

Cossington Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement

January 2023

Introduction

This Consultation Statement for the Cossington Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the Regulations sets out what a Consultation Statement should contain:

- a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan
- b) explains how they were consulted
- c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted
- d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

Aims of consulting on the Plan

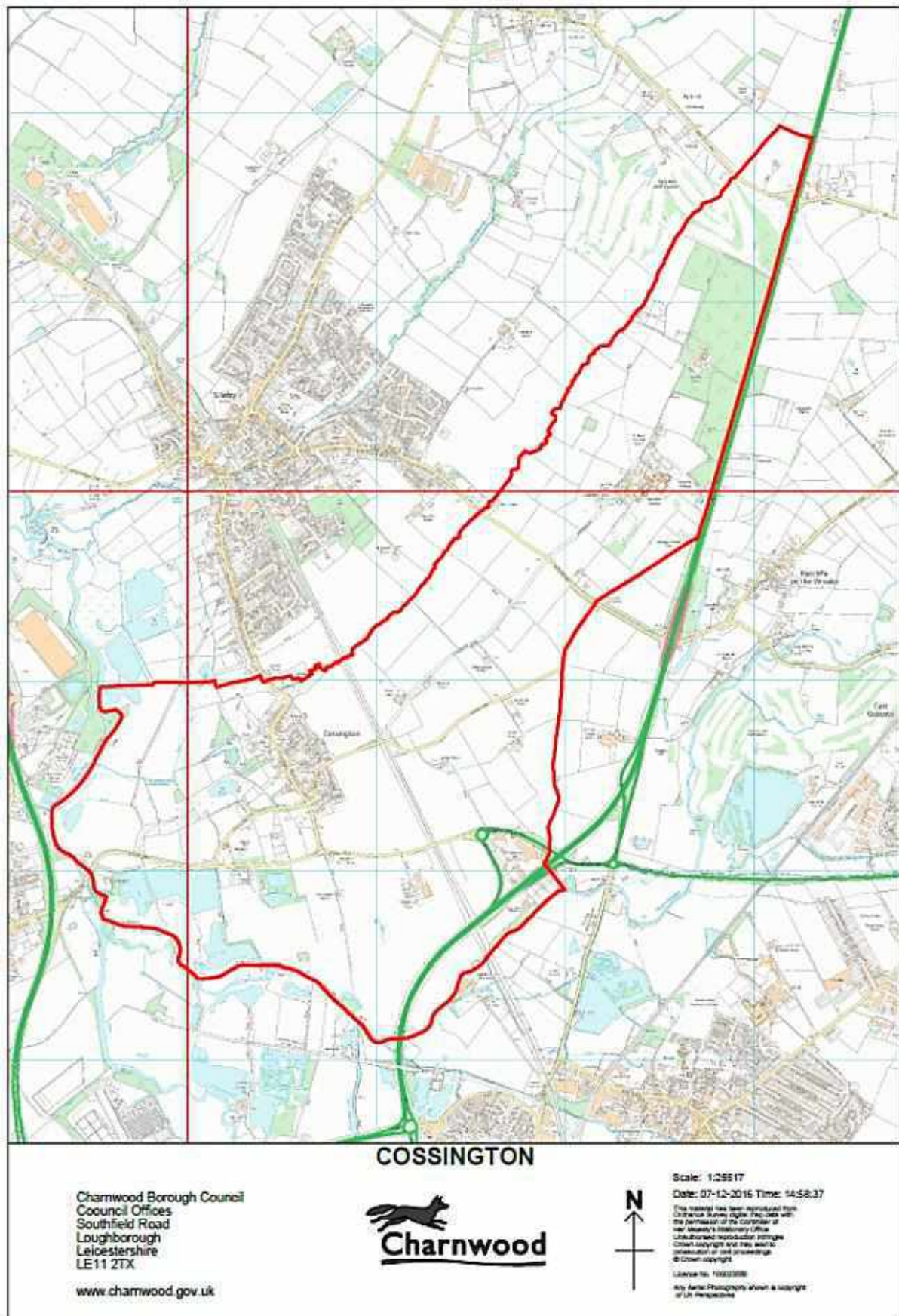
The aim of the engagement process was to:

- Inform residents, local businesses, and other stakeholders about the neighbourhood planning process and to invite their participation so that local opinion informed the plan
- Ensure that consultation events took place at critical points in the process.
- Ensure that as wide a range of people as possible were involved, that they could receive information and could provide feedback in a way that suited them.
- Ensure that information was readily available and accessible to everyone.
- Make sure that consultation feedback was available as soon as possible after events

Background to the consultation - Initiating the Neighbourhood Plan

The whole of the parish was formally designated by Charnwood Borough Council for neighbourhood planning purposes on 17 April 2020.

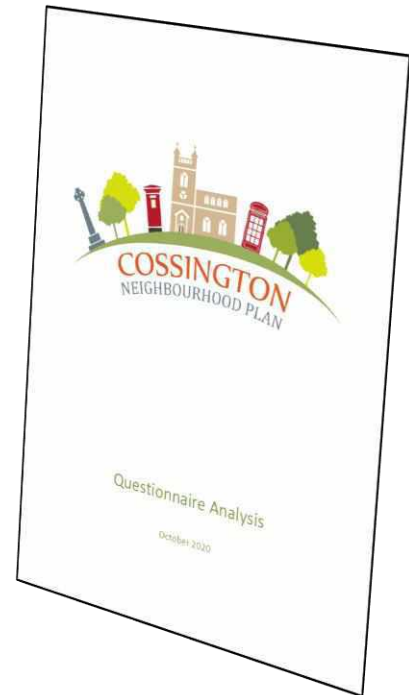
Figure 1 - Parish of Cossington Designated Area



The Cossington Neighbourhood Area was formally designated by Charnwood Borough Council on 17 April 2020.

The NP has been prepared by the Cossington NP Advisory Committee comprising members of the local community and local parish councillors, with the support of Charnwood Borough Council and consultants YourLocale, and under the direction of Cossington Parish Council (the Accountable Body for the NP).

Effective and extensive consultation have been at the heart of its preparation in the most challenging of circumstances. This is key to ensuring that the NP fully reflects local needs and priorities. There have been a variety of consultation exercises, at which many local



people have taken part.

A questionnaire was sent to all the households in the Parish in the autumn 2020, to help define the priorities for the NP. There was an excellent response rate amounting to 41% of adults and up to 78% of households (171 actual responses)

and the findings were used as the basis for three 'Theme Groups' involving members of the local community meeting throughout 2020 and into 2021 to consider in detail issues such as housing, the environment and sustainability (community facilities, employment and transport).

An open event was held in July 2021 to share the emerging policies. 40 people attended and there was a high level of support for the policies on display.

All of the analyses of the consultation processes are available on the Parish Council website.

An Open Event was held on 1 May 2022 to share the draft Plan with the community and to receive feedback, attended by 42 residents.



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Advisory Committee Meetings

The Advisory Committee met regularly on Zoom due to the Covid pandemic. Where possible the meetings did take place in person and in accordance with Parish Council regulations. The meeting dates are as follows:

| Date | Action | Comments |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10 th February 2020 | Initial Neighbourhood Plan meeting | Minutes can be found on Parish Website |
| February 2020 | Launch of Neighbourhood Plan announced publicly in the village newsletter | |
| 16 th March 2020 | Neighbourhood Plan Planning meeting | Minutes can be found on Parish Website |
| 24 th June 2020 | Public meeting; launch of Advisory Group | Pinned up on notice boards |
| 14 th July 2020 | Advisory Group | Minutes can be found on Parish website |
| 31 st July 2020 | Open Event was held in the Village Hall in Cossington on 31 July 2021. 40 people attended the event. | |
| 11 th Aug 2020 | Advisory Group | Minutes can be found on Parish website |
| 21 st Aug 2020 | New Neighbourhood Plan website created | This was taken down in Jan 2021 and a new website page on the Parish Council site was created |
| 1 st Sept 2020 | Advisory Group | Minutes can be found on Parish website |
| 3rd Sept 2020 | Poster displayed on 2 noticeboards, Village newsletter, Cossington Facebook page and Cossington Neighbourhood Watch website and posted through all letterboxes in village | |
| 4 th Sept 2020 | Questionnaire uploaded for all public to complete by 30 th September | Appendix 1 |
| 1 st Oct 2020 | Advisory Group | Minutes can be found on Parish website |
| 1 st Oct 2020 | Public Community Consultation analysis of questionnaire. 171 Responses received. Due to Covid could not meet. | |
| 29 th Oct 2020 | Advisory Group | Minutes can be found on Parish website |

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| 30 th Oct 2020 | The role of Theme Group | Can be found on Parish website |
| 12 th Nov 2020 | Affordable Housing for Sale Assessment | Can be found on Parish website |
| 19 th Nov 2020 | Advisory Group | Minutes can be found on Parish website |
| 3 rd Dec 2020 | Theme Groups Virtual Meeting | |

Theme Groups

Three Theme groups were formed to manage Neighbourhood Plan policy development with focus on the Environment. Local Amenities and Housing Requirements. Each Theme group was supported by a YourLocale facilitator with expertise in the relevant field. Other members of the community volunteered to participate in the Theme Groups.

The aim of these groups was to explore in detail the issues that had been raised by villagers through the Questionnaire in the autumn of 2020 and to collate evidence and identify emerging priorities. Their expertise, local knowledge and commitment was invaluable in making sure that the Plan reflects the requirements of Cossington and represents the views of the parishioners. They met regularly over the duration of the project, conducted research and collated a significant amount of evidence that formed the basis of the Neighbourhood Plan policy development. A further group was established to progress issues related to community facilities and employment.

Environmental Working Group

(all minutes can be found on the Neighbourhood Plan page at www.cossingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

12th, 26th January 2021

1st, 15th, 23rd February 2021

11th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 22nd, 24th, 29th March 2021

1st, 6th, 8th, 9th, 13th, 20th, 22nd, 26th April 2021

17th, 18th May 2021

Housing Working Group

(all minutes can be found on the Neighbourhood Plan page at www.cossingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

15th December 2020

24th February 2021

5th March 2021

Sustainability Working Group

The draft of the Community Sustainability report was worked on at each meeting and within sub groups.

14th January 2021

2nd February 2021

15th April 2021

Questionnaire

An important part of this inclusive process is, of course, obtaining the views and aspirations of the community. Key to this has been the development and dissemination of a community questionnaire.

The questionnaire contains a large number of questions and is based on important themes established following initial consultation work by the team leading the Cossington Neighbourhood Plan.

The questionnaire took place during autumn 2020. It was available to complete electronically and as a paper version. The level of response from the community was good, there being 171 responses. This represents a return from around 35% of the adult population, (492 aged 16 plus).

Given that some households choose to respond collectively rather than as individuals; it is also pertinent to consider the number of responses in relation to the number of households in the Neighbourhood Plan area. The number of responses represents the equivalent of up to 78% of the 218 occupied households.

A copy of the Questionnaire analysis is available as Appendix 2

This demonstrates a good level of commitment to the Neighbourhood Plan by the community and, in turn, adds strength to the validity of the collected views expressed.

Open Event

An Open Event was held in the Village Hall in Cossington on 31 July 2021. 40 people attended the event.

This was an engaging event where people had the opportunity to contribute to the NP and to ask questions of those involved. People stayed for a long time to read and consider each policy area and the turnout was very good for a community the size of Cossington.

A copy of the Open Event analysis is available as Appendix 3

Ongoing Communication with Parishioners

Posters on Parish Council noticeboards

Village Newsletters

Village Facebook page

Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page
Door to Door leaflets

Funding and Support

YourLocale was appointed to provide professional support to the Advisory Committee.

Funding for YourLocale as well as community consultation and engagement, was by the Parish Council and by grants from the Locality.

Consultation – list of people and bodies consulted

The following stakeholders were contacted at the start of the process and again prior to the Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation:

British Gas Properties,
British Telecommunications Plc,
The Coal Authority,
East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG,
English Heritage,
Historic England,
Homes England
National Grid,
Natural England,
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited,
Severn Trent Water Ltd,
Anglian Water Ltd,
Leicestershire Police,
Leicestershire Fire and Rescue,
Environment Agency,
CPRE,
Voluntary Action Leicestershire,
Leicestershire Ethnic Minority Partnership,
Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups,
Interfaith Forum for Leicestershire,
Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living,
Age UK Leicestershire and Rutland,
Charnwood Borough Council,
John Storer House;
Loughborough Chamber of Trade and Commerce
Leicestershire County Council transport,
Leicestershire County Council, Policy and Community,
Waterloo

Adjoining Parishes:

Sileby

Rothley
Syston
Ratcliffe on the Wreake

Councillors/MP:

Edward Ager, MP
County Councillor & Borough Councillor James Poland

Summary of findings from the events and questionnaires

By involving residents, business owners and other stakeholders at key stages in the development of the Cossington Neighbourhood Plan, the plan is both evidence-based and has been shaped by local opinion, with policies being tested as they have been developed.

There was a detailed analysis after the consultation event which has informed the next step in drafting the plan.

Regulation 14, Pre-Submission Consultation

This consultation took place over a six-week period (3 May – 13 June 2022). The comments received were collated by the Parish Clerk and after an initial review by YourLocale, the updated plan was agreed and submitted to the Parish Council for final approval ahead of submission to Charnwood Borough Council.

The comments and responses are attached as Appendix 4.

Conclusion

The draft Neighbourhood Plan is now ready to be submitted to Charnwood Borough Council who will publicise it for a further six weeks and then forward it, with accompanying documents and all representations made during the publicity period, to an Independent Examiner who will review it and check that it meets the 'Basic Conditions'. If the Plan successfully passes this stage, following any modifications, it will be put forward for referendum.

The referendum question will be a straight "yes" or "no" on the entire Plan, as set out by Neighbourhood Planning Regulations. People will not be able to vote for or against individual policies. If 50% or more of respondents vote for the Plan, it will be brought into force ('Made') and become part of Borough-wide planning policy.

This Consultation Statement and the supporting Appendices are provided to comply with Section 15(2) of part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.



Community Questionnaire

2020

Survey link

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/COSSINGTON>

**To ensure your feedback is taken into account, please complete by
30 September 2020**

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT COSSINGTON

Under the Localism Act of 2011¹, local communities and individuals have been given powers and rights to shape the future of the places where they live. Through a Neighbourhood Plan, we can have a say in housing design, appearance and location. We can determine policies to protect green spaces and heritage assets. We can have views on issues such as community facilities, parking, and transport. All these can be covered in the Cossington Neighbourhood Plan.

*Once this plan is approved by referendum and examination, it forms a **legally binding** document used by Charnwood Borough Council when determining planning applications in this Parish.*

Everyone should have their say. Why?

We are seeing proposals for major developments in Cossington. Charnwood Borough Council are currently revising the Local Plan. We know we may have to take some development to meet district and national housing targets and we need to ask ourselves “Do we want to be involved in deciding how many and where? Do we wish to be part of the decisions that design for the future the needs of this parish? Or are we going to allow others to do this for us?”

Please get involved now.

This questionnaire is an important part of the process. It will be used to understand community opinion as a whole. This then provides the basis for the Neighbourhood Plan to be written, as a reflection of the consensus views of all the residents of Cossington.

The Cossington Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared by the Cossington Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee consisting of three Parish Councillors and five residents. This group is being advised by YourLocale, specialists in preparing Neighbourhood Plans. Funding is being provided by government grants. Following a local referendum, the Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted for examination by the Parish Council and will then become a legally binding document. Your views are being sought through this questionnaire and you have the opportunity to become involved in special interest subgroups. Please indicate your willingness to be contacted again on the questionnaire or contact Emma Crowe, Clerk to the Parish Council (clerk@cossingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk).

Each adult resident in your house and over the age of 16 may complete a questionnaire.

Your participation in this questionnaire and your individual responses will be kept confidential. No one will be identifiable in any published results. We ask you to put your name on each questionnaire to identify you as a parishioner or if you prefer it can remain anonymous.

We would prefer you to respond to the questionnaire online to save on costs of analysis.

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/COSSINGTON>

Should you prefer to respond to a printed questionnaire, further copies can be downloaded from <https://www.cossingtonndp.com/survey> or you may request additional printed copies from Penny Weston-Webb (pennyweston-webb@talktalk.net or 07754 892842)

Completed print questionnaires should be posted through the door of Penny Weston-Webb, 91 Main Street, Cossington or if you prefer, telephone 07754 892842 for collection.

DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONNAIRE COMPLETION : 30 September 2020

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/COSSINGTON>

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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/5959/1896534.pdf

Cossington Neighbourhood Plan website - <https://www.cossingtonndp.com>

COSSINGTON VISION STATEMENT

The parish of Cossington is located within the Soar valley. It lies between Rothley, Sileby, Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, Seagrave and Syston. The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to ensure Cossington remains a peaceful and safe place to live. The Plan will inform and shape new and future development proposals in such a way that by the end of the Plan period, 2036, Cossington will have retained its independent identity and locality, distinct from adjoining towns and villages. Cossington will continue to thrive as a vibrant and distinct village with a balanced and diverse community.

Essential parts of the plan are that by supporting measured, proportionate, timely and sustainable development in a gradual phased manner, the character of the village and parish can be retained for future generations. To do this any development activity has to be consistent with:

1. Local need.
2. Preserving the distinct areas of separation between the villages.
3. Will be sympathetic to the history and heritage of the village, retaining and enhancing the character and appeal of the existing conservation area.
4. Protecting the open spaces, the high-quality natural environment and wildlife, community and recreational facilities.
5. Environmental and sustainability policies that contribute positively to flood risk, mitigate climate change and minimise traffic volumes by encouraging home working to flourish in the modern digital age.

1. Do you agree?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Please add any comments

2. WHAT IS IMPORTANT ABOUT LIVING IN COSSINGTON?

| | Not Important 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Very Important 5 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Village character | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rural location | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Working farms surrounding village | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Separation from surrounding villages by fields, countryside | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Access to countryside, meadows | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Access to wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Local history | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Protection of listed buildings (there are 19) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Community groups (there are 16) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Social interaction | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The village hall | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The pub | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The church | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The primary school | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The sports field (Platts) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| General upkeep of the village | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cossington Secret Gardens | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. Are there any other aspects of living in Cossington you would like to highlight?

4. Are there any additional amenities you would like to see in Cossington?

5. If you could change one thing about Cossington, what would it be?

HOUSING

The Cossington Neighbourhood Plan must be consistent with the Charnwood Borough Council Local Plan, which is currently under review. It is unlikely we will be able to opt for zero additional housing within the Neighbourhood Plan. If we were to allocate a small site for say, bungalows or affordable housing for local people it might help to address a local need. Your views are important to shape the nature of any new housing within our village.

6. What design features would you like to see in any new housing? Yes Not sure No

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Consistent with rural style and materials | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Modern corporate developer style and materials | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Eco friendly housing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Must have off-street parking | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Number of houses must be proportionate to existing size of village | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| New developments should bring new village facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

7. What type of homes do you think we need ? Yes Not sure No

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bungalows | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Flats | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Terraced | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Semi-detached | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Detached | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Starter homes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Small family homes 2/3 beds | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Large family homes 4 beds and over | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Retirement homes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Eco friendly homes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

8. What sort of housing do you think we need? Yes Not sure No

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|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Rented | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Shared ownership | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Social housing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Owner occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

9. Do you think the subdivision of existing gardens for the building of new houses should be encouraged?

Encouraged ☐ Discouraged ☐ No opinion ☐

10. Do you think housing development outside the village boundary should be encouraged? See map.

Encouraged ☐ Discouraged ☐ No opinion ☐

11. Do you have any further thoughts on housing you would like considered?

TRANSPORT

12. Thinking about transport related issues, how concerned are you about the following?

| | Not Concerned 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Very Concerned 5 |
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| Volume of traffic through the village | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Speed of traffic through the village | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| HGV traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Noise pollution | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On-street parking | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pavement parking | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Condition of roads in village | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cycle paths | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Footpaths | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public transport | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

13. Do you have any further thoughts on transport you would like considered?

FLOODING

14. Have you been affected by flooding in Cossington?

Yes No

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| Damage to property internally that resulted in an insurance claim | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Damage to property externally that resulted in an insurance claim | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Damage to property that did not result in an insurance claim | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Inability to travel to work or education | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Disruption to a business in the village | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

15. Do you have any further thoughts on flooding you would like to highlight?

KEY ISSUES

The Neighbourhood Plan can make a difference in areas such as the:

- Environment (protecting areas of importance to the Village)
- Heritage assets (safeguarding from inappropriate development)
- Transport (traffic management measures)
- Community facilities (protecting and encouraging growth)
- Employment (promoting more and safeguarding what we have)
- Development, including housing (ensuring any development is right for Cossington)

16. What do you think are the three key issues that our Neighbourhood Plan should address?

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17. Are there any important open spaces in the Village that you would like to see protected and what makes these special?

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BUSINESSES

18. Do you operate a business from the village?

Yes ☐ No ☐

19. If so, what is it?

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20. Is there any support, the village could provide to you and your business?

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21. Would you welcome more businesses in the parish?

Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion ☐

If yes, what type?

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DEMOGRAPHICS (OPTIONAL)

To ensure we obtain the views of a representative sample of our population, it is important to understand the demographic range from which responses have been collected.

22. What is your gender

Male ☐ Female ☐ Prefer not to say ☐

23. What is your age group?

16-18 ☐ 19-64 ☐ 65-79 ☐ 80+ ☐ Prefer not to say ☐

24. How many years have you lived in Cossington?

0-5 ☐ 6-20 ☐ 21-40 ☐ 40+ ☐ Prefer not to say ☐

PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT

The Cossington Parish Council has a set budget for upkeep and administration, to deliver activities and a level of amenities e.g. street lighting, village notice boards, waste bins, benches etc. Depending on your Council Tax banding, each household is charged approximately £65 per annum in addition to the Charnwood Borough Council Tax.

25. Please answer the following:

| | Yes | Not sure | No |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| I am happy with the level of service and would NOT want to pay more | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like an increased level of service and am happy to INCREASE my payment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am happy to increase my payment by 10% per annum | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am happy to increase my payment by 25% per annum | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am happy to increase my payment by 50% per annum | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

26. Do you have any thoughts on additional amenities or activities you would like the Parish Council to provide?

YOUR DETAILS (OPTIONAL)

27. Please provide your contact details so we can keep you informed of future stages in the Neighbourhood Plan or contact you to participate further. This information will only be used for this purpose and your details will not be published or sold.

Name: email:

Address:

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Telephone:

28. I AM INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

| | Yes | No |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Village history | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delivery of Neighbourhood Plan materials | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

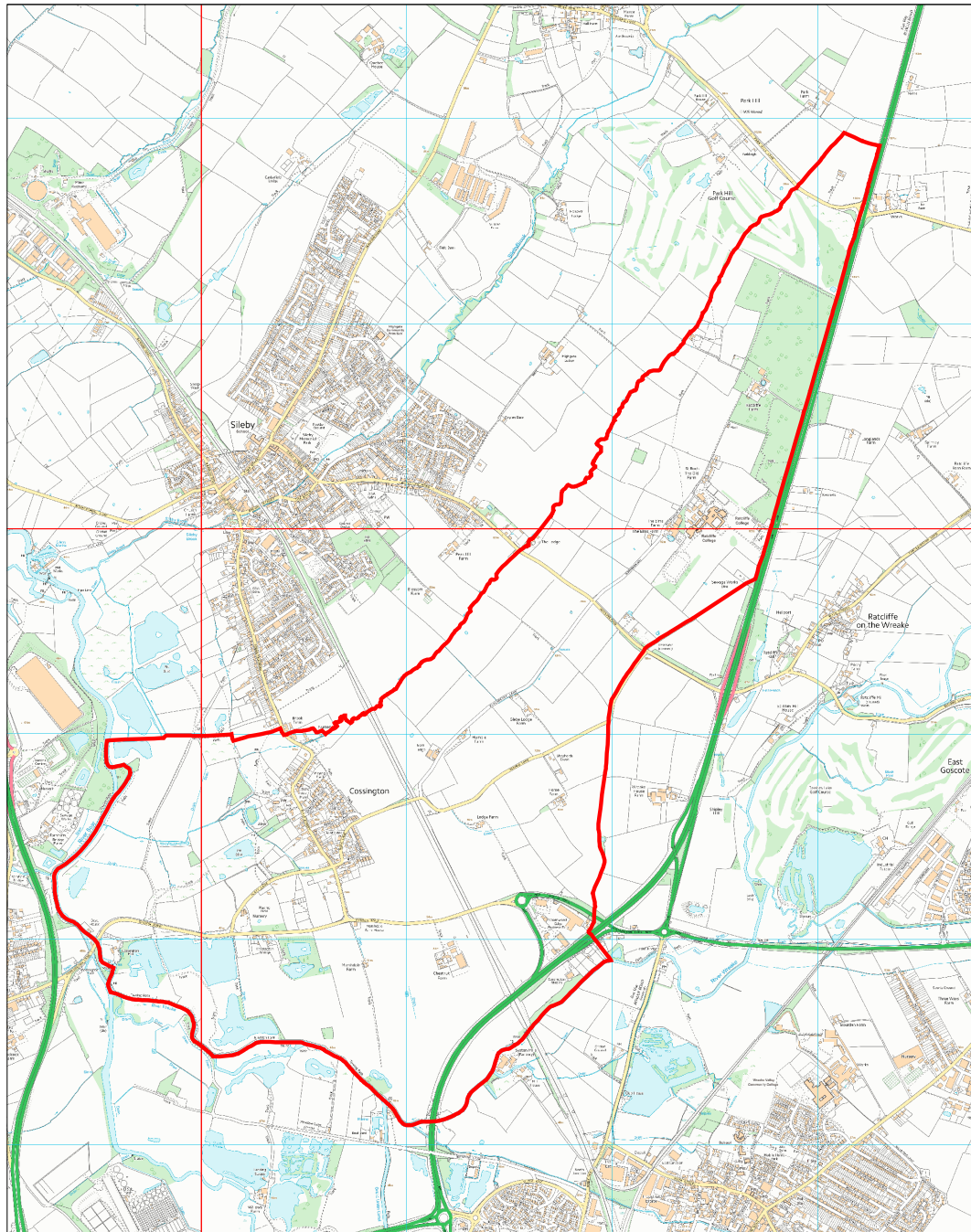
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Questionnaire Analysis

October 2020

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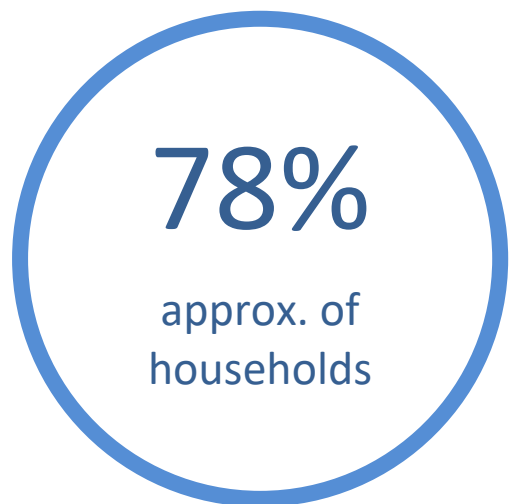
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The questionnaire took place during September and October of 2020. It was available to complete electronically and as a paper version. The level of response from the community was good, there being 171 responses. This represents a return from over 34.8% of the adult population, (492 aged 16 plus).

Given that some households choose to respond collectively rather than as individuals; it is also pertinent to consider the number of responses in relation to the number of households in the Neighbourhood Plan area. The number of responses represents the equivalent of up to 78% of the 218 occupied households.

This demonstrates a very good level of commitment to the Neighbourhood Plan by the community and, in turn, adds strength to the validity of the collected views expressed.



Cossington Neighbourhood Plan Team has produced a draft vision statement:

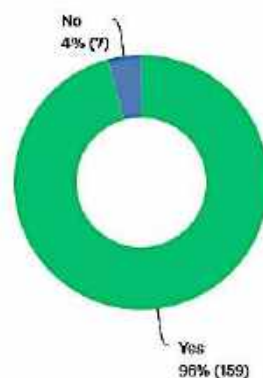
The parish of Cossington is located within the Soar valley; it lies between Rothley, Sileby, Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, Seagrave and Syston. The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to ensure Cossington remains a peaceful and safe place to live. By 2036, Cossington will continue to thrive as a vibrant and distinct village with a balanced and diverse community. The Plan will inform and shape new and future development proposals in such a way that by the end of the Plan period, Cossington will have retained its independent identity and locality, distinct from adjoining towns and villages.

