

Polesworth Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation Statement

Polesworth Parish Council

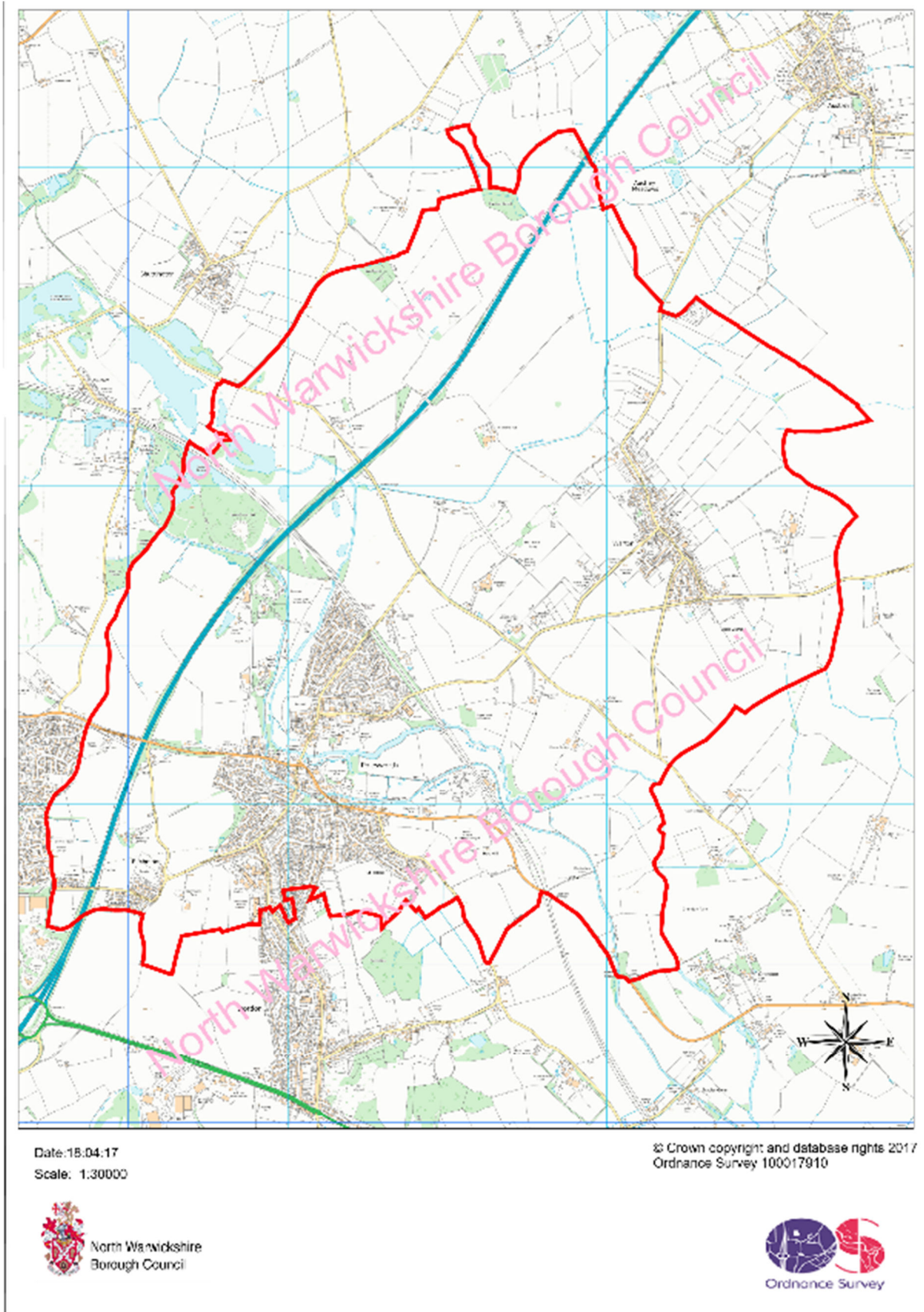
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Map 1 Designated Polesworth Neighbourhood Plan Area (source: North Warwickshire Borough Council
https://www.northwarks.gov.uk/downloads/file/6826/peolesworth_parish_council_-_approved_area_designation)



1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Paragraph 15 (2)¹ which defines a “consultation statement” as *a document which –*

(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; and

(d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

This Consultation Statement sets out how these requirements have been met and how, particularly, the Parish Council has sought to engage with those who live, work and carry out business in the area.

1.2 The Polesworth Neighbourhood Plan (PNP) has also been prepared by taking into account the advice provided in Paragraph: 107 (Reference ID: 41-107-20200925) of the National Planning Practice (NPPG).

1.3 The PNP has been prepared in response to the Localism Act 2011, this gives town councils and other relevant bodies, new powers to prepare statutory neighbourhood plans to help guide development in their local areas. These powers give local people the opportunity to shape new development, as planning applications are determined in accordance with national planning policy and the local development plan, and neighbourhood plans form part of this framework.

1.3 The Parish Council applied to North Warwickshire Borough Council (NWBC) for the parish area to be designated as a neighbourhood area on 11th April 2017. The application for designation was approved by NWBC on 20th September 2017². The designated area is shown on Map 1.

¹ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/637/contents/made>

² https://www.northwarks.gov.uk/downloads/file/6825/polesworth_parish_council_-_approved_designation_decision

- 1.4 All information about the PNP at each stage has been provided on a separate section devoted to the neighbourhood plan the Parish Council web site <https://polesworth-pc.gov.uk/plan>.
- 1.5 This Statement provides further information and evidence to demonstrate how the PNP meets the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations and government guidance.

2.0 Pre-Regulation 14 Consultation

Parish Survey

- 2.1 To kick-start preparation of the PNP a parish survey was undertaken (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qqiyiZDZQ0MYJuN0su5y2N_IdTLP9MDaXb265Ws6kFo/viewform?edit_requested=true). This sought to understand what people like about the area, what they don't like, and what concerns residents most about the future.
- 2.2 The Survey gathered 165 online responses and 127 written responses. The profile of people who responded were as follows:
- Just over 50% have lived here for over 20 years.
 - 20% had lived here for less than 5 years.
 - 58% were female.
 - And whilst responses were spread across the age ranges, 38% were over 65, and 56% were between 25 and 65.
- 2.3 Out of 10 issues when asked what was most important to them people ranked them as follows:
1. Quality of Environment and Green Spaces
 2. Business and Employment
 3. Community Facilities and Services
 4. Retail
 5. Transport, Traffic, and Moving Around
 6. Heritage, Character and Distinctiveness
 7. Building and Development
 8. Health and Wellbeing
 9. Leisure and Recreation
 10. Education and Training
- 2.4 Overwhelmingly when we asked people what they liked about their neighbourhood they talked about walking, open spaces, fresh air and countryside. Specific areas mentioned were Pooley Park, the river and canal, and other green spaces such as the playing fields at Warton.

