



Quorn Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Statement



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Introduction

This Consultation Statement 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.

According to the Regulations, a Consultation Statement:

- Contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- Explains how they were consulted;
- Summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
- Describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

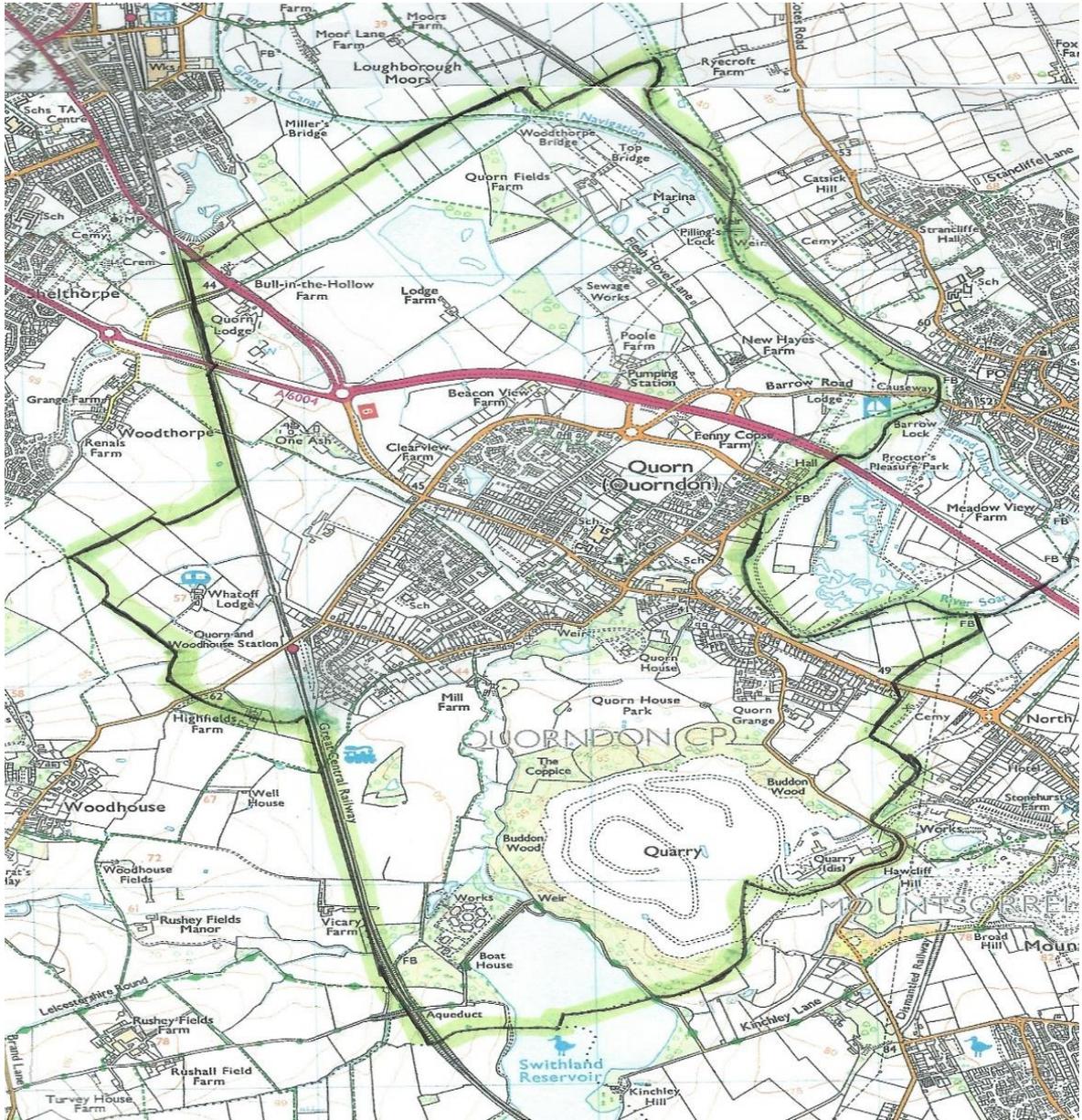
This document provides a record of the engagement that took place at the various stages of the plan's evolution, the main methods used to publicise the consultation and engagement process are documented, along with the main findings from the engagement.