Essential parts of the plan are that by supporting measured, proportionate, timely and sustainable development in a gradual phased manner the character of the village and parish can be retained for future generations.

To do this any development activity has to be consistent with

1. Local need.
2. Preserving the distinct areas of separation between the villages.
3. Will be sympathetic to the history and heritage of the village, retaining and enhancing the character and appeal of the existing conservation area.
4. Protecting the open spaces, the high-quality natural environment and wildlife, community and recreational facilities.
5. Environmental and sustainability policies that contribute positively to flood risk, mitigate climate change and minimise traffic volumes by encouraging home working to flourish in the modern digital age.

The questionnaire asked respondents whether they agreed with this vision



96% of those responding agreed. Respondents were then asked to add any comments they wished to make. These appear in full the appendix to this analysis.

Comments are clearly heartfelt and thoughtful. Many focus on the desire to see Cossington remain essentially unchanged and to retain its historic character. Consequently there are a number of comments seeking to minimise the quantity of new houses in the parish. Increased traffic brought about by new development also worries some respondents. Comments also express concern about the issue of flooding.

What is important about living in Cossington?

| | NOT IMPORTANT 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | VERY IMPORTANT 5 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| Access to countryside, meadows | 0.00% 0 | 0.00% 0 | 2.38% 4 | 7.74% 13 | 89.88% 151 |
| Separation from surrounding villages by fields, countryside | 0.00% 0 | 1.76% 3 | 2.94% 5 | 5.88% 10 | 89.41% 152 |
| Village character | 0.00% 0 | 0.59% 1 | 1.18% 2 | 12.43% 21 | 85.80% 145 |
| General upkeep of the village | 0.00% 0 | 0.00% 0 | 1.79% 3 | 14.29% 24 | 83.93% 141 |
| Rural location | 0.60% 1 | 0.60% 1 | 1.81% 3 | 13.86% 23 | 83.13% 138 |
| Access to wildlife | 0.60% 1 | 0.60% 1 | 6.59% 11 | 12.57% 21 | 79.64% 133 |
| Protection of listed buildings (there are 19) | 0.00% 0 | 1.18% 2 | 10.59% 18 | 17.06% 29 | 71.18% 121 |
| The primary school | 2.99% 5 | 5.39% 9 | 6.59% 11 | 16.77% 28 | 68.26% 114 |
| Working farms surrounding village | 1.19% 2 | 2.38% 4 | 8.93% 15 | 21.43% 36 | 66.07% 111 |
| Local history | 1.20% 2 | 1.80% 3 | 12.57% 21 | 23.95% 40 | 60.48% 101 |
| Social interaction | 1.79% 3 | 2.98% 5 | 9.52% 16 | 26.79% 45 | 58.93% 99 |
| Community groups (there are 16) | 0.00% 0 | 4.14% 7 | 14.20% 24 | 26.04% 44 | 55.62% 94 |
| The village hall | 5.33% 9 | 5.92% 10 | 13.02% 22 | 20.71% 35 | 55.03% 93 |
| The church | 5.95% 10 | 7.14% 12 | 15.48% 26 | 16.07% 27 | 55.36% 93 |
| The sports field (Platts) | 6.55% 11 | 1.19% 2 | 14.29% 24 | 23.21% 39 | 54.76% 92 |
| The pub | 2.98% 5 | 2.98% 5 | 17.86% 30 | 23.81% 40 | 52.38% 88 |
| Cossington Secret Gardens | 5.36% 9 | 5.36% 9 | 10.12% 17 | 27.38% 46 | 51.79% 87 |

Village character (98% important and very important), access to countryside, meadows (97%) and separation from surrounding villages by fields, countryside

(95%) are the most valued by respondents. Less highly valued are the secret gardens, the pub, the church and the village hall. However, some caution should perhaps be given to making a direct comparison between the general aspects of the parish, which all experience and specific assets such as the pub and the church, which not all make use of.

Are there any other aspects of living in Cossington you would like to highlight?

A full set of responses appears in the appendix. Most frequently mentioned is the value respondents place on community spirit. The size and feel of the village is important, as is an aspiration for a new village hall. There is a desire from some for a shop and several respondents stated, in different ways, how important the quiet rural aspect of the community is.

Are there any additional amenities you would like to see in Cossington?

A full set of responses appears in the appendix. Seventeen respondents state that there are no additional amenities they would like to see in Cossington. Amongst the amenities respondents would like to see is a village shop, a new village hall and children's play facilities. There is also a strong desire to retain the existing parish facilities.

If you could change one thing about Cossington, what would it be?

A full set of responses appears in the appendix. Traffic is the most frequently stated issue. Respondents would like a lower volume of traffic; less speeding; traffic calming; greater restriction of HGVs; parking improvements; especially at the school and potentially a one-way system within the village. There is also a stated desire for a local shop, greater measures to combat flooding and a play area.

Housing

What design features would you like to see in any new housing?

| | YES | NOT SURE | NO |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Number of houses must be proportionate to existing size of village | 91.46% 150 | 4.88% 8 | 3.66% 6 |
| Must have off-street parking | 90.63% 145 | 4.38% 7 | 5.00% 8 |
| Consistent with rural style and materials | 87.80% 144 | 7.93% 13 | 4.27% 7 |
| Eco friendly housing | 60.76% 96 | 26.58% 42 | 12.66% 20 |
| New developments should bring new village facilities | 55.28% 89 | 20.50% 33 | 24.22% 39 |
| Modern corporate developer style and materials | 3.18% 5 | 22.29% 35 | 74.52% 117 |

All options have drawn positive responses except for modern corporate developer style and materials, for which responses are overwhelmingly negative. Number of houses must be proportionate to existing size of village 91.5% and Must have off-street parking 90.6% are the more heavily supported options.

What type of homes do you think we need?

| | YES | NOT SURE | NO |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Detached | 67.11% 102 | 13.82% 21 | 19.08% 29 |
| Small family homes 2/3 beds | 61.18% 93 | 11.18% 17 | 27.63% 42 |
| Bungalows | 58.44% 90 | 18.83% 29 | 22.73% 35 |
| Eco friendly homes | 56.29% 85 | 24.50% 37 | 19.21% 29 |
| Semi-detached | 51.97% 79 | 22.37% 34 | 25.66% 39 |
| Starter homes | 43.05% 65 | 17.22% 26 | 39.74% 60 |
| Retirement homes | 42.18% 62 | 18.37% 27 | 39.46% 58 |
| Large family homes 4 beds and over | 32.19% 47 | 30.82% 45 | 36.99% 54 |
| Terraced | 22.82% 34 | 20.13% 30 | 57.05% 85 |
| Flats | 2.74% 4 | 5.48% 8 | 91.78% 134 |

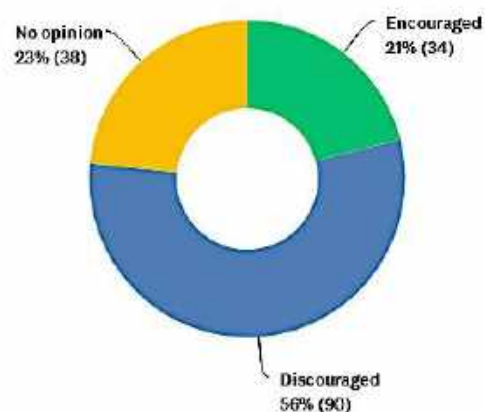
There is strong opposition to new flats in the parish. Respondents are also predominantly against terraced housing. There is no decisive view about large housing, retirement homes or starter homes. Eco-friendly homes (which of course could apply to any size or type of home) are supported. Bungalows, small family homes and detached properties are strongly supported.

What sort of housing do you think we need?

| | YES | NOT SURE | NO |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Owner occupied | 84.38% 135 | 3.75% 6 | 11.88% 19 |
| Rented | 30.41% 45 | 13.51% 20 | 56.08% 83 |
| Shared ownership | 25.17% 38 | 22.52% 34 | 52.32% 79 |
| Social housing | 14.86% 22 | 14.19% 21 | 70.95% 105 |

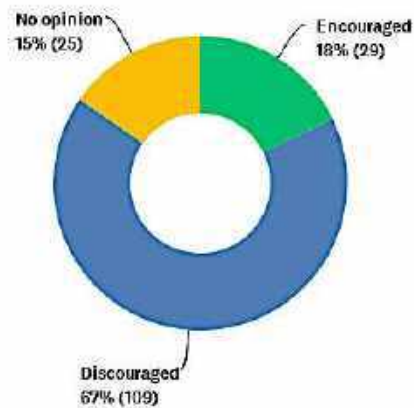
A majority of respondents do not think the parish needs social housing, shared ownership or rented accommodation in the parish. Owner occupied housing is very strongly believed by respondents to be the type of housing the parish needs (84%).

Do you think the subdivision of existing gardens for the building of new houses should be encouraged?



Fewer than one in four respondents think the subdivision of existing gardens for the building of new houses should be encouraged (21%). More than half think this form of building land provision should be discouraged (56%).

Do you think housing development outside the village boundary should be encouraged?



Fewer than one in five respondents think the subdivision of existing gardens for the building of new houses should be encouraged (18%). More than two thirds think this form of building land provision should be discouraged (67%).

Do you have any further thoughts on housing you would like considered?

A full set of responses appears in the appendix. The largest number of responses highlights the desire to minimise new housing in the parish. There is also concern about housing density, the loss of village character and rural feel, increased traffic and the potential absence of new and additional community facilities to meet the needs of new and additional residents.

Transport

Thinking about transport related issues, how concerned are you about the following?

| | 1 NOT CONCERNED | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 VERY CONCERNED |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Speed of traffic through the village | 0.62% 1 | 1.23% 2 | 0.62% 1 | 9.88% 16 | 87.65% 142 |
| Volume of traffic through the village | 0.00% 0 | 0.61% 1 | 4.88% 8 | 10.98% 18 | 83.54% 137 |
| HGV traffic | 0.62% 1 | 3.11% 5 | 6.83% 11 | 8.07% 13 | 81.37% 131 |
| Noise pollution | 0.63% 1 | 1.88% 3 | 9.38% 15 | 24.38% 39 | 63.75% 102 |
| On-street parking | 3.77% 6 | 1.89% 3 | 11.32% 18 | 19.50% 31 | 63.52% 101 |
| Pavement parking | 5.73% 9 | 5.73% 9 | 12.10% 19 | 14.65% 23 | 61.78% 97 |
| Footpaths | 10.00% 16 | 8.13% 13 | 10.00% 16 | 20.63% 33 | 51.25% 82 |
| Condition of roads in village | 3.70% 6 | 7.41% 12 | 23.46% 38 | 22.84% 37 | 42.59% 69 |
| Public transport | 13.75% 22 | 10.63% 17 | 18.13% 29 | 19.38% 31 | 38.13% 61 |
| Cycle paths | 21.66% 34 | 11.46% 18 | 17.20% 27 | 19.75% 31 | 29.94% 47 |

For each option offered, more respondents selected the 'very concerned' category than any other.

Speed (97% concerned or very concerned) and volume (94%) of traffic as well as HGVs (89%) are of greatest concern to respondents.

Cycle paths (49% concerned or very concerned) and public transport (57%) are of least concern. However, whilst speed and volume of traffic and HGVs affect almost everyone in the parish, it is likely that a minority are cyclists and a minority also use public transport. Whilst respondents will answer questions for the common benefit of the community, it is less likely that issues concern them if they are not directly affected. (Of course, there is a counter view that better cycle paths and bus service would increase take-up).

Do you have any further thoughts on transport you would like considered?

A full set of responses appears in the appendix. As indicated by earlier responses, concern about speeding traffic, the increasing volume of traffic and HGVs are prominent in the carefully considered comments. There is recommendation that a one-way system is considered and a call for a bypass road. There is also concern that more housing development will lead to increased traffic issues. There are comments about the importance of the bus service, of cycle routes and footpaths. There is also support for a train station.

Flooding

Have you been affected by flooding in Cossington?

| | YES | NO |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Inability to travel to work or education | 51.90% 82 | 48.10% 76 |
| Disruption to a business in the village | 20.25% 32 | 79.75% 126 |
| Damage to property that did not result in an insurance claim | 18.06% 28 | 81.94% 127 |
| Damage to property internally that resulted in an insurance claim | 9.94% 16 | 90.06% 145 |
| Damage to property externally that resulted in an insurance claim | 5.63% 9 | 94.38% 151 |

This is a significant issue for the parish and one that is perceived by some to be worsening. Respondents are broadly affected in two ways – those whose access to, from and around the parish is disrupted by flooding and those whose homes are threatened or damaged by the water.

Additional comments about flooding

A full set of responses appears in the appendix.

Flooding is clearly an issue and great cause for worry amongst the community. Lives and livelihoods are being affected. People's homes are being damaged and some

households cannot obtain insurance. There is a view that the authorities such as Severn Trent, the district and the parish councils are not doing enough and are not communicating enough with parishioners. There are local solutions identified such as clearing ditches and streams. There are also solutions identified such as repairing collapsed sewers and larger scale flood relief work.

There is widespread concern that more development and the consequent increase in non-porous surfaces will exacerbate the problem and further development should not be permitted unless fully addressing this vitally important issue.

Key Issues

What do you think are the three key issues that our Neighbourhood Plan should address?

A full set of responses appears in the appendix.

The responses fall into general categories, the environment, transport and traffic, development and housing, heritage, community facilities, flooding and maintaining the village/rural feel.

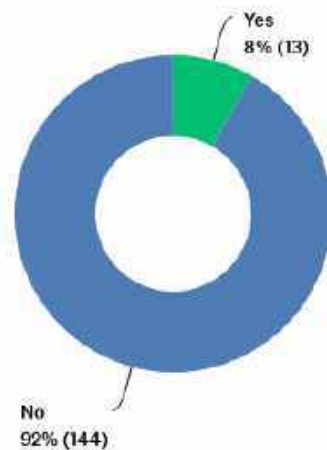
Are there any important open spaces or buildings in the Village that you would like to see protected and what makes these special?

A full set of responses appears in the appendix.

The responses indicate a real appreciation for the buildings and open spaces of the village; many are mentioned. Cossington Meadows, Platts Lane recreation ground, Polly Peggs area, the church and surrounding fields all feature prominently.

Business

Do you operate a business from the village?



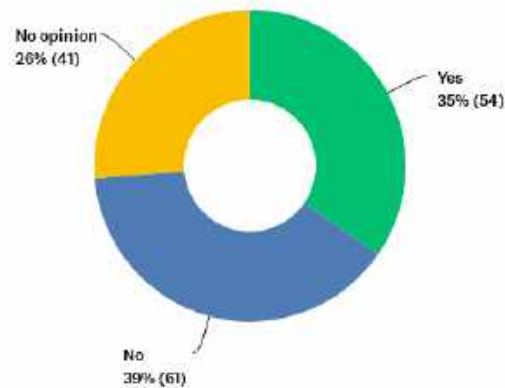
What is your business?

- Child minding
- Holistic treatments
- House of Prayer; spiritual pastoral
- Consultancy
- Driving instructor
- Office management
- Consultancy
- Gardening
- Engineering consultation
- Engineering consultancy, one aspect I specialise in is air quality and especially particulate analysis!!
- Professional consulting
- CACI Clinic beauticians - my wife
- Consultancy

Is there any support the village could provide to you and your business?

- I have managed for 22 years. Although I was given help during the Coronavirus pandemic by a local charity
- Not really, apart from furnishing me with customers.
- Better WiFi connection
- Better Wifi Switch on Virgin Media
- It would be very supportive and helpful if home-based businesses could have access to a (village) meeting room because inviting clients into ones home environment is not always appropriate.
- Yes
- Improve community infrastructure to encourage working from home - the new normal

Would you welcome more businesses in the parish?

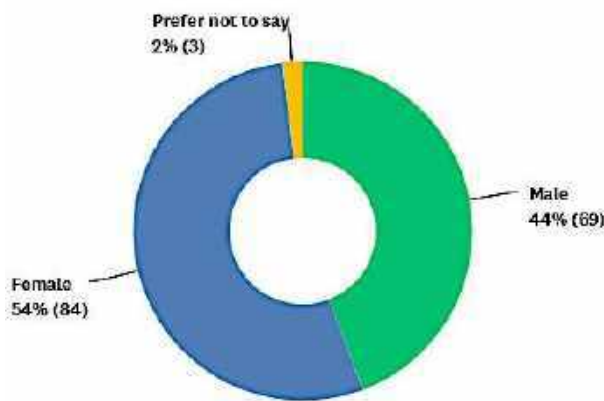


There are contrasting views about welcoming new business into the parish. 39% of respondents said 'no' whilst 35% said 'yes'. It is possible that some may not want change or growth, others may have said 'no' in case that new business was unsuited to a small rural location. Others may feel that more opportunities for new local businesses would benefit the community.

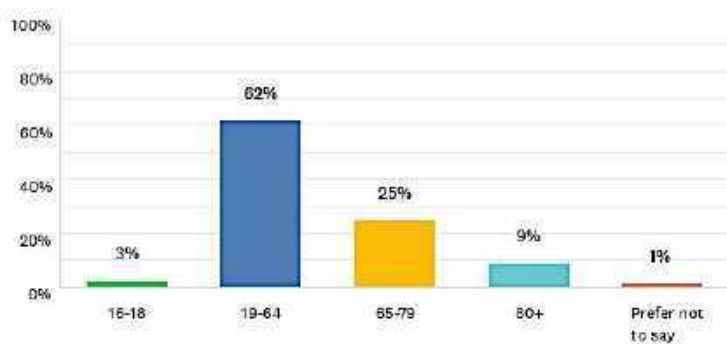
A range of businesses were suggested by respondents. These appear in full in the appendix. Most respondents focused on a shop or café, but also home based businesses. A number of responses were not in favour of businesses that would bring about increased traffic.

Demographics

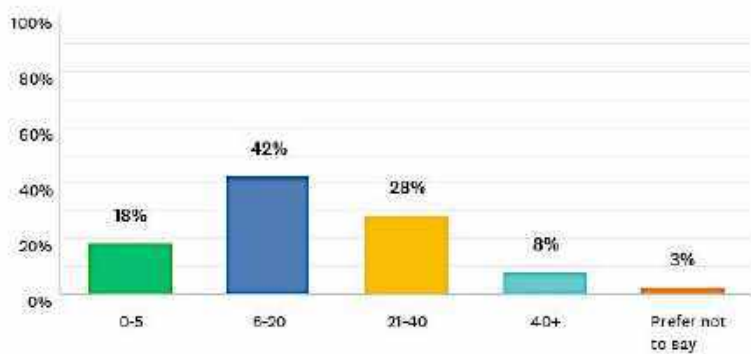
What is your gender?



What is your age group?



How many years have you lived in Cossington?



Parish Council Precept

Please consider the following:

| | YES | NOT SURE | NO |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| I am happy with the level of service and would NOT want to pay more | 65.31% 96 | 20.41% 30 | 14.29% 21 |
| I would like an increased level of service and am happy to INCREASE my payment | 30.60% 41 | 19.40% 26 | 50.00% 67 |
| I am happy to increase my payment by 10% per annum | 25.98% 33 | 23.62% 30 | 50.39% 64 |
| I am happy to increase my payment by 25% per annum | 8.94% 11 | 13.82% 17 | 77.24% 95 |
| I am happy to increase my payment by 50% per annum | 6.45% 8 | 10.48% 13 | 83.06% 103 |

Whilst there is some support for a modest increase in the parish precept, the clear majority view is that respondents are happy with the level of service they receive and would not want to pay more.

Do you have any thoughts on additional amenities or activities you would like the Parish Council to provide?

A full set of responses appears in the appendix. The responses to this question are diverse, with some being very detailed and carefully thought through. A theme running through many of the responses is the promotion of community - welcoming visitors, promoting business, facilities for old and young, the building of the new village hall, more Christmas lights, other activities and better maintenance of communal areas within the parish.

There is clear evidence of strong community spirit. Some respondents indicated that they are unsure of the role and remit of the parish council and there is conveyed some sense of a need for greater connection between the Parish council and the wider community. The neighbourhood plan presents a clear opportunity for such communication and connection to occur.

Summary

A strong response to the Neighbourhood Plan Community Questionnaire has demonstrated a set of clear concerns and preferences amongst the respondents. This offers a good steer to those actively involved in the development of the Cossington Neighbourhood Plan, the wider community and the Parish Council.

These results will become an important part of the evidence gathered to inform and develop the Plan.

Appendix

Please add any comments they wished to make about the draft vision statement.

- Although, why developments are necessary in this spot/area is debatable
- Home worker will not minimise traffic problems in Cossington now or if any future development takes place
- Most of the questionnaire is outside my experience. The Rosmini Centre is at the north end of the Cossington Parish Boundary. Many of my comments are matters of opinion and not so informed by living in the village.
- Will be far too many residents, cars etc.
- Cossington must retain it's identity as a medieval linear village
- There is a definite need to promote a more natural environment.
- Our village needs to grow but this needs to be in proportion. Exacerbating flooding issues by building on land that provides soak away must be avoided.
- It is not possible to sustain the environment, green spaces and history of the village with new building works.
- I do not agree that is it possible to preserve the nature, heritage and history of the village whilst planning to build on the fields
- Ideally the proposal turned down. There is no possible benefit to the people of Cossington whatsoever in this proposal.
- Why do we need a vision plan, we can be a village.....as it has been. New future developments? we just need to stay a village and not become a mini town!!
- Cossington is a small rural village and needs to remain that way. It is classed as a desirable place to live
- This is not a yes/no answer - the village has benefitted from development and this should not be dismissed. Any development should take into account

any future flooding risk. With regard to history and heritage- IT'S COSSINGTON - not Venice!!

- Important to keep our village unspoilt Keeping our identity
- No more houses. Less traffic.
- A modern housing estate should be avoided as it would be incongruous in this historic village, whereas one or two clusters could be considered, conditional on them being a mix of cottages, detached & semi-detached houses, small & large, all individual is their style, as is the case with the majority of homes in the village.
- Development on any scale of a small village will ruin its heritage and history and will not enhance the character and appeal with new build houses. The size of the village at the moment and the surrounding open spaces which encourage the wildlife in our area cannot be retained with development and will ruin the appeal of Cossington being a small conservation village, one of very few that have already been ruined by major development.
- 2019. About 4 months work was done on a flood alleviation scheme. Soon after the workmen left there was a flood. I asked a man in a high viz jacket why was there a flood when so much work had been done? He answered that they did not have the pump working yet. I have not heard anything further about the pump. I have lived in Cossington with my family since March 1972. We lived at 60 Main Street for 38 years. When the family left home, we sold that house and built 58 Main Street on part of the garden, which was divided before the sale.
- There is no need for more development in Cossington
- Cossington is steeped in history located in a beautiful environment as the meadows and farmer's fields uniquely surround the village.
- The proposed development on the land to the rear of Derry's will mean an almost merging off the villages of Cossington and Sileby. Regards the volume of traffic it is impossible predict the percentage of households who will work from home therefore the increased traffic will severely impact on Main Street, Cossington notwithstanding the narrow pavement by the village school also neither Bennett's Lane or Back Lane have footpaths and the section between Back Lane and Syston Road. There is also the consideration the fact that Bennett's Lane and Back Lane have no footpaths and the majority of sections two cars can't pass.
- Don't build too many brown estates. Leave Cossington with green boundaries.
- I am sure Cossington would benefit from a small amount of new homes in the village to do our bit! But this is not a "not in my back yard" approach but a genuine concern for the affects of flooding and overloading of unaffordable houses for those who might like to live in a village and be a part of that community but can not afford it.
- Cossington is a lovely old-fashioned traditional English village with a good community spirit.
- I am not sure that home working will contribute significantly towards minimising traffic volume. Much of the traffic appears to be through traffic including heavy lorries

- Let's keep it a village
- Special consideration to be given to heritage, flooding and sustainable development - not merely to hit a Government target on volume of new houses.
- Flood risk planning is important to us.
- There is very limited room for any proportionate or sustainable development
- Another point would be to add that sensitive development would be another part of the environmental and sustainability policy.
- This would clearly not include large scale modern developments and would be developments of a maximum of 2/3 houses of a three or four bedroom size only
- All of these considerations are essential to ensure the quality of life for the existing residents of Cossington is not diminished in any way.
- Point 5 should include minimising traffic by limiting development.
- Improved public transport - in particular a train station at Cossington (reopening it). Buses to Loughborough - direct, no loop round Sileby Buses to Syston
- The recently proposed new development in Cossington looks to be sympathetic to the village, but could appease villagers by including amenities such as a village shop or post office.
- Traffic flow through Cossington continues to increase. This is incompatible with its character and Conservation Area status. It seems likely that much of the increased traffic comes from the significant development of Sileby in recent years. Thought should be given to providing better access from the A6 and A46 to Sileby. They shouldn't have to use Cossington as a rat - run to access these major roads.
- I would agree on minimising traffic volumes but would add that this should also be about appropriate road access to development as well as encouraging digital development.

Are there any other aspects of living in Cossington you would like to highlight?

- Community spirit
- Friendly village where everyone looks out and after each other and neighbours
- We love the village community, our friendly neighbours and the excellent NHW team.
- Sense of community and neighbourliness is strong. Allotments should be preserved.
- It is still a 'proper village' unlike the sprawl of Sileby and Barrow upon Soar.
- Control of heavy traffic
- Cossington is a traditional small rural village. It is important it doesn't become swallowed by larger local villages.
- It's a small community and that is preferable
- Community
- Good community spirit where many residents get involved in village life

- Pleasant place to live
- A new village hall (not on church property)
- The lack of a proper village hall is missed. The proposals for the church seem never ending and I doubt if the church extension will ever happen.
- Safe place to live
- There is a great, latent community spirit, what we need is a venue to meet. The Jubilee Hall is not big enough or well enough equipped.
- We love living in a rural location with good city access
- Rural nature of the village and the ease of access to nature by the walks through fields and the proximity of Cossington Meadows
- The distinct nature of Cossington being one of the last small villages in the surrounding area.
- Do not build new houses in Cossington, it will ruin the village.
- Do not build here - Cossington is a beautiful village
- The character of the village is unique
- The fact that Cossington is a small conservation village. The main street is already busy at crucial times. Further traffic will create a greater danger for everyone particularly schoolchildren.
- Stop the Main Street being a rat run.
- The fact that there has been development over the last 20 years but it has been within the grounds of existing properties & as such has not added to the physical size of the village nor put a strain on its infrastructure as a result. This should also be to policy moving forward as to increase its size would change the character & the social & physical dynamics within what is currently an unspoilt English village.
- Aware that for the past 20 years much time and energy has concentrated on raising fund towards the church restoration and planned extension to provide a village hall. Agreed that preservation of the church is important but can never see the completion of the extension to provide this much needed village space being completed.
- It is a beautiful traditional unspoiled country village with stunning character. A very friendly community pub in keeping with the village and surroundings
- Community spirit / neighbours looking out for each other
- Platt's Recreational Ground The school
- Nice and compact
- There is a good community spirit with longer term residents regarded as extended family more than mere neighbours.
- The flooding problem
- Small village community
- It isn't so small that you are in each other's pockets but is small enough that it doesn't feel like a town. We moved here from a village that had expanded into town because we didn't want to be living on top of one another
- Small village atmosphere
- We are too 'church focused', for too long the village has been fund raising for church improvements & repairs. While the church sells its village assets - the village hall adjacent the church appears to be unachievable and a new plan should be formulated.

- We need to keep our unique village feel
- Too much traffic
- Love the small village feel and the countryside that's why I moved here a long time ago
- It's tranquillity and peacefulness
- Flooding
- The Main Street being a rat run
- The mixture of listed properties makes the village very unique
- There is a lovely sense of community in the village which is wonderfully evident in the community effort every two years to host 'open gardens', however in between times there are precious few other occasions for this community spirit to manifest itself, since there are no indoor spaces suitable to host proper village events which seemingly every other village in the county has access to.
- Cossington is an old village, mentioned in the Domesday book with a Bronze Age site with human remains. The community is active.
- Retaining the size of the village is extremely important or all these small conservation villages will be lost for future generations. People move to places like Cossington for a more rural environment and pay extra for doing so.
- Good neighbours and community feel.
- Good neighbours and community feel
- Peaceful location
- Access to cycle routes, Cossington Meadows, and access to Watermead
- Quiet nature of the village
- We enjoy quiet rural aspects and the general character of the village
- It is very tranquil, great neighbours and community
- Living in a small community
- Cossington has an extremely good community spirit
- Cossington meadows are amazing and an important part of the village
- There is a real sense of community in the village, which would disappear if it grew much bigger.
- Need to build a larger village hall on Platts \Sports Field.
- A very pleasant village to live in. Footpaths away from busy roads & Cossington Meadows. Church village hall, (needs replacing) pub. Lots of organisations to join & Cossington school.
- The rural road (Humble Lane) is safe to cycle/run as there is very little traffic. Young families can walk along the lane but any development would cause a traffic problem making it much less safe for physical activity.
- The small and limited housing, making the village have more character, because it's small. However I do wish there was more of a community feeling, and people looking out for each other, especially the elderly, and checking on the elderly to see if they are alright.
- Neighbourhood Watch/Security
- Long established Neighbourhood Watch team in the village, and a long history of low crime helps to make it feel a safer place to live.

