community which plays its part in reducing and mitigating environmental degradation and climate change. The community will seek to reduce traffic flows within the Village, encourage energy efficiency and renewable energy production (with the aim of reducing the overall carbon footprint of the community) and create new wildlife habitats and corridors around the Village.</p>	Agree (with minor revision).	<p>The following paragraph be added:</p> <p><i>2.10 A rural community that plays its part in reducing and mitigating environmental degradation and climate change.</i> The community will seek to minimise traffic flows within the Village, encourage energy efficiency and renewable energy production (with the aim of reducing the overall carbon footprint of the community) and create new wildlife habitats and corridors around the Village.</p>
Paragraph 2.8	<p>Rev Booker (34) - As a school governor, I am concerned that expansion needs are met when more housing is built, and this, among other facilities, needs to be sustainable.</p>	Noted. Despite the School being extended in 2010, it is recognised that the Education Authority will need to review how the School will need more capacity to cope with the demand created by new housing development.	No action

3 – Key Issues

Total Comments	3
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	Comments	Response	Proposed Amendment
Paragraph 3.7	<p>Prof. Ellis (18) - It is desirable to have some low cost housing for young single people, to encourage an age-diverse community.</p>	Noted. Affordable housing is dealt with in BP6.	No action

Paragraph 3.9	Rev Booker (34) - Could not agree more regarding broadband.	Noted	No action
Paragraph 3.13	Dr Nevitt (13) - The building of 45 new dwellings may well increase the demand on the Coplow Centre where our Drama Society is based, and provide a source of new members. We are particularly keen to attract younger members.	Noted. It is recognised in BP13(c) that the Coplow Centre will need more capacity to cope with the demand created by new housing development.	No action

4 - Housing

Total Comments	22
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	Comments	Response	Proposed Amendment
General	<p>Mr Mills (15) – As stated in the first paragraph of the Plan, the Neighbourhood Development Plan must be in line with the 2012 National Policy Framework and the 2011 Harborough Core Strategy. However on 3rd December 2012 the Harborough Council resolved to prepare a New Local Plan in response to a number of important Government changes in respect of local planning policy. The 2011 Harborough Core Strategy will undergo a focused review and is therefore currently on hold. The New Local Plan is due for adoption in July 2015 and will go up to 2031 not 2028 as quoted in the Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>There is no phasing for the building of the developments, and both developers of the two suggested sites plan to build as soon as possible. So we have the situation that in 3 or 4 years time the 45 houses could be built. To expect no further houses to</p>	<p>The fact that there is an emerging development plan in a local authority area is not unusual and there is nothing in the legislation to support the contention that such a situation should stop, or slow down, the progress of a neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>National Planning Policy Guidance requires the supply of housing to be boosted and brought forward. The proposed sites are not of sufficient size to justify phasing. The delivery of improved infrastructure would not</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>No action</p>

	<p>be built for the following 14 or 15 years, with the changing governmental targets, and pressure on house building numbers, is impossible to imagine - particularly as we have advertised the fact that there are 300+ potential plots in the village. We need to phase the construction of the housing and wait for the New Local Plan to be in place.</p> <p>It is great to be the fourth village in the country to have a plan approved if we are in a race – but we are not and we are deciding the future of the village for the next 18 years. None of this information has been given to the residents of Billesdon.</p> <p>The Choice of Sites: The Community Consultation held on 7/9th February 2013 was the first time that residents could see detailed plans and talk to the Developers. The response from the residents showed that their preferences for the site to be developed were 05/06/04 with 55% of responses, against 27% for 08, 11% for 02/03 and a 7% for a 02/03.08 combination.</p> <p>On reading in the parish magazine in early June when, for the first time, the choice of sites was made public, I tried for two months from 11th June 2013 to obtain a copy of the Community Consultation from the Neighbourhood Development Plan Group. This was not provided and my appeal to the Parish Council on</p>	<p>be aided by phased development and the impact of construction on the village would be extended.</p> <p>It is highly desirable to have an up-to-date plan in place. It will provide residents, developers, landowners and the planning authority with clear policies on what will or will not be permitted and where.</p> <p>A developer, with plans, was present at the 15th May 2012 community consultation. The figure of 55% is only achieved by adding the individual totals for sites 05, 05/06 and 04/05/06. This is a false comparison with 08. The proposed sites have been selected having regard to site selection criteria and the views of local people. This evidence has been made available on the Parish Council's website alongside the Pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The respondent was informed by letter on several occasions that the requested material would be made available on the Parish Council's website, alongside the Pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan, on 12th August 2013 at the start of the Pre-Submission consultation period.</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p>
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	<p>29th July 2013 for this, and other information, was rejected. This lack of sharing of information goes against the spirit of the Plan.</p> <p>The Sites Selection Report from the Harborough District Council in January 2013, which surveyed all the sites put up for development, was issued. This showed all the sites were satisfactory in principle, except for site 08 which was rejected outright. One of the main criticisms of this site by the Council was the large, negative traffic impact that its development would create in the village. I asked the Parish Council to ensure that this Report was presented at the Public Forums held recently, but it was not presented. None of this information has been given to the residents of Billesdon.</p> <p>The 37 Criteria: With the majority of the residents responding to a preference for the 05 combinations, and the Harborough District Council rejecting site 08, the choice that the Neighbourhood Development Plan Group made must have been swayed overwhelmingly by the analysis of the 37 criteria that were used on each site. However the difference in the scores between site 05 (57) and 08 (54) is only 5%.</p> <p>The methodology of the measurement of the Criteria under the RAG system with only three choices restricts the results. Harborough Council recommends 5 choices - It restricts the differences between the sites to scores of 1 (Red), 2 (Amber), 3 (Green) which gives no scope to display more significant differences than a scoring</p>	<p>HDC has informed the respondent that the Site Selection document referred to was a draft assessment document that was not subsequently completed; the document did not represent the views of HDC. The issue over access to Site 8 was subsequently resolved.</p> <p>The proposed sites have been selected having regard to site selection criteria and the views of local people. It is acknowledged that sites 05 and 08 score closely.</p> <p>A wider scoring process (e.g. over 1-10) would make the procedure more complicated, less transparent and more subjective.</p> <p>Weighting the individual criteria against each other would make the procedure more complicated, less transparent and more</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>The process set out in the Site Selection Framework (Supporting Document F) to be clarified.</p> <p>No action</p>
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	<p>system of 1-10 for example. It does not grade the Criteria in importance of selection. So ' GAS/Oil Pipeline' has the same three points as 'Impact of traffic' which has such considerable impact on the village.</p> <p>The system itself is therefore inflexible. However the way in which the result was decided on was totally undemocratic. No-one was allowed questions at the Presentations that were made recently, so there has been no village involvement in the decisions on these Criteria.</p> <p>Some of the scoring decisions made are at best naïve, but the resulting scores skew the final result.</p> <p>If we take the 'Impact of traffic' Criteria, which is one of the most significant adverse results of any development , and is mentioned as being a problem no less than 15 times in the Neighbourhood Development Plan and village Design Statement, the scoring for site 05 is Green correct , but for site 08 it is also Green which is completely wrong as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The consultant to the Group reported that drivers leaving site 08 would turn left, so not increasing traffic flow through the village. As the majority would be travelling towards Leicester this assumes that they would travel ¼ mile away from Leicester- queue to join the Melton/ Harborough Road, then queue to join the A47 at one of the most dangerous junctions in the County, and then travel another ¼ mile back were they got started! 	<p>subjective.</p> <p>The BNDPG is comprised by volunteer members of the local community. Members of the BDNPG were present at all consultation events to answer questions.</p> <p>Accessibility of sites to key services and facilities is variable and this is recognised in the scoring. Sites 05 and 08 both have access onto the old A47.</p> <p>The BNDPG has no record of this report from the consultant. Assumptions on the anticipated behaviour of car drivers should not be used as the basis for a Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p>
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	<p>2. Site 08 is the furthest site from the School. Parents will use their cars to ferry their children to and from school adding to the traffic along Brook Lane/ Church Street and the chaos round the school. This is specifically identified in the Neighbourhood Development Plan as a problem that must be avoided.</p> <p>Another important criteria is access to public rights of way and footways: Site 05 has been marked as Amber while it has one footpath directly down through the village to shops, buses etc, and another footpath through to Church Street. Site 5 is the only site where children could walk to the Primary school without crossing a road. There is also a footpath from this site directly onto the open countryside, and it also has Muddy Lane running alongside.</p> <p>Site 08 has been marked as Green. The proposed footpath connects the site to Long Lane at its narrowest part that is without a pavement for safe walking. Long Lane is treated as an overflow car park for the centre of the village and is always congested, however the footpath proposed will funnel people along the Lane towards the centre where they will be forced to cross the main road on a virtually blind and busy bend. This is a very dangerous proposal. There are disputes over the footpath proposed for site 08 which does not exist at the present time. It is one of the essential requirements of the Plan that footpath access must be in place. We cannot therefore approve site 08 until a clear, legally permissible footpath is in</p>	<p>While access to the Primary School is not as good as some sites, it lies within reasonable walking distance. The Plan should not be based on assumptions about the travel arrangements of parents with children at the School.</p> <p>There is a footpath within Site 05. The footpath mentioned is accounted for in the scoring of distances to services and facilities criteria.</p> <p>The developer has confirmed the deliverability of a footpath to the top of Long Lane, which is a cul-de-sac.</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p>
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	<p>existence.</p> <p>The results for the Criteria covering Landscaping cannot take the lie of the land into consideration. The land at site 05 falls away steeply from the road and is at the end of a bend on the hill up to the village. Of course the development will be visible, as they all will be, however the impact of site 05 will be left to the last minute as you enter the village, with the screen of trees along the roadside hiding the sight of it.</p> <p>The land at site 08 rises up to the highest point of the village. Ridgelines and hilltops are marked as Red in the Rag scoring not Green! In a previous planning application the Inspector said of the site 'This is in an elevated position above the village and can be seen very easily from the open countryside to the North, and can also be seen from and between buildings within the village'. He rejected the application.</p> <p>Residents have had no input into these Criteria which seems to have swayed the Group to ignore the wishes of the residents and the objections from Harborough Council. However they seem to be marginal in the differences between sites, the system averages out differences, and some of the scoring seems to be naïve.</p> <p>Green Issues: Developments are expected to enhance existing ecological corridors, but by developing site 08 the wildlife corridor between the village and the by-pass will be closed. A portion of the old and extensive</p>	<p>Landscape considerations have taken account of Harborough Core Strategy Policy CS17 with the input of the local community.</p> <p>Site 08 does not form a ridgeline – the A47 by-pass now limits views from the north.</p> <p>The Site Assessment criteria were developed by the BNDPG, which is comprised by volunteer members of the local community.</p> <p>Policy BP4 requires that a landscaping scheme should be implemented to provide for an improvement in biodiversity and the retention of existing trees and hedgerows.</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p>
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	<p>hedgerow in the middle of site 08 will be pulled up.</p> <p>Drainage: There is extensive run-off water from site 08 down Long Lane and Baker's Lane after heavy rain now. This will be increased after roads and houses have been built and it will be directed down into the bottleneck of drains in the centre of the village.</p> <p>Flooding does occur now, and although mains work is due to be done in Church Street in the near future, it is only taking into consideration existing levels and there is no allowance for any increases. Flooding will therefore still occur from the additional volumes of water released from site 08.</p> <p>New Residents: There is no mention anywhere in the Plan about the quality of life for our new neighbours if site 08 is developed. The noise (only considered Amber in the scoring even though the developers admit they will be putting triple glazing in!) and pollution from the by-pass is continuous 24/7. Surely they have the same right to expect a peaceful and tranquil village life as we all wish for and are striving to maintain in Billesdon.</p> <p>CONCLUSION: There has been a tremendous amount of hard work and useful information produced in the Plan by many people. For the Plan to be rejected by a hurried vote would be a complete waste. But, in my opinion, the wrong recommendations regarding the timing and positioning of houses has been arrived at.</p>	<p>Drainage issues are dealt with by Policy BP14. However, in view of these concerns, further action will be taken.</p> <p>Policy BP4 requires the provision of approximately 4,000 sq.m. of green open space along the northern boundary of the site in order to protect residential amenities.</p> <p>The proposed sites have been selected having regard to site selection criteria and the views of local people. There remain several opportunities for people to express their views: Billesdon Parish Council will consider the representations made on the Pre-submission Plan and decide whether amendments are needed. The proposed Plan will then be submitted to Harborough District Council for publication. Regulations</p>	<p>Billesdon Parish Council will consult Severn Trent further regarding local drainage issues.</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p>
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I believe the 37 Criteria ought to be reviewed and scored by residents to avoid any suspicion of prejudice, or voting through self interest. The potential sites are now identified as site 03, 05 and 08, so a simple one site solution can be made rather than the combinations of sites previously chosen.

