

Burton Overy Neighbourhood Plan Review

Consultation Statement

May 2025

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 Burton Overy Neighbourhood Plan review. The main methods used to publicise the engagement process are also documented, along with the main findings from the engagement.

The Burton Overy 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 comments on the proposed neighbourhood plan area and proposed neighbourhood planning body for Burton Overy Parish. The proposed neighbourhood planning body was identified as Burton Overy Parish Council and the neighbourhood planning area is shown in Fig 1.

Figure 1 Neighbourhood Area



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. Burton Overy 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 confirmed that the application was appropriate and undertook the appropriate notification process.

Stage 2: Preparing the Plan

The Parish Council was 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 Burton Overy 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 Burton Overy Parish Council during 2023.

Consultation Methodology

The consultation aimed:

- To inform as many people as possible of the review of the Neighbourhood Plan and give all interested parties the opportunity to contribute to the process.
- To engage with all residents and landowners in the Neighbourhood Area to explore opportunities to influence all new development in the Parish.

Activities:

Original Neighbourhood Plan

Extensive consultation was carried out for the original Neighbourhood Plan and the full details can be found in Burton Overy Parish Consultation Statement (Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Version 2018-2031).

Neighbourhood Plan Review

- The Neighbourhood Plan has been 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;
- Newsletters and questionnaires have been sent out to residents to gauge support for the retention of existing policies and the development of new policies in the Burton Overy Neighbourhood Plan Review;
- A staffed exhibition about the Neighbourhood Plan was held on 2nd November 2024. 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 NP Review were invited to submit their comments in writing by email or 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 included in the submission material;

- An Executive summary of what had changed since the original NP is included at the front of the NP Review document and this is included in the submission material.

Detailed Consultation Activities

Neighbourhood Plan Review

The Open Event in November 2024 attracted 61 people. The event presented information on proposed policies to be retained or added to the NP through the Review process. The following is a summary of feedback received from the event –

(Y = support; N = opposition)

Housing Policies

Settlement Boundary - 32 y 1 n

Brownfield sites - 23 y 0 n

Housing Mix - 21 y 6 n

Affordable Housing - 12 y 16 n

Design - 25 y 0 n

Environment Policies

Local Green Spaces - 34 y 0 n

Important Open Spaces - 36 y 0 n

Ridge and Furrow - 32 y 3 n

Non-Designated Heritage Assets - 27 y 1 n

Area of Separation - 31 y 0 n

Natural Environment - 26 y 1 n

Biodiversity - 30 y 0 n

Historic Environment - 27 y 0 n

Important Views - 27 y 2 n

Footpaths & bridleways - 32 y 0 n

Flood Risk - 32 y 0 n

Sustainability Policies

Community Facilities - 26 y 0 n

Homeworking - 30 y 0 n

Broadband - 30 y 0 n

Farm Diversification - 18 y 8 n

The following general comments were recorded on the displays:

- Good to see some local policies – I hope these are taken account of by planning officers.
- Policy HD1 – should there be a presumption against knocking down existing serviceable dwellings and building new ones. There is a massive carbon cost and invariably they are larger.

- Smaller dwellings which are unoccupied – e.g. Lower Scotland House – should be brought back into use.
- I agree.
- Brownfield sites: raises questions about uncontrolled development of farm buildings. The village has virtually no BF sites. It does have houses which are empty and should be refurbished.
- We would like to move the line of the Settlement Boundary to include our orchard in the building line at Kingarth Farm.
- We do not want the line of the Settlement Boundary to include the orchard at Kingarth Farm. This is a priority habitat: traditional orchard.
- I think you might misunderstand the situation. There will still be an orchard.
- Re biodiversity – the BONP Review states that compensatory plant should be of native or suitable 'exotic/ornamental' species. Should the first objective be to enhance the biodiversity of this rural location and planting to this end. Some exotic/ornamental species support less biodiversity and in fact look 'urban' in a rural location.
- We need to help support the farming community. It is what makes Burton Overy so special.
- It is a farming village!
- I agree – I like mud anyway and donkeys braying, sheep, cows.
- I agree with this.
- Farm diversification needs to be controlled – speculative developers will buy farms to develop – in light of the current generous allowances. Local farmers should be allowed small-scale diversification – an historic right of ownership should be required.



Photographs of the Village Consultation Event on 2nd November 2024

Once the Plan was finalised taking on board comments from the Open Event, it was submitted for Regulation 14 consultation between 22 January and 5 March 2025.

In addition to all local residents, the following groups were contacted and comments sought at Regulation 14 stage:

Local Authorities
Leics CC
HDC
Gt Glen PC
Kibworth Harcourt PC
Ilston PC
Little Stretton PC
Gaulby PC
Carlton Curlieu PC
Kings Norton PC
Statutory Bodies
Mining Remediation Authority
Homes England
Natural England
Environment Agency
Historic England
Network Rail
National Highways
Health Bodies
Leics Integrated Care Board
Utilities
National Grid
Cadent Gas
Openreach (BT)
Severn Trent Water
Voluntary & Community Sector
Vol. Action South Leics.
Age UK Leics.
CPRE – Leics.
Gypsy Liaison – Leics.
Leics. Interfaith forum
Leicester Diocese
Harborough Chamber of Comm.
Leics. Centre for integrated living
Others
MP
LCC Councillor
HDC Councillors x 2
Leicestershire Police
Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service

General

Throughout the Plan's development we have liaised with Officers from Harborough District Council to ensure that emerging Policies are in general conformity with the existing and emerging Local Plan policies.