- The community spirit and much of the above would be lost if the village increased substantially in size
- Coming together, when it matters, knowing your neighbours
- It is a characterful village recognised as such throughout the county. Derbyshire protects its village heritage so should we
- Community is critical to consider for the future development; village school - excellent facility which should not be over populated to the degradation of the service they provide.
- One body of people interacts with the other, so as a whole all groups are important.
- The recent floods and the more recent pandemic has shown how strong community spirit is in the village and how people will pull together when it is needed.
- Small size of village community spirit
- Friendly community
- Cossington is a very different village to Sileby which is a large, industrial type village - their identity and boundaries should be kept separate at all costs
- Community support Peaceful
- Peaceful Supportive community
- The Neighbourhood Watch
- It's a lovely community atmosphere and a lot history
- The neighbourly aspect of the village. The size of the village means that if anyone needed help someone would know about it and be able to put a plan in motion.
- The uniqueness of Cossington to the many Leicestershire villages is that there are no shops, post office, or commercial activity. Other than Derry's Nursery which due to its long standing presence is supported by many locals for keeping Cossington beautiful with plants etc.
- Cossington has a good community spirit and several charitable bodies in the village, which work towards improving the lives of all the people in the village and beyond.
- There is an active neighbourhood watch, which is reassuring.
- A useable village space (like our Jubilee Hall, but larger, better equipped and more accessible) is crucial for social interaction and retaining a vibrant, caring community.
- We need a new village centre to replace the current Jubilee Hall
- Peaceful location
- Local businesses such as Derry's Nurseries etc.

Are there any additional amenities you would like to see in Cossington?

- No x17
- Village store
- Community pop-up shop(s) for fruit/veg; bread; dairy etc. ... once or twice a week might be useful, especially for elderly residents
- More footpaths and street lighting in Back Lane, Bennett's Lane etc.

- Village meeting space with facilities for groups of all types to meet and with decent catering facilities
- New village hall
- Decent park for children.
- A decent Village hall
- Replacement modern village hall with better facilities
- A playground in a central location.
- A new, fit for purpose village hall is essential to many of the groups and events in our village. Playground for youngsters closer to village centre.
- A local store
- Shops
- There really isn't any need for further amenities for the village as it stands (nor the room to provide them) & there are excellent amenities in Sileby & Rothley (both adjacent), which serve the village accordingly.
- Local shop
- Small convenience store
- A village hall fit for purpose to accommodate the social and community needs of the village.
- Retain the current amenities
- Proper village centre/ hall/ facility Clubhouse/ viewing /changing area on Platts Lane rec
- Coffee shop
- More public parking off main street
- Any additional amenities are welcome with a village enlargement scenario, however the primary concern would be an improvement in road infrastructure to cope with additional traffic congestion caused by the already expanded surrounding villages.
- Sports facilities for younger people
- Community shop
- Garden club
- A new village hall with mod cons
- Gardening club
- Children's playground
- Play area for children.
- Village hall in centre of village
- A village hall amenity is desperately required with a mix of larger (hall) and smaller (meeting) spaces
- Cycle lanes to facilitate walking and cycling to school and work. A modern community hall.
- A better functioning village hall and safe access to the playing field with play equipment for children. Make Platts Lane one way or even close it (its was closed for a while and hardly noticed it was closed) ... traffic speeds up that road and it is very unsafe to walk along the narrow path . Humble Lane was used massively by walkers/ runners/cyclists in the lock down period ... by not only local villagers but by surrounding village people. It will be a total shame if it is ruined by more traffic from local development.
- A bakery, local shop/deli

- Corner shop, playground
- A play area for children
- A better village hall (hopefully through the new church build) Corner shop for bread milk and sweets!
- More accessible village hall.
- A suitable village hall
- A nicer pub / place to eat A shop / deli
- I would like to see the church/community centre project completed so we have a room large enough for village events.
- In the village hall centre for child minding etc.
- Village hall replaced (Builders please note) Young people need somewhere to go. Play area more central in village.
- A would life pond. I would like cycle lanes on all the main roads in and around Cossington to encourage children to be more active and stay safe. Also community gardens would be a way to connect people socially.
- More footpaths to increase safety for properties on the outskirts. Specifically better access to the garden centre for example.
- Sports facilities closer to most of the houses.
- More structure and interest for the elderly. More support from church goes for the elderly, especially the vicar and other Christians. More activities for the elderly due to isolation with the elderly.
- A small shop would benefit those unable to walk or drive to nearest facility
- Perhaps a little grocer's shop would be nice
- A cycle lane through the village.
- Community centre to replace Jubilee Hall.
- Children's play area
- A general shop
- No - adequate facilities in Sileby and Syston
- A small shop or mobile shop would be superb - but understand this is unlikely to be possible.
- Better children's play equipment. Safer access to Platts Lane sports field. Improved parking / less reliance on cars.
- Toilets
- The village hall will soon be unavailable to the village and so more robust communication of how the plan to develop the church to provide more community facilities is needed. If this is not going to happen in the near future then an alternative is urgently needed.
- A Village Hall
- Regular police presence
- A general store would be very useful
- A more appropriate community facility that is disabled friendly
- A chemist shop
- Children's park and playground, a little local shop in the village,
- No - the infrastructure does not support. People who live here chose to walk or drive to the next village to access a shop.
- A local shop
- Maybe a corner shop I can get milk and bread from

- Children's playground and communal tennis courts.
- A more robust plan of how improvements and development of the church to provide more community facilities will benefit the village. If this is not going to happen in the near future then plans for an alternative community meeting venue is urgent.
- A small shop would be convenient
- Children's playground.
- I would like to see the Church redevelopment project come to fruition to improve the facilities in the church, give us a village hall for the future. I would also like a village hub - such as a small shop/cafe for people to meet- could be situated in the church/village facility
- Village shop
- We could really do with safer walking for children, many of the roads don't have pavements. Also the junction of Back Lane and Main Street is very dangerous for cars as people often park on Main Street obscuring the view, a parabolic mirror would help solve this. Also, Cossington severely lacks a child's play area which means taking the children to Sileby or other villages which are better served by play areas
- Post office and a local shop.
- New village hall space, accessible playground for young children, teen space (perhaps including basketball hoop/ 5 a side football area) for teens.
- A village store A 'proper' village hall
- A better village hall, such as is planned with the proposed development of the church.
- A park for children to play in. There are many children in the village and having one would help parents, give kids enjoyment and help socialise the community with a shared space. We could probably have an annual fete or party in the park type event.
- Village store/shop.

If you could change one thing about Cossington, what would it be?

- Would like a park for children and dogs
- Stop building new houses in Cossington.
- Nothing
- Traffic problem
- Traffic control on Back Lane. Need speed humps, at least at either end of the residential areas to stop excessive speed of traffic using it as a cut through when essentially it is a single track road.
- Reduce traffic
- New owners are the village pub
- Less traffic Parked traffic for school not to be along Main Street Crossing put in for school
- To continue as an ancient historical village
- Nothing we want it to stay small & friendly.

- A village store
- One-way road system in village. IE: One road in from Rothley/Syston One road out from Rothley/Syston
- Stop parking on pavements - on corners - crossroads and stop all parking in Bennetts Lane
- Reduce traffic, especially large lorries and speeding
- Reduction in traffic
- The amount of heavy good traffic coming through the village
- Speed of traffic in and through the village needs slowing down
- (Apart from flooding) make Platt's Lane one way allowing one lane to become parking and a safe cycle route out of the village to the lakes.
- I like Cossington as it is
- Traffic calming measures
- Less or slower traffic.
- More village social events. The push for church funds has pushed out most other social activities, the village society is now longer active because of this.
- Main Street not being a through road to other villages, loud and revving vehicles passing at all times of day and night is frustrating
- An end to the drug dealing activities conducted on Back Lane
- Less traffic
- Make it less conservative.
- Protect the surrounding fields from being developed with hundreds of houses that our roads can't cope with
- Slowed traffic
- Better internet connectivity options
- Nothing
- Encourage more participation in village life ... difficult to do with no suitable meeting place at present.
- Nothing I would want changing
- Nothing
- Less building works
- The village can flood and causes horrendous damage to properties therefore greater flood defences are needed
- n/a
- The amount and speed of the traffic through main street, it gets so busy and noisy, especially in peak times.
- Provision of a new village hall
- The main street can be quite busy with speeding vehicles, reduced speed and reduced traffic would help
- Less traffic/ speeding
- The flooding
- Install flood defences
- Raise the height of the village above the flood risk, or create effective flood defences.
- The flooding problems
- That it would always stay a small village, not be.. not every few years builders wanting to Change it.

- If Main Street wasn't the through route for all trucks and vehicles to and from Sileby it would feel a lot safer
- Nothing
- Remove school
- Traffic speed
- Heavy traffic. Large lorries. Speed.
- Amount of traffic especially heavy goods and foreign lorries
- Nothing
- Reduction of traffic speed through the village
- Have a shop
- To stop Main Street being a rat run.
- Flood prevention measures.
- I would like to see the volume of traffic reduced; Main Street has become a 'rat-run' for speeding traffic. Perhaps speed cameras would help.
- Passing Traffic - speed and volume are excessive
- Main Street would be less busy
- Assurance that it won't be ruined by development.
- Better maintenance of council owned properties Garden's in Middlefield Road.
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- Reduced on road parking
- Less traffic
- Reduced speed limit to 20 mph through Main Street. Parking restrictions around the pub area and encouragement to use the car park. Current parking habits near the pub restrict visibility for residents leaving their properties and present hazard and safety risk.
- Traffic levels and noise pollution could be lowered.
- a proper village hall which would add to the community
- New village hall in church to be built.
- Give it a play area!
- Village hall
- The flooding due to the existing drainage system along Main Street being unable to cope with excess water as it is.
- Flood risks
- Flooding risks
- The pub
- The amount of traffic coming through the village has increased considerably.
- Have a bowling green.
- Not enough homes for people wanting to live in Cossington unable to afford high priced properties.
- Manage the traffic through the village.
- To encourage all people especially children to cycle to school. To encourage elderly to be active and safe.
- Better access to high speed Internet.
- Too many speeding vehicles and heavy lorries through the village.
- A better village hall/community centre.

- There could be more activities for young people e.g. teenagers. Also more street lighting especially in the winter.
- Wish they could sort out the awful flooding in the village
- Lower the speed, and speed limit through the village and on the Syston to Rothley road.
- Lower speed limits on Syston road, Platts Lane and Main Street.
- Reduce the amount of HGVs going through the village.
- Traffic calming measures
- Less traffic on Main Street
- Nothing
- Stop the development on Bennetts lane
- Reduce traffic speed through village
- Speeding and significant volume of traffic using it to access Sileby
- Speeding traffic along Syston Road and on Main Street. The pub management
- More off road parking for the recreation ground on Platts Lane, i.e. avoid parking on the pavements.
- Less traffic through the village. Consideration to be given to a bypass?
- Reduce traffic on Main Street
- Traffic calming put in place
- Increasing traffic flow through the village, which is destroying the quiet rural idyll.
- Speed of traffic through the Main Street
- More accessible parking for the school, dangerous parking on the main road is not safe
- Local shop / post office would be a positive addition
- Make it a no through road or add speed humps/ cameras or a restricted entrance/exit road solution
- Less traffic, particularly HGVs using Main Street
- Volume of traffic on Main Street HGVs using village as cut through
- To stop 40T trucks driving through the village
- Nothing
- Perhaps a village shop selling basic necessities
- Speed of traffic going through the village especially near the school.
- Would like assurance that the village will not be flooded again ruining beautiful properties in the Main Street
- Minimum development with local character
- No flooding
- The footpaths are all very narrow making it difficult when walking with children or pushchair
- Restriction of HGVs and reduction of volume of traffic along Main Street
- Reduce volume of traffic and number of HGVs driving along Main Street.
- Traffic noise and speed through village and the large number of heavy vehicles passing through.
- Small shop/cafe place for people to meet - as the one in Thrussington
- remove sewage smell
- Less road traffic

- To develop part of Platts Lane sports field into a child's play area (the existing one is rather pathetic)
- The traffic on Main Street, the amount and the speed is excessive.
- The traffic, including the awful school parking.
- Ensure no more flooding
- Nothing... I love our village and just hope it stays as it is...
- The amount of traffic going through.
- Introduce traffic calming and a one-way system through back lane Bennetts Lane.
- Improve the Environment/Appearance of the village including Street lighting/Drainage/pavements.

Do you have any further thoughts on housing you would like considered?

- Cossington couldn't cope with more housing
- Cossington does not need any new housing
- More houses means more traffic and worse flooding
- Realistically new homes are needed nationally. Key to any expansion is to do it proportionately and to keep the character of the village.
- I feel there should be a variety of housing in the village even very modern if it is outside the conservation area. Perhaps a small number of gardens being built on could be considered.
- Current infrastructure needs to be considered I.e small lanes & increased traffic.
- This is a small community, expansion is not why we moved here - we like small villages
- Concentrate re future housing. Flooding. Traffic pollution. Traditional villages must be protected.
- No
- Given the amount of new builds in neighbouring villages, why is it inevitable for Cossington not to have zero additional housing? Is the such a shortage and desire to make every village the same?? Cossington is delightful in that it doesn't have shops, but is well severed by neighbouring villages, thus it keeps its unique character.
- Any development must be proportionate to the size of the village - NOT a large estate on one end - prefer to see small clusters of development
- Should not increase traffic on Back Lane and Bennett's Lane
- Building some would be OK but a fair percentage to village ratio.
- If housing development has ton take place, it should be in small pockets. Large developments would spoil the village atmosphere
- Flooding, issues and access to local facilities also need to be addressed.
- Wouldn't like to see the village become modern
- No more executive, gated developments. No more South Fork style mansions.
- There are enough premium homes in the village, I don't think that there should be any increase but if there is then it should be starter homes or limited social housing.

- We chose to live here because it is rural. The building of hundreds of houses will change the village and this isn't what we want
- There should be no building outside the current village boundaries. There are no facilities to support development and housing development would be purely profiteering by developers by virtue of Cossington being a nice place to live.
- I don't understand Q10. Take account of flooding issues.
- I don't think the village has the infrastructure for new housing. We are a flood risk village.
- Definitely not social housing this has caused a proven increase in crime in Rothley connected to those living in these properties & an increase in violence & drug in the pubs there. Some villages need to be allowed to keep its current harmonious social balance.
- If any substantial housing is being built then much consideration must be given to access. Could the provision of a village hall be part of the planning agreement.
- I wouldn't like to see the village get bigger to eventually join up with surrounding villages. I moved to a small quiet village to enjoy the peaceful and tranquil surroundings, I would hate for this to change
- Village housing growth should be evolutionary not revolutionary - we do not have anything like the infrastructure needed for more than 10-15% growth
- More houses would bring worse flooding and traffic problems
- Leave a green belt between Cossington and Sileby
- Extra houses are inevitable. I would prefer an honest approach by building a much larger development from day 1 with future proofing infrastructure rather than have a '50 houses here, 70 houses there approach' that requires no additional infrastructure but merely stresses the existing road networks and facilities to the point where eventually the option of additional main road routes have been missed and travel in the area is even more congested and the tranquillity of the village lost.
- Once they build anywhere ... however many, they will add on & add on You only have to look at other villages they aren't anymore.
- No
- No. I would prefer no new development
- No houses
- A high proportion of the village is made up of properties built within the last 50 years, and the village needs to progress and move forward, housing is needed. The village has only been enhanced by the housing developments.
- Starter homes could suit our young in the future
- No facilities for more houses. Flooding in proposed area.
- No. I think this housing project is horrendous. The extra couple of hundred cars will be a nightmare for the present villages not least down my Lane, which is Bennett's and also entering Main Street near Derry's Nursery.
- Small infilling as opposed to larger developments
- No new development should be allowed on land known to flood, or where surface water run-off from the development increases risk of flooding in the village.

- To maintain the village community, any development should be small and incremental so as not to overwhelm e.g. 4/5 houses in any development and less than 5% size of village In any one year. New developments must come with new facilities - a community hall, a playground, and the maintenance of public transport.
- Should be low density with gardens and parking. Variety of styles to go with existing buildings
- I would not encourage any housing development within Cossington. There are plenty of brownfield sites, which should be considered before ruining small conservation villages.
- Because of the serious risk of flooding in the village, I would not like to see any more building in Cossington.
- No
- Do not see a need for additional housing in Cossington
- I don't see the need for more housing in Cossington
- No
- Yes ... there is no rural housing crisis. All new housing should be in sustainable towns and cities where there are jobs, amenities and services and transport is not required or an issue!
- A small amount of different homes, large, small, rented, bought - spread out throughout the village, not a great big site of all the same. Opportunity for those with smaller gardens to be able to purchase extra land, if fields were to be sold off behind them, rather than be built on.
- Small number of quality houses with some variety. Option for existing home owners in the village who's homes back on to fields which are going to be built on, to be able buy a bit of the land for them to have a larger garden.
- As indicated but should definitely not be any three storey housing
- Ref point 10. The outer areas are all prone to flooding, will only make matters worse. The village has seen more flooding since the development of high land in Sileby.
- Any development should be small. The proposed one is too big.
- Don't build on recreation ground. New estates should have large green areas for people to exercise.
- Terraced houses with patio area and green space for residents are front. Not everyone wants a big garden but somewhere to sit and communal safe - area for children and residents to meet and to be affordable to the masses.
- Variable housing to cater for all sections of society.
- I think, if there are houses to be built then open spaces and or parks, space should be accessible and in proportion to the number of new houses produced.
- The village already has enough houses. There should be no further building.
- Retirement properties, either owner occupied or possibly rented, would be an option, as many people have been long term village residents, and would like to remain, but need to downsize, as an alternative to staying in their larger houses.
- Flooding and traffic concerns with new development
- I would support some small suitable developments.

- Keep our small village, a village as, they are all disappearing
- The village is recognised for its unique Leicestershire village style, we have too many villages now stuffed with simple, boring, energy inefficient boxes
- In keeping with current styles and numbers per hectare
- Development is necessary in all communities - there should be a careful balance to not over stress the existing facilities and utilities.
- I don't think it can bear sustainably considered
- There should definitely be a limit to the amount of housing approved.
- Some houses should only be available to locals at an affordable price. BlackBerry Lane or Marsh End area could take a small row of terraced houses
- If village grows too much its identity/uniqueness and community spirit are lost.
- The village does not require affordable or social housing. This would ruin the character of the village and encourage criminal activity and anti social behaviour (see current situation in Sileby). It is imperative not to destroy the feeling of this rural village with such a small population; these are the things, which encourage settlement here. Traffic and flooding issues are already a critical issue here and additional houses on anything other than an individual scale would exacerbate this and make life more difficult for those already living here.
- Should be low density
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- I understand the need for more housing but consider Cossington unsuitable for further development.
- Any Future development in Cossington should be of character to preserve its existing look
- There should definitely be a limit placed on the number of houses approved for building
- Low density with gardens and parking
- Low density with gardens. Provision of off road parking.
- Agreement with development outside the village boundary would depend on size, number, type and position as well as impact on road usage, flood risk, loss of green space, etc. New homes should not only be eco friendly (e.g. well insulated and low running costs) but also environmentally friendly to wildlife (e.g. access bricks for bats)
- Key is that developments are small and gradual and in proportion. The density should be appropriate - plans I have seen have densities of properties like a town not a small village. Access is key and with that enhancement of village facilities - the Borough plan admitted Cossington had poor facilities and if we do not everyone will be in their car going out of the village, which will cause a bad traffic problem. It will also create a dormitory not a community. Any buildings now need to take into account working at home so should encompass a study room which might mean slightly larger houses to accommodate them.
- Why has the village been dug up for the last few weeks for a massive new development that is not yet approved? This is what the workers told me ,and others.

- I have selected all types because we need a mix of housing and affordability
- I'm amazed that housing is considered to be built in Cossington at all. We had a very significant flood recently and severely lack amenities as well as safe walking for children - further houses with more traffic will only lead to increased risk for our children and an increased flooding risk.
- I think there definitely needs to be more housing in Cossington, surrounding villages have seen huge developments and it is only fair that Cossington takes its fair share. There has been developments of, frankly, ugly bungalows and semi-detached homes before, so a lovely sympathetic development would be a wonderful addition to the village I think.
- Scale being proportionate to existing village is important. So the Polly Peggy proposal is a no. A scheme of 20-40 houses would be fine. Flooding and traffic to me major considerations in the design.
- A great concern that increased development will lead to increased flooding. The number of properties must be in proportion to the existing size of the village.
- I appreciate the need for new housing and would support a small development or two but only in keeping with the village, with flood management and with road access that does not add to traffic through the village.
- The village doesn't have the infrastructure to handle new housing developments

Do you have any further thoughts on transport you would like considered?

- I have lived in Cossington for 15 years and the traffic has got much worse
- Speed restricted but NOT with road humps
- Traffic in village especially on small lanes (Back Lane & Bennetts Lane) is already dangerous & too fast on lanes that have no pavements
- As mentioned below. One-way traffic system in village from Syston to Rothley. If entire Development is allowed public footpaths and street lighting needs to be addressed.
- Preserve what is here
- More housing means more traffic. Cossington is a feeder route to A46 & to the Syston-Melton Road
- Speed indicator camera to reduce speeding but NOT speed bumps which are very disturbing for residents who live close to them
- Make Main Street 20 mph at all times. Put in traffic calming control i.e. speed bumps. Make Platt's Lane one way.
- Sileby has expanded rapidly in recent years, putting pressure on the one main road through the village. Sileby traffic needs diverting away from Cossington
- Any future development must not be allowed to swamp Back Lane and Bennett's Lane with increased traffic
- Additional housing will contribute increased local vehicle traffic due to lack of local facilities and expensive public transport.
- Our roads are already too busy and parking can be a problem

- Our roads can't cope with the traffic and can be very dangerous for pedestrians as there are often no pavements
- There is a blind spot often caused by parking opposite Platt's Lane
- Current roads are not suitable for current levels of traffic
- The speed of traffic through the village is a concern as a parent.
- Would be concerned if we had an increase in HGV traffic. We have no cycle paths but should have.
- More buildings will mean more traffic
- Traffic regularly speeds through this village and the crossroads has a blind spot there are often near misses in back lane to plants lane. More traffic through the village would be unacceptable. I live on the Main Street.
- Important to keep a regular bus service between Leicester and Loughborough
- Need a HGV restriction
- More public transport. Bring back Cossington train stop on the Ivanhoe line.
- Some will strongly disagree with my vision of a new road that could annexe off the existing Main St into a 'side road' thus preserving the village we know with less traffic flow and ending heavy haulage through the village completely by building a new main route across part of Derry's car park (the route should probably be between the existing Oak trees near the car park exit) and over 'Astells' field, across Humble Lane, and 'Barbours' fields to the East of Middlefield to exit on a newly created roundabout on Syston Road between Marshdale Farm and the railway bridge. This will not be financially possible unless the number of new houses allowed was significantly increased (probably into the high hundreds plus), however this option is an honest approach that should be of benefit to the majority of the village population in the longer term whilst preserving the village we all enjoy. Consider Mountsorrel prior to the A6 bypass.....
- More houses equal more traffic, more people speeding through (it's bad enough already!) and therefore more accidents. Particularly at the cross roads of Platts Lane and Back Lane
- School parking real problem. Charnwood should require parents to park in Cossington car park - & it not being enough, then pay to extend it. On reflection, it is a County Council funding matter.
- The main problem is the on street parking on the Main Street through the village, restricting passing traffic. Particular pinch points are around the pub & school at pick up times.
- Further development would mean more traffic on our unsuitable roads.
- A station on far side of railway.
- Footpath on Platts Lane narrow due to overgrown hedges makes for dangerous path leading to recreation ground. Traffic speed also excessive on this road.
- Speed restriction of 20MPH through whole village
- Platts Lane speed limit should be reduced to 30mph (from 50mph). Speed cameras in the village may be a pragmatic necessity.
- The speed and volume of traffic makes it very difficult to exit my driveway. I would like to see a 20mph speed limit enforced throughout the village, a limit

being placed on the size of HGVs, and single lane controls from Derry's to beyond the School. Pedestrians and cyclists should have priority through the village. No new development should be permitted before the speed/volume issues are resolved.

- Speed restriction on Platts Lane. Footpaths need hard surfacing and hedges kept cut back - Platts Lane and Polly Peggs. Car park at rear of church needs upgrading
- The roads in Cossington already have a high amount of through traffic. The village cannot cope with further development, which will increase pollution, noise and traffic.
- There was a serious flood in 1991. The speed and the volume of traffic was a serious threat to the houses, which are situated beside the road. I have a photograph of this.
- More buses
- Restrictions for HGVs and lower speed limit to 20 mph through village. Parking restrictions in front and around pub
- Speed reductions. HGV not allowed. Parking restrictions.
- Excessive development likely to worsen traffic volumes
- There should be a ban of HGV transport through the village. It creates noise, pollution, road damage, and it is unsafe for pedestrians.
- More cycle paths as the village has many cyclists passing through
- No more traffic through Back Lane, already very dangerous, speed restrictions needed there.
- Back lane already busy and narrow, no footpath for school kids.
- Traffic is at its worst during times of flooding in the soar valley which can be for weeks at a time
- Volume of traffic is extreme during times of flood along the soar valley. When roads are blocked due to flooding from Rothley/Mountsorrel/Barrow the traffic is awful. The village has a relatively narrow main road with several blind bends.
- If the proposed development goes ahead it will bring even more traffic through the village, which destroys the 'feel' of Cossington & is a danger to residents.
- Might have to put yellow lines on some back roads to prevent parking. Farm vehicles use these roads and are wide vehicles they will churn up all grass verges
- Traffic is busy at certain times but can be very calm at others. On street parking can be dangerous particularly at crossroads on Main Street, but sometimes it can be unavoidable as very few places to park for older smaller homes. Concerned about more houses in village where there are no footpaths on Back Lane & Bennett's Lane & fast traffic from Ratcliffe College.
- Stop the HGVs
- A community bus may be useful for those without own transport and also feel socially isolated.
- Further footpaths for safer access to outlying properties and Garden centre
- More cycle paths in the area.
- There is a good bus service, which runs through the village.