Also, that residents should be informed about the changes in the Harborough Core Strategy and the opinion that Harborough Planning department have on the three sites. They can then give an informed view on how the phasing and timing of any developments should be arranged. This will result in a report based on democratic principles, owned by the village, after open discussions and informed decisions.

require the District Council to publish the proposed Plan with details of how, where and when any representations can be made. The District Council will appoint an Independent Examiner, providing copies of the proposed Plan and any representations made. The Examiner must consider if the proposed Plan meets Basic Conditions. The Examiner will recommend either that the Plan is submitted to a local referendum, or that it is modified to meet the Basic Conditions, and then submitted to a Referendum, or that the Plan is refused. The District Council will arrange a Referendum and, if the Plan is passed by a simple majority of those voting, the Council must adopt it as part of the Development Plan.

The fact that there is an emerging development plan in a local authority area is not unusual and there is nothing in the legislation to support the contention that such a situation should stop, or slow down, the progress of a neighbourhood plan.

National Planning Policy Guidance requires the supply of housing to be boosted and brought forward. The proposed sites are not of sufficient size to justify phasing. The delivery of improved infrastructure would not be aided by phased development and the impact of construction on the village would be extended.

Harborough District Council have been consulted on the plan throughout its preparation and have raised no objection to

		the allocation of Site A.	
	Prof Ellis (18) – I broadly agree with the plan, including the location of the planned housing. The location is particularly suitable because it does not affect sight lines in the village	Noted	No action

	<p>Mrs Mills (28) – The site result that many of the villagers voted for was not highlighted enough for us to understand it easily. It was complicated by the percentage of other sites being included, therefore not many people picked up that site 05 was the favourite.</p> <p>Why was site 08 selected? The fundamental criteria have not been satisfactorily implemented. Traffic: approx 100 more cars will drive through the village either to take children to school and back twice a day, down Brook Lane or Church Street, or go to work in Leicester and back.</p> <p>Children’s’ safety: Site 08 is furthest from the school. Many children will be driven there and back, the alternative is to walk across the busier old A47.</p> <p>Flooding: Site 08 is the highest point in Billesdon. We all know the floods that have happened in the village over the past few years. Also several houses just below the site suffer flooding in their gardens and trickles constantly down Bakers Lane to the village centre.</p> <p>Traffic noise: shouldn’t be concerned with the by-pass traffic noise going 24/7 for the owners of the new houses?</p> <p>Surely we should have an open forum for the</p>	<p>The proposed sites have been selected having regard to site selection criteria and the views of local people.</p> <p>Traffic impact was just one of the criteria taken into consideration in the allocation of housing sites. Traffic travelling from Site A has good access to the A47 without the need to travel through the village centre. Neither Harborough District Council nor the Highways Authority have raised concerns about access.</p> <p>While access to the Primary School is not as good as some sites, it lies within reasonable walking distance.</p> <p>Neither Harborough District Council nor the Environment Agency has raised concerns about flood risk. Drainage issues are dealt with by Policy BP14.</p> <p>Policy BP4 requires the provision of approximately 4,000 sq.m. of green open space along the northern boundary of the site in order to protect residential amenities.</p> <p>Three community consultation events have been held for members of the community to</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No change to Plan, but developer be advised of drainage concerns. Billesdon Parish Council will consult Severn Trent further regarding local drainage issues</p> <p>Developer be advised of noise/disturbance concerns.</p> <p>No action</p>
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	<p>opportunity to air our concerns? I'm sure if the committee weighed up these more important criteria honestly, the sensible site would not be 08 but 05.</p> <p>Mr Morley (30) – Hazelton Homes has an agreement for the purchase and development of the land to the north of High Acres, Uppingham Road, Billesdon, shown as site A on the proposals map. In addition, it has reached agreement with the owners of the land between the site and the Uppingham Road (former) bridleway to purchase this land to create an access to construct an estate road into the site, this to be adopted upon its completion. The company is also able to provide a pedestrian access from the site onto Long Lane and from there into the village centre.</p> <p>HH are confident that they can bring forward the site for development and are proposing to submit a planning application immediately upon the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>In general terms, HH are supportive of the Plan's proposals for housing as set out in 4 HOUSING, para. 4.7 to 4.14 and policy statements BP2, BP3, BP4 and BP6.</p>	<p>air their views. Members of the BNDPG were present to listen to views and answer questions.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No action</p>
	<p>HDC (CB 11) - The Core Strategy identifies 5 other Rural Centre in addition to Billesdon; however Kibworth and Great Glen are not identified for additional development, only limited infill development</p>	<p>Agreed.</p>	<p>Paragraph 4.1 be amended to refer to Kibworth and Great Glen as Rural Centres</p>
<p>Policy BP2</p>	<p>David Wilson Homes (CB 8) - Introduction: It is considered that Policy BP2 of the Neighbourhood</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>No action</p>

	<p>Development Plan Draft Proposals is in general conformity with Strategic Policies of Harborough District Council and aims to plan positively by providing a target of 45 dwellings over the development period to 2028 in Billesdon.</p>		
	<p>HDC (CB 11) - The Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan Pre-Submission Draft is well written, well presented and shows the amount of work that has gone into the Plan. Wording of a target of X dwellings should be replaced with wording of a minimum of X dwellings to be in compliance with Core Strategy Policy CS2.</p> <p>The White Hart Garage site is a current commitment and should be identified as such.</p> <p>In BP2, 'amenities of local resident' is too broad - needs to be more specific or removed.</p>	<p>There is no specific requirement in the Harborough Core Strategy to provide for a minimum of 45 dwellings, although Billesdon will be helping to ensure that the requirement for at least 2,420 dwellings are provided in the Rural Centres and selected rural villages between 2006 and 2028. There are concerns that the use of the term 'minimum', without an upper limit, could lead to significant over-provision and unsustainable housing growth.</p> <p>See paragraph 4.2 of the Plan.</p> <p>Agreed</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>Policy BP2b to be revised as follows: 'does not significantly adversely affect the amenities of residents in the area (including daylight/sunlight, privacy, air quality, noise and light pollution)' .</p>
<p>Policy BP3</p>	<p>Ms Atkinson (33) - I fail to see how this proposal has been fairly and subjectively determined, and have great concern that prior to this information being reported in the BNP 2013-2028 no public consultation or discussions with the residents of the findings of the RAG scoring took place, in addition the results of the weights were not taken to public consultation.</p>	<p>The proposed sites have been selected objectively, having regard to site selection criteria and the views of local people. There remain opportunities for people to express their views: Billesdon Parish Council will consider the representations made on the Pre-submission Plan and decide whether amendments are needed. The proposed Plan will then be submitted to Harborough</p>	<p>No action</p>

	<p>Document D1 - Total counts under Q9; sites 01/07 counts are considerably less (114 total) than sites 05 and 06 (341 total). With reference to document D2 item 6, sites 01/07 received the lowest % replies (8% total) compared with sites 05/06 (30% total) and 02/03.</p> <p>Following the results of the Community Consultation 7/9 February 2013, document D2 - item 2 - sites 01/07 not detailed as option if there was a preference for 45 houses, item 4 details sites 01/07 as an option only if more than 45 houses are chosen yet sites 02/03 received 17% as first choice and sites 05/06 27% first choice. Item 5 showing the composite RAG scores overall as 01/07 Amber and sites 05/06 Green.</p>	<p>District Council for publication. Regulations require the District Council to publish the proposed Plan with details of how, where and when any representations can be made. The District Council will appoint an Independent Examiner, providing copies of the proposed Plan and any representations made. The Examiner must consider if the proposed Plan meets Basic Conditions. The Examiner will recommend either that the Plan is submitted to a local Referendum, or that it is modified to meet Basic Conditions and then submitted to a Referendum, or the Plan is refused. The District Council will arrange a Referendum and, if the Plan is passed by a simple majority of those voting, the Council must adopt it as part of the Development Plan.</p> <p>Site counts should be examined separately and not amalgamated. Another question reported in D2 revealed support for 01/07.</p> <p>The proposed sites have been selected objectively, having regard to site selection criteria and the views of local people. There remain opportunities for people to express their views:</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>No action</p>
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	<p>The scoring and weighting is most subjective and sites 02/03/05/06 have received significant support from the public consultation, sites 01/07 were only considered in February 2013 and no further public consultation to my knowledge took place before the report was issued.</p>	<p>Developer plan proposals for sites 01/07 were made available for the first time at the February 2013 community consultation. The proposals were favourably received by those attending.</p>	<p>No action</p>
	<p>HDC (11) - Additional links to the evidence base is required here in order to support the policies</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>Additional links to be written into the Plan document</p>
<p>Policy BP4</p>	<p>Mr Farmer (8) - I agree with the choice of land for development in BP4 and BP5.</p> <p>I do hope that a traffic-calming scheme is put into place at the point where access to site for BP4 joins the Uppingham Road.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Traffic calming is to be part of the engineering for this junction and is a matter to be considered at planning application stage.</p>	<p>No action</p>
	<p>Mrs Silverman (17) - Land at High Acres: This company has changed its proposals from one meeting to the next. Originally including a strip of land between the existing house at the top of High Acres and the new estate, by the second meeting this buffer zone had disappeared and the proposed new properties and garages are now a matter of feet away from existing houses. This is unacceptable and poor planning</p>	<p>These are matters of detail to be considered at planning application stage.</p>	<p>This item will be drawn to the attention of the proposed developer.</p>