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 is in compliance with 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 in Neighbourhood Planning Regulations. At this referendum stage (if it is required) it will not be feasible to vote for or against individual policies. If 50% or more of the electorate vote in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan Review, 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.

Burton Overy Parish Council

May 2025

BURTON OVERY

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DROP-IN

EVENT



2 NOVEMBER 2024

CONSULTATION ANALYSIS

1. Background

Project Brief

Burton Overy Parish Council organised an open event at the Village Hall on 2 November (10:00 am – 1:00 pm) to share the emerging policies in the Neighbourhood Plan Review with those who live and work in the Parish.

The aim of this event was to see whether or not the local community supported the emerging policies – including ones on housing, Local Green Space and environment, community facilities and design.

Publicity

The drop-in events were promoted in a variety of ways:

- The event was advertised in the community newsletter.
- Social media was used to promote the event



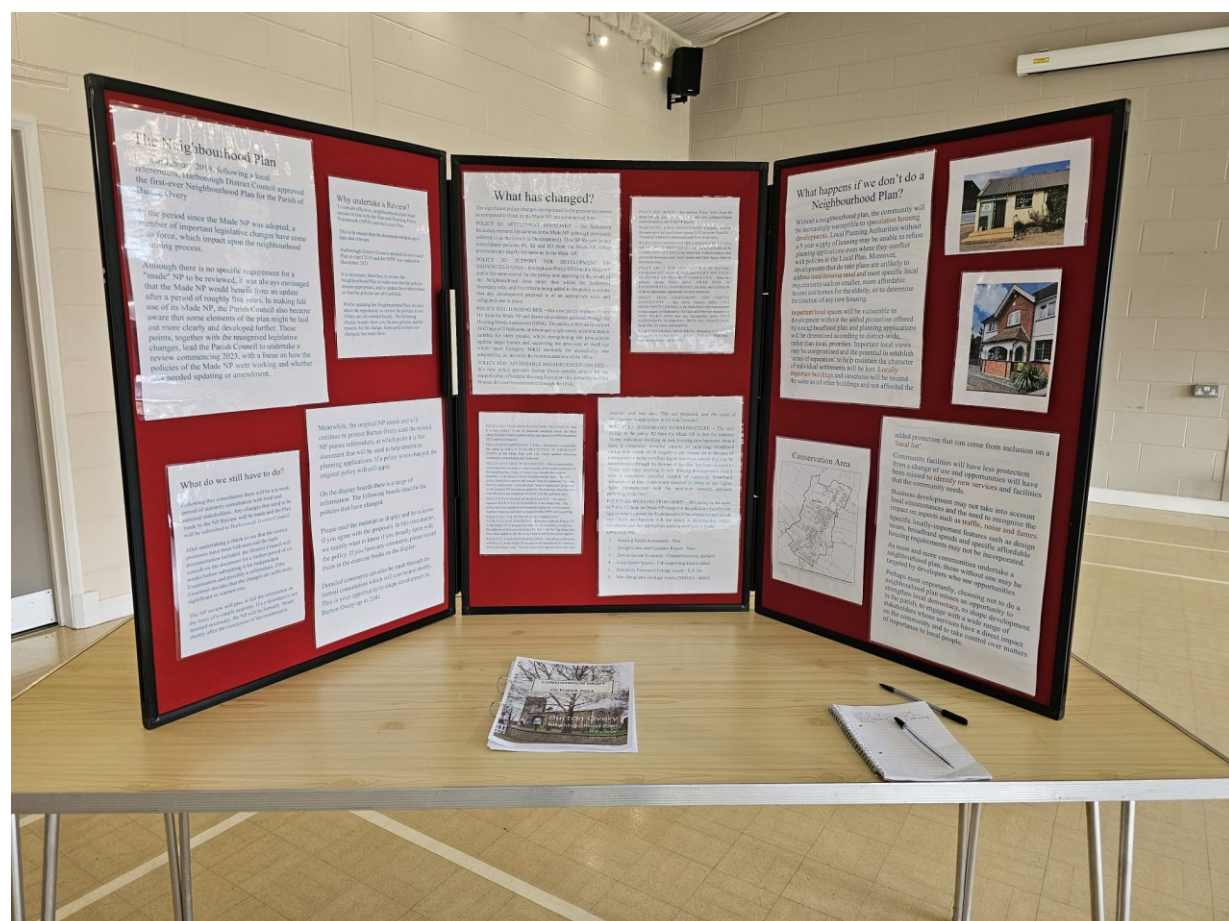
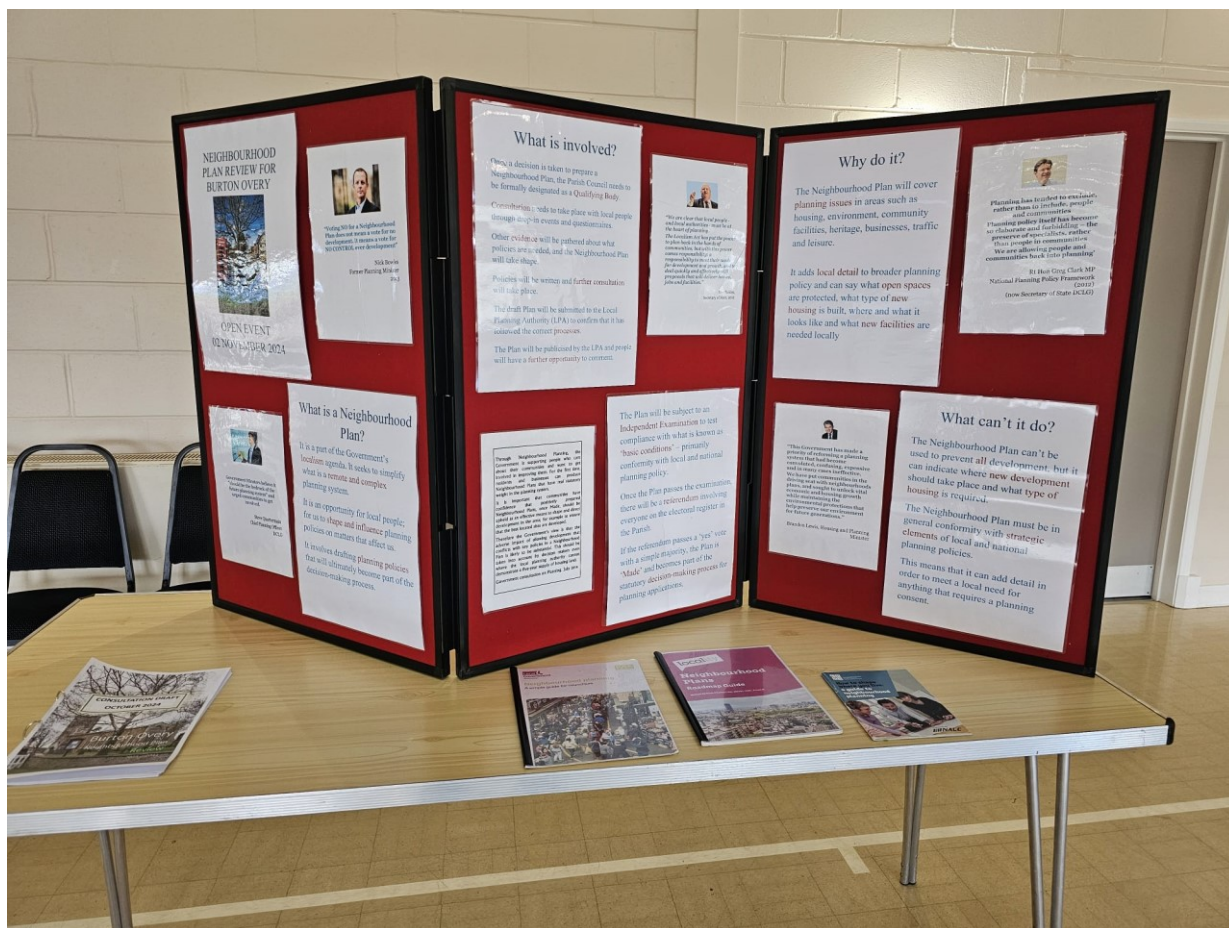
List of attendees