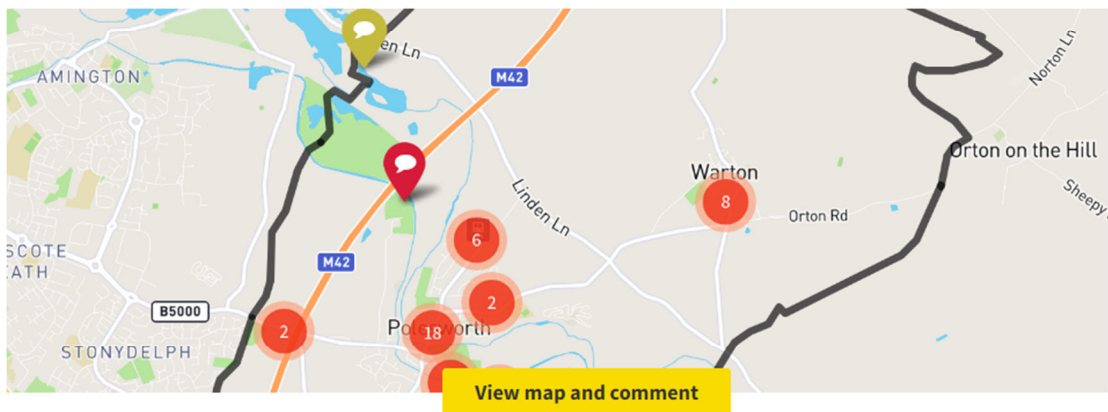
- 2.5 Also highlighted through the comments were those on the Heritage, Character and Distinctiveness of the area, with references made to the local carnivals, fairs and festivals as being important parts of community life.
- 2.6 The thing that most people ranked as less important for the area was, surprisingly, Building and Development. Whilst the PNP cannot prevent development identified in the North Warwickshire Local Plan. Almost all responses identified recent development and the pressure this placed on local infrastructure such as doctors and schools, and lack of transport links as being problems that need to be addressed. Especially noted were the concerns over safety at several junctions, including on the bridge and in Warton, and we also received many comments about “parking on the bridge”.
- 2.7 The neighbourhood plan web page also included an interactive map. Here people could drop pins on the map and highlight local issues.

What would you like to see happen in Birchmoor, Polesworth & Warton?

Help contribute to the Birchmoor, Polesworth and Warton Neighbourhood Plan - share your thoughts on our area and help us make this an even better place to live.

[View map and comment](#)

[Learn more about the project](#)



Get your neighbours involved

The more people involved, the better the needs of the whole community will be reflected.

Share the project with people you know locally.

[Share on WhatsApp](#)

[Share on Facebook](#)

[Share on Twitter](#)

Figure 1 Screenshot of the PNP interactive map

Events

- 2.8 Discussions, comments and feedback were also collected from several engagement events. By attending these events the Parish Council sought to reach out to all sections of the community and included events in each of the neighbourhood area's settlements:



Figure 2 Community engagement

Polesworth

Scouts - Pooley Hall, 24th June 2021

Hall Court, 21st August 2021

Fire Station Open Day, 25th September 2021

Warton

Office Public House car park, 21st August 2021

"Picnic in the Park", 19th September 2021

Birchmoor

Game Cock Public House car park, 21st August 2021

"Picnic in the park" and Scarecrow Festival, 25th September 2021

Key Issues and Vision

2.9 From this engagement work a set of Key Issues were identified by the Neighbourhood Plan Committee as set out below:

- Green spaces
- Quality of Environment
- Heritage
- Character and Distinctiveness (Landscape)
- Services and Facilities
- Infrastructure

2.10 The engagement work also informed the PNP Vision:

“In 2033, Birchmoor, Warton and Polesworth will be distinct, attractive and green places to live in rural North Warwickshire. The physical and social attributes that go to make Polesworth parish a sought after place to live, such as green spaces, countryside and built heritage will have been retained, whilst housing and economic growth has been seamlessly integrated into the existing local community and environment.”

Keeping people informed

2.11 As well as targeted survey work and engagement the Parish Council also kept people informed of progress on the PNP through new updates on the web site and the web site's neighbourhood planning pages and via email.

3.0 Regulation 14 Consultation 15th March 2023 until the 30th April 2023.

3.1 The public consultation on the Regulation 14 Draft Polesworth Neighbourhood Plan was carried out in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Pre-submission consultation and publicity, paragraph 14. This states that:

Before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body must—

(a) publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area:

(i) details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;

(ii) details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;

(iii) details of how to make representations; and

(iv) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;

(b) consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and

(c) send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.

3.2 The Regulation 14 Draft PNP was published for formal consultation from 15th March 2023 until the 30th April 2023.

3.3 Publicity of the PNP was widespread. This included:

- Posters (Figure 1)
- Flyers
- Social Media e.g. Twitter, Facebook (documents summarising the social media campaigns are available separately)
- Website

- Mailing list – businesses, neighbouring parishes and formal consultees (Appendices 1)
- Media and press releases

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY!

It is very important that all who are associated to Polesworth, Warton and Birchmoor **READ** and **UNDERSTAND** the Parish Neighborhood Plan.

It acts as a positive voice.

GET YOUR COPY !

CHANGES ARE COMING !

The LOCAL PLAN was approved by North Warwickshire Borough Council, it allows new construction of over 2000 new houses affecting each of our villages.

We can not block or stop the approved local plan, BUT the Neighbourhood Plan CAN help to shape, protect our villages in a positive manner with regards to future construction.

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU & OUR FUTURE VILLAGES

We want to make sure that you the residents of the parish have your say !

Comment on what is needed to address employment and housing needs or to preserve the heritage, history and culture that we are all so proud of.

Have your say on how any new infrastructure or development will impact the existing villages of Polesworth, Warton and Birchmoor.

READ THE PLAN & PLEASE SEND YOUR FEEDBACK

DOWNLOAD A COPY ON THE WEBSITE BELOW OR READ A PRINTED COPY:

- Polesworth Library and Memorial Hall, Polesworth Abbey & Cliffords Cafe
- Birchmoor St Johns.
- Warton Club & Warton The Office Pub

Please leave your feedback by **30th April 2023** at the sites, or send your feedback by email to yourplan@polesworth-pc.gov.uk

<https://polesworth-pc.gov.uk/plan>

Figure 3 Neighbourhood Plan Poster

3.4 Copies of the plan and supporting documents were made available on the Parish Council website <https://polesworth-pc.gov.uk/plan>

3.5 Hard copies of the plan (Figure 2) were also made available for viewing in the following locations:

- Polesworth Library
- Memorial Hall, Polesworth
- St John's Centre, Birchmoor
- Warton Club
- The Office Public House, Warton



Figure 4 Hard copy materials made available for viewing

3.6 Responses to the Regulation 14 consultation could be made in the following ways:

By Email: clerk@polesworth-pc.gov.uk

By post:

Polesworth Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 consultation

Polesworth Parish Council,

The Tithe Barn,

Hall Court,
Bridge Street,
Polesworth,
Warwickshire,
B78 1DT

Online:

Using the online form on the neighbourhood plan web page

- 3.7 All consultation materials included the date by which comments must be made and to whom.
- 3.8 A copy of the plan and supporting documentation was sent or made available to North Warwickshire Borough Council.
- 3.9 A Strategic Environmental Assessment/Habitat Regulations Assessment screening was carried out on the Regulation 14 Draft of the PNP. This was consulted on with the three statutory bodies. The detailed responses are included in the revised screening that accompanies the submission Draft PNP. The screenings were also made available on the neighbourhood plan web page.
- 3.10 A list of the consultation bodies' contact details was compiled and all those on the list were sent a letter by email or post notifying them of the Regulation 14 public consultation and inviting comments (Appendices 1 and 2). This list included:
- Individuals and businesses (including landowners and developers)
 - Local groups and interest bodies
 - Adjoining parishes.
 - Environment Agency and other statutory bodies
 - Local ward and county councillors
 - Emails were also sent to local individuals and groups on the Town Council mailing list.
- 3.11 Tables 1 and 2 of this Statement set out the responses received to the Regulation 14 Consultation. Tables 1 and 2 also include a column setting out the Parish Council's consideration of the response and the agreed action. These agreed actions were used to make amendments to the Regulation 14 Draft prior to submission. In this way, the PNP

has been a collaborative effort lead by the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, but supported by responses and feedback from local residents, business and others.