	<p>R J and D Loughran (24) - HDC Core Strategy is well documented and needs no further comment, unlike the Billesdon NDP and the so-called referendum of the residents. It is alleged that the so-called referendum results were produced to show certain preferred sites. This is false and in no way reflects the true result of the residents' referendum.</p> <p>The area of most contention is that shown as HSG/8. This could be a logistical nightmare for the reasons put forward by the residents: 1) This site has been rejected by the planning inspector as being the highest point of the village and housing would be intrusive because of it (i.e. of more than one storey).</p>	<p>The proposed sites have been selected having regard to site selection criteria and the views of local people. There has not yet been a referendum and there remain opportunities for people to express their views. Billesdon Parish Council will consider the representations made on the Pre-submission Plan and decide whether amendments are needed. The proposed Plan will then be submitted to Harborough District Council for publication. Regulations require the District Council to publish the proposed Plan with details of how, where and when any representations can be made. The District Council will appoint an Independent Examiner, providing copies of the proposed Plan and any representations made. The Examiner must consider if the proposed Plan meets Basic Conditions. The Examiner will recommend either that the Plan is submitted to a local referendum, or that it is modified to meet the Basic Conditions and then submitted to a Referendum, or that the Plan is refused. The District Council will arrange a Referendum and, if the Plan is passed by a simple majority of those voting, the Council must adopt it as part of the Development Plan.</p> <p>Land rear of Highfield House was the subject of a planning application for five dwellings in 1998 (Ref: 98/00456/FUL). Permission was refused due to the site being outside built-up limits, impact on the Conservation Area and Area of Particularly Attractive Countryside, overlooking of</p>	<p>No change to Plan but developer be advised of highways, drainage and noise/disturbance concerns</p> <p>No action</p>
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	<p>2) Flooding does occur at present on Long Lane and Bakers Lane after heavy rain. This will be increased after houses and roads are built on this site.</p> <p>3) Leicester Road holds blind bends and is used as a commuter road and is extremely busy. Children and residents have to use extreme caution when accessing school and other village services.</p> <p>4) The draft Plan makes no reference to an intake of new residents. The environmental issues of site HSG/8 from the A47 bypass will contribute nothing to the tranquillity of village life. Might we suggest a more cohesive plan submitted to the residents, and then an impartial referendum, not one cobbled result submitted by the Neighbourhood Committee?</p>	<p>existing properties, and access reasons. The subsequent appeal was dismissed. While Site A lies outside built-up limits it is not possible to accommodate the level of housing to be provided without greenfield development on the edge of the village. Site A lies outside the Conservation Area and is no longer designated as an Area of Particularly Attractive Countryside. Policy BP4 requires the area to the north of the existing properties to be bungalows and criteria (eii) also recognises the need to protect the amenities of existing residents. The access arrangement is very different to the refused proposal.</p> <p>Neither Harborough District Council nor the Environment Agency has raised concerns about flood risk. Drainage issues are, in any event, dealt with by Policy BP14.</p> <p>Neither Harborough District Council nor the Highways Authority has raised concerns about access to Site A. The impact of growth on local infrastructure is addressed by Policy BP13.</p> <p>Policy BP4 requires the provision of approximately 4,000 sq.m. of green open space along the northern boundary of the site in order to protect residential amenities.</p>	<p>No change to Plan but developer be advised of drainage concerns. Billesdon Parish Council to consult Severn Trent further regarding local drainage issues.</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p>
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	<p>Mr Keates (22) – I must congratulate you on producing an excellent document in the BNDP 2013 to 2028. However I cannot agree with the decision to choose SHLAA 08 [land to the north of High Acres] as the chosen site for the bulk of the proposed houses.</p> <p>I consider the scoring methodology flawed, i.e. using a score scale of 1-3 on each of the 37 criteria does not adequately reflect the difference in strength between the best and worst points in the various criteria. Even with this system, it produces a very close win for site 08 over what in my opinion should be the chosen site 05. If a 1-10 scale of scoring was used I believe that site 05 would be a clear winner.</p> <p>Site 05 scores badly under the group heading "landscape". Using your assessment, I do not fully understand this, as the field in question cannot be seen from the A47 approach to the village, obscured as it is by substantial trees in the hedgerow. The</p>	<p>The proposed sites have been selected having regard to site selection criteria and the views of local people.</p> <p>Although some sites score closely, a wider scoring system (e.g. 1-10) would make the procedure more complicated, less transparent and more subjective. Weighting the individual criteria against each other would make the procedure more complicated, less transparent and more subjective.</p> <p>Members of the BNDPG do not agree with this opinion and place more value on the landscape of site 05 compared with site 08.</p>	<p>The process set out in the Site Selection Framework (Supporting Document F) to be clarified.</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p>

	<p>developer has promised to plant additional trees on his side of this hedge to further shield the new houses at the time of the development</p> <p>I would also argue with your scores for the two sites on the following criteria.</p> <p>Site 08 - access to the village should be red 7 on my system; highway access should be red++ or 10; impact on traffic through the village should be red or 7; links into the village should be red or 8.</p> <p>Site 05 – access to the primary school should be amber at worse or 4 on my system – considerably less than the score for site 08 at 8 minimum; public right of way, yes they are affected by the possible development but in a good way not one that should result in an amber score on my system 1; footways why amber? The right of way Muddy Lane and existing pathways provide excellent pedestrian access to all the village amenities certainly better than from 08 this should be green and on my system 2 at most compared with 6 for 08.</p> <p>You should consider the following points to consolidate my opinion about the two sites: Site 08 – (A) vehicular access is very poor and potentially very dangerous; (B) the vast majority of the traffic to the site will pass through the village on the old A47 which is a narrow road with a blind bend opposite the doctor’s already a busy area and one which suffers many restrictions caused by parked cars; (C) this development will be badly affected by road noise and pollution from the bypass surely limiting sales potential and blighting the quality of life of the new residents; (D) pedestrian access to the village amenities and school is terrible. The developer</p>	<p>Traffic was just one of the criteria taken into consideration in the allocation of housing sites. Traffic travelling from Site A (08) has good access to the A47 without the need to travel through the village centre. Neither Harborough District Council nor the Highways Authority has raised concerns about access. Sites 05 and 08 both have access onto the old A47.</p> <p>Accessibility of sites to key services and facilities is variable and this is recognised in the scoring, including the Muddy Lane footpath.</p> <p>(A) No objections on access to Site A have been made by LCC (Highways) or HDC. (B) Assumptions should not be made about traffic flows from Site A; the old A47 was previously a trunk road. (C) Design of the proposed development of Site A includes a buffer zone with the A47. (D) A footpath to the village centre is deliverable; Long Lane is a quiet cul-de-sac; assumptions should not be made about traffic flows from Site A.</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>Billesdon Parish Council will consider all the representations made on the Pre-submission Plan before deciding if amendments are needed.</p> <p>No change to Plan but developer be advised of highways access concerns.</p>
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	<p>says they will put a footpath through to the top of Long Lane but that remains to be seen as the current land owner has to agree to this. Even if it is provided there is no footpath from the new access for the first 80 yards on Long Lane and the old A47 has still to be crossed over what is a blind bend and an increasingly busy road to get to the shops and school. This will result in the residents using their cars for such visits further aggravating an already bad traffic and parking situation as detailed in the plan no less than 15 times. If no access to Long Lane is created then the only access to the village will be along the new road into the site and down the hill to the village. Down the hill possibly but up the hill to their houses, no way – the car will be used with the same end result.</p> <p>Major advantages of site 05: (A) vehicular access is OK; (B) the vast majority of traffic to the site will not have to pass through the village; (C) pedestrian access to the village is excellent using the current rights of way, Muddy Lane and existing passageways all amenities can be reached more safely and in a shorter distance, thus reducing the incentive to use the car; (D) it may be possible to resurrect the connection of Muddy Lane to Gaulby Road, thus improving access to the school.</p> <p>The HDC Core Strategy is currently being reviewed, and a replacement Local Plan for 2015 -2031 will emerge. Whilst the content is not yet known, and accepting that additional housing may be called for in Billesdon, we do not know whether or not the current number of 45 houses will be the required number. It is therefore essential that the plan asks for the phasing of any new developments on whatever site is eventually chosen or we are likely to have all 45 houses built in 2014/15 and then many more from the</p>	<p>The proposed sites have been selected having regard to site selection criteria and the views of local people. Although some sites score closely, a more complicated scoring process would make the process less transparent and more subjective.</p> <p>The fact that there is an emerging development plan in a local authority area is not unusual and there is nothing in the legislation to support the contention that such a situation should stop, or slow down, the progress of a neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>National Planning Policy Guidance requires the supply of housing to be boosted and brought forward. The proposed sites are not</p>	<p>Billesdon Parish Council will consider all the representations made on the Pre-submission Plan before deciding if amendments are needed.</p> <p>No action</p>
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	<p>new local plan after that. This is not the outcome that the current villagers would want and must be addressed in our village plan – currently there is no mention whatsoever of these facts.</p> <p>I write as a resident of Brook Lane and free of NIMBYISM. I want what is best for the village. Please consider my points and rethink your decision.</p>	<p>of sufficient size to justify phasing. The delivery of improved infrastructure would not be aided by phased development and the impact of construction on the village would be extended.</p>	
	<p>Mrs Townsend (23) - Site 08: Previous planning applications for this land were rejected because of the traffic access, these rejections were made after the by-pass was opened so how can it now be right to allow possibly 100 cars to use access on to a most dangerous bend? Living in my house for 65 years, and having dealt with so many serious accidents in the past, this is what we will be going back to, this road is still quite busy and the speed of some traffic moves excessive, no good saying speed limits will be in place, these were not adhered to in the past. The bend is very blind for turning in when coming down the A47. Children's lives should not be put at risk by having to cross a still busy road on another bend, if using a footpath down Long Lane to get to the School or shop. Site 05 would be better.</p>	<p>Neither Harborough District Council nor the Highways Authority has raised concerns about access.</p>	<p>No change to Plan but developer be advised of highways access concerns.</p>
	<p>Ms Atkinson (33) – Sites 05/06 present the least impact for structure, parking, visual impact and transport through the village. Sites 01/07 will increase traffic volume through the village when seeking access to the A47. Sites 01/07 were discounted</p>	<p>The proposed sites have been selected having regard to site selection criteria and the views of local people. There has not yet been a referendum and there remain several opportunities for people to express their</p>	<p>No action</p>

	<p>following Consultation and this meeting was the first opportunity for the public, since then, to comment. The Public should, therefore, have had the opportunity to comment beforehand on the Group's selection of sites 01/07. The message at the meeting was "like it or fear the worst" and the NDP Group alone has made this selection, despite clear opposition. The residents should have been specifically consulted prior to issue of the draft. The scoring and weighting system used is subjective. Sites 02/03/05/06 received significant support whereas sites 01/07 was only considered following the Consultation in Feb 2013, following which, the public were not consulted until the August meeting, the first opportunity to see the draft.</p>	<p>views: Billesdon Parish Council will consider the representations made on the Pre-submission Plan and decide whether amendments are needed. The proposed Plan will then be submitted to Harborough District Council for publication. Regulations require the District Council to publish the proposed Plan with details of how, where and when any representations can be made. The District Council will appoint an Independent Examiner, providing copies of the proposed Plan and any representations made. The Examiner must consider if the proposed Plan meets Basic Conditions. The Examiner will recommend either that the Plan is submitted to a local referendum, or that it is modified to meet Basic Conditions and then submitted to a Referendum, or that the Plan is refused. The District Council will arrange a Referendum and, if the Plan is passed by a simple majority of those voting, the Council must adopt it as part of the Development Plan.</p>	
	<p>HDC (CB 11) - Additional links to the evidence base is required here in order to support the policies</p> <p>The Core Strategy Policy CS3 identifies target of 40% of all housing development to be affordable in Billesdon (Rural North and Centre sub-market).</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The Harborough Core Strategy requires 40% of new dwellings to be Affordable Housing. For this Plan, the Community wants to provide bungalows for elderly and down-sizing residents and also higher standards of building design (BP7). Consequently, a lower proportion (30%) of Affordable Housing is required in the Plan, so as to maintain the economic deliverability</p>	<p>Additional links to be written into the Plan document</p> <p>No action</p>

	<p>Code for Sustainable Homes criteria may be removed from current practice guidance, Policy wording should include or equivalent for the Code Level specified</p> <p>Not normally relevant to screen existing residents from new development sites, this can be referenced elsewhere in the document (BP7 & VDS).</p>	<p>of new housing.</p> <p>Communities Minister Don Foster has recently announced proposals to 'simplify confusing housing standards'. The latest housing standards review consultation, suggests getting rid of the Code for Sustainable Homes and using building regulations, or a new set of national standards, as the primary driver for improvement in homes' green credentials.</p> <p>The BNDPG prefer to retain the wording so as to provide reassurance for local residents.</p>	<p>Policy BP4 be amended to include '(or equivalent)' after the words 'level 4'</p> <p>No action.</p>
Policy BP5	<p>Mr Merrion (9) - We have noticed that the shape of the land we have on our presentation is slightly different to that marked on the BNDPG plan. It is a subtle difference but it may be important, as this affects the layout of the houses at the centre of the site. Please find attached our plan showing the land area</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>Amend Proposals Map boundary of Site B</p>