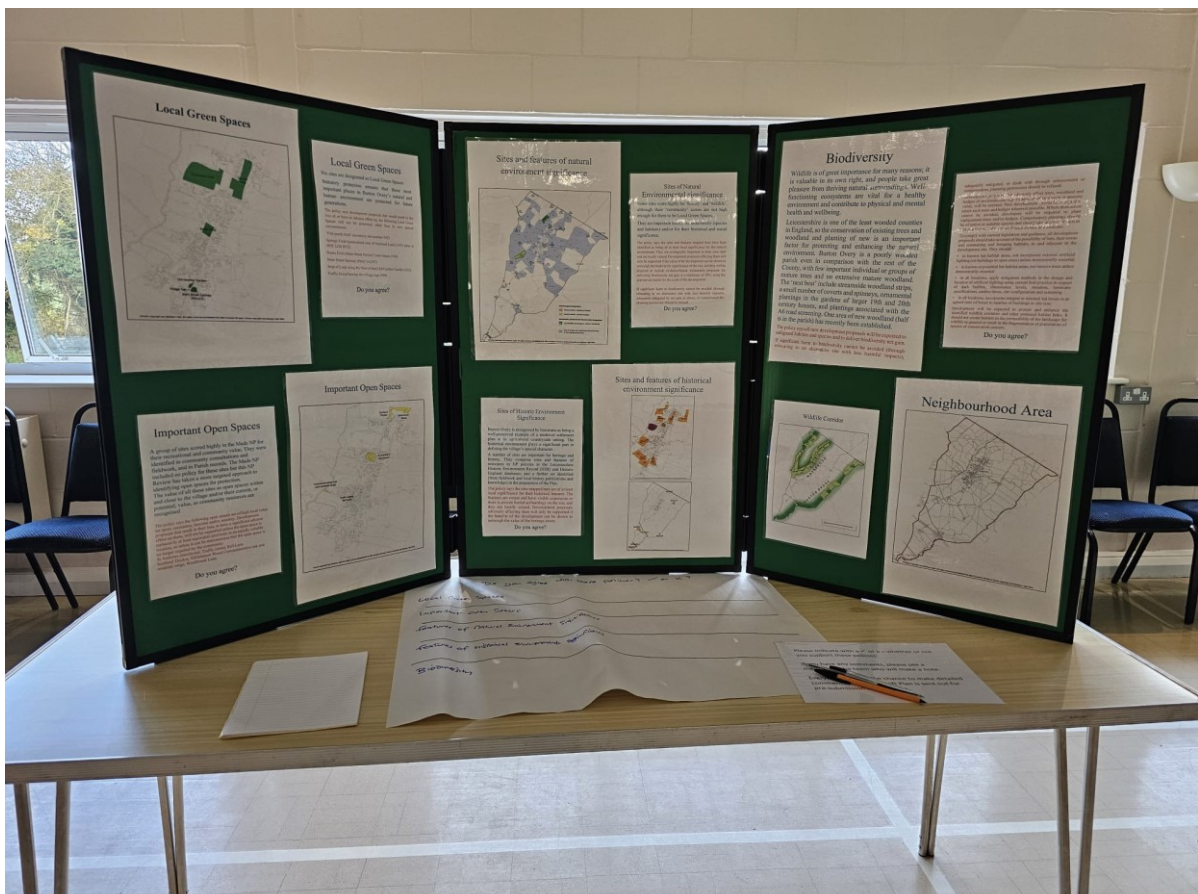
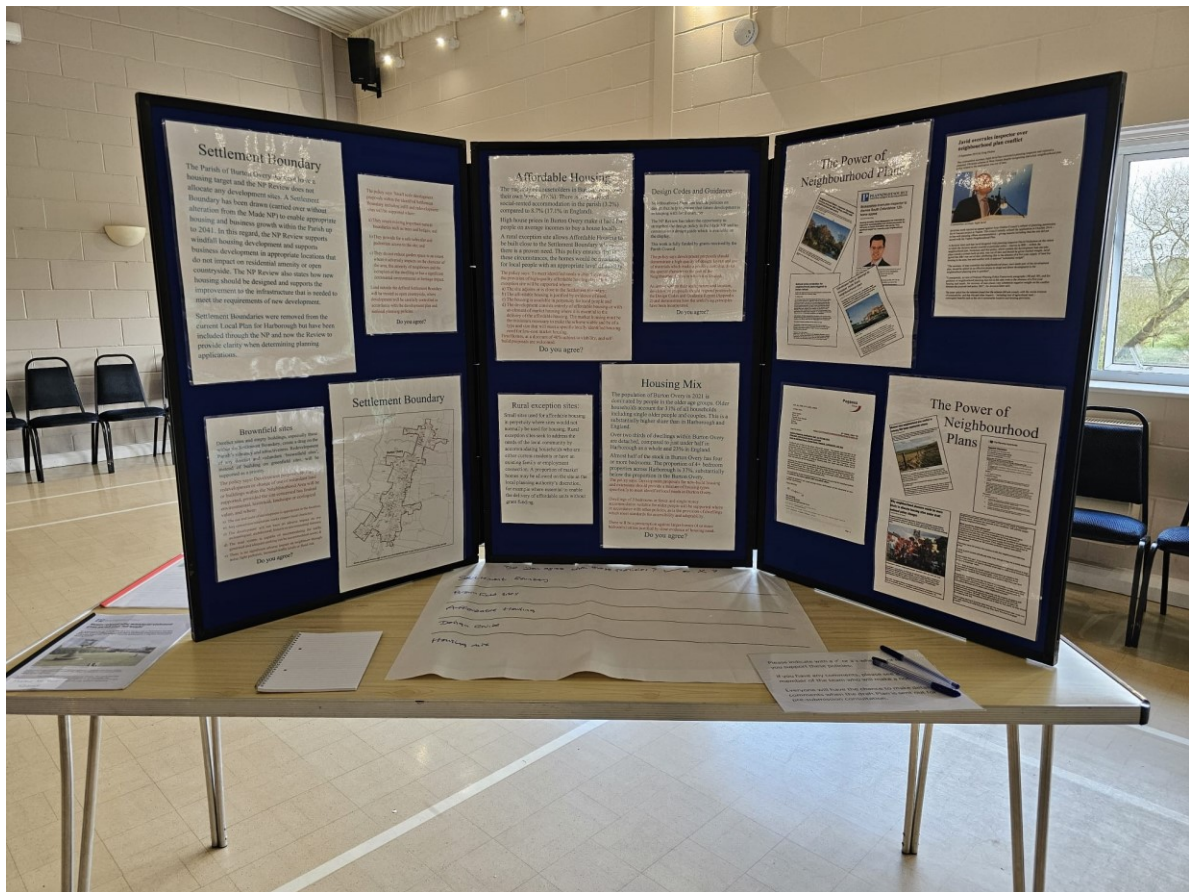
A list of attendees is available separately. A total of 61 residents attended the event.