The aims of the consultation process were to be inclusive and open in the preparation of the Quorn Neighbourhood Plan (QNP) and to ensure that the wider community:

- was kept fully informed of what is being proposed
- was able to make their views known throughout the process
- had opportunities to be actively involved in shaping the emerging plan
- was made aware of how their views have informed the draft neighbourhood plan
- to “front load” the consultations to ensure that the Plan was fully informed by the views of residents, businesses and stakeholders
- to ensure consultation took place at all key stages, to engage as wide a cross-section of the community as possible and to ensure that the results of consultations were made publicly available.



Figure 1 – The Quorn Neighbourhood Plan Area





Regulations and government guidance

Stage 1: Deciding to make a Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council of Quorndon (Quorn) formally took the decision to undertake a Neighbourhood Development Plan (Neighbourhood Plan) on 2 August 2016. The residents were introduced to the Plan at the village May Day Event. There was a positive response and many local people expressed an interest in joining the process. A public meeting to launch the Neighbourhood Plan was held on 15 May 2017. At this meeting local people who expressed an interest in being members of the Quorn Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee were elected and the committee was formed.

Stage 2: Defining the neighbourhood

The Parish Council applied to the local planning authority, Charnwood Borough Council on 28 October 2016 to designate the neighbourhood as identified above. This was approved on 21 December 2016.

A formal engagement period provided members of the public and other key stakeholders an opportunity to submit comment on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area and proposed Neighbourhood Planning Body for Quorn. The proposed Neighbourhood Planning Body was Quorn Parish Council which specifically included the area within the existing Quorndon Civil Parish boundary. The proposed Neighbourhood Planning Area is shown in Figure 1 above.

Charnwood Borough Council checked that the application was appropriate and undertook the appropriate notification process. The designation was made on 21 December 2016.

Detailed reports:

The Neighbourhood Plan correspondence, designated area map and all supporting documents are contained on the Quorn Neighbourhood Plan web site section of the Leicestershire Neighbourhood Planning network:

<http://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/np/quornnp.html>



Stage 3: Preparing the plan

The Quorn Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Committee (QNPAC) is a committee of the parish council. Four parish councillors and twenty-two other residents originally agreed to serve on the Committee. The Committee has an elected Chair and Council approved terms of reference and governance remit.

QNPAC is a committee of the Quorn Parish Council and has worked to produce a draft plan, ensuring that it is:

- Generally, in line with local and national planning policy framework;
- In line with other legal frameworks;
- Mindful of the need to contribute to sustainable development;
- Prepared based on sound governance arrangements.

The Quorn Neighbourhood Plan seeks to establish specific and local planning policies for the development and use of land in the Parish. The neighbourhood plan establishes a vision for the future considering the data gathered through community engagement and consultation alongside demographic and socio-economic data. Following a recruitment process Quorn Parish Council appointed *YourLocale* as consultants to help create the plan. A listing of the NPAC and Theme Group participants is contained in **Attachment 1** - Participants.

The QNPAC met regularly on:

| | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 15 May 2017 | October – no meeting | 12 March 2018 |
| 19 June 2017 | 13 November 2017 | 9 April 2018 |
| 17 July 2017 | 11 December 2017 | 14 May 2018 |
| 14 August 2017 | 08 January 2018 | 11 June 2018 |
| 11 September 2017 | 12 February 2018 | 25 September 2018 |

The Minutes of Meetings of the QNPAC can be found via the Quorn Neighbourhood Plan web site.

On 11 September 2017 four theme groups were launched. Local people were engaged to join and prioritise ideas emerging from the first consultations and start to work on their plans. Twenty-eight people were involved in the theme groups, undertaking valuable research and assessment.



