

# GILMORTON CONSULTATION STATEMENT

Consultation Statement

## ABSTRACT

The Gilmorton Neighbourhood Plan offers the chance for all residents and businesses to have their say on future development within the Parish and influence how their neighbourhood evolves. By working together, we can ensure that the area develops in a way that meets the needs of everyone.

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## 1. Introduction

### Legal Requirements

- 1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal requirements of Part 5, Section 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 by:
- (a) Detailing the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
  - (b) Outlining how these persons and bodies were consulted;
  - (c) Providing a summary of the main issues and concerns raised;
  - (d) Reviewing how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

### Consultation Process

- 1.2 Throughout the process of producing the Gilmorton Neighbourhood Plan, local people have been informed of progress through the website and newsletters.
- 1.3 The aims of the consultation process were to:
- 'Front-load' consultation and ensure that the Gilmorton Neighbourhood Plan was fully informed by the views and priorities of residents, businesses, and key local stakeholders.
  - Ensure that detailed consultation took place at all stages of the process, especially where key priorities needed to be set.
  - Engage with as broad a cross-section of the community as possible, using a variety of consultation and communication techniques.
  - Ensure consultation results were made publicly available and used to inform subsequent stages of the Neighbourhood Planning process.
- 1.4 Consultation was led by the Gilmorton Neighbourhood Development Planning Group as a sub-committee of the Gilmorton Parish Council with independent professional support from Planit-X Town and Country Planning Services.
- 1.5 The programme of consultations undertaken throughout the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, is summarised below.

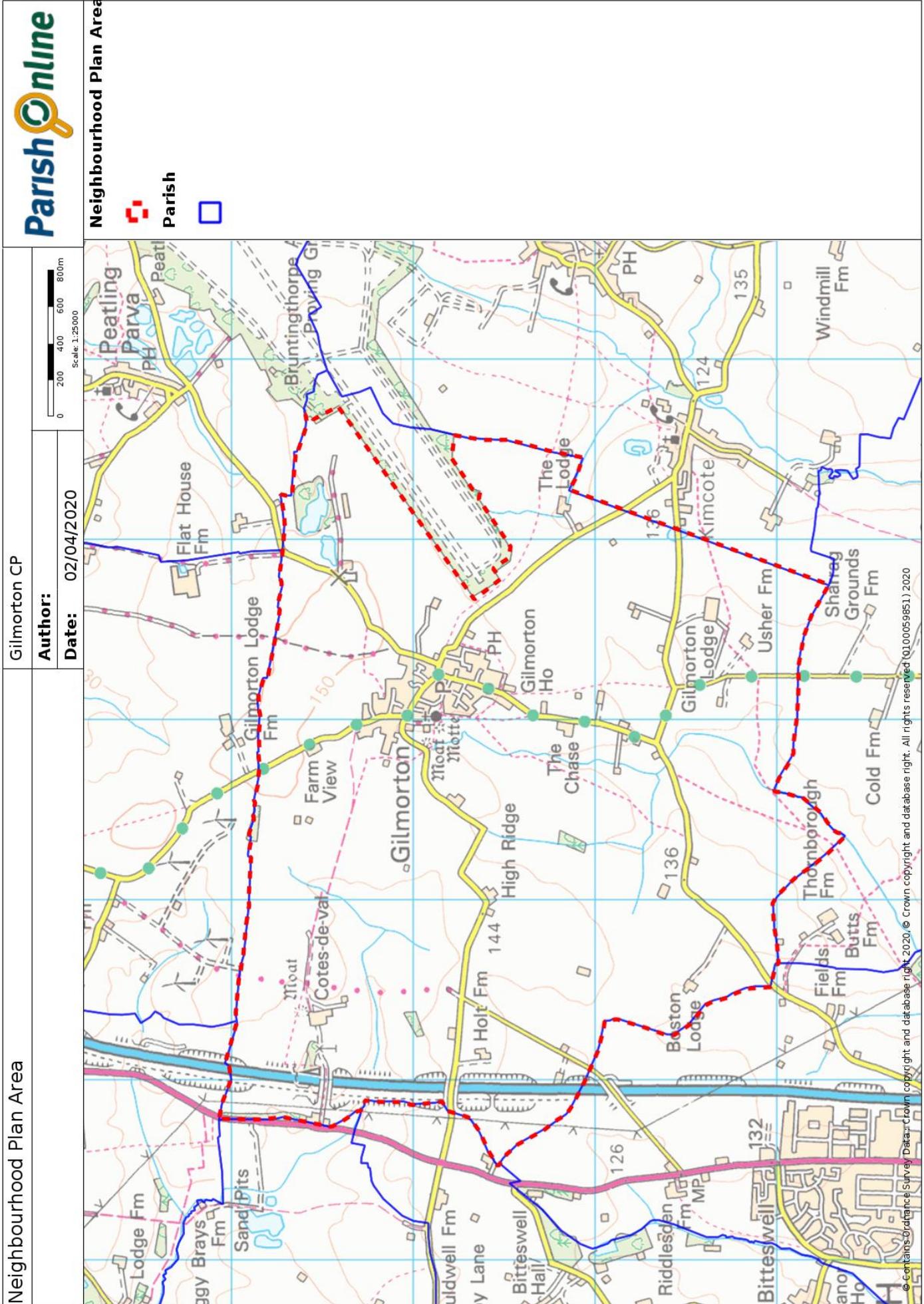
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Open Day Exhibition</b>	4 July 2015
<b>Public Meeting – Neighbourhood Plan Launch</b>	14 April 2016
<b>Public Meeting – Interest Group</b>	10 May 2016
<b>Open Meeting</b>	9 July 2016
<b>Parish Wide Questionnaire</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2016
<b>Open Meeting – Questionnaire Results</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
<b>Open Meeting – Housing Site Options</b>	3 June 2017
<b>Pupil Survey</b>	7 June 2017
<b>Pre-Submission Consultation on the Draft Plan</b>	16 April 2018 – 28 May 2018

- 1.6 This Consultation Statement provides an overview of each of the above stages of consultation in accordance with Section 15 (2) of Part 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 1.7 It should be noted that throughout the process, Gilmorton Parish Council has received advice and assistance from Harborough District Council.