- Extend the cycle paths to link the other villages in the area.
- Speeding is a problem!!
- Cossington is on one of the main access routes to other villages. I would support new access roads for these villages / towns onto the major arterial roads.
- There's a good bus service, every twenty mins to Loughborough/ Leicester
- The recent multiple road works have shown how the air quality deteriorates very rapidly with a queue of stationary running vehicles. Braking generates brake and tyre dust on ALL vehicle types (including electric and hybrid) and poor emissions when having to accelerate away. Traffic calming must reduce the general speed NOT by a simple set of humps and bumps which will seriously increase gaseous and particulate pollution, an enforced 20 mph speed limit with average speed cameras would calm traffic and minimise increased particulate and gaseous pollution
- Consider traffic calming measures and average speed cameras through the village
- Yes, dangerous and illegal parking discourages cycling. Better measures required to reduce traffic; more local facilities, massively improved cycle routes and safer footways
- If levels of traffic are to be reduced then public transport links should be improved. This to include rail and bus.
- Ban on HGVs through the village and the reduction of through traffic caused by developments in neighbouring village.
- Heavy goods/industrial vehicles heading for sites in Sileby and Barrow should not travel through Cossington. They cause noise/air pollution and damage roads. There are safety issues with narrow/no footpaths and roads are too narrow.
- The safety of families and children is important and walking in the village along certain places can be difficult if the speed limits are not followed i.e. Bennett's Lane and Platts Lane
- The village should have speed cameras and traffic calming measures (speed humps). No additional volumes of traffic could be sustained
- Speed management on Back Lane and Platts Lane Widening footpath on Platts Lane from Recreation ground towards Syston Road. Pushchair/mobility scooter/wheelchair users have to go onto road Polly Peggs Lane - vegetation needs more regular cutting back. Lower part needs hard surfacing as inaccessible to pushchair/wheelchair/mobility scooter users
- Already parking in the Main Street is a problem particularly with HGVs travelling through all the time. Bennett's Lane & Back Lane are both virtually too narrow for two way traffic with existing traffic
- Traffic through the village has increased due to the developments in Sileby. If levels of traffic are not to increase further then better bus and rail services are needed.
- Car park at back of church should be upgraded and extended to facilitate school traffic. Homestead Close has double parking, parking on pavements and blocking in drives at school times

- There have been several accidents with cyclists at junction of Platts and Main Street. Visibility very poor at this junction especially with parking on street along Main Street. When Syston Road flooded, access into village severely disrupted. Car park at back of church needs extending/upgrading to facilitate school traffic. Homestead Close has problems with double parking, parking on pavements, blocking in driveways at school times.
- Reopen the station at Cossington. Direct bus to Loughborough- no loop via Sileby - makes it too long a journey. Bus to Syston
- Speed bumps essential
- Building more houses in Cossington will significantly increase road traffic and risk to those who are forced to use roads which don't have pavements - its simply not safe! Also, road traffic by the school often exceeds the 20mph limit largely because the signs are far too small and difficult to see. A crossing for those who need to use the church car park from the school would be obvious, instead we risk our lives as we dart across the road.
- The speed of traffic through the village is really bad at times, it's one of the reasons I'll be leaving the village to start a family.
- Cycle lanes should be incorporated where possible. Ideally through Platts Lane to link with Sustrans route. Perhaps traffic calming along Platts - ideal to prioritise pedestrians and cyclists. School Parking addressed. Encourage villagers to use village car parks rather than use the road as private parking.
- Everything appears to favour the car. Cars are parked on pavements more and more as if pedestrians don't matter. This makes things very hard for pushchairs and invalid carriages in particular and is dangerous near to a school. I'd like better preference to be given to pedestrians and cyclists in our village.
- More cycle paths and lighting between Cossington and Rothley
- Flood related issues & Lack of street lighting on Main Street from Syston Road through to Sileby especially at Junctions.

Additional comments about flooding

- Cossington becomes an island twice a year when it floods
- There is a serious problem and it needs to be sorted
- Housing would exacerbate the situation
- Drains need to regularly emptied; land surrounding the village needs good ditching.
- Reasons of recent flooding should be advised to residents.
- We only just got away with not being flooded on 1st October 2019
- If we have more houses I am concerned. Syston Road continuously gets flooded and there are roadblocks. So no traffic can get through. Two other routes have floods, which are Slash Lane and around the Gate Hangs Well, Lewis Bridge, Syston. Are we going to cope with more traffic?
- Care should be taken to limit developments in the area/fields around Cossington because of risk of flooding with faster run off of water from roofs and hard surfaces. Improved drainage systems are essential. Location of

Cossington puts it at risk of flooding from both river and developments in village & local area.

- For any future ??? in or around the village this will only increase the existing problem. All farmers' ditches around village fields must be brought up to standard and work efficiently.
- It's got much worse every year we have been here - further development is likely to make it worse!
- Urgent
- I have not any experienced opinions, but see this as an important issue.
- It has got noticeably worse over the 7 years we have been in the village.
- This is a major concern to me and proper mitigation measures must be put in place. The flooding that occurred last year caused extreme distress for many residents. I am concerned that developments in the village & the surrounding area would lead to an increase in this type of event
- Further housing would increase risk as water cannot soak away
- Ditches cleared out and maintained. Investigation into flooding and efforts to manage it.
- Whilst not personally affected by flooding in the village, it does cause disruption getting to shops, Doctors etc. in other villages
- Building on farm land could make the problem worse
- Building on farmland could make the flooding problems worse.
- The risk of further development to increase the flooding risk
- Additional housing may increase local flood events
- Our flooding comes from water inundating Main Street from the direction of Sileby Brook. Keeping local watercourses clear would be an affordable form of alleviation.
- Disappointment that the issue is never solved
- What impact would extra housing have on an issue that never seems to be resolved?
- This is a serious issue. Flooding comes from the brook by Derry's garden centre and as run off from fields. The brook is not kept clear, it is overgrown with vegetation which does not allow proper flow of water. If fields are built on where will that water run off to? If more houses are built we must have proper flood alleviation plans and an upgrade of drainage and sewage systems.
- We came very close to floodwater in the house. There have been no measures or communication on what the council are doing about this flood risk so a new housing development is unacceptable.
- More housing potentially more flooding.
- More buildings equals more flooding
- Development on the proposed site is in an area of the village that does flood further hard standing will cause further flooding.
- Main Street running through the village being flooded more often..... not good. Syston Road from Platts Lane up to Cossington Mill has always flooded after a long period of heavy rain. But we are now experiencing road flooding at Derry's nursery and the junction of Main Street and Syston Road, cutting off the village.

- More housing would cause a huge strain on services which could effect everyone in the village
- No one appears to want to take responsibility and no authority wants to do anything about it
- Something has to be done about flooding in the village
- Looking forward to the results from the S19 investigation into flooding
- My parents have been flooded 3 times in 40+ years. Any developments MUST have a negative contribution to flooding risk and not add to the flooding issue by way of investment in flood defences to the existing housing
- I haven't been affected but there is a serious problem
- Although flood alleviation work has been carried out, all I feel it has done is pushed the problem further into the village. The A6 Dual Carriageway & all new housing built towards Loughborough, has taken needed arable land.
- I don't think new houses will help the flooding problem, they will increase the flooding as the water has less places to go
- Traffic through Cossington as it's the only way through the Soar Valley between Barrow upon Soar and Syston when flooding occurs.
- New housing would add to flood risk
- The Environment Agency 'Flood Plan' for the village, clearly shows the Main Street properties from the garden centre to approx. properties adjacent the church are susceptible to flooding. With global warming it is likely the flooding will be more severe. Development in affected area should take this into account.
- More houses more flooding. Nowhere for water to drain to.
- I have a lot of worries regarding all the water that our roads are not able to accommodate and driving through our village can be very difficult and what about our Main Street houses flooded more than once!
- More houses on proposed area will make it worse.
- The multi million pound "Flood Alleviation Project" in the summer of 2019 incurred disruption to the village. However, at the moment of its greatest need, it failed to protect many older properties in the village. Do we have answers to these questions and why it failed?? On the contrary, we did receive over 4 inches of rainfall over 3 days (Sept/Oct 2019), which makes it a 1 in a 50 year occurrence.
- Not enough is being done to stop flooding. What has been done has not worked.
- Fortunately my house has a raised drive and am therefore not subject to flooding at the moment.
- Need further investigation to prevent further flooding, especially for listed properties that are high risk
- Would like to see Cossington Brook cleaned out (deepened & widened) for 200m from Derry's to where it bounds with Cossington Meadows
- My property flooded recently due to the culvert on Main Street not draining adequately. No new development should be permitted until existing issues with drainage and field runoff have been resolved.
- Homestead Close totally cut off. 2 areas of flooding, both at traffic junction. Flooding on Syston Road/Slash Lane means village almost cut off

- The recent flooding in the village both last November and February 2020 brought about much misery to many residents. Luckily we were not affected but many people were and have only just managed to return to their homes. Further development would only make the situation worse.
- 1991. No: 60 Main Street was seriously flooded. On that occasion we were able to live upstairs for several months while the ground floor dried out. 1st October 2019 No: 58 Main Street was seriously flooded. My daughter Fiona took me to live in London with her. My son brought me back in March 2020. I am still trying to get my home back to what it should be.
- It needs to be addressed before any development is considered.
- Future developments can increase to flood risk
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- Further building might worsen the problem.
- There are flooding issues in the village and new homes in large numbers have the potential to make matters worse
- Any more housing built in Cossington will result in more flooding!
- Flooding has been prevalent in Cossington for many years as an area of concern this is in the village and connected routes
- Girls couldn't attend school due to flooding which meant I couldn't go to work
- Must ensure any development doesn't exacerbate the flooding.
- The emotional and physical effect, let alone the financial cost, that the severe flooding of properties has had on residents living in Cossington due to the infrastructure already in place being unable to cope, more housing could see a more regular repeat of the same.
- Flooding appears to have worsened in recent years since the development of high parts of Sileby. The village is on a natural flood plain. My neighbours in their mid 80's have spent the last year in rented property due to their listed home being flooded in Oct 2019. Many others were also affected. I find it worrying to see plans for the village that would put our properties at further risk.
- Drainage is an issue
- People who have been flooded must be worried about the implications of more housing.
- Culvert along Main Street not being maintained.
- Please do your planning work correctly and don't flood village again.
- The entrance to the field behind me has a culvert, which takes an enormous amount of water during a bad flood. If they build in next field along and looking down valley into Cossington from Peashill development am very concerned floods could reach my property & others (has done in past) when flooding earlier this year the water coming across this field snaked across in a wide arc to the culvert. Also field next to church has thousands of pounds spent to alleviate flooding. A few weeks later unprecedented flooding occurred worse than ever. People evacuated. Homes flooded.
- Flooding is a serious problem for the village. A co-ordinated plan is required to assess the problems and to solve them. The problems will only get worse.
- I would like to see more ditches around fields to support flooding problems.

- With more houses there will be more flooding.
- Worried that the flooding might get worse throughout the year. As the canals are not cleared, which are causing the built up of rivers and canals, which is impacting on the village flooding.
- Given last years flooding, careful consideration should be given to any increase in hard surfaces & storm drainage so that the potential for damage & disruption is not exacerbated.
- Please sort it out
- More Tarmac more building more Water. Sort it before and not after any further development.
- The continual building in the Soar Valley is making flooding worse, so that it becomes impossible for many to reach their employment without going miles out of the way. It isn't acceptable for this to continue, for homes to be rendered inhabitable, and for schools to have to close when we have heavy rain!!
- two areas of concern - main street / Syston Road junction and outside Derrys nursery
- We desperately need more drains/gullies on the road and highways need to address areas of surface flooding by both clearing drains regularly which they are NOT doing and repairing road surface level. We have an ongoing issue for 3.5 years of complaints.
- The village is vulnerable at both ends there seems to have been a new problem at the Syston Road end of the village maybe caused by work done on the railway.
- More housing would surely cause flooding issues
- The village has been flooding more, over the last five or so years this need to be addressed, some people have just returned after the floods from 2019, most of the bottom of Main Street was under water
- Cossington is on a high average ground water level plain surrounded by hillsides, rain is absorbed in-part by the present farmed hillsides and what isn't is then run-off in ditches and culverts. The recent poor maintenance has revealed many ditches full of debris, culverts blocked and the main rain sewer running down Main Street to be partially collapsed - it still isn't repaired after nearly one year of notification!! Any change to the current run off of the hill sides with additional buildings (resulting in removal of rain absorbent ground) will increase run off onto Main Street from adjacent road ways, this is evidenced with numerous video clips of the rain derived flood water flows over the past year. It is clear the Agencies responsible have not and are still not dealing fully with these issues, the new pipe seepage facility (behind Church car park) commissioned just in time for the flooding was not enough - get a grip Severn Trent!
- Ill considered development and drainage alterations will result in further flooding events given climate change without true modelling and minimising hard surfacing
- We had our garden and garage flooded by run off water from the farmers fields.

- Yes; SUDS drainage requires long-term maintenance that is often neglected and increase future low level flood risk. It is not answer to building in low lying areas close to watercourses and rivers
- Regular cleaning out of the drains and culverts
- Really concerned that further development could increase the risk of flooding and further financial and emotional impact on Cossington residents.
- Flooding has been a problem for many years and hangout worse in recent years in spite of work to alleviate the problem. Recent flooding has been the worst in living memory
- Building in this area will affect water drainage. There will be additional drainage caused by all the new building work approved for Sileby
- Keeping the culverts clear of rubbish for the free flow of water
- There are already families who are unable to get property insurance due to their homes flooding in recent years. Additional housing increases this risk. In October 2019 many families on Main Street had to move out for a number of months. Main Street was inaccessible on at least one occasion (and relevant properties). Derry's garden centre (one of the proposed build areas) was entirely submerged; Syston Road has been impassable on a number of occasions and surrounding fields were sodden and not possible to access for months. Adding volumes of houses would make this situation untenable.
- Inaccessibility to village when Syston Road and road from A* to Sileby flooded. Homestead Close completely cut off when village flooded - elderly residents unable to get support or access own properties
- Something has to be done about flooding in the village
- This has become a major issue in Cossington and is something that CANNOT be ignored when considering any further housing in the village.
- Further developments covering farmland may reduce the soak away of heavy rainfall causing worse flooding in the village
- Although we were not flooded the village brook to east of the village has shown higher volumes of flood water from the surrounding fields is getting higher in last 2/3 years
- Really concerned that development in the village works significantly increase the risk of further flooding
- Homestead Close becomes totally cut off. Only access is walking via Polly Pegg Lane. Disabled residents cannot walk that far so unable to access own home
- Not really relevant here but information we get from the EA etc. talk about flooding in November and February when Cossington was under water in October. There is often flooding to roads north of the village (e.g. Slash Lane) and to the Syston/Cossington Road towards Rothley leaving us to try to get out via Back Lane. While this is a common occurrence nobody (e.g. Council or Highways) seems to be trying to improve this and the situation will get worse if the village size increases to an appreciable extent.
- Needs a comprehensive review before any building on land in the village occurs
- Seems to be getting worse each year. First time I saw the High Street like a river (in 13 years here) was 2019

- Clearly an issue for parts over the village over the years. Any plans for major housing development in the village should be required to take into account the impact on the risk of future flooding, and if possible reduce it.
- I'm very very concerned as our climate becomes wetter with more severe downpours in short amounts of time that Cossington will flood regularly. Extensive work was done on the sewer recently and yet it immediately flooded when it rained, this is only set to worsen especially if more houses are built in Cossington
- Just that it would be handy to build any new houses to be flood safe.
- Help!
- Development on Seagrave (Leics City training ground) and massive housing developments in Sileby must be factored in when flood alleviation is considered.
- Maybe a Flood warden from Cossington who works with nearby Flood wardens including Robert Butler & Richard Oldham from Sileby.

Are there any important open spaces or buildings in the Village that you would like to see protected and what makes these special?

- The area behind Derry's where we walk the dogs
- Platts Lane has been taken over by Sileby Vikings. No respect for Cossington villagers
- Sports fields. Nature reserve.
- All, it makes the village small and rural, as it should stay
- All field surrounding the village. The wildlife it brings, the open spaces and maintaining the village as a small rural village
- All amenities are important and need good maintenance.
- Recreational ground, and adjacent areas
- All open spaces to be retained and maintained
- Cossington meadows, village properties, church, local history.
- The village including 'open spaces' need protecting!!
- All of it
- The space/ fields between Cossington & Sileby. The fantastic rural vista of coming onto Cossington from Back Lane. Cossington's current heritage and open spaces.
- Pond field adjacent to the church. Large gardens .eg. The Rectory, the White House to stop developing
- Cossington Meadows and Platt's Wildlife and Recreation
- Cossington Meadows
- Sports field - improved too
- All listed buildings in the village are special as this is our village history
- General open views across working farmland creating a sense of space and separation from other settlements. The church for historic interest.
- Cossington meadows and surrounding green spaces such as Polly Peggs footpath and the fields surrounding them as they attract many different types of wildlife.

- The Royal Oak pub as this is key to the community
- The church needs to be the Village Centre acting as a village hall, community centre and place of worship. If a playground could be added to its central location then Cossington would have a community hub worthy of its heritage and inhabitants.
- The importance of open spaces for walking have proved to be invaluable for well being during lockdown
- Surrounding fields and the oak trees. The fields in every direction are easy to get to for walkers and wildlife alike. They contribute economically, socially and to the health and mental well-being of all that use them
- The fields around us - lockdown has taught the importance of walking and spending time outside to aid our mental well being
- We are surrounded by fields and open spaces that are so important for the well being of the many walkers in the village and the wildlife. These areas of separation are intrinsically part of what makes Cossington a rural village
- Church, massive part of our heritage. Hopefully this can be developed to provide the community facilities we so desperately need. School - we don't have much in Cossington but the school is a centre of our community. Meadows, we are lucky to have this area for wildlife to thrive.
- Field behind Middlefield Road. Field next to the Church/Cossington Meadows and Field by Platts lane. These are all areas that I have used on a daily basis since a child e.g. for relaxing and dog walking. If these were to be destroyed, not only would it affect the beauty of the village and destroy the environment/nature, it would have a huge impact on people's mental health and wellbeing. Also note protected areas in the village e.g. Newts in the field at the side of the church
- The playing field needs to be protected for health both mental and physical. All houses of character, the school and the church. Local businesses such as Derry's Garden centre is a family run business and should also be protected.
- all farmland near present housing must remain intact
- Parking on Back lane, this area should be protected & never developed.
- All fields surrounding the village to be protected against building to ensure the identity Cossington.
- The whole village is important, especially the natural and historic areas. It would be a terrible shame to become an over crowded village with dangerous parking and increased traffic
- Footpaths that join areas of the village; views over fields and paddocks; the pound; war memorial area.
- Cossington Meadows Platt's Recreational Field
- Derry Nursery and Polly Peggs area
- The Main Street area is charming. It could be enhanced further by moving traffic flows away onto better infrastructure that comes with the drawback of a large building development.
- Cossington meadows and Platt's Recreational Ground
- All the surrounding fields, protection of all wildlife & safeguard of all areas.

- The playing fields on Platts Lane and all the walking areas to and from the meadows. The historic and listed buildings need protecting. Too much history is being flattened and forgotten about just to build houses
- All surrounding fields to maintain village views and atmosphere
- Cossington Meadows is an exceptional facility for nature, wild life, walking and peace and quiet.
- Recreation field
- All green areas surrounding our village
- Field between Sileby Polly Pegs. Syston Rd. Humbles. Platt's Lane
- All open spaces are important.
- All open spaces important
- Yes Polly Peggs and crab tree lane very important - only areas in the village where can walk children and dogs not next to busy roads - must not lose these
- Protection of the whole ambiance of the village
- Our Grade II* listed church is at the heart of the conservation area in the village. Worryingly it was added to the 'Heritage at Risk' register in 2020 because its fabric is classified as "poor" and deteriorating badly due to rising dampness. Its special significance is quite remarkable as detailed in its Listed Building synopsis.
- Existing green spaces - pavements, Cossington Meadows, field off church car park, church and cemetery, footpaths e.g. Polly Peggs, Blackberry Lane, Platts recreation ground. Special as they make Cossington a rural community with easy access to the countryside.
- Church School Listed buildings Polly Peggs - all part of social history of village
- All open spaces around Cossington are important to encourage and protect wildlife and safeguard our small conservation village from being ruined by any major development. The walks and open spaces/farmland are what attracts people to this village and why many have lived here for so long.
- All open spaces in the village are important to keep the character of the village and area
- All open spaces must be kept, that's why we are here!
- Platt's Lane recreational ground
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- Cossington Meadows, Platts Lane recreation grounds. Fields at the back of Bennett's lane and Polly Pegs. Walking, nature, open space
- Cossington Meadows, land around Polly Peggs Lane, the pub, village hall, church, school
- All open spaces are important to maintain the village character
- Plates lane recreation ground. Cossington meadows. Polly pegs lane. History and open country feel of the village
- All current open spaces around Cossington should be protected - it's what makes Cossington the village it is. Recent development in nearby Birstall has changed the character of that village.
- All of the surrounding fields and green spaces, the meadows should all remain. They are special for the wildlife and walking and should be protected.

The old buildings and architecture are historical and add to the charm of the old village. (It is why we moved here nearly 20 years ago)

- The meadows, blackberry lane, farmers fields, canal paths
- The fields around the village, keep it feeling like a village! I feel we are still a proper, small, historic, British village compared to neighbouring areas and this should be protected.
- Fields around village contribute to unique village feel.
- Crabtree and Polly Pegs footpaths
- Nature reserves - We are surrounded by nature and some protected species. Separation from Sileby - We need to retain our independence from neighbouring villages
- Polly Peggs footpath Cossington meadows
- The area between the village and the railway line is vital to preserve the rural aspect of Cossington
- All footpaths. Recreation ground. Provide adequate pavements on narrow roads in this day and age. Green area's is a must.
- Playing fields & Cossington Meadows. Wild life and green spaces are important for all.
- The field opposite the church should be protected to preserve the great crested newts.
- Cossington meadows and surrounding woodland/green spaces
- All open spaces are important.
- Platt's Sports Field - area for exercise recreation and community activities
- The rural feel should be cherished.
- It's important that space is maintained between the village and Sileby, and that any additional housing doesn't impact disproportionately to the size of Cossington.
- Platt's lane sports field
- Our listed building is being damaged with surface water from the road so we need support for highways to address the issue asap. Access to the Meadows is important and it would be nice for the church entrance to be resurfaced/improved. Addition of a small children's play area somewhere would be lovely.
- Cossington grew as a linear village along Main street. This part of the village is most vulnerable to the pressure of traffic. Much of this traffic is from other settlements so some form of road improvements which alleviate this would help protect it.
- Polly Peggs walk way and the views around it, It's an important heritage to village, used by all villagers
- Church
- All
- The level of village green spaces and access to the surrounding countryside is both refreshing and healthy - more are walking in it now. Open up the church as a much greater community hall/facility, the CofE cannot support it for much longer in its current format
- Land between the village and railway line - identifies the village, acts as a buffer, maintains the linear nature of the village

- The Royal Oak
- Polly Pegg's pathway - historical. Cossington Meadows - wildlife. The one field between Cossington and Sibleby – green space.
- Polly Peggs footpath and all the fields and footpaths through the fields and surrounding the village. Platts Lane recreational ground. This is a special environment as it provides open spaces and recreational facilities, which has shown itself to be essential to people's emotional wellbeing.
- All open spaces in/around the village that provide some sort of 'amenity' for residents should be protected.
- The sports field for the youngsters and communal events. Listed buildings.
- Allotments on Back Lane
- The ww2 barn at the back of the gardens on Main Street (backing towards Sibleby; the nature reserve in its entirety, Derry's garden centre and nursery which has been part of the village for over 40 years; the rural feel and open fields surrounding the current boundary of the village; the character of the streets and the style of bespoke housing.
- Fields at back of church, fields off Polly Peggs. Wildlife corridors and give village rural feel
- No
- Facilities are important but things like a small children's park or small local shop
- From a safety aspect any building should not impact, increase the traffic, on the single track roads in the village, i.e. Back Lane and Bennetts Lane
- The historic footpaths & rights of way & the meadows & hedgerows for wild life. These must be preserved for future generations
- All land adjacent to Main Street pavement from one end of the village to the other there are trees planted to mark special monarch events in history covering many years
- All of them, they are special for their own reasons
- All areas that form part of social history of village. Polly Peggs, Houses along Main Street, Church, School Cossington Meadows (ecology) Farmland at rear of Homestead and Middlefield - makes the village feel rural
- The field and pond next to the car park and church containing great crested newts. The school as long established nesting site for house martins.
- The area around the Church, the Church, the historic buildings.
- fields between Polly Peggs/School and the railway line need to be protected at all costs. No new housing
- Back Lane cross roads Area
- Platts Lane sports ground and all the beautiful fields and walkways in and around Cossington. When they are built on, they are gone forever.
- The meadows are important and should be protected.
- Churchyard field pond - beautiful link to the countryside and nature reserve from the village.
- The church, which has stood at the centre of our village for 800 years. Also, Cossington meadows nature reserve and Polly Peggs Lane
- I am strongly in favour of the development of the church into a village community centre.

- The small green area on the bend near Derry's Nurseries/Polly Pegs footpath, The green area around the War Memorial and car park, Cossington Meadows, Sports Recreation area off Platte lane, Cossington Village Hall.

Do you have any thoughts on additional amenities or activities you would like the Parish Council to provide?

- Promote ramblers etc... by making history signs from secret gardens permanent and promote walking routes. More benches and bins in these areas to enhance also. Could bring more pub trade etc... into village to ensure it thrives
- Play area for children e.g. Swings etc.
- Facility for older people to meet
- Playground for children
- Village hall, grass verges, litter picking
- Install more local information signage in the village. Take official ownership of Crabtree Lane/Polly Peggs. Install better barriers to prevent footpath access by providing continuing support for the Village Centre project.
- I have to admit to not knowing what they do
- Assist with planning, provision and running of a village hall. Manage spaces with an environmental emphasis, to encourage wildlife and nature. To provide and manage play facilities for the younger generation.
- Don't mind paying a little more parish tax but would want to know what for, e.g. towards a replacement village hall
- Flood warden / street warden / street cleaner & gardener
- Additional Christmas lights and more grass cutting in summer
- Get Virgin Media to switch on!
- Lampposts could be enhanced during the Christmas season?
- Organiser/initiator of village community shop
- Village hall!
- More dog bins
- Speed signs
- Village lights at Christmas
- Improved Christmas lighting in village
- Extra precept cash could allow the Parish Council to support efforts that could enhance community pride and cohesiveness, and our environment. Suggestions include (a) something to showcase the village at Open Gardens, (b) a Halloween get-together & bonfire in the pond-field (with permission) (c) set up & sponsor a Cossington Gardens Club which could thoughtfully plan and plant flowers in the village and trees in hedgerows elsewhere in the parish, (d) sponsor a 'litter-pick' effort every spring to tidy up the environs and also to instil & develop civic pride in those getting involved.
- I am happy to increase payment if it is spent on traffic mitigation and enforcing 20mph and the provision of a community hall.
- I am happy for Cossington to remain as it is.
- We already pay a fortune for council tax!!

- A decent play area for children. Additional to the school.
- Activities for young people and a place for all ages to meet.
- A good quality village community hall.
- Yellow lines to stop parking in certain areas.
- More activities and meetings for the elderly. Friendlier people and more village activities.
- Maintain the existing pavements to and from the village.
- I don't know of any activities that are provided.
- Just those aforementioned in the survey.
- More ideas from the community
- Get the community centre built
- Let's see how they perform in restricting the proposed ill considered developments for the village, helping to address the littering and traffic issues over the coming months
- The parish needs more control
- Better access to Platts Lane; improved litter picking
- I have found it difficult to answer the above as I have no knowledge of how parish council funds are currently spent. I think the general upkeep of the village could be improved, as it is often very difficult to navigate the current footpaths (e.g.: Platts Lane and Polly Peggs without getting stung by nettles or scratched by brambles and overgrown foliage. The grass cutting in the village has also suffered in recent years with many residents resorting to cutting public green spaces to keep them tidy. If this is not the responsibility of the Parish Council then Charnwood are failing in their responsibilities. Again it is hard to suggest amenities or activities without some idea of how these would be funded. It would benefit the village if the parish council had better communication with the local charities (Babington and Platts) as they already support the local school and the recreational facilities at the school. Babington also support the local church.
- Existing business should be protected and supported
- Perhaps something for the toddlers.
- Better maintenance of hedges/vegetation on footpaths
- More cutting back in summer
- Social activities and activities for families with young children
- Would be nice to have a community hub for information, coffee, swapping books/puzzles etc.

What do you think are the three key issues that our Neighbourhood Plan should address?