- The Housing and Build Environment Theme Group met twelve times between September 2017 and May 2018

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| 11 September 2017 | 2 October 2017 | 6 November 2017 | 4 December 2017 |
| 15 January 2018 | 30 January 2018 | 26 February 2018 | 6 March 2018 |
| 12 April 2018 | 23 April 2018 | 8 May 2018 | 28 September 2018 |

- The Natural and Historic Environment Theme Group met six times between October 2017 and March 2018

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| 2 October 2017 | 24 October 2017 | 28 November 2017 | 10 January 2018 |
| 14 February 2018 | 7 March 2018 | | |

- The Transport and Transport Theme Group met eight times between October 2017 and April 2018

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| 2 October 2017 | 14 November 2017 | 29 November 2017 | 18 January 2018 |
| 9 February 2018 | 27 February 2018 | 20 March 2018 | 16 April 2018 |

- The Community Assets and Employment Theme Group met six times between October 2017 and March 2018

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| 2 October 2017 | 21 November 2017 | 8 January 2018 | 29 January 2018 |
| 19 February 2018 | 26 March 2018 | | |

Theme Group representatives also meet the LPA Principal Planning officers on 4 December 2017 and 25 January 2018.

Communications

The Quorn Neighbourhood Plan team have been proactive in promoting the plan and associated activities. It has utilised a series of media options to engage with the parish community the ‘**Promotions Summary**’ document on the QNP web site provides examples and evidence and these include:



Local press:

Loughborough Echo – weekly newspaper

Quorn News – parish magazine (on donation for church goers, small charge for public.

Quorndon Magazine – free quarterly magazine delivered to all parish households.

Quorn Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter – delivered free to every property in the Parish.

Radio Leicester – local radio ‘what’s on’.

Social media:

Facebook – Quorn Neighbourhood Plan, Quorndon Village Life and Spotted Quorn pages

Snapchat

Nextdoor – Quorn.

twitter@PlanQuorn

Quorndon.com – the parish website.

Parish Community Engagement:

The Full Council were kept updated by an agenda item that included a monthly Briefing Note which was also in the public domain being published on the Quorndon village website.

Distribution of ‘Flyers’ advertising the Consultation Open Events and Survey (Questionnaire) delivered to every household.

Flyers and Posters were placed on the parish and information notice boards and in local cafes and shops.

Volunteers took to the village centre outside of the shops on Friday mornings to engage with the public and distribute the Flyers and promote events.

The Quorn Community Library has been very supportive, displaying information, aiding the public with use of the ‘free of charge’ public computers and providing paper copies of the Young People and Adult Consultation Survey Questionnaires.

Consultation Survey – Young People and Adult Questionnaires (November 2017).

Below are listed the main ways that information about the Neighbourhood Plan has communicated with local people and stakeholders.



1. **Quorn Neighbourhood Plan Marquee:** at the May Day Celebration on 1 May 2017.
2. **Social Media: Facebook, Website, Nextdoor and Snapchat** (Quorn Neighbourhood Plan, Quorndon Village Life and Spotted Quorn www.Quorndon.com, nextdoor.co.uk/neighborhood and Snap Chat link to www.facebook.com) accounts were set up to disseminate key information (including the area for designation) and reminders. All QNAC meeting details were posted at least one week prior to meetings. All QNAC agendas and meeting minutes were posted on www.Quorndon.com.
3. **Village noticeboards** displaying posters publicising consultation events and the Consultation Survey Questionnaire completion details. in January 2015; notice showing
4. **Leaflets/ flyers** were distributed to each household in the Quorndon Civil Parish inviting residents to attend the Open Events and to participate in the Consultation Survey.
5. **Press articles** were published regularly in the paper the Loughborough Echo, the Quorndon Village Life, Magazine, St. Bartholomew's Church magazine 'Quorn News' and the Quorn Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.
6. **Quorndon Village Website Parish Council section:** under the menu option Neighbourhood Plan all agendas, minutes of meeting, monthly briefing notes, the questionnaire and all consultation results were posted on the site: (www.quorndon.com) from May 2017. The Regulation 14 consultation material was also posted on the website.
7. **PowerPoint:** a set of display boards with laminated PowerPoint slides detailing the plans progress was taken to the village May Day, parish meetings and open events to take information on the Neighbourhood Plan to the parish residents.
8. **Stakeholder letters/email:**
 - A letter/email was sent to all Regulation 14 and Regulation 16 consultation bodies during June 2017 advising them that the parish council were producing a Neighbourhood Plan and inviting them to participate.
 - The owners of the proposed Local Green Space sites as stakeholders were also notified by letter.