## 2. Neighbourhood Plan Area

### Designation

- 2.1 The parish of Gilmorton (excluding the Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground) has been designated as a Neighbourhood Area following an application made by Gilmorton Parish Council in January 2016, under Part 2, Section 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 2.2 Under Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations"), as amended, Harborough District Council received an application from Gilmorton Parish Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area, for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.
- 2.3 In accordance with Regulation 6, Harborough District Council, on behalf of Gilmorton Parish Council, undertook a 6-week public consultation ending on 7 March 2016. This consultation invited the submission of comments as to whether this was an appropriate area to undertake a Neighbourhood Development Plan. No representations were received.
- 2.4 Accordingly, on 22 March 2016 Harborough District Council designated the parish of Gilmorton (excluding the part of the Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground that lies within the falls within the Gilmorton Parish) as a Neighbourhood Plan area in accordance with Regulation 7.



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Neighbourhood Plan Area

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### 3. Open Day Exhibition

<b>Date</b>	4 July 2015, 9.00am to 3.00pm
<b>Venue</b>	Gilmorton Village Hall
<b>Format</b>	Drop In Session
<b>Publicity</b>	The event was advertised in the Village Newsletter as well as a leaflet drop to all households in the village.
<b>Circulation</b>	Parish Wide
<b>Attendees</b>	32

#### Overview

- 3.1 The open day exhibition was held to explain the neighbourhood planning process, answer questions and gauge support for the preparation of a Gilmorton Neighbourhood Plan.

#### Who was consulted

- 3.2 The aim was to engage with the local community and raise awareness and profile of the Neighbourhood Plan. The event was advertised on the Parish website and in the village newsletter. An open invite/leaflet was delivered to every household in the village.

#### How were people consulted

- 3.3 The event included an introduction to the project and presentations on the Neighbourhood Development Plan process. A series of display boards were positioned around the room, focusing on different topics and displayed information, including maps, relevant to that particular topic. An interactive 'Question & Answer' session followed, and attendees were encouraged to complete comment forms. There was also opportunity to submit these forms after the event via a drop box in the village shop.

#### Issues, priorities and concerns raised

- 3.4 The event was used as an opportunity to identify whether there was interest in the production of a Neighbourhood Plan.

#### How the Issues, Priorities and Concerns have been considered

- 3.5 The results gave a first indication of those matters which are important to residents and should be addressed by a Gilmorton Neighbourhood Plan. Comments received also confirmed the level of support and identified an interest in the production of a Neighbourhood Plan. This led to an application for Neighbourhood Development Plan area designation which was subsequently confirmed.

## 4. Public Meeting- Neighbourhood Plan Launch

<b>Date</b>	14 April 2016 (7.30pm to 9.15pm)
<b>Venue</b>	Gilmorton Village Hall
<b>Format</b>	Public Meeting
<b>Publicity</b>	Posters displayed throughout the village. Advertised in the Village Newsletter and a village leaflet drop.
<b>Circulation</b>	Parish wide
<b>Attendees</b>	25

### Overview

- 4.1 A meeting was held on 14 April 2016 to give local people an update on progress and this led to the formation of the Gilmorton Neighbourhood Development Planning Group.

### Who was consulted

- 4.2 The aim was to update as many members of the community as possible as well as local businesses. The event was advertised in the village newsletter, posters displayed around the village and through a village leaflet drop.

### How were people consulted

- 4.3 A verbal presentation was provided to those who attended.

### Issues, priorities and concerns raised

- 4.4 The purpose of the meeting was to launch the Neighbourhood Development Plan process and to identify the key actions that next needed undertaking.

### How the Issues, Priorities and Concerns have been considered

- 4.5 No issues, priorities or concerns were identified at this time due to the nature of the meeting. However, it was agreed that a further public meeting would be arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

## 5. Public Meeting – Interest Group

<b>Date</b>	10 May 2016 (7.30pm to 9.15pm)
<b>Venue</b>	Gilmorton School Hall
<b>Format</b>	Public Meeting
<b>Publicity</b>	Advertised in the Village Newsletter and a village leaflet drop. Emails were sent to those who attended the previous meeting in April 2016.
<b>Circulation</b>	Parish wide
<b>Attendees</b>	28

### Overview

- 5.1 A meeting was held on 10 May 2016 to give local people an opportunity to get further involved in the neighbourhood development plan process.

### Who was consulted

- 5.2 The event was advertised in the village newsletter and invites were sent to those who attended the previous meeting in April 2016.

### How were people consulted

- 5.3 A PowerPoint presentation was provided to those who attended, followed by a 'Question & Answer' Session.

### Issues, priorities and concerns raised

- 5.4 The purpose of the meeting was to give people an opportunity to get further involved in the Neighbourhood Development Plan process.

### How the Issues, Priorities and Concerns have been considered

- 5.5 No issues, priorities or concerns were identified at this time. The meeting provided an opportunity to collect the names of people who wished to serve on the Neighbourhood Development Plan Interest Group.

## 6. Open Meeting

<b>Date</b>	Saturday 9 July 2016 (10am to 1pm)
<b>Venue</b>	Gilmorton Village Hall
<b>Format</b>	Open Meeting
<b>Publicity</b>	Advertised within the Swift Flash which was distributed to households and advertised in the Village Newsletter. Information was also published on the Gilmorton Parish Council website.
<b>Circulation</b>	Parish wide
<b>Attendees</b>	106

### Overview

- 6.1 This round of consultation was an opportunity to inform local people about the neighbourhood plan process, and to receive views and opinions on the key issues that the Neighbourhood Plan should address as well as seek views on development in the area.

