

East Langton Parish Review Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Statement

November 2021

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.

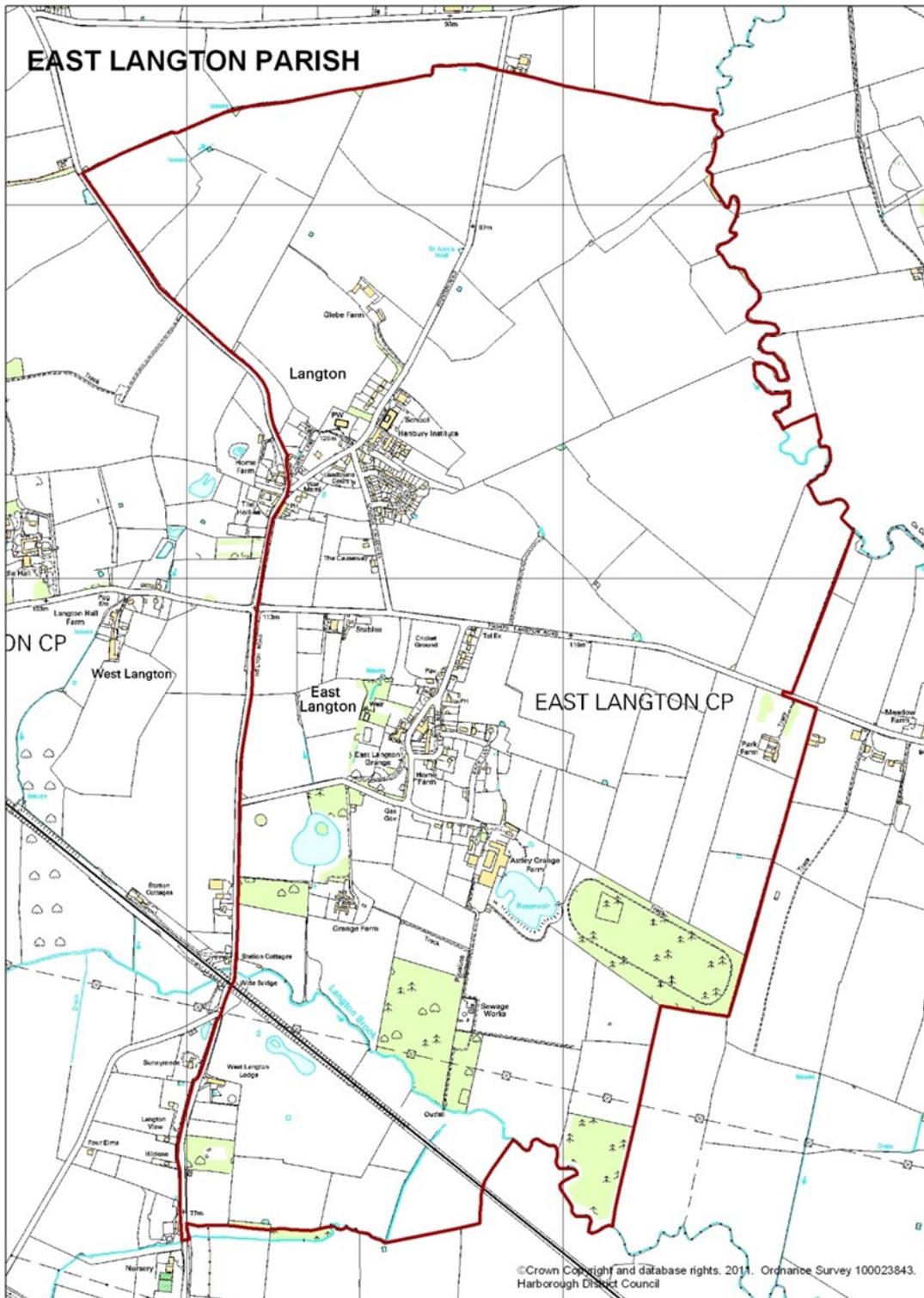
The purpose of this document

This document provides a record of the engagement that took place regarding the East Langton Parish 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 East Langton Parish Neighbourhood Plan passed Referendum on 21 June 2018 with a vote in favour of 90% and a turnout of 41%. 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 East Langton Parish. The proposed neighbourhood planning body was East Langton Parish Council and the neighbourhood planning area is shown in Fig 1.

Figure 1 Neighbourhood Area – designated on 9 October 2013



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. East Langton Parish 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.

Harborough District Council checked that the application was appropriate and undertook the appropriate notification process. The designation was made on 9 October 2013.

Stage 2: Preparing the Plan

The Parish Council were engaged in order to pull together and prioritise their early ideas and start to draw up their plans.

The Parish Council ensured that the preparation of the 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 East Langton Parish Neighbourhood Plan seeks to establish specific and local planning policies for the development and use of land in the Parish. The Neighbourhood Plan establishes policies to meet local need taking into account strategic planning policies, 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 East Langton Parish Council in late 2019.

Consultation Methodology

The consultation aimed:

- To inform as many people as possible of the review of the Neighbourhood Plan in challenging times as the Review coincided with the Coronavirus Pandemic.
- To engage with all landowners in the Neighbourhood Area to explore opportunities for residential development to help meet the housing need for the Parish.

Activities:

Original Neighbourhood Plan

Extensive consultation was carried out for the original Neighbourhood Plan and the full details can be found in East Langton Parish Consultation Statement (Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Version 2011-2031).

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- 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;
- All landowners were written to, to seek 'expressions of interest' for future residential development;
- A questionnaire was sent out to gauge support for the retention of the open space in Church Langton; 60% of households responded;
- A staffed exhibition about the Neighbourhood Plan was held on 18 August 2021. At this event people were asked to give their thoughts and ideas on the emerging policies. The event was extensively publicised by leaflets distributed to each household and via social media. The analysis of this event is included in the submission material;
- 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;
- An Executive summary of the NP was distributed to each household in the Parish to help an understanding of its content and what had changed since the original NP. The Executive Summary is in the submission material.

Detailed Consultation Activities

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The Open Event attracted 38 people. The event concentrated on the policies that had changed and elicited the following responses:

Residential Allocation 15 y 1 n

Settlement Boundaries

- East Langton 14 y 0 n
- Church Langton 14 y 1 n

Local Green Spaces 24 y 0 n

Important Views 19y 0 n

Local Heritage Assets 20 y 0 n



The following comments were recorded on the displays:

Once the Plan was finalised taking on board comments from the Open Event, it was submitted for Regulation 14 consultation on 29 July and 9 September 2021.

The following groups were contacted and comments sought at Regulation 14 stage:

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:

Tur Langton
Kibworth Beauchamp
Foxton
Great Bowden
West Langton
Stonton Wyville

Councillors/MP:

Neil O'Brien, MP
County Councillors Phil King; Barry Champion
District Councillor: Simon Whelband

Landowners:

Local landowners identified through the consultation process

The comments and responses from the Regulation 14 consultation are recorded and included in the submission material.

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 Local Plan.

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.

East Langton Parish Council

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