- The stakeholders were contacted again in advance of the Regulation 14 consultation period between 23 July 2018 and 7 September 2018.
- A letter was sent to all local developers with an interest in the Designated Area in January 2018 to offer an opportunity to meet representatives from the Neighbourhood Planning Group and discuss the Neighbourhood Plan (**Attachment 2** – Quorn PCNP Landowners letter).

9. Logo competition: the children from year 5 of the local St Bartholomew's primary school were invited to work together to design a logo for the Quorn Neighbourhood Plan utilising their own ideas to represent what Quorn meant to them. The winning entry was selected following the public participation at the Open Event in August 2017. It was enhanced for publication by a parent volunteer.

10. Vision Statement: a Vision Statement was developed for Quorn by a community working group which considered the parish councils application letter, an advisory committee visioning exercise and the comments from community open events and Village Library display. There was overwhelming support for the statement with comments emphasising the desire for Quorn to remain a village with improved infrastructure and affordable housing to meet the needs of a growing and ageing population.

11. Quorn Art: the local art group were invited participate and were given a free hand to produce a piece of artwork of a building or scene that they considered to be iconic and representative of the parish. Twenty-one pictures were provided and the top three were selected by the public visiting the Open Event in March 2018. They will be used to illustrate the plan.

Consultations methodology

The consultations aimed:

- To inform as many people as possible of the existence of the neighbourhood planning process
- To seek the views of people from the community on the proposals being developed by QNPAC.



Consultations

Village May Day event (May 2017), Village Hall (August 2017) and Village Hall (March 2018)

Several consultations have taken place, each building on the evidence of the last.

- An initial community consultation event took place during the village May Day celebrations on 1 May 2017.
- An additional community consultation event took place in the Village Hall on 19 August 2017.
- A comprehensive Community Questionnaire was available for every household to complete on-line or by paper copy in November 2017.
- An additional Young Persons Questionnaire for the under 18-year olds, was available for all young people to complete on-line or by paper copy in November 2017.
- Another community consultation event focusing on the plans emerging policies took place in the Village Hall 24 March 2018.
- Regulation 14 consultation took place from 23 July 2018 for a period of 7 weeks until 7 September 2018.

Activities

As well as meetings of QNPAC and the work of the theme groups the following activities were undertaken:

- a. The intention to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and an invitation to contribute toward the process was widely publicised by letter to all stakeholders and in the Local and Parish press, the Loughborough Echo, Quorndon and Quorn News
- b. Notices were placed on the Parish noticeboards asking people to get involved and informing them of progress



- c. All QNPAC meeting agendas, minutes and key documents were posted on the QNPAC website and signposted from the parish council website
- d. The Neighbourhood Plan was included as a regular agenda item at all Parish Council meetings. Minutes of all meetings are publicly available on the Council website
- e. A good working relationship was established with the Borough Council including regular dialogue and meetings
- f. Staffed exhibitions about the Neighbourhood Plan were held in May and August 2017. At these events people were asked to give their thoughts and ideas on priority issues for the Plan. The events were extensively publicised
- g. A community questionnaire was undertaken in November 2017
- h. A questionnaire for Young Persons was undertaken in November 2017
- i. The village youth organisations were consulted via targeted sessions undertaken in October and November 2017
- j. A third staffed exhibition took place in March 2018 at which the community was presented with the draft policies. The plans and policies were available to view in large format on presentation boards. Again, the event was extensively publicised
- k. A static display was positioned to provide the status and information at the Village 2018 May Day celebrations.
- l. NPAC volunteers distributed flyers and engaged with the public in the village centre to publicise all events
- m. Agencies with a statutory or other significant interest in the Plan were invited to submit their comments in writing by email and letter, at appropriate stages of the planning process, according to the regulations.