- Environment x53
- Environment including housing
- Environment (protecting areas of importance to the Village)
- Environment (flood mitigation)
- Looking after environment
- Environment (protecting areas of importance to the Village)

- Protect rural environment and open spaces
 - Environment and the surrounding wild life
 - Looking after Wildlife
 - Wildlife
 - Protecting the land/Farmers in & around
 - Wildlife protection
 - Safeguarding the wildlife we have, i.e. nature reserve/fields
 - Environmental issues
 - Environmental factors
 - Environmental factors
 - Environment (which includes historic buildings)
 - Protecting the environment
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- Transport x38
 - Traffic x5
 - Traffic management, especially speed
 - Keeping traffic to a safe and reasonable level
 - Amount of and speed and traffic through the village
 - Traffic and parking
 - Traffic management
 - Future traffic management. Current road networks will not manage with continued housing growth.
 - Restrict on street parking
 - Reduction in traffic speed and volume
 - Traffic volume versus road capability
 - Transport (Managing traffic)
 - Transport - traffic issues
 - Traffic, road maintenance
 - Traffic levels
 - Through traffic reduced
 - Road and traffic measures
 - Traffic Management
 - Pollution caused by increased traffic
 - Traffic management, speed and volume
 - Implementing speed restrictions in the village, e.g. speed bumps
 - Main Street is already busy with traffic, this needs to get better not worse
 - Transport/traffic management issues
 - Safety on roads
 - Traffic calming
 - Child road safety - pavements, speed limits by the school and safe crossings
 - Traffic management
 - Traffic volume and speed
 - Traffic management
 - No more traffic going through the village
 - Transport and traffic management
 - Speed of traffic through the village
 - Reducing traffic and speed through the village, especially main street

- Transport improved
 - Reduce on road parking, particularly near the pub
 - Traffic calming measures
 - Traffic and speed limits
 - Transport - traffic management measures
 - Speed of traffic through the village
 - Keeping traffic well managed.
 - Street parking
 - Highways addressing gully issues and surface flooding
 - Traffic management.
 - Transport, discourage an increase in any traffic
 - Road network
 - Narrow village roads which are not suitable for extra traffic
 - Traffic volume and speed on Main Street, Bennetts Lane and Back Lane
 - Increased traffic on our roads
 - Transport- village built on both sides of busy road linking other villages and main roads A6 and A46. Humble Lane only accessed via Back Lane and Bennett's Lane through houses.
 - Traffic avoidance
 - Roads and drainage
 - Potential traffic growth
 - Reduce street parking
 - Transport including Public transport, Parking
 - Transport (traffic management measures)
 - Traffic calming
 - Transport (traffic management measures)
 - Traffic management areas
 - Transport. Reduce the amount of HGV's that speed through the village
 - Excess traffic through the village
 - Traffic calming measures and reduced speed limits
 - Road Parking
 - Parking
 - Maintain or improve Public Transport
 - Sort out traffic
 - Lanes too narrow for increase in traffic, e.g. Back Lane
 - Reduce traffic
 - Ease of use by mobility scooters on paths i.e. kerb lowering in places to enable safe road crossing for both pushchairs and mobility scooters
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- Development x30
 - Development- ensuring any is right for Cossington
 - Future housing development/flooding
 - Safeguarding from inappropriate development
 - Development, including housing (ensuring any development is right for Cossington)
 - Development, must keep the nature of the village

- Ensure any housing development is in keeping with the village and doesn't affect the current makeup and character
- Growth commensurate with current village size
- No new developments in Cossington
- Development ensuring that not too many new homes are introduced
- Important to keep development in proportion with the size of village
- No large housing estates
- Discouragement of any new build
- Development - ensuring is right for Cossington
- Safeguarding from inappropriate development
- Management of new housing
- If we are to have development- the best place for it
- Ensuring any development is right for Cossington
- Sensible development with an eye on the needs of residents and their families going forward rather than large scale development, particularly of large houses.
- Development - small, in proportion, in character.
- Size of any housing development
- Safeguarding from inappropriate development
- Ensuring there are no unsuitable developments in the village.
- People obviously need housing. Development should be carried out sympathetically
- Development, keep Cossington a rural village
- Ensure new development proportionate
- Having some control over any future development.
- Appropriate development, including housing, church and community facilities
- Keeping any development in proportion to the village
- Development (including flood risk)
- Appropriate development, including housing, church and community facilities
- Preventing housing development
- A 'Poundbury' style development is more suitable with large diversification in property styles and accommodation mix, with an assortment of uses aiding to a more diverse socioeconomic village population
- Developments kept to a minimum
- Development, including housing
- Controlled development x2
- Development - including housing
- The encroaching impact of development from other 'villages'
- Any new development should be controlled small one off builds
- Development in and around Cossington
- Development - no new housing
- Development including housing
- Minimise any new development
- Over development
- Safeguarding from inappropriate development
- Protecting the village from over development
- Housing development

- Over development
 - Health Services can they cope with more houses with families
 - No over development of building in or around the village
 - Housing x3
 - Stop house building in parish
 - No house building
 - Housing types
 - Avoiding more housing estates being built
 - Homes for the elderly so they do not have to move away
 - Renting and shared ownership should be considered
 - Ensure housing development does not damage environment
 - Building more housing
 - Encouraging housing that doesn't impact the surrounding countryside
 - It should strongly be against social housing this would destroy the village.
 - Additional houses will come. Go big now and protect the future
 - Affordable homes for young people are needed.
 - Large builders should be kept away and not be allowed to spoil the beauty of Cossington as a real village
 - Planning permission for houses
 - Preventing new houses being built as this will significantly worsen traffic and flooding
 - Planning
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- Heritage Assets x23
 - Heritage x17
 - Heritage of the village
 - The Heritage and History of the village must be protected
 - Heritage assets - no new housing
 - Heritage assets (safeguarding from inappropriate development)
 - Protecting the listed buildings and history
 - Protecting areas of importance in this village
 - Heritage sites/Environment
 - Heritage assets (safeguarding from inappropriate developments)
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- Community facilities x17
 - A drop-in / day-centre (perhaps with precept support) where people can meet & converse, to mitigate loneliness & mental health problems
 - School
 - School can it cope with more children and parking
 - More buses to Leicester and Loughborough
 - Community facilities. Young people need to go somewhere.
 - Outdoor sports facilities
 - Activities, youth services, outdoor equipment for young people
 - Village needs a flexible community space to facilitate clubs and events
 - Facilities
 - Safe additional parks and footpaths/walks
 - Central community area

- More lighting, more clubs, youth clubs
 - Health/Social Care/Education Facilities need to support a larger population
 - Community facilities
 - The village is boring for children & teenagers
 - The provision of a community hall
 - Enhancement of village facilities
 - Better community building
 - More activities for dementia, elderly people
 - Local amenities developed - play park, local shop
 - Encouraging growth of community facilities
 - Facilities
 - Village amenity/ centre/ hall
 - Improving local amenities
 - Practical access to shops/amenities with limited transport links
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- Flooding x7
 - Flooding, protecting our homes
 - Flooding, protecting our homes
 - Flooding, so traffic can get in and out of villages
 - The drainage of excess rainwater.
 - Risk of flooding
 - Protection against repeated flooding
 - Flooding mitigation
 - Concrete does not soak up floodwater.
 - Flood alleviation
 - Flood defences for the significant risk of further flooding
 - No more flooding problems
 - Environment (Flooding)
 - Flood risks surrounding developments
 - Protecting what we already have in the village including from effects of flooding.
 - Ensuring any new developments address village flood issues
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- Keeping the village as it is
 - Village to be retained 'as is'
 - Sense of community
 - Keeping the village small
 - Security in the village, new home brings more unwanted attention
 - Protection of small rural village life
 - Prevention of out of scale and unsustainable housing development
 - Protecting the green areas/environment
 - Village separation this is essential
 - Keeping Cossington as a small rural village
 - Protection of village boundaries and size
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 - Maintain the current environment of a Rural Village
 - Preserve village character

- Keeping the village as a small village as it has been got many years
- To keep Cossington within its existing boundaries
- Maintaining the village
- Keeping it rural
- Protection of rural feel
- Maintain the open feel of the area
- Go forward inclusively supporting the village demographic
- Quiet place to live and raise the family
- Protecting ambience of village
- Maintaining the village as a small rural village
- Keeping the rural feel, with nature and fields being kept
- Protection of the fields as an asset
- Preserving the village feel we already have
- Maintaining the natural village feel of Cossington
- Protecting the local environment
- Ensuring countryside around village
- Preservation of village 'feel'
- Crime
- Employment

Are there any important open spaces or buildings in the Village that you would like to see protected and what makes these special?

- The area behind Derrys where we walk the dogs
- Platts Lane has been taken over by Sileby Vikings. No respect for Cossington villagers
- Sports fields. Nature reserve.
- All, it makes the village small and rural, as it should stay
- All field surrounding the village. The wildlife it brings, the open spaces and maintaining the village as a small rural village
- All amenities are important and need good maintenance.
- Recreational ground, and adjacent areas
- All open spaces to be retained and maintained
- Cossington meadows, village properties, church, local history.
- The village including 'open spaces' need protecting!!
- All of it
- The space/ fields between Cossington & Sileby. The fantastic rural vista of coming onto Cossington from Back lane. Cossington's current heritage and open spaces.
- Pond field adjacent to the church. Large gardens eg. The Rectory, the White House to stop developing
- Cossington Meadows and Platt's Wildlife and Recreation
- Cossington Meadows
- Sports field - improved too
- All listed buildings in the village are special as this is our village history

- General open views across working farmland creating a sense of space and separation from other settlements. The church for historic interest.
- Cossington Meadows and surrounding green spaces such as Polly Peggs footpath and the fields surrounding them as they attract many different types of wildlife.
- The Royal Oak pub as this is key to the community
- The church needs to be the Village Centre acting as a village hall, community centre and place of worship. If a playground could be added to its central location then Cossington would have a community hub worthy of its heritage and inhabitants.
- The importance of open spaces for walking have proved to be invaluable for well being during lockdown
- Surrounding fields and the oak trees. The fields in every direction are easy to get to for walkers and wildlife alike. They contribute economically, socially and to the health and mental well-being of all that use them
- The fields around us - lockdown has taught the importance is walking and spending time outside to aid our mental well being
- We are surrounded by fields and open spaces that are so important for the well being of the many walkers in the village and the wildlife. These areas of separation are intrinsically part of what makes Cossington a rural village
- Church, massive part of our heritage. Hopefully this can be developed to provide the community facilities we so desperately need. School - we don't have much in Cossington but the school is a centre of our community. Meadows, we are lucky to have this area for wildlife to thrive.
- Field behind Middlefield Road. Field next to the Church/Cossington Meadows and Field by Platts Lane. These are all areas that I have used on a daily basis since a child e.g. for relaxing and dog walking. If these were to be destroyed, not only would it affect the beauty of the village and destroy the environment/nature, it would have a huge impact on people's mental health and wellbeing. Also note protected areas in the village e.g. Newts in the field at the side of the church
- The playing field needs to be protected for health both mental and physical. All houses of character, the school and the church. Local businesses such as Derry's Garden centre is a family run business and should also be protected.
- All farmland near present housing must remain intact
- Parking on Back lane, this area should be protected & never developed.
- All fields surrounding the village to be protected against building to ensure the identity Cossington.
- The whole village is important, especially the natural and historic areas. It would be a terrible shame to become an over crowded village with dangerous parking and increased traffic
- Footpaths that join areas of the village; views over fields and paddocks; the pound; war memorial area.
- Cossington Meadows Platt's Recreational Field
- Derry Nursery and Polly Peggs area

- The Main Street area is charming. It could be enhanced further by moving traffic flows away onto better infrastructure that comes with the drawback of a large building development.
- Cossington meadows and Platt's Recreational Ground
- All the surrounding fields, protection of all wildlife & safeguard of all areas.
- The playing fields on Platts Lane and all the walking areas to and from the meadows. The historic and listed buildings need protecting. Too much history is being flattened and forgotten about just to build houses
- All surrounding fields to maintain village views and atmosphere
- Cossington Meadows is an exceptional facility for nature, wild life, walking and peace and quiet.
- Recreation field
- All green areas surrounding our village
- Field between Sibley Polly Pegs. Syston Rd. Humbles. Platt's Lane
- All open spaces are important.
- All open spaces important
- Yes Polly Pegs and crab tree lane very important - only areas in the village where can walk children and dogs not next to busy roads - must not lose these
- Protection of the whole ambiance of the village
- Our Grade II* listed church is at the heart of the conservation area in the village. Worryingly it was added to the 'Heritage at Risk' register in 2020 because its fabric is classified as "poor" and deteriorating badly due to rising dampness. Its special significance is quite remarkable as detailed in its Listed Building synopsis.
- Existing green spaces - pavements, Cossington Meadows, field off church car park, church and cemetery, footpaths e.g. Polly Peggs, Blackberry Lane, Platts recreation ground. Special as they make Cossington a rural community with easy access to the countryside.
- Church School Listed buildings Polly Peggs - all part of social history of village
- All open spaces around Cossington are important to encourage and protect wildlife and safeguard our small conservation village from being ruined by any major development. The walks and open spaces/farmland are what attracts people to this village and why many have lived here for so long.
- All open spaces in the village are important to keep the character of the village and area
- All open spaces must be kept, that's why we are here!
- Platt's Lane recreational ground
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- Cossington Meadows, Platts Lane recreation grounds. Fields at the back of Bennett's lane and Polly Pegs. Walking, nature, open space
- Cossington Meadows, land around Polly Peggs Lane, the pub, village hall, church, school
- All open spaces are important to maintain the village character
- Plates lane recreation ground. Cossington meadows. Polly pegs lane. History and open country feel of the village

- All current open spaces around Cossington should be protected - it's what makes Cossington the village it is. Recent development in nearby Birstall has changed the character of that village.
- All of the surrounding fields and green spaces, the meadows should all remain. They are special for the wildlife and walking and should be protected. The old buildings and architecture are historical and add to the charm of the old village. (It is why we moved here nearly 20 years ago)
- The meadows, blackberry lane, farmers fields, canal paths
- The fields around the village, keep it feeling like a village! I feel we are still a proper, small, historic, British village compared to neighbouring areas and this should be protected.
- Fields around village contribute to unique village feel.
- Crabtree and Polly Pegs footpaths
- Nature reserves - We are surrounded by nature and some protected species. Separation from Sileby - We need to retain our independence from neighbouring villages
- Polly Peggs footpath Cossington meadows
- The area between the village and the railway line is vital to preserve the rural aspect of Cossington
- All footpaths. Recreation ground. Provide adequate pavements on narrow roads in this day and age. Green area's is a must.
- Playing fields & Cossington Meadows. Wild life and green spaces are important for all.
- The field opposite the church should be protected to preserve the great crested newts.
- Cossington meadows and surrounding woodland/green spaces
- All open spaces are important.
- Platt's Sports Field - area for exercise recreation and community activities
- The rural feel should be cherished.
- It's important that space is maintained between the village and Sileby, and that any additional housing doesn't impact disproportionately to the size of Cossington.
- Platt's lane sports field
- Our listed building is being damaged with surface water from the road so we need support for highways to address the issue ASAP. Access to the Meadows is important and it would be nice for the church entrance to be resurfaced/improved. Addition of a small children's play area somewhere would be lovely.
- Cossington grew as a linear village along Main Street. This part of the village is most vulnerable to the pressure of traffic. Much of this traffic is from other settlements so some form of road improvements which alleviate this would help protect it.
- Polly Peggs walk way and the views around it, It's an important heritage to village, used by all villagers
- Church
- All

- The level of village green spaces and access to the surrounding countryside is both refreshing and healthy - more are walking in it now. Open up the church as a much greater community hall/facility, the CofE cannot support it for much longer in its current format
- Land between the village and railway line - identifies the village, acts as a buffer, maintains the linear nature of the village
- The Royal Oak
- Polly Pegg's pathway - historical. Cossington Meadows - wildlife. The one field between Cossington and Sileby – green space.
- Polly Peggs footpath and all the fields and footpaths through the fields and surrounding the village. Platts Lane recreational ground. This is a special environment as it provides open spaces and recreational facilities, which has shown itself to be essential to people's emotional wellbeing.
- All open spaces in/around the village that provide some sort of 'amenity' for residents should be protected.
- The sports field for the youngsters and communal events. Listed buildings.
- Allotments on Back Lane
- The ww2 barn at the back of the gardens on Main Street (backing towards Sileby; the nature reserve in its entirety, Derry's garden centre and nursery which has been part of the village for over 40 years; the rural feel and open fields surrounding the current boundary of the village; the character of the streets and the style of bespoke housing.
- Fields at back of church, fields off Polly Peggs. Wildlife corridors and give village rural feel
- No
- Facilities are important but things like a small children's park or small local shop
- From a safety aspect any building should not impact, increase the traffic, on the single track roads in the village, i.e. Back Lane and Bennetts Lane
- The historic footpaths & rights of way & the meadows & hedgerows for wild life. These must be preserved for future generations
- All land adjacent to Main Street pavement from one end of the village to the other there are trees planted to mark special monarch events in history covering many years
- All of them, they are special for their own reasons
- All areas which form part of social history of village. Polly Peggs, Houses along Main Street, Church, School Cossington Meadows (ecology) Farmland at rear of Homestead and Middlefield - makes the village feel rural
- The field and pond next to the car park and church containing great crested newts. The school as long established nesting site for house martins.
- The area around the Church, the Church, the historic buildings.
- fields between Polly Peggs/School and the railway line need to be protected at all costs. No new housing
- Back Lane cross roads Area
- Platts Lane sports ground and all the beautiful fields and walkways in and around Cossington. When they are built on, they are gone forever.
- The meadows are important and should be protected.

- Church yard field pond- beautiful link to the countryside and nature reserve from the village.
- The church, which has stood at the centre of our village for 800 years. Also, Cossington meadows nature reserve and Polly Peggs Lane
- I am strongly in favour of the development of the church into a village community centre.
- The small green area on the bend near Derry's Nurseries/Polly Pegs footpath, The green area around the War Memorial and car park, Cossington Meadows, Sports Recreation area off Platte lane, Cossington Village Hall.

Would you welcome more businesses in the parish?

- Village store
- Community pop-up shop.
- Anything rural and artisan
- Village shop
- Any as long as they do not create an eyesore for neighbours e.g. cars and scrap metal
- Small from home
- Food - Cafe- Drs
- Home-type businesses that do not create any increase in traffic though deliveries or any additional noise pollution
- Any legal ones.
- Independent start ups base at home
- Office based business. Local store or restaurant.
- Artisan / craft
- Coffee Shop
- Anything
- All welcome
- I don't think we need shops. This just encourages youths to hang around causing trouble and making noise
- A restaurant. A village pub that encourages community involvement. Would like to see both nurseries retained. A community shop.
- Home based, cottage style
- Operational from current properties
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- One type... a cafe or tea room for local villagers and a small paper shop .. the paper shop could be run in The Royal Oak !!!
- A small corner shop
- Coffee shop /deli / bakery
- Shops. Another pub or club.
- People working from home?
- Small shops and cafes
- A small general shop
- Small-scale businesses run from home via the Internet that would not impact on traffic, or small trades people who could supply services locally.
- Any home based business or small enterprise.

- Smaller independent businesses.
- Not if it drives addition traffic
- Working from home
- Small retail = shop / cafe / hub
- There are already buildings available locally (Charnwood Edge Business Park) which could house a variety of local businesses without the requirement for further development.
- Local shop, cafe
- Local shop
- Any appropriate
- Small shop maybe
- A local shop, a small market, a cafe, interiors shop, anything to make it more of a community.
- Low traffic producing ones. Any that produce jobs.
- Village supermarket/store.
- Village shops

COSSINGTON

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DROP-IN EVENT

31 JULY 2021

CONSULTATION ANALYSIS



1. Background

Project Brief

Cossington Parish Council through its Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee organised an open event at the Village Hall on 31 July 2021 (10:00 am – 1:00 pm) to share the emerging policies with those who live and work in the Parish.

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

Publicity

The drop-in event was promoted in a variety of ways:

- Leaflets promoting the event were distributed to each household.
- Members of the Advisory Committee spoke to villagers to inform them of the event and to encourage attendance.
- Newsletter?.



