

HEDNESFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN JANUARY 2018 CONSULTATION STATEMENT

1. Introduction

1.1 This document summarises the consultation processes carried out during the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan together with the outcomes, with reference to four other documents which give more detail about the processes and outcomes. These documents are the public questionnaire, summary of responses to the questionnaire, schedule of responses from statutory consultees/landowners to the consultation on the initial Draft Plan and schedule of responses from consultees on the Pre-submission version of the Plan.

2. Consultation on the initial Draft Plan 4th July to 31st August 2016

2.1 The Draft Plan was launched by the Town Council at Pye Green Community Centre on 4th July 2016. Invitees to the launch included representatives of public authorities, businesses, the third sector and interested individuals

2.2 At the same time a publicity campaign was launched to promote awareness of the draft Plan and to encourage local people to "Have their say". This took the form of press releases in local media, a dedicated page on the Town Council website including a video, social media such as a Facebook page and blogs. This has all been refreshed as the draft Plan evolved during the preparation process

2.3 Formal consultation was carried out for 6 weeks during July and August 2016. Statutory bodies and local organisations (listed at Annex A) were consulted by letter. Individual letters were also sent to occupiers of properties that had been identified as being of historical and/or architectural interest. Contact was also made with known landowners with interests in sites identified within the Town Centre and land referred to in Policy H2 (Retirement Scheme, Cannock Road)

2.4 The Draft Plan was made available on the Town Council's website and paper copies were provided to inspect at Pye Green Community Centre and Hednesford Library. A press release was issued and a statutory advertisement placed in the Cannock and Rugeley Chronicle weekly free newspaper

2.5 A questionnaire was produced aimed at individual members of the public. This could be completed on-line or on paper. In addition to being available on the Town Council's website, paper copies were made available at Pye Green Community Centre, Hednesford Library and supplied on request

2.6 In addition exhibitions were held in the foyer of the Tesco store on Victoria Street during July and August where questionnaires were available and also in Hednesford Park as part of the annual Hednesford Festival where questionnaires

were also available

2.7 A copy of the questionnaire and a summary of the 219 responses are attached as separate documents with the submitted Plan. There was general support for the draft policies.

2.8 The responses of statutory consultees and landowners/occupiers of properties are set out in a separate table accompanying the submitted plan. The table also sets out proposed changes to the plan arising from these responses.

3. Consultation on amended Pre-Submission Plan October 2017

3.1 Amendments were made to the initial plan in the Autumn/Winter of 2016/17 and a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the plan was produced by consultants AECOM. This latter document was finalized in June 2017.

3.2 Consultation on the amended plan was carried out over a 6 week period from 18 September 2017

3.3 The methods used at this stage were

- Press release in the Cannock and Rugeley Chronicle
- Statutory consultees , local organisations and landowners consulted by letter
- Copy of the amended plan available on Town Council website and paper copies at Pye Green Community Centre and Hednesford Library

3.4 The schedule of responses from statutory consultees and others, together with the proposed changes made to the Plan to make it ready for submission to the District Council are set out in the fourth document attached to the Submission version of the Plan which was delivered to Cannock Chase Council on Monday 22 January 2018

List of Consultees

The Accord Group
Anchor Trust
Archdiocese of Birmingham
Arts Council England
Association of Friends of Cannock Chase
Black Country LEP
Black Country Local Authorities
Blake Residents Champions Group
Brindley Heath Parish Council
British Telecom PLC
Brocton Parish Council
Bromford Housing Association
Campaign to Protect Rural England
Cannock & District Arthritis Care
Cannock & District Neighbourhood Watch
Cannock Chase Advice Centre
Cannock Chase AONB Unit
Cannock Chase Council
Cannock Chase Hopital
Cannock Chase Rail Promotion Group
Cannock Team Ministry
CBI West Midlands
Centre for Echlogy and Hydrology
Chase Baptist Church
Chase Chamber of Commerce
Chase Tennats & Residents Federation
CAB
Community Life Church
County Sports Partnership
Cyclist Touring Club
Deaf Links Staffordshire
Department for Communities and Local Government
Design Council
EE
English Heritage
Environment Agency
Fields in Trust
Forestry Enterprise
Forestry Commission West Midlands
Friends of Cannock Chase
Friends of the Earth
Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP
Hatherton Parish Council
Heantun Housing Association

Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council
Hednesford Community Conservation Group
Hednesford Valley High School
Highways England
Historic England
Homes & Communities Agency
Huntington Parish Council
Inland Waterways Association
The Institute of Directors (West Midlands Region)
Knight Mr P
The Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
Merican Housing Association Ltd
The Metropolitan Housing Trust Ltd
Midland Heart Housing Association
National Grid
Natural England
Network Rail
NHS England Shropshire & Staffordshire
Norton Canes Parish Council
Office of Rail Regulation
Ramblers Association Chase & District
Sanctuary Housing
South Staffordshire District Council
South Staffordshire Housing Association
Severn Trent Water
South Staffordshire Waterworks
South Staffs & Shrops Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Sport England
St Peter's Church
Stafford Borough Council
SCC
Staffs Fire & Rescue Service
SPCA
SPFA
Staffordshire Police
Staffordshrie Wildlife Trust
Support Staffordshire Cannock Chase
SUSTRANS
The Church of Our Lady of Lourdes
The Coal Authority
The Planning Inspectorate
The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
Salvation Army
Wrekin Housing Trust Ltd
Tower Residents Association
Walsall Housing Group Ltd

Waterloo Housing Group
West Mercia Housing Group Ltd
The West Midlands Strategic Health Authority
Wetern Power Distribution
Woodland Trust
Kingsmead School
Staffordshire University Academy
Westhill Primary School
Pye Green Valley School
St Josephs Primary Catholic School
St Peter's Church of England Primary School