### Who was consulted

- 6.2 People were made aware of the consultation prior to the event through an advertisement within the Swift Flash, a publication that is delivered to the local community, and that informs of local events. Information was also displayed on the parish council website and in the Village newsletter.

### How were people consulted

- 6.3 The purpose of the meeting was to provide attendees with an overview of the neighbourhood planning process and the wider consultation programme as well as the identification of key issues that had emerged to date. This information was provided in the form of a presentation. In attendance were several members of the parish council to answer any queries. The remainder of the event was more informal in format and concentrated on the likely key issue areas. Display boards were used to provide key information and statistics on the following topics: -

- Population
- Housing
- Transport
- Heritage
- Nature Conservation
- Business and employment
- Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground
- Infrastructure
- Young People

- 6.4 Attendees were invited to raise any further issues, make comments, or ask questions, via post-it notes.
- 6.5 A further display showed a map of the neighbourhood area identifying the most suitable sites for development. Each attendee was asked to identify and prioritise three potential development sites. Attendees were also asked to identify on a map, green spaces that they value within the parish.
- 6.6 Finally, there was the opportunity to put forward any additional comments, and information handouts were available for the attendees.

#### Issues, priorities and concerns raised

- 6.7 The greatest number of positive comments received were made about the village community spirit and the village shop. The greatest number of negative comments referred to the lack of transport options in the village as well as speeding traffic.

#### How the Issues, Priorities and Concerns have been considered

- 6.8 The information and comments received from the event were used to inform the preparation of the parish-wide questionnaire and to develop the outline of the draft plan.

## 7. Parish Wide Questionnaire

<b>Date</b>	October 2016 (1 <sup>st</sup> October – 22 <sup>nd</sup> October)
<b>Venue</b>	Questionnaire Survey
<b>Format</b>	Questionnaire with supporting information
<b>Publicity</b>	Paper copies of the questionnaire were distributed to all households and businesses in Gilmorton Parish, between the date of 1 <sup>st</sup> October to 8 <sup>th</sup> October  Advertised in the Village Newsletter.
<b>Circulation</b>	Parish wide
<b>Responses</b>	365 completed questionnaires

7.1 In October 2016 Gilmorton Parish Council distributed a paper copy of a questionnaire inviting parishioners to set out their views on development in the Parish, including how much housing to plan for.

7.2 The questionnaire was designed to give an opportunity to provide comment and identify views on several matters and issues faced by the Parish including:

- Identification of the essential characteristics of Gilmorton;
- What do people like and enjoy about living in Gilmorton;
- Views of the current amount and composition of housing;
- The level of housing to be built in the future and the type of housing to be built;
- The potential location of new development and the type of development;
- The importance and support for village facilities;
- The level of usage of existing village amenities and the types of shops, services and amenities that parishioners would like to see in the village;
- The level of satisfaction with educational facilities;
- Identification of transport issues that need to be addressed;
- Identification of adverse amenity impacts experienced;

### Who was consulted

7.3 A paper copy of the questionnaire was distributed to each resident of Gilmorton Parish and to each business within the Parish.

### How were people consulted

7.4 The questionnaire was prepared by the Gilmorton Parish Council. The questionnaire was delivered to households and businesses between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 8<sup>th</sup> October. Completed questionnaires

had to be returned by 22 October 2016, either collected by volunteers or returned to the village shop. The survey was advertised in the Gilmorton News. Posters were also displayed in the village, on noticeboards and lamp posts, to encourage villagers to complete and return their questionnaires.

#### Issues, priorities and concerns raised

- 7.5 A total of 365 completed questionnaires were received to this survey, representing a response rate of approximately 40%. The results of the survey were presented to parishioners at a meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Responses received covered a broad range of ages. The key issues that came out of the questionnaire are summarised below.
- 7.6 Responses to the questionnaire identified the essential characteristics of Gilmorton. All the issues suggested were supported. Over 160 responses considered the open countryside, as well as the villages separation from other villages, as being highly important for Gilmorton's character. Other issues considered highly important in descending order include, the villages open spaces (120 responses), the balance of population and facilities (120 responses) working farms (110 responses), listed buildings and scheduled monuments (71 responses) and varied building styles (70 responses).
- 7.7 When asked about what they enjoyed about living in Gilmorton the following features were identified as being highly important:
- Local Shop/Post Office and businesses (146 responses)
  - Gilmorton is a small and quiet village (134 responses)
  - Its rural atmosphere (124 responses)
  - Village identity/community feel (118 responses)
  - Village activities/community groups (76 responses)
  - Easy access to countryside and footpaths (66 responses)
- 7.8 When asked about the level of housing currently available, over 100 responses thought Gilmorton had about the right number of dwellings. The other 2 most popular answer proved to conclude that a few more houses were needed (49 responses), whereas others considered that there were too many dwellings already (39 responses).
- 7.9 In terms of the range of housing types available, overall it was suggested that the current composition of housing was about right. Key issues raised however suggested there was already too

much luxury housing but not enough bungalows, low cost/affordable/starter homes, eco-friendly homes and social housing.

- 7.10 In terms of future housing development and the number of new homes to be built in the next 15 years, there was clear support for the provision of somewhere between 11-20 dwellings (84 responses). Other scenarios supported the provision of between 21 to 50 dwellings (41 responses) and 0 to 5 dwellings (39 responses).
- 7.11 The questionnaire identified a number of sites as potentially being suitable for housing development. Responses showed there to be little support for any of the sites in terms of development potential. Of the limited support received, the three most popular sites were 'Land on Lutterworth Road between tennis courts and Gilmorton House', 'Land at the end of Lynton Close/behind Grey Goose' and 'Field opposite Sports Field on Kimcote Road.'
- 7.12 With respect to the form of additional housing, the most supported responses were for it to be in the form of several smaller developments and on individual plots. Both options received over 60 responses. The views on the use of garden infill sites was more evenly mixed with support and objection fairly equal. There was significant objection to development taking place on one large development site (142 responses).
- 7.13 In terms of the style of housing to be included within any new housing developments, the popular form was identified as single and two storey buildings. However, there was a clear objection to flatted and three storey development. There was a preference for period style buildings over a modern style. Support was also made for smaller style houses as well as properties with larger gardens.
- 7.14 With respect to village amenities, the range of services available was important to parishioners. The most often used facilities were the post office and shop, followed by the public house. Each was supported by over 100 responses. Approximately 50 responses stated that the primary school and village groups and associations, were used often. Garage services and the cemetery was used often by just under 50 of the respondents. The survey results also indicate that overall, the touring caravan site, dog grooming facilities, school clubs and the mobile library were less well used by most of the respondents.