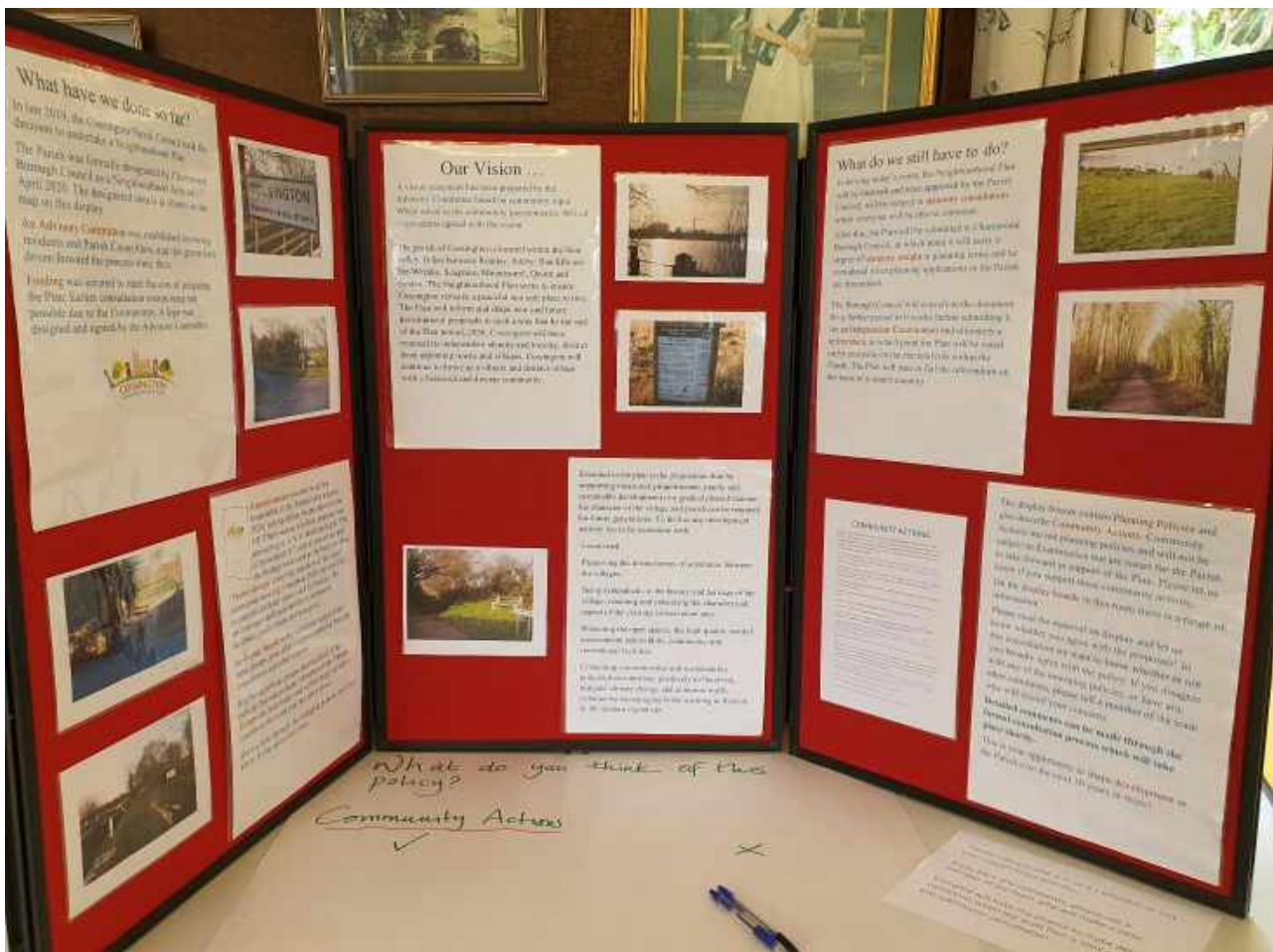
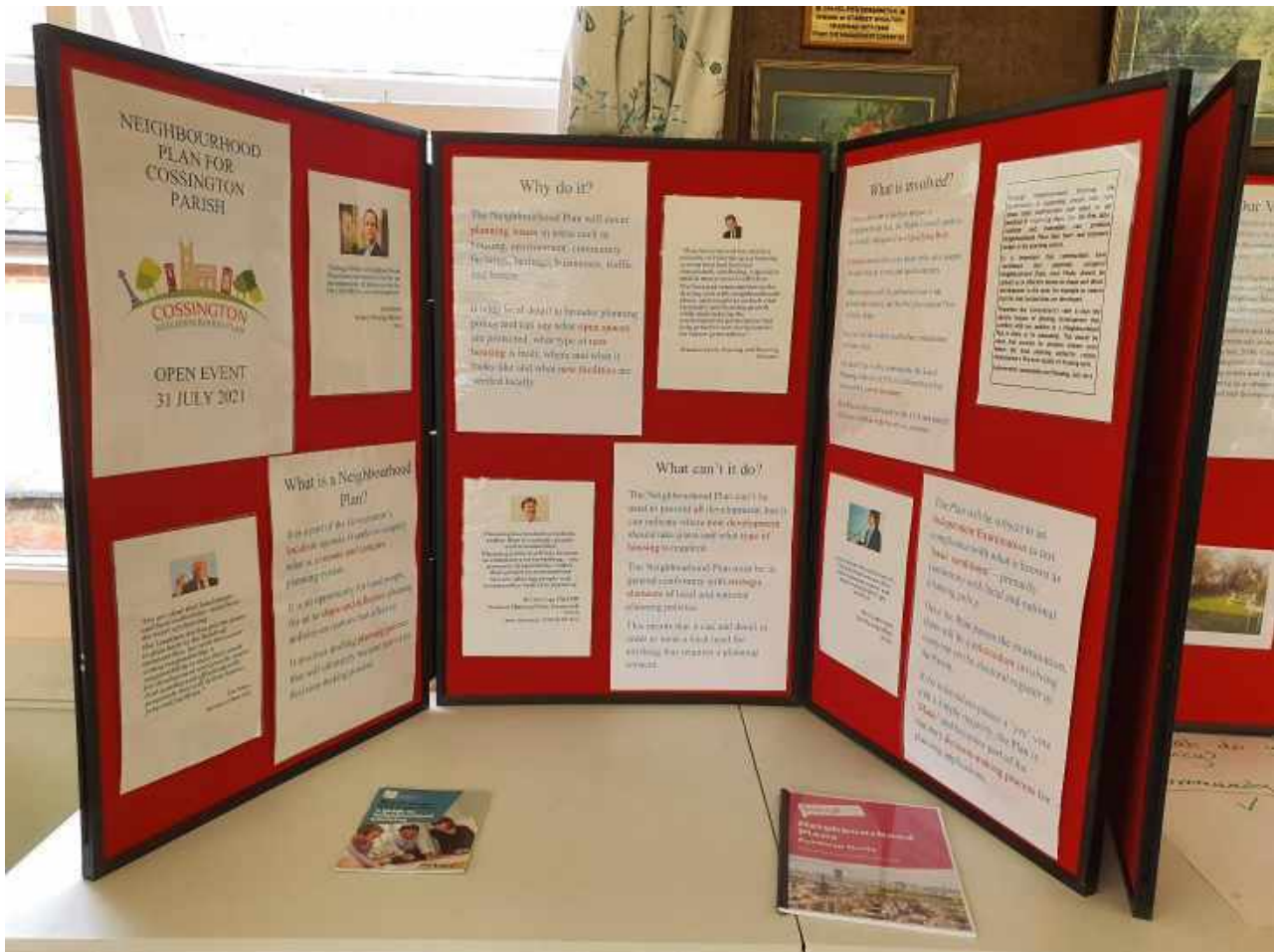
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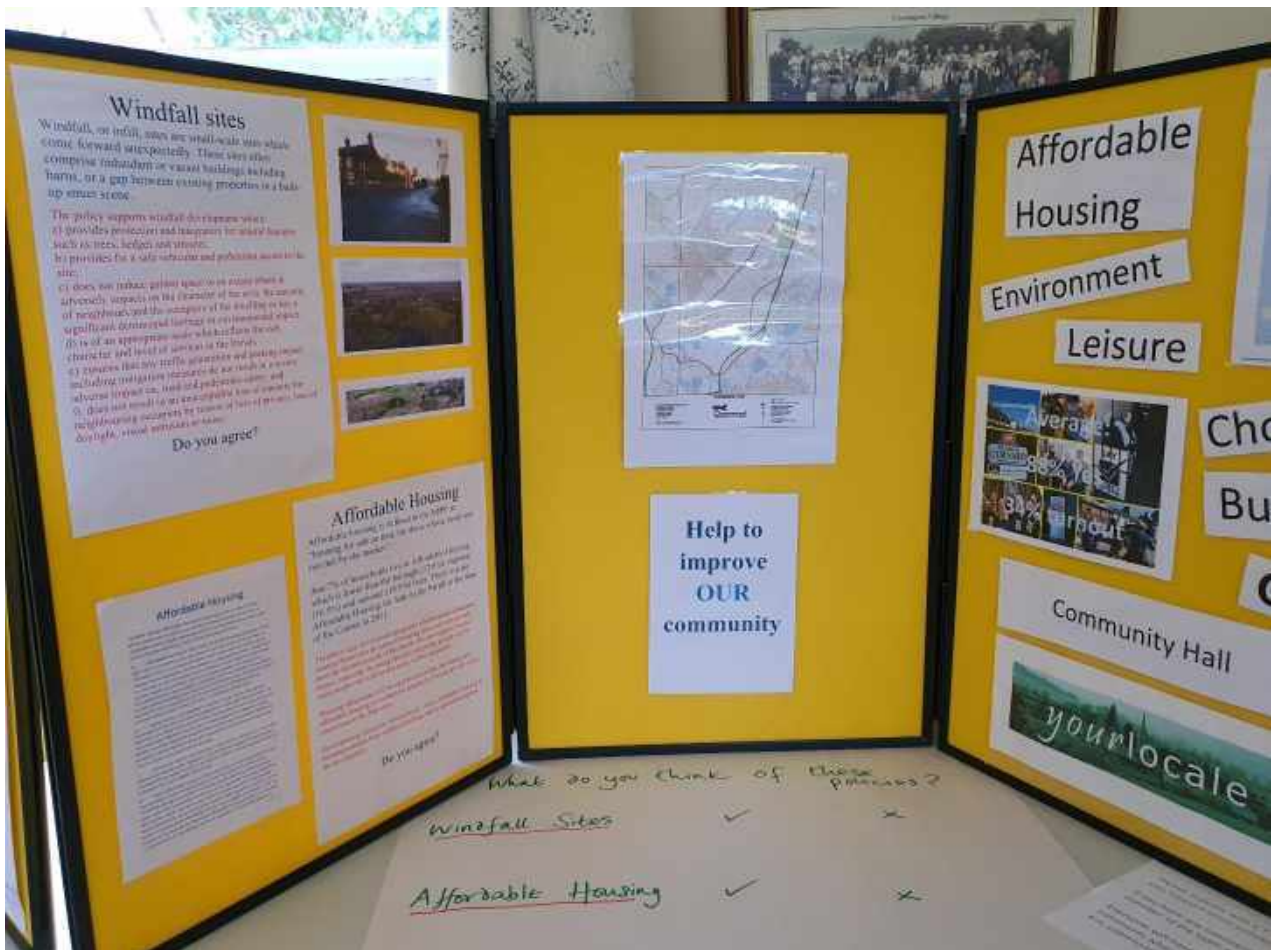
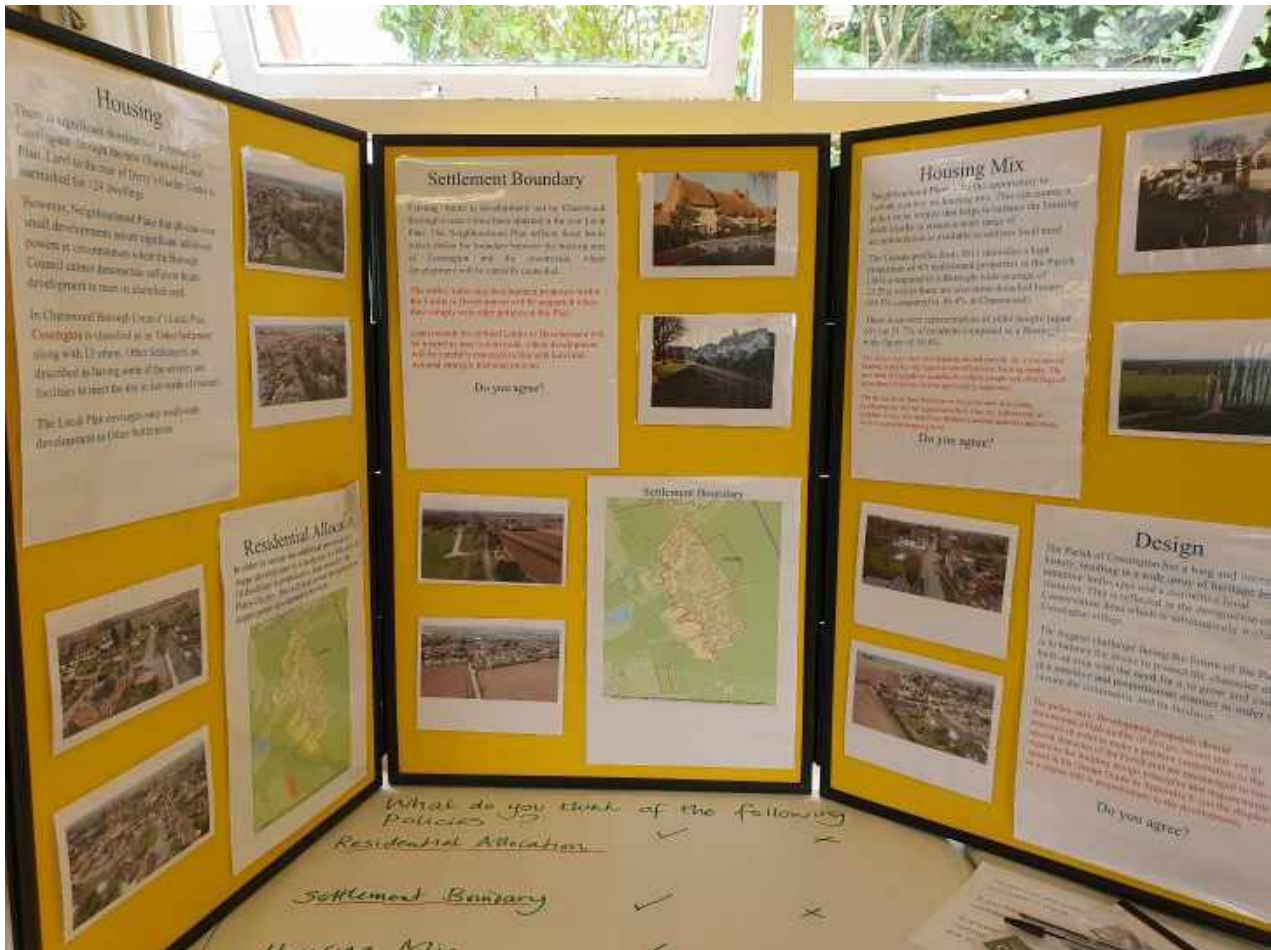
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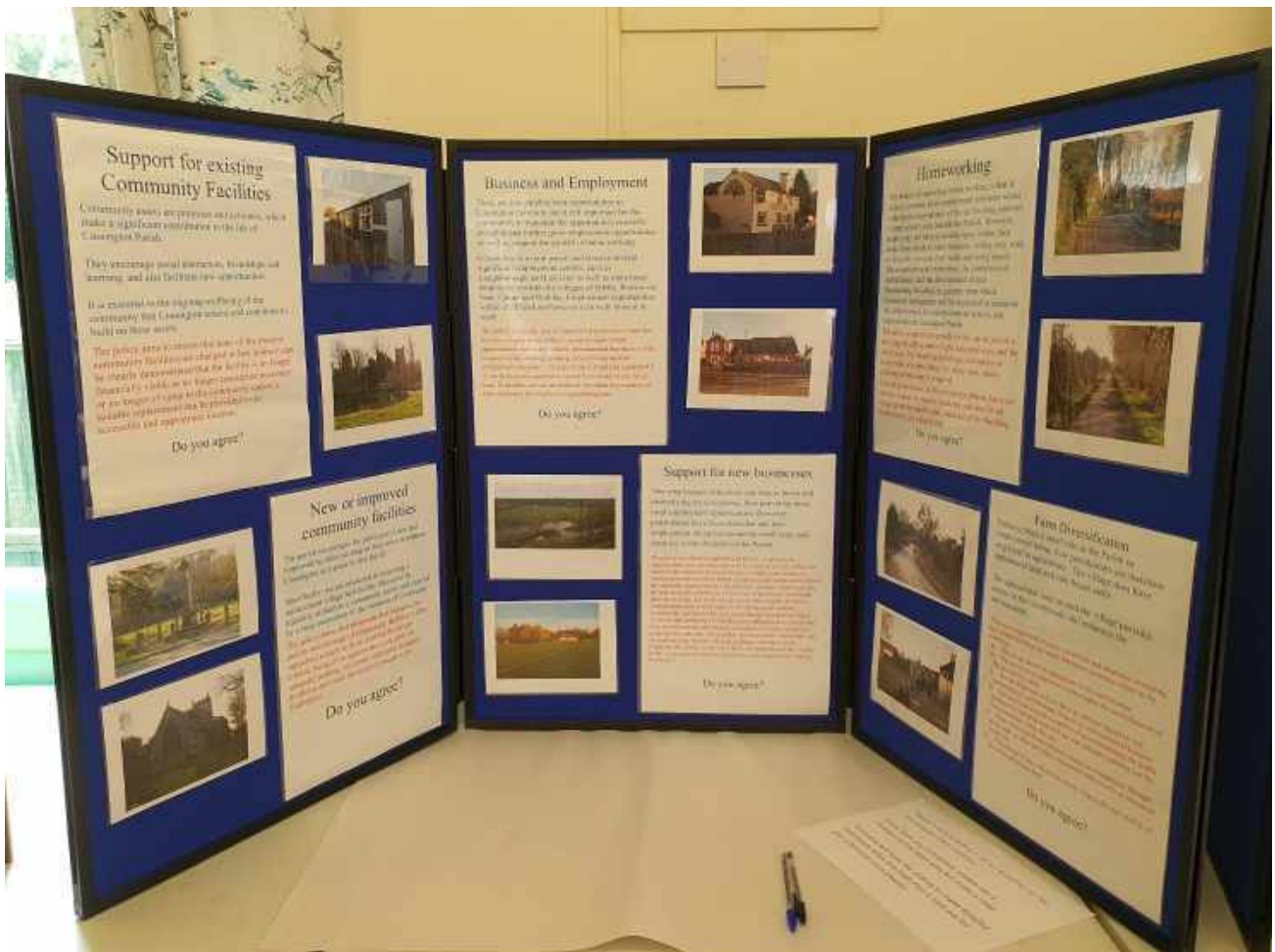
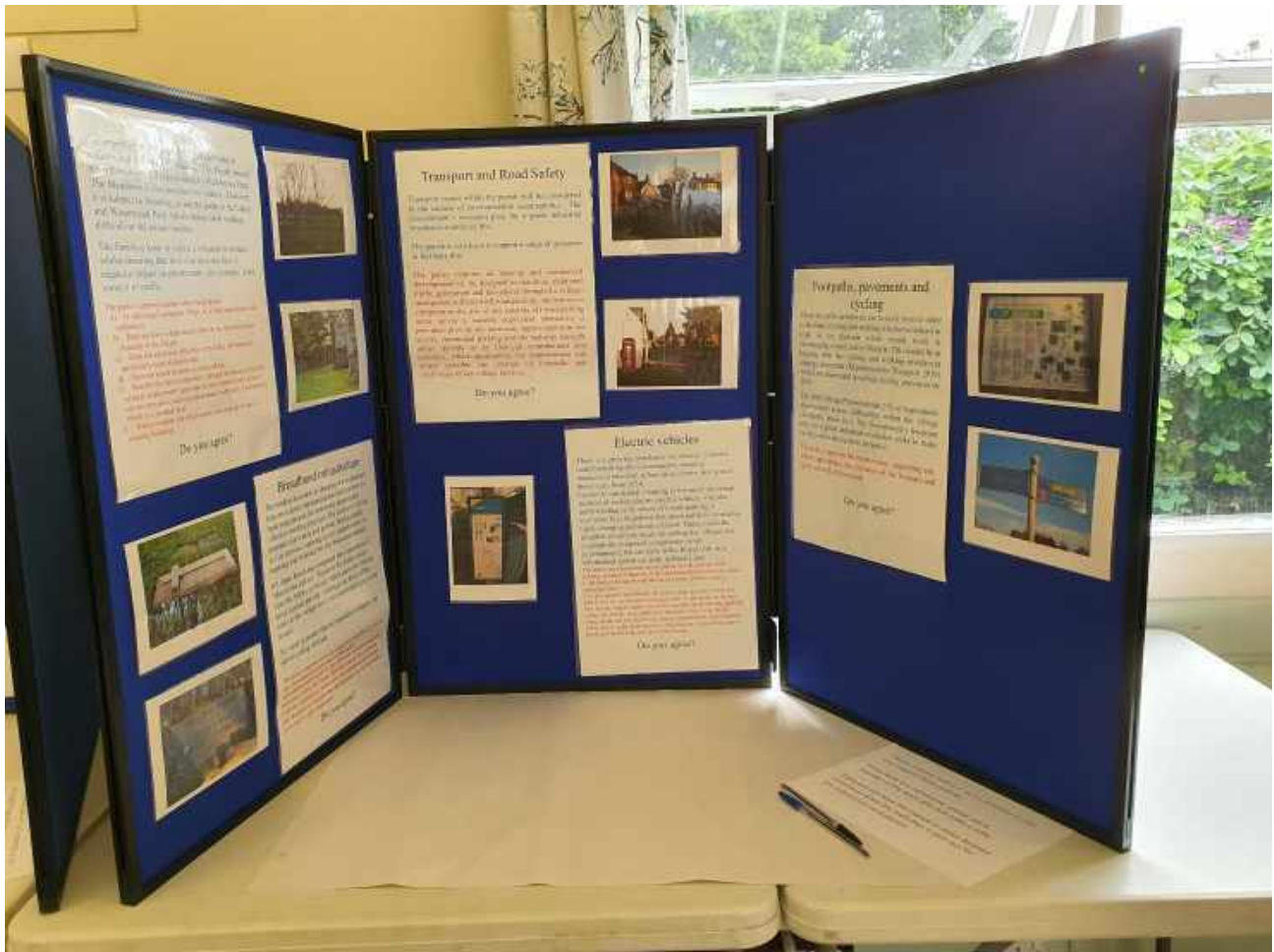
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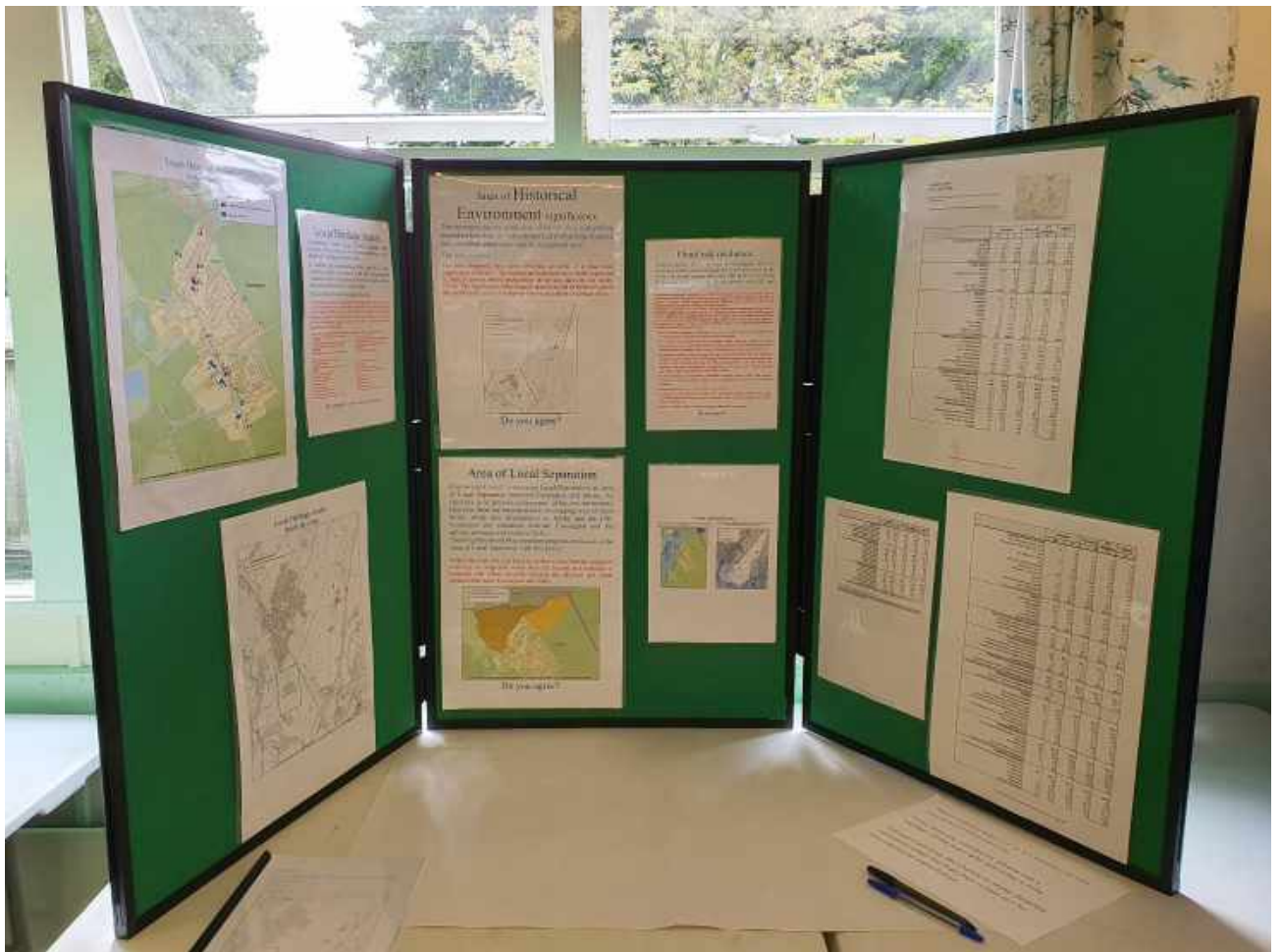
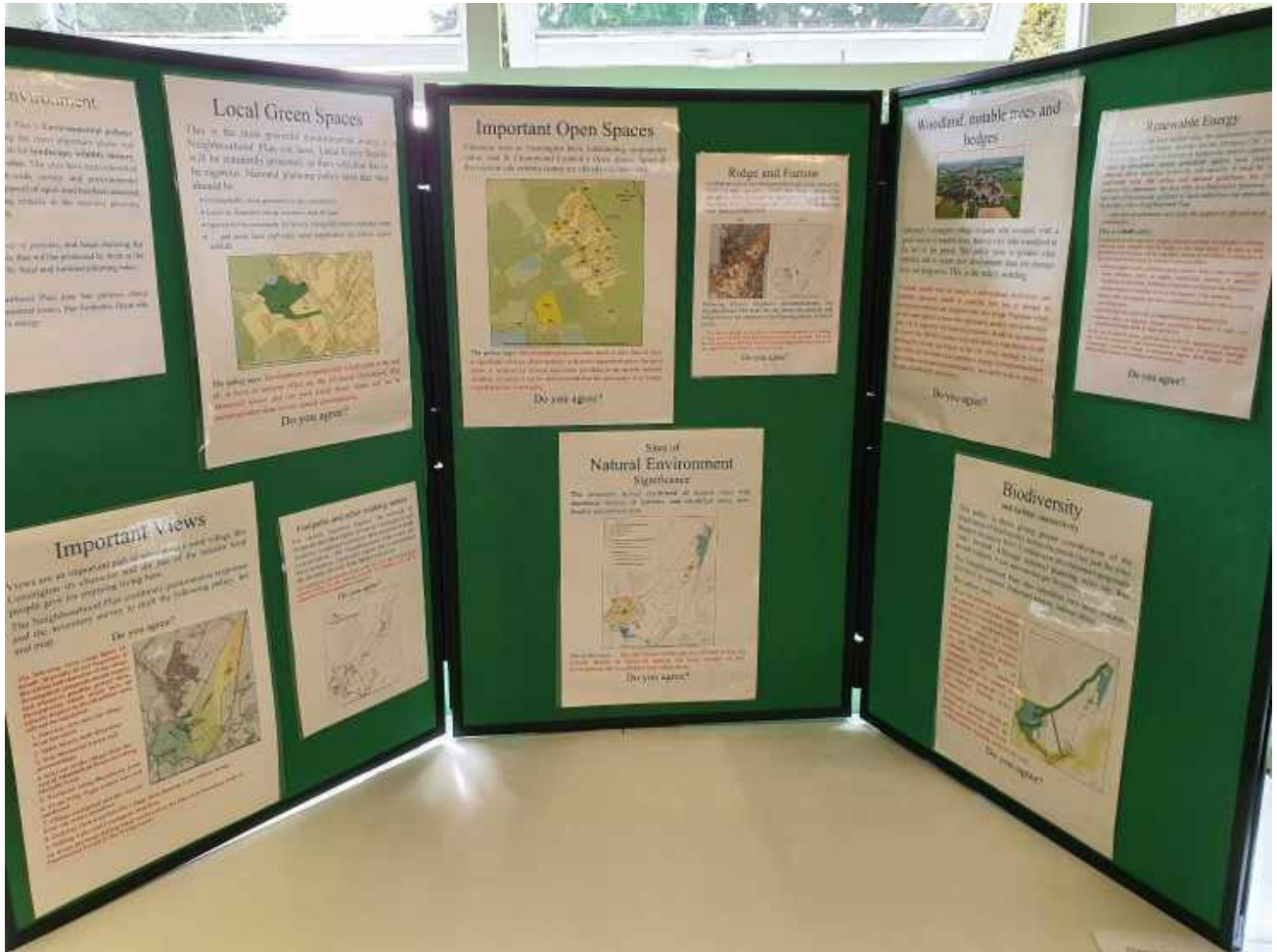
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| Sign in | A Member of the Advisory Committee welcomed attendees on arrival and recorded attendance. Arrangements for the Open Event were explained. |
| Background | The first displays introduced Neighbourhood Planning and described the process and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

The next pages show the display boards detailing the emerging policies.









3. Consultation findings

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

Community Actions 20 y 0 n

Housing

Residential Allocation 16 y 0 n

Settlement Boundary 5 y 9 n (Boundary not as agreed by the committee)

Housing Mix 16 y 1 n

Design 16 y 0 n

Windfall Sites 23 y 2 n

Affordable Housing 6 y 16 n

Environment

Local Green Spaces 22 y 0 n

Environmental Significance 25 y 0 n

Local Heritage Assets 21 y 0 n

Important Views 21 y 0 n

Ridge and Furrow 21 y 0 n

Important Open Spaces 21 y 0 n

Woodland, Notable Trees and Hedges 23 y 0 n

Biodiversity 18 y 0 n

Footpaths and other Walking Routes 23 y 0 n

Renewable Energy 17 y 0 n

Sites of Historical Env Significance 20 y 0 n

Area of Local Separation 24 y 0 n

Flood Risk Resilience 26 y 0 n

Community Facilities

Support for Existing Community Services 23 y 0 n

Employment

New or Improved Comm Facilities 24 y 1 n

Business and Employment 11 y 1 n

Support for New Businesses 11 y 0 n

Homeworking 14 y 0 n

Farm Diversification 16 y 0 n

Tourism 15 y 0 n

Broadband Infrastructure 21 y 0 n

Transport

Transport and Road Safety 25 y 0 n

Electric Vehicles 18 y 0 n

Footpaths, Pavements and Cycling 23 y 1 n

Comments made:

Planning permission has been applied for land at the Main St/Syston junction for 70 houses (Gamble). This would not cause so much traffic disruption than the land up Platts Lane towards the recreation ground could be developed.

Summary

This was a lively and engaging event where people had the opportunity to see the draft policies and to ask questions of those who have drafted the Plan.

There was some confusion it appears amongst people who thought that the policy on Affordable Housing was introducing it to the Parish rather than placing local conditions on a policy which is in the Local Plan and will happen irrespective of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The settlement boundary will be amended in line with the comments made.

Images from the event are on the following pages:













Cossington Parish Neighbourhood Plan
Pre submission consultation responses
1st March – 12th April 2022

| | Chapter/ Section | Policy Number | Respondent | Comment | Response | Amendment |
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| 1. | | BE1: Support for Existing Business and Employment Opportunities | Pegasus Group on behalf of Carbide Properties Ltd (trading as Tungsten Properties) | We note that the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, in the supporting text for Draft Policy BE1: Support for Existing Business and Employment Opportunities, highlights Charnwood Edge Business Park as providing employment opportunities within the Parish. This is supported. The business park lies to the south east of Cossington village, within the Neighbourhood Plan area and is a key employment area within the parish and the wider Borough. | Noted | None |
| 2. | | BE1: Support for Existing Business and Employment Opportunities | Pegasus Group on behalf of Carbide Properties Ltd (trading as Tungsten Properties) | We also note that the Draft Neighbourhood Plan supports the continued success of the business park, with a strong presumption against the loss of commercial premises or land that currently provides employment or future potential employment opportunities in the Neighbourhood Plan area. This is also supported | Noted | None |
| 3. | | BE1: Support for Existing Business and Employment Opportunities | Pegasus Group on behalf of Carbide Properties Ltd (trading as Tungsten Properties) | This policy approach is aligned well with the Charnwood Local Plan Saved Policy E/7 Control of Employment Uses in Primarily Employment Area which identifies Charnwood Edge Business Park as a primary employment area for business and industrial uses. It is also well aligned with the new emerging Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan Draft Policy E2: Existing Good Quality Employment Sites which safeguards this site | Noted | None |
| 4. | | BE2: Support for New Business and Employment. | Pegasus Group on behalf of Carbide Properties Ltd (trading as Tungsten Properties) | Sets out requirements for additional employment opportunities to be supported in the Neighbourhood Plan area. The proposed policy is not supported in its current form as it is inconsistent with the National Planning Policy Framework (the Framework). | Noted | None |
| 5. | 6, Para 81 | BE2: Support for New | Pegasus Group on | Section 6 of the Framework states that planning policies: 'should help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, | Noted | None |


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| | | Business and Employment. | behalf of Carbide Properties Ltd (trading as Tungsten Properties) | expand and adapt with significant weight placed on the need to support economic growth and productivity, taking into account both local business needs and wider opportunities for development.' | | |
| 6. | 6, Para 82 | BE2: Support for New Business and Employment. | Pegasus Group on behalf of Carbide Properties Ltd (trading as Tungsten Properties) | It goes on to set out that planning policies should: 'be flexible enough to accommodate needs not anticipated in the plan, allow for new and flexible working practices (such as live-work accommodation), and to enable a rapid response to changes in economic circumstances'. | Noted | None |
| 7. | | BE2: Support for New Business and Employment. | Pegasus Group on behalf of Carbide Properties Ltd (trading as Tungsten Properties) | The Draft Neighbourhood Plan, whilst taking account of new working practices, is not flexible enough to support economic growth or respond to the current significant changes in economic circumstances arising from the pandemic, Brexit and the war in Ukraine. Draft Policy BE2 can, however, be made compatible with Section 6 of the Framework with some small changes to the proposed wording of the policy set out below. The Draft Neighbourhood Plan states that 'there are few employment opportunities in Cossington currently and it felt important for the community to maintain the opportunities currently available and further grow employment opportunities'. The proposed amendments to Draft Policy BE2 below will ensure the policy is not too restrictive to allow for this to happen over the plan period. | Noted | None |
| | | BE2: Support for New Business and Employment. | Pegasus Group on behalf of Carbide Properties Ltd | It is suggested that Draft Policy BE2 is amended to state that new employment development will be required to fall within the settlement boundary of Cossington village or within or adjoining existing employment areas within the Neighbourhood Plan area, unless it relates to small scale leisure or tourism activities, or other forms of commercial/employment related development appropriate to a countryside location. | Noted. We will amend the policy to add in 'or within existing employment areas.' It is not felt necessary to include areas adjoining the existing employment areas. | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 8. | | BE2: Support for New | Pegasus Group on | As currently drafted the policy will restrict further growth of employment opportunities to those | Noted | As above. |

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| | | Business and Employment. | behalf of Carbide Properties Ltd | within the settlement boundary of Cossington. This is likely to provide very limited opportunities and fails to recognise the role of employment areas outside but closely associated with the settlement, which provide local employment. | | |
| 9. | | BE2: Support for New Business and Employment. | Pegasus Group on behalf of Carbide Properties Ltd | The remaining bullet points within the policy and the Local Plan policies will ensure any new development related to the existing employment areas is appropriate for the area and protects the character of the village | Noted | None |
| 10. | | BE2: Support for New Business and Employment. | Pegasus Group on behalf of Carbide Properties Ltd (trading as Tungsten Properties) | The Draft Neighbourhood Plan notes that that new employment initiatives can help to boost and diversify the local economy and provide more local employment opportunities. The proposed changes above will ensure the Neighbourhood Plan supports this whilst ensuring that new employment is sensitive to the character of the Parish and mitigates against any harmful impacts | Noted | None |
| 11. | | BE2: Support for New Business and Employment. | Pegasus Group on behalf of Carbide Properties Ltd | We would be happy to discuss the proposed changes and intentions of our clients in relation to their land interests adjoining Charnwood Edge with the Neighbourhood Plan Group if this would be welcomed | Noted | None |
| 12. | | H1 Residential Site Allocation | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | Our principal concern is with Policy H1: Residential Site Allocation, to which we strongly object. | Noted | None |
| 13. | | H1 Residential Site Allocation | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | The NP states that an independent process for identifying a site was carried out, which resulted in an unknown number of sites being identified, with only one being contained as a proposed allocation. Neither Spitfire or the landowner were contacted throughout this process, which is perhaps surprising given that the Parish are aware of the planning application at the site, and the amount of supporting technical information that has been produced to support it. The policy or the supporting text also does not set out the methodology for identifying or assessing sites, nor does it say how many were considered. The site opted for is a rectangular parcel of land, situated approximately 200m from the existing settlement boundary. Whilst we do not object to the conditions contained within the | The landowner did not include their site in the CBC SHELAA and therefore was excluded from the process which used the SHELAA as the source of the sites to be assessed.. | None |