	<p>Mrs Silverman (17) – This development claims to include bungalows but these are actually chalet style houses with bedrooms on the first floor. Homes for the elderly and disabled need to be all on the same level without any stairs. If bungalows are too costly in terms of land usage then more imaginative architectural solutions are required. The company has also been disingenuous in claiming at a previous meeting to hide all the proposed properties behind an earth bund – as the plans evolve only 3 of these will be partially hidden.</p> <p>J and A Christie and E Cameron (31) – 1) Kates Hill is the highest point in the village and this will overshadow "secluded valley setting".</p> <p>2) The impact of a junction onto Rolleston Road will make the Gaulby Road junction even more dangerous. Proposed access to the new development is on a corner, has a blind summit to the hill by the fire station, and will bring traffic out near the Gaulby Road junction. This is already a cause for concern because of the slope to the T-junction and the amount of school traffic ,and the lack of visibility.</p> <p>3) There is neither footpath nor space for one at the side of the road. All pedestrians/cyclists will have to cross the road at this dangerously blind junction to gain access into the village (BP2(d)).</p> <p>4) The development on Kates hill will be visible from the Gaulby Road approach from ¼ mile away from Frisby, and the Rolleston and Uppingham Roads.</p>	<p>The developer's proposals do not form part of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The proposed sites have been selected having regard to site selection criteria and the views of local people.</p> <p>Neither Harborough District Council nor the Highways Authority has raised concerns about access.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>All potential sites are visible to some extent and this has been accounted for in scoring the landscape criteria.</p>	<p>The developers of Site B to be advised that the development of dormer or chalet bungalows does not comply with Policy BP5.</p> <p>The developers of Site B to be advised of the concerns about the bunding.</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p>
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	<p>5) Construction traffic will cause significant problems for the Gaulby Road junction and could possibly impair clear access for the Fire service on narrow road to access to A47.</p> <p>6) Plans do not take into account the rise of the land from the road. This extra elevation of the site will make it very dominant.</p> <p>7) The initial development (even then not selected by residents) showed bungalows. These have now turned into houses with a bedroom downstairs.</p> <p>8) Existing footpaths will have to be altered.</p> <p>9) Proposed development is a cul-de-sac which is against the design statement preference.</p> <p>10) Houses on the new development with chimneys would blow smoke all over the houses on Rolleston Road</p> <p>11) Drainage problems for the new development. There is a significant amount of water that runs off Kates Hill in wet weather. Where will all this water be channelled. The sewage system in Rolleston Road is already old and overstretched, frequently blocking and overflowing into the front gardens in Rolleston Road. They will not be able to cope with increased sewage.</p>	<p>All sites will generate construction traffic.</p> <p>This has been accounted for in scoring the landscape criteria.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Site too small to be designed in another way.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Developer of Site B to be advised of this traffic concern</p> <p>No action</p> <p>Developer of Site B to be advised that the development of dormer or chalet bungalows does not comply with Policy BP5</p> <p>To be accounted for at the planning application stage</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>Developer of Site B to be advised of this drainage concern. BPC to consult Seven Trent further.</p>
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<p>Policy BP6</p>	<p>12) All traffic from the new development will flow into Brook Lane and Church Street to gain access to all parts of the village and A47. These roads are already choked rat runs and dangerous for the many children who walk to school.</p> <p>Why are the Uppingham Road sites not being considered? Would not bring traffic through Brook Lane and Church Street. Would not overshadow character of the village. Would not access the village via dangerous junction with limited visibility. Would not impair access for fire engine. Would allow footpath access to village without crossing road at busy junction. This site should not have been selected by the committee – there are much better sites available.</p> <p>HDC (CB 11) - Whilst most affordable units will be for social rent, the exact split between social rent, intermediate housing and affordable rent is decided at the time of the planning application and based on local needs. Also need a clearer definition of a local connection.</p> <p>Prof Silverman (29) - These comments represent the views of members of the Sustainable Billesdon Group (SBG). The SBG considers that the highest level of energy efficiency should be provided in affordable housing, since the occupants of these dwellings are</p>	<p>Traffic will also exit the Village via Gaulby Road and Rolleston Road.</p> <p>Site A is located on the Leicester Road/Uppingham Road (old A47).</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>The Government proposes to wind down the role of the Code for Sustainable Homes.</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>Amend 2nd sentence of paragraph 4.11 to read 'This requirement can be met by the above housing allocations, but the detail will be agreed at the time of a planning application.'</p> <p>Para 4.11 extra sentence at end to read 'New affordable housing will be allocated initially to people registered with the Homesearch Team with a local connection, including those living, working or with close family ties in the Parish'.</p> <p>No action</p>
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Policy BP7	<p>the residents at greatest risk of fuel poverty. We suggest that they should be built to at least Code Level 5 of the Code for Sustainable Homes (2006).</p> <p>Prof Silverman (29) - These comments represent the views of members of the Sustainable Billesdon Group (SBG). The SBG considers that housing should be built to the highest practicable level of energy efficiency. By 2016 (by the time these developments are completed), this will equate to Code Level 5. We ask that all homes are constructed to this level. Discussions with developers at the last 2 consultation events suggest that most are not averse to such a demand and would comply if required to do so.</p>	<p>The Government proposes to wind down the role of the Code for Sustainable Homes.</p>	<p>Policy BP4 be amended to include '(or equivalent)' after the words 'level 4'</p>
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5 - Employment

Total Comments	3
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	Comments	Response	Proposed Amendment
Policy BP8	Mr Morley (30) – Hazelton Homes are supportive of policy BP8	Noted	None
	HDC (CB 11) - Question over relevance of Policy BP8. Home working does not require planning permission if it is incidental to use as a residential dwelling, only permission needed if change of use to running of business from the property. Policy needs to be expanded to include potential uses (e.g. B1, A1, A3, D1), be incorporated into BP11, or removed.	Policy BP8 makes positive provision in support of home working.	Criterion (a) of Policy BP11 to read 'restaurant and cafe, business, storage or distribution uses (Classes A3, B1 and B8 of the Town & Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987) (as amended)'
Policy BP9	HDC (CB 11) - This policy is potentially difficult to	Noted	Further consultation to take place with

	enforce, may not be possible, and may even make development unviable.		Leicestershire County Council regarding the roll-out of rural super-fast broadband.
Policy BP11	HDC (CB 11) - additional uses such as retail (A1), restaurant/cafe (A3), storage (B8) and non residential uses (D1) should be considered here and some policy suggestions may already be permitted development.	Agreed.	Criterion (a) of Policy BP11 to read 'restaurant and cafe, business, storage or distribution uses (Classes A3, B1 and B8 of the Town & Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987) (as amended)'.

6 – Services & Facilities

Total Comments	18
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	Comments	Response	Proposed Amendment
General	Mr Weare (25) - I would like to highlight a concern with the proposed development at the end of Long Lane, where my family owns an area of land. There has, for some years, been a major problem with drainage from the proposed site, caused by a pond being filled in during a previous development. This has resulted in episodes of flooding causing damage to property and land, and the problem has never been resolved. LCC Highways are concerned as damage to the adopted road has been extensive. I am concerned that, if the development proceeds, the problem will be exacerbated	Neither Harborough District Council nor the Environment Agency has raised concerns about flood risk. Drainage issues are, in any event, dealt with by Policy BP14.	No change to Plan but developer of Site A be advised of drainage concerns and consult Severn Trent regarding local drainage issues.

	<p>Mrs Vlaeminke (26) – The Local History Group have serious concerns about the, as yet, unresolved issues to do with drainage and flooding in the village centre, where many older and listed properties are located. The most recent torrent that swept past the Old School , destroying the footpath, and into properties in Church Street, was yet another illustration of the fact that drainage from ANY development around the village boundaries will end up at the lowest point. A Church Street resident of over 80 years cannot recall such an event as this ever happening in the past. Presumably, developers have to create suitable drainage for their "patch", but who is responsible for (speedily) ensuring the safety of the old buildings further "down the line", many of which have shallow foundations and/or cellars?</p>	<p>Drainage issues are dealt with by Policy BP14. However, in view of these concerns, further action will be taken.</p>	<p>Billesdon Parish Council to consult Severn Trent further regarding local drainage issues.</p>
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Mr Chell (27) – I am worried that if the site for Kates Hill Farm is selected, proper drainage will be needed for the extra hard standing to cope with the rather heavy storms we recently have experienced. Church Street already has enough problems with this from Gaulby Road and Rolleston Road, and we don't want any more. I hope your proposals are accepted and that the above are only my worries but I hear others as well, and your eventual plan takes these points into consideration.

Neither Harborough District Council nor the Environment Agency has raised concerns about flood risk. Drainage issues are, in any event, dealt with by Policy BP14.

No change to Plan but developer be advised of drainage concerns.

Billesdon Parish Council to consult Severn Trent further regarding local drainage issues.

	<p>Mr Taylor (35) - As a key member of the Pantomime Group I have appointed myself to make comment on how the Development Plan might affect its activities. The group came into being in 2002 after a hired group was bought in the previous year. It was believed that there was sufficient talent and enthusiasm to put on a Panto each January and raise funds for the Coplow Centre. With the support on the existing Drama Group and the use of the excellent facilities of the Coplow Centre, also the goodwill of the Coplow Committee, have combined to make top class performances each year, playing to full houses and swelling the Coplow funds. Next year 2014 will see its 11th production. If the development plan brings more young families to the village this would mean more parents and children in terms of participants and audiences. This has been the groups experience with the building of Weare Close which saw new younger members keen to take part and parents willing to support in a number of roles. The existing core team has been mostly responsible for the last 10 productions and is keen to see that pantomime in Billesdon should carry on for some years to come. With technical improvements made to the centre has seen the quality of productions improve year on year. It is safe to assume that more homes and families can only help to maintain funds which go to keep the centre maintained and improved and the panto continuing. At the time of writing the panto group is not aware of how any physical changes to the villages might affect what we plan to do in the future in terms of access or changes of use to the building, road layouts, parking etc. All these points can only be positive for our group.</p>	<p>Noted. It is recognised that the Coplow Centre will need more capacity to cope with the demand created by new housing development.</p>	<p>No action</p>
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NHS (CB3) – Page 23 states that Community has expressed concern about parking problems. Furthermore on Page 24 it refers to the improvement, remodelling or enhancement of Billesdon Surgery. This should include measures that address local traffic congestion and parking problems associated with the Surgery. NHS England works with GP practices to ascertain how the impact of new housing developments can be mitigated. The outcome of this will depend on a number of factors e.g. -The physical ability of a building and site to be developed to create more clinical space or support facilities such as car parking - the funding being available to support the changes which cannot always be totally funded through s106 contributions. In many cases to remodel or extend a GP surgery the costs far exceed the proportionate impact of the relevant developments and therefore the developer will not fund the total scheme. In the specific case of Billesdon, discussions with the practice has identified that there is no space, and in any event no likely supplementary funding to s106 contributions to fund the enhanced parking facilities, within the surgery boundary. Any increased parking would need to be outside of the surgery boundary. Should the practice have had the space on site the preference would have been for more clinical space rather than car parking. It is noted that there is a bus stop directly outside the surgery.

Noted. While the surgery contributes to parking problems in the village centre, this can be mitigated by practice management. For example, the promotion of walking/ cycling, changes to opening hours, greater use of the Bushby Surgery, staff parking arrangements etc.