7.15 Responses identified a range of services that parishioners would like to see in the village, the most popular being recycling facilities, sport facilities, additional allotment plots, doctor's surgery & pharmacy, youth centre and small businesses. There was however more limited support for the provision of a community centre and day nursery. There was very little support for more restaurants, cafes, take away outlet and hairdressers.

7.16 Overall, responses suggested that the available education facilities are either satisfactory, good or very good. However, it would appear there may be some issues with respect to day nursery provision, such as childminding and nursery places.

7.17 A question relating to transport issues faced by the Parish Council followed. Several issues were put forward to help identify those which needed addressing, and are ranked in order of those which gained the most support for changes needing to be made:

- Speed of vehicles through Gilmorton (152 responses)
- Volume of traffic (124 responses)
- Traffic calming (122 responses)
- Bus services (114 responses)
- Road maintenance (112 responses)
- Parking in Gilmorton (101 responses)
- HGV Traffic (90 responses)
- Cycle routes (72 responses)
- Footpaths (56 responses)
- Farm traffic (26 responses)
- Gilmorton is a small and quiet village (134 responses)
- Its rural atmosphere (124 responses)
- Village identity/community feel (118 responses)
- Village activities/community groups (76 responses)
- Easy access to countryside and footpaths (66 responses)

7.18 With respect to other issues that were of concern to residents, the most significant were identified as speeding traffic, parking, dog fouling, fly tipping and noise and air pollution.

7.19 The responses were further analysed to look specifically at the 29 completed questionnaires received from those within the 11-19 age group. All enjoyed living in the village and the majority believed the existing composition of houses was 'about right'. Under half (41%) thought the number of houses in the village was satisfactory, whereas 24% considered there to be too many

houses already. In terms of new house building during the plan period, 35% supported the provision of between 11-20 houses and 31% supported the provision of between 1-5 houses. Most agreed that all current village facilities were highly important, and the post office and shop were the most well used. The primary school was also considered to be very good. There was support for the provision of a youth centre in the village (45%). Issues this age group were most concerned about related to speeding vehicles, lack of a bus service and dog fouling.

How the Issues, Priorities and Concerns have been considered

- 7.20 The responses from the questionnaire were used to inform and help prepare the (Pre-Submission) Draft Version of the Gilmorton Neighbourhood Plan.

## 8. Open Meeting – Questionnaire Results

<b>Date</b>	18 February 2017 (10am to 2pm)
<b>Venue</b>	Gilmorton Village Hall
<b>Format</b>	Open Meeting
<b>Publicity</b>	Advertised in the Village Newsletter. Posters displayed around the village. Notification email.
<b>Circulation</b>	Parish wide
<b>Attendees</b>	Approximately 80

### Overview

- 8.1 This meeting was arranged to provide an opportunity to present to parishioners the results of the parish-wide questionnaire undertaken in October 2016.

### Who was consulted

- 8.2 The meeting was 'open' to all those living and working in the parish. The event was publicised in the Village Newsletter, through notification emails and lamp post posters displayed in the village.

### How were people consulted

- 8.3 A presentation of a summary of the results was presented on several display boards with a summary of the key issues. Members of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Group were available to answer question and to gather any feedback received.

### How the Issues, Priorities and Concerns have been considered

- 8.4 The responses from the questionnaire were used to inform and help prepare the (Pre-Submission) Draft Version of the Gilmorton Neighbourhood Plan.

## 9. Open Meeting – Housing Site Options

<b>Date</b>	3 June 2017
<b>Venue</b>	Gilmorton Village Hall
<b>Format</b>	Open Meeting
<b>Publicity</b>	Advertised in the Village Newsletter. Posters displayed around the village. Notification email.
<b>Circulation</b>	Parish Wide
<b>Interviews</b>	95

### Overview

- 9.1 This meeting was arranged to enable the three developers with current major planning applications, within the parish, to present their proposals to the Gilmorton parishioners.

### Who was consulted

- 9.2 The meeting was 'open' to all those living and working in the parish. The event was publicised in the Village Newsletter, through notification emails and lamp post posters displayed in the village.

### How were people consulted

- 9.3 Individual presentations were given by each of the three developers, namely, Sheiling Homes, Davidson Homes and Richborough Estates (Barwood Homes), who at the time were progressing planning applications in the parish.

### Issues, priorities and concerns raised

- 9.4 Attendees were then asked to complete a form that ranked their preference of the three developments. A total of 68 ballots were completed and the sites were ranked as follows:

1. Site at Ullesthorpe Road
2. Site at Lutterworth Road
3. Site a Kimcote Road

### How the Issues, Priorities and Concerns have been considered

- 9.5 The responses were to be used to inform and help prepare the (Pre-Submission) Draft Version of the Gilmorton Neighbourhood Plan. However, planning approval has since been given for the development of these three sites,

## 10. Young Persons Pupil Survey

<b>Date</b>	7 June 2017
<b>Venue</b>	Gilmorton Chandler Church of England Primary School
<b>Format</b>	Pupil Interviews
<b>Publicity</b>	Parish representative attended the school
<b>Circulation</b>	Gilmorton Chandler Church of England Primary School
<b>Interviews</b>	34

### Overview

10.1 This 'workshop' style session was arranged to provide an opportunity to gather views of school age children who lived in the parish.