Detailed consultations

The Quorn NPAC's mandate was to drive the process, consult with the local community, gather evidence to support emerging policies and deliver the Plan.



1. Contacting Stakeholders

The first task was to contact statutory and local stakeholders and announce the commencement of the Neighbourhood Plan process. The following Statutory Stakeholders were contacted at the outset:

| Statutory stakeholders | | |
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| Leicestershire County Council | Historic England/English Heritage | Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups |
| Charnwood Borough Council | Network Rail Infrastructure Limited | Interfaith Forum for Leicestershire |
| Mountsorrel Parish Council | The Highways Agency | Loughborough Chamber of Trade and Commerce |
| Rothley Parish Council | British Telecommunications Plc | Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living |
| Barrow upon Soar Parish Council | Leicestershire County and Rutland PCT | John Storer House |
| Swithland Parish Meeting | National Grid | Leicestershire Police, Force Headquarters |
| Woodhouse Parish Council | British Gas Properties | Leicestershire Fire and Rescue |
| Walton on the Wolds | Severn Trent Water Ltd | MP: Nicky Morgan |
| The Coal Authority | Anglian Water Ltd | County Councillor: Hilary Fryer |
| The Homes and Communities Agency | Voluntary Action Leicestershire | District Councillors: David Slater Jane Hunt Richard Shepherd |
| Natural England | CPRE | |
| The Environment Agency | Leicestershire Ethnic Minority Partnership | |

A complete list of all stakeholders contacted is detailed in Stakeholder lists dated June 2017 and July 2018 and available for review on the QNP web site.

The statutory and other stakeholders were also consulted as part of the Regulation 14 consultation arrangements.

2. First Community Consultation

(May day Event)

An open consultation event took place at the Quorn May Day celebration event held in the Stafford Orchard (Local Park) on 1 May 2017 seeking community volunteers to participate in the process and to seek the views of the community on what the Quorn Neighbourhood Plan should focus on.



Summary of Findings from the event

When asked ‘What’s good about Quorn’ the park, recreation opportunities and the sense of community rated highly. When asked ‘What needs to be improved’ car parking was the major concern.

3. Second Community Consultation

(First Open Event)

An open consultation event took place at the Village Hall on 19 August 2017 seeking the views of the community based on information and maps displayed on how, the Quorn Neighbourhood Plan should develop. In total **158** people attended, and the attendees were asked to ‘sign in’ and the register is held by the Parish Clerk.

Summary of Findings from Second Community Consultation

This was a very successful event – attracting many residents and stakeholders who contributed to a vibrant and interactive session. The comments made form part of the evidence base and will be considered in the next stage of the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

4. Community Questionnaires

Building on the first consultation events the QNPAC Questionnaires were assembled by members of the QNPAC. The Committee and its appointed consultants also gathered the statistical information about the Parish from a range of sources to provide a body of evidence on which to base the Plan’s emerging policies.

The adult questionnaire contained 69 questions (some designed as a cluster of sub-questions) and the young persons contained 18 questions, and all based on key subject areas or themes, established following initial consultation work by the Quorn Neighbourhood Planning Group including the community engagement drop-in events in May and August 2017. These themes are: Employment, Village Amenities, Environment & Heritage, Housing Development, Health and Transport.

The Questionnaires were available to complete electronically and as a paper version. There were 404 responses to then adult questionnaire representing the views of 556 people. This is a return from 13% of the adult population, (4,280). There were 64 responses to the young people’s questionnaire, which is over 7% of the young people’s



population, (897) - a demonstration of the level of commitment to the Neighbourhood Plan by the whole community.

Summary of Findings from the Adult Community Consultation

Facilities - 75% think access is generally good. Problems include shops/GP surgery/footpaths

69% think facilities are adequate. Parking is identified as a problem.

68% say the allotments are important.

Housing - 93+% strongly supported separation between communities

Strong preference for new 2-bed properties. 4+ beds least popular.

Preference for new starter homes and affordable homes. Least need for private rent.

Priority expressed for brownfield development and lifetime homes.

Employment - 41% welcome new office units/small business park.