Table 1. Polesworth Regulation 14 Consultation -Comments from North Warwickshire Borough Council and Town Council response

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PAGE	Paragraph	NWBC RESPONSE	Suggested Action
	General	All plans will need the Parish Councils OS License Number on them	Add where necessary.
	General	The non-designated heritage assets are not consistent as there seems to be around 29 on the Policies Map, 16 in the table at 5.29 and 32 in Appendix 2	Check this issue on Policies Map. Table and Appendix 2 are consistent.
	General	There is a lot of text taken out of the NPPF, NWLP and other documents. As this is already contained in other documents, it can just be referenced. If it is felt that the text is relevant then it could all be put into a suite of Appendices (NWLP, NPPF, LCA etc)	Delete where considered necessary. As a point to note some of this text is included so that the non-technical reader is informed of national and strategic policy and how this relates to the emerging policies in the PNP.
	Policies Map	The Policies Map needs to be a lot clearer as you cannot read it – the text and numbers need to be made bigger and bolder	Check for this issue.
2	Foreword and para 1.5	The Consultation date is different to what is on the email that was sent out by the parish clerk	These will be amended for submission.
6 - 8	1.4 -1.5, 2.1 – 2.7	Will need to be removed and put into the consultation statement before the plan is submitted to NWBC. Figure 2 will also need to be updated	Change as suggested.
11	Vision	The vision says 2031 yet the plan date is up to 2033	Correct to 2033.
13	3.4	The planning application has not yet been determined – consider rewording or delete	Amend as suggested.
20/21	4.5	This is just a repeat of NWBC Local Plan and is not needed. If the PC feel it is relevant, then it should be put in an Appendix alongside any other repetitions of plans and Policies	Amend where considered necessary. As a point to note some of this text is included so that the non-technical reader is informed of national and strategic policy and how this relates to the emerging policies in the PNP.

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21	4.6	Again the Objectives of the Local Plan are not needed and can be deleted or put in an Appendix as suggested above	Amend where considered necessary. As a point to note some of this text is included so that the non-technical reader is informed of national and strategic policy and how this relates to the emerging policies in the PNP.
21	4.7	It is sufficient just to reference para 7.2 of the Local Plan	Amend where considered necessary. As a point to note some of this text is included so that the non-technical reader is informed of national and strategic policy and how this relates to the emerging policies in the PNP.
21	4.8	The NWLP Settlement Hierarchy should be an Appendix if felt it is needed or it could be reworded to simply show Polesworth's standing in the Settlement Hierarchy	Amend where considered necessary. As a point to note some of this text is included so that the non-technical reader is informed of national and strategic policy and how this relates to the emerging policies in the PNP.
22	4.9	This is just a repeat of NWBC Local Plan and is not needed. If the PC feel it is relevant, then it should be put in an Appendix alongside any other repetitions of plans and Policies	Amend where considered necessary. As a point to note some of this text is included so that the non-technical reader is informed of national and strategic policy and how this relates to the emerging policies in the PNP.
26	5.1	A discrepancy in the date of the plan	Resolve discrepancy.
27	PNP1	PNP1/4, PNP1/9, PNP1/10 – Already allocated green space in adopted Local Plan so is this needed PNP1/6 – Adopted LNR in adopted Local Plan PNP1/7 (appears in both lists in Appendix 1 – confirm whether it belongs in Table 1 or Table 2 and make necessary change)	No change. Parish Council consider Local Green Space protection through PNP to be an added benefit for all the listed spaces.
28/62	5.7	The buffer zone is set at 10 hectares in para 5.7 yet 1.83 on page 62. This seems to be a contradiction and needs to be clarified	The difference in site measurements is that the 1.83 ha. Is the area of the site to be protected as Local Green Space – this is shown on the Policies Map. The larger site area is a suggested green buffer

PAGE	Paragraph	NWBC RESPONSE	Suggested Action
			around the Local Green Space area. Amend plan text to make this point much clearer.
29	PNP2	Not sure what this Policy is trying to achieve as the majority of sites are just typical estate/grass verges etc – it is quite a restrictive policy on grass verges etc. The majority of these sites wouldn't accord with the NPPF criteria so presume this is why they don't appear in Policy PNP1. Comments are added at the end of this consultation reply regarding the sites. What justification is there for this Policy?	NWBC is correct to say they do not meet criteria for Local Green Space designation. They are protected to retain character of the area – no change.
31	PNP3	Criteria K – unless Permitted Development Rights have been removed this could be an issue as you can do this under PD.	The policy seeks to set design policy, this does not affect PD rights.
32	5.11	The text from the NWLP vision is not needed – a reference would be adequate or hyperlink can be given	Amend where considered necessary. As a point to note some of this text is included so that the non-technical reader is informed of national and strategic policy and how this relates to the emerging policies in the PNP.
32	5.13	Reference to Para 126 of the NPPF is sufficient and there is no need to write out the whole para	Amend where considered necessary. As a point to note some of this text is included so that the non-technical reader is informed of national and strategic policy and how this relates to the emerging policies in the PNP.
33	5.17	Zero Carbon is 2050 not 2020	Amend as suggested.
35-39	5.19 - 5.26	Reference to the NCA is fine and the actual text is not needed – hyperlink can always be given to the actual document.	Disagree - no change.
39	5.27	There is no intention from NWBC to develop Supplementary Planning Documents from the listed	Delete this paragraph.

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		documents. We are aware that WCC were going to be updating the documents.	
40	Policy PNP5	The policy should specify the location of the list explicitly. It seems a little vague currently just saying “in this plan as the list could be added to at a further date	State that the assets are shown on the PNP Policies Map and set out in the Appendix. Insert hyperlink to NWBC’s Local List.
43	5.33	The Policy reference is incorrect and should be LP21 and not LP22. Again the whole Policy from the NWLP is not needed and reference is enough	Amend policy reference. Amend where considered necessary. As a point to note some of this text is included so that the non-technical reader is informed of national and strategic policy and how this relates to the emerging policies in the PNP.
44	5.35	LP22 can again just be referenced, and a hyperlink added	Amend where considered necessary. As a point to note some of this text is included so that the non-technical reader is informed of national and strategic policy and how this relates to the emerging policies in the PNP.
44	PNP8	The wording needs changing as you cannot guarantee that you will get the S106 money for those improvements to take place	Amend as suggested.
46	5.37	Housing Figures are incorrect H5 allocates a minimum of 1270 and H4 allocates 2000 (1675 to be delivered within the plan period) but does not breakdown allocations to Polesworth and Dordon further	Amend as suggested.
49/50	PNP9/5.45	Criteria C refers to the “open land non-strategic open spaces” and para 5.45 then refers to Table 1 which is incorrect as Table 1 is the list of “Greenspaces” that	Amend PNP to set out what is considered to be non-strategic open space”.

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		meet the NPPF criteria – it should be Table 2 (if these are to be maintained)	
51	6.1	Date of consultation will need changing and chapter 6 will then move to the consultation statement	This will be amended for the Submission consultation.
54	Table 1	It would be easier to read if the assessments also had the number on them that they were referred to on the Policies Map and Policy PNP1 – Table 1 does not match PNP1 due to North Warwickshire Club and Sports Ground currently in PNP1	Add in referencing.
65	Table 2	North Warwickshire Club and Sports Ground appears in Table 2 as “other open space” yet in Policy PNP1 – please amend so that it appears only on one list	Clarify – should be Table 1.
70	Appendix 2	The content is EXCELLENT. However, it is based on values that are not used in the NPPF – which is not a show stopper but might be addressed quite easily if desired, more importantly it does not give an assessment of significance. Policy PNP5 states that proposals should be assessed according to the significance of the assets and therefore if that was set out in Appendix 2 it would present a very strong case for the protection of the assets identified in the NP and make the document more robust. Our Conservation and Heritage Officer would be more than happy to speak with someone regarding this.	Amend Policy PNP5 Background/Justification and add an introduction to Appendix 2 setting out how the criteria for non-designated heritage asset identification have been arrived at.