### Who was consulted

10.2 The aim was to engage with the younger members of the local community and seek their views on what they liked and disliked about the village, to identify the facilities they use and what they thought needed to be improved.

### How were people consulted

10.3 Parish representatives attended the local school and held a workshop session with 14 pupils from Key Stage 1 (Age 4-8 years old) and 20 pupils from Key Stage 2 (Age 8-11 years old).

### Issues, priorities and concerns raised

10.4 A total of 34 children were interviewed.

10.5 Of the younger age group, the children used several of the village facilities including the park/playground, playing fields, the church, the shop, dining at the public house and the village hall. The things they liked about the village included the park, it is friendly, the school and the playing field. Their main concerns related to the level of traffic, not enough play equipment and there was too much dog fouling and their preference would be for more clubs and play equipment and less traffic.

10.6 Of the older age group, the children used several of the village facilities including the park/playground playing field, the church, footpaths, the shop, dining at the public house and the village hall. The things they most liked about the village included the park, it is friendly, the school and the playing field. Their main concerns related to the level of traffic and the amount of dog

fouling and their preference would be for more clubs and play equipment and less traffic.

How the Issues, Priorities and Concerns have been considered

- 10.7 The responses from the questionnaire were used to inform and help prepare the (Pre-Submission) Draft Version of the Gilmorton Neighbourhood Plan.

## 8. Pre-Submission Consultation on the Draft Gilmorton Neighbourhood Plan

<b>Date</b>	16 April 2018 to 28 May 2018
<b>Drop-In Sessions</b>	21 April 2018 at Gilmorton Village Hall
<b>Format</b>	Questionnaire Survey and Open Meeting
<b>Publicity</b>	Advertised in the Village Newsletter, emails and posters displayed throughout the village. A summary of the Draft Plan was delivered to all premises in the parish.
<b>Circulation</b>	Parish Wide
<b>Responses</b>	Approximately 80 parishioners attended the Drop-In Session and 7 responses were received to the consultation

### Overview

- 11.1 As required under Part 5, Section 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the Parish Councils undertook a pre-submission consultation on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.
- 11.2 Within this period the Parish Councils:
- a) Publicised the draft neighbourhood development plan to all that live, work, or do business within the Parish.
  - b) Outlined where and when the draft neighbourhood development plan could be inspected.
  - c) Detailed how to make representations, and the date by which these should be received.
  - d) Consulted any statutory consultation body (referred to in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012) whose interests may be affected by the proposals within the draft neighbourhood development plan.
  - e) Sent a copy of the proposed neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.

### Who was consulted

- 11.3 The Parish Council publicised the draft neighbourhood plan to all those that live, work, or do business within the Parish and provided a variety of mechanisms to both view the plan and to make representations.

- 11.4 The Parish Council also formally consulted the statutory consultation bodies identified within Paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. These are identified in Appendix 1 along with the other consultation bodies.
- 11.5 Representations from 7 individuals or organisations were received within the consultation period. A list and summary of these representations is attached in Appendix 2 and 3.

#### How were people consulted

- 11.6 A summary of the Draft Plan was delivered to all premises within the Parish. It provided a summary of the Pre-Submission Plan, explained the consultation process and how to make representation. It provided a link to the full version of the Pre-Submission Plan, along with supporting documentation, available on the Gilmorton Parish Council website.
- 11.7 Feedback was provided using the supplied representation form, which was available for download from the Parish Council website. Alternatively paper versions were available from the village and could either be returned to the village shop, emailed or returned to a member of the Gilmorton Neighbourhood Development Planning Group.
- 11.8 Statutory consultation bodies and other key stakeholders were contacted individually and invited to make representations on the draft Neighbourhood Plan.
- 11.9 The Drop-in Session provided an additional opportunity for parishioners to provide feedback and response forms were available on request.
- 11.10 An item regarding the Neighbourhood Plan was included within the November 2020 village newsletter. The newsletter has a distribution of approximately 450 households and was delivered to all homes in Gilmorton along with outlying farms and properties, at the end of October 2020.
- 11.11 The article gave an indication of the timescale to produce Neighbourhood Plan and the next steps in the process. Residents were also provided with an opportunity to make further comments

on the Neighbourhood Plan. No responses have been received to date.

#### Issues, Priorities and Concerns raised

11.12 The representations received to the Pre-Submission Consultation Draft Neighbourhood Plan have been reviewed and the detailed summary of representations (Appendix 3) provides an explanation of why changes have or have not been made to the Neighbourhood Plan.

11.13 Several comments gave rise to changes to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan in relation to a range of issues. These have been incorporated into the Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan. Most of the changes have been minor and have not required major amendments to Plan policies or proposals. The changes made can be summarised as amendments to policies, supporting paragraphs and mapping to provide detail, clarification or flexibility.

#### How the Issues, Priorities and Concerns have been considered

8.12 All comments received were considered and used to develop and improve the Neighbourhood Plan and the changes made have been incorporated into the Submission Version of the Neighbourhood Plan.