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| | | | | policy designed to guide development within the plot, the location of the proposed allocation is entirely unacceptable. | | |
| 14. | | H1 Residential Site Allocation | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | The site frontage is along Syston Road, where there is no footpath on either side of the carriageway. In addition, it is apparent that due to the curvature of Syston Road, visibility looking east when emerging from the site would be significantly compromised. Therefore, we have serious reservations regarding the suitability of achieving vehicular or pedestrian access. The proposed development would therefore likely lead to a self-contained and isolated development, with residents likely resort to the use of private vehicles even for short journeys into the village. This is exemplified through Figure 15 of the NP, which shows no footpaths either within or adjacent to the site. | Noted. Leicestershire County Council made detailed comments on the Pre-Submission version of the NP and did not object to this site or policy. | None |
| 15. | | H1 Residential Site Allocation | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | Moreover, the site relates poorly to the existing settlement given its detachment from the settlement and would result in an isolated 'island of development' in the open countryside. We therefore consider that this allocation is wholly unacceptable and would fail to provide enough dwellings to meet the burgeoning housing need. This conflicts with NPPF paragraph 29 which states that Neighbourhood Plans should not undermine strategic policies within the local Plan. In this instance, the allocation would undermine Policy DS1: Development Strategy of the emerging Local Plan, since it would not minimise the need to travel; would not protect the character of the countryside; and would not reflect the pattern of development within Cossington. | It is not accepted that this site would fail to meet housing need locally. There is a significant level of housing planned in Cossington which is disproportionately high in relation to its size. | None |
| 16. | | | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | Unlike for a local plan, the test for a NP is not one of 'soundness'. Instead, the Examiner must consider whether the draft NP meets requirements under TCPA 1990 (As Amended by the Localism Act), Schedule 4B para. 8, including the basic conditions (paragraph 8(2), as modified). The basic conditions are as follows: • Having regard to national policy | Noted | None |

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| | | | | (including the relevant parts of the NPPF and PPG); • Contributing to the achievement of sustainable development; a general conformity with the strategic policies in the development plan for the local area, and compatible with EU obligations | | |
| 17. | | | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | The proposed allocation would certainly not meet the second basic condition, given its position relative to the builtup area of the village, nor would it have regard to national policy. This is because the NPPF is clear at Paragraph 80 is clear that in both plan making and decision taking, isolated homes in open countryside should be avoided | We disagree. The site will be incorporated within the settlement boundary upon being made, therefore it does not reflect isolated homes in open countryside. | None |
| 18. | | | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | In contrast, Spitfire Homes have submitted an application for 57 dwellings on land at 102 Main Street, Cossington. We consider this site would provide a far more logical location for sustainable growth within the village  | Noted. The site has not been selected as an allocation and it is not necessary to allocate additional homes. | None |
| 19. | | | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | The proposed application site better relates to the village and the pattern of development locally. It would also provide pedestrian access along Main Street, which is already utilised as the main pedestrian route through the village. A comparison between the proposed allocation within the NP is shown below highlighted in orange, with Spitfire's application site edged red.  | As above | None |

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| 20. | | | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | <p>The application was first registered in August 2021 and has been revised in consultation with the Local Planning Authority to better reflect their views. As a result, the built form within the development has been moved closer to the eastern boundary to further improve the relationship to the settlement. A secondary access has now also been provided to improve pedestrian connectivity. A network of swales has also now been proposed throughout the site, to provide a 17% increase in open space and provide a sustainable network for drainage. This enhanced open space also includes space for a linear trim trail, which will provide opportunities for play. Moreover, a landscape buffer has been created to the northern boundary, which facilitates the addition of a circular footpath link around the site. Spitfire Homes RCA152o RCA Regeneration Ltd. t: 01905 887 686 e: info@rcaregeneration.co.uk rcaregeneration.co.uk</p> <p>The proposed development contains 23 affordable homes, equating to 40% of the total. This includes 15 social rent dwellings, which are provided at typically 50% of market rent. It also includes 8 intermediate dwellings, which could be shared ownership or similar, this would provide local people with a more affordable opportunity to get on the housing ladder. This would provide a significant contribution to affordable housing locally and is a key social benefit.</p> | Noted | None |
| 21. | | | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | <p>As shown through the submitted documents, the application has been designed following close consideration of the settlement pattern and reflects the style of dwellings within the village. The development has been shown to be deliverable and could provide a suitable development that could meet the need for housing in the immediate term. The application has received no objections from the Lead Local Flood Authority, Environmental Health and Leicestershire Police. We also continue to work closely with LCC highways and ecology officers to discuss final details to reach their agreement to the proposals.</p> | Noted | None |

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| | | | | In addition: There are no physical site constraints that would hamper the development of this site and the site is located within Flood Zone 1. | | |
| 22. | | | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | In addition: The site is not within the immediate setting of any listed buildings. | Noted | None |
| 23. | | | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | In addition: The development would utilise an existing access | Noted | None |
| 24. | | | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | In addition: The site presents an opportunity to improve what is currently limited housing choice within the village. | Noted | None |
| 25. | | | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | <p>In addition: The site is subject to a live application (P/21/1446/2) and the development of the site would contribute towards housing delivery, in the context of a lack of 5 Year Housing Land Supply</p>  | Noted | None |
| 26. | | H1 | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | As a result, we consider that Policy H1 of the NP requires significant alterations because the proposed site would not be supported by an independent examiner. We strongly encourage the Parish to instead consider allocating the site at 102 Main Street, Cossington, which provides a far more suitable and deliverable | Noted | None |

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| | | | | site, which we consider is of high quality and is commensurate with the requirement for housing within the District. | | |
| 27. | | H1 | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | For clarity, we consider that the policy numbering should be amended, since both the residential allocation and settlement boundary policy shares the title 'H1' | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 28. | | | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | In addition, the justification contained in the pre-text to this policy would also appear to contradict the earlier allocation too, since it stresses the importance of ensuring development is in appropriate locations supported by existing infrastructure and avoid harming the local countryside. | We disagree for the reasons stated above | None |
| 29. | | H1 | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | We also consider that the development boundary should be redrawn to include 102 Main Street and the associated land, since this evidently forms part of the village, and there is no good planning reason why it should be excluded. The shading on the base map used for Figure 3 illustrates this clearly | Noted, however there is no requirement to extend the settlement boundary as suggested. | None |
| 30. | | Policy H2: Housing Mix | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | The wording of this policy should be amended to add greater clarity in the second paragraph, which discusses the provision of 4-bedroom dwellings: "The inclusion of four-bedroom or larger houses in housing developments will be supported where they are subservient in number to one, two and three-bedroom accommodation and where there is a proven housing need." (emphasis added) | Noted | None |
| 31. | | Policy H2: Housing Mix | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | The highlighted "and" should be replaced with "or", because the reading the policy could be construed to suggest that the provision of 4-bed dwellings would need to be justified through housing need evidence, which clearly would not be proportionate. Moreover, the policy should be further amended to state that the number 4-bed dwellings should be subservient to the total or combined number of one, two, and three bed dwellings. | The current policy wording is as intended. | None |
| 32. | | H4: Windfall Sites | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | This scope of this policy should be increased to refer to sites that relate well to the existing settlement, rather than being restricted to those which are infill and within the settlement boundary only. This would ensure that all windfall sites are 'covered' by the requirements within Policy H4. This would also allow | Noted however the intention of the policy is to restrict development to within the settlement boundary. The Local Plan (2021-2037) currently at examination refers to development within the limits to | None |

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| | | | | sustainable development to come forward where it is not necessarily within the settlement boundary, since it is likely that sites outside the development boundary may meet all of the requirements, including being of appropriate scale. There would appear no reason to preclude these types of developments if they could accord with the requirements of Policy H4. | development, therefore extending the scope of development to outside this boundary would not be in conformity with the Local Plan. | |
| 33. | | T2: Electric Vehicles | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | Spitfire support the introduction of EV charge points as part of residential developments and are pleased to confirm we provide these to all new homes we deliver. The introduction of 7kw charge points or equivalent where feasible is therefore supported | Noted | None |
| 34. | | General | RCA Regeneration Ltd on behalf of Spitfire Homes | We urge the Parish to consider the points raised in this letter and in particular, reconsider Policy H1: Residential Site Allocation. We consider that the site on land at 102 Main Street would provide a far better option for delivering sustainable growth for the village, and Spitfire would be very happy to engage further with the Parish on this matter. | Noted | None |
| 35. | P19 | H4 Windfall Sites | Leics County Council | Windfall sites Paragraph 110 (b) of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states 'safe and suitable access to the site can be achieved for all users. | Noted | None |
| 36. | P19 | H4 Windfall Sites | Leics County Council | Paragraph 111 of the NPPF states 'Development should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe.' | Noted | None |
| 37. | P60 | CF2 New or improved community facilities | Leics County Council | Paragraph 111 of the NPPF states 'Development should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe'. | Noted | None |
| 38. | P60 | CF2 New or improved community facilities | Leics County Council | Section DG13 of Part 3 of the Leicestershire Highway Design Guide (LHDG) stipulates the Leicestershire Highway Authority's (LHA) vehicle parking requirements. Generally parking should be self-contained within a site and not 'overspill' on to the highway. | Noted | None |

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| 39. | P60 | CF2 New or improved community facilities | Leics County Council | Paragraph 110 (b) of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states 'safe and suitable access to the site can be achieved for all users.' | Noted | None |
| 40. | P62 | T1: Transport and road safety | Leics County Council | Paragraph 111 of the NPPF states 'Development should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe.' | Noted | None |
| 41. | P62 | T1: Transport and road safety | Leics County Council | Section DG13 of Part 3 of the LHDG stipulates the LHA's vehicle parking requirements. Generally parking should be self-contained within a site and not 'overspill' on to the highway. | Noted | None |
| 42. | P62 | T1: Transport and road safety | Leics County Council | Where an intensification of use is identified, the LHA will seek that the proposed accesses are designed in accordance with the LHDG. The LHDG contains details regarding appropriate width and surfacing extents dependent upon the use and scale of the proposed development. | Noted | None |
| 43. | P62 | T1: Transport and road safety | Leics County Council | Section DG4 of Part 3 of the LHDG provides detail regarding speed control methods | Noted | None |
| 44. | P62 | T1: Transport and road safety | Leics County Council | Section DG13 of Part 3 of the LHDG stipulates the LHA's vehicle parking requirements. Generally parking should be self-contained within a site and not 'overspill' on to the highway. | Noted | None |
| 45. | P65 | T1: Traffic Management | Leics County Council | Section DG13 of Part 3 of the LHDG stipulates the LHA's vehicle parking requirements. Generally parking should be self-contained within a site and not 'overspill' on to the highway. | Noted | None |
| 46. | P65 | T1: Traffic Management | Leics County Council | Section DG4 of Part 3 of the LHDG provides detail regarding speed control methods | Noted | None |
| 47. | P65 | T2: Electric Vehicles | Leics County Council | LCC have no guidance on this matter but on its own properties has typically installed 22kW chargers. | Noted | None |
| 48. | P65 | T2: Electric Vehicles | Leics County Council | Table DG9 of the LHDG makes reference to 'obstacles' within the footway. | Noted | None |

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| 49. | P68 | T3: Pedestrian footpaths, pavements and cycle ways | Leics County Council | Paragraph 110 (b) of the NPPF states 'safe and suitable access to the site can be achieved for all users.' | Noted | None |
| 50. | P68 | T3: Pedestrian footpaths, pavements and cycle ways | Leics County Council | Guidance for widths of people with mobility impairments can be found in the updated December 2021 publication of Inclusive Mobility A Guide to Best Practice on Access to Pedestrian and Transport Infrastructure by the Department for Transport. | Noted | None |
| 51. | | General Comments | Leics County Council | The County Council recognises that residents may have concerns about traffic conditions in their local area, which they feel may be exacerbated by increased traffic due to population, economic and development growth. Like very many local authorities, the County Council's budgets are under severe pressure. It must therefore prioritise where it focuses its reducing resources and increasingly limited funds. In practice, this means that the County Highway Authority (CHA), in general, prioritises its resources on measures that deliver the greatest benefit to Leicestershire's residents, businesses and road users in terms of road safety, network management and maintenance. Given this, it is likely that highway measures associated with any new development would need to be fully funded from third party funding, such as via Section 278 or 106 (S106) developer contributions. I should emphasise that the CHA is generally no longer in a position to accept any financial risk relating to/make good any possible shortfall in developer funding. To be eligible for S106 contributions proposals must fulfil various legal criteria. Measures must also directly mitigate the impact of the development eg they should ensure that the development does not make the existing highway conditions any worse if considered to have a severe residual impact. They cannot unfortunately be sought to address existing problems. Where potential S106 measures would require future maintenance, which would be paid for from the County Council's funds, the measures would also need to be assessed against the County | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |

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| | | | | <p>Council's other priorities and as such may not be maintained by the County Council or will require maintenance funding to be provided as a commuted sum. In regard to public transport, securing S106 contributions for public transport services will normally focus on larger developments, where there is a more realistic prospect of services being commercially viable once the contributions have stopped ie they would be able to operate without being supported from public funding. The current financial climate means that the CHA has extremely limited funding available to undertake minor highway improvements. Where there may be the prospect of third-party funding to deliver a scheme, the County Council will still normally expect the scheme to comply with prevailing relevant national and local policies and guidance, both in terms of its justification and its design; the Council will also expect future maintenance costs to be covered by the third-party funding. Where any measures are proposed that would affect speed limits, on-street parking restrictions or other Traffic Regulation Orders (be that to address existing problems or in connection with a development proposal), their implementation would be subject to available resources, the availability of full funding and the satisfactory completion of all necessary Statutory Procedures.</p> | | |
| 52. | | Flood Risk Management | Leics County Council | <p>The County Council are fully aware of flooding that has occurred within Leicestershire and its impact on residential properties resulting in concerns relating to new developments. LCC in our role as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) undertake investigations into flooding, review consent applications to undertake works on ordinary watercourses and carry out enforcement where lack of maintenance or unconsented works has resulted in a flood risk. In April 2015 the LLFA also became a statutory consultee on major planning applications in relation to surface water drainage and have a duty to review planning applications to ensure that the onsite drainage systems are designed in accordance with current legislation and</p> | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |

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| | | | | <p>guidance. The LLFA also ensures that flood risk to the site is accounted for when designing a drainage solution. The LLFA is not able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent development where development sites are at low risk of flooding or can demonstrate appropriate flood risk mitigation. • Use existing flood risk to adjacent land to prevent development. • Require development to resolve existing flood risk. <p>When considering flood risk within the development of a neighbourhood plan, the LLFA would recommend consideration of the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locating development outside of river (fluvial) flood risk (Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea)). • Locating development outside of surface water (pluvial) flood risk (Risk of Flooding from Surface Water map). • Locating development outside of any groundwater flood risk by considering any local knowledge of groundwater flooding. • How potential SuDS features may be incorporated into the development to enhance the local amenity, water quality and biodiversity of the site as well as manage surface water runoff. • Watercourses and land drainage should be protected within new developments to prevent an increase in flood risk. All development will be required to restrict the discharge and retain surface water on site in line with current government policies. This should be undertaken through the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). Appropriate space allocation for SuDS features should be included within development sites when considering the housing density to ensure that the potential site will not limit the ability for good SuDS design to be carried out. Consideration should also be given to blue green corridors and how they could be used to improve the bio-diversity and amenity of new developments, including benefits to surrounding areas. Often ordinary watercourses and land drainage features (including streams, culverts and ditches) form part of development sites. The LLFA recommend that existing watercourses and land drainage (including watercourses that | | |
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| | | | | <p>form the site boundary) are retained as open features along their original flow path and are retained in public open space to ensure that access for maintenance can be achieved. This should also be considered when looking at housing densities within the plan to ensure that these features can be retained. LCC, in its role as LLFA will not support proposals contrary to LCC policies. For further information it is suggested reference is made to the National Planning Policy Framework (March 2012), Sustainable drainage systems: Written statement - HCWS161 (December 2014) and the Planning Practice Guidance webpage. Flood risk mapping is readily available for public use at the links below. The LLFA also holds information relating to historic flooding within Leicestershire that can be used to inform development proposals. Risk of flooding from surface water map: https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flood-risk Flood map for planning (rivers and sea): https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk</p> | | |
| 53. | | Planning Minerals & waste planning | Leics County Council | <p>The County Council is the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority; this means the council prepares the planning policy for minerals and waste development and also makes decisions on mineral and waste development. Although neighbourhood plans cannot include policies that cover minerals and waste development, it may be the case that your neighbourhood contains an existing or planned minerals or waste site. The County Council can provide information on these operations or any future development planned for your neighbourhood.</p> <p>You should also be aware of Minerals and Waste Safeguarding Areas, contained within the adopted Minerals and Waste Local Plan (Leicestershire.gov.uk). These safeguarding areas are there to ensure that non-waste and non-minerals development takes place in a way that does not negatively affect minerals resources or waste operations. The County Council can provide guidance on this if your neighbourhood plan is allocating development in these areas or if any proposed</p> | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |

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| | | | | neighbourhood plan policies may impact on minerals and waste provision. | | |
| 54. | | Planning Property Education | Leics County Council | Whereby housing allocations or preferred housing developments form part of a Neighbourhood Plan the Local Authority will look to the availability of school places within a two-mile (primary) and three-mile (secondary) distance from the development. If there are not sufficient places then a claim for Section 106 funding will be requested to provide those places. It is recognised that it may not always be possible or appropriate to extend a local school to meet the needs of a development, or the size of a development would yield a new school. However, in the changing educational landscape, the Council retains a statutory duty to ensure that sufficient places are available in good schools within its area, for every child of school age whose parents wish them to have one. | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |
| 55. | | Strategic Property Services | Leics County Council | No comment at this time. | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |
| 56. | | Adult Social Care | Leics County Council | It is suggested that reference is made to recognising a significant growth in the older population and that development seeks to include bungalows etc of differing tenures to accommodate the increase. This would be in line with the draft Adult Social Care Accommodation Strategy for older people which promotes that people should plan ahead for their later life, including considering downsizing, but recognising that people's choices are often limited by the lack of suitable local options. | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |
| 57. | | Environment General Comments | Leics County Council | With regard to the environment and in line with Government advice, Leicestershire County Council (LCC) would like to see Neighbourhood Plans cover all aspects of archaeology and the historic and natural environment including heritage assets, archaeological sites, listed and unlisted historic buildings, historic landscapes, climate change, the landscape, biodiversity, ecosystems, green infrastructure as well as soils, brownfield sites and agricultural land | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |

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| 58. | | Archaeology and the Historic Environment | Leics County Council | <p>The planning process provides one of the most effective tools to manage the impact of land use change upon the historic environment. This is achieved both through the shaping of development plans (Local and Neighbourhood Plans) and the delivery of development management advice on individual planning applications. In that context, the inclusion of heritage in your Neighbourhood Plan, and the provision of relevant and effective policies, will significantly strengthen the management of these issues, and will be an effective way of the community identifying its own concerns and priorities. Ideally, Neighbourhood Plans should seek to work in partnership with other agencies to develop and deliver this strategic objective, based on robust local evidence and priorities. We recommend that each Neighbourhood Plan should consider the impact of potential development or management decisions on the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment. The historic environment is defined as comprising all aspects of the environment resulting from the interaction between people and places through time, including all surviving evidence of past human activity, whether upstanding, buried or submerged, as well landscapes and their historic components. The Leicestershire and Rutland Historic Environment Record (LRHER) can provide a summary of archaeological and historic environment information for your Neighbourhood Plan area. This will include gazetteers and maps describing the locally identified non-designated heritage assets, typically archaeological sites (both earthworks and buried archaeological remains), unlisted historic buildings and historic landscapes (parks and gardens). We will also provide information on medieval ridge and furrow earthworks to help you evaluate the surviving earthworks in your area. Information on Designated assets (Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Registered Parks and Gardens, Battlefields) is available from the National Heritage List for England (NHLE).</p> | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |
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| | | | | <p>https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/ Consideration of the historic environment, and its constituent designated and non-designated heritage assets, is a material consideration in the planning process. While the data held by the LRHER is constantly maintained and updated, it is unlikely that the record represents an exhaustive list of all assets with the plan area. We suggest that information provided by the LRHER should be taken into account when preparing the Neighbourhood Plan and contribute to any list of locally identified heritage assets. Based upon a structured assessment process, this will be the basis of any non-designated heritage assets identified within the plan and given force through the preparation of appropriate heritage policy.</p> <p>For help with including heritage in your Neighbourhood Plan please see the following guidance: CBA Toolkit No. 10, Neighbourhood Planning (2017)</p> <p>https://www.archaeologyuk.org/asset/6FE3A721-B328-4B75-9DEBBD0028A4AEED/ National Trust Guide to Heritage in Neighbourhood Plans (2019)</p> <p>https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/documents/neighbourhood-planning-and-heritageguidance.pdf</p> | | |
| 59. | | Climate change | Leics County Council | <p>The County Council through its Environment Strategy is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Leicestershire and increasing Leicestershire's resilience to the existing and predicted changes in climate. Furthermore, LCC has declared a climate emergency along with most other UK councils. The County Council has committed to becoming carbon neutral as a council by 2030 and to working with others to keep global temperature rise to less than 1.5 degrees Celsius, which will mean in effect needing to achieve carbon neutrality for Leicestershire by 2050 or before. Planning is one of the key levers for enabling these commitments to be met and to meeting the legally binding target set by the government for the UK to be carbon neutral by 2050. Neighbourhood Plans should in as far as</p> | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |

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| | | | | possible seek to contribute to and support a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and to increasing the county's resilience to climate change. | | |
| 60. | | Landscape | Leics County Council | The County Council would like to see the inclusion of a local landscape assessment taking into account Natural England's Landscape character areas; Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Landscape and Woodland Strategy; the Local District/Borough Council landscape character assessments and the Landscape Sensitivity and Green Infrastructure Study for Leicester and Leicestershire (2017) which examines the sensitivity of the landscape, exploring the extent to which different areas can accommodate development without impacting on their key landscape qualities. We would recommend that Neighbourhood Plans should also consider the street scene and public realm within their communities, further advice can be found in the latest 'Streets for All East Midlands' Advisory Document (2006) published by English Heritage. LCC would encourage the development of local listings as per the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and LCC have some data on the social, cultural, archaeological and historic value of local features and buildings (https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-andcommunity/history-and-heritage/historic-environment-record) | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |
| | | Biodiversity | Leics County Council | The Natural Environment and Communities Act 2006 places a duty on all public authorities in England and Wales to have regard, in the exercise of their duties, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity. The National Planning Policy Framework clearly outlines the importance of sustainable development alongside the core principle that planning should contribute to conserving and enhancing the natural environment, providing net gain for biodiversity, and reducing pollution. Neighbourhood Plans should therefore seek to work in partnership with other agencies to develop and deliver a strategic approach to protecting and improving the natural | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |

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| | | | | <p>environment based on local evidence and priorities. Each Neighbourhood Plan should consider the impact of potential development or management of open spaces on enhancing biodiversity and habitat connectivity, such as hedgerows and greenways. Also, habitat permeability for habitats and species which addresses encouragement of movement from one location to another such as the design of street lighting, roads, noise, obstructions in water, exposure of species to predation and arrangement of land-uses. The Leicestershire and Rutland Environmental Records Centre (LRERC) can provide a summary of wildlife information for your Neighbourhood Plan area. This will include a map showing nationally important sites (e.g. Sites of Special Scientific Interest); locally designated Wildlife Sites; locations of badger setts, great crested newt breeding ponds and bat roosts; and a list of records of protected and priority Biodiversity Action Plan species. These are all a material consideration in the planning process. If there has been a recent Habitat Survey of your plan area, this will also be included. LRERC is unable to carry out habitat surveys on request from a Parish Council, although it may be possible to add it into a future survey programme.</p> | | |
| 61. | | Green Infrastructure | Leics County Council | <p>Green infrastructure (GI) A network of multi-functional green and blue spaces and other natural features, urban and rural, which is capable of delivering a wide range of environmental, economic, health and wellbeing benefits for nature, climate, local and wider communities and prosperity (NPPF definition). As a network, GI includes parks, open spaces, playing fields, woodlands, street trees, cemeteries/churchyards allotments and private gardens as well as streams, rivers, canals and other water bodies and features such as green roofs and living walls. The NPPF places the duty on local authorities to plan positively for a strategic network of GI which can deliver a range of planning policies including: building a strong, competitive economy; creating a sense of place and promote good design; promoting</p> | <p>These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted</p> | None |

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| | | | | healthier communities by providing greater opportunities for recreation and mental and physical health benefits; meeting the challenges of climate change and flood risk; increasing biodiversity and conserving and enhancing the natural environment. Looking at the existing provision of GI networks within a community can influence the plan for creating & enhancing new networks and this assessment can then be used to inform CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) schedules, enabling communities to potentially benefit from this source of funding. Neighbourhood Plan groups have the opportunity to plan GI networks at a local scale to maximise benefits for their community and in doing so they should ensure that their Neighbourhood Plan is reflective of the relevant Local Authority Green Infrastructure strategy. Through the Neighbourhood Plan and discussions with the Local Authority Planning teams and potential Developers communities are well placed to influence the delivery of local scale GI networks. | | |
| 62. | | Brownfield, Soils and Agricultural Land | Leics County Council | The NPPF encourages the effective use of brownfield land for development, provided that it is not of high environmental/ecological value. Neighbourhood planning groups should check with Defra if their neighbourhood planning area includes brownfield sites. Where information is lacking as to the ecological value of these sites then the Neighbourhood Plan could include policies that ensure such survey work should be carried out to assess the ecological value of a brownfield site before development decisions are taken. Soils are an essential finite resource on which important ecosystem services such as food production, are dependent on. They should be enhanced in value and protected from adverse effects of unacceptable levels of pollution. Within the governments "Safeguarding our Soils" strategy, Defra have produced a code of practice for the sustainable use of soils on construction sites which could be helpful to neighbourhood planning groups in preparing environmental policies. High quality agricultural soils should, where possible | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |

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| | | | | be protected from development and where a large area of agricultural land is identified for development then planning should consider using the poorer quality areas in preference to the higher quality areas. Neighbourhood planning groups should consider mapping agricultural land classification within their plan to enable informed decisions to be made in the future. Natural England can provide further information and Agricultural Land classification. | | |
| 63. | | Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) | Leics County Council | Information for Neighbourhood Planning groups regarding Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) can be found on the Neighbourhood Planning website (www.neighbourhoodplanning.org) and should be referred to. As taken from the website, a Neighbourhood Plan must meet certain basic conditions in order to be 'made'. It must not breach and be otherwise compatible with EU obligations. One of these obligations is Directive 2001/42/EC 'on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment' (Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations, 2004, available online). This is often referred to as the SEA Directive. Not every Neighbourhood Plan needs a SEA, however, it is compulsory to provide when submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority either: • A statement of reasons as to why SEA was not required • An environmental report (a key output of the SEA process). As the UK has now left the EU, Neighbourhood Planning groups should remain mindful of any future changes which may occur to the above guidance. | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |
| 64. | | Impact of Development on Household waste recycling centres (HWRC) | Leics County Council | Neighbourhood planning groups should remain mindful of the interaction between new development applications in a district area and Leicestershire County Council. The County's Waste Management team considers proposed developments on a case by case basis and when it is identified that a proposed development will have a detrimental effect on the local HWRC infrastructure then appropriate projects to increase the capacity to off-set the | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |

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| | | | | impact have to be initiated. Contributions to fund these projects are requested in accordance with Leicestershire's Planning Obligations Policy (2019) and the relevant Legislation Regulations. | | |
| 65. | | Communities | Leics County Council | Consideration of community facilities is a positive facet of Neighbourhood Plans that reflects the importance of these facilities within communities and can proactively protect and develop facilities to meet the needs of people in local communities. Neighbourhood Plans provide an opportunity to; 1. Carry out and report on a review of community facilities, groups and allotments and their importance with your community. 2. Set out policies that seek to; • protect and retain these existing facilities, • support the independent development of new facilities, and, • identify and protect Assets of Community Value and provide support for any existing or future designations. 3. Identify and support potential community projects that could be progressed. You are encouraged to consider and respond to all aspects of community resources as part of the Neighbourhood Planning process. Further information, guidance and examples of policies and supporting information is available at www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/hp/useful-information . | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |
| 66. | | Economic Development | Leics County Council | We would recommend including economic development aspirations with your Plan, outlining what the community currently values and whether they are open to new development of small businesses etc. | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |
| 67. | | Fibre Broadband | Leics County Council | High speed broadband is critical for businesses and for access to services, many of which are now online by default. Having a fast broadband connection is no longer merely desirable but is an essential requirement in ordinary daily life. All new developments (including community facilities) should have access to ultrafast broadband (of at least 100Mbps) and allow mechanisms for securing a full fibre broadband provision for each premise and business from at least one network operator, provided on an open access | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |

