Thursday 26 November 2026

**(Appendix 12a)**

**Local Plan Consultation Report**

Recommendations:

1. That this report is noted.

2. That the consultation response listed in appendix 12 is approved and submitted.

The North Warwickshire Local Plan was revisited following a motion raised at NWBC back in 2023.

Since this date the Parish Council has responded to a number of different consultations seeking to represent the village interests and supported residents and groups in also making representations. Parish Council has also been represented at Village drop in events.

There has been some confusion from the local residents as to the purpose of the local plan or what the inclusion (or exclusion) of sites will mean to the village and its environment.

The final Regulation 19 notice is the final stage before the plan is submitted to the Planning inspectorate for review.

Officers at NWBC have the ability to make minor amends based on the consultation responses received.

It is noted that the plan as listed in the Reg 19 notice sees the village of Water Orton largely unimpacted from the reopening of the plan.

However, it is important to recognise the process and what this will mean for the village.

1. The inclusion of any site in the plan comes about because the landowners have submitted their site for potential inclusion. The choice of sites submitted does not come from the Parish or Borough Council.
2. Sites included in the plan do not get purchased or developed by the Borough Council. The site owners may wish to sell any land included on the plan or engage with developers to develop the land.
3. Sites on the plan still have to go through the planning process. However, it should be noted that the planning process is undergoing significant change with local voices being reduced in decision making.
4. Sites that are not on the plan can still apply and receive planning permission.

Despite the final version of the plan being without significant inclusions for Water Orton there will be a need for strong and robust preparatory action from stakeholders in the future to see that any development within the village is sustainable and in the interests of the village, the wider community and the country at large.

The appended proposed consultation response continues the Parish Council's positive engagement with the process and makes continued points not only around housing allocations but on wider matters of village sustainability and infrastructure with points specifically relating to transportation.

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19/11/26