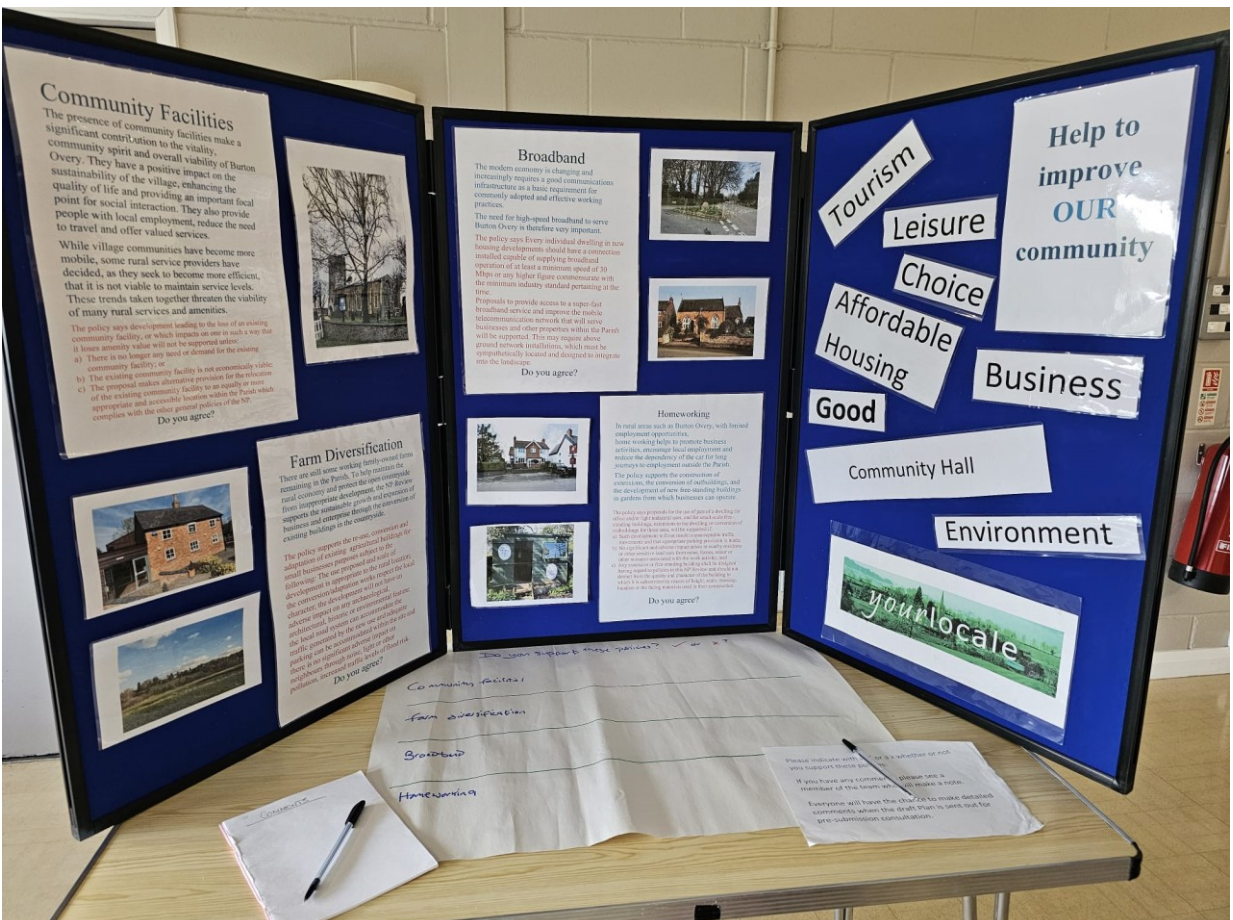
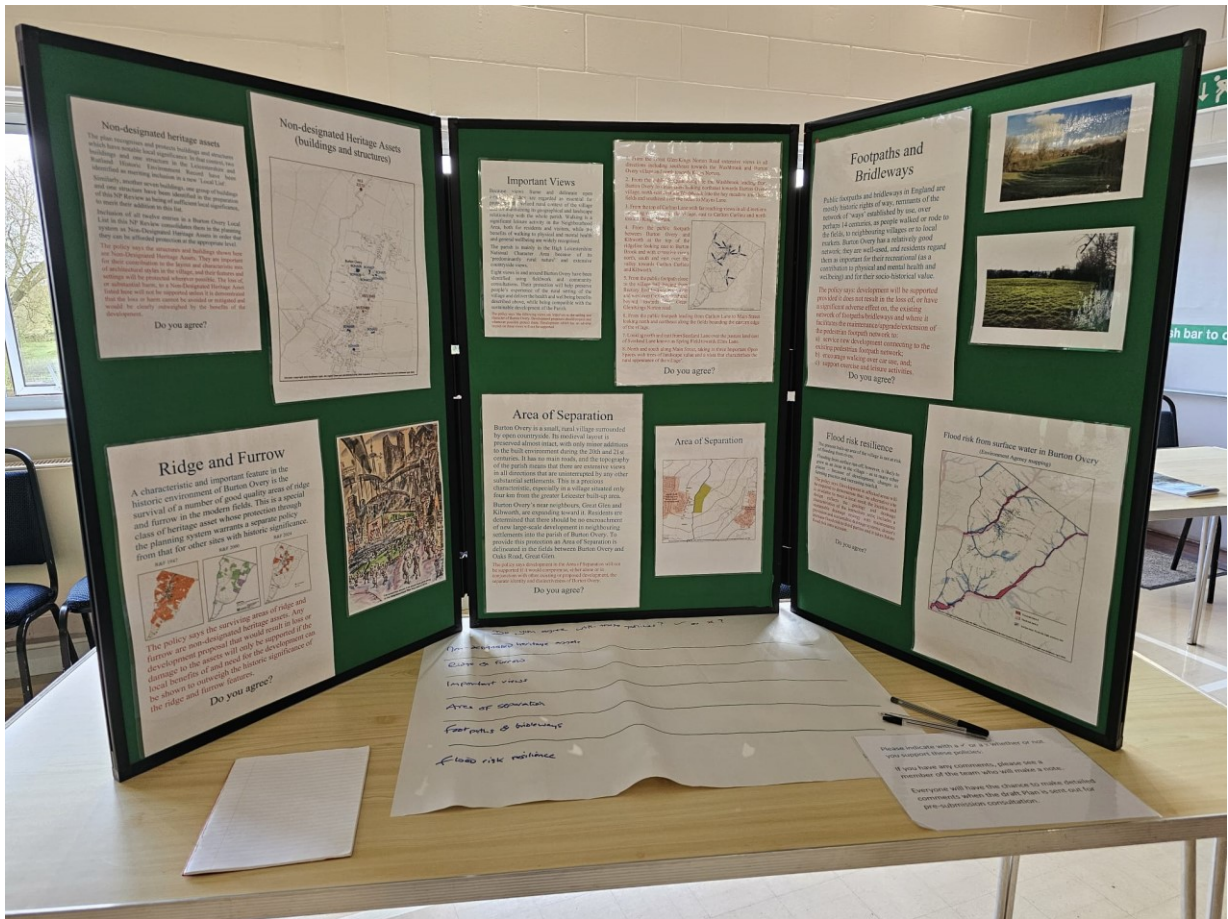
2. Format of Event