Table 2. Polesworth Regulation 14 Consultation -Comments from others and Parish Council response

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Respondent	Summary	Suggested Action
Anthony Richards	Concerned about the proposed amount of local housing, given lack of amenities in area and impact on sewerage infrastructure in Warton.	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these through the plan's policies.
Richard Jackson	Level of proposed housing in Warton is not sustainable. Character of the village has been lost and the remaining facilities cannot cope with the increased population. Traffic is increasing and the lack of public transport means more cars, every new house approved should have a minimum of 2 car parking spaces.	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these through the plan's policies.
Richard Pettit	Too much traffic, too much housing. Protect the Green Belt.	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these through the plan's policies. Green Belt is a strategic matter dealt with by the Local Plan.
Gary Brain	Too much traffic coming through Polesworth even without the extra houses.	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these through the plan's policies.
Clair Butler	Introduce traffic lights at The Square. Polesworth surgery to be open full-time. No more houses.	Traffic signalling is included in PNP8.
C Butler	Traffic management in The Square; re-open surgery; more schools; more dog waste bins.	Traffic signalling is included in PNP8. Other matters not planning matters.
Kay Pettit	Nature should be protected for its own sake and for people's enjoyment. More houses need more services and traffic. Too much development means the character of the area will disappear.	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these through the plan's policies.
Stephanie Wilson	Too many houses have been built and the area's infrastructure cannot cope. Traffic has increased tenfold and Barn End crossroads is dangerous. Getting a doctor's appointment is difficult. Local school has been full for last few years.	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these through the plan's policies.
Jack Underwood	More dog bins, better goal posts, Astro or the park football pitch flattened.	Not planning matters.
Oliver Cuthbert	More dog and litter bins. Gullies need cutting. £1,000 for football as for Polesworth. Primary schools need to expand to accommodate new housing.	Not planning matters or in case of the school. This is addressed in the Local Plan.
Dave Attwood	Support	Support noted.
Lisa Lucas	More car parking, more school places. Re-open the surgery. Safe areas for children, better traffic flow through village.	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these through the plan's policies.

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Respondent	Summary	Suggested Action
Jakub Clesz	Support increased school places and protection of open spaces. Concerns about traffic in the area. Support Medical Centre and more Police needed.	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these through the plan's policies.
B Baker	One doctor's surgery in Dordon is not enough. Too much traffic for the lanes in the village. This is altering the character of the area.	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these through the plan's policies.
Giles Wilson	Warton crossroads should be a staggered junction – allowing cars to cross straight over.	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these through the plan's policies.
Rachel Butler	Dog walking area, less traffic, surgery re-open, safe areas for children.	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these through the plan's policies.
Gary Lucas	Less traffic, more school places, surgery re-open, safe areas for children.	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these through the plan's policies.
Lee Butler	Dog walking areas, safe parking, cycle lanes, less traffic, surgery re-open, safe areas for children, canal paths made safe.	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these through the plan's policies.
Stephen Ralph	Dog walking areas, parks for children	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these through the plan's policies.
Tracy Clive	Dog walking areas, parks for children	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these through the plan's policies.
Leigh Butler	Dog walking areas, safe parking, cycle lanes, less traffic, surgery re-open, safe areas for children, canal paths made safe.	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these through the plan's policies.
Margaret Brown	One doctor's surgery is not enough for the area. Too few school places for the number of houses being built. State of road network in Polesworth needs addressing.	Not planning matters. Concerns noted.
Danny Packett	Better facilities at the Recreation Ground and deal with dog waste.	Not planning matters. Concerns noted.
Zoe Cherry	High school and doctor's need to cope with extra demand. Traffic e.g. river bridge and The Square. Better leisure facilities needed. Protect the countryside and preserve the area between Polesworth and Dordon for informal recreation.	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these through the plan's policies.
John Allton	Support	Support noted.
Des Blewitt	Protect green areas. Rep-open doctors. Increase school places as needed. Protect community facilities and maintain roadways.	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these, where they are planning matters, through the plan's policies.

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Arthur Thompson	Build a pavilion at Abbey Green Park.	Add to plan as a specific action?
L Johnson	Health centre under-used. More doctors to cover the increasing population.	Not planning matters. Concerns noted.
L Johnson	Traffic problems at peak times – traffic leaving A5 travelling through Polesworth. Traffic from new housing proposals will only make this worse.	Concerns noted. The PNP seeks to address these, where they are planning matters, through the plan’s policies.
Arthur Thompson	Add that doctors should use Health Centre.	Not a planning matter. Concerns noted.
Maureen Dodds	Health facilities needed and keep Polesworth a village.	PNP seeks to protect community facilities and area’s character.
Simon Rose	Support	Support noted.
Stephen Coake	Traffic problems need to be addressed – possibly more traffic calming and 20mph zones.	Add road safety schemes to Policy PNP8.
John Bradford	Traffic lights or roundabout in The Square. Re-opens doctors.	Traffic signalling is included in PNP8.
Catherine West	Abbey Green needs protecting.	Abbey Green Park protected by Policy PNP1.
Steve Exley	A comprehensive plan	Support noted.
Margaret Henley	PNP6 add health clinic to list.	Should this be added?
Joan Daniel	PNP8 – Transport – infrastructure should be in place before any future development. Traffic signalling needed at the Bridge Street/Grendon Road junction.	Comments noted. These are addressed by PNP8.
Elizabeth Parsons	Better use of Health Clinic is needed.	Not a planning matter.
Joan Daniel	Vital strategic gap is preserved.	Protected through Local Plan.
Maggie Hunt	Adult outdoor exercise equipment.	Not a planning matter.
Joan Daniel	Vital that the separation and open land is maintain between the area’s villages.	Protected through Local Plan and PNP seeks to add to this protection through Policy PNP9.
Angela Thompson	PNP6 – re-open health centre needs adding.	Add as a Parish Council Supporting Action.
Angela Thompson	Better transport for non-car users.	Add to PNP8.
David Harris	Page 13, para 3.4 add in reference to St John’s Church	Amend as suggested.
David Harris	Page 100 – car parking provision at St John’s Church is limited and if the facility becomes more popular this could become a problem.	See above.
David Harris	Add allotments at St Johns Church to the list of Local Green Spaces.	Amend as suggested.

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Michael Chapman	Re-open doctor's surgery in clinic. Traffic lights in The Square. New supermarket.	Add re-opening of health centre as Parish Council Supporting Action. Traffic signalling already part of PNP8. New supermarket not a matter for PNP.
M Sargent	More free car parking in Polesworth centre. To do this reclaim land by river behind the shops.	Comment noted, no change.
M Sargent	Planners do not assess risk fully. Re-open doctors. Police foot patrols each week. Emphasise areas history. No more settlement ponds. Something should be done about the river's pollution.	These points are addressed elsewhere – river pollution not an issue to be considered in the PNP.
Julie Faulkner	More traffic lights, police and speed cameras.	Not necessarily planning matters. Add a general point on road safety to PNP8.
C Whitmore	Tackle traffic issues e.g. The Square, more Police, doctor's surgery.	See above responses.
L Atkins	Traffic lights at The Square. More Police at night. Medical Centre at Polesworth. Station not used enough.	See above responses. Add in WCC aspiration for better rail services.
H Wilson	Traffic lights at The Square. More Police at night. Medical Centre at Polesworth. Station not used enough – could help reduce car use.	See above responses. Add in WCC aspiration for better rail services.
Sylvia and Stan Clover	Traffic lights at The Square. Re-open doctor's surgery at Polesworth. Station not used enough.	See above responses.
Alison Dimbleby	More Police presence.	Not a planning matter.
Alison Dimbleby	Re-open doctor's surgery. Public transport to Dordon not always convenient for medical appointments.	Add re-opening of surgery to PNP6 as Supporting Action. Add reference to better public transport to PNP8.
Matthew Putland	Protect green spaces especially for their physical and mental health benefits.	Comment noted. No change/.
Gail Putland	Re-open doctor's surgery at Polesworth. Public transport to Dordon not always convenient for medical appointments.	Add re-opening of surgery to PNP6 as a Supporting Action. Add reference to better public transport to PNP8.
Tim Putland	Sports Hall or Leisure Centre needed in the village.	Comment noted, no change.
Tim Putland	Traffic problems on Bridge and The Square. Issues at The Square need to be addressed before traffic volumes increase due to new development.	See above responses.