## Appendix 1: Pre-submission Draft Gilmorton Neighbourhood Plan – Consultees

DCLG

Harborough District Council

Leicestershire County Council

Alberto Costa MP

Councillor Jonathan Bateman

Councillor Blake Pain

Ashby Magna Parish Council

Dunton Bassett Parish Council

Ashby Magna Parish Council

Peatling Parva Parish Meeting

Kimcote and Walton Parish Council

Misterton with Walcote Parish Council

Lutterworth Town Council

Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council

The Coal Authority

Homes and Communities Agency

Natural England

Environment Agency

Historic England

Highways England

Network Rail

Health and Safety Executive

Mobile Operators Association

NHS East Leicestershire And Rutland CCG

National Grid

Western Power Distribution

Anglian Water

Severn Trent Water

Gilmorton Chandler Primary School

Voluntary Action South Leicestershire

Voluntary Action Leicestershire

Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust

Churches Together (Harborough)

Seven Locks Housing

Leicestershire Diocesan Board of Finance

Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland

Action for Blind People

Federation of Muslim Organisations Leicestershire (FMO)

International Punjab Society (Midlands)

Action Deafness

GATE (Gypsy and Traveller Equality)

Leicestershire Ethnic Minority Partnership

Ancient Monuments Society  
CPRE (Leicestershire)  
National Farmers Union  
Country Land and Business Association  
Sport England  
Leicester-Shire & Rutland Sport  
Federation of Small Businesses  
Local Policing Body  
Lutterworth Local Policing Unit  
Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground  
A mixture of Local businesses, Local Amenity Groups and Recreation  
Bodies, Landowners and Developers

## Appendix 2: Pre-submission Draft Gilmorton Neighbourhood Plan – Representors

Mr J Fitz-Hugh  
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Mr R Morris  
Mrs A Welburn  
Gilmorton Village History Group  
Harborough District Council  
Sport England

## Appendix 3: Pre-submission Draft Gilmorton Neighbourhood Plan – Summary of Consultation Response

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Policy Paragraph	Representor	Comment/ Representation	Response	Proposed Revision to Plan
<b>General</b>	Mrs J Fitz-Hugh	Fully support the plan and its objective	Noted	No change
<b>General</b>	Mr J Fitz-Hugh	Fully support the plan. Congratulate and thank the Gilmorton NDP Group for producing such a thoughtful and well-balanced plan.	Noted	No change
<b>Paragraph 1.3</b>	Harborough District Council	Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground extends well beyond the Gilmorton parish boundary such that only a small part of the	Agree	Revise second sentence of paragraph 1.3 to read: <i>The Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground extends well beyond the Gilmorton parish boundary such that only a small part of the Proving Ground lies within the parish (see section 4).</i>
<b>Paragraph 2, Policy G1, Policy G4 and Policy G9</b>	Mrs J Fitz-Hugh	Agree that it is important to maintain the rural character of the village, its heritage and access to the surrounding countryside. Housing development is thoughtfully planned allowing the village to grow in a sustainable way.	The Neighbourhood Plan will need to be modified to take account of more recent planning decisions, the adoption of the Harborough Local Plan and the revised National Planning Policy Framework.	The Neighbourhood Plan be revised to take account of more recent planning decisions, the adoption of the Harborough Local Plan and the revised National Planning Policy Framework.

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<p><b>Paragraph 2.1</b></p>	<p>Gilmorton History Group</p>	<p>Reinforce the view that 'local people value the surrounding countryside and views of the village from outside.' Development has significantly changed the character and views to one of a modern, urban character. The traditional and historic features of the village will be hidden from view by all the new buildings.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan will need to be modified to take account of more recent planning decisions, the adoption of the Harborough Local Plan and the revised National Planning Policy Framework.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan be revised to take account of more recent planning decisions, the adoption of the Harborough Local Plan and the revised National Planning Policy Framework.</p>
<p><b>Page 7, Para 2.3 and 2.6</b></p>	<p>Mrs A Welburn</p>	<p>There has been a decline in the quality of the hedgerows and decline in good quality and mature trees. Need to improve the landscape and give greater cover for wildlife.</p>	<p>Policy G5 requires new development to maintain and enhance existing ecological corridors and landscape features (such as watercourses, hedgerows and tree-lines) for biodiversity thus demonstrating overall net-gain. All new buildings should incorporate measures to enhance biodiversity.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p><b>Paragraph 2.6</b></p>	<p>Gilmorton History Group</p>	<p>Rural setting is highly valued. The level of development that has been permitted is beyond what is deemed acceptable.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan will need to be modified to take account of more recent planning decisions, the adoption of the Harborough Local Plan and the revised</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan be revised to take account of more recent planning decisions, the adoption of the Harborough Local Plan and the</p>

			National Planning Policy Framework.	revised National Planning Policy Framework.
<b>Policy G1</b>	Harborough District Council	Maybe add in the wording from the paragraph above (2.6) to the policy to be more specific over what will be permitted	Development in the Countryside will be strictly controlled in accordance with Harborough Local Plan Policies SS1 and GD3.	Revise Policy G1 to include: <i>Development in the Countryside will be strictly controlled in accordance with Harborough Local Plan Policies SS1 and GD3.</i>
<b>Policy G2, Paragraph 2.8</b>	Gilmorton History Group	Critical that the Areas of Separation are maintained with no development within these defined areas. Views are valuable and should not be impacted upon.	Noted, but see Harborough District Council representation.	No change
<b>Policy G2</b>	Harborough District Council	<p>Area of Separation. I think more justification is needed over the proposed extent of the area of separation. Whilst not against the principal of the NP setting one, the extent proposed does seem to be excessive. It is considered some justification is needed to demonstrate why this should come south of Lutterworth Road and so far west, there is no/little intervisibility this far away from the village.</p> <p>The final sentence should read “Any <b>Major</b> development proposal...” . It would seem unreasonable to require <u>all</u> developments (for example a porch, or an extension, or a fence) to assess and address the proposed Area of Separation</p>	The countryside separating the SDA from Gilmorton is particularly vulnerable and the community wishes to ensure that its undeveloped character is maintained. Nonetheless this can still be achieved by reducing the extent of the proposed Area of Separation.	The extent of the proposed Area of Separation be reduced. Revise last sentence of Policy G2 to: <i>Major development proposals within the Areas of Separation must assess and address their impact on the setting of Gilmorton Village and the objective of separation and</i>

