

Great Glen Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Statement

Introduction

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

- a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- b) explains how they were consulted;
- c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
- d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

The purpose of this document

This document provides a record of the engagement that took place regarding the Great Glen Neighbourhood Plan area and related Neighbourhood Planning body. The main methods used to publicise the engagement process are also documented, along with the main findings from the engagement.

The Great Glen Neighbourhood Plan passed Referendum on 23 November 2017 with a vote in favour of 89% and a turnout of 29%. This consultation statement has been updated to take into account engagement activities during the course of the preparation of the Review document.

A formal engagement period provided members of the public and other key stakeholders an opportunity to submit comment on the proposed neighbourhood plan area and proposed neighbourhood planning body for Great Glen. The proposed neighbourhood planning body was Great Glen Parish Council and the neighbourhood planning area is shown in Fig 1.

Regulations and Government Guidance:

Stage 1: Defining the Neighbourhood

The local community was required to decide how they intended to work together to undertake the production of the Neighbourhood Plan. Great Glen is a 'parished' area therefore, the Parish Council has led on the neighbourhood planning process.

The Parish Council applied to the local planning authority to designate the neighbourhood as identified above. The email is attached as Appendix A (Supporting Appendices).

Harborough District Council checked that the application was appropriate and undertook the appropriate notification process. The designation was made on 4 June 2014.

Stage 2: Preparing the Plan

Local people were engaged in order to pull together and prioritise their early ideas, and start to draw up their plans. These people formed the Great Glen Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

The Steering Group established terms of reference to follow to produce the draft plan to ensure that this early plan was:

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

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

The decision to undertake a formal review of the Neighbourhood Plan was taken by Great Glen Parish Council on 10 April 2018 (GGPC meeting minutes reference 2200/18) and the Steering Group re-established to drive the process forward. It met for the first time on 17 May 2018.

Consultation Methodology

The consultation aimed:

- To inform as many people as possible of the existence of the neighbourhood planning process
- To seek the views of people from different areas, and from diverse sectors of the community on the proposals being developed by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Activities:

Original Neighbourhood Plan

Extensive consultation was carried out for the **original** Neighbourhood Plan and the full details can be found in **original** Appendix 1 – Great Glen Consultation Statement (Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Version 2011-2031), link: <https://www.greatglen-pc.gov.uk/uploads/appendix-1-great-glen-consultation-statement-1.pdf> .

Neighbourhood Plan Review

- The intention to review the Neighbourhood Plan was widely publicised in the Parish Council publication, the Great Glen Gazette (Appendix B);
- The Parish newsletter was used to keep the community up-to-date on progress with the NP and offered the chance for people to comment and get involved. The quarterly village newsletter, Glen Sense, was delivered free to all households in the Parish, and included on the web site;
- The Neighbourhood Plan was included as a regular agenda item at Parish Council meetings. Minutes of meetings are publicly available on the Parish website;
- Dialogue was maintained with Officers from Harborough District Council as the Neighbourhood Plan progressed;
- A Steering Group was established under the direction of the Parish Council involving Parish Councillors and members of the community;
- A ‘Theme Group’ was established to consider the updating of the environment chapter. These involved representatives of the Parish Council and members of the community. Further work was undertaken within the Steering Group to update the housing chapter and an independent consultant was engaged to refresh and update the residential site assessments, leading to a residential site assessment;
- A staffed exhibition about the Neighbourhood Plan was held on the day of the Great Wheelbarrow Race in September 2018. It was deliberately timed to coincide with this annual event, which is the most popular event in the Parish and attracted many hundreds of people and organisations. At this event people were asked to give their thoughts and ideas on the emerging policies. The event was extensively publicised including by posters around the village, through the Village newsletter, the village website and the local press. The analysis of this event is at Appendix C;
- Agencies with a statutory or other significant interest in The Plan were invited to submit their comments in writing by email and letter, at appropriate stages of the planning process, according to the regulations. The list of Regulation 14 comments and the responses, indicating how the Neighbourhood Plan was amended as a result of the comments, is attached as Appendix K;
- The Plan builds on the original Neighbourhood Plan as well as the existing Parish Plan and Village Design Statement which was the subject of extensive public participation and consultation. This provided a good understanding of the issues facing the Parish and a firm foundation for the Plan.

Detailed Consultation Activities

Original Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plan Review

After the Steering Group has met for three months and the detailed work of the Theme Groups had progressed, an Open Event was held to coincide with the annual Wheelbarrow Race. Minutes from the Steering Group meetings are attached. The Open Event Consultation Analysis is Appendix C.



The following comments were recorded on the displays:

- Concern about light pollution from school fields – was promised trees to screen.
- Please consider making the village one-way.
- More power to make developers choose appropriate styles of architecture in line with village's design statement.
- The limits to development area doesn't mean anything. It doesn't hold any planning weight neither does a NP. Just look at neighbouring villages (Kibworth). The Steering Group has come too late!
- One-way round Co-Op.
- Tighten up the thing they kick the ball against on the park. It rattles like hell!
- Private School is an eyesore at night – light pollution is a problem. Could they plant a screen of trees?
- More policing at night to eradicate the drug problems.
- Parking on pavements is a problem. McDonalds van.
- Great concern for the wildlife. Who speaks for them!
- Keep Glen as a village. No more development!
- Allotments – close housing on new estates. Is there a need for gardens(ing)?