Opinion mixed in relation to new employment in new development. 38% in favour of retail outlets in new development.

People expressed disappointment at the loss of businesses but are concerned about traffic increases that come with new business development.

Environment - Strong support for retaining the character of Quorn.

Only 3% feel that biodiversity is unimportant.

Similar level of support for the preservation of green spaces.

Transport - 65% want car parking charges to be introduced.

52% want an additional car park.

The most dangerous roads are School Lane; Meeting Street; Farley Way and Wood Lane. 201 suggestions for improving road safety.

Tourism, leisure and recreation - Feelings mixed about promoting tourism.

Having a swimming pool and gym are the most wanted new facilities.

Broadband speed (73%) and internet signal (67%) is deemed adequate

Quarry - There is concern about noise and dust but also a recognition of the community contributions made by the Quarry and the availability of local employment opportunities. There is concern over the Quarry's expansion.



5. Children and Youth Consultation

QNPAC representatives were very keen to hear the views of the children and young people of Quorn and those who go to school here. Visits were arranged with:

- The Saint Bartholomew's C of E Primary School
- Rawlins Academy
- Quorn Guides
- Quorn Scouts

Activities involved a questionnaire asking them what they liked about living in Quorn, what was important about the place they live in and what they would like to change designing a logo.

Summary of Findings of Young Person's Questionnaire

Positive – sense of community; friendliness; safety and attractiveness of Quorn.

Negative – growth and lack of facilities; traffic; litter and drug misuse.

66% think the parish lacks facilities.

Would like more: sports facilities (i.e. swimming); youth club; shelters in the park; a village 'YouTube' channel.

6. Third Community Consultation

(Next Steps Open Event 2)

On 24 March 2018 an Open Consultation event was held at Village Hall. This event was focused on the emerging Plan policies, for which there was majority support in every case. In total **141** people attended this event and the attendees were asked to 'sign in' and the register is held by the Parish Clerk. The draft policies for the Neighbourhood Plan were developed from the previous consultations evidence by QNPAC and the consultants, led by the theme group chairs.

Summary of Findings from the third Community Consultation



| Policy | % for | Policy | % for |
|-----------------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| Housing Sites | 79 | Wildlife Corridors | 100 |
| Limits to development | 91 | Biodiversity | 100 |
| Housing mix | 91 | Footpaths | 97 |
| Design | 97 | Important open space | 100 |
| Windfall | 96 | Existing Employment | 99 |
| Affordable Housing | 88 | New employment opportunities | 90 |
| Heritage | 97 | Farm diversification | 97 |
| Area of separation | 96 | Home working | 89 |
| Local green space | 96 | Tourism | 91 |
| Views | 99 | Broadband | 100 |
| Natural Environment | 99 | New Community facilities | 87 |
| Historic Environment | 99 | Education | 90 |

7. Consultation Analysis

The results and comments from the consultations were collated and placed into Consultation Analysis Reports which were made available to the public via the website and in hard copies placed in the Community Library. The reports were circulated to individual Parish Councillors and all the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee members.

Each Theme Group reviewed and analysed the comments relevant to their work and they were used as supporting evidence in the formulation of the Plan Policies and Community Actions.

Individual comments received by the Parish Council, NPAC or Theme Groups were routed to the appropriate group for review and analysis and responded to either in person, by email or social media messaging.

A full analysis of all the Consultation Surveys and Questionnaires results are available for review on the QNP web site (refer to page 5 for the link).

8. Regulation 14 Consultation

This consultation took place between 23 July 2018 and 7 September 2018. The resulting representations were tabulated and the QNPAC met on 25 September 2018 to consider its responses and agree amendments to the draft plan.

Summary of Findings from Regulation 14 Consultation

The consultation elicited twenty-two representations, nine from the statutory stakeholders and seven from the residents and six from the landowners/agents. The subjects included:



housing allocations, settle boundary, site allocations, typographical corrections and recommendations. The representations, comments and the responses are detailed on the **QNP Form 2 - Regulation 14 - Pre-submission consultation representations and response summary** which is available on the QNP web site (refer to page 5 for the link).