				<i>give specific attention to location, design and landscaping appropriate to the character of the area.</i>
<b>Policy G3</b>	Harborough District Council	Important Views – the view from Lutterworth Road opposite Gilmorton House looking NW to the church should be added here. The planning application (17/00701/OUT) was refused on heritage grounds for this reason, and if the appeal is dismissed adding this viewpoint from the start of the footpath will help in future if it comes back in again.	The appeal was allowed, and planning permission granted for the erection of up to 42 dwellings (access to be considered) at Land to the West of Lutterworth Road, Gilmorton in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref 17/00701/OUT.	Important views and vistas as set out in Appendix 1 be reviewed.
<b>Paragraph 2.11</b>	Gilmorton History Group	All walking and riding routes must be protected as well as the views from three routes. Important to the historical character of Gilmorton.	The Neighbourhood Plan will need to be modified to take account of more recent planning decisions, the adoption of the Harborough Local Plan and the revised National Planning Policy Framework.	The Neighbourhood Plan be revised to take account of more recent planning decisions, the adoption of the Harborough Local Plan and the revised National Planning Policy Framework.
<b>Policy G4</b>	Harborough District Council	PROW. What about adding something around enhancing PROW?	Footpaths are regarded as the most important village facility and have provided walkers with the	Revise Policy G4 to include: <i>The extension of the existing Rights of</i>

			ability to circle the village across open fields. Unfortunately, some of the rural character of some of these links will be broken by new housing development on the edge of the village. New footpath links will be required to re-create the 'Gilmorton Round'.	<i>Way network to re-create a 'Gilmorton Round' across open fields is encouraged.</i>
<b>Paragraph 2.13</b>	Gilmorton History Group	Ecology and biodiversity of the parish is rich. Built development will have an impact through: removal of habitat; disturbance or loss of animal routes; impact on water table and water run-off; pollution including noise and light.	Policy G5 requires new development to maintain and enhance existing ecological corridors and landscape features (such as watercourses, hedgerows and tree-lines) for biodiversity thus demonstrating overall net-gain. All new buildings should incorporate measures to enhance biodiversity.	No change
<b>Chapter 3 – Services and Facilities</b>	Sport England	Government planning policy, within the <b>National Planning Policy Framework</b> (NPPF), identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to	Noted	No change

		<p>achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.</p> <p>It is essential therefore that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 73 and 74. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's statutory consultee role in <b>protecting playing fields</b> and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England's playing fields policy is set out in our Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document.</p> <p><a href="http://www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy">http://www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy</a></p> <p>Sport England provides guidance on <b>developing planning policy</b> for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded.</p> <p><a href="http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/">http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/</a></p> <p>Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 74 of the NPPF, this takes the form of <b>assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities</b>. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including</p>		
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		<p>those which may specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery.</p> <p>Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England's guidance on assessing needs may help with such work.</p> <p><a href="http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance">http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance</a></p> <p>If <b>new or improved sports facilities</b> are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.</p> <p><a href="http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/">http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/</a></p> <p>Any <b>new housing</b> developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place.</p>		
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<p><b>Paragraph 3.1 to 3.6</b></p>	<p>Gilmorton History Group</p>	<p>Agree with the points made in the report. Loss of services will impact hard on old and young. Village does not have bus services and new development will add to traffic density, congestion and pollution.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>No change</p>

		School has no potential for growth. Village store apparently has limited room for growth.		
<b>Policy G6</b>	Mrs J Fitz-Hugh	Community services and facilities are vital for the local community	Noted	No change
<b>Page 14</b>	Mrs A Welburn	<p>The Village Hall hosts 'Good Companions', 'Village History Group' and 'Garden Club'.</p> <p>Gilmorton All Saints Church is used for a variety of activities and groups, including the school, bell ringing, and open for teas in the summer months.</p>	Noted	<p>Revise description of Village Hall to: <i>Gilmorton Village Hall on Church Drive is a well-used community asset. The Hall hosts keep fit Classes, a yoga class, Parish Council meetings, WI meetings, birthday parties, Good Companions, Village History Group, Garden Club and various other events.</i></p>
<b>Paragraph 4.1 to 4.6</b>	Gilmorton History Group	The 'village' has no active plans to increase growth. Therefore employment for future residents will be outside the village and increase pressure on roads and services. This will be exacerbated by the 'affluent' type of housing that will be built.	The Neighbourhood Plan will need to be modified to take account of more recent planning decisions, the adoption of the Harborough Local Plan and the revised National Planning Policy Framework.	The Neighbourhood Plan be revised to take account of more recent planning decisions, the adoption of the Harborough Local Plan and the revised National Planning Policy Framework.

<p><b>Policy G7</b></p>	<p>Harborough District Council</p>	<p>The policy is very broad. ‘...sustainable growth and expansion of all types of business and enterprise...’ may lead to unforeseen consequences. It may be worthwhile reinforcing the sustainable growth part of the policy to ensure that unsuitable businesses are not permitted.</p>	<p>Agree</p>	<p>Policy G7: Rural Economy be revised to read: <i>The sustainable growth and expansion of all types of business and enterprise through the conversion of existing buildings and well-designed new buildings will be supported where it meets the requirements of Harborough Local Plan Policies GD3 and BE1 and the other policies of the Neighbourhood Plan.</i></p>
<p><b>Policy G8</b></p>	<p>Harborough District Council</p>	<p>LGS. The associated map possibly shows the primary school playing field larger than that set out under permission 17/01256/OUT.</p>	<p>This site is now subject to Reserve Matters for 41 dwellings (Ref: 18/02006/REM) on Leicester Diocese land off Ullesthorpe Road. This allows the extent of the School Playing Field to be drawn with more certainty.</p>	<p>Revise boundary of Limits to Development and Primary School Playing Fields Local Green Space to reflect 18/02006/REM.</p>