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David Harris	Information provided on history of Birchmoor Methodist Church.	Amend where appropriate.
Stuart and Valerie Wright	<p>We moved to our present home [Fairfields Hill/Birchmoor Rd junction] in 1982, and having recently retired, we would like to rent one the allotment plots on Birchmoor Rd , which I understand the Parish Council administers.</p> <p>It appears that one or two plots are not currently being worked, and if this is the case, we could start a tenancy immediately.</p> <p>If there are no vacancies, would you please place us on the waiting list.</p>	Parish Council to action addition to allotment waiting list.
Angela Baines	<p>Foreword, P2: Makes ref to PDP. Believe this is confused with PNP.</p> <p>1.5, P6: No refs are made in the document to the online comments form on the PC website. This makes readers unsure whether the online forms work, also might discourage some from replying.</p> <p>2.7, P10: Correction needed. Scouts meet at the Scout Activity Centre in Pooley Country Park, not at Pooley Hall which is a private residence.</p>	Amend PDP references to PNP. Paragraph 1.5 address issue of online comments. Correct paragraph 2.7.
Angela Baines	<p>Policy No 2.15, p11</p> <p>I object to the current wording of Objective 6 as it is ambiguous as to whether separation is just between the parish and Tamworth/Atherstone or also between Warton and Polesworth. Suggest adding the word "also" for clarification ie; "To preserve the distinctive nature of our communities through preserving gaps / areas of separation between our existing communities and especially ALSO the neighbouring communities of Tamworth and Atherstone."</p>	Amend Objective 6 to highlight separation of all settlements.
Angela Baines	<p>3.2, P12: There is no bus from Warton to Dordon.</p> <p>3.3 P12/13: This section fails to adequately explain the scale of the recent and ongoing housing developments in Warton, that they are beyond the expectations of the Local Plan for this settlement, and that the NWLP Inspector commented that Warton is being over-developed.</p>	Amend paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 to take on board these comments.

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Angela Baines	<p>4.10 P23: Suggest the total number of new homes etc is broken down further to show how many were needed for NWBC alone and how many have had to be taken from neighbouring authorities which cannot apparently satisfy their own need. It is important to differentiate between local need and displaced need.</p> <p>4.13 P25: It would be helpful to most readers to explain the implications of LP21 to Polesworth "town" centre.</p>	Comments noted, but these relate to the summary of NWBC's planning policy set out in the PNP. No change, interested parties can consult the NWLP for further detail.
Angela Baines	<p>5.2 Page27, PNP1: Whilst supporting the thrust of the current policy draft I object to the current wording as it is not ambitious or strong enough. We need an extension of local protected green spaces, not just their enhancement. Extension might be through new such spaces or extensions to existing spaces where possible (for instance this will be possible to Warton Recreation ground). The Bellway estate, which also adjoins Warton Recreation ground and is the largest of all the current Warton developments with 100 units, has failed to extend this valuable green space in a meaningful way. It is highly likely that the landowners will again seek to develop for housing on the other side of the recreation ground in Warton and at this point an extension to the recreation ground should be sought to accommodate the ever growing population because the existing provision is not sufficient for the community's, or the environment's needs. Therefore the wording in last sentence of 5.2 should be changed to read "seeks to encourage EXTENSION and enhancement to these....."</p>	Amend PNP1 final sentence to "and expansion, where practical and feasible."
Angela Baines	<p>Para 5.8, Page29, Policy PNP2a: Again the thrust of this policy can be supported, however I object to the proposal that equivalent or better provision is provided ELSEWHERE within the Polesworth NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA. If there is to be a loss of green space in Warton then equivalent or better</p>	Amend PNP2a after neighbourhood area to "preferably within the settlement where green space is to be lost".

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	<p>provision must be as close as possible to the original site and as an absolute minimum in Warton/the same settlement. This would apply to Polesworth & Birchmoor settlements in the same way too.</p> <p>There has been much anger in Warton that despite the 300+ new homes it appears that developer support has gone to other parts of the parish council area.</p>	
Angela Baines	<p>PNP 7 Page 44.</p> <p>Reference needs to be made to the need for a Leisure Centre for Polesworth. There was one at the high school and a much smaller gym now exists in Hall Court, having forced the removal of several small businesses.</p> <p>With another 5000 residents coming to the parish and the shoehorning of Polesworth & Dordon together to make a "town" it's non-sensical for the PNP not to be looking ahead to the facilities that are needed to be environmentally sustainable and to make this feel like a real, vibrant community rather than a mishmash. Para 5.35, 5.36 or a new para should articulate the loss of the previous, well used facility and the need for another even better facility.</p>	Amend Background/Justification to take account of this comment.
Angela Baines	<p>PNP 6</p> <p>The "Scout Hut/Guide" is mentioned in the list. This needs to be clarified. There is no Guide building in the parish.</p> <p>The Polesworth Scouts Activity Centre (Scout Hut) is at Pooley Country Park.</p>	Amend PNP and Policies Map.
Chris and Angela Baines	<p>PNP8</p> <p>We object to this wording used in the Policy summary: " Barn End Road/Orton Road, Warton – new signage"</p> <p>The crossroads needs to be properly assessed by WCC Highways and a safety improvement scheme implemented. It is not for the residents</p>	Amend wording to PNP8 as suggested.

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	<p>to limit any improvements merely to "new signage", particularly as there is already plenty of signage in place which is ineffectual.</p> <p>Therefore the wording should be changed to: "Barn End Road/Orton Road CROSSROADS - safety improvements". Paragraph 5.41 needs to be re-written to reflect this. If people don't know the rules of the road enough to stop at a Give Way they're unlikely to stop for a Stop sign in the same location.</p> <p>Clearly the Parish Council, along with residents should be able to shape the improvements in consultation with the County Council.</p>	
<p>Chris and Angela Baines</p>	<p>PNP 8 Page 48, Para 5.43:</p> <p>We object to the proposal that "Church Road and Orton Road need to have inlets let into the grass verges to allow a better flow of traffic".</p> <p>This is contrary the PNP's own Objectives, particularly Obj 1 to protect & enhance green spaces. The wide green verges on Church Rd on the field side add significantly to the attractiveness and character of this gateway to the village. For an inlet to be made on the Recreation field side would involve removal of hedges - even though the PNP makes the case for further planting and enhancement on the boundary of the recreation ground.</p> <p>The proposal is also contradictory to the rest of Para 5.43 which explains: "Speeding traffic along Orton Road, Barn End Road and Church Road is often observed and a concern for residents". The problems of speeding are well rehearsed in village social media. We are long time residents of Church Rd and can confirm that speeding is a regular daily occurrence, putting children's lives at risk as they approach the recreation ground. WCC traffic surveys show the average speed is 38mph.</p>	<p>Remove reference to inlets and amend text to reflect these comments.</p>