Sign in	Members of the Parish Council welcomed attendees on arrival and recorded attendance. Arrangements for the Open Event were explained.
Background	The first displays introduced Neighbourhood Planning and described the process and what has been undertaken to date. Copies of documents describing the neighbourhood plan process were available to read as were copies of the draft Neighbourhood Plan Review, design guide and other relevant material.
Consultation on key issues	<p>A series of display boards were spread across the room, each of which focussed on the emerging policies within the draft Neighbourhood Plan Review – including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Housing –housing mix, design, affordable housing, windfall;▪ Environment –Local Green Space and other environmental protections including important views;▪ Employment and Community Facilities. <p>Having read the displays, attendees were asked to indicate their support for the policy. General comments were welcomed, and books were available to record people’s views, but people were directed to the upcoming pre-submission consultation for expressing detailed observations so that the comments could be formally recorded and responded to.</p>

The next pages show the neighbourhood plan review display boards detailing the emerging policies







3. Consultation findings

The policies on display and the support expressed for each are as follows:

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Summary

This was a well-attended and engaging event where people had the opportunity to see the draft policies and to ask questions of those who have drafted the Plan. People stayed for a long time to read and consider each policy area.

There was strong support for each policy – often unanimous support - with the exception of the policy on affordable housing where 12 were in favour, but 16 against. It may have been that people were unclear that the policy does not make the likelihood of an affordable housing development coming forward more likely, it just helps to ensure that if a site is to be proposed, it would have to address local circumstances and meet a specific local housing need. Without this policy, these local requirements would be lost.

Some comments suggested alternative approaches and ways to improve the Neighbourhood Plan Review, and these will be taken into account alongside comments received during pre-submission consultation prior to submission to Harborough District Council.

Images from the events are on the following pages.









BURTON OVERY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

TABLE 1 – PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION COMMENTS RECEIVED

DATE	COMMENTING BODY / INDIVIDUAL	REF. NO.
27.01.25 (by letter)	Historic England	25/001
03.02.25 (by letter)	Coal Authority	25/002
07.02.25 (website form)	Resident 1	25/003
27.02.25 (by letter)	Natural England	25/004
28.02.25 (website form)	Harborough DC	25/005
04.03.25 (website form)	Resident 2	25/006
04.03.25 (website form)	Leicestershire County Council	25/007
04.03.25 (website form)	Resident 3	25/008
05.03.25 (website form)	Resident 4	25/009
05.03.25 (by email)	Resident 5	25/010

TABLE 2 - PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Ref. No. (see above)	Chapter/ Section	Policy Number	Comment	Response	Amendment
25/001	Generic	Generic	Ensure policies are included which safeguard designated heritage assets	Noted. Designated heritage assets are already statutorily protected. In addition, the NP safeguards non-designated heritage assets	None.
25/002	Generic	Generic	the area to which this consultation relates is not located within the defined coalfield. On this basis we have no specific comments to make.	Noted.	None.
25/003	Generic	Generic	Does Harborough District Council's recent confirmation that their 5-year housing supply has fallen to	The lack of a 5-year land supply means that the Local Plan can offer only limited protection against speculative development applications. This situation	None

			<p>3.55 years affect the draft plan and, if so, in what ways?</p>	<p>will change on the adoption of the emerging Local Plan which is expected in late 2026.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan is likely to be Made before the end of 2025 meaning that there is likely to be a period of time before the adoption of the Local Plan, when there is a risk of speculative development applications in Burton Overy.</p> <p>The alternative is for the Neighbourhood Plan to allocate a site for residential development which would secure protection during this interim period, but it was not considered appropriate to do this. Making the decision to do that now would delay the production of the NP by several months and would mean that the NP would not be Made until around the time of the adoption of the Local Plan, removing any benefit from doing so.</p>	
25/004	Generic	Generic	<p>Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Data on all local environmental assets (e.g. populations of protected species; priority species and/or habitats; local wildlife sites, soils and best / most versatile agricultural land or local landscape character) should be evaluated to assess whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment is warranted.</p>	<p>Noted, Harborough District Council undertook a SEA Screening and after sharing with the Consultation Bodies concluded that a SEA was not necessary.</p>	None