- Footpath from village (Bypass) to the canal isn't marked on maps (it is parallel with farm track). Please make sure it isn't lost.
- Although it isn't marked on some maps, the footpath from the Nook, across the A6 Bypass and on to the canal is a public footpath. Not certain of the number, possibly C28, but you'll find it on official FP maps.

Once the Plan was finalised taking on board comments from the Open Event, it was submitted for Regulation 14 consultation on 3 December 2018 until 21 January 2019.

The following groups were contacted and comments sought:

British Gas Properties,
 British Telecommunications Plc,
 The Coal Authority,
 East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG,
 English Heritage,
 Historic England,
 Homes and Communities Agency,
 National Grid,
 Natural England,
 Network Rail Infrastructure Limited,
 Severn Trent Water Ltd,
 Anglian Water Ltd,
 Leicestershire Police,
 Leicestershire Fire and Rescue,
 Environment Agency,
 CPRE,
 Voluntary Action Leicestershire,
 Leicestershire Ethnic Minority Partnership,
 Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups,
 Interfaith Forum for Leicestershire,
 Market Harborough Chamber of Commerce,
 Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living,
 Age UK Leicestershire and Rutland,
 Harborough District Council,
 Harborough District Disability Access Group,
 Leicestershire County Council transport,
 Leicestershire County Council, Policy and Community,
 Waterloo

Adjoining Parishes:

Fleckney
 Wistow

Burton Overy
Little Stretton

Councillors/MP:

Neil O'Brien, MP
County Councillor Kevin Feltham
District Councillors: G.Spendlove-Mason, J Hallam

Businesses:

County Pharmacy, 14 Stretton Court, Great Glen
Chakra Beauty, 12 Stretton Court, Great Glen
Robert Fox decorators, 1 Sence Crescent, Great Glen, LE8 9DU
Glen Dental Clinic, 11 Stretton Court, Stretton Road, Great Glen, LE8 9HB
The Pug and Greyhound, London Road, Great Glen
MG Clarkson Auto Repairs, Unit 4, Bindley's Lane, Great Glen
Hillside Garage (Great Glen Ltd), Oaks Road, Great Glen
Tasty Kitchen, 12a London Road, Great Glen

Tracey Dixon Private Community Physiotherapist, 34 Coverside Road, Great Glen, LE8 9EA
EC Gilbert Ltd, 33 Oaks Road Great Glen
Salisbury, Harding and Barlow LLP Solicitors
Yews Public House, 29 London Rd, Great Glen, Leicester LE8 9FL

Statutory/Voluntary Organisations:

The Church at the Cross, Methodist Church, Oaks Road.
St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Church Road.
Great Glen Library
St Cuthbert's C of E Primary School, The Chase, Great Glen, LE8 9EQ
Leicester Grammar School and Leicester Grammar Junior School, London Road, Great Glen
Brownies, School Hall, The Chase
Scouts/Beavers, Phillip Reed, Scout HQ, Stretton Road, Great Glen
Baby and Toddler Group, Community Centre, The Chase
Great Glen Pre-School, The Chase
Norton and Gaulby Young Farmers Club, The Chase.
Archery Bowmen of Glen, Newton Lane, Great Glen
Great Glen Indoor Bowling Club, Village Hall, Main Street, Great Glen
Chinese Wand/Tai Chi, Village Hall, Main Street
Great Glen Cricket Club, The Shed, The Recreation Ground, Off Bindley's Lane, Great Glen
Great Glen Line Dancing, School Hall, The Chase
Glen Villa FC, Recreation Ground, Great Glen
Matrix Martial Arts, Scout HQ, Stretton Road

Tae Kwon-do Village Hall, Main Street.
Table Tennis, Great Glen Youth Club, Main Street, Great Glen
Tennis Club, Recreation Ground, The Chase.
Bridge Club, Community Centre, The Chase.
Church Bell Ringing, St. Cuthbert's Church, Church Road
Main Street Theatre Company, Village Hall, Main Street.
Royal British Legion, Royal Oak, High Street
Sports and Social Club, The Shed, Recreation Ground, Bindley's Lane
Great Glen U3A, Village Hall, Main Street
Wine Circle, Community Centre, The Chase
Women's Institute, Methodist Hall, Oaks Road.

Landowners:

Nick Spence, Barstow Projects Ltd,
Martin Bagshaw, John Martin and Associates
Liberty Stones, Fisher German
Rob Rivers, Bovis Homes
David Bennett, Fox Bennett
Joe Welch, Andrew Granger and Co.
Jayne McVeigh, Landowner
David Barnes, Star Planning and Development
Julie King, David Lock Associates
Himat Popat, Albion Hill Property Developments.

The comments and responses from the Regulation 14 consultation are recorded and attached as Appendix K.

General

Throughout the Plan's development we have liaised with Officers from Harborough District Council to ensure not only that emerging Policies are in general conformity with the existing Core Strategy but are also unlikely to conflict with Policies being progressed in the emerging Local Plan, which is expected to be adopted in 2019.

The Neighbourhood Plan Review has taken into account the latest evidence of housing need used in preparation of the Local Plan.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan (Review version) is now ready to be submitted to Harborough District Council who will publicise it for a further six weeks and then forward it, with accompanying documents and all representations made during the publicity period, to an Independent Examiner who will review it and check that it meets the 'Basic Conditions'.

The Examiner will discuss the significance of the modifications within the Review version

of the Neighbourhood Plan compared to the original Neighbourhood Plan with Harborough District Council before a decision is taken about the need for a Referendum.

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

Conclusion

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

Great Glen Parish Council

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