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	<p>The rare occasions when cars are parked by the recreation ground for weddings and funerals are a blessing as speeding is reduced. To propose inlets on Church Rd is therefore also dangerous and a waste of public funds. The priority must be to reduce speeding as residents have been asking Councillors to do for many years but with no action.</p>	
<p>Jane Bailey</p>	<p>A vibrant community with extended opportunities for all would be enhanced if Polesworth Train Station was properly back in use.</p>	<p>Improved rail service is addressed in the PNP.</p>
<p>Anthony Mellor</p>	<p>PNP 1</p> <p>The village feel between our communities needs to be kept to enable the village identify to continue.</p>	<p>Comment noted. PNP seeks to address this issue.</p>
<p>Anthony Mellors</p>	<p>Policy PNP2 - Protecting Other Green Spaces</p> <p>It is essential that the "Strategic Gap" separating our villages from Tamworth in Staffordshire is maintained and future planning should ensure that this gap is continued.</p>	<p>Comment noted. PNP and NWLP seek to address this issue.</p>
<p>Anthony Mellors</p>	<p>Policy PNP3 – Sustainable Design and Construction</p> <p>It is absolutely vital that traffic issues are addressed now as the village is turning into an A5 by-pass with large numbers and even larger vehicles making their way along the B5000. Large vehicles numbers too are increasing through the village streets causing congestion and helping decrease the quality of road surfaces.</p>	<p>Comment noted. PNP seeks to address this issue where it can.</p>
<p>Anthony Mellors</p>	<p>Policy PNP6 – Protection of Existing Services and Facilities</p> <p>Medical facilities, apart from blood tests in Polesworth Health Centre are not good. The Health Centre needs to be brought back into full use as a GP Surgery and encouragement should be given to the Practice to allow this to happen. Patients from outlying villages particularly need Polesworth Health Centre to be functioning as public transport does not enable patients to be transported to Dordon, An</p>	<p>Amended text to be inserted on Health Centre based on this and other comments.</p> <p>Comments on Fitness Hub and car parking noted.</p>

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	<p>aging population who no longer drive and whose family are likely to be working during Practice hours is an additional factor.</p> <p>Whilst the Fitness Hub in Polesworth is a recent addition, other facilities need to be provided for the village, and with extra housing being planned an increased population will require an increased in leisure facilities.</p> <p>Proposed Bridge Street parking being restricted will bring the need for further car parking spaces being made available. Additional new housing where 2 or more vehicles are likely will further increase the need for increased car parking spaces in the village.</p>	
<p>Janet Byrne</p>	<p>I have read the Parish Plan and would like to say what an excellent piece of work!</p> <p>I think that you have worked hard to try to safeguard the things that are special about Polesworth and to put in place mechanisms for the residents to have more of a say as the Parish continuously grows. My concerns are, roads and traffic that detract from the beauty of where we live and cause concern for both pedestrians and drivers. I feel that if the plans you outline are adopted it would help. However, If somehow heavy traffic (lorries and heavy plant) were able to bypass Grendon Road Bridge and up the High Street it would safeguard the area and buildings.</p> <p>Of course the other major concern would be school places for locals and better GP services. I believe having the plan will help to influence these things too.</p> <p>Personally I would like to see footpath signs around the village for walkers pointing out all the beautiful paths we have for a daily walk.</p>	<p>Supporting comments noted. HGV issue and signage not planning issues. They could be added to PNP as supporting parish council actions.</p>

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Savills	<p>Policy PNP1: Protecting Local Open Green Space</p> <p>PNP1/8 – Hoo Monument, which is within CAP’s ownership and is proposed to be designated as Local Green Space (LGS). In identifying the site as LGS, the Parish Council should be mindful of Planning Policy Guidance (PPG)1 which is clear that designating LGS must not undermine the aim of plan making to identify sufficient land in suitable locations to meet identified development needs. Adequate evidence and justification are therefore required for the designation of LGS on a site already allocated for development in the adopted Local Plan.</p>	<p>Comment noted, The PNP includes sufficient evidence and has had regard to national planning policy and guidance. No change.</p>
Savills	<p>Policy PNP3: Sustainable Design and Construction</p> <p>Clause a) ‘local distinctiveness of Polesworth, Warton and Birchmoor by demonstrating that appropriate account has been taken of existing good quality examples of street layouts, blocks and plots, building forms and styles, materials and detailing and the vernacular of the settlement’.</p> <p>It is noted there is no definition of what constitutes as ‘local distinctiveness’ and that no examples of distinctiveness have been provided in the emerging Polesworth Neighbourhood Plan. There is a mix of architectural types around Polesworth ranging from red brick semi-detached housing, dormer roof housing, sandstone brick new build housing and terraced housing. Clarification of what local distinctiveness will be measured against is sought as the existing housing context is too varied to pick out what should be replicated.</p>	<p>Clause (a) includes sufficient information for how an applicant should address local distinctiveness. This will be further addressed in the Design Code. No change.</p>
Savills	<p>Policy PNP3 Clause b) ‘It is designed in such a way so as to make a positive use of local landform, trees, hedgerows and other vegetation and for larger proposals has had suitable regard to landscape setting and settlement pattern’</p>	<p>Comment noted. No change.</p>

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	<p>Clause b specifies that larger proposals will have ‘suitable regard to landscape setting and settlement pattern’. However, the original settlement of Polesworth is partly based on the settlement building up to house workers in local industries such as mining. This in part led to ribbon development, which is not a sustainable form of development. Therefore, the requirement for development to have suitable regard to the existing settlement pattern may not be totally desirable or sustainable.</p>	
<p>Savills</p>	<p>Policy PNP3 Clause e) ‘It includes sufficient amenity space to serve the needs of the development and its users’</p> <p>Clause e refers to ‘sufficient amenity space’. However, clarity is required on the standards that will be applied when deciding what constitutes sufficient amenity space. The North Warwickshire Local Plan (2021) does not include a requirement to meet nationally described space standards as these are optional for local Planning Authorities (LPAs) to adopt. As there are no nationally described space standards in the Local Plan, we consider that any provision of standards for sufficient amenity space would mean that Neighbourhood Plan would not accord with the basic conditions². One of the basic conditions is that the Neighbourhood Plan should be in general conformity with strategic policies contained within the development plan. Therefore, as there are no space standards in the Local Plan, we seek clarity on the elements of ‘sufficient amenity space’.</p> <p>² Planning Policy Guidance Paragraph: 065 Reference ID: 41-065-20140306</p>	<p>The approach in the policy is in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP22. No change.</p>
<p>Savills</p>	<p>Policy PNP3 Clause f) ‘It includes appropriate boundary treatments that reflect local context and landscaping using predominantly native</p>	<p>The clause is clear . No change.</p>

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	<p>species to support a net-gain for wildlife. It provides highways for hedgehogs by allowing access through boundary walls and fences’</p> <p>We request clarification from the Parish Council about what is meant by ‘appropriate boundary treatments that reflect local context’. As already raised, the local context across Polesworth varies thus the boundary treatments across the Parish will vary. Without best case examples and more specification requirements for boundary treatments, this becomes an onerous requirement hence more detailed guidance is sought.</p> <p>Furthermore, earlier in Policy PNP3, there is reference to a net-gain in biodiversity being demonstrated, which we agree is justified. However, in Clause f, reference is made to a net-gain for wildlife. We seek clarification on whether net gain for biodiversity and net gain for wildlife are the same or different. A definition is required to make it clear what is being asked for in both instances.</p>	
Savills	<p>Policy PNP3 Clause i) ‘It includes measures that seek to improve pedestrian facilities and linkages in the Parish and beyond to encourage walking and cycling, wherever possible’</p> <p>Clause i states that to ensure good design, development should include measures that seek to improve pedestrian facilities and linkages in the parish and beyond. It should be made clear that development proposals are only required to deal with problems they create and, as set out under Regulation 122(2) of the Community infrastructure Levy Regulations (CIL) (2010), obligations should be fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development. We do not consider pedestrian linkages in the Parish and beyond reasonably in scale</p>	<p>The clause includes the phrase “wherever possible” – this is not a blanket requirement. No change.</p>