No action

	<p>Sport England (CB 4) - Planning Policy in the National Planning Policy Framework identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process and providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type and in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means positive planning for sport, protection from unnecessary loss of sports facilities and an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land and community facilities provision is important.</p> <p>It is important therefore that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects national policy for sport as set out in the above document with particular reference to Pars 73 and 74 to ensure proposals comply with National Planning Policy. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing fields (see link below), as set out in our national guide, 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England – Planning Policy Statement'. http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/development-management/planning-applications/playing-field-land/</p> <p>Sport England provides guidance on developing policy for sport and further information can be found following the link below: http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/</p> <p>Sport England works with Local Authorities to ensure Local Plan policy is underpinned by robust and up to</p>	<p>There is no need to reiterate NPPF paragraph 74 and Harborough Core strategy Policy CS8 that deal with the protection of playing fields. The key outdoor play areas are in any event identified as Local Green Space.</p> <p>The Plan makes provision for the extension of the Coplow Centre to cope with the demand created by new housing development and the provision of a new community playing field. The design guidance for sports facilities is noted.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>No action</p>
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	<p>date assessments and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports delivery. If local authorities have prepared a Playing Pitch Strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports strategy it will be important that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the recommendations set out in that document and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support the delivery of those recommendations.</p> <p>http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/</p> <p>If new sports facilities are being proposed Sport England recommend you ensure such facilities are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.</p> <p>http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/</p>	Noted	No action
	<p>Rev Booker (34) - I was very disappointed that the Parish Church was not listed under this section, given its availability and the legal "right" of parishioners there in respect of marriages, funerals and christenings, regardless of Sunday Service attendance. The document deals with issues such as traffic management, and these church events do bring traffic issues into focus for the village as a whole, especially weddings and funerals when parking in the central village areas is a problem.</p>	Noted	'church' and 'chapel' added to para. 6.1

Paragraph 6.7	Dr Nevitt (13) - The drama society is one of the biggest users of the Coplow Centre and its members are drawn from Billesdon itself and the surrounding villages. Expansion and upgrading of the facilities would help us to continue putting on plays in the centre.	Noted	None
Paragraph 6.9	Mr Miles (36) – The cricket ground is currently held on a lease. We have 11 years left. To secure the future of the club it would be good if the existing field could be purchased, or a long term lease agreed, or part of the land to the north of the ground purchased. But if the field to the north of the ground was ever built on it would put the cricket club in danger.	The land to the north has not been selected for development. The cricket ground is identified as a Local Green Space.	No action
Paragraph 6.10	Rev Booker (34) - A public playing field is very important.	Noted	No action
Paragraph 6.15	Mr and Mrs Steele (19) – Church street has experienced flash flooding intermittently over 15 years. Severn Trent has frequently been asked to make improvements, and it has admitted this need. Scheme A4S/01310 has been delayed three times and remains incomplete. Moreover, this scheme is purely to address current problems, not to cater for increasing future needs. This problem must be addressed within the NH Plan.	Drainage issues are dealt with by Policy BP14. However in view of these concerns further action will be taken.	Billesdon Parish Council to consult Severn Trent further regarding local drainage issues
Paragraph 6.16	Environmental Agency (CB 6) - We provided comments in December 2012 to a previous round of consultation, We have considered the pre submission document and can confirm that we have no further new comments to add apart from that we agree with section 6.16 - that any development should follow the	Noted	No action

	<p>procedures set out in the National Planning Policy Framework and in CLR11 – Model Procedures for the Management of Contamination. This would include assessing the suitability of sites for redevelopment based on their environmental setting as well as previous site history and potential for contamination to be present and the best ways to mitigate any risks to Controlled Waters shown.</p>		
Policy BP12	<p>HDC (CB 11) - Additional wording 'suitably replace' or 'add to' should be considered alongside protect. Also more clarity needed.</p>	Agreed	<p>Re-word policy to read: 'Development that fails to protect existing facilities providing for people's day-to-day needs will not be approved, unless the facility is replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location'.</p>
Policy BP13	<p>Mr Morely (30) – Hazelton Homes supports policy BP13 providing it remains in its current form with regard to viability.</p>	Noted	No action
Policy BP14	<p>Mr & Mrs Harrison (5) -This does not seem to adequately deal with water management problems which already exist within the village. Surface water (LCC) drainage system cannot deal with even moderate rainfall. Both the sewer and the sewage plant unable to cope during heavy rainfall. How can further development be contemplated until this matter has been dealt with? Since 1999 there has been seven serious floods with water entering properties causing damage to both listed and unlisted buildings. We have been told by Seven Trent that planned improvements to the sewer maybe put on hold. B14 should be addressing existing problems with infrastructure before future needs can be addressed.</p>	<p>Drainage issues are dealt with by Policy BP14. In view of these concerns, further action will be taken.</p>	<p>Billesdon Parish Council to consult Severn Trent further regarding local drainage issues.</p>

	<p>Mr and Mrs Steele (19) – We would prefer a more robust terminology. Rather than "consideration", words conveying positive action are required to address the capacity of the sewage system and treatment works, and this must be a pre-requisite to more housing. Compare with, and bring into line with, Policy BP13 which stipulates "requirements".</p>	<p>Drainage issues are dealt with by Policy BP14. In view of these concerns further action will be taken.</p>	<p>Billesdon Parish Council to consult Severn Trent further regarding local drainage issues.</p>
	<p>Mrs Townsend (23) - Water management: The question of surface water is very serious, before the bypass very little water ran down Bakers Lane, after the by-pass water pours down the lane and across the road down to the centre of the village. The drain outside the surgery has been blocked for over a year, but never cleared (despite having been reported). This causes flooding at the corner of Church Street which may, one day, lead to the village centre becoming seriously inundated. The developers have stated that tanks will be installed to prevent this but we have only to look at Market Harborough to see that this system does not work. Flooding in Church Street cannot be controlled so extremely careful planning is called for to avoid serious flood problems in the village centre.</p>	<p>Drainage issues are dealt with by Policy BP14. In view of these concerns, further action will be taken.</p>	<p>Billesdon Parish Council to consult Severn Trent further regarding local drainage issues.</p>
	<p>Prof Silverman (29) - These comments represent the views of members of the Sustainable Billesdon Group (SBG). The management of surface water is an acknowledged problem in Billesdon. Code Level 5, which incorporates rainwater harvesting, will provide further mitigation of flood risk from new buildings.</p>	<p>Drainage issues are dealt with by Policy BP14. However in view of these concerns further action will be taken.</p>	<p>Billesdon Parish Council to consult Severn Trent further regarding local drainage issues.</p>

7 – Traffic & Transport

Total Comments	14
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	Comments	Response	Proposed Amendment
General	Miss Fawcitt (11) - As I live in the main part of the village, I have no real comment to make except that, as I live in Brook Lane, we are very aware of the traffic problem in quite a narrow road. Associated with this is the fact that because Church Street is regularly very busy – i.e. parked cars etc, plus post office and shop etc, Brook Lane is regularly very busy as an exit /entrance to the village etc.	Noted	No action
	Mr Chell (27) - I realise that this proposal is a must but I would prefer that the extra traffic generated on all sites be somehow encouraged away from the village, rather than through it, so that it is not spoilt and retains its looks as it is today.	The proposed sites have been selected having regard to their impact on traffic through the centre of the village.	No action
	Mr Morely (30) – Hazelton Homes are supportive of policies BP16, BP17 and BP18.	Noted	No action

	<p>E King (32) - It appears that support for development on Gaulby Road will only be supported if it does not increase traffic past the school. This then precludes development as traffic would pass the school. However should this mean support would be given if traffic only entered and left using Gaulby Road then I wish to raise an objection, as all traffic would then converge on Gaulby passing through another small residential hamlet. Gaulby traffic already causes concern as car volume has increased, speed has increased and pedestrian safety is already being compromised with no pavements, lighting and a road which is too narrow for passing in places</p> <p>Traffic viability for Billesdon should be addressed within the context of the local environs including the impact on the local area as it is a development plan for the local area.</p> <p>Any impact on Gaulby should be part of the consideration and consultation process. I request that the residents of Gaulby be consulted as part of this process.</p>	<p>Gaulby Parish Meeting and the Highways Authority were consulted on the Plan and neither raised objections.</p>	<p>No action</p>
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	<p>Ms Atkinson (33) - Sites 01/07 will add traffic volume through the village to access the A47. This is will increase traffic through Church Street/Brook Lane and the Market Place. Sites 05/06 are set in a more beneficial position with regard to traffic management to allow direct access to the A47 (avoiding the village centre). Document D2 item 4,details that sites 01/07 receive an Amber RAG score, and sites 05/06 green, item 5 states that least impact on traffic flows through the village will be sites 05, 06 and 08. The proposal to develop sites 01/07 will add to the issue of through traffic and parking problems.</p>	<p>Traffic impact was just one of the criteria taken into consideration in the allocation of housing sites. SiteA (08) has been selected with direct access onto the old A47 and access to the A47 avoiding the village centre.</p>	<p>No action</p>
	<p>Highways Agency (CB 2) – Given the location of Billesdon and the contents of the Development Plan Document, it is not anticipated the DPD will have a significant impact on the strategic road network and in particular the M1 and A46. Therefore under the circumstance the Highways Authority have no specific comments to make.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>Paragraph 7.1</p>	<p>Mrs Fox (20) - The Loose Ends Group suggest that a regular, twice a week bus service to Market Harborough would help the traffic situation in the village as well as being convenient for shopping</p>	<p>Noted. The existing Rural Rider service is under review and it seems unlikely that a new or expanded service would be viable.</p>	<p>No action</p>

<p>Paragraph 7.2</p>	<p>Mrs Fox (20) - Members are concerned about the speed of traffic through the village on Uppingham Road, especially as the volume of traffic is likely to increase.</p>	<p>We are aware that speeding traffic is a local concern. However, the Plan does not propose any specific traffic management measures, which have little local support. However, the Plan ensures that new development does not make the current situation significantly worse.</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>Paragraph 7.3</p>	<p>Mrs Fox (20) – Members are concerned about the parking of cars using parts of pavements making it awkward and dangerous especially for elderly and disabled people and for mothers with prams or push chairs.</p>	<p>We are aware that parking is a local concern. However, the Plan does not propose any specific traffic management measures, which have little local support. However, the Plan ensures that new development does not make the current situation significantly worse.</p>	<p>No action</p>

	<p>Prof Silverman (29) - These comments represent the views of members of the Sustainable Billesdon Group (SBG). The plan is vague concerning its claim to 'ensure that new development does not make the current situation worse'. How will it do so? We suggest that in spite of the community rejecting 'a traffic management plan for the Village' (P 6), such a plan will become essential as a result of additional housing. We propose:</p> <p>'7.4 The Plan will create a mechanism to address and reduce traffic flows and parked vehicles in the Village centre'.</p>	<p>There are many ways in which the Neighbourhood Plan attempts to lessen the impact of traffic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging and requiring mixed transport provision, including accessible public transport, cycle facilities and safe and convenient pedestrian routes • employment provision, thereby reducing the need for travel • a mix of community facilities in walking distance of new development • facilities to support and encourage home working • good urban design, creating safe, overlooked, attractive, well-connected streets and spaces • discouraging development that increases traffic through the village centre. <p>As with other parts of the plan, traffic management proposals would need to relate to the use and development of land, be evidence based and meet the basic conditions. Consideration also needs to be made of how Traffic Management proposals would be funded and delivered.</p> <p>The plan does not prevent the preparation of a future Traffic Management package.</p>	<p>At the end of 7.3 add: 'and Billesdon Parish Council will keep traffic management under review'.</p> <p>At the end of 11.7 add: 'and local' after District.</p>
<p>Paragraph 7.6</p>	<p>Miss Graham (21) - An article in the Harborough Mail last week stated that the Rural Rider service is at risk of being discontinued.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>No action</p>

Policy BP16	HDC (CB 11) - This is duplicated in Policy BP2, no need to add again. More clarification needed on what a significant increase would be.	Policy BP16 applies to all forms of development, not just housing.	No action
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	<p>Prof Silverman (29) - These comments represent the views of members of the Sustainable Billesdon Group (SBG). We suggest adding the following sentence:</p> <p>'...The PC will establish a Traffic Management Advisory Group to develop proposals to reduce traffic congestion and parking (especially on pavements) within the Village.'</p>	<p>There are many ways in which the Neighbourhood Plan attempts to lessen the impact of traffic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging and requiring mixed transport provision, including accessible public transport, cycle facilities and safe and convenient pedestrian routes • employment provision, thereby reducing the need for travel • a mix of community facilities in walking distance of new development • facilities to support and encourage home working • good urban design, creating safe, overlooked, attractive, well-connected streets and spaces • discouraging development that increases traffic in the village centre. <p>There have been no objections to the transportation proposals from either Harborough District Council or the Highways Authority.</p> <p>As with other parts of the plan, traffic management proposals would need to relate to the use and development of land, be evidence based and meet the basic conditions. Consideration also needs to be made of how Traffic Management proposals would be funded and delivered.</p> <p>The plan does not prevent the preparation of a future Traffic Management package.</p>	<p>At the end of 7.3 add: 'and Billesdon Parish Council will keep traffic management under review'.</p> <p>At the end of 11.7 add: 'and local' after District.</p>
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Policy BP17	HDC (CB 11) - Car parking standards for new dwellings can be incorporated into Policy BP7 or into the VDS, no need for separate policy, and potentially more evidence needed.	We believe that parking is such an important issue that the policy should be retained as it will have greater status.	No action
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8 - Environment