25/005	Generic	Generic	<p>The references to the NPPF 2023 should be updated to NPPF Dec 2024. The paragraph references will also need to be checked as they may have changed</p> <p>The pre submission version of the new Local Plan 2020 to 2041 does not contain a housing requirement for Burton Overy.</p> <p>The plan supports provision of an affordable housing exception site, but without an allocation for housing the plan may not benefit from paragraph 14 of the NPPF.</p> <p>As the Local Planning Authority (LPA) cannot now demonstrate a 5 year housing supply (Feb 2025), applications will likely be approved unless granting permission conflicts with the policies in an up to date plan (less than 5 years old for neighbourhood plans) which allocates housing to meet the identified settlement need.</p>	<p>Agreed. The NP was finalised for Regulation 14 consultation prior to the updated NPPF being published.</p> <p>Noted. This will be referenced in the Submission NP Review</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Change to be made as indicated.</p> <p>Change to be made as indicated.</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>
		Policy HD2	<p>The site adjoins or is close to the Settlement Boundary; - 'close to' may be too ambiguous for decision makers.</p>	<p>Agreed. We will remove this reference</p>	<p>Change to be made as indicated.</p>

		ENV7	<p>P. 7 – Policy ENV 7 – suggest checking the para numbers of the Dec 2024 NPPF to ensure they are correct. The same paragraph numbers are repeated on P. 39 so these will also benefit from checking.</p> <p>The inclusion of Policy ENV 7 Non-Designated Heritage Assets is welcomed. The list of assets is a considered list which has been researched and the information is clearly presented in line with best practice.</p>	<p>Agreed. All references to the NPPF will be amended to refer to the 2024 version.</p> <p>Noted. Thank you for this comment.</p>	<p>Change to be made as indicated.</p> <p>None</p>
		ENV6	<p>Policy ENV 6 – it is encouraging to see that the ridge and furrow has been re-assessed and mapped to provide the most accurate picture of the quality of the remaining ridge and furrow. It is also good to see that this level of detail on the quality is also included in Appendix 3 – Environmental Inventory.</p>	<p>Noted. Thank you for this comment.</p>	<p>None</p>
		ENV7	<p>It is good that the Design Codes and Guidance Report recognizes the different character areas arising from the historic development of the village and provides clear visual evidence to illustrate this.</p> <p>P. 7 – Policy ENV 7 – suggest checking the para numbers of the Dec 2023 NPPF to ensure they are correct – in the December 2023</p>	<p>Noted. Thank you for this comment.</p> <p>Agreed. All NPPF references will be updated to reflect the 2024 version.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Change to be made as indicated.</p>

		<p>version the section of the document on conserving or enhancing the historic environment commences at para 195. The same paragraph numbers are repeated on P. 39 so these will also benefit from checking.</p> <p>P.38 - Figure 10 - It would be useful to show the Grade II* asset (1061587) in a different colour (as has been done for the Scheduled Monument) to ensure that the different levels of asset significance are clearly identified.</p> <p>It is interesting to see that the list has been divided into assets already included in the HER and those identified by the plan itself. It should be noted that BOHA02 The Springs, Carlton Lane is currently on the Leicestershire HER MLE29213.</p> <p>Appendix 5 – the map (see comments for map on P.38) the appendix lists the designated heritage assets including the list entry number and level of designation which is good to see. It may be helpful to include a hyperlink for each entry which can take the reader directly to the full listing entry on the Historic England website.</p>	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>Noted. This reference will be updated.</p> <p>Noted, however we do not agree that a hyperlink is necessary and can become out of date.</p>	<p>Change to be made as indicated.</p> <p>Change to be made as indicated. We will also renumber the NDHAs and provide a key to the figure. The appendix will be reordered to match the Plan itself and adjust the formatting of the headings.</p> <p>None</p>
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			Appendix 6 - this has been produced in line with best practice and provides the reader with a good understanding of the reasons for inclusion and the local significance of the identified assets. Where group value is identified it is recommended that the buildings in the group are named rather than stating 'given neighbouring properties' as this provides a clear indication of the buildings within the identified group – the Old School and the Old School House.	Noted. The Old School is identified as an NDHA in its own right. It is recognised for its group value incorrectly in this regard and this reference will be removed.	Change to be made as indicated.
25/006	Generic	Generic	Thank you all for your hard work in preparing this useful and informative NP.	Thank you for this comment.	None
25/007		ENV 9	I would support the adoption of new policy no. ENV 9 as it seeks to assert and protect the public's use and enjoyment of public rights of way and is also in alignment with NPPF with regards to walking and travel choice.	Noted	None
		ENV 8	I also support the retention of policy no ENV 8: Important Views and its particular emphasis on protecting the views of landscapes from public rights of way.	Noted	None
		ENV11	Paragraph 1 - Agree Paragraph 2 - Unclear on the purpose of this policy requirement. Small drainage ditches and roadside gullies modifications are	Noted Noted. The purpose of the policy is to acknowledge designated environmental areas and to ensure that any rectification work takes these	None Change to be made as indicated.