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	<p>therefore, the requirements of Clause i does not meet the tests of Regulation 122(2). A draft Neighbourhood Plan must meet the basic conditions, set out in the PPG3, if it is to proceed to referendum. One of the basic conditions is that the Neighbourhood Plan is to have regard to national policies. Consequently, if consideration for developer contributions is not made clear, then the Polesworth Neighbourhood Plan will not meet all the basic conditions.</p>	
<p>Savills</p>	<p>Policy PNP3 Clause j) 'It makes a contribution to local identity, and sense of place. Proposals should not feature generic designs and should set out how they take account of the locally distinctive character of the area in which they are to be located within any submitted Design and Access Statement'</p> <p>Reference is made again to the local identity and sense of place with no definition provided as what constitutes either. Clause j also makes reference to generic design. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out that plans should, at the most appropriate level, set out a clear design vision and expectations⁴. The identity of special qualities, in saying general design, have therefore not been outlined which therefore makes it difficult to comment on what 'generic design' is.</p>	<p>Comment noted. No change.</p>
<p>Savills</p>	<p>Policy PNP3 Clause k) 'It respects the height of the buildings in the immediate surrounding area. Future housing development will generally be expected to be no more than two storeys'</p> <p>Policy PNP3 seeks for developments to be no more than 2 storeys in height. We consider that in the interest of creating character and variety across a development, the ability to include some modest change in height in key locations provides placemaking benefits, for example in turning corners, defining key views and assisting with wayfinding would be appropriate.</p>	<p>The clause includes the word "generally" i.e. more than 2 stories may be permissible in some circumstances. No change.</p>

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Savills	<p>Policy PNP3 Clause l) 'It uses, and where appropriate re-uses, local and traditional materials appropriate to the context of the site, or suitable high quality alternatives that authentically reinforce or positively contribute towards local distinctiveness'</p> <p>Clause l makes reference to local and traditional materials. There have been no examples of local and traditional materials provided in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. The materials used across the Parish vary considerably depending on when the housing was built, therefore clarification is sought on what local materials are. Further review is also required on the costing and the availability of local materials which is pertinent to consider given the supply issues in the construction industry and cost inflation. We suggest that assessment of the suitability of certain materials is undertaken on a case-by-case basis.</p>	Comment noted. No change.
Savills	<p>Policy PNP3 Clause m) 'It contributes to reducing carbon emissions by incorporating measures to reduce energy consumption (e.g., building orientation, siting, areas for outdoor drying) and, where possible, sources of renewable energy. Where such features are included, they should be appropriate in scale to the building of good design and well sited. Such features should also be sympathetic to the surrounding area'</p> <p>From our experience of working with national housebuilders, the optimum orientation and siting of all dwellings on a development is often not possible due to the viability of providing optimal conditions. The viability, and therefore the feasibility, of providing renewable energy is also not possible for all developments. The deliverability of clause m of policy PNP3 is therefore questioned. If all aspects were required for every new development, it may prove prohibitive. Therefore, a site-specific assessment should be required of the</p>	This is not a blanket requirement, examples are included and the words "where possible" included. No change.

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	relative merits of providing measures to reduce energy consumption on a new development.	
Savills	<p>Clause n) 'It is designed to be as water efficient as possible e.g., by incorporating water collection measures'</p> <p>Clause n says the development should be as water efficient as possible. This policy requirement is unclear whether this is water efficiency during construction or occupancy therefore this policy needs to be reworded to be more specific.</p>	It is clear this is the development's design not the construction phase. No change.
Savills	<p>Policy PNP3 Clause o) 'It uses existing watercourses and ditches, sustainable drainage systems (SUDS, such as swales) to hold rainwater in storms. SuDS should be planted with native vegetation to support wildlife. All paving should be semi-permeable to allow run-off to drain away'</p> <p>The requirement for all paving to be semi-permeable is not a requirement by the Local Planning Authority. It should be made clear that any sustainable drainage systems and methods to help with surface run-off should be agreed with the Lead Local Flood Authority and made specific to each development as some methods may not be appropriate or indeed viable.</p>	Comment noted. No change. Lead Flood Authority sought change to all paving.
Savills	<p>Policy PNP3 Clause q) 'It includes space for off road/pavement storage of refuse and recycling bins'</p> <p>The wording of the policy should be updated to include the following in red It includes space for off road/pavement storage of refuse and recycling bins <i>in accordance with locally adopted standards.</i></p> <p>The 'Provision of facilities for waste and recycling for new development and property Conversions Supplementary Planning Document' was adopted by North Warwickshire Council in January</p>	Amend as suggested.

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	<p>2023. Therefore, to ensure that material consideration of this Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is taken into account, and to allow flexibility if the SPD is updated in the future, we recommend the wording is red is added.</p>	
<p>Savills</p>	<p>Policy PNP3 Clause r) 'It has appropriate car parking in accordance with locally adopted standards. Car parking should be sited in such a way that it is unobtrusive, does not dominate the street scene, and minimises the visual impact of car parking'</p> <p>Whilst we agree that car parking for new developments should be in accordance with locally adopted standards, it should be noted that housebuilders cannot be reasonably expected to control the level of parking on public highways. Whilst a developer can design parking that does not dominate the street scene, once housing is occupied, this is outside of the developer's control.</p>	<p>Comment noted. No change.</p>
<p>Savills</p>	<p>Policy PNP3 Clause t) 'All new residential development should provide external wall-mounted charging points for plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles for each dwelling that is to have a private drive or garage. Where communal car parking is provided this should also contain charging points. Larger homes, such as those with 3 bedrooms or more, should consider providing facilities to charge more than one vehicle at once'</p> <p>CAP is supportive of encouragement of suitable charging points for electric and hybrid vehicles, in order to future proof housing stock.</p> <p>The UK government's new EV charging requirements came into force in England as of June 2022. Requirement S1 from Approved Document S sets out the approach to electric charging points on new residential development. The planning system should not seek to replicate requirements set out in the Building Regulations. Any variation from the Building Regulations should be set out in evidence base</p>	<p>The clause is not a blanket requirement and includes the word "should". The Parish Council are aware of the Building Regulations but would seek developers to go further than the expected minimum. No change.</p>

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	<p>supporting the Neighbourhood Plan, to ensure that the viability and feasibility (including impacts on power supply) of such requirements have been adequately considered.</p>	
<p>Savills</p>	<p>Policy PNP3 Clause w) ‘Where relevant, applicants will be required to produce a green infrastructure plan. This should demonstrate how the development links to the exiting green infrastructure network and how any open spaces and garden areas will be permeable to wildlife’</p> <p>The requirement for applicants to produce a Green Infrastructure Plan is not specified in North Warwickshire Borough Council’s Planning Application Validation Requirement document, which was published in 2017. If extra requirements for planning applications are needed, North Warwickshire should update their validation criteria.</p>	<p>This is not a blanket requirement but “where relevant” – no change.</p>
<p>Savills</p>	<p>Policy PNP4: Conserving and Enhancing the landscape</p> <p>A Landscape Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) has not been adopted by North Warwickshire Borough Council, therefore the reference to this document is not accurate. The PPG5 sets out that SPDs should build upon and provide more detailed advice or guidance on Local Plan policies. SPDs are a material consideration, and it is a requirement for all development proposals, but only when adopted.</p> <p>Local Plan Policy LP30 Built Form states that proposals should enhance views into and out of the site both in and outside of the site and make appropriate use of landmarks and local features. Policy H4 Land to the East of Polesworth and Dordon seeks to maximise the opportunity afforded by the topography and incorporate key views of the surrounding countryside. Therefore, clause f of PNP4 is not in conformity with the Local Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan should need to seek to not only enhance views of the settlement edge from the surrounding countryside but respond positively from within the site.</p>	<p>Reference to the SPD has been deleted. Other comments noted. Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan policy will be read in conjunction.</p>