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<b>Paragraph 6.1. to 6.4</b>	Gilmorton History Group	Local Green Spaces – Deplore any further built development that will reduce the historical character of the village.	Noted	No change
<b>Paragraph 6.8 to 6.10</b>	Gilmorton History Group	Views of Listed Buildings must be conserved for future generations.	Noted	No change
<b>Paragraph 6.12</b>	Gilmorton History Group	The Church, motte, fishponds and moat are of historical significance and concerned for their future if the development plan is not passed.	Noted	No change
<b>Paragraph 6.15 to 6.16</b>	Gilmorton History Group	Supports the plans concerns for Local Heritage Assets. Suggest additional buildings that are also assets such as the mud walled thatched cow barn on Church Drive and Claywalls, and Maytree Cottage, Mill Lane.	The hovel or wagon shed to the east of the church is already Listed Grade II. Clay Walls and Maytree Cottage are also Listed.	No change
<b>Page 22</b>	Mrs A Welburn	Public Examination for Local Plan expected to be late summer /autumn 2018	The Harborough Local Plan was adopted in April 2019.	The Neighbourhood Plan be revised to take account of more recent planning decisions, the adoption of the Harborough Local Plan and the revised National Planning Policy Framework.
<b>Paragraph 7.0</b>	Gilmorton History Group	Concern that increase in number of applications is adversely affecting the character of the village. Massive increase in housebuilding has changed its historical, rural character irreversibly.	The Neighbourhood Plan will need to be modified to take account of more recent planning decisions, the adoption of the Harborough Local Plan and the revised National Planning Policy Framework.	The Neighbourhood Plan be revised to take account of more recent planning decisions, the adoption of the Harborough Local Plan and the revised National

				Planning Policy Framework.
<b>Paragraph 7, Policy G10, Policy G11 and Policy G12</b>	Mrs J Fitz-Hugh	Support needs for smaller and more affordable housing to enable young families and older people to live in the village.	Noted	No change
<b>Paragraph 7.4</b>	Harborough District Council	Public Examination for Local Plan expected to be late summer /autumn 2018	The Harborough Local Plan was adopted in April 2019.	The Neighbourhood Plan be revised to take account of more recent planning decisions, the adoption of the Harborough Local Plan and the revised National Planning Policy Framework.
<b>Policy G10</b>	Harborough District Council	Housing. How would this policy stack up with the Ministerial Statement regarding the allocation of housing and 3yr supply? If this isn't sufficient should the NDP allocate a site?	The September 2017 Submission version of the Harborough Local Plan expected Gilmorton to accommodate a minimum of 25 new homes in addition to completions and commitments at that time. Since then, over 150 homes have been approved- well in excess of that requirement- in a village with no public transport. With around	The Neighbourhood Plan be revised to take account of more recent planning decisions, the adoption of the Harborough Local Plan and the revised National Planning Policy Framework.

			200 houses in the pipeline, Gilmorton is expected to grow by 50%. Consequently, this Neighbourhood Plan limits new housing development mainly to infill.	
<b>Policy G11</b>	Harborough District Council	With regard to development outside Limits, should it be borne in mind that Government policy (currently paragraph 55 of the NPPF) allows dwellings of an exceptional design or innovative nature in the countryside?	Agree	Policy G10: Infill be revised to include provision for an isolated dwelling of innovative and/or exceptional design quality outside the Gilmorton Limits to Development.
<b>Policy G12</b>	Harborough District Council	<p>CMS – It is not considered that this can be in liaison with the Parish Council due to the relevant timeframes and legislation involved. A CMS condition will always be applied to any major development permission, and some of the elements are controlled under Environmental Health rather than Planning legislation anyway. The routing will be difficult to enforce also, as by forcing delivery routes to avoid Gilmorton village centre this could lead to greater problems in neighbouring villages (e.g. Kimcote). I think this policy would be better if it set out a requirement for all major schemes to produce a CMS prior to commencement, and that construction routing avoiding the village centre will be supported. We’ve had issues with discharge of CMS conditions recently, and this Policy will not be supported by DM or Planning Committee, adding in further complexities to something we are seeking to slim down or even remove.</p> <p>This policy seems unduly onerous and conditions requiring this may</p>	Gilmorton will be the subject of substantial growth over the coming years, so it is important that builders respect the amenities of existing residents in this small, historic village.	No change

		not meet the 6 tests in the NPPF (particularly as some points may be covered by other legislation)		
<b>Page 27</b>	Mrs A Welburn	A retirement housing facility in the village would allow the older generation stay within the community near their friends and helpers. It would also free up housing within the village.	New housing development shall provide for a mix of housing types and demonstrate how the housing needs of older households will be met.	No change
<b>Paragraph 8.1 to 8.16</b>	Gilmorton History Group	Particular concerns are current traffic increases and further increase as new houses are built. Views of street and historic buildings are spoiled by presence of parked cars and volume of traffic. New development must have more parking space.  Provision must also be made for children, elderly and disabled people to be able to walk around the village safely.	To avoid exacerbating the parking problem further, new housing developments should include adequate car parking provision to minimise the need for on-street car parking and have regard to the level of public transport available. These requirements are set out in Policy G16: Car Parking and New Development	No change
<b>Policy G15</b>	Harborough District Council	Transport. Does this apply to new developments only? Can't see how particularly B and C can be evidenced as part of any application. Speeding traffic is down to the individual and will normally be from trips originating from outside of the village.	The Neighbourhood Plan highlights localised traffic and parking issues that need to be addressed when considering development proposals.	Policy G15: Transport be revised so that development should give consideration to opportunities to reduce speeding

				traffic through Gilmorton village.
<b>Policy G25</b>	Mrs J Fitz-Hugh	Control of traffic flow and parking in village is essential.	One of the key issues for the area is transport, but there is sometimes confusion over what kinds of transport issues a neighbourhood plan can address. Many traffic matters fall outside the scope of planning. For example, changes to traffic management on existing transport networks are usually a matter for the highway authority to deal with. So, changes to parking restrictions, speed limits, signage, weight restrictions, traffic circulation fall outside the scope of the neighbourhood plan.	No change