Total Comments	15
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	Comments	Response	Proposed Amendment
General	Natural England (CB 1) - We particularly welcome Section 8: Environment and Climate Change, which we consider provides a strong framework for the protection and enhancement of the landscape and biodiversity and encourages the positive protection of green infrastructure.	Noted	No action
	Mr Morely (30) – Hazelton Homes are supportive of policies BP19, BP21 and BP 23, but suggest that they are amended to make it clear that they should not compromise the viability of the developments.	Policy BP13 already states that to ensure the viability of housing development, the costs of the Plan’s requirements will be applied flexibly where it is demonstrated that they are likely to make the development undeliverable.	No action
	Ms Atkinson (33) - Sites 01/07 - Landscaping due to levels, the landscaping will be significantly altered and consequence concerns with the existing water course and the affects with additional housing. Existing trees and woodland will be removed, whereas sites 05/06 are fields and will have less impact. and destruction.	BP5 makes provision for the landscaping of sites 01/07 and improvements to biodiversity of the site.	No action
	Reference Document E10.1 - Community Vision - (iii)	Noted	No action

	<p>the existing woodland copse, trees and hedgerows protect and enhance the countryside landscape, wildlife habitats and biodiversity</p>		
	<p>Prof Silverman (29) - These comments represent the views of members of the Sustainable Billesdon Group (SBG). The environment of the Parish has a paucity of natural features. The water course is degraded and there is little woodland. The SBG would like to see an active programme of conservation and development (BP19), rather than simply 'protection'.</p>	<p>As with other parts of the plan, nature conservation proposals would need to relate to the use and development of land, be evidence based and meet the basic conditions. Consideration also needs to be made of how proposals would be funded and delivered.</p> <p>There have been no objections to the Plan proposals from Harborough District Council, the Wildlife Trust or English Nature.</p> <p>The Plan does not prevent the preparation of a future nature conservation enhancement package.</p>	<p>No action</p>
Paragraph 8.2	<p>Prof Ellis (18) - I strongly support the provision of allotments for those in the village who want them.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>No action</p>
Paragraph 8.3	<p>Mr Sellicks (14) – I would want to congratulate the Committee on a fine piece of work which I am sure will provide an excellent framework for development over the life of the Plan.</p> <p>Please note that the allocation of my private garden land to the east of my property is shown as green space BP20. This is incorrect and probably rolled over from the previous Village Design Statement. Please remove as a local green space: 1. the property already has adequate protection under other areas of planning legislation, including conservation area status; the grounds and buildings being additionally</p>	<p>Noted. A Local Green Space does not need to be in public ownership.</p>	<p>Proposals Map amended to remove the garden as a Local Green Space.</p>

	protected given the Manor House's listed building status. 2. The garden land does not fit within the definition of local green space as described in 8.3 of the plan.		
Paragraph 8.8	Prof Silverman (29) - These comments represent the views of members of the Sustainable Billesdon Group (SBG). How will the Plan 'help secure reductions in greenhouse gas emissions'? We agree that this should be an aim (see our suggested para 2.10).	<p>There are many ways in which the Neighbourhood Plan addresses Climate Change. Some examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging and requiring mixed transport provision, including accessible public transport, cycle facilities and safe and convenient pedestrian routes • employment provision, thereby reducing the need for travel • a mix of community facilities in walking distance of new development • facilities to support and encourage home working • good urban design, creating safe, overlooked, attractive, well-connected streets and spaces • encouraging development builds in facilities to encourage recycling, water collection, local energy generation, etc. 	No action
Paragraph 8.9	Prof Silverman (29) - These comments represent the views of members of the Sustainable Billesdon Group (SBG). How can sites for new housing 'help reduce greenhouse gas emissions'? This para. is vague concerning the standards of housing design required to achieve this goal.	<p>In 2009, domestic transport accounted for 24% of all UK greenhouse gas emissions with the vast majority of this, at around 90% of all transport emissions, coming from road transport.</p> <p>The proposed sites help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the need to make use of the private car and encouraging walking and cycling.</p>	No action

Paragraph 8.10	Prof Silverman (29) - These comments represent the views of members of the Sustainable Billesdon Group (SBG). The use of the term 'encourages' energy efficiency is vague and not backed up by clear planning requirements in Policy BP 23 or in the Village Design Statement. We suggest that by demanding Code Level 5 of the Code for Sustainable Homes as a minimum for new housing that this issue will be simply dealt with. As an alternative, developers will need specific guidance on the level of energy efficiency expected.	Paragraph 8.10 makes it clear that small-scale renewable energy technologies will be acceptable where they integrate with new and existing buildings. It should be noted that the Government proposes to wind down the role of the Code for Sustainable Homes.	No action
Policy BP19	Mr Tame (NFU) (7) - Any building can detract from someone else's view of the landscape setting. The NFU is concerned that this policy will be used to prevent all developments near to Billesdon. Farmers need new barns on occasion and to diversify their businesses. The policy should not be used to stop all development - this would be contrary to the National Planning Framework	Noted	The last sentence of Policy BP19 be revised to read 'Development which would have a significant adverse impact on the countryside, or the defining characteristics of the landscape, will not be approved.'
	Mr Morely (30) – Hazelton Homes supports policies BP19, BP21 and BP 23, but suggests that they are amended to make it clear that they should not compromise the viability of the developments.	Policy BP13 already states that to ensure the viability of housing development, the costs of the Plan's requirements will be applied flexibly where it is demonstrated that they are likely to make the development undeliverable.	No action
Policy BP20	Mr Tame (NFU) (7) - Has the Billesdon Community spoken to the landowners of the local green spaces in question, and discussed their ideas?	A Local Green Space does not need to be in public ownership. However, the Parish Council has contacted landowners about these proposals as part of its broader consultation activity. Landowners have been given opportunities to make representations in respect of a draft plan.	No action

	<p>Prof Silverman (29) - These comments represent the views of members of the Sustainable Billesdon Group (SBG). How will 'green spaces be enhanced'? One such green space specified on the Map (p 27) is reported to have been severely degraded as a natural resource recently. How will this sort of 'development' be prevented in future?</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>First sentence of Policy BP20 be amended to read 'The local green spaces identified on the Proposals Map will be protected.'</p>
<p>Policy BP21</p>	<p>Prof Silverman (29) - These comments represent the views of members of the Sustainable Billesdon Group (SBG). How will development at Site 08 enhance (rather than destroy) an existing wildlife corridor between the A47 and the built-up area and existing mature hedgerows?</p>	<p>Policy BP4 requires a landscaping scheme to be implemented to provide for an improvement in biodiversity and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the retention of important trees and hedgerows; ii. additional planting along the southern boundary of the site to protect the residential amenities of existing residents; iii. additional planting along the northern boundary of the site to minimise the impact of noise and disturbance from A47 traffic on residential amenities; iv. an appropriately designed, constructed and maintained sustainable drainage system; and. v. other green spaces . 	<p>No action</p>
<p>Policy BP23</p>	<p>Mr Tame (NFU) (7) - Will the Plan allow renewable energy projects outside of new developments? The County has to meet renewable energy targets of 15% by 2020. Currently this County only generates only 4% of its energy as renewable. To bridge the gap, new and solar and AD projects need to be built. We hope the Plan will encourage such projects in the right places for Billesdon</p>	<p>While Policy BP23 addresses domestic scale renewable energy opportunities, large-scale facilities can have a significant impact beyond the parish. The provision of large-scale renewable is therefore regarded as a strategic matter that is best dealt with by the Harborough Core Strategy (BP1).</p>	<p>No action</p>

9 – Village Design Statement

Total Comments	4
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	Comments	Response	Proposed Amendment
General	Mr and Mrs Steele (19) – Re page 45, three out of the five bracket lights of the type illustrated and one of the two lamp posts have been replaced since the VDS was first commissioned. Only one had a ‘heritage’ replacement. The section on Lighting (page 41) needs amending in view of this	Agreed	Lighting section on page 41 to be amended
Paragraph 9.1	Prof Ellis (18) – I strongly support the Village Design Statement.	Noted	No action
	Prof Silverman (29) - These comments represent the views of members of the Sustainable Billesdon Group (SBG). No mention is made of renewable energy systems in the VDS. Guidance is needed if ‘renewable energy systems in new and existing [housing are to] be encouraged’ (Policy BP23; climate change).	Policy BP23 is considered sufficient.	No action
	Mr Morely (30) – Hazelton Homes are supportive of the principles set out in the VDS.	Noted	No action

10 – Summary of Billesdon Plans

Total Comments	0
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11 – Next Steps

Total Comments	0
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12 - Glossary

Total Comments	0
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13 - Annexe

Total Comments	0
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ANNEXE 1A. CONSULTATION BODIES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS CONTACTED IN THE PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

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Billesdon Mums and Tots		Ceased to operate in the Parish

Consultation Body	Contact Name	Contact
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ANNEXE 1B. CONSULTATION BODIES, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH

MAKING REPRESENTATIONS IN THE PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan

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ANNEXE 2. QUESTIONNAIRES USED IN THE CONSULTATIONS

2.1 QUESTIONNAIRE SENT TO FORMALLY CONSTITUTED GROUPS AND SOCIETIES IN THE PARISH [3.2]

BILLESDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Sent to: Baptist Chapel Brownie/Guides Coplow Centre Cricket Club Drama Group History Group Loose Ends Mums and Tots Parish Church Rainbows Wildlife Group Women's Institute Youth Group Sustainable Billesdon Group Billesdon Good Neighbour Scheme

To:.....

A Billesdon Neighbourhood Plan is being developed by the *Billesdon Neighbourhood Plan Group*. The Plan will have a big influence over how the whole Parish and Village develops over the next two decades.

At this stage we are trying to identify the 'Key Issues' that need to be dealt with by the Plan. This circular is going out to all the various clubs/societies/groups in the Parish with an invitation to tell us what YOU think the 'Key Issues' are. There will be a questionnaire to every household later - this is an opportunity for clubs/societies/groups to tell us their views.

Could you arrange for your members to discuss what the 'Key Issues' are from their point of view, then list them in the box below? The following headings may be useful as a starting point for your discussion: housing, services & facilities, green issues, transport, employment. A short description of what a particular 'Key Issue' means for YOUR GROUP would be helpful.

To fit into our work programme, we would need your response **by March 16th at the latest**. *When complete, please post this form to: Billesdon Neighbourhood Plan Group, c/o Ian Bowler (Chair), 1 Coplow Lane, Billesdon LE7 9AD.*

BILLESDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF BILLESDON

A *Neighbourhood Development Plan* is being created for your village. This will help to shape how your community develops over the next fifteen years or so. We are collecting the ideas of our young people (i.e. under 18years of age) on how they see the village and what they want the Plan to achieve.

We are asking you to help us in developing the Plan. Can you spend a few minutes to think about the two questions below and then fill in your ideas on this sheet? Could you return the sheet to the collecting box placed in the Post Office before next Wednesday (April 18th)?

Thank you.

What do you like about living in the village now and would NOT want to see changed over the next 10 years?

What changes would you like to see made to the village over the next 10 years?

Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan Group

2.3 QUESTIONNAIRE COMPLETED AT THE CONCLUSION TO THE COMMUNITY
CONSULTATION ON 17TH APRIL [3.5]

BILLESDON COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

TUESDAY 17TH APRIL - THE COPLOW CENTRE

Welcome to our community consultation meeting on the Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan. This evening we are consulting with you on the **'KEY ISSUES'** that our Neighbourhood Plan needs to address.

Please visit the various displays around the hall, **talk** to the members of the Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan Group who are at each display, and **record your own views**. There are 5 themes on display: housing, transport, employment, green infrastructure, and facilities/services.