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Savills	<p>Policy PNP5: Non-designated Heritage Assets</p> <p>Candidate 22 - 'Site of the Hoo Chapel, off Grendon Road and possible Iron Age hill fort site'</p> <p>Determination of NDHA status can only be justified where heritage significance can be accurately qualified. It therefore follows that NDHA status cannot be justified where further investigation is required, in order to meet that evidential threshold.</p> <p>For both candidate 22 & 23, the potential for buried archaeology pertaining to past human occupation or activity is a core justification for their nomination. Yet, for both there is no certainty as to the actual existence or survival of such features, nor the nature, level, and extent of their significance.</p> <p>Accordingly, the NDHA nomination is reliant on conjectural evidence, and, in turn, is not founded on an accurate assessment of heritage significance. As such, it is considered that NDHA status is not justified.</p>	<p>The Parish Council have set out the reasons for the significance of this non-designated heritage asset. No change to the PNP. The asset will also be put forward for NWBC's Local Heritage List.</p>
Savills	<p>Policy PNP5: Non-designated Heritage Assets</p> <p>Candidate 23 - 'Site of Little Jim's Cottage, St Helena Road'</p> <p>Little Jim's Cottage was lost to fire in the 1970s. There is no trace of the building on the surface and the original plot has been amalgamated with the adjacent field. Only a commemorative stone marker on St Helena Road illustrates the cottage's location and alludes to its local communal value.</p> <p>The NP does not clarify whether the site's candidacy refers to just the commemorative stone, or the full extent of the former cottage's position and plot.</p>	<p>The Parish Council have set out the reasons for the significance of this non-designated heritage asset. Add "commemorative" to PNP site name. The asset will also be put forward for NWBC's Local Heritage List.</p>

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	<p>If the former, the NDHA status may be justified, on account of the historical associations and cultural memories the marker embodies. The nature and extent of that significance requires clarification within future drafts of the NP.</p> <p>If the latter, we note the presence and importance buried archaeology pertaining to the cottage and associated past activities is unknown. Further investigation is required, and, accordingly, it is considered that the status of NDHA is not justified.</p>	
<p>Savills</p>	<p>Policy PNP5: Non-designated Heritage Assets</p> <p>St Helena Road is not a medieval road; it is a road of medieval origin. Only the location and alignment of the road reflects its medieval heritage. The character of the road is entirely derived from the 19th and 20th century.</p> <p>This distinction between a road of medieval “origin” and “character” is a subtle but substantive matter for the NDHA candidacy. The former generates historic or archaeological interest. The latter is a source of architectural/aesthetic interest. By presenting St Helena Road as of both medieval origin and character, the NP thus erroneously multiplies its significance. To allocate NDHA status on that basis is unjustified. The location and alignment of the road are of some historic interest. Its character is not of any substantive architectural/aesthetic interest.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan’s assessment for NDHA status should be reviewed with consideration of its existing character, to provide an accurate record of the nature, level, and extent of its heritage significance.</p> <p>Should the Polesworth Parish Council still wish to pursue NDHA status, it should be clarified that the location</p>	<p>This is a medieval sunken road and also most likely a coffin trail from the deserted medieval village along its route into what is now Dordon parish. The Parish Council have set out the reasons for the significance of this non-designated heritage asset. No change to the PNP. The asset will also be put forward for NWBC’s Local Heritage List.</p>

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	<p>and alignment of St Helena Road are the matters of heritage interest which should be preserved. It is Node's judgement that these are the only elements that would justify an NDHA status.</p>	
<p>Savills</p>	<p>Policy PNP5: Non-designated Heritage Assets</p> <p>Conclusion and Recommendations</p> <p>Key recommendations concluded by Node are set out below for consideration by the Parish Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend and retitle 'Site of Little Jim's Cottage, St Helena Road' to 'Commemorative marker for Little Jim's Cottage, St Helena Road'. • Remove 'Site of the Hoo Chapel, off Grendon Road and possible Iron Age hill fort site', from the list of nondesignated heritage assets. • Establish a new list/appendix of 'Areas of archaeological potential' • Include 'Site of the Hoo Chapel, off Grendon Road and possible Iron Age hill fort site' and 'Site of Little Jim's Cottage, St Helena (and similar candidate) within the 'Areas of archaeological potential'. • Amend the title of Policy PNP5 to "Non-designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological potential". • Amend Policy PNP5 with the additional paragraph: "Where development is proposed within the areas of archaeological potential identified in this plan, a proportionate programme of assessment and evaluation will be undertaken to determine the presence of buried archaeology, and the nature, level, and extent of its archaeological interest. Impacts to identified non-designated heritage assets of archaeological interests will be considered in line with the relevant policies of the national, local and neighbourhood planning frameworks." <p>We request that the NP is amended to take on board the points and recommendations raised by Node.</p>	<p>See previous comments on the Non-Designated Heritage Assets. There is no need to amend the policy as suggested.</p>

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<p>Savills</p>	<p>Policy PNP8: Transport</p> <p>The policy sets out infrastructure projects that will be brought forward during the plan period. In particular reference is made to Bridge Street improvements, Polesworth. It should be made clear that development is only required to deal with the problems created as a result and not rectify general existing problems. This is clearly set out under Regulation 122(2) of the 2010 CIL Regulations. Paragraph 57 of the NPPF sets out that planning obligations should meet all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms, • Directly related to development and; • Fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development. <p>The improvements set out in Policy PNP8 should not be a blanket requirement for development across the Parish in order to be compliant with paragraph 57 of the NPPF and meet the basic conditions set out in the PPG.</p>	<p>Comments noted. There is no need to repeat national policy – this will be read alongside the PNP in making decisions.</p>
<p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>Policy PNP3 – Sustainable Design and Construction</p> <p>Whilst this policy refers to flood risk, it does so solely in the context of pluvial or surface water flooding. Fluvial flooding or flooding from watercourses should also be taken into account to ensure development is safe and contributes to reducing flood risk both in Polesworth and elsewhere. Potential additions are outlined below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any new development or works that take place should have a positive effect on flood risk and the conveyance of water. Opportunities to reduce flood risk should be explored in all new development proposals and ensure designs are appropriately flood resistant and resilient. 	<p>Comments noted. No change. These matters are either addressed in national and Local Plan policy or will be dealt with as part of the development management process.</p>

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	<p>2. Development should maintain at least an 8 metre easement between all built development and the top of the bank of watercourses and the toe of flood defences to allow for maintenance and inspection requirements. The Environment Agency strongly encourages greater buffers (20m) to be incorporated into policies to allow for access for larger maintenance works, to minimise future impact on flood flow routes, and to account of the natural movement of watercourses during a developments lifetime. In addition, as the frequency and severity of flooding is set to increase due to the impacts of climate change, this brings increased maintenance requirements of watercourses and flood defences. Developments should, where possible naturalise urban watercourses (by reinstating a natural, sinuous river channel and restoring the functional floodplain) and open up underground culverts, to provide biodiversity net gain as well as amenity improvements</p> <p>3. Land that may be required for current and future flood management should be safeguarded from development. Where development lies adjacent to or benefits from an existing or future flood defence scheme the developer will be expected to contribute towards the cost of delivery and/or maintenance of that scheme</p> <p>4. Where sites are at least partially affected by mapped floodplain. Design and layout should steer development away from these Flood Zones in line with the NPPF</p> <p>5. Existing open watercourses should not be culverted. Building over existing culverts should be avoided. Where feasible, opportunities to open up culverted watercourses should be sought to reduce the associated flood risk and danger of collapse whilst taking advantage of opportunities to enhance biodiversity and green infrastructure. Where this is not possible, an assessment of its structural integrity should be made, with any remedial actions taken prior to the development of the site. In addition, a maintenance regime should be agreed to reduce the likelihood of blockage.</p>	

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	6. Where possible, opportunities should be sought to undertake river restoration and enhance natural river corridors as part of a	

Appendix 1 Statutory Bodies and Others Consulted

Coal Authority

HCA

Natural England

Environment Agency

Historic England

Network Rail

Highways England

Severn Trent

Warwickshire County Council

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Inland Waterways Association

HS2 Town Planning

WCC Public Health

CCG

WCC Transport

West Mercia Police

Woodlands

WWT

Tamworth Borough Council

Dordon, Grendon, Austrey, Newton Regis and Shuttington Parish Council

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