			<p>regulated under the Land Drainage Act and/or Highways Act. It potentially creates a barrier to improving flood risk infrastructure which may have an adverse effect on green and open spaces.</p> <p>Paragraph 3 Bullet point 1 - Already covered by Paragraphs 173-176 of NPPF (Sequential Test). Bullet point 2 – No comment at this time. Bullet point 3 - Already covered by Paragraphs 178 and 181 of NPPF.</p> <p>Bullet point 4 - Already covered by Paragraph 182 of NPPF. Has the potential to be onerous for a single dwelling to produce a maintenance plan.</p> <p>Bullet point 5 - Agree, welcomed. Specific requirements for SuDS</p> <p>Further general comments made which do not relate to the Burton Overy Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>designations into account. This is not intended to create a barrier to improving flood risk infrastructure but merely to ensure that rectification work respects the designation and takes it into account. This will be clarified in the text.</p> <p>The community believes this to be very important and that the criteria for directing development away from FRZ3 should be rigorously applied.</p> <p>This is also a matter of community concern. Recent local experience from neighbouring parishes is that SuDs in approved schemes have proved inadequate for dealing with flood events</p> <p>Noted – this is why the policy says ‘where appropriate’.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>
25/008	Chapter 2; page 9		<p>Point of accuracy: the “former butcher’s shop and cottage in the Main Street” no longer exists (destroyed by fire). It has been replaced by a sympathetic new build on the same footprint.</p>	<p>Agreed. This reference will be deleted.</p>	<p>Change to be made as indicated.</p>

	Chapter 2, p.10		Point of information: brick buildings include houses built from non-standard, locally made, pre-Victorian bricks.	Agreed. The narrative will be changed accordingly.	Change to be made as indicated.
	HD2 (p22)		The listed criteria do not include a requirement for any relevant development proposal to address environmental sustainability and energy-efficiency requirements.	Noted. The Design Guide under E Resources addresses issues relating to sustainable design and all development in the Neighbourhood Area is required to take the design guide into account.	None
			An additional criterion is suggested, along the lines of “(e) The development consists entirely of affordable or mixed-tenure housing to be built to high standards of sustainability and energy-efficiency.” This would raise standards of sustainability in rural housing and result in energy cost-savings for future occupants that would be particularly desirable for people needing affordable housing.	Whilst the Design Guide supports and encourages energy efficiency, neighbourhood plans cannot insist upon energy efficiency measures being incorporated into new dwellings as this goes against Building Regulations.	None
	HD3 (p23)		Consideration should also be given to the limiting of light pollution due to street and/or security lighting” does not include reference to design lighting (which can also be a source of significant light pollution, as already demonstrated in the NP area). Suggest that this be amended to: “Consideration should also be given to the limiting of light pollution due to street and/or security and/or design lighting.	Agreed.	Change to be made as indicated.

	ENV8		<p>This policy is excellent. However, there is one important, intra-village view not currently included: the wooded, rural character view of Scotland Lane between the housing clustered around Rectory End and the start of more recent housing further down Scotland Lane.</p> <p>Most of the proposals included in the NP Review (e.g. Policy ENV7) are excellent in our view.</p>	<p>Agreed. We will adjust the view lines to take this into account.</p> <p>Noted. Thank you for this comment.</p>	<p>Change to be made as indicated.</p> <p>None</p>
25/009	Chapter 4; Page 18		<p>To retain the integrity of the village I am supportive of the retention of the settlement boundary from the Made NP.</p>	Noted	None
25/010	Page 37		<p>indicates Field 059 has ridge and furrow annotated as 'very well preserved' yet the two planning applications submitted in the last 5 years for this field both planning officers said that the ridge and furrow was 'insignificant'. Even in appendix 3 The Inventory to Assess Environmental Significance of Sites says that it only has 'Traces of Ridge and Furrow'. Also, in appendix 3 field 059 scores high for wild life which isn't true as recorded in the environmental assessment that accompanied the planning applications. This last point brings me on to those conducting the assessments and to their expertise and competency in evaluating these fields and their consistency and their bias.</p>	<p>These comments are noted; however, we would point out that:</p> <p>The grounds for refusal of the planning application included reference to the harm to the surviving areas of ridge and furrow.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The environmental assessments that accompanied the planning application were commissioned by the applicant and were not independent reports. 2. The assessments within the Neighbourhood Plan were conducted by residents under the guidance of an environmental specialist which is an appropriate and proportionate approach for a 	None

				<p>neighbourhood plan. Due process was followed, and the environmental inventory was accepted at examination of the Neighbourhood Plan as part of the evidence base.</p> <p>3. The Ridge and Furrow in question was first recognised by field studies in 1947 and confirmed in 2000</p>	
	Page 38		shows the boundary of the Scheduled Monument which is incorrect. Page 7 of the Medieval Manorial Fishponds at The Banks shows the boundary less accurate than that shown on Page 38 previously mentioned.	Figure 10 correctly shows the current (2025) Historic England boundary of SM1018835 as in the official entry. It therefore reflects what is in the public record.	None
	Generic		I would also like to stress that the Parish Council should give serious consideration to the setting of the Burton Overy settlement and not just the potential encroachment from the inevitable extensive housing development that will be built along the highly visible ridgeline on Oaks Road and the very negative impact it will have on our village. Consideration should also be given to the traffic that would be generated through our village from the Pennbury development near the airport.	Noted. The Burton Overy Neighbourhood Plan is not able to influence development outside of the Parish.	None