You will be able to **agree/disagree** with the 'KEY ISSUES' we have identified so far, **add** your own KEY ISSUES to our list, and **record** what you would like us to do about any 'KEY ISSUE' that particularly concerns you.

Overall, we also need to develop a 'VISION' on how we would like the Village and Parish to be by 2028 (the end of the current planning period). **BEFORE YOU GO HOME**, and bearing in mind what you have seen, please write in the space below about your own vision for the Village and Parish. *There is collection box for this sheet.*

MY VISION FOR THE VILLAGE AND PARISH OF BILLESDON
BY 2028 IS:

Please continue on the reverse of this sheet if you wish

Please add any comments you wish to make:

If the new houses are built on four or more sites, which ones would you prefer? (tick four or more boxes):

[please refer to the map showing the potential development sites and the number of houses that could be built on each site]

Site Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Please add any comments you wish to make:

BILLESDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Dear Resident of the Parish of Billesdon,

At a Public Meeting last Autumn, there was unanimous support to create a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Billesdon. If adopted, our Neighbourhood Plan will give real power to the residents of the Parish over future developments in housing, employment, transport, services and the environment.

So far:

- *A Neighbourhood Plan Group of Parish Councillors and volunteers has been set up*
- *Consultation has taken place with organisations and businesses in the Parish*
- *Two 'Community Consultation' evenings have taken place*
- *A wide range of 'Key Issues' and a 'Vision' for the Plan have been identified*
- *A number of 'Options for Development' have been drawn up.*

Now we are asking you to record your own views on these 'Options for Development' by filling in this questionnaire

- *When the individual views of all the respondents from the Parish have been gathered together, we will have the evidence that is needed to produce the first draft of our Neighbourhood Plan*
- *You will have further opportunities to comment on drafts of the Plan, as well as to vote for or against the final Plan in a Referendum.*

The questionnaire is confidential and anonymous and your individual views will never be revealed. There are separate questionnaires for:

- *each adult on the Electoral Roll in the Parish*
- *each young person under the age of 18*
- *those of you who own or manage a business, or who are self-employed, or who are thinking about a business start-up.*

Please take the time to fill in the questionnaires.

BILLESDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

(for those aged 18 or more)

[Please write your own words where you see:]

QUESTIONS ON SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR THE PARISH:

1. What priority would you give to each of the following developments? (tick one box for each development):

High Medium Low Do not know/no opinion

- (a) A playing field for young people
- (b) Recreational facilities for seniors (e.g. bowls)
- (c) A skateboard park
- (d) A second play area for younger children
- (e) Extending the cemetery
- (f) Use of the School buildings for community activities
- (g) Use of the school playing field "out of hours"
- (h) A facility for a youth club for young people
- (i) Increasing the capacity of The Coplow Centre

2. If the capacity of The Coplow Centre was to be increased, what priority would you give to each of the following developments? (tick one box for each development):

High Medium Low Do not know/no opinion

- (a) Additional rooms for meetings
- (b) Additional sports hall
- (c) Increased kitchen capacity
- (d) More car parking
- (e) More facilities - Indoor
- (f) More facilities - Outdoor
- (g) Additional hard-surface sports area

3. Do you agree with the following statements about shops? (write a number in the box: 1 - strongly agree; 2 - agree; 3 - indifferent; 4 - disagree; 5 - strongly disagree [6 - do not know/no opinion]):

- (a) The village will need an additional shop(s) in the future -----
- (b) Any new shop(s) should be limited to the conversion of suitable buildings in the village -----
- (c) Any new shop(s) should be built on the edge of the village -----
- (d) I would use a farm shop(s) located in the Parish -----

(If you think the village will need an additional shop(s), what type(s) would you favour?)

4. In the event of a housing development on the existing garage site, what priority would you give to the provision of an alternative garage site in the village (tick one box):

High Medium Low Do not know/no opinion

5. What, if any, other services or facilities should the Neighbourhood Plan consider?:

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QUESTIONS ON HOUSING NEED IN THE PARISH:

6. Do you know of anyone who has had to leave the Parish in the last 5 years through lack of housing that they could afford? (tick one box):

Yes No (IF YES, please give details

7. Might you or a family member, or anyone else in your family at present living outside the Parish, be looking for alternative accommodation *within the Parish* in the next 5 years? (tick one box):

Yes No Do not know

8. IF YES TO Q7, what type of accommodation would be required? (tick one box for each type):

- (a) Single person Couple Family
- (b) Flat House Bungalow
- (c) 1 bedroom 2 bedroom 3 bedroom 4+ bedrooms
- (d) Renting (Housing Association) Shared Ownership (Housing Association) Open Market

QUESTIONS ABOUT NEW HOUSE DEVELOPMENT IN THE PARISH:

*In Harborough District Council's 2011 'Core Strategy', **Billesdon, Husbands Bosworth, Fleckney and Ullesthorpe** are identified as 'Rural Centres'. These four villages, together with a number of selected smaller villages, are required to contribute a total of 533 new houses to the needs of the District by 2028. Fifteen houses have already been approved for the 'garage site' in the centre of the village. With this information in mind:*

9. How many more new houses would you find acceptable as Billesdon's contribution to the total required? (tick one box):

1-10 11-20 21-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 61-70 71-80 81-90 over 90 Don't know/No preference
.....

Before answering the next question, please look at the *ENCLOSED MAP on possible housing sites around the village and the TABLE on the maximum number of houses that each site could hold.* With this information in mind:

10. On which site or sites would you prefer your preferred number of new houses (from Q9) to be built? (use the boxes to write your preferred SITE NUMBER or SITE NUMBERS FROM THE MAP. If you have no preference, write NP in the first box):

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(Please tell us what is most important to you in answering Q10):

.....

11. What priority would you give to each of the following developments? (tick one box for each development):

High Medium Low Do not know/no opinion

- (a) **Housing for elderly people**
- (b) **Housing for people with disabilities**
- (c) **Affordable housing (Housing Association)**
- (d) **Linking new houses to the village by footpaths**
- (e) **A mixture of new house types and sizes**
- (f) **A revised 'Village Design Statement'**
- (g) **The provision of 'off-road' parking**

(g) Relocation of the doctor's surgery to the edge of the village,
but on the bus route

(h) Parking restrictions on the road outside the School

(i) A new car park for the village

20. What, if any, other traffic or parking issues should the Neighbourhood Plan consider?:

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QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTHY LIVING:

21. Do you agree with the following statements about the environment and healthy living? (write a number in the box: 1 - strongly agree; 2 - agree; 3 - indifferent; 4 - disagree; 5 - strongly disagree [6 - do not know/no opinion]:

(a) New house developments in the village should include energy efficient options (such as solar heating, photo voltaic panels, ground source/air source heat pumps) for the whole development/individual houses

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(b) New house developments should include facilities to reuse household waste water and/or collected rain water for outside and indoor use

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(c) We need improved and easy access to a range of re-cycling facilities in the village

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(d) We should keep car usage within the village to a minimum

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(e) We need to preserve the open rural views and landscapes around the village

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(f) We should protect and improve habitats for wildlife in the Parish (e.g. native hedgerows, along Billesdon Brook/River Sence)

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(g) We should create more wildflower areas to promote biodiversity in the Parish

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(h) New house developments need to avoid areas significant in terms of wildlife (e.g. Billesdon Brook/River Sence)

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(i) We need to enhance opportunities to walk, run and cycle safely within the Parish

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(j) New house developments should provide areas for food growing (e.g. shared vegetable gardens or allotments)

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22. Are there any other environment/healthy living issues that the Neighbourhood Plan should consider?:

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FINALLY SOME INFORMATION TO HELP US FORM A SOCIAL PROFILE OF THE PARISH:

23. How long have you lived in the Parish? (tick one year group):

0-5 6-10 11-15 16-20 20-25 over 25 years

24. Your gender? (tick one box): FEMALE MALE

25. How old are you? (tick one age group)

Under 25 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 over 74 years

26. What type of accommodation do you have? (tick one category):

Owner occupied Private rented Housing Association Other

27. What is your employment status? (tick one category):

Employed .. Self Employed .. Unemployed .. Home carer .. Full time education .. Retired .. Other ..

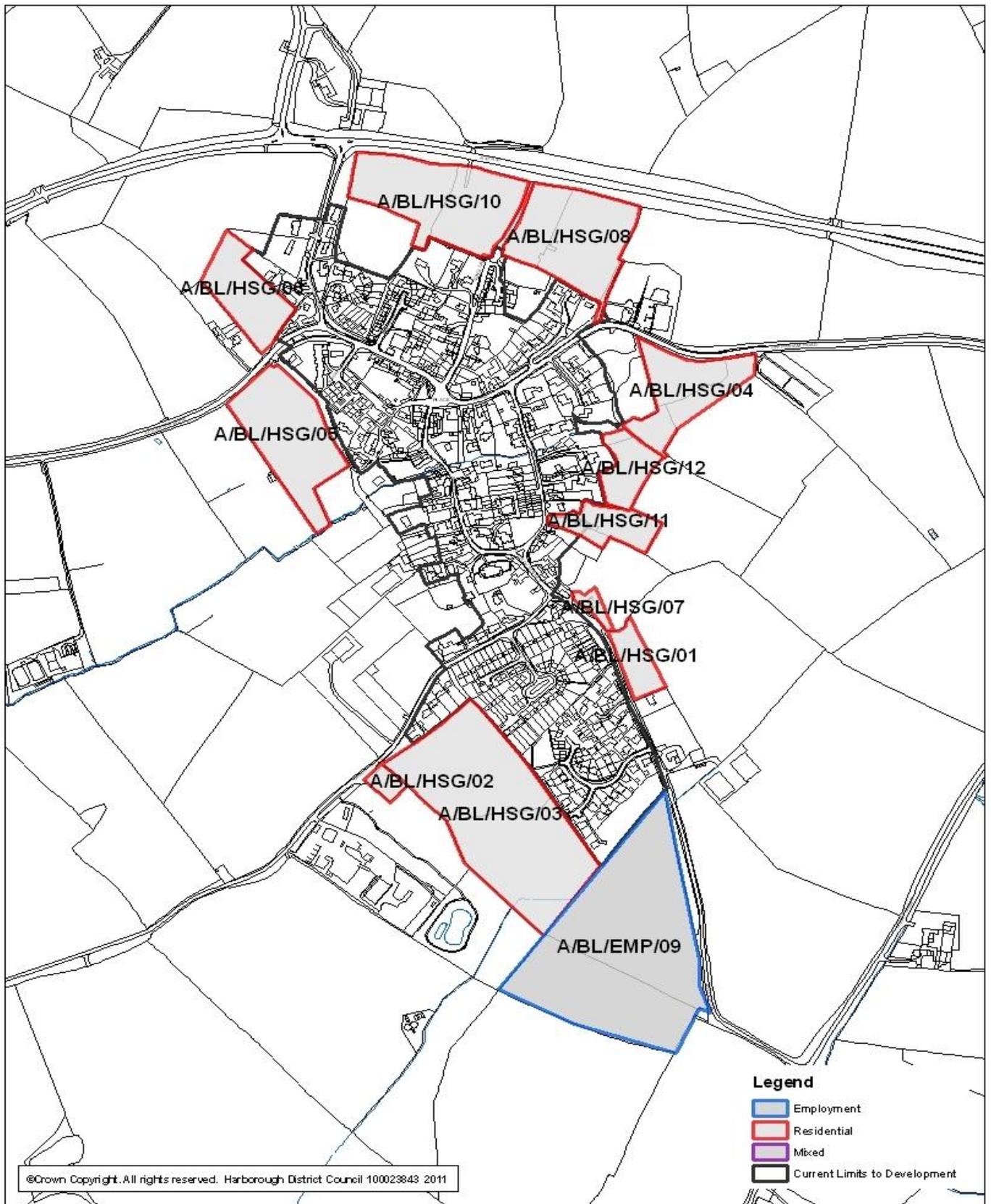
28. Which road do you live on in the Parish?:

29. What else, if anything, should the Neighbourhood Plan consider?:

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Thanks for helping with our Neighbourhood Plan – someone will call to collect this questionnaire

Sites to be considered as part of the Allocations Plan



Please look at the accompanying table on the reverse of this map

THE CHOICE OF POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITES

<u>SITE</u>	<u>AREA [ha.]</u>	<u>THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HOUSES</u> <u>THAT COULD BE BUILT ON THE SITE *</u>
Kates Hill (HSG/01)	0.487	12
Lorry Park (HSG/02)	0.15	9
Gaulby Road (HSG/03)	3.25	65
Uppingham Road (HSG/04)	1.55	24
Leicester Road (South)(HSG/05)	2.5	40
Leicester Road (North)(HSG/06)	1.18	20
Rolleston Road (North)(HSG/07)	0.4	10
A47 (East)(HSG/08)	2.4	72
A47 (West) (HSG/10)	2.65	50
Brook Lane (North)(HSG/12)	0.8	20
Brook Lane (South)(HSG/11)	0.76	19
[Rolleston Road (South) (EMP/09)		<i>(Employment only)</i>]

[This is not the number of new houses that will be built, but rather the maximum number that could be built on the site]*

BILLEDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

We need your help in making sure that the voices of our young people are heard when the Neighbourhood Plan is made. The Plan is looking at how our Parish might be developed over the next 16 years. Not all the questions will be relevant to you, but do fill in as many answers as you can. If you are very young, you might need the help of an adult in filling out your answers.