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| | | | | basis. Such provider must deploy a Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) access network structure in which optical fibre runs from a local exchange to each premise. Developers should take active steps to incorporate adequate broadband provision at the preplanning phase and should engage with telecoms providers to ensure fibre broadband is available as soon as build on the development is complete. Where practical, developers should consider engaging several telecoms providers to encourage competition and consumer choice. The Council supports a 'dig once' approach for the deployment of communications infrastructure and a build which is sympathetic to the character and appearance of the surrounding area. The Council encourages telecommunications build which does not significantly impact on the appearance of any building or space on which equipment is located and which minimises street clutter. | | |
| 68. | | Equalities | Leics County Council | While we cannot comment in detail on plans, you may wish to ask stakeholders to bear the Council's Equality Strategy 2020-2024 in mind when taking your Neighbourhood Plan forward through the relevant procedures, particularly for engagement and consultation work. A copy of the strategy can be view at: https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/field/pdf/2020/7/10/Equality-strategy2020-2024.pdf The Neighbourhood plan should comply with the main requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty. This requires public bodies to have due regard of the need to: Eliminate discrimination Advance equality of opportunity Foster good relations between different people | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |
| 69. | | Accesible Documents | Leics County Council | In today's working environment more and more information is being produced digitally. When producing information which is aimed at or to be viewed by the public, it is important to make that information as accessible as possible. At least 1 in 5 people in the UK have a long-term illness, impairment or disability. Many more have a temporary disability. Accessibility means more than putting things online. It means making your content and design clear | These general comments, not related to the Cossington NP, are noted | None |

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| | | | | <p>and simple enough so that most people can use it without needing to adapt it, while supporting those who do need to adapt things. For example, someone with impaired vision might use a screen reader (software that lets a user navigate a website and 'read out' the content), braille display or screen magnifier. Or someone with motor difficulties might use a special mouse, speech recognition software or on-screen keyboard emulator. Public sector organisations have a legal requirement to make sure that all information which appears on their websites is accessible. As Neighbourhood Plans have to be published on Local Planning Authority websites, they too have to comply with government regulations for accessibility. Guidance for creating accessible Word and PDF documents can be found on the Leicestershire Communities website under the heading 'Creating Accessible Documents':-</p> <p>https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/sr/</p> | | |
| 70. | | | Avison Young on behalf of National Grid | <p>Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to National Grid assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission assets which include high voltage electricity assets and high-pressure gas pipelines. National Grid has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area. National Grid provides information in relation to its assets at the website below.</p> <p>www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planningauthority/shape-files/</p> <p>Please also see attached information outlining guidance on development close to National Grid infrastructure.</p> | Noted | None |
| 71. | | General Comments | CBC | <p>This document sets out Charnwood Borough Council's (CBC) Regulation 14 response to the Cossington Neighbourhood Plan (Pre-Submission Version March 2022). Comments provided set out where the plan could be amended either to meet the Basic Conditions or improve the effectiveness of policies.</p> | Noted | None |

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| | | | | Ongoing dialogue is welcomed and the Council will endeavour to assist and support the preparation of the neighbourhood plan. The Council would welcome sight of the Regulation 16 plan prior to formal submission in order to provide any minor comments outside the scope of the examination. | | |
| 72. | | General Comments | CBC | The strategic policies for the purpose of neighbourhood planning are all the policies in the 'Charnwood Local Plan 2011-2028 Core Strategy (CCS) (2015)', as confirmed at paragraph 1.2 of that plan. The 'Charnwood Local Plan Saved Policies (2004)' does not contain strategic policies for the purpose of neighbourhood planning. CBC are currently preparing a new Local Plan (submitted for examination 3 December 2021, examination June/July 2022), whilst this is not currently relevant to the examination of the Cossington Neighbourhood Plan, the evidence used to prepare it may well be. | Noted | None |
| 73.. | | General Comments | CBC | Neighbourhood plans must meet the following relevant basic conditions, as set out in legislation: a. having regard to national policies (NPPF) and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood plan. d. the making of the neighbourhood plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. e. the making of the neighbourhood plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area) (see Paragraph 2 of this response). f. the making of the neighbourhood plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations. | Noted | None |

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| | | | | <p>g. prescribed conditions are met in relation to the plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>x. the making of the neighbourhood plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.</p> | | |
| 74. | | General Comments | CBC | Include a list of policies in the contents for ease of reference. | Noted. This is not considered essential. | None |
| 75. | | General Comments | CBC | Several references throughout the plan are made to the NPPF 2019, which requires amendment to the NPPF 2021 and resulting paragraph numbering changes. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 76. | | General Comments | CBC | Several references throughout the plan are made to 'Draft Policy LP#', which references the draft Local Plan policies. These references need to be reviewed and amended to reflect the Submission Local Plan which has updated policy numbering and content. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 77. | | General Comments | CBC | Consider including paragraph numbering throughout the document. | It is felt that this would impact negatively on the flow of the document. | None |
| 78. | | General Comments | CBC | Attach all appendices that are relevant to decision making as a comprehensive document upon submission. | All appendices will be available as part of the submission package. | None |
| 79. | | General Comments | CBC | Figures and policy numbering in the plan require amending as there are some duplicates. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 80. | P5 6 th Para | Introduction | CBC | State that all of the policies in the Charnwood Core Strategy Local Plan are the strategic policies for the purpose of neighbourhood planning. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 81. | P13 Final Para | H1 – Residential Site Allocation | CBC | There is a typo 'total of x sites' – a number needs adding. This paragraph refers to an allocation of 'around 10 units' then the policy H1 (a) allocates a site for 12 units – the policy and supporting text should be consistent. The paragraph should also include more detailed | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |

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| | | | | commentary as to how sites were put forward (call for sites, SHLAA, etc) other than just referring to Appendix C. Reference to the Sustainable Site Assessment should be made. | | |
| 82. | | H1 – Residential Site Allocation | CBC | The Sustainable Site Assessment should include a map of the nine sites assessed and the individual assessments made for each site. | Noted. Not all maps were provided as part of this process. | None |
| 83. | | H1 – Residential Site Allocation | CBC | Charnwood Borough Council shared its 'Neighbourhood Planning Advice Note (March 2022)' with the parish council, which gave advice relating to the local planning authority's understanding of the application of NPPF Paragraph 14. It is strongly advised that Policy H1 is reviewed against this advice note, most notably that the policy is amended to establish a housing requirement figure and that this is also included within the policy itself. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 84. | | H1 – Residential Site Allocation | CBC | The proposed site allocation is detached from the settlement and outside of the established limits to development. The site is detached from the main built form of Cossington. The local planning authority has no objection to the inclusion of the site in the neighbourhood plan, however, the reason for selecting a site outside of the limits to development should be underpinned by robust evidence | Agreed. The SSA reports in Appendix C explain why the site is preferred. | None |
| 85. | (d) & € | H1 – Residential Site Allocation | CBC | References to 'sensitive design solution' and 'high quality [elevational treatment]' are potentially imprecise for setting a framework for decision making. If specific outcomes are intended, i.e. landscaping plans or certain design styles/materials, it is advised the policy makes specific references to these so that the policy can be correctly interpreted and applied. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 86. | | H1 – Settlement Boundary | CBC | Policy H1 is incorrectly numbered | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |



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| 87. | | H1 Boundary | CBC | it appears unnecessary to include a separate settlement boundary for the proposed housing allocation. There is also no evidence to support why the housing allocation has been given a separate settlement boundary. | It is considered to be important that the allocation is located within a settlement boundary. | None |
| 88. | | H2 Housing Mix | CBC | No comment | Noted | None |
| 89. | P17 Final Para | H3 Affordable Housing | | 40% affordable housing should be amended to '5' dwellings or more in Cossington. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 90. | | H3 Affordable Housing | CBC | The supporting text or policy should reference the Charnwood Rural Housing Guide and Housing Allocations Policy (2019), which sets out Charnwood Borough Council's approach in relation to affordable housing on rural exception sites and criteria for establishing a local connection | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 91. | P18 Final Para | H4 Windfall Sites | | Policy H4 applies to all forms of development' is not correct unless the policy is broadened to reflect this. The first sentence of the policy as drafted relates only to residential development. | The policy wording will be amended to reference residential development | Change to be made as indicated |
| 92. | (a) | H4 Windfall Sites | CBC | Advise replacing 'provide protection and integration' with 'retains and integrates' to give better emphasis on retaining features. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 93. | (c) | H4 Windfall Sites | CBC | The text 'or environmental impacts' is imprecise. If this is referring to reflecting the form of the area or protecting habitats then this should be stated. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 94. | (d) | H4 Windfall Sites | CBC | The text 'and level of service provision' is difficult to interpret and could be difficult to measure. Suggest this is deleted as the general assumption of the policy is that windfall is of appropriate scale. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 95. | Appendix E | H5 – Housing Design | CBC | Ensure that all of the most pertinent policy requirements set out in Appendix E (particularly the design principles and guidelines on page 8 and the area specific guidance on the subsequent pages) are | Noted. This has already been considered and included. | None |

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| | | | | reflected in the policy text to give these requirements weight for decision making. | | |
| 96. | (b) | H5 | CBC | This section needs to be renumbered as per the Design Guide in Appendix E page 8 | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 97. | (c) | H5 | CBC | Delete 'care should be taken to ensure that the' as it is inconsequential wording. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 98. | (g) | H5 | CBC | The policy would be more effective and if specific standards were referenced. | Noted. The standards are appropriately referenced. | None |
| 99. | (g) and (h) | H5 | CBC | Begin these with 'development should...' | Noted. The wording will be amended although 'development should ...' does not work well | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 100 | | ENV1 – Local Green Space | CBC | Is there evidence that the landowners have been consulted on this proposed designation? This may potentially assist at examination. The policy may be better expressed as per paragraph 103 of the NPPF, i.e. development of the site will be managed as if it were Green Belt. It would be helpful if the evidence in Appendix G directly responded to the criteria set out in paragraph 102 of the NPPF. | Landowners were contacted through the Regulation 14 process. | None |
| 101 | | ENV2 – Important Open Spaces | CBC | Is there evidence that the landowners have been consulted on the proposed designations? This may potentially assist at examination | Most are de facto OSSRs (CBC or CPC) or LCC Highways land. This consultation gave an opportunity for private owners (e.g. Ratcliffe Coll) to make observations | None |
| 102 | Figure 7 | ENV2 | CBC | Sites 99, 101 and 102 should be removed from Figure 7 to avoid duplicate policy designations with ENV1 (or delete policy ENV1). All Saints Church Yard should not be designated as an important open space as it is already designated as a local green space which takes precedence. | The text states that these sites can be removed from the policy if the LGS designation is approved at Examination. | None |
| 103 | | ENV2 | CBC | Include a separate map to show the designated site 115. | Agreed (Ratcliffe College grounds) | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 104 | | ENV2 | CBC | Ensure that all sites shown on the maps are included in the policy text and vice versa, particularly prior to submission. | Noted | None |
| 105 | P29 | ENV3 – Sites and Features of Natural | CBC | The mapping needs to be provided at a high resolution to enable decision makers to readily | Full size image files of all maps will be provided as part of the Submission package | None |

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| | | Environmental Significance | | establish boundaries and provide a clear framework for decision making. In addition, inclusion of separate plan showing only the sites designated by this plan (yellow on Figure 7, p29) at the closest possible scale would be helpful. | | |
| 106 | 3 rd sentence | ENV4 – Woodland Notable Trees and Hedges | CBC | Amend to read 'Development proposals - <u>affecting features designated in this policy</u> should...'. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 107 | Final Sentence | ENV4 Woodland Notable Trees and Hedges | CBC | Amend 'least equivalent quantity' to read 'greater quantity and equivalent quality' to strengthen this policy. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 108 | | ENV4 Woodland Notable Trees and Hedges | CBC | The mapping needs to be provided at a high resolution to enable decision makers to readily establish boundaries and provide a clear framework for decision making. Notable tree evidence Appendix H should be referenced in the supporting text. | Full size image files of all maps will be provided as part of the Submission package | None |
| 109 | | ENV5 – Biodiversity and Habitat Connectivity | CBC | Provide correct NPPF 2021 reference in policy text – should this be paragraph 180? | Agreed. The references in this paragraph will be fully updated for Submission | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 110 | | ENV6 – Sites of Historical Environmental Significance | CBC | The mapping needs to be provided at a high resolution to enable decision makers to readily establish boundaries and provide a clear framework for decision making. In addition, inclusion of separate plan showing only the sites designated by this plan (blue on Figure 11, p36) at the closest possible scale would be helpful. | Full size image files of all maps will be provided as part of the Submission package. This will enable the areas covered by the three keyed designations to be distinguished. Policy ENV6 adds local detail to the CBC LP approach to protection of all the mapped (figure 11) sites, which, although in part County (Leics HER) level designations, are themselves a considered sub-set of the LHER comprising only those of direct relevance to ENV6 (as worded) and within the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan (only the HER sites with visible expression | None |

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| | | | | | and/or proven buried archaeology). The Conservation Area extent is mapped here for reference/ completeness and context when determinations are being made | |
| 111 | | ENV6 Sites of Historical Environmental Significance | CBC | Should be reworded – the intention of the policy is understood but the wording 'have been identified as being of at least local significance for history' could be interpreted to mean the opposite of what is intended. | Will change to "have been identified as being of local or wider significance for history". | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 112 | | ENV7 – Local Heritage Assets | CBC | Ensure that all sites shown on the mapping are included in the policy text and vice versa, particularly prior to submission. | Noted | None |
| 113 | | ENV8 – Ridge and Furrow | CBC | No comments | Noted | None |
| 114 | | ENV9 – Important Views | CBC | Views 6 and 8 conflict with proposed housing allocation HA59 identified in the submission Local Plan which has an outline planning permission. It is suggested that these views are removed, or the policy/ supporting text acknowledges this. This may be a matter of Basic Condition compliance if not resolved | We do not consider that there is a basic condition non-compliance issue. The developer's proposals (2020; illustrative layout) on which the outline permission p/20/2393/2 is based) show designed open space/flood protection in line with view 6 and an open buffer zone west along Humble Lane in line with view 8. The policy only requires development to 'respect' the identified views. This can be achieved if the open spaces (and/or plot layouts/roof heights) in the final proposal (subject to approval by CBC) are still sympathetic to the views, as they are in the outline proposal. The views were intentionally mapped as shown in Fig 14 to take all this into account. | None |
| 115 | Final Sentence | ENV10 – Footpaths and Other Walking Routes | CBC | Suggest 'without appropriate mitigation' is strengthened to read 'unless a suitable, equal quality and accessible alternative is provided' (or similar). | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |

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| 116 | | ENV11 – Flood Risk Resilience | CBC | After 'Figures 16.1 and 16.2' insert 'or future areas identified by the relevant authority' (or similar) to future proof the policy | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 117 | | ENV11 – Flood Risk Resilience | CBC | Replace 'climate change targets' with 'flooding' which is more precise for this policy. | The intention was to broaden the scope of the policy to include reference to CBC's <i>Climate Change Strategy 2018-30</i> ; 'locally applicable flood mitigation strategies and infrastructure' deals with the more locally specific flooding issues | None |
| 118 | (g) | ENV11 – Flood Risk Resilience | CBC | Is too generic and should be made more specific (perhaps by the inclusion of criteria) so that it can be usefully applied in the decision making process. | We consider sub-paras a – g to be as specific as a NP can be – more detailed decision-making will depend on the specifics of individual development proposals and application of these quite detailed <i>consent conditions</i> to them. | None |
| 119 | | ENV12 – Area of Local Separation | CBC | The proposed extension to the Area of Local Separation (ALS) conflicts with the housing proposals shown in the indicative plan of outline permission p/20/2393/2. It is suggested that the ALS boundary is amended to reflect the permission. This may be a matter of Basic Condition compliance if not resolved. | Agreed. The ALS will be amended to more accurately match the open space/housing boundary line in the outline development proposal. The Settlement Boundary map will also be amended as necessary. | Change to be made as indicated. |

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| 120 | 1 st Bullet | ENV13 – Renewable Energy Generation Infrastructure | CBC | The text 'other visual impact' is imprecise. Suggest it is deleted or policy is amended to be more specific to provide clarity. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 121 | 5 th Bullet | ENV13 | CBC | Amend to simply read 'adverse effect on heritage assets' | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 122 | 1 st Para | CF1 – Retention of Community Facilities, Amenities and Assets | CBC | delete 'including the conservation area' from the first paragraph as this is appropriately protected as a heritage asset rather than as a community facility. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |

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| | | CF1 – Retention of Community Facilities, Amenities and Assets | CBC | Ensure that all sites detailed in the supporting text are included in the policy text and vice versa, particularly prior to submission. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 123 | (b) | CF1 – Retention of Community Facilities, Amenities and Assets | CBC | Consider including a marketing period of one year to provide a clear framework for decision making. | This is not considered appropriate as marketing the site would need to be for any use, which is what the policy is seeking to avoid. | None |
| 124 | (a) | CF2 – New or Improved Community Facilities | CBC | Policy H5 relates to housing therefore this reference is not correct. Consider deleting (a), or including design criteria within Policy CF2, or broadening Policy H5. | Policy H5 will be amended to state its application to the built environment generally. | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 125 | (b) | CF2 – New or Improved Community Facilities | CBC | Amend 'traffic movements' to read 'highway impact'. Use of 'other disturbance' is imprecise – should this instead refer to 'negative amenity impact'? | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 126 | (c) | CF2 – New or Improved Community Facilities | CBC | Amend to simply read 'includes appropriate parking provision' | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 127 | | PC1 – Broadband and Mobile Infrastructure | | No comment | Noted | None |
| 128 | 1 st Sentence | T1 – Transport and Road Safety | CBC | Consider amending to simply read 'All proposals should take account of the following criteria in relation to highways impact'. This broadens the policy and makes it more precise | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 129 | 1 st Bullet | T1 – Transport and Road Safety | CBC | This bullet is imprecise – 'movement' should be removed as this could also infer walking, cycling and public transport. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 130 | 2 nd Bullet | T1 – Transport and Road Safety | CBC | There is no Policy H6 in the plan. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 131 | | T1 – Transport and Road Safety | CBC | Policy should reference Leicestershire County Council's Highway Design Guidance: https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/enviro | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |

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| | | | | ment-and-planning/planning/leicestershire-highway-design-guide . The County Council are the Highway Authority responsible for the implementation of traffic calming measures. | | |
| 132 | (c) | T2 – Electric Vehicles | CBC | Consider replacing ‘look and feel of the parish’ with ‘the surrounding street scene’. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 133 | | T3 – Pedestrian Footpaths, Pavements and Cycle Ways | CBC | The County Council are responsible for Public Rights of Way and this should be considered within the context of the policy. | Noted – but it is not felt necessary to reference this. | None |
| 134 | 1 st Sentence | BE1 – Support for Existing Businesses and Employment Opportunities | CBC | Amend to read ‘applications for a change of use <u>of an existing employment/ business use</u> to an activity...’ | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 135 | 3 rd Bullet | BE2 – Support for New Business and Employment | CBC | The use of ‘infrastructure’ is imprecise – refer to specific factors that should not be adversely affected to provide a clear framework for decision making. Also refer to the ‘ <u>historic and natural</u> environment’. Delete the text ‘of the village itself and the neighbourhood plan area, including the countryside’ as this is inconsequential. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 136 | 4 th Bullet | BE2 – Support for New Business and Employment | CBC | Replace ‘generally involve’ with ‘result in’ to strengthen this policy requirement. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 137 | | BE3 – Home Working | CBC | No comment | Noted | None |
| 138 | | BE4 – Farm Diversification | CBC | No comment | Noted | None |
| 139 | | BE4 – Tourism | CBC | Policy should be re-titled to BE5 | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |

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| 140 | 3 rd Bullet | BE4 – Tourism | CBC | Delete 'infrastructure, particularly local' as this text is imprecise | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated. |
| 141 | | INF1 – Infrastructure | CBC | No comment | Noted | None |
| 142 | | General | LLR Clinical Commissioning Groups (NHS) | Supportive of the vision set out in your draft plan and would want to work collectively with you to understand in more detail how the local NHS can contribute to its delivery. | Noted | None |
| 143 | | General | LLR Clinical Commissioning Groups (NHS) | Many of the themes identified in the plan will impact upon the wider determinants of health and as a result population health outcomes. We would therefore welcome working together to maximise the opportunity for health and wellbeing within the vision outlined in your plan | Noted | None |
| 144 | | General | LLR Clinical Commissioning Groups (NHS) | In particular we would welcome: • Actions to support the development of community identity; maximising opportunities for residents to come together to create community cohesion and support each other. | Noted | None |
| 145 | | General | LLR Clinical Commissioning Groups (NHS) | Maximise the opportunities and provision of green space and local recreational facilities that actively promote enable residents to access and undertake physical activity with ease (both formal and informal). Consideration for this type of provision should be varied, evidenced based and compatible with local leisure, and open space strategies. Types of provision could range from (but not limited to) built leisure centre facilities, community centres to play areas to structures walking trails, café / social facilities, or semi nature accessible open space. | Noted | None |
| 146 | | General | LLR Clinical Commissioning Groups (NHS) | That the development is designed in such a way to encourage and enhance physical and mental health and wellbeing and demonstrate compatibility with published national guidance from Sport England, Public Health England, NHS, Design Council, and others e.g., Active | Noted | None |

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| | | | | Design Guidance, Building for Life 12, Manual for Streets, Spatial Planning for Health | | |
| 147 | | General | LLR Clinical Commissioning Groups (NHS) | Ensure that there are a range of options for travel (including active travel) within the development that enables residents to get to and from work and leisure easily. | Noted | None |
| 148 | | General | LLR Clinical Commissioning Groups (NHS) | Infrastructure for Active Travel should be actively encouraged with provision for high quality cycling and walking routes within the development, good connectivity to surrounding settlements and ease of access to public transport. | Noted | None |
| 149 | | General | LLR Clinical Commissioning Groups (NHS) | Designs that support the reduction in carbon emissions, as this has a direct impact on some resident's health | Noted | None |
| 150 | | General | LLR Clinical Commissioning Groups (NHS) | As well as the above generic comments it is important to note that an increase in the number of new residents in any area will have a direct impact upon local NHS services whether that is primary, hospital or community care. Local primary care services are already under high demand and therefore any additional demand from housing developments will require developer contribution to mitigate this. | Noted | None |
| 151 | P14 | H1 Residential Site Allocation | Nick Wakefield Planning Specialist The Environment Agency | According to the latest information available to the Environment Agency the site (as shown on p14, 'Figure 2: Residential allocation') is located approximately 211m at its closest point to the East of an Authorised Landfill - Cossington Quarry. The current status of the landfill is that is closed but that the Permit is yet to be surrendered (Permit re. EA/EPR/FB3105TZ/V002). According to Agency records there have been no waste inputs since approximately 2005. The Environment Agency last visited the site in 2013. We have nothing on record to suggest that there have been any report amenity issues associated with the site. Records of the last visit suggest that the site has been grassed | Noted | None |

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| | | | | over. Records relating to the Permit can be found under EAWML 43296). | | |
| 152 | | ENV 5 Biodiversity and Habitat Connectivity | | We suggest that this Policy could be strengthened by including wording which required the Major developments must include biodiversity net gain of at least 10%, in line with National Planning Policy Framework guidance. | Agreed | Change to be made as indicated |
| 153 | | ENV 11 Flood risk resilience. | | We welcome the inclusion and wording of this Policy | Noted | None |
| 154 | | ENV 13: Renewable Energy Generation Infrastructure | | Whilst not falling within the remit of the Environment Agency, we none-the-less welcome the inclusion of this Policy. | Noted | None |
| 155 | | General | Cllr Poland Borough & County Councillor | A very readable and interesting document I thought! | Noted | None |
| 156 | | General | Sileby Parish Council | Sileby Parish Council fully support your Plan. | Noted | None |
| 157 | | General | The Coal Authority | Having reviewed your document, I confirm that we have no specific comments to make on it. | Noted | None |
| 158 | | General | Historic England | The area covered by your Neighbourhood Plan includes a number of important designated heritage assets. In line with national planning policy, it will be important that the strategy for this area safeguards those elements which contribute to the significance of these assets so that they can be enjoyed by future generations of the area. | Noted | None |
| 159 | | General | Historic England | If you have not already done so, we would recommend that you speak to the planning and conservation team at your local planning authority together with the staff at the county council archaeological advisory service who look after the Historic Environment Record. They should be able to provide details of the designated heritage assets in the area together with locally-important buildings, archaeological remains and landscapes. Some Historic Environment Records may also be available on-line via the Heritage Gateway | Noted | None |

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| | | | | (www.heritagegateway.org.uk). It may also be useful to involve local voluntary groups such as the local Civic Society or local historic groups in the production of your Neighbourhood Plan. | | |
| 160 | | General | Historic England | Historic England has produced advice which your community might find helpful in helping to identify what it is about your area which makes it distinctive and how you might go about ensuring that the character of the area is retained. These can be found at:- https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/ | Noted | None |
| 161 | | General | Historic England | You may also find the advice in "Planning for the Environment at the Neighbourhood Level" useful. This has been produced by Historic England, Natural England, the Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission. As well as giving ideas on how you might improve your local environment, it also contains some useful further sources of information. This can be downloaded from: http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140328084622/http://cdn.environment-agency.gov.uk/LIT_6524_7da381.pdf | Noted | None |
| 162 | | General | Historic England | If you envisage including new housing allocations in your plan, we refer you to our published advice available on our website, "Housing Allocations in Local Plans" as this relates equally to neighbourhood planning. This can be found at https://content.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/historic-environment-and-site-allocations-in-local-plans/heag074-he-and-site-allocation-local-plans.pdf/ | Noted | None |
| 163 | | General | National Highways | It is noted that the document provides a vision for the future of the area and sets out several key objectives and planning policies which will be used to help determine planning applications. | Noted | None |
| 164 | | General | National Highways | In relation to the Cossington Neighbourhood Plan, our principal interest is in safeguarding | Noted | None |

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| | | | | the A46 which lies to the east of the designated area. | | |
| 165 | | General | National Highways | We understand that a Neighbourhood Plan is required to be in conformity with relevant national and Borough-wide planning policies. The Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Cossington is required to be in conformity with the Charnwood Borough Council development policies which is acknowledged within the document. | Noted | None |
| 166 | | H1 Residential Site allocation | National Highways | Policy H1 Residential Site Allocation in the Neighbourhood Plan identifies 1 site (north of Syston Road) allocated for up to 12 units. It is noteworthy to mention that this site is not identified in the district allocations under policy DS3 of the Charnwood Borough Council Local Plan 2021-37 Pre-Submission Draft. However, the latter document identifies an allocation of 124 homes at Land behind Derry's Garden Centre under Policy HA59. This review concentrates on allocations in the Neighbourhood Plan, and to that effect it is not considered that the proposed allocation for 12 houses at Syston Road would have any significant impact on the operation of the A46 | Noted | None |
| 167 | | BE1, BE2, BE3 | National Highways | In terms of employment land allocations, no strategic sites have been identified in Cossington under DS4 Employment Allocations within the CBC Draft Local Plan. Within the Neighbourhood plan, Policies BE1 Support for Existing Employment Opportunities, BE2 Support for New Employment Opportunities and BE3 Working from Home do not mention any new employment site allocations within the village either, so no identified impact on the A46. | Noted | None |
| 168 | | | National Highways | The transport policies in the document relate to local issues, particularly the high traffic levels on Main Street, including a large proportion of HGVs. There is no mention of anticipated changes to the A46 because of proposed developments or changes in the village. Therefore, due to the level of growth currently being proposed across the Neighbourhood Plan area, we do not expect that there will be any impacts on the operation of the SRN. | Noted | None |

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| | | | | However, we do require to be consulted when the housing sites come forward through the planning process and regarding any road layout improvement proposals within the vicinity of the A46. | | |
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