Soar House Quorn - Alan Godber

Conclusion

Comments from Charnwood Borough Council Planning Officers in relation to late versions of the draft Neighbourhood Plan have helped to shape the pre-submission version.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan is now ready to be submitted for Regulation 16 consultation 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, with 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 those voting vote for the Plan, it will be brought into force ('Made') and become part of District-wide planning policy.

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

Signed

Dennis Marchant – Chairman of the Advisory Committee

29 September 2018





Attachment 1 - NP Participants

The Quorn Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Committee (QNPAC) is a committee of the parish council. The long-term serving members are listed below:

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| Gillian Ackers | Geraldine Marchant |
| Andrew Brown (Councillor) | Dennis Marchant - Chair (Councillor) |
| Joanna Clarke (Councillor) | Helen Prangley |
| Lauretta Collins | Roger Price (Councillor) |
| David Gardner | Carolyn Skilling |
| Pat Green | Carolyn Thornborow (Councillor) |
| Rick Hoyland | Brian Waters |
| Olwen Jones (Councillor) | Janet Waters |
| Gary Kirk MA, CQSW, MCIH (YourLocale MD) | Andy Wells |

Other members who served on the QPAC for part of the meeting cycle or joined at later stage are listed below:

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| John Adsley | Stephanie Morgan |
| Karen Crane | Geoffrey Smith |
| Dan Edwards | |

Four theme groups; 1. Housing and Build Environment, 2. Natural and Historic Environment, 3. Community Assets and Employment and 4. Traffic and Transport were established in support of the NPAC. Initially, four parish councillors, four consultants and twenty-two volunteer residents agreed to serve on the groups. The long term serving members are listed below:

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|---|---|
| 1. Housing and Build Environment | 2. Natural and Historic Environment |
| Gillian Ackers | Andrew Brown |
| Joanna Clarke | Lauretta Collins |
| Derek Doran BSc (Hons), MCIH, MBA (YourLocale) | Pat Green |
| Rick Hoyland | John Martin (YourLocale) AMA, BSc (Hons) |
| Helen Prangley | Carolyn Thornborow |
| Andy Wells | Brian Waters |
| John Key | John Adsley |
| John Nuttall | Peter Gamble – part time |



3. Community Assets and Employment

Karen Crane
Olwen Jones
Mike Preston BSc (Hons) (YourLocale)
Carolyn Skilling
Janet Waters
John Ventham
Sue Templeman – part time

4. Traffic and Transport

David Gardner
Geraldine Marchant
Roger Price
Geoffrey Smith
Professor Richard Weston (YourLocale)

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Dear Sir/Madam

January 2018

Quorn Neighbourhood Plan 2018 to 2036

We are writing on behalf of the Quorn Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee to update you on the progress which we are making with the Quorn Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

The Advisory Committee, working on behalf of the Parish Council, has established four theme groups to cover all aspects of the NP, namely (1) Traffic and Transport (2) Natural and Historic Environment (3) Housing and Build Environment (4) Community Assets and Employment

Whilst raising your awareness of the work of all three theme groups, this letter is specifically to advise you of our plans to address the Housing needs of the Parish over the next 20 years. The Census for 2011 and recent housing needs surveys demonstrate clearly the demographics of both an ageing local community but also one where younger people need to be able to stay in the village if they wish to do so. We therefore recognise that further housing, both market and affordable, may be needed to meet future projections of need.

All sites submitted as potential residential development sites will be reviewed and ranked by the Housing Theme Group in February 2018 through the Site Sustainability Assessment (SSA) process and we have engaged consultants YourLocale, who are specialists in Neighbourhood Planning, to support us in the SSA process. The SSA documents will be sent to you in draft form for any comments you wish to make and your engagement and co-operation in this work would be extremely helpful.

The assessment process will rank the sites in terms of comparative sustainability; however, it is likely that more residential sites have already been suggested than will be required to meet the housing need projected for the next twenty years. Therefore, several sites may not be required for development over the plan period.

Your help in this endeavour is important to the overall success of the NP and we look forward to working together to ensure the most sustainable sites are constructed in the Parish.

Yours sincerely

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