[Please write your own words and numbers where you see:]

1. How old are you?: Years
2. Are you: Female Male (tick)
3. How long have you lived in the parish?: years
4. Where do you go to school?:
5. What activities do you take part in **WITHIN** the village/parish?: (e.g. cricket club, youth group etc.)
A..... B..... C..... D.....
6. What activities do you take part in **OUTSIDE** the village/parish?: (e.g. ballet, swimming, football)

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Where you go to take part</i>	<i>How you get there</i>
A
B.....
C.....
D.....

7. Which of the following might you take part in if they were provided for young people in the village/parish? (tick as many as you want):

- judobadminton
- scout group
- tennis
- table tennis
- football
- music making
- walking in the countryside
- skateboarding
- playing field
- art
- fitness
- wildlife conservation
- none of these
- computing
- hobby club (which?.....)
- any other activities (which?.....)

8. What else, if anything, do you want the Neighbourhood Plan to consider?

Thanks for helping with our Neighbourhood Plan

2.7 QUESTIONNAIRE SENT TO THE OWNERS AND MANAGERS OF BUSINESSES (3.9)

BILLESDON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

(for the owners and managers of businesses)

(including the self-employed and those who are considering a business start-up)

[Please write your own words where you see:]

1. **What is your business status? (tick one box):** Owner Manager Considering a start-up

2. **Where are/would be your business premises mainly located? (tick one box):**
 In the village Outside the village in the Parish Outside the Parish

3. **What type of business is it/would it be?:**

4. **Are you planning to expand/relocate/start-up your business within the next 10 years? (tick one box):**
 Yes No Undecided/Do not know

5. **IF YES AT Q4 (OTHERWISE GO TO Q10): would you prefer to expand/relocate/start-up your business within the village/parish? (tick one box):**
 Yes No Undecided/Do not know

6. **IF YES AT Q5 (OTHERWISE GO TO Q10): what, if anything, is preventing you from expanding/relocating/starting-up your business within the village/parish?:**

7. **IF YOU MENTIONED PREMISES/WORK SPACE/FLOOR SPACE AT Q6 (OTHERWISE GO TO Q10): what type of building would you need so as to expand/relocate/start-up within the village/parish?:**

8. **IF YOU ANSWERED Q7 (OTHERWISE GO TO Q10), which of the following would you consider? (tick as many boxes as required):**
 New Build Re-use of existing building Converted/redeveloped building No preference

9. **IF YOU ANSWERED Q8 (OTHERWISE GO TO Q10): Please tell us of any existing buildings you know of that could be re-used/converted/redeveloped in the village/parish:**

10. **Please tell us anything else we need to consider in our Neighbourhood Plan about business development in the village/parish:**

2.8 QUESTIONNAIRE COMPLETED AT THE CONCLUSION TO THE COMMUNITY CONSULATION ON 7/9th FEBRUARY [3.10]

BILLESDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

1. For the alternative combinations of sites for 45 new houses, please record your first and second preferences (tick one box in each column):

Please refer to the map showing the potential development sites and the number of houses that could be built on each site:

2: Lorry Park, 3: Gaulby Road, 4: Uppingham Road, 5: Muddy Lane, 6: Leicester Road North, 8: A47 East.

PLAN/SITE	FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE
A 02/03		
B 08		
C 02/03/08		
D 05/06		
E 04/05/06		

2. If more than 45 houses have to be built, please record your preference of sites (tick one box):

Please refer to the map showing the potential development sites and the number of houses that could be built on each site:

2: Lorry Park, 3: Gaulby Road, 4: Uppingham Road, 5: Muddy Lane, 6: Leicester Road North, 8: A47 East.

PLAN/SITE	PREFERENCE
A 02/03	
B 08	
C 02/03/08	
D 05/06	
E 04/05/06	
No preference	

3. Would you prefer the building of houses on the following sites? (If YES - tick one or more boxes):

SITE	PREFERENCE
SITE 01 and 07	
SITE 12	
NO PREFERENCE	

ANNEXE 3. EXAMPLES OF THE PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL FOR
CONSULTATIONS (not to scale)

3.1 Posters for Village notice boards

Public Meeting

**Tuesday 10th January 2012, at 7.30 p.m. in the Chapel
Room (Brook Lane, Billesdon)**

[Called by Billesdon Parish Council]



***‘THE FUTURE OF THE PARISH AND VILLAGE OF
BILLESDON’***

You are invited to attend this Public Meeting and join in the discussion on the future development of our Parish and Village. New housing *will* be built in the Village in the near future and a **Neighbourhood Plan** would enable the local community to have a significant influence on the number of new houses and their location. But the support of the whole Local Community would be required for a **Neighbourhood Plan** and the Parish Council needs to hear your views before proceeding.

The meeting will hear about:

What has happened so far and the current situation

What a Neighbourhood Plan would mean for the Parish and Village

The views of our County and District Councillors

A Summary of the pros and cons of having/not having a Neighbourhood Plan

*There will be an open question/answer session and discussion, followed by a
‘straw poll’ of Community opinion on having a Neighbourhood Plan*

*If positive, the Parish Council will invite residents of the Parish and Village into
a Neighbourhood Forum (Neighbourhood Plan Group)*

Support your Neighbourhood Plan



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EVENING

TUESDAY MAY 15th 2012

at

The Coplow Centre

at 8.00 p.m.

'Help shape the future of our Parish'

Our next community consultation evening will be about 'OPTIONS FOR HOUSING'. Interested developers and landowners have been invited to this meeting to show us their ideas about new housing. The Neighbourhood Plan Group will also be asking for your opinions about the suitability of the various sites for new housing that have been offered around the village.

'Public participation and approval are the keys to the success of the project'

3.2 AN EXAMPLE OF THE MONTHLY ARTICLES PLACED IN 'BILLEDON AND DISTRICT PARISH NEWS AND VIEWS' (July 2012)

Support your Neighbourhood Plan

I recently read the following observation in relation to another Neighbourhood Plan. It summarises how those of us in the Billesdon Neighbourhood Plan Group feel:

"If we don't do it for ourselves – it will be done to us".

Everyone in the Parish needs to know that there are no 'done deals' as regards house development around the village. The Neighbourhood Plan will be able to reflect what **our** community wants to happen, not the views of house developers and planners.

These are the facts:

Once our Neighbourhood Plan is approved at a Referendum, any proposals for new houses between then and 2028 will need to conform to the Plan. This also applies to proposals on other 'Key Issues', such as transport, employment, the natural environment and service/facilities in the Parish.

So what happens next? - That is the question - The answer is a questionnaire

The Neighbourhood Plan process is gaining momentum and the next step is to gather the opinions of residents in the Parish on a more formal basis. If we are on schedule **a questionnaire will be posted to every house in the village towards the end of July**, with a questionnaire for each person, including our young people, and a supplementary questionnaire for those who own or manage a business.

Why do we need all these forms?

Because we want everyone to have an independent and equal say on what happens in the Parish up to 2028, so it is essential that we get back as many filled-in questionnaires as possible – the higher the response rate, the greater the importance that can be attached to the results of the survey.

What will happen after the survey?

The help of the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire) will be obtained to help analyse the results of the questionnaires. Using the findings, the Neighbourhood Plan Group will put together the **first draft of our Neighbourhood Plan**. Then really important Community Consultations on this draft will follow, using The Coplow Centre for a whole Saturday, so that you can visit the displays during the day at your convenience. Hopefully this will happen in October.

So please stand by, have your pens poised and be ready to fill in and return your questionnaires in July. Remember –

'Public participation and approval are the keys to the success of the project'.

Ian Bowler (Chair Neighbourhood Plan Group)

3.3 Circulars announcing the Pre-Submission Consultation period and events

BILLEDON PARISH COUNCIL BILLEDON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

NOTICE OF PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

A six week pre-submission consultation on the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan for Billesdon will run from **12th August - 23rd September 2013**.

A copy of the Pre-Submission draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan will be available to view, along with all supporting documentation, at www.leicestershirevillages.com/billesdon/neighbourhood-plan.html . Hard copies of the draft Plan will be delivered to all houses and premises within the Parish before 12th August and will be available for inspection also at the Community Post Office and The Surgery.

Public Exhibitions of the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan will take place:

Thursday 15th August 2013, 6.30pm - 9.30pm - The Coplw Centre, Uppingham Road, Billesdon, LE7 9AR

Saturday 17th August 2013, 9.30am - 4.30pm - The Chapel Room, Brook Lane, Billesdon, LE7 9AB

Each exhibition will provide an opportunity to view displays setting out the contents of the draft Plan and to discuss it in more detail with members of the Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan Group. The Chair of the group will address those in attendance at 8pm on 15th August and at 11am and 2.30pm on 17th August.

Representations on the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan must be submitted to Billesdon Parish Council no later than 12.00 noon on Monday 23rd September 2013.

If you would like to comment on any aspect of the draft Plan (either positive or negative) please complete and return a copy of the attached Pre-Submission Representation Form. Submissions may be made:

Via e-mail to billesdonclerk@aol.com

By Post to [Mr P. Camm, Billesdon Parish Clerk, 2 North Street West, Uppingham, Rutland LE15 9SG](#)

All comments received by the above date will be considered by the Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan Group and may be utilised to amend the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. Later this year, a Consultation Statement, including a summary of all comments received and how these were considered, will be made available at

www.leicestershirevillages.com/billesdon/neighbourhood-plan.html

and at the Community Post Office and The Surgery. Copies of the Submission version of the amended Neighbourhood Development Plan will be made available in the same way.

WHAT NEXT?

The Submission (amended) version of the Neighbourhood Development Plan will be submitted to Harborough District Council, which will publish the proposed Plan for a further six-week period of consultation. Any responses to that consultation will then be sent, together with the Plan, to an Independent Examiner. The Examiner may then: pass the Plan, refuse the Plan, or require amendments to the Plan. If passed, the final Plan will then return to the Parish for a Referendum.

If a majority of those voting approve the Plan, it will then become part of the framework within which planning applications will be considered until 2028.

If you would like to be kept updated on progress with the development of the Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan please indicate at the end of the Pre-Submission Representation Form.

BILLEDON PARISH COUNCIL
BILLEDON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN
PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION REPRESENTATION FORM

Please return by **12.00 noon on 23rd September 2013**

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SECTION 1: Personal Details

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First Name	
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SECTION 2: Representation <i>Where possible, please indicate to which part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan each comment relates.</i>	
Please provide your COMMENTS below and use an extra sheet if necessary.	
Paragraph number in Plan	Your